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ON THE COVER: William Devan and Kumba Hinds are among 60 students making history as members of the Frank H. Netter MD School of Medicine’s inaugural class. Photo by Christopher Beauchamp
Laszlo Birinyi Jr., dubbed “Wall Street’s No. 1 number cruncher” by financial journalist Louis Rukeyser, has always enjoyed words more than numbers. Birinyi, founder of the stock market research firm that bears his name, said he learned more from his English, art and history classes than he did from his accounting courses. The School of Business inducted Birinyi and the late Thomas Orloski ’61 into its Business Leader Hall of Fame in late November at a dinner ceremony in New York City. More than 200 guests including students, alumni and professionals from the finance world attended.

In remarks after receiving his award, Birinyi said, “The media is doing an inadequate job in reporting financial news and, unfortunately, putting editorial views on page 1.” He finds it fitting that a literary work, “The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo,” contained this line: “In the world of financial reporting, the normal journalistic mandate to undertake critical investigations and objectively report findings to the reader need not apply.”

The Hungarian-born Birinyi, author of “The Equity Desk” and “Master Trader,” came to America as a boy. He studied history at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill but also delved into computer programming and landed a job on Wall Street, combining his computer skills with his passion for the stock market. Before founding his firm, he was head of equity market analysis at Salomon Brothers.

Orloski’s widow, Carol (Prerost) Orloski ’58, accepted the award for her late husband, the president and owner of Oak Creek Funding, a computer leasing firm he founded in 1981 in Arizona. After graduating QU with an accounting degree, he worked at the General Accounting Office in Washington, D.C., and at Systems Capital Corp. as a controller before starting Oak Creek.

“The Hall of Fame honors men and women who exemplify the leadership qualities and business acumen that we seek to instill in our students,” said Matthew L. O’Connor, dean of the School of Business.

Outstanding Business Alumni Awards were presented to Bart N. Miller ’93, CEO of Centrinex, a call center business in Kansas City; and Jonathan C. Potokin ’01, MBA ’05, MS ’05, director of finance and administration for K2 Advisors, a worldwide investment advisory firm. Three students received Emerging Leader Awards: Amanda Colin ’14, an accounting and computer information systems major; Giosué “Josh” Improta ’14, accounting; and Kayla Ketcheson ’13, MBA program.
High salaries for executives are among the factors driving up costs in the health care industry, according to Steven Brill, author of a Time Magazine special report, “The Bitter Pill: Why Medical Bills Are Killing Us.” Brill took part in a discussion about health care costs in October that also featured Patrick Charmel ’81, president and CEO of Griffin Hospital in Derby, and Connecticut comptroller Kevin Lembo. The event attracted health care providers from the region. Universal Health Care Foundation of Connecticut was the sponsor.

Brill said hospital administrators and health insurance executives—“everyone but those actually delivering care, such as doctors and nurses”—are being paid too much. Charmel argued that health care is broken because of “perverse incentives that plague the system.” He blamed significant cost mark-ups, an incentive to “do more,” such as tests and procedures, and inconsistent purchase agreements with suppliers for driving up costs.

Charmel also noted that patients have no incentive to seek out hospitals that perform a particular procedure for less money than others because their co-pay is the same, regardless. Lembo agreed. “When one hospital charges three times more than another for the same artificial hip, we must ask what is layered into those costs to make them so different?”

GREAT EXPECTATIONS
WES MOORE HELPS WELCOME FRESHMAN CLASS


The book, a QU 101 reading assignment for the 1,835 incoming freshmen, follows the paths of two men with the same name and similar backgrounds. Wes Moore the author grew up to be a Rhodes Scholar, decorated Army veteran, White House fellow and business leader, while the “other Moore” is currently serving a life sentence for felony murder. “We’re not products of our environment, we’re products of our expectations,” said Moore.

“You cannot talk about this story without talking about the importance of education,” he told students. “Your networks, friendships and connections are going to change. Your time here matters, not simply because of what you’re learning, but because of who you are learning it from and with.”

HUMAN TRAFFICKING
TOpic OF CONFERENCE

A conference titled “Stolen Lives: An Interprofessional Response to Human Trafficking,” will take place May 29–30 on the North Haven Campus. The conference, sponsored by the School of Nursing and St. Vincent’s Medical Center, is open to community groups, health care and law enforcement professionals, policy makers, students and others with an interest in addressing this issue. Visit www.quinnipiac.edu/nursing/human-trafficking.

DILEMMAS OF JUSTICE

A fall series called “Dilemmas in Justice” addressed the complicated legal, social and political dynamics that influence the criminal justice system.

The first program, “The Price of Being Wrong,” featured Fernando Bermudez, who spent 18 years in a New York prison for a murder he did not commit. Bermudez discussed the challenges he faced trying to get a fair trial as a defendant with few resources. He said wrongfully convicted people have lost nearly 10,000 years in prison.

Scott Bass, executive director of Murder Victims’ Families for Reconciliation, presented “Moving from Pain to Power.” Dawn Mancarella and Gail Canzano, both Connecticut residents who had family members murdered, spoke about why they have chosen to promote reconciliation instead of revenge.

Closing the series, Neill Franklin, executive director of Law Enforcement Against Prohibition and a 23-year veteran of the Maryland State Police, discussed the “Costs of America’s War on Drugs.” The U.S. spends more than $50 billion to enforce drug laws, which contributes to costly prison overpopulation, he said. The casualties of this war include law enforcement officers and innocent people killed in the cross-fire or murdered by drug dealers for helping police.
Nobel Laureate Shows Relationship between Science and Art

Nobel Laureate Dr. Eric R. Kandel discussed the ways science and the arts mutually influenced each other in the 18th century, illustrating his point with portraits by Viennese painters Gustav Klimt and his protégés, Oskar Kokoschka and Egon Schiele.

Kandel, a neuropsychiatrist, was awarded the 2000 Nobel Prize in physiology or medicine. He delivered the lecture, “The Age of Insight: The Quest to Understand the Unconscious in Art, Mind and Brain from Vienna 1900 to Present.” The lecture was part of the University’s yearlong celebration of the Frank H. Netter MD School of Medicine.

Viennese artists used scientific understandings of facial expressions and body gestures, as well as new information about human perception, in their art. Kokoschka painted several self-portraits as a way to learn about the psyche through self-analysis. He also used color “not to convey reality but to convey emotions and certain feelings,” Kandel said.

Schiele used body gestures and hand positions to communicate inner feelings. Klimt incorporated biology into his portraits, painting small rectangles to represent sperm and circles to represent fertilized eggs. This is particularly noticeable in his popular portrait, “The Kiss.”

Unlike Sigmund Freud, who dismissed women, Klimt chose to portray them in natural and sometimes powerful positions. Klimt did not pose his models, choosing to capture them in the uninhibited positions that came naturally as part of their personalities. The models often were oblivious to the viewer in contrast to other nude portraits, where “the nude is looking out at the view, as if her function in life was to please the male viewer,” he added.
**Museum Programs Showcase Ireland’s History and Culture**

Ireland’s Great Hunger Museum celebrated its one-year anniversary and 10,000-visitor milestone with a reception in October. The museum, at 3011 Whitney Ave., Hamden, houses the largest collection of art and artifacts relating to Ireland’s Great Famine.

Within the first week, the museum welcomed more than 600 visitors and continues to average 40-45 people a day, according to Grace Brady, executive director. Contributing to its success is the museum’s desire to educate the greater-University community with programs showcasing Ireland’s culture.

In November, Irish-born folksinger Tom O’Carroll and his wife, Debbie, a magician and actress, entertained in a program designed to introduce children to the history, art, language and social customs of Ireland using music, poetry, stories and magic. Other fall events included a student open house, a sold-out performance by musician Declan O’Rourke; lectures by Michael Foley and Sinéad McCoole; and a tribute to poet and playwright Seamus Heaney.

“We want to make the museum a place where people can come to appreciate art, even if they don’t necessarily understand it,” said Brady. For information on upcoming programs, visit [www.ighm.org](http://www.ighm.org).

**LISTEN AND LEARN**

**DOCTOR URGES ACTIVE LISTENING TO PATIENTS’ ‘STORIES’**

Dr. Lisa Sanders, author of the New York Times Magazine’s “Diagnosis” column, says that careful listening to a patient’s “story” usually will lead to the correct diagnosis.

Sanders, who teaches at the Yale School of Medicine, delivered a lecture titled, “Every Patient Tells a Story; Using History in Diagnosis and Treatment” in November as part of the Campus Cross Talk series. Many health sciences students attended.

An initial patient interview can yield more about a patient's illness than medical testing and physical exams combined, Sanders said, adding that most patient stories only last 60 seconds. “Taking time in the beginning to talk with your patient can save you a lot of time later on,” she said.

Her column was the basis for the Fox TV medical drama “House.” While fictitious Dr. Gregory House’s bedside manners left much to be desired, his attention to details provided a cautionary tale for aspiring health care professionals.

Sanders said listening to a patient also gives providers important data on their health literacy and attitudes about illness, pointing out that there is data to suggest that effective communication helps people suffer less and heal faster.
Six individuals who make a difference in the lives of students were recognized for outstanding performance at the annual Center for Excellence in Teaching and Service to Students award ceremony in late October.

This year’s recipients of the Excellence in Teaching Award were Leonard Engel, professor of English; Angela Mattie, associate professor of management and chair of health care management and organizational leadership; and Andri Smith, associate professor of chemistry.

Engel is celebrating 50 years of teaching this year. “He is a superb teacher, the kind you always hear about when a successful person speaks about important influences and mentors,” said Robert Smart, professor of English.

Austin Potter, a recent graduate of the MBA program, noted that Mattie’s lessons extend far beyond the curriculum. “She understands the importance of building relationships with leaders in the health care industry, and she creates venues to allow her students to have the opportunities to do so.”

Smith’s passion for education is evident as soon as you meet her, said Kayla Gagnon, a junior nursing major. “She will go out of her way to ensure that her students not only pass, but achieve their full potential,” she said.

This year’s recipients of the Excellence in Service to Students Award were Camille Bracale, custodian; Heidi Erickson, senior associate director of admissions; and Marion Sparago, secretary in the School of Education.

Bracale is always smiling. Stephanie Colella ’13 said, “There have been numerous times when I finished a test and was stressed or was just having an overwhelming day, and would run into Camille. She would turn my frown into a smile just by saying, ‘hello.’”

In nominating Erickson, Dominic Yoia, associate vice president and director of financial aid, said her “attention to detail and ability to organize large events is remarkable and simply unmatched.”

Virginia Roussell, a student in the master of arts in teaching program, called Sparago “the heart of the School of Education. She is always willing to help anyone with any problem.”

Recipients can be nominated by faculty, staff, students, alumni and parents. In addition to a cash award, honorees’ names are engraved on a stone sculpture on display in the Arnold Bernhard Library.
Gut reaction could whittle waistlines

It may not be what you put in your belly but what’s already there that determines your weight, according to Norbert Herzog, a professor in the Frank H. Netter MD School of Medicine.

Herzog and David W. Niesel ’75 discussed the effect of bacteria in the gut on weight management in a recent episode of “Medical Discovery News,” their syndicated radio show that airs at 6:40 a.m. Tuesdays and 1:40 p.m. Sundays on Quinnipiac’s AM 1220 WQUN.

Researchers at the Catholic University of Louvain in Belgium found the amount of a specific bacterium, Akkermansia muciniphila, in the gut could play a role in obesity and metabolic disorders, such as type 2 diabetes.

The research team discovered that healthy mice had a higher percentage of this bacterium than fat mice—about 3–5 percent of all the bacteria present. Mice fed a high-fat diet not only became obese, but also had less of this bacterium. In fact, the level of bacterium was 100 times lower in the heavy rodents than in their healthy counterparts.

The research was published in the scientific journal Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

Herzog and David W. Niesel ’75 discussed the effect of bacteria in the gut on weight management.

Here’s the interesting part: When the obese mice on a high-fat diet were fed this bacterium, they lost weight and began showing lower insulin resistance, which precedes type 2 diabetes.

“I can just imagine a yogurt company one day adding this bacteria to the family of probiotics already in yogurt today,” Niesel said.
Burke Helps Vets Transition to College

As a Navy pilot, Jason Burke flew high-risk flight operations and reconnaissance missions over Bosnia and Iraq. As the commander of a training squadron, he instructed Navy and Marine student pilots to land a jet onto the flight deck of a moving aircraft carrier. Today, as Quinnipiac’s director of veteran and military affairs, he’s helping 116 military-affiliated students land safely into college life.

Q. How will you be working with veteran and military students?

A. I want to make sure they receive the services they need. We have some new veterans with no prior college experience. Doing research, writing and sitting in class full time can be daunting or intimidating for an incoming veteran. I am the link and advocate for them with other University offices as well as outside entities. My office is in the Learning Commons, which has been very helpful.

Q. What attracted you to Quinnipiac?

A. During my last tour, I was an associate professor at the Naval War College. I enjoyed the academic environment. Primarily, I wanted to serve in a position with responsibility and work with veterans and young people. I’m getting grayer and they make me feel young! Also, I wanted to help solve veterans’ issues. Quinnipiac was doing a good job of supporting our veterans, but it’s time-consuming interacting with the Veterans Affairs. The University realized that if we want to increase our veteran and military population and give back, we needed an advocate to provide better customer service.

Q. You enjoy working with young people?

A. For part of my Navy career, I was a flight instructor. I enjoyed teaching advanced jet flying. I enjoyed being a mentor. It’s a “circle of life”—that’s the way I think of it. If you give a part of yourself, sharing the good and bad that you’ve learned with a younger person, they can use that information and continue to grow.

Q. What do veteran and military students bring to the classroom?

A. They bring diversity, no doubt. They bring that cultural difference, that diversity and maybe that counter argument that other students may not have realized. They have had life experiences with an average age of 24. They have supported themselves and may be supporting a family. They have traveled to places with different cultures that may be counter to what we’re used to in the U.S. The military sends its forces to many places that may be less fortunate. The ones who have been in combat have dealt with moral and ethical dilemmas that may translate to interesting classroom discussions. In the next five years, I’d like to see a veteran in every classroom.

Q. What types of benefits are available?

A. There are seven distinct education benefits provided by the VA. The most utilized is the Post-9/11 GI Bill, which affords military veterans 36 months of educational benefits that can be transferred to a spouse or child.

Q. What kind of experiences did you have in the military?

A. One was very unique for a Navy guy. I commanded a provincial reconstruction team in Ghazni, Afghanistan. I had a great team of 120 people, military and civilian, and 13 interpreters. This is a cliché, but the living conditions and lack of many basic items that the Afghans faced each day made me appreciate the lifestyle we take for granted. I learned that even when people are down, they have hope and just want to live and raise their families in a secure environment. I also witnessed people doing the most heroic things in the wake of others doing horrific acts.

Q. Was it dangerous in Afghanistan?

A. On most days we would travel throughout the countryside with no enemy engagement. However, our base was rocketed by the Taliban multiple times. We lost three of our team members while returning from a health clinic survey when their vehicle ran over an IED [improvised explosive device].

Q. Are veterans sometimes misunderstood?

A. In my opinion there is a general bias or stigma. “Oh, you’re a veteran. You must have PTSD.” That’s normally not the case with a cadre of veterans and quite frankly, is a small percentage here. I feel it’s important not to treat student veterans as patients. They just want to be accepted, excel and go to school.

Q. What do veteran and military students need on campus?

A. They want a sense of belonging. Today, many universities have what they call a veterans oasis. It’s a space where student veterans can put their feet up, study, network, tell tall tales and support each other. Having such a place would certainly be a catalyst for growing the veteran population. Space is tight, but I feel Quinnipiac supports finding a haven for them.—Alejandra Navarro
Jason Burke, director of Quinnipiac’s veteran and military affairs office, at Veterans Day ceremony in November.
Drive Time
Women’s golf team in good shape for an inaugural MAAC competitive season

If recruiting is any indication, the Quinnipiac women’s golf program is on the upswing.

Head coach John O’Connor’s roster includes freshmen from Rhode Island and the Cayman Islands. He’s also added a volunteer assistant coach who made PGA history a decade ago.

Rookies Nicole Scola (Westerly, R.I.) and Emily Ribbins (Grand Cayman) are expected to contribute immediately as the team competes in the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference, while golf pro Suzy Whaley has more than 20 years of coaching experience.

Whaley’s knowledge and teaching ability is second to none, he says. “When she talks, the girls pay attention.” And that includes her daughter Jenn, a sophomore team member.

Whaley certainly has an inspirational story to tell. In 2003, she became the first woman to qualify and participate in a PGA Tour event in almost 60 years when she captured the 2003 Connecticut PGA Section Championship to qualify for the Greater Hartford Open at TPC River Highlands in Cromwell, Conn.

Whaley works with the golfers on their short game and putting. “Sometimes, I bring up the GH0 when I’m talking about pressure situations. I was playing in front of the world. I tell the kids, ‘Prepare the best you can and trust your preparation,’” Whaley says.

Women’s golf became a sport at Quinnipiac in Spring 2011. O’Connor, who coached the former men’s golf team, remembers begging students to try out that first year.

“We spent most of our time teaching etiquette and the rules of golf and trying to get them comfortable playing against Division I golfers,” he says. “Obviously, we’ve come a long way.”

The Bobcats, who call TPC River Highlands and The Farms Country Club in Wallingford, Conn., home, are coming off a productive fall tournament season. They finished fourth at the St. John’s Invitation- al and third at the Quinnipiac Classic in Cromwell.

Scola shot five of the lowest rounds in program history, firing a 77 on the first day and 70 on the second day of the Dartmouth Invitational. It was the first sub-par round in program history, the lowest score in QU history, and the aggregate 147 set the Quinnipiac record for a 36-hole tournament.

“We’ve fine-tuned our program as far as where and how we practice and compete,” O’Connor says. “We’ve gotten involved with a sports psychologist. There’s no doubt we’ll win the conference within the next couple of years.”

Scola, who was named MAAC Women’s Golfer of the Month for September 2013, and Ribbins look to energize a team that includes veterans, such as senior co-captain Jennifer Forlenza, junior Jessica Rotell and sophomores Taylor Lambrou and co-captain Jenn Whaley.

Scola hasn’t let the MAAC honor go to her head. “It will keep me concentrating on playing better, but my focus is on the team and making sure we play to the best of our ability.”

Whaley says she was too young to fully appreciate her mother’s PGA accomplishment, but she is grateful to have her as an assistant coach. “She has so much knowledge about the game and gets us prepared for college tournament mode,” she says.

Like her mother, Whaley doesn’t let pressure get to her. She is confident the Bobcats can make hay in the MAAC. “We have a lot to prove coming in as newbies, but I think everyone will be shocked at how well we do,” she says.—John Pettit

MAKING THE GRADES
Quinnipiac’s athletics program continues to excel academically with an 81 percent overall graduate success rate (GSR).

The NCAA releases an annual GSR conference ranking of overall and individual sports. The Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference, to which QU now belongs, was ranked third in all sports among Division I conferences. In addition to Quinnipiac’s overall numbers, women’s basketball head coach Tricia Fabbri and field hockey head coach Becca Main led two Bobcat teams with perfect (100 percent) graduate success rates through the 2012–13 season.

WOMEN’S BASKETBALL NATIONALLY RANKED
The women’s basketball team was ranked 25th in the Lindy’s Magazine Women’s Basketball Preseason Poll. It was the first time in program history that the team received a national ranking. Taking the top position in the poll was reigning NCAA Tournament Champion Connecticut, while Duke, California, Notre Dame, Stanford, Tennessee, Kentucky, Louisville, Baylor and Maryland rounded out the top 10.

Head coach Tricia Fabbri and the Bobcats from home.

TV GAMES
Can’t make it to the game? Watch the Bobcats from home.

• JAN. 24, men’s basketball at Iona, 7 p.m., ESPN3
• JAN. 30, men’s basketball vs. Canisius, 7 p.m., SNY
• FEB. 13, men’s basketball at Marist, 8:30 p.m., ESPN3
• FEB. 14, women’s basketball at Fairfield, 5 p.m., ESPN3
• FEB. 21, men’s ice hockey vs. Cornell, 7 p.m., NESN
• FEB. 22, men’s ice hockey vs. Colgate, 7 p.m., NESN
• FEB. 27, women’s basketball vs. Iona, 6 p.m., ESPN3
• FEB. 27, men’s basketball vs. Siena, 8:30 p.m., ESPN3
Freshman Nicole Scola, left, and sophomore Jenn Whaley at TPC River Highlands in Cromwell, Conn.
Welcome Home

During Homecoming 2013, the University honored eight alumni with awards and celebrated the return of more than 500 alumni and guests with a reception at the Rocky Top Student Center on the North Haven Campus Nov 16.

Alumni and their families cheered on the Bobcats men’s basketball team that afternoon as they bested Albany 79–69 and the men’s ice hockey team that evening in its 3–1 win over Dartmouth. The women’s ice hockey team won as well.

The day began with a Distinguished Alumni luncheon (see photo p. 32), and several affinity groups met for mini-reunions including alumni from the School of Education, School of Health Sciences and the University Honors Program.

Clockwise, from top: Robyn Albertson ’07, MAT ’08, Tammy DeCarter ’07, MAT ’08, and Tara (Duffy) Girard ’07, MAT ’08; Nick Fernandes ’04, Gina D’Agostino ’05, Boomer, Laura D’Agostino, Mike White ’04, and Jon Singer ’04; Pam (Dispoto) Moore ’76 with fellow OT alumni including Kim Hartmann ’76, MHS ’82, interim dean, School of Health Sciences; alumnae display Bobcats pride; Joseph Natarelli ’86 receives his award from President John L. Lahey.
A rriving at Quinnipiac in 1964, Eileen (Peters) Farley ’68 was one of only two women taking business classes on what was then the new Mount Carmel Campus.

Although she led a busy life after graduating, she stayed firmly connected to the University in her role as the president of the Southern California Alumni Chapter, a position she held from 1989 until her death in August 2013 of cancer.

Quinnipiac Board of Trustees member Gabriel Ferrucci ’65 described Farley as an extraordinary person. “She was highly intelligent, very charitable and yet humble, with strong family values. She was the type of professional person you would respect and trust, and with whom you would like to be friends,” Ferrucci said.

After graduating with a BS in accounting, Farley moved to Chicago and later to Southern California and worked for top accounting firms Arthur Andersen and Price Waterhouse.

“She was exceptionally intelligent, beautiful—inside and out—and energetic and hardworking beyond imagination,” her husband, Steve, said.

“With Eileen’s help, the California alumni base has grown to 630. She organized and hosted game watches and other events annually,” said Don Weinbach, vice president for development and alumni affairs. He met Farley in 1996 when he joined Quinnipiac. Farley was the first Southern California chapter president.

Farley took a break from working outside of the home to raise her children, Dan and Jessica. In the late ’80s, she started her own bookkeeping company, A.F.T. She also had a real estate broker’s license.

In 2002, she co-founded Blue Chip Tek, an IT consulting firm, with her daughter, and served as the company’s CFO. In 10 years, the company has expanded to $50 million in sales and 20 employees. Farley herself once noted that her excitement in starting a company came from “knowing we’ve helped our clients in some small way to achieve their goals.”

Farley’s energy and passion for living were exceeded only by her enormous generosity. She and her husband were enthusiastic about Quinnipiac’s building and expansion projects, giving gifts to name study carrels in the Arnold Bernhard Library, a seat in the basketball arena at the TD Bank Sports Center and, most recently, a room in the Frank H. Netter MD School of Medicine in honor of her parents, Ernest and Rachele Sidis Peters.

Farley’s determination never waned. Even after undergoing a traumatic medical procedure eight years ago, she ran two half marathons.

“That speaks to the kind of person Eileen was. It’s a real lesson in how to carry yourself through difficult times,” Weinbach said.
Murder in Dallas
Polling Institute director witnessed shooting of Lee Harvey Oswald
By Jayne Ashley

Mickey Carroll, far right behind the man with the microphone, with Lee Harvey Oswald moments before he was shot.
ushed up against a brick wall inside Dallas Police Headquarters’ basement garage, Maurice “Mickey” Carroll was among a slew of reporters jockeying for the attention of the man accused of killing President John F. Kennedy on Nov. 22, 1963.

No one moved as Lee Harvey Oswald stepped off the elevator, despite their eagerness to question him. “We just stood there, well behaved,” said Carroll, who had been sent to cover the Kennedy assassination for the former New York Herald Tribune. As Oswald and his police escort made their way to a parked car, Carroll heard a “pop” and then Oswald’s groan as he was shot. He later learned that Jack Ruby was the gun-wielding vigilante.

“I was scared I might get shot myself,” recalled Carroll, who now serves as director of the Quinnipiac University Polling Institute. Even after five decades, the events that unfolded after Kennedy’s killing are still among the living, said Carroll.

Carroll gives his eyewitness account of this chapter in history in his book, “Accidental Assassin: Jack Ruby and 4 Minutes in Dallas” (February 2013, Xlibris). He says he wrote the book for his children and shot. He later learned that Jack Ruby was the gun-wielding vigilante.

“Murder with malice” just months after the shooting. Ruby would never make it to the electric chair. He died in a Dallas prison of cancer three years later.

Carroll’s coverage of the Kennedy assassination helped launch his reporting career. After leaving the Tribune, he went on to work for The New York Times, the New York Post and Long Island Newsday.

“In the early ’90s, he decided to retire his reporting pen and move his career in a new direction. He has served as the director of the Polling Institute for more than 20 years.

“Instead of writing about the news, I help create it through the polls,” he said.

Fifty years ago, Carroll was a young reporter working in the Tribune’s New York office when he heard the news of JFK’s murder. Within hours of the shooting, he and two other reporters were in Dallas. Carroll’s metropolitan editor, Buddy Weiss, had instructed him to go along and help with the legwork.

Two days later when Oswald was to be transferred to a county jail, Carroll and the reporters managed to get upstairs to the fifth floor of the station, where Oswald was being held. Carroll caught a glimpse of Oswald as he walked toward the elevator. “He looked right at us as the elevator doors were closing,” said Carroll.

Carroll hurried down five flights of stairs just in time to see the elevator reach the basement level. By this time, Ruby had made his way into the garage, with his gun in hand.

According to Carroll, Ruby was a police buff who hung around the police station and bought coffee for the cops. Ruby’s routine presence made it easy for him to slip in unnoticed.

A moment later, the fateful shot was fired. Carroll remembered seeing 40 cops with their guns drawn, pointed in the direction of Oswald, who was directly in front of Carroll. A bleeding Oswald collapsed to the floor, surrounded by police. On the other side of Carroll, Ruby was tackled to the floor.

“He thought he was a hero,” said Carroll. Carroll returned to Dallas to cover Ruby’s trial. A jury found him guilty of “murder with malice” just months after the shooting. Ruby would never make it to the electric chair. He died in a Dallas prison of cancer three years later.

Carroll Inaugurated As Hungarian Consul
Christopher Ball, director of the Central European Institute and István Széchenyi Chair in International Economics, was inaugurated as Honorary Consul of Hungary for the state of Connecticut in September. His selection is in recognition of his two-decade association with Hungary.

The ceremony was attended by György Szapáry, Hungarian ambassador to the United States, Károly Dán, consul general of Hungary, and Szabolcs Takács, Hungary’s deputy state secretary for global affairs.

Ball, an associate professor of economics, will facilitate political and business collaboration between Hungary and the United States and introduce Hungarian culture and history to Americans. The aim of the Central European Institute is to build bridges between the United States and the nations of Central Europe by fostering relationships in academics, business and culture.

In related news, the Hungarian-American Fulbright Commission signed a new cooperative agreement with Quinnipiac. Starting in 2015–16, the commission will fund opportunities for American scholars at Central European University, the Aquincum Institute of Technology and the Hungarian Institute of International Affairs. In addition, Fulbright and Quinnipiac will share in the cost of sending one Hungarian student to Quinnipiac’s business school to earn an MBA degree.

Business Students Prevail
Four computer information systems majors took first place at the Travelers IT Case Competition in November at the company’s Hartford headquarters. The students were tasked with creating a technical solution for Travelers tailored to meet customer preferences. Juniors Cassie Terrell, Marissa Maturo, Tara Daleo and sophomore Luke Forrister came up with the concept of a notification alert system called TravAlert that would alert customers when their house and other insured items might be in danger due to severe weather. The team bested six other Universities to claim a $1,400 prize.
Filmmaker and Gay-Rights Activist Uses Storytelling to Effect Change

Dustin Lance Black says personal accounts have the power to change hearts, minds

By Alejandra Navarro

Storytelling is powerful, and it can change lives, according to Academy Award-winner and gay-rights activist Dustin Lance Black. It changed his.

“I want you to remember that power—that power to change hearts,” said Black, whose presentation was part of Quinnipiac’s Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender History Celebration in October. “If you can change hearts, you can change minds, and if you can change minds, you can change a community. And I am telling you, you can change the world with personal stories. And guess what? You all have them.”

His storytelling skills won him an Academy Award for best original screenplay for the film “Milk.” The 2008 movie captured the life of Black’s personal hero, Harvey Milk, the first openly gay public official in San Francisco who was assassinated in 1978 by city supervisor Dan White.

Black had just moved to California from Texas when he first heard about Milk. As a gay teenager, living in a military and Mormon family and hiding his sexual orientation, Black said Milk’s fight for equal rights gave him hope. Milk’s message inspired him to focus on screenwriting and filmmaking, particularly highlighting the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or questioning community.
In addition to writing the screenplay for “Milk,” Black wrote, produced and/or directed more than a dozen films and television shows including “Pedro,” a film about AIDS activist and MTV personality Pedro Zamora; “J. Edgar,” about the first FBI director; and episodes of the series “Big Love,” about a Mormon family.

Black described the challenges of getting a company to make “Milk,” resorting to doing most of it on his own including finding actors and funding. He attracted Sean Penn, who won an Academy Award for his portrayal of Milk.

“It was a tough battle,” Black explained. “When you have a passion for something, you’re willing to hear a lot of no’s.”

Black has been passionate politically, advocating for LGBTQ rights and working on the forefront of marriage equality. He is part of a group that successfully defeated California’s Prop. 8, which banned same-sex marriage. The victory came too late for his gay brother, Marcus, who was diagnosed with cancer and died before the ruling.

“He’ll never know what it feels like to be accepted and protected by his own government,” Black said. “It’s just wrong.”

The personal stories of his gay and lesbian friends helped his Mormon mother dismiss the stereotypes and fears she had learned and accept her son. “All of the things she learned growing up in the South, in the military, growing up in the Mormon church, it was gone in one night because that’s the power of personal storytelling,” Black said.

He encouraged the audience to tell their own stories as a way to “build bridges between communities.”

“This isn’t just about gay people,” Black explained. “This is about creating a nation where diversity and difference are embraced, not just tolerated.”

Black’s message inspired many students. Eddie Stubbs, a senior public relations major and president of Quinnipiac’s Gay, Lesbian and Straight Supporters student organization, praised the University for bringing Black to campus.

Given recent changes in policies and laws, it is crucial for students to be aware of LGBTQ issues, Stubbs said, noting the Supreme Court’s ruling on the Defense of Marriage Act. Stubbs hopes the talk will inspire students to get involved and take action.

“As citizens of this great nation, it is up to us to uphold our values and to fight for justice and equality—for all,” Stubbs said. He said he thinks many people do not pay attention to issues that do not affect them personally. “Storytelling helps them to see firsthand the emotional depths and extremes that come along during the coming-out process. In doing so, heterosexuals can empathize with their gay counterparts and begin taking steps to understanding why coming out is such a big part of life.”

Matt Francia, a junior social services major and cultural and diversity chair of the Student Programming Board, called Black’s visit a historic moment for the organization, praising the University for bringing Black to campus.

“Talk highlights gay love in ’50s

Robert Young, the public service librarian in the Arnold Bernhard Library at Quinnipiac University, presented a talk, “Roger and Frank: Gay Life and Love in the 1950s.” Young discussed his rare collection of snapshots documenting one couple’s life together during a time when it was risky to be openly gay.

He wove into his presentation highlights of the history of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning (LGBTQ) Americans during the mid-20th century.

Many of his snapshots captured ordinary vacation shots on the beaches of the Cape, social gatherings at friends’ homes, and even same-sex ceremonies, at a time when just being gay was illegal in most states. He emphasized the important role these collections play in reconstructing LGBTQ history and shedding light on communities that often were hidden from public view.

Young is working on a book about this topic. The event was sponsored by Quinnipiac’s Gay, Lesbian and Straight Supporters student group.

Latino History Explored

During Latino/Heritage Month, the Los Angeles-based Will & Company performed “Portraits of Courage: Latinos Shaping a Nation” at Quinnipiac. The September production portrayed Texas lawyer Gustavo Garcia, the first Latino to argue before the U.S. Supreme Court; Andrea Perez, who sued for her right to marry an African American and won; Roberto Clemente, who overcame horrific racism to become a baseball legend; gay rights activist Sylvia Rivera; and a Marine who represented the countless Latinos who have served in the armed forces, including 48 recipients of the Medal of Honor. The Latino Cultural Society student group and the Office of Multicultural and Global Education sponsored the event.

“The Quinnipiac community could not have asked for a better person to talk about this issue, and I personally could not have asked for a more impactful opportunity than this, as I can guarantee Dustin changed someone for the better that night.”

—Matt Francia, junior
MAKE SOME NOISE!

Fans cheer on the men’s ice hockey team as it takes on rival Yale at the TD Bank Sports Center in November. The game ended in a 3–3 draw after a non-scoring overtime. This marked the teams’ first meeting since the Bobcats lost to Yale in last year’s national championship. The next battle will be on Yale’s ice Feb. 14 at 7 p.m., Ingalls Rink.

Photograph by John Hassett
Gerard Lisella finally got a role he could sink his teeth into.
The sophomore acquired a killer Romanian accent to play Count Dracula in November in Quinnipiac's Theater for Community performance of Mac Wellman's "Dracula." This version is based on the popular Bram Stoker novel, but with a decidedly melodramatic twist. Lisella described the play as a farce that mocks Victorian men, morals and Britain's upper class.

Lisella really understood the satire inherent in the play, according to director Robert Bresnick, who teaches directing and theater history. With his red-rimmed eyes outlined in his chalky face, Lisella beckoned victims to submit to the master's will, yet he tempered his fearsome portrayal of the famous vampire with levity, dancing the twist and joining in songs with a trio of sexy and musically talented "vampyrettes" who sang "I've Got You Under My Skin" and "In the Still of the Night," among other songs.

Bresnick noted that the female leads—Lucy and Mina (played by junior theater major Sara Detrik and accounting major Christina Comizio)—are representative of the

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Sophomore Gerard Lisella and freshman Christina Comizio in a scene from “Dracula.”
sexually repressed, innocent Victorian women enthralled with the attentions of Dracula, who acts on his desires.

At play's end, having corrupted the two women, Dracula taunts their men by uttering this parting shot: “In England, the blood is poor and I must confess a distaste for the bowler hat.” The audience snickers while Dracula and the vampyrettes shoo off for America via steamship, waving streamers and a bon voyage sign from the upper deck.

No stranger to the stage, Lisella had a major role in Quinnipiac’s “Ernest in Love” his freshman year. In his stagecraft course this fall, he even helped to build the steampunk-style set for “Dracula.” Characteristic of that genre, it featured gears and an industrial looking feel to contrast with the Victorian costumes and the punkish look of the vampyrettes. Lisella is double majoring in math and drama. He is eyeing a career as an astrophysicist, but drama is his passion.

Several weeks before “Dracula,” Theater for Community spotlighted its senior drama students—five actors and a lighting designer—in a presentation of “Mauritius,” a play about two sisters and several stamp collectors battling for possession of a valuable stamp.

This March brings an even larger undertaking for the theater department—the first New Play Festival, which affords many students the opportunity to take turns functioning as actors, directors, playwrights and stage managers at once. The festival will take place on March 1 at the Abingdon Theatre in New York City.

Seven original short plays will be presented during matinee and evening performances at the theater, 312 W. 36th St., just off Broadway. The performances are open to the public.

Abingdon’s mission is to develop and produce new plays by American playwrights, including students. The Quinnipiac students have been crafting their plays since October, meeting with four Abingdon playwrights and directors who traveled to Quinnipiac for three Saturday workshops headed by Kim Sharp, Abingdon’s associate artistic director and literary manager.

Decisions is the theme the students chose, and the setting for all is a diner. About 30 plays were submitted by theater and non-theater majors alike. At press time, the Abingdon team was reading them and selecting the plays they felt to be the best written and the most effectively produced using Abingdon’s resources, Sharp said.

With a small theater department, students relish the acting experience they get, not only on the QU stage, but with Abingdon, which began working with Crystal Brian, director of the theater program, four years ago, first with workshops and then producing a few plays.

“A festival of this magnitude gives more students the chance to try different aspects of theater,” says Kevin Daly ’05, visiting assistant professor of theater. He supervised the Abingdon campus visits and guided students as they wrote their plays. Students will spend four days in New York City preparing the set, rehearsing and performing.

A playwright himself, Daly wrote last year’s “Lily Hare,” presented by Theater for Community. One of his more notable roles as a student was Romeo in “The Troubles of Romeo and Juliet.” He became involved in theater at Quinnipiac while pursuing an undergraduate degree in criminal justice and went on to earn an MFA in playwrit-

ing from Indiana University. Several of his plays have won awards.

“The hands-on lessons and networking the students get with these off-Broadway theater professionals are priceless. When our students graduate, they can list New York City experience on their resumes, which gets attention,” he says.

Daly hopes some of the University’s large contingent of New York-area alumni will attend the festival. “It’s a great opportunity for them to celebrate Quinnipiac, and how often do you get to come out and see Quinnipiac’s work?”

SETTING THE STAGE

Daly talked up the festival one mid-October afternoon in his playwriting class, where desks are arranged in a circle to promote eye contact and sharing one’s opinion as plays are read aloud for the first time, and feedback is given as to what works and what doesn’t.

“Does anyone know why we’ll have the one set?” he asked.

“One set is less money and reduced set-up,” a student answered.

“Right, because the Abingdon Theatre folks work in the real world, on a budget,” Daly added.

Why one topic? “Decisions is a great theme for writing about conflict, and a common theme gives the audience a through-line that connects the short plays to make a full night of theater,” Daly said.

Today, the class learned about blocking, a theater term that refers to the positioning and movement of actors on stage. They also dissected the role of the playwright as part of the artistic team of director, actors, set designer and lighting director.

“Sometimes it can be difficult for a playwright to sit back and let the director make the decisions,” Daly said, taking a seat on the sofa up front, preparing them for this eventuality should one of their plays be chosen for the festival.

“Now, I am going to give you the birds and bees talk that every young playwright hears from their mentor” The class waited expectantly.

“You and your director need to find common understanding of how you approach actors and not put them in the middle. You, as the playwright, need to sit back and trust the director. You break trust when you interject in a rehearsal by speaking to the actors directly. Give your notes to the director and avoid a three-way communication triangle.”
MOMENTS OF TRUTH

About a month later, on a mid-November Saturday, students gathered in Quinnipiac's Black Box Theater for the last workshop with the Abingdon pros. Their plays were being read aloud for the first time, and along with praise, there would be some criticism. Excitement and apprehension were evident on the students' faces despite the warm and disarming atmosphere generated by professionals David McGee and John Phelan, playwright mentors, and Jessica Creane and Michael Hardart, director mentors.

Hardart prefaced the readings with the admonition that the process of writing is about improvement. “My favorite part of the process is hearing a play out loud for the first time to see if it even works at all,” said McGee, adding that voicing a play is a different process from the one that creates it. “A play is hard to pull apart when presenting the work of others,” Sharp notes.

“With a cold reading, you don’t knock it out of the park the first time, and where the actors flub lines is important for the playwright to note,” he said.

Phelan had more advice for the critics. “Don’t say change this and that and take on the burden of what the playwright is trying to say. Instead, say this transition or this character doesn’t make sense to me. Don’t write the play for them,” he cautioned.

Jessica Lehman, a senior who starred in “Mauritius,” was up first. Her play, titled “Simplicity,” focused on a man and woman discussing their complicated relationship. The man wants more than the woman feels she can give, although she assures him of her feelings with the phrase, “I breathe you.” "That's a hell of a line," Hardart says. Creane thought Lehman’s play “raises intelligent questions for intellectual characters and how much you have to consider when falling in love.”

Sara Detrik commented that she grew numb to the degree of intimacy and confessed she wanted to gag a few times. Lehman nodded thoughtfully, taking the comments in stride as her brain whirred and she considered revisions.

Next up was junior communications major Kevin Ganey’s play about a conversation between a lawyer and his friend as the lawyer struggles to decide whether to tackle the defense of an individual charged with murdering seven people and burning their house down. As his play came alive, Ganey’s eyes darted between the two students he’d chosen to read the parts. His lips moved with the lines he knew so well.

“This play makes me want to jump into the debate. It was engaging in the best way,” says Hardart.

The process of writing their own plays gets students to think about theater as a creative art versus something to replicate, as when presenting the work of others, Sharp notes.

“They know what it is to produce a play, but now they will see a play through, from beginning to end.”

SENIORS SHINE IN ‘MAURITIUS’

The brooding young man with the red suspenders slapped senior journalism major Ashley DiFranza in the face. As she reeled, he grabbed her around the neck and wrestled her to the hardwood floor, where they rolled about, struggling to avoid death by strangulation.

He repeated the act again. And again. And one more time until they performed it to the satisfaction of Drew Scott, an adjunct theater professor who directed the senior spotlight production of “Mauritius” in October in the Black Box Theater, College of Arts and Sciences Center.

Despite the illusion of violence, English major Michael Bobenhausen and DiFranza weathered the dress rehearsal and ensuing six performances with nary a bruise.

Rounding out the cast were fellow seniors John Mulhearn, history major; Austin Demos, theater major; and Jessica Lehman, film major. Emily Seibert, a journalism major, handled the lighting.

The fight rehearsal is part of the cast’s warmup routine. “We walk through all of our fight scenes to make sure they are safe and working,” said Lehman as she shrugged into her jacket she wore for her role as Mary, one of five people battling for control of a valuable stamp collection left to her and a sister by a dead relative. Lehman also served as stage manager for this production.

The soft-spoken Lehman joined the three other cast members in the green room for a vocal warmup prior to the fight call. Bobenhausen led the group in a series of tongue twisters to perfect their diction, and they progressed to accents, laughing, roaring and facial contortions where they pretended to suck lemons. Voices tested, they then shook different parts of their bodies to “get rid of all the negative bull we deal with every day,” he said.

Adrenaline raised and nerves quashed, the actors proceeded to the Black Box for their fight call. Caitlyn Smollin, DiFranza’s roommate, watched, along with a smattering of students and theater department faculty, as her friend hit the ground repeatedly.

“I’ve seen her act since she was a freshman, and I’ve watched her grow. She is fantastic,” Smollin said. —Janet Waldman
Nicole Gordon’s interest in medicine took root while working with migrant workers in the fertile farmlands of California’s Central Valley as part of a health care access program.

Gordon, then a junior at Stanford University, met a 14-year-old boy suffering from the genetic disorder, cystic fibrosis. She knew that if he had access to a pediatrician or to consistent and high-quality care offered at a medical center, such as Stanford Hospital, his life expectancy would be close to age 30—but he didn’t.

“That bothered me, significantly,” says Gordon of San Carlos, Calif.

A few months later, the boy died. But her dedication to primary care, particularly for underserved populations, was born.

She still thinks about the years that young man could have had with his family.

“I’m not in any way advocating for any political or health care distribution system,” explains Gordon, the recipient of the Frank H. Netter MD School of Medicine’s Primary Care Fellowship. “Just seeing the disparities in the health care system is what drives me.”

That type of drive has landed her, and 59 of her peers—also with similar motivations—in the inaugural class at the School of Medicine. In August, students began a four-year adventure during which they will explore the mysteries of the human body and what influences a person’s health, from biological to social and environmental factors. From the moment they began their journey at the school’s White Coat Ceremony, students have hit the ground running.

“You have a lot of feelings at the beginning of medical school,” says medical stu-
EXPERIENCE
AND SHARE WHY THEY WANT TO BE DOCTORS

Medical student William Devan reaches for a model of a brain depicting the right side of the cerebrum, cerebellum and brainstem.
tion by individuals who spoke about what it’s like to live with a genetic condition and the challenges. “What was great about it, they were sharing their experiences, focusing primarily on their interactions with the health system and physicians,” Hinds says. “We learned how we should present information and how we should not.”

The students also discussed the ethical issues raised by discoveries in genetics, as well as the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act, which is meant to protect people from bias based on genetic information. In addition, they had group discussions on the new 23andMe genetic tests. Many patients may not understand the test results, and physicians will need to explain it to them, Devan says. “That was very progressive of the administration to include, and something that I really enjoyed,” Devan adds. The School of Medicine educates future physicians not only on the science of medicine, but also about the social factors and the communication skills necessary to build stronger relationships with patients.

ON SAME TEAM

What students did not find at the School of Medicine was a competitive environment that was evident at other institutions. “Everyone is really friendly and we work well together,” Devan says. Teachers encourage students who are advanced to help anyone who is struggling. His classmates often post their study notes on the class wiki page or will jump into a discussion in the student lounge to help find a solution to a problem. The curriculum is designed to encourage collaboration and teamwork.

“It was a conscious effort to promote interprofessional skills,” says Dr. Victoria Richards, associate professor of medical sciences and director of assessment. Although these students probably will join competitive work environments, the hope is that their professionalism and collaborative nature will influence other practitioners.

The first two years of medical school are organized in units or “blocks,” each based on an organ system. Students learn the science of the organ system in lectures and small group discussions and address legal and ethical issues related to that system. They often evaluate the validity of research in academic articles related to the system. In the Standardized Patient Assessment Center, students practice applying this knowledge in the exam room.

“The integrated curriculum is growing in popularity, particularly among new medical schools,” Richards says. It has been effective because students see the relationship between the theoretical information and the clinical application.

For example, during the genetics unit, students learned about the science of genetic disorders in lectures, which included a presenta-
Gordon’s MeSH site is on the border of Bridgeport and Trumbull and has a diverse patient mix with a variety of health problems. “I never know what to expect each time I walk into the room, which is a challenge that I enjoy,” Gordon says.

On this day at her clinical assignment, Gordon had just heard a lecture on red blood cells and the disease caused by a lack of red blood cells, iron-deficiency anemia. With the symptoms fresh in her mind, she looks for signs and symptoms of iron-deficiency anemia, such as pale skin, a fast heartbeat and exhaustion.

“One of the things that is working really well is the integration among all of the courses,” says Gordon. “It was fun to bring all of the science together into actual patient interviewing and looking for clinical symptoms.”

Meeting a new patient, Gordon now remembers to introduce herself using her full name. She also made a mental note to ask about the patient’s home and work place when searching for potential environmental contributors to symptoms. These tips were pointed out to her in an evaluation of her clinical skills at the School of Medicine. During the first nine weeks students experience a clinical “boot camp” where students practice patient-centered interviewing techniques and prepare to work with patients in the field.

Kumba Hinds practices taking blood pressure in the Standardized Patient Assessment Center in the medical school.

THE REAL THING

In a patient assessment room, Dr. Robert Bona, professor of medical sciences, instructs four students in properly determining blood pressure, heart rate and pulse. The room contains an exam table, blood pressure cuff and thermometer attached to the wall and a row of jars with cotton balls and tongue depressors. Bona demonstrates on one student how to hold a patient’s arm to free his hands to work with the stethoscope when taking blood pressure. He gives tips from wearing a wristwatch, because the clock might not be visible, to taking the time to explain to the patient exactly what they are doing in the exam.

As the students begin practicing on each other, one student who couldn’t immediately find the pulse teases, “I think you’re dead.” After a bit more searching, life is clearly evident with the sound of beating audible through the stethoscope.

Bona takes the students through a hypothetical interaction with a patient from the moment the person walks in the room. The group talks about the visual clues of potential health concerns, such as weight, exhaustion, bruising, balance, smell and strained breathing to name a few. Eventually, students will examine patient actors who are trained to provide feedback.

The professors and patient actors are teaching students to listen to a patient’s story and understand his or her psychological state, social situation, as well as societal and media influences, to put that story in context.

“Part of that is not to make judgments, but to ask, ‘What’s the story? Where is it coming from?’ It is learning how to encourage patients to trust you,” says Dr. Todd Cassese, professor of medical sciences and director of the Clinical Arts and Sciences course.

At clinical sites, students will record medical and family histories, supervised by a primary care physician, and note any observations that might need further follow-up. The preceptors, who act as mentors to the students, will review students’ interactions with patients. Over three years, the students will spend time with every member of the medical office.

“We want the students to get a sense of practice management: who ‘lives’ in the offices and how are different offices setup,” says Cassese. These layers of clinical work promote good communication skills and the ability to work in team environments. “We want to make sure they can work in groups and navigate difficult group dynamics when needed.”

Gordon’s preceptor hopes to schedule patients when Gordon is in the office to provide some consistent patient interactions.

“Having the promise of future interactions also helps build a more solid relationship with the patient to talk about tougher topics that involve behavior changes, such as in the care of diabetes or smoking cessation,” Gordon says.

TRIAGE LEARNING

The amount of information in these first few months has been described by some students as “trying to drink water from a fire hose.”

“Part of medical school is understanding that you can’t know everything. It’s triaging. That’s a skill I’m still learning,” Devan explains. “You are given so much material, there is no way to know
it all. I like to know every detail. I have to say, ‘Bill, you have to move on.’” Despite sometimes feeling overwhelmed, Devan says he loves the material.

Devan didn’t intend to become a physician. An engineer by training, he was designing medical devices for patients with lower back pain when he realized how much he enjoyed the patient interviews and how fulfilling it would be to use his technical background to work directly with patients. While working on the iBOT, a wheelchair that can balance on two wheels, as a researcher at DEKA, the maker of the Segway, he missed interacting with patients. He appreciates the School of Medicine’s focus on primary care, even though he plans to be a surgeon.

“I want to bring that primary care approach to surgery,” Devan says. “I want to be that surgeon who is ready to see the patient post-op and make time for that personalized approach.”

The school is developing three research institutes that could help Devan and other students pursue their interests: Institute for Primary Care, Institute for Global Public Health and Institute for Rehabilitation Medicine.

Bill Weldon ’71 and his wife, Barbara (Dearborn) ’71 Weldon gave a $1 million gift to endow the William and Barbara Weldon Chair in Rehabilitation Medicine, which is central to the launch of the Institute for Rehabilitation Medicine. This institute also will house the Center for U.S. Veterans’ Rehabilitation.

Hinds is interested in using the resources at the Institute for Global Public Health. She wants to focus her capstone project, an

DOORS OPEN TO A NEW ERA IN QUINNIPIAC HISTORY

Quinnipiac officially opened the Center for Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences on its North Haven Campus with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on the building’s front steps in September. Afterward, guests streamed into the auditorium for the dedication of the Frank H. Netter MD School of Medicine. Medical students were on hand to provide guided tours of the facility to the guests, which included state lawmakers, members of the University’s Board of Trustees, representatives from the medical school’s six clinical partners and members of the Netter family.

Joining President John L. Lahey for the ribbon cutting were Richard Howard, chairman of the board of trustees; Dr. Bruce Koeppen, dean of the School of Medicine and vice president of health affairs; Kim Hartmann, interim dean of the School of Health Sciences; and Jean Lange, dean of the School of Nursing. The center affords medical students many opportunities for interdisciplinary learning with fellow nursing and health professions students.

Lahey called the event “one of the most exciting and indeed historic days in the history of Quinnipiac. A great many people have contributed to helping make this day a reality,” U.S. Sen. Richard Blumenthal attended, as well as State Rep. David Yaccarino, State Sen. Len Fasano and Senate Majority Leader Martin Looney.

Frank Netter, for whom the school is named, was a surgeon and the world’s most prolific medical illustrator. A major gift from Barbara and the late Edward Netter, Frank Netter’s first cousin, pays tribute to his illustrious career. Portraits of Frank Netter and Edward and Barbara Netter by artist Everett Raymond Kinstler were unveiled at the dedication. Kinstler, who attended the ceremony, was the portrait artist for six U.S. presidents, Edward (posthumously) and Barbara also received honorary degrees.

“Ed admired Frank’s exemplary application of himself and wanted this gift to be a living reminder of all that Frank contributed to the medical field,” Barbara Netter said.

The evening concluded with dinner and an address from David Satcher, director of the Satcher Health Leadership Institute and a former U.S. surgeon general.

Students were thrilled to connect with Barbara Netter and Frank Netter’s daughter, Francine Mary Netter, who also attended the event and returned two weeks later to discuss her father’s career and sign copies of her book, “Medicine’s Michelangelo: The Life & Art of Frank H. Netter, MD.”
Raghu Bajwa began her childhood in a small town in India with no power and no schools. But her father, a farmer, had a vision.

“He wanted to send us to college and especially make sure that his girls got an education,” said Bajwa. The family moved to a larger town with a school, sharing a home with relatives. “I thank him every day for having that vision and for giving me the gift of education, and now I’m at a place in my life where I can give back,” she said.

Bajwa, who has a private practice in psychiatry in Springfield, Mass., recently established the Bajwa Family Endowed Medical Scholarship at the School of Medicine, one of 13 scholarships created this past year.

Philanthropy is one way Bajwa gives back, but there are several others. She is a cofounder of a medical school in Barbados, where she assists with clinical rotations for the medical students. And the mother of three is a member of Quinnipiac’s Parents Council. Her daughters—Jasmine and Bableen—will graduate this May. Bableen plans a nursing career while Jasmine is headed to medical school’s emphasis on global health care, “she said.

The other endowed scholarships created in the School of Medicine are:
- Ruth M. Beauregard, RN, Endowed Medical Scholarship
- Barry L. and Jacqueline A. Bestle Family Endowed Medical Scholarship
- Gladys Brooks Foundation Endowed Scholarship
- Aldo Dedominicis Foundation Endowed Medical Scholarship
- William Randolph Hearst Endowed Scholarship
- John & Judy Lahey Endowed Scholarship
- Larson College Alumni Endowed Scholarship
- Lewis and Lorraine Panzo Endowed Scholarship
- Phi Sigma Kappa Fraternity Endowed Scholarship
- Primary Care Endowed Fellowship
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ask for a microscope or other science-related gifts for Christmas.

“I wanted to know why people were sick,” Hinds says. As she grew older, her interest in medicine intensified. After she earned a master’s in public health at Yale University, she worked as a clinical product development manager, where she gained an understanding of the complexity in health care in the U.S. She wanted to work with patients.

“The idea that I might be able to help someone address a real need, that I might be able to help someone improve their health status so that they can go on and live productive lives and achieve whatever goals they want to achieve is exciting,” she says.
BULGING BICEPS NOT WORTH RISK

Coaches arm students with reasons to steer clear of steroids

BY JOHN PETTIT

It's clear from the headlines that steroids tempt athletes.

Although men's basketball head coach Tom Moore said anabolic steroids have never been an issue with his teams at Quinnipiac and the University of Connecticut, the topic made for a provocative Campus Cross Talk session in October.

Moore and Brijesh Patel, head strength and conditioning coach, outlined the history and side effects of steroids, which are banned by the National Collegiate Athletic Association. They also discussed the perils of abusing other performance-enhancing drugs.

About 100 students, many of them athletes, attended the presentation. It was part of the Campus Cross Talk Series—events designed to engage students and faculty in discussions on topics related to a central theme. Programs planned around the 2013-14 theme, Health Myths & Musts, aim to make people more health literate.

"I don't think steroid use is prevalent in our sport," said Moore, who pointed to the long-range risks of steroids in terms of quality of life. "When does the abuse stop? You may rationalize, 'I want to play Division I,' 'I want to make the pros,' 'I want to make the Hall of Fame.' It's got to end at some point. Now your quality of life kicks in."

Moore noted that professional baseball players Alex Rodriguez, Manny Ramirez and Barry Bonds have wealth and fame, but also have the "distinction" of being pariahs in terms of what people think of them. "They're almost poster children for cheating. That's a hell of a scarlet letter that you have to wear from age 36 to 90."

During a road trip to Miami, the UConn men's basketball team happened upon Rodriguez, who was in the middle of a vigorous workout. Rodriguez agreed to speak to Huskies' star Caron Butler about the importance of weight training and conditioning.

"Alex had just signed a $250 million contract and he's killing himself in the gym," Moore said. "He looked Caron right in the eyes and said, 'You've got to work hard and you've got to push yourself.'" Moore said his respect level for Rodriguez "went through the roof" because he was gracious with his time and had a great message.

Moore then pointed out that Rodriguez is now appealing a 211-game suspension from Major League Baseball for his alleged use of performance-enhancing drugs. "Now, my respect level for Alex Rodriguez is here," Moore said, lowering his hand to the floor.

As head strength and conditioning coach, Patel is aware of the signs of steroid use, such as an increase in acne and muscle mass. Side effects can include heart attack, stroke, high blood pressure and cholesterol, liver and kidney disease, stunted growth and sexual side effects.

"If you look at a smaller-framed individual who has added a lot of mass within a summer or really quickly, that's usually a red flag that something is going on," Patel said. "My (off-season) program is good, but it's not that good."

Patel said proper diet and adequate sleep are two factors that play a role in adding strength naturally. "For some of our guys, it may take them a good four, five or six months before they start making really good progress. Once they do, they are all over it, and they start listening more and taking care of their bodies more."

Kimberly Hartmann, '76, MHS '82, interim dean of the School of Health Sciences and chair of the Campus Cross Talk committee, said, "We wanted to have a dialogue about steroids and their impact on life and athletes, and who better to do that than our coaches?"

Cross Talk kicked off in September with a program titled "Your Body, Your Life: Information Prescription for Healthy Living," presented by librarians Lisa Adriani and Robert Joven. They identified useful and reliable health websites. In November, Dr. Lisa Sanders (related story page 5) discussed "Every Patient Tells a Story: Using History in Diagnosis and Treatment."
1957

Thomas F. Geirin Jr. of Hamden, and his wife, Helen, celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary on Oct. 11. They have four children including his son, Thomas James Geirin ’86, seven grandsons and one granddaughter.

1958

Edward Levine of Glen Allen, VA, is semi-retired after 50 years of operating his own accounting practice.

1968

William Powanda of Seymour, CT, vice president at Griffin Hospital in Derby, CT, recently retired after 38 years at the hospital.

1970

Herbert Curkin of Apex, NC, retired after 39 years in college admissions. He started his career at Quinnipiac and over the years worked at colleges throughout Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York and North Carolina. Herb now works as a licensed tax preparer.

Irene Saidel of Atlanta is an author, writer and speaker. She recently published her third Amazon.com eBook and paperback, “Understanding Healing.”

1971

Nancy (Roper) Franssen was named Regional Employee of the Year. She is a senior assistant with the Small Business Development Center at Daytona State College in Florida.

1973

James Culyer has five grandchildren, including two recent additions: Benjamin Hampton Abbott, born to his daughter, Jennifer (Culyer) Abbott ’03 and her husband, John, on Aug. 29, 2013; and Jaxon Patrick Culyer, born to his son, James, and his wife, Jessi, on Sept. 21, 2013.

1974

Janet (Kipphut) Ainsworth ’74, JD ’84, of Guilford, CT, works for the Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection and is in her second year as the chapter chair of the Appalachian Mountain Club.

1977

Christine (Rolka) Ingraham of Mansfield Center, CT, manages Connecticut Pathology Labs in Willimantic, CT.
1979

Cheryl Bartlett of Hyannis, MA, is the first registered nurse to serve as commissioner for the Massachusetts Department of Public Health.

Wendy (Saraceno) Tredenick of Minooka, IL, hosted a reunion for Minooka, IL, had a reunion of whom are in college. Deborah (DeCenty) Hayes, sales manager at RBS Citizens, of Minooka, IL, had a reunion of which

Mark Santino of Guilford, CT, was promoted to sales strategy, planning and operations executive for Cisco Systems.

Rich Seethaler ’91, MOL ’09, of Glastonbury, CT, has been named the new head of Minooka, IL, had a reunion of which

1980

Albert J. Carfora III of Branford, CT, is a sixth-grade math teacher at Joseph Melillo Middle School in East Haven, CT, as well as a high school basketball, football and lacrosse official. He has two daughters, Brittney and Angelena, and one son, AJ.

Jeffrey Page of Needham, MA, has been named the new head golf coach at Babson College. Prior to joining Babson, Page was vice president and metro Boston sales manager at RBS Citizens.

1983

Robert Emery of Annandale, NJ, is married with twin boys, both of whom are in college.

Deborah (DeCenty) Hayes is an occupational therapist with the Birth to Three population in North Central Connecticut. She has three sons including Kaelan, a freshman at Quinnipiac pursuing a degree in the biomedical field. Deborah and her family live in Meriden, CT.

1984

Valentino R. Taddei Jr. of Chantilly, VA, is a financial professional at Edelman Financial Services. He lives in Virginia with his wife, Laura, and their two children, Gessica and Valentino III.

1991

Darryl Balaski of Salem, CT, joined Oracle Corporation in 2011 as a senior instructor. He received the 2012 Leadership Circle Award at Oracle as one of the top five North American instructors and the top globally.

Mark Santino of Guilford, CT, was promoted to director of enterprise sourcing at The Hartford Financial Services Group. Prior to this assignment, Rich assisted with the implementation of a strategic call-center outsourcing transition.

1992

Susan Smith is a certified public accountant. She recently relocated from Wallingford, CT, to become the finance director in Longboat Key, FL.

1993

James Fried, MBA ’93, of Terryville, CT, is assistant director of finance at the Archdiocese of Hartford. Prior to this appointment, James was an operating partner at SK Capital.

Robert Hopkins is applications sales manager for Enterprise Performance Management Hyperion at Oracle in Woodbridge, CT. He and his wife, Brooke Crum, have three daughters: Kate, Kristen and Kelly. The family lives in Woodbridge, CT.

Richard Sudol, MBA ’93, is chief financial officer and senior vice president of Simsbury Bank. His prior position was as CFO of Florida Shores Bank.

MAKE PLANS WITH US

FEBRUARY 19

Michele Norris, NPR host, delivers the Black History Month keynote lecture, “Eavesdropping on America’s Conversation on Race,” 7:30 p.m., Burt Kahn Court, Mount Carmel Campus.

MARCH 17

Join QU’s alumni/parent contingent to march in the St. Patrick’s Day Parade, New York City. Reception follows at Heartland Brewery, 35 Union Square West.*

MARCH 20–22

G.A.M.E. Forum IV (Global Asset Management Education), 8.15 a.m., Sheraton New York Times Square Hotel. Registration required, special alumni rate, visit game.quinnipiac.edu.

MARCH 21–23

Women’s Frozen Four, High Point Solutions Arena, TD Bank Sports Center, York Hill Campus. Visit quinnipiacbobcats.com

MARCH 27

Boston Alumni Chapter Networking Reception. Google offices, 5 Cambridge Center, Cambridge, MA.*

APRIL 8

Dr. Holly Atkinson discusses “The Five Keys to Optimal Health,” 1 p.m., auditorium, Center for Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences, Free. She is chief medical editor of HealthiNation, a digital consumer health video network.

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*Visit www.quinnipiac.edu/events or call 203-582-8610 or toll free 877-582-1929.
Robert Kanoff of Milford, CT, was promoted to assistant dean, finance and administration at Yale School of Public Health.

Richard Madonna Jr. of Demarest, NJ, is vice president of finance and operations at Union Theological Seminary. Rich recently co-founded the Union Food Lab in New York City, a space for food entrepreneurs interested in starting their own ventures. He is a co-founder of the Yale Entrepreneurial Institute.

Gary Pastizzo, MHS ’96, of Avon, CT, has joined Radiology Associates of Hartford as a physician’s assistant. Gary previously worked at Hartford Hospital, Central Connecticut Cardiology and St. Francis Hospital.

Tina (Guido) Romandetti gets together annually with a group of QU alumni including Pam (Mullin) Kennedy ’97, Jennifer (Perna) Stell ’96, Patrice (Paolella) Sansiviero ’96, Stacy (Perreault) Conneely ’96, Tobey (Ludlow) Lovett ’96, Stacey Politis ’96 and Christin (Fenton) George ’97. This year they met in Hamden.

Michele Moore of New Haven oversees the five family resource centers in the New Haven Public Schools.

Karen (Dilorio) Van Gorden was appointed the director of community relations at The Highlands on the East Side, an assisted-living and memory care community located in Providence, RI. She lives in Smithfield, RI, with her husband, Brian, and their two sons.

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Susan (Shapiro) Zucker of Pasadena, CA, recently moved to the NoHo Senior Arts Colony and reports loving her new home.

1999

David Ellner is a registered nurse and paramedic at Peace River Regional Medical Center. He began his medical career at age 16 as a volunteer at St. Agnes Hospital in White Plains, NY. At 18 he started working as a phlebotomist at St. Agnes. He lives in Punta Gorda, FL, with his wife, Abbey, and their sons, Samuel and Benjamin.

2000

Erin (Hinckley) Bailey, MAT ’00, EDL ’01, recently was promoted to principal of Dunbar Hill School in Hamden.

2001

Monique Dinor, MS ’01, of Great Neck, NY, joined Rubenstein Public Relations in New York as a vice president.

Six alumnae and their “Bobkittens” had a mini-reunion on the Quinnipiac campus in September, including: Melissa Graham ’01, MPT ’03 and her son, Bryce; Julie (Piza) Rego ’01 and her daughter, Isabella; Tara (Williamson) Phillips ’01 and her son, Teddy; April (Adams) Colson ’01 and her daughters, Maddie and Anna; Lisa (Chow) Soothoo ’01 and her son, Tyler; and Cindy (Schwarz) Carey ’02 and her daughters, Grace and Juliet.


2002

Stephanie (Nell) Fox and Graham Fox ’02 of Garden City, NY, announce the birth of their second child, Andrew John, on May 17, 2013. Andrew was welcomed home by his big sister, Courtney.

Lindsay Holmes ’02, MPT ’04, of Middletown, CT, a four-year, cross-country and track star at East Hampton High School, was inducted into the East Hampton Athletic Hall of Fame. Lindsay also competed in the 2012 Chicago Marathon and the 2013 Lake Placid Triathlon.

2003

Justin Champagne ’03, MHS ’05, and Heather (Rickson) Champagne, MHS ’06, announce the birth of a daughter, Olivia Eden, on May 17, 2013. Olivia was welcomed by big brothers, Connor Gabriel, 5, and Liam Christian, 3. The family lives in Harwinton, CT. (See photo p. 47.)

Alyson Heffernan ’03, MBA ’04 is the consumer and marketing insights director at Newell Rubbermaid located in Atlanta, GA, where she lives. She leads the global insights team supporting the Rubbermaid Consumer Division.

2004

Lisa (Westbrook) Batson of Louisville, KY, heads the new psychiatry division at Crystal Run Healthcare in Wallkill, KY.

Lisa Finelli of Boston is chief operating officer at UNRegular Radio. She was formerly employed at MPG as a media buyer.

Adam Lombardo and Cassandra Pignatelli ’05 were married on April 5, 2013, in Garfield, NJ. They live in Riverdale, NJ.

Edward Pryor and Cynthia Randolph were married on Sept. 14, 2013, in Waynesboro, VA. The wedding party included Brian Jones ’05, Aaron Afarian ’04, Thomas Martin ’04, MHS ’05, and Andrew Sinnott ’04. The couple lives in Charlottesville, VA.

Brian Salerno ’04, MS ’05, works at Brandeis University in Waltham, MA, as full-time faculty and director of online learning and assessment in the Rabbock School, Division of Graduate Resources.
Twenty years in professional sports management has given Chris Canetti ’92 perspective. He’s seen the highs and lows, and he’s certainly enjoying the high he’s on now.

Canetti is president of Major League Soccer’s Houston Dynamo. He joined the franchise in May 2006 as the team’s COO and was named president in November 2010. He oversees all aspects of the Dynamo organization.

“Eight years at one sports franchise is a long run,” Canetti said. What really gets him excited is talking about soccer and its future in the United States.

“When I first came to the MLS, I was attending meetings about whether or not the whole league was going to fold,” he recalled. “Now things are going great. We built a new stadium from scratch, averaging 21,000 fans a game. We have one of the most successful teams in the league, winning two titles [during his tenure], and soccer is exploding in popularity.”

He noted that more young people—and adults—play in soccer leagues than any other sport, including baseball. “The game is fast, full of energy and passion, both for the players and the fans. No other sport can match soccer’s energy."

Many in the New Haven area remember Canetti from his days directing the New Haven Ravens minor league baseball team until he left for soccer in 2000. He was with the Ravens for six years and became the youngest general manager in baseball at age 26. Prior to joining the Dynamo, Canetti served as the assistant general manager for the New York Red Bulls soccer team.

Athletics has always been important to Canetti, who was a four-year baseball let-

terman at Quinnipiac and a communications major who credits QU for preparing him well for his career. “As the front man for the organization, being comfortable speaking is vital for my job, whether it’s doing a TV interview, at a podium, or running a staff meeting.”

In 2008, Canetti was honored with the league’s Doug Hamilton Executive of the Year award. In 2010, he was named to Sports Business Journal’s prestigious Forty Under 40 list of influential sports executives. He is involved in several charitable efforts, serving as the president for Dynamo Charities, the nonprofit arm of the Dynamo. He is on the board of directors for the East End Chamber of Commerce, Deacon’s Dugout, Central Houston, the Greater Houston Convention & Visitor’s Bureau, and the Houston Boys & Girls Clubs.

But the community work he is most proud of is leading efforts to support Newtown, Conn., after the Sandy Hook Elementary School tragedy. Canetti organized “Soccer Night in Newtown,” in which the North American soccer community united to host two events in January and May last year to provide hope and healing for the town.

Canetti lives in the Houston area with his wife, Judi, and daughters Kara and Ella. He coaches Kara’s youth soccer team. He shares his QU connection with his father, Ace Canetti ’61, and sister Catie ’00.

—Jack Kramer
Alyson Vitta ’04, MPT ’06, and Jeff Leloia ’06 of Bernardsville, NJ, announce the birth of a daughter, Vanessa, on May 28, 2012. Alyson is a physical therapist at Atlantic Healthcare. Jeff is an insurance broker at ADP. They live in Randolph, NJ.

Brian Kilpatrick ’05

The couple lives in Raleigh, NC.

Natalia Delape and Dan Kilpatrick ’05 were married on Aug. 16, 2013, in Long Island, NY. Brian Kilpatrick ’03 was best man. Nicholas “Rocky” Balabushka ’05 served as groomsman and Julie (Valencia) Alveari ’05 was a bridesmaid. The couple lives in Raleigh, NC.

William DeLoi of Sussex, NJ, opened Platinum Ink, an online print shop, in 2005. In April 2013, he expanded the business with a walk-in storefront in Vernon, CT. He owns three other businesses: BlueFrog Studios, an online web design business; StickerSteeze, a sticker-printing business; and, True Feel Clothing.

Jessica (Bass) Lafave, MS ’05, of Merrimack, NH, joined the account service team at Fingerpaint, a marketing communications firm in Saratoga Springs, NY.

Robert Monroe of Lanham, MD, a former Quinnipiac University basketball standout from 2001–05, was inducted into the New England Basketball Hall of Fame in June.

Melissa Nappi of Baldwin, NY, is a development assistant at Lenox Hill Hospital in New York, NY.

Michael Radparvar co-founded Holstea, a company designed to encourage mindful living through unique products and experiences. He was the subject of the August 2013 Fast Company article, “6 Simple Mindfulness Practices to Reframe Your Perspective.”

Maya Sobolev and Aaron Schurman ’05 were married on Sept. 2, 2012, in Wakefield, RI. They met at Quinnipiac as freshmen and now live in Los Angeles.

Meghan Tully married Christopher Curcuruto in May. She is a marketing manager at Unilever. They live in Easton, CT.

Kenneth Wieczorek Jr. and Lauren Gouse ’05 were married on April 12, 2013, in Island Park, NY. The couple lives in Monmouth Junction, NJ. (See photo p. 46.)

Victoria Zambratto of Northport, NY, and Greg Bacchioni were wed on June 1, 2013. Lauren Crowley ’05, MS ’06, Jamie Leventhal ’05 and Marina McGowan ’04, MS ’05, served as bridesmaids and Robert Heinimann, JD ’07, was a groomsman. (See photo p. 46.)

Mindy (Matteis) Kerivan of Prospect, CT, is the art director for Cashman+Katz, a communications firm in Glastonbury, CT.

Fabio LoNero was promoted to executive producer of “Good Morning Connecticut” on WTNH News 8. Fabio lives in Newington, CT.

Vikash Sharma of Mumbai, India, received an MS in media ventures from Boston University in September. She graduated with distinction and a 4.0 GPA.

Cheryl Torino and Zac Canada were wed on July 7, 2012, in New Haven. The couple lives in North Branford, CT. Numerous Quinnipiac women’s field hockey alumnae joined in their celebration. (See photo p. 46.)

Donald White, MBA ’06, of Torrington, CT, was promoted to lean manufacturing manager at Barden Corp. in Danbury, CT.

John Canale, the Midwest sales director for Blount Fine Foods, received the F. Nelson Award, the company’s highest honor, which is named for three generations of Blount CEOs. John was recognized for his visionary, entrepreneurial and innovative leadership style. He lives in Chicago.

Mallory Grimste of New Haven is a clinician for residential programs at the Children’s Center of Hamden. She also passed her licensing exam and became an LCSW.

Lisa-Marie Liberti ’07, MAT ’08, of Hamden, is a special education teacher for seventh- and eighth-grade students at Shelton Intermediate School.

Janette Lopez ’07, MBA ’09, works at Campbell Soup Company in Camden, NJ, as the traditional foodservice associate brand manager for shelf stable

IN MEMORIAM

2011
Mary (Franco) Camarota ’47
Edwin Platt ’56
Michael C. Zeoli Jr. ’80

2012
James Katzianer ’73
Helen (Russo) Proto ’46

2013
Donald Briggs ’64
Colin Broadbridge ’77
Kathy Cooke ’42
William Creagan ’60
John Devlin ’78
Michael DiPalma ’53
Andrew Duhaime ’63
Edwin Elliott Jr. ’62
Richard Fahy ’68
Paul Falcigno ’54
Eileen (Peters) Farley ’68
Donna (Hanson) Foss ’81
Andrew Gengaro ’73, ’94
Richard Gillette ’64
Mark Giuliani, JD ’92
Michael Guarco, JD ’11, MBA ’12
Andrea (Johnson) Gum ’87
Bruce Guthrie ’64
Joan (Baldwin) Harvey ’82
Evelyn (Toelle) Klaiber ’35
Vernon Lantrip ’68
Robert Lenkowski ’63
Fred Masotta ’58
Audrey (Robinson Calandrelli) McClure ’50
James Melville ’72
Ernest Merlino ’54
Kurt Meyer ’66
Alice Northam ’38
Irene Olzescwski, JD ’01
Dennis Opheim, professor of biology emeritus
Salvatore Pistritto ’73
W. Thomas Powell ’50
Robert Reifnyder ’60
Scott Smith ’94
Robert Stanley ’83
Diana (Lufbery) Stickle ’64
Nicholas Vauiso ’65
Donald Welter ’54
Madeline (Reese) Wizorek ’45
John Zenie, MBA ’98

2006
Michael Germano Jr. is co-founder and CEO of Carrot Creative, a full-service social media agency in Brooklyn, NY, where he lives. He was named one of PRWeek’s “40 under 40” for 2013.

Megan Grant is a director in the strategic communications division of The Glover Park Group, in Washington, D.C., where she lives. She was previously a senior publicist at CNN in Washington.
Ties That Bind
Fraternity Brothers endow scholarship

Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity brothers from Quinnipiac have long had a reputation for intelligence, leadership, generosity and, of course, the occasional prank.

A particular group of alumni from the early 1970s created a friendship bond that has lasted more than 40 years. A dozen of them email each other every day; another 50 or so keep in touch occasionally throughout the year.

“We grew into a gigantic family,” said Frank DeNicola, ’71, of Greenwich, Conn. “When we went to Quinnipiac, it was a difficult time because it was the height of the Vietnam War. Quinnipiac was a very small school back then. There were only 1,500 of us, so we knew everybody well. We grew into an extended family, and over the years we’ve remained close.”

“We poke around and we kid one another,” added Lou Camerota ’70, of Waterford, Conn. “But we are smart enough to avoid talking about sports rivalries and politics. Even though it has been some time since we were at Quinnipiac, there is still a common thread that binds us together.”

That loyalty sparked DeNicola, Camerota and three other fraternity brothers—David Pruett ’72, MPS ’85, of North Haven, Conn., Steven Thaler ’72, of Long Island, N.Y., and Andy Smith ’72 of Raleigh-Durham, N.C., to create a scholarship for a student in the new Frank H. Netter MD School of Medicine so they can share the experience of attaining a Quinnipiac education.

The reasons are many. Camerota said the group was excited to help fund the education of a medical student who was going to work with patients and not strictly conduct research. Pruett, who serves as a timekeeper at Quinnipiac basketball games, is pleased to help stem the shortage of primary care doctors.

“Most of us recognize a good idea when we hear it, and we wanted to make a difference at a place that means so much to us,” Smith said.

Don Blumenthal is serving as honorary chair of Phi Sigma Kappa’s medical school fund drive. Blumenthal retired from Quinnipiac as senior associate dean of student affairs in 2004 after a 39-year career at the University. He knew these students well.

Thaler had some of the best times of his life at Quinnipiac. One favorite memory was a fraternity pledge walk down Whitney Avenue that went awry. A group of between 30 and 60 fraternity brothers—depending on whom you ask—were a bit boisterous, and a disgruntled homeowner came out into his yard with a shotgun. Someone called the police, and all the brothers were squeezed into a tiny Hamden jail cell.

Blumenthal, himself only 23 or 24, was called to bail them out. The charges were quickly dropped, and to this day the men joke about their stint in the pokey.

“They were a good group of young men, a wonderful group,” Blumenthal recalled. “They’ve grown into leaders—responsible, mature men who do wonderful things for Quinnipiac.”

Today they still laugh about their antics at formal reunions, informal gatherings and when they meet to watch Quinnipiac hockey games. Now at the pinnacle of their careers in finance, criminal justice, sales, accounting and other fields, the brothers take pride in the strides of their alma mater.

“When I first graduated, people would say, ‘Quinnipiac, where’s that?’ Now I see people everywhere with Quinnipiac T-shirts and I say, ‘Oh, I went there too!’”—Claire LaFleur Hall
When Todd Gibbs ’98 was approached about becoming the executive director of Pegasus Therapeutic Riding in Brewster, N.Y., he understood the challenges he would face running a small, nonprofit organization powered by volunteers, a few staff members and a tight budget.

He had years of experience in fundraising, including four years as Quinnipiac’s director of alumni and parent relations. He also knew the value of quality therapy for people with disabilities. His two daughters were born with a sensory processing disorder. He and his wife, Carrie (LaPerriere) Gibbs ’97, took the girls for weekly occupational therapy and other services at organizations such as Pegasus.

“We feel blessed that we had several remarkable therapists,” Gibbs said of his children, now 7 and 9. “Our two girls are leading very full and active lives.”

Gibbs has helped raise millions for Pegasus, which provides personalized, equine-centered therapeutic programs, including riding. Pegasus historically has helped individuals with disabilities including autism, cerebral palsy, brain injuries, learning challenges and attention-related disorders.

“Parents are blown away that their children, who for the most part are looked at as being different or having limitations, have a lead line on a 1,000-pound animal, and there’s no sense of fear — and no one to tell them they can’t do that,” Gibbs said.

Pegasus was founded by equestrians who witnessed the benefits of riding for people with disabilities. Riding uses muscle groups that are difficult to involve in a clinical therapy setting, explains Gibbs, who studied athletic training and physical therapy at Quinnipiac.

This fall Pegasus has about 150 participants, ages 4–88, in Brewster and its satellite facilities in Greenwich and Darien, Conn., and Pleasantville, N.Y. The 88-year-old is part of Pegasus Patriots, a new, free program for veterans and military personnel.

With the help of two $10,000 challenge grants, Pegasus also started “Wings,” a program that helps disadvantaged children and young adults reach goals, such as improving communications skills and trust. Pegasus charges a modest fee and doesn’t receive state money or insurance reimbursements, but has strong supporters. The Brewster farm was purchased in 2008 with $2.1 million in gifts. Pegasus also has received $3 million in gift commitments for projects and another $2.5 million pledge to start an endowment.

“It wasn’t about asking for money; it was about telling a story and building a vision,” says Gibbs. “The donors were inspired by the vision.”—Alejandra Navarro
products including Campbell’s Soup, Prego Italian Sauces and Pace Mexican Sauces. She lives in Collingswood, N.J.

Kimberly Roberts ‘07, MBA ‘08, married Efrem Dragovic ‘06 on May 19, 2012, in Branford, CT. Included in the wedding party were Peter Barr ‘06, Michael Giordano Jr. ‘06, Lori Stanghellini ‘06 and Reaksmey (Choun) Pirotta ‘07. Kimberly was promoted to ERS manager at Deloitte & Touche, LLP in Stamford, CT. The couple lives in Norwalk, CT. (See photo p. 46.)

Nicole Wittenzellner ‘07, MHS ‘11, and Christopher Gough were married on July 6, 2013. Nearly 30 Quinnipiac alumni attended the couple’s wedding in Milford, CT.

2008

Kimberly Bixby and Bradley Southworth were married on Sept. 28, 2013, in Ludlow, VT. The couple lives in Bristol, CT.

Tyler Brett ‘08, MBA ‘09, of San Diego joined the retail marketing team at TaylorMade Golf Company, in Carlsbad, CA.

Gregory Cikatz and Ashley Flynn were married on June 15, 2013, in Petersham, MA. They live in West Hartford, CT. (See photo p. 46.)

Alexandra Etzel of Farmington, CT, married Steven Nestico on Aug. 17, 2013. Alexandra is a marketing consultant at CIGNA in Hartford. (See photo p. 46.)

Maria Fraenza married Michael Anthony Tamsin on June 29, 2012, in Branford, CT. Maria is a registered nurse at Yale New Haven Hospital. They couple lives in North Branford, CT.

Samantha Mehlhorn ‘08, MAT ‘09, is the head middle school teacher at Damariscotta Montessori School in Nobleboro, ME, where she lives. She teaches seventh and eighth grade.

Todd Ryder ‘08, MS ‘13, is an associate scientist at Bristol-Myers Squibb in Hopewell, N.J. Todd was previously employed at Protein Science Corp. in Meriden, CT.

2009

Anthony Benvenuto ‘09, MAT ‘10, married Nazaneen Manesh ‘09, MOT ‘11, on Aug. 9, 2013, in New Jersey. The two met as freshmen at Quinnipiac in the Commons. Anthony is a math teacher at North Haven Middle School. Nazaneen is an occupational therapist working in the home care field. They live in Wallingford, CT. (See photo p. 46.)

Hannah Farrell ‘09, MAT ‘10, of Newport, RI, married Ben Lancaster on July 6, 2013 in Little Compton, RI. Katie McKay ‘09, Michele Truglio ‘09, MAT ‘10, and Alexandra Kozinski ‘09 were bridesmaids.

Allison Kemon is a marketing and business development coordinator at Prince, Lobel, Tyte in Boston.

Robert Lieber of New Rochelle, NY, is a video media coordinator at the new NBC Sports Network broadcast center in Stamford, CT.

Daniel Marcel is a high yield research analyst at TIAA-CREF Investment Management in New York City.

2010

Stefan Hock of Washington, D.C., received an MA in history from George Washington University in May 2013. His MA thesis was awarded the Turkish Studies Association’s Sydney N. Fisher graduate student paper prize and GWU’s Elmer Louis Kayser prize. He is beginning his PhD in history at Georgetown University.

Katrina Lennon ‘10, MBA ‘11, of Cranbury, N.J, is a communications representative at PAE in Arlington, VA.

Eugenia Magill, a healing touch certified practitioner, opened Caring for YOU. She teaches Renew You self-care and meditation classes and offers healing touch at Balanced Body Chiropractic in Naugatuck, CT, where she lives.

Justin Pickens of Landing, NJ, works in the IT department for the Mount Arlington School District of New Jersey.

2011

Stephanie Norris was promoted to senior consultant at Deloitte & Touche in Hartford. She lives in Southport, CT. and recently obtained her CPA license in Connecticut.

Benjamin Wald of New York, NY, has joined BlackRock, in the Office of the Deputy Chief Operating Officer.

2012

Amanda Booth of Smithtown, NY, is a marketing specialist with ClearVision Optical in Hauppauge, NY.

James Dineen of Georgetown, MA, joined the Peace Corps and recently went to Rwanda to begin training as a healthcare volunteer.

Nicoles Francis of Glastonbury, CT, recently was appointed marketing coordinator for The Perfect Promotion, a leading expert in sourcing and producing quality promotional products and imprinted apparel.

Martin Frappolli, MS ‘12, of West Chester, PA, was promoted to senior director of knowledge resources at The Institutes in Malvern, PA.

Ethan Gnepp of Milford, CT, recently accepted a position at Quinnipiac University as a desktop support specialist.

Ryan Henshaw of Lynbrook, NY, is a financial adviser at Merrill Lynch in New York.

Jason Milde ’12, MAT ’13, is a social studies teacher at Brookfield Public Schools in Brookfield, CT. He lives in Mahopac, NY.

Brittany Pressley, MOL ‘12, of Capitol Heights, MD, published her first book, “Loving Inward, Living Outward, Looking Forward.” Brittany works as a strategy consultant at IBM.

2013

Shannon Mazurick, MS ‘13, of Avon, CT, has written four books—two of poetry and two for children—self-published through AuthorHouse.

Rodrigo Oliveira, MBA ‘13, was promoted to manager of the customer solutions at Radio Frequency Systems located in Meriden, CT. Rodrigo is responsible for the entire technical team covering North America.

Nya Rossi, MHS ‘13, of Northfield, CT, won the student gallery poster competition at the Association of Family Practice Physician Assistants annual meeting in New Orleans, LA, in September.

Lisa Scrofani, MS ‘13, and her husband, Richard, announce the birth of a son, Leonardo Amedeo, on May 17, 2013. The couple lives in Derby, CT. (See photo p. 47.)

Meghan Speranzo of Cave Creek, AZ, is the public relations coordinator at MGM Resorts International.


Joseph Carvalko of Milford, CT, is self-employed as an attorney and author. He recently published “We Were Beautiful Once, Chapters from a Cold War,” a legal suspense thriller. He also delivered a paper titled, “Law and Policy in An Era of Cyborg-Assisted-Life. The Implications of Interfacing In-The-Body Technologies to The Outer World” at the IEEE International Symposium on Technology and Society in June 2013. He presented “Implications of the Proliferation of in-the-body Technologies” at the Conference on Governance of Emerging Technologies: Law, Policy and Ethics in May 2013. He is an adjunct law professor at Quinnipiac.

Philip L. Franckel formed a partnership, Franckel & Plevy, with Robert T. Plevy. The practice focuses on personal injury with an emphasis on motorcycle accidents.

Shirley Parker of Walnut Creek, CA, is retired after working with a family law practice in New Canaan, CT. She is living in northern California near some of her grandchildren.

Michael Antoniewicz of West New York, NJ, is a New Jersey administrative law judge. His office is in Newark.

Bruce I. Schreiber of Danbury, CT, is a self-employed attorney working in Danbury, CT, where he lives. He is certified as a child welfare law specialist by the National Association of Counsel for Children.

Kathryn Senie is the director of institutional advancement and strategic planning at Norwalk Community College. She completed her course work and comprehensive exam and is now a candidate for the doctor of education in educational leadership at Johnson & Wales University in Providence, RI.

Robert Tolomeo of Stratford, CT, was appointed magistrate for small claims and motor vehicles for the state of Connecticut. He serves the Bridgeport, Norwalk and Stamford courts.

Janet (Kipphut) Ainsworth ’75, JD ’84, of Guilford, CT, is a staff attorney for the State of Connecticut, a position she has held for nearly 22 years. She works in the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, which was spotlighted recently for implementing legislation designed to protect citizens from gun violence.

Mitchell Lampert of Wilton, CT, joined Robinson & Cole as a partner in the business transactions group. He has been a registered patent attorney since 1986.

Linda Stark of Pompano Beach, FL, is a realtor working at Century 21 Hansen Realty in Ft. Lauderdale, FL.

Clifford Welden of Glen Head, NY, has been working in the field of insurance defense litigation in the New York metropolitan area for 26 years. He was named to the board of managers of the Queens County Bar Association in Jamaica, NY. He also serves as vice-chair of the association’s insurance committee as well as a member of its civil court and Supreme Court standing committees and Academy of Law. He is a past member of its judiciary committee and has served as a consultant to the New York State Independent Judicial Election Qualification Commissions in the screening of judicial candidates including sitting judges. He works for Geico as staff counsel.

Christine Garrity of Delray Beach, FL, is chief administrative officer and general counsel at PGA of America in Palm Beach Gardens, FL. She leads the association’s legal, governance, government relations, membership, special events and diversity and inclusion operations. She was named a “game changer” by SportsBusiness Journal in 2013.

Glenn Slavin of South Plainfield, NJ, is a partner at Slavin & Morse, in Woodbridge, NJ. He and his wife have two children: Justin, a high school senior, and Sarah, a high school freshman.

Andrew M. Roth was named a New York Metro Super Lawyer in the area of business litigation. She is a partner at Sahn Ward Coschignano & Baker in Uniondale, NY.

Robert T. Terenzio is a principal at the Law Offices of Robert T. Terenzio in Orlando, FL. His practice area, assisted reproduction, has grown dramatically over the past few years, and helps clients throughout the U.S., the European Union and South America with infertility issues.

Matt Allegrucci of Madison, NJ, is vice president, ethics and compliance officer at Daiichi Sankyo in Parsippany, NJ. He is responsible for overseeing the compliance and audit functions for Daiichi Sankyo’s pharmaceutical business.

Steven Benvenisti from Upper Saddle River, NJ, is a partner at Davis, Saperstein and Salomon, a personal injury law firm. He is the author of “Spring Break: A True Story of Hope and Determination,” which depicts Benvenisti’s experience of being catastrophically injured by a drunken driver.

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Article Focus of Reception

School of Law alumni are invited to a Jan. 30 reception to mark the publication of “Raymond E. Baldwin: Senator to Judge, 1949–1950,” an article written for the Quinnipiac Law Review that was published recently.

The reception will take place at 4 p.m. in Memorial Hall, Connecticut State Library, 235 Capitol Ave., Hartford. It is hosted by the Connecticut Supreme Court Historical Society, Quinnipiac Law Review, the Connecticut Judicial Branch and the Connecticut State Library.

Judge Henry S. Cohn of the New Britain Superior Court’s tax court, and attorney Adam Tarr co-authored the article. The late Raymond Baldwin served as governor of Connecticut from 1939–41 and 1943–46 and went on to become a U.S. senator and then an associate justice of the Connecticut Supreme Court of Errors, now called the Connecticut Supreme Court. He served as chief justice from 1949–59.

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before law school and how his educational experience provided him with the tools needed to achieve a complete recovery.

James P. Blose of Trumbull, CT, is executive vice president, general counsel and secretary of Hudson Valley Bank. He has been an adviser to the bank for more than 15 years.

Peter May of New York, NY, was promoted to president and CEO at Fiduciary Insurance Company of America located in Long Island City, NY.

1994
Francis Caruso is managing partner of Caruso and Associates in Hong Kong, where he lives. The company has been advising on China market entry for health, medical and consumer products, including regulatory approval and registration and other general corporate structuring matters.

M. Erik Clark of Pasadena, CA, has received the distinguished service award from the National Association of Consumer Bankruptcy Attorneys. He is a managing partner of Borowitz & Clark with offices located throughout Southern California. He is also an adjunct professor at Loyola Law School in Los Angeles.

1995
Daniel Hunsberger of Monroe, CT, is acting in the role of counsel for Maurer & Associates, in Ridgefield, CT. He was the Democratic candidate for first selectman of the town of Monroe, CT, in the November 2013 election.

Debra (Wolfert) Marino is owner and senior partner at the Law Offices of Debra B. Marino in Orange, CT. Her practice is exclusive to matrimonial and custody litigation. She lives in Orange with her husband, Vincent Marino, JD ’96, and their two children, ages 9 and 11. Vincent is a partner/shareholder at Cohen and Wolf, in Orange. He is on the board of directors for the Regional Water Authority and Orange Chamber of Commerce.

1998
Craig Aronow was installed at first vice president of the Middlesex County Bar Association and a trustee of the New Jersey State Bar Association. He is a partner at Rebenack, Aronow & Mascolo. He and his wife, Kimberly Yonta, JD ’99, live in East Brunswick, NJ. Kimberly recently opened her own criminal defense practice.

Michael Savinelli of Newtown, CT, is chief tax officer at ITT Corporation in White Plains, NY. ITT is a global diversified manufacturer of highly engineered critical components.

1999
John Moore married Nancy Faingar at a ceremony in Toronto, Canada. He is vice president/legal counsel for Swiss Re in New York, NY, where he lives. (See photo p. 46.)

2000
Michelle E. Goldstein started her own firm, the Goldstein Law Office, in 2012. The office is located in Lancaster, PA.

School of Law alumni socialized at two alumni receptions last fall.
1. Professor Jennifer Herbst chats with Brian Tak, a third-year student, and Dave Desjardins, JD ’13, at the New Haven Lawn Club.
2. Denise Graham, JD ’11, and Chris Snedick, JD ’11, at the Lawn Club.
3. Many of the graduates who passed the bar exam last summer with Dean Jennifer Gerarda Brown, center.
4. Brown chats with Kristen Zaehringer, JD ’05, Jay Arcata III, JD ’05, and Amita Patel, JD ’13, at a reception at the Mark Twain House.
5. From left: Laura D’Addabbo, JD ’13, Zachary Bestor, JD ’13, Professor William Dunlap, and Jason Balich, JD ’13.
6. Sean Hamill, JD ’12, left, with Luretha Tolson, JD ’02, and William Pettey, JD ’13, at the Twain House.
ethical conduct. Fewer than 150 attorneys in the U.S. have been granted membership.

Raymond Savoy is a member of the Consumer Attorney Services national foreclosure defense team, which strives to help Connecticut home owners avoid foreclosure. He is an associate attorney at Fitzpatrick, Mariano & Santos. He previously worked for more than 23 years as a police officer. He lives in Naugatuck, CT.

2001
Diane Iglesias of Guilford, CT, is a general attorney at AT&T Services in New Haven. She married Susan LeGeyt, her life partner for the past 24 years, on Sept. 28, 2013.

Chris Major is a partner with Meister Seelig & Fein in New York City and Stamford, CT, where his practice focuses on commercial litigation. He lives in Wilton, CT, with his wife, Patty, and sons, Henry and Jack.

Andrew Thomka-Gazdik is an attorney with the Law Office of Morris & O'Malley in West Palm Beach, FL, where he lives. His law practice is primarily focused on real estate. He is also a sales associate with Sotheby's International Realty.

2002
Josh Hughes of West Hartford, CT, is nearing his 13th year as a lobbyist in Hartford. He is an attorney at Hughes & Cronin Public Affairs Strategies in Middletown, CT. Clients include UnitedHealthcare, the Connecticut Package Stores Association, Association of American Publishers, the Connecticut Police Chiefs Association and others.

2003
Leon Krolkowski of New Canaan, CT, was named the police chief of New Canaan. A 24-year veteran of the department, he previously held the position of captain and commander of the staff services and operations division.

Audrey (Zwolski) Medd of Danbury, CT, launched Pierre the Pooch Designs, through which she sells her handcrafted notebooks, sketchbooks and journals made from recycled items. She donates 5 percent of her profits to rescue/animal benefit organizations. She works for the Law Office of Frank N. Peluso in Stamford, and she is in the process of opening her own practice, which she hopes will involve protecting animals.

2004
Bradford Buchta of Bethany, CT, was selected by the Connecticut Law Tribune as a “New Leader in the Law” for 2012. He is an assistant public defender in the Fairfield Judicial District and has been with the public defender's office since 2005.

Jody Mead of Morristown, NJ, is associate general counsel at Daiichi Sankyo.

Robert Robichaud of Cobalt, CT, left solo practice and began working as an attorney/registered nurse, advocate for the Center for Medicare Advocacy, a national nonprofit organization that provides education, advocacy and legal assistance to help people obtain fair access to Medicare and necessary health care.

Brian Wheelin of Stamford, CT, has been elected to the board of directors of Stamford Dollars for Scholars. He is a member of the business litigation group at Robinson & Cole, focusing on complex commercial litigation.

John Leonard married Lisa Gillespie Toomey on Sept. 21, 2013, at St. Mary Church in Branford, CT. He has a solo practice in Branford.

Jonathan Williams and his wife, Erin (Pickens) Williams of Glen Allen, VA, welcomed triplets, Colin Thomas, Cash James and Grace Catherine, on June 27, 2013. Jonathan is vice president of Easter Associates, an association management and government relations firm. Erin is the policy and planning coordinator for the Division of Consumer Protection within the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. (See photo p. 47.)

2005
Jeremy Hayden and Meghan Kantor, JD ’05, of Monroe, CT were married on April 16, 2011. Jeremy has served as chairman of the Monroe Inland Wetlands Commission since 2011 and Meghan was recently appointed to Monroe’s Anti-Blight Commission. Jeremy was recently named partner at Ferrara Hayden, P.C., and Meghan is with Kroll McNamara, Evans & Delehanty, LLP in West Hartford, CT.

Christopher C. Herrick of Mansfield, MA, works for Oracle Corporation in Burlington, MA, as a senior manager for global business practices and helps draft the contract templates and corporate policies for Oracle’s consulting lines of business globally. He and his wife, Colette, welcomed their first child, Katelynn, on May 6, 2012. (See photo p. 47.)

Larissa Lacman of Prospect, CT, works for the contracts and counsel department of Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation in the area of international trade compliance. She drafts agreements and licenses relating to the sale of military items to foreign governments.

Daniel Molnar, JD/MBA ’05, of North Branford, CT, is corporate counsel for Roller Bearing Company of America, located in Oxford, CT. RBC Bearings is a manufacturer of plain roller and ball bearings for aerospace and commercial uses. Working under the direction of the general counsel, Daniel works on mergers and acquisitions, securities law, tax, corporate governance, conflict minerals, and other legal matters affecting a publicly traded corporation.

2006
Stephanie Dellolio, an associate with the Fairfield law firm Ury and Moskow since 2007, was honored by Super Lawyers as a rising star in general litigation. She lives in Shelton, CT.

Joseph Grippe of Wallingford, CT, is a partner at Ouellette, Degani & Gallagher, in Cheshire, CT. He and his wife welcomed a son, Joseph Robert, on April 13, 2013.

Adam Janeczek is a senior associate contracts specialist at Pratt & Whitney. He rejoined the U.S. Army Reserves as a judge advocate and completed the Judge Advocate Officers Basic Course at The Judge Advocate General’s Legal Center and School in Charlotteville, VA, and the Direct Commissioning Course at Fort Benning, GA.

Patrick Kennedy of the Hartford law firm RisCassi & Davis, was elected by the members of the Connecticut Trial Lawyers Association to its board of governors in June. He lives in Cheshire, CT.

Leslie (Doughiello) Wheelin and Brian Wheelin, JD ’04, announce the birth of a son, Benjamin Wyatt, on May 1, 2013. Leslie is an associate at Kaufman Borgeste & Ryan in Valhalla, NY. The family lives in Stamford, CT. (See photo p. 47.)

2007
Katherine Engelman is associate director of admissions at Quinnipiac University School of Law. She lives in Southbury, CT.
Pamela Jones, JD ’86
Guardian of Content
Technology advances transform entertainment law field

Before she ever opened a law book, Pamela Jones, JD ’86, knew what kind of law she’d practice.

Her best friend growing up in Westport, Conn., was Pamela Sue Martin, who starred as TV’s “Nancy Drew” in the late 1970s and Fallon on the 1980s hit “Dynasty.”

“I visited her in Hollywood one time and I asked her, ‘Who runs the film business?’ She replied, ‘The lawyers do.’ That’s when I decided to focus on entertainment law,” Jones said. Her grandmother was one of the first female lawyers in the U.S., graduating from New York Law School in 1894.

Jones has worked in many areas of entertainment law, mostly in the TV and music fields, where the law must keep up with technological advances, such as streaming media. She has contributed to several law books on the topic of counseling content providers in the digital age and is a founding member of the entertainment arts and sports law section of the New York State Bar Association.

Jones said her skills lie in drafting contracts that protect intellectual property. She is sharing those skills as an adjunct professor at the law school this spring, teaching entertainment law, a course she previously taught at New York Law School.

The solo practitioner serves as outside counsel to A&E Networks, where she negotiates complex music publishing agreements for audio content to complement A&E’s shows. She also represents Al Roker Entertainment and Peacock Productions, a division of NBCUniversal.

Over the years, her roles have included reviewing commercials for deceptive or misleading content; helping to craft the legal definitions of new media “before we can see it, feel it and touch it”; and handling risk management agreements for live specials, such as “The Raising of the Titanic.”

Despite the popularity of time shifting and binge watching of programs, live TV has become a robust area that will remain at the core of TV’s strength, according to Jones. She noted that ratings soar for live sporting events and programs featuring daredevils like aerialist Nik Wallenda.

Another area in which she works is talent and program negotiations. She represented the creator of the History Channel’s “Chasing Tail” in his negotiations with Left Field Pictures, from his “sizzle reel” pitch to the sale of the show to the network.

Previously, she managed the business and legal affairs departments for BBC Worldwide Americas, CBS Entertainment (East Coast), and MTV’s Logo Channel. She also managed the music publishing business for the CBS Television Network and the Martha Stewart Living TV group before it was restructured.

“Martha is a pioneer with incredible instincts, and she will have her place in TV history,” Jones said.

A new area in which she is immersed involves royalties and secondary copyright, specifically as they apply to cable or satellite providers. She noted that retransmission rights have become a major source of revenue for broadcast networks (ABC, CBS, Fox, NBC), which are seeking compensation from cable operators who carry them.

“This is important because their ratings are down as viewers turn to cable and alternate ‘over-the-top’ viewing choices, such as Netflix,” she explained.

—Janet Waldman
Samantha (Metje) Fry and her husband, Kevin, welcomed their first child, Nathaniel Raymond, on July 25, 2012. Samantha is the foreclosure mediation case-flow coordinator for the Ansonia-Milford Judicial District. The family lives in Clinton, CT. (See photo p. 47.)

Molly (Barker) Gilligan of North Yarmouth, ME, has published a book on Pennsylvania workers’ compensation law. The book is designed to be an easy-to-understand guide to Pennsylvania workers’ compensation law, practice and procedure. She is an associate at the Law Offices of Daniel J. Siegel, with offices in Pennsylvania and Maine.

Jordan Kosches of Miami, FL, opened the Law Office of Jordan S. Kosches in Miami, FL, focusing on litigation and appeals.

2008
Sylvia K. Rutkowska of Middletown, CT, married Javier Casado on Sept. 27, 2013. She is an associate attorney at Dzialo, Pickett & Allen, in Middletown. She was recognized as a Connecticut Super Lawyer “Rising Star” in 2013.

2009
Kevin Casini of New Haven has joined the law offices of Beatty & Beatty in Guilford, CT. He will be focusing on property law.

Cristina Salamone ’06, JD ’09, is an associate attorney at Zangari Cohn Cuthbertson in New Haven with a focus on business litigation, estate planning, trust administration, business formation and structuring and real estate.

2010
Michael Bivona of Bridgeport, CT, is an associate at the Law Offices of Mark Sherman.

Megan Flaherty of Branford, CT, joined the Bauer Law Group in Hamden as an associate attorney. The Bauer Law Group focuses primarily on family law.

Alex Gillott of Nashville, TN, has joined Cumberland Trust as a trust officer and attorney.

Amanda Gordon is an associate at Robinson & Cole, where she concentrates on the firm’s litigation section. She was appointed to the board of trustees of Hartford-based The Open Hearth, which aims to help homeless men and ex-offenders become responsible citizens. She also received the Robinson & Cole pro bono service award in 2013. She lives in Wethersfield, CT.

2012
Alex Copp married Prerna Rao on Nov. 14, 2013. Alex is a legal research clerk working for the State of Connecticut Judicial Branch. Prerna is an associate at the Pickel Law Firm in Stamford, CT. The couple lives in Norwalk, CT.

Amanda DeMatteis of Wallingford, CT, joined Cicchiello & Cicchiello as an associate.

Samuel Salvatico Saltman of Fort Lee, NJ, serves in the position of counsel at the Law Offices of Elliott Malone, in Englewood Cliffs, NJ. He is also an adjunct professor of English at Fairleigh Dickinson University in Madison, NJ.

Jonathan Sousa of Middletown, CT, is special deputy assistant state’s attorney for the Office of the Chief State’s Attorney. His office is in Rocky Hill, CT.

2013
Jason Balich of East Hartford, CT, is an associate with Axinn, Veltrop & Harkrider in the IP litigation department.

New Tortora professors named

Professors Stephen G. Gilles and John Thomas were named Carmen Tortora Professors of Law last fall. The family of the late Carmen Tortora Sr., a longtime member of the Board of Trustees, established the professorships. Recipients are chosen by the dean of the School of Law for distinguished service in the areas of exceptional teaching, research or both.

Gilles joined the faculty in 1995 after clerking for Judge Robert Bork and U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O’Connor. He teaches courses in tort, insurance, administrative and advanced constitutional law and law and economics. “Steve has tackled controversial issues—including tort policy, parental rights, abortion and gun laws, producing scholarship that is rigorous, fair and incisive,” said Dean Jennifer Gerarda Brown.

“All of us have benefited from the clarity and objectivity Steve brings, not only to his scholarship, but to thorny issues of policy and governance here at the law school as well. Year after year, Steve has selflessly and energetically chaired one important committee after another,” she added.

Thomas has taught courses in health law, civil procedure and entertainment law since 1988. “John’s scholarship, teaching and interdisciplinary collaboration have been, and continue to be, vital to our growing strength in health law,” said Brown.

Before joining the faculty, he was a litigator in Arizona and Connecticut. His interests include health policy, politics, juvenile justice and mental health treatment, and he has worked closely with faculty in the new Frank H. Netter MD School of Medicine to design curricula and mentoring programs for medical students interested in health law and policy.

Alumna wages fight for USA-made shoes

USA-made products may be gaining a greater foothold in the military if Sarah McGuire, JD/MBA ’08, has anything to say about it. McGuire is director of marketing and corporate counsel for Uretek, a New Haven-based textile manufacturer.

She has been working with New Balance, which uses Uretek materials, to promote a shoe that is 100 percent USA made and to seek Congressional support for legislation that would require military personnel to purchase only American-made footwear.

The Berry Amendment of 1941 stipulates that the Department of Defense must give preference to clothing and other items made in the U.S. for any contract valued at $150,000 or more. Currently, Army, Air Force and Navy personnel receive a cash voucher for the purchase of athletic footwear, with no restrictions on domestic versus foreign manufacturing.

McGuire argues that the cash allowances provided with federal funds for athletic shoes are valued at about $15 million annually, which falls within the realm of the Berry Amendment.
ALUMNI CONNECT
AT VARIETY OF RECENT EVENTS

1. Nick Waldeisen ’15, left, Grace Peiffer, director of employer relations, School of Business, and Mike Gogliormella ’04 at the Career Connections program in New York City.

2. Stephanie and Laura Passero with their parents, Debbie (Middlemas) Passero ’70 and Bob Passero ’70 at the game watch in Hartford before the Quinnipiac-Yale game in November.

3. At the University Honors Program reception during Homecoming, from left: Jessica Barbato ’09, MAT ’10, Professor Kathy Cooke, Alissa Pacheco ’09, MOT ’11, Timothy Squires ’09, Jennifer Ellsworth ’08, Professor Bill Jellison and Michael Macii ’09.

4. From left, Katelynn Rourke ’09, Nicole Findeisen ’09, MBA ’11, and Alysse Rossner ’09 at the Homecoming reception at the Rocky Top Student Center.

5. Chris Galatiioto ’04, MBA ’05, and Kyle Lewis ’12 connect at the Business Leader Hall of Fame event in New York City.

6. At Fall Athletic Alumni Day, from left: Fabricio Silva ’11, Mathew Carreira, Greg DiGiovine ’13, Coach Eric Da Costa ’01, MBA ’09, Hobson Bradford ’08, Paul Fleck ’07, MS ’08, and Durval Pereira Jr. ’12.

7. Bobby Emamian ’09, Bryn Doyle ’09, Mike Oskandy ’09, MBA ’10 and Joe Duffy ’09 at the Distinguished Alumni Award luncheon.
CONGRATULATIONS!


2. Victoria Zambratto ‘05 of Northport, NY, and Greg Bacchioni were wed on June 1, 2013. Lauren Crowley ‘05, MS ‘06, Jamie Leventhal ‘05 and Marina McGowan ‘04, MS ‘05, served as bridesmaids and Robert Heinimann, JD ‘07, was a groomsman.

3. Cheryl Torino ‘06 and Zac Canada were wed on July 7, 2012, in New Haven.


5. Kimberly Roberts ‘07, MBA ‘08, married Efrim Dragovic ‘06 on May 19, 2012, in Branford, CT. Included in the wedding party were Peter Barr ‘06, Michael Giordano Jr. ‘06, Lori Stanghellini ‘06 and Reaksmey (Choun) Pirotta ‘07.

6. Kenneth Wieczorek Jr. ‘05 and Lauren Gouse ‘05 were married on April 12, 2013, in Island Park, NY.

7. Kimberly Masterson ‘05 married Thomas Scarpati on April 12, 2013, in Bay Head, NJ.


9. Gregory Cikatz ‘08 and Ashley Flynn ‘08 were married on June 15, 2013, in Petersham, MA.
1. Benjamin Wyatt, son of Leslie (Dougiello) Wheelin, JD ’06, and Brian Wheelin, JD ’04, was born on May 1, 2013.

2. Katelynn Herrick was born on May 6, 2012, to Christopher C. Herrick ’05 and his wife, Colette.


4. Kyla Lakoda, born March 26, 2013, is the daughter of Jason Watson ’00 and his wife, Kirsten Dyrland.

5. Nathaniel Raymond Fry was born on July 25, 2012, to first-time parents Samantha (Metje) Fry JD ’07, and her husband, Kevin.


7. Leonardo Amedeo Scrofani was born to Lisa Scrofani, MS ’13, and her husband, Richard, on May 17, 2013.
If your New Year’s resolution involved formulating a “game plan” for your career, I have a suggestion. Treat yourself to some professional development by attending Day 1 of the G.A.M.E. IV (Global Asset Management Education) Forum in New York City March 20.

Besides getting inside perspectives on investment management from some of the greatest minds on Wall Street, you can network with other School of Business alumni. I worked on the G.A.M.E. Forum committee during my junior and senior years and attended the event as an alumnus last year, when I also addressed students.

As a securitization collateral analyst for Deloitte, a job I obtained upon graduation, I consult with clients on more than $15 billion of securitized product transactions. I need to be on point with industry practices, talent and trends. G.A.M.E. keeps me in the know about such topics and enhances my knowledge of the global economy, alternative assets, equities, corporate governance and global markets.

The forum, which begins at 8:15 a.m., is conveniently located in the Sheraton New York Times Square Hotel. Professor David Sauer, the forum’s managing director and program co-chair, has assembled an impressive list of keynote speakers including Ralph Acampora, CMT, Altaira Ltd; Guy Adami, Drakon Capital and CNBC; Richard Bernstein, Richard Bernstein Advisors; Abby Joseph Cohen, CFA, Goldman Sachs; David M. Darst, CFA, Morgan Stanley Wealth Management; Bob Doll, CFA, Nuveen Asset Management; Tom Keene, Bloomberg News; David Kelly, CFA, J.P. Morgan Funds; Michael C. Khouw, DASH Financial; Edward Knight, JD, NASDAQ OMX Group; Benjamin A. Pace III, Deutsche Bank Private Wealth Management; John D. Rogers, CFA, CFA Institute; John E. Silvia, Wells Fargo Securities; Sam Stovall, S&P Capital IQ; Joseph Terranova, Virtus Investment Partners and CNBC; and Richard Yamarone, Bloomberg.

I think the atmosphere will energize you. Last year, more than a thousand students and faculty from 118 colleges and universities representing 44 states, Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia attended. Days 2 and 3 are devoted to breakout discussion panels, workshops and more, and are for students and faculty only.

As with anything in life, it’s all about what you make of it and how you execute. Quinnipiac’s G.A.M.E. Forum gives you a unique opportunity to see the most influential finance professionals in the industry, all in one room, and witness how they think out loud about topics making headlines.

Put the statistics in your favor and make the forum part of your G.A.M.E. plan! For more information, visit game.quinnipiac.edu; email: game@quinnipiac.edu; or call 203-582-5400. QU alumni, parents and friends can register for $200—a savings of 50 percent off the professional registration fee—by using the promotion code QUNYCI4 and registering by Feb. 19, 2014.
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John L. Lahey, President

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