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ALUMNI COUNCIL MEMBERS WANTED! WE WANT YOU!

Regardless of when you graduated, what you studied, or what you're doing now, your degree makes you a member of either the Johnson Alumni Association or the Lyndon Alumni Association. This alumni community provides a rich blend of social, professional, cultural, and academic opportunities and is a great way to stay connected.

The Johnson and Lyndon Alumni Councils are the governing bodies of their respective Alumni Associations and are responsible for the overall direction and management of the alumni association. The councils generally meet three times a year, either in person or online, to make decisions on alumni-funded scholarships, Homecoming, social gatherings, and other alumni-related topics and issues.

You spent an important part of your past on the Johnson or Lyndon campus. Now be an active part of your campus' future by joining the Alumni Council! Primary responsibilities of Alumni Council members include attending alumni programs and events and encouraging all alumni to be active with the university.

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Dear Alumni and Friends,

If there is one thing we know, it's that Badgers and Hornets are both persistent and resilient.

I would not want to witness a battle between those two animals (or maybe I would?), but those traits have come in handy time and again for our alumni as we have been "connected by the unexpected" — a name change through the creation of NVU, a global pandemic, the threat to close our two campuses, and now a transition to a new university with another name change. Throughout these changes,



though, you continue to show up. Because you are persistent and resilient and you love your campus, you are still answering the phone when a student phonathon caller rings; you have helped us meet our goal on #GivingTuesday EVERY YEAR; you are attending Homecoming; submitting your news for the alumni magazine; and engaging with our social media posts. Most importantly, you are speaking out when you want your voices to be heard. We sincerely thank those of you who took the time to reach out when changes you disagreed with were proposed to our libraries and to Johnson's athletics program. If we didn't respond directly to you, we apologize — the volume of emails, calls, and letters we received was unprecedented! Please know that your efforts made a real difference and that, due in part to your passionate outreach, the proposal to remove books from our libraries and to change Johnson athletics' division from NCAA to USCAA have been rescinded.

We are working hard to reimagine education through the creation of Vermont State University, and that means change is inevitable. The Institutional Advancement department is growing and our staff members are taking on new, more specialized roles and serving alumni across all campuses.

- **Sara Lussier** will serve as the director of annual giving and is located on the Lyndon campus.
- **Carrie Savage** will serve as director of major and planned giving and is located at the Castleton campus.
- **Kelly Boulan** will serve as annual and major giving coordinator and will work closely with Sara and Carrie. She is located at the Randolph Center campus.
- **Bo McDougall** will serve in the assistant director of alumni engagement role and be located primarily at the Castleton campus.
- **Kate Workman** is our database specialist and is also located at the Castleton campus.
- And, I (**Lauren**) am the assistant vice president of institutional advancement and alumni relations and am primarily located on the Johnson campus.

We are all happy to help, and if you have an existing relationship with someone on our team, feel free to continue to reach out to them or to contact any one of us directly.

I am looking forward to working with my team to create a great experience for all of our Vermont State alumni! This includes offering you:

- an **expanded slate of alumni benefits**,
- an **exciting variety of alumni gatherings** and networking events, including invitations to Homecoming at the campus of your alma mater or the campus closest to your home,
- **increased volunteer opportunities**, both in person and remote,
- **regular communications** from our office using a variety of methods,
- and **increased giving opportunities**, including the option to continue to direct your donations to the campus fund of your choice.

As always, know that I am here to help, so please don't hesitate to contact me with questions, concerns, or ideas. Thank you for your continued support!

Sincerely,

Lauren Philie

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Students Sweep Student Production Awards Category

NVU Broadcast and Digital Journalism students swept the Multimedia Journalist category in the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences Boston/New England Chapter of the 2022 College/University Student Production Awards. NVU also took honorable mention in the News Report - Serious News category, and an honorable mention in Sports Story or Segment.



Alexandra Huff '23, a digital communications and broadcast and digital journalism dual major, won the Multimedia Journalist category for "Locally Social," a story about the St. Johnsbury coffee shop of the same name, and was awarded honorable mention in the News Report - Serious News category for her story about the unification of three state colleges to form Vermont State University.

Nick Fish '22, broadcast and digital journalism, won two honorable mention awards for his work. One award was in the Sports Story or Segment category

for his piece "World Cup Skiing at Killington," and the second was in the Multimedia Journalist category for his story about "VT Supports," a community service project in St. Johnsbury where people come together to pack care packages for soldiers serving in a combat zone.

This annual student production award pits NVU student work against much larger schools throughout the region. "The categories that we won and got honorable mention in are our bread and butter [in this program]," said Meaghan Meachem, professor and chair of the Journalism and Communications department at NVU's Lyndon campus. "It's really good solid journalism. The fact that we swept the Multimedia Journalist category with a win and an honorable mention is awesome."

NVU Partners with Smugglers' Notch Resort

The award-winning, family-friendly resort, Smugglers' Notch, and Northern Vermont University partnered to offer cultural exchange students seasonal housing last winter.

These students made up ten percent of Smugglers' total staff, allowing the resort, located in Jeffersonville, Vt., to operate at full capacity while introducing the international students to local Vermont culture.

The students came from Peru, Chile, and Costa Rica as part of an exchange program during what is their summer break and lived in the residence halls on the Johnson campus from December 1 through March 31. While on campus, they had access to all university amenities, including the gym, pool, dining hall, and shows in the Dibden Center. Smugglers' subsidized a large portion of their housing and transportation costs.



NVU Named a New England Center of Excellence in Vector-Borne Diseases by CDC

Northern Vermont University has received a \$228,000, five-year award from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to participate in the newly formed New England Center of Excellence in Vector-Borne Diseases (NEWVEC).

NEWVEC aims to bring together academic communities, public health practitioners, and residents across New England to leverage and integrate applied research, training, and build a community of practice to prevent and reduce tick- and mosquito-borne diseases — such as Lyme disease and West Nile virus. The center is based at the University of Massachusetts Amherst with co-principal investigators at University of Maine, University of Massachusetts Amherst, University of New Hampshire, University of Rhode Island, and Western Connecticut State University, as well as NVU.

A major goal of NEWVEC is to reduce bites by the black-legged tick, a consistently problematic tick in Vermont, New England, and the U.S. NVU-Johnson Associate Professor of Biology William Landesman, Ph.D. will serve as a co-investigator on the project. Dr. Landesman has researched tick- and mosquito-borne diseases since 2004 by using a combination of field- and molecular-based techniques.

Another major goal of NEWVEC is to engage students in this applied research. At NVU and the new Vermont State University, there will be opportunities for undergraduate participation. Students studying biology and related disciplines will have the opportunity to go into the field to estimate tick population sizes and study invasive species. Students may also help out with DNA analysis in the laboratory.

The partnerships and collaborations across New England — from the research labs into the communities — will enable NEWVEC to have the greatest impact and best strategies for reducing and preventing vector-borne diseases.



Students in our History of Psychology in Europe course participated in a ten-day tour of important sites in Austria, England, and the Netherlands over April break, enriching their study while creating memories with their faculty and classmates.



NVU Health and Wellness Coaching Program Receives National Board Approval

The Northern Vermont University Health and Wellness Coaching concentration within the Health Sciences degree program has been officially approved by the National Board of Health and Wellness Coaching. The accreditation means that students who graduate with a Health Sciences Health and Wellness Coaching degree or minor are eligible to sit for the national exam to become a certified health and wellness coach, allowing them to be competitive in a growing job market. Achieving accreditation was a multiyear process that began in 2019.

10th Annual Veterans Summit Held

The Tenth Annual Veterans Summit was held on the Lyndon campus on June 3, 2022.

Sebastian Junger, bestselling author, was the keynote speaker for the event. Sebastian is the author of *Tribe*, about soldiers' struggles adjusting to life back home, and *War*, about American soldiers in Afghanistan's Korengal Valley. His documentary *Restrepo* — which he shot, directed, and produced with photojournalist Tim Hetherington — won the Grand Jury Prize at the 2010 Sundance Film Festival and was nominated for an Oscar the following year.

A rich variety of voices shared their words during the full day program, including Dr. Brett Rusch, executive director of the White River Junction VA Medical Center; Jon Turner, Sierra Club Military Outings leader and owner of Wild Roots Community Farm in Bristol; Steve Gagner, co-founder of 14th Star Brewery; and Misha Pemble-Belkin from Vermont Adaptive Ski and Sports. NVU Interim President John Mills gave the welcome address.

Following the speeches, breakout sessions were available. Topics included career opportunities for veterans, the link between chronic pain and TBI/PTS, support for homeless veterans, chair yoga for health and relaxation, and more. More than sixty veteran service organizations had information tables at the event, offering a one-stop shop for services, clubs, and resources.

President Parwinder Grewal Resigns; Interim President Appointed

Dr. Parwinder Grewal tendered his resignation in April 2023 and stepped down immediately for personal reasons. Dr. Grewal brought his skills and expertise from a similar higher education unification at an important time, and his service is appreciated.



The Board of Trustees named former Vermont Agency of Human Services Secretary Mike Smith to serve as interim president. He will serve in this role for approximately six-months and will be focusing all his efforts on the successful launch of Vermont State University.

Interim President Smith comes to Vermont State University after a long career in public service, most recently from state government where

he was a critical player in the state's COVID-19 pandemic response. He served in the U.S. Navy, in the Vermont House of Representatives, and as Secretary of the Agency of Administration, as well as time in the private sector.

Sustainable Trail Building Education Partnership

Northern Vermont University's Center for Professional Studies announced a collaboration with the Northwoods Stewardship Center to offer a hands-on Sustainable Trail Building Certificate program of study at the conservation organization's site in East Charleston, Vt. The program will begin September 10, 2023.

The one-year Sustainable Trail Building Certificate program offers a unique opportunity to jump-start a career as a trail professional through a flexible, part-time program of study. The program is designed to help future trail-builders enter a career in this growing field to better build, maintain, plan, and manage important corridors that connect users to spaces of natural, cultural, and historical significance.

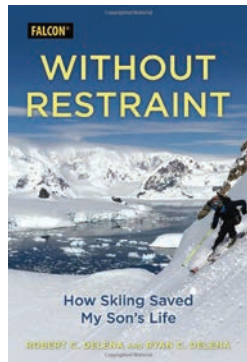
The program's outdoor learning laboratory includes more than 100 miles of natural, machine-made, and gravity trails at Northwoods Stewardship Center, the NVU-Lyndon campus, Kingdom Trail Association, and Burke Mountain Resort, where students will learn and master trail building techniques.

This trail building program is the first of its kind grounded in the core competencies of the trail competency framework for professional trail construction and maintenance put forward by American Trails and the Professional Trailbuilders Association, whose members represent federal agencies, trail nonprofits, professional educators, and the private sector.



NVU Student Co-Authors Memoir

Ryan Delena '24, an Outdoor Education, Leadership, and Tourism (OELT) major, co-authored a memoir with his father titled *Without Restraint: How Skiing Saved My Son's Life*. Readers have described it as powerful, moving, and inspirational. "I'm happy it resonates with people," Ryan said. "It's great that people feel like they can relate to it and see that challenges can turn out for somebody in a positive way."



"I'm somebody who likes to challenge myself and explore and see new things and that's a big reason why I came to NVU," Ryan explained. Studying in the OELT program has helped him transition from a recreational skier to a professional. "I've learned a lot about trip planning, emergency response planning, and how to lead groups and look out for other people," he said. He has also learned about himself.

"Before NVU, I thought I was just a bad student, but after studying all the different learning styles I know I'm just a kinesthetic learner," he said. "Writing the book and learning why outdoor activity makes us better people has been really enlightening."

Learn more about Ryan, his amazing adventures, and NVU at his blog at ryandelena.substack.com.



Commissioned by the Lyndon Student Government Association in 2023, this mural, "Vail Through Time", was painted in the Student Center and depicts the historic Manor Vail with the current T.N. Vail Center reflected in Library Pond.

Upon his death in 1920, Theodore N. Vail donated his private residence, the Manor Vail, to the State of Vermont. Home to Lyndon Teachers College from 1951 to 1961 and to Lyndon State College until 1974, the Manor Vail was used for classrooms, offices, library, and housing. It was replaced with the T.N. Vail Center, which opened in 1976. Artists include **Amanda Adams '22, Samson Fickes '23, Beth Holman '23, Nat Julow '23, Sebastian Siegfried '23.** Advisor: Assistant Professor of Visual Arts Kate Renner.

NVU Hosts Eighth Annual Vermont Animation Festival



The Eighth Annual Vermont Animation Festival, hosted by Northern Vermont University in partnership with Catamount Arts, March 24-25, brought together

national and locally based professional talent to the Lyndon campus for two days of conversation, creation, and collaboration, including workshops and a film screening and awards ceremony.

Keynote Speakers Max Porter and Ru Kuwahata specialize in mixed-media narratives and shared works from the last fifteen years, their exclusive behind-the-scenes process, and a sneak peek at *Porcelain Birds*, the animated feature they are working on now. *Negative Space*, their Oscar-nominated film, has won 128 awards at 320 film festivals worldwide. The pair also led a Sensory Character Development workshop.

Vermont-based animation industry veteran Kevin Harkey, whose most recent projects include creating storyboards for Netflix Studio's "Wendell and Wild," and the Gaumont Studio's production of Paul McCarthy's children's book *High in the Clouds*, led the Storyboarding workshop. NVU Assistant Professor Kate Renner led the Analog to AR: Creating Augmented Reality Animation workshop.

The Vermont Animation Festival was created in 2015 by former NVU faculty member Robby Gilbert to showcase the unique voices of artists in New England working in animation and moving images. The festival provides a forum for regional artists, including NVU Animation and Illustration students, to showcase their work and workshops to engage the community.



Final Class of Northern Vermont University Graduates

The final graduating class to earn their degrees from Northern Vermont University were recognized May 13 and 14, while marking the transition to the new Vermont State University on July 1. The Johnson campus celebrated 240 graduates on May 13, 2023, at their 156th commencement ceremony. The Lyndon campus celebrated nearly 150 graduates the following day at its 111th commencement ceremony.

U.S. Representative Becca Balint was the guest speaker for both the Johnson and Lyndon commencements. Representative Balint is a mom, teacher, and progressive leader, and is the first woman and openly LGBTQ person to represent her home state of Vermont. As the daughter of working-class, immigrant parents, Becca is deeply committed to defending American democracy and protecting vulnerable communities. A deep sense of justice, empathy, and service has guided her career from the beginning — first as an educator who taught middle school in Windham County for fourteen years, then as an activist and state senator, and ultimately as the President Pro Tempore in 2021.

Becca received a bachelor of arts from Smith College, a master of education from Harvard University in 1995, and a master of arts in history from the University of Massachusetts Amherst in 2001.

The Johnson student speakers were Andrea Carbine, who graduated with her master of arts in leadership studies, Julie Potter, who earned her bachelor of arts in professional studies through NVU Online, and Korrina Cummings, who graduated with a bachelor of arts in psychology with a minor in anthropology.

The Lyndon student speaker was Quinlan Peer, who graduated with a bachelor of science in broadcast and digital journalism.

Vermont State University Interim President Michael K. Smith opened the ceremonies with his remarks. "Today, as president of Northern Vermont University, I stand before you to convey my gratitude to the parents and family who have supported our graduating students throughout their journey and to offer my heartfelt congratulations to you as graduates on your incredible achievement," began President Smith. "I also speak a message that I hope extends far beyond this momentous day."

He continued, "Graduates, as you stand on the precipice of this significant milestone, a pivotal moment emerges when your life transitions from being influenced and shaped by others — your teachers and mentors — to a time when you contemplate how you, in turn, will shape the people and world around you."

President Smith told the NVU Class of 2023, "As leaders, remember the importance of loyalty — to those you serve and those who serve under your guidance. Foster an environment of mutual respect, support, and empowerment. Lift others up and create opportunities for their growth and success. True leadership lies not in the pursuit of personal gain but in the commitment to the well-being and advancement of those around you."

He continued, "Ultimately, graduates, the overarching goal of your legacy should be to make this world a better place for future generations. As you embark on your careers and pursue your passions, never lose sight of the greater good. Look out for those who may be less fortunate, lend a helping hand, and advocate for justice and equality. Use your education and privilege to uplift others and positively change your communities and beyond."

"As you leave the familiar halls and hills of Northern Vermont University, remember you are not alone. Lean on your fellow graduates, the faculty and staff who have supported you, the networks you have established — and the community that now expands to all the institutions that will become Vermont State University this July."

The NVU Class of 2023 also was given words of wisdom from Congresswoman Becca Balint.

"This event is for you!" said Representative Balint. "This event is for you. Whether you came from the next town over or a nation on the other side of the world, you are here to celebrate with us. We will be joyful together."

She spoke about balancing work and school, late nights and the perseverance required to have achieved their dreams.

"It's really important for graduates ... to take a mental note of all of the people that helped to get you to today. Who was there helping you pay the bills? Who encouraged you when you considered dropping out? Who was there when you didn't quite know how to edit that essay?"

She asked the Class of 2023 to reflect on all of those people who helped them get to the day, "Graduation is really a magical time ... you get to speak from your heart and your family's not going to tease you at that time, think about how you're going to thank those people."

"I want you to do this because they're going to love it and it's going to make you feel good, too. Nobody ever felt bad for being thanked and being appreciated," she said.

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PRESIDENT SMITH



Outstanding Senior Award

Each year, the Lyndon Alumni Association presents a member of the graduating class with the Outstanding Graduating Senior Award. This award is given to a senior who exemplifies strong leadership skills, is involved in the surrounding community, and has a 3.0 or greater cumulative grade point average. This 2023 recipient was Alexandra Huff.

Honorary Doctoral Degree



At NVU-Lyndon's commencement, President Mike Smith helped to present the Honorary Doctoral Degree of Letters to Claire Diane Laferriere Duke, an 87-year-old woman from Barre who had not been able to achieve her dream to attend Lyndon Teachers College.

Claire was recovering from recent surgery so watched the presentation of her honorary degree made to her family through livestreaming.

Claire had dreamed of becoming a teacher and attending Lyndon Teachers College, where she was accepted. But her parents could only afford to send one of their children to college and her older brother was already attending Syracuse University at a time when financial aid was not available. Years later, she wrote in her memoir that her inability to earn a degree and become a teacher was one of her life's greatest regrets.

Despite not having earned her college degree, Claire became an award-winning civic leader, a successful entrepreneur and a notable force in Vermont and national politics, meeting with six sitting United States presidents during her career and working as an early champion of equal pay for women.

Her tireless work in Vermont and national politics is recognized in fourteen volumes in the Library of Congress and her contributions were celebrated officially by the Vermont Legislature in 1980.



Representative Balint asked the graduates what each of them could do to “cultivate a sense of awe” within themselves. “I imagine some of you are thinking, ‘I’m just not like that, I’m not that kind of person, I don’t do those things.’ And I want to let you in on a secret ... today is a great day to start writing a new story.”

She said she thought she had missed her chance to run for political office, “It seemed just like a ridiculous pipe dream ... so I didn’t do it, I went into teaching instead, which was, in many ways, very fulfilling ... but I got to my forties and a mentor and my spouse said to me, ‘You’re good at what you do, but you’re not doing the thing that you’re called to do.’ ”

They encouraged her to write a new story for herself, she said.

She urged the graduates to think about what stories they are telling themselves that are “holding you back?”

Representative Balint urged graduates to use their courage and gifts to contribute to the work the nation needs to build community going forward. “Congratulations graduates, let’s get to work together. There is so much meaningful work ahead for us, let’s go!”

For more information about the speakers, graduates, and/or to watch the commencement ceremonies, visit NorthernVermont.edu/JohnsonGrad2023 and NorthernVermont.edu/LyndonGrad2023.



NVU-Lyndon Honors the Memory of Hall of Famer Mark O'Brien

The Northern Vermont University-Lyndon community paid tribute to alumnus and Athletic Hall of Famer Mark O'Brien '89, who passed away in June 2020. Mark was an outstanding basketball and baseball player at Lyndon. He was inducted into the Lyndon Athletic Hall of Fame in 1998.



Mark’s teammates, friends, and fellow alumni came together to organize a campaign to raise over \$11,000 to honor his memory. That effort came to fruition on October 29, 2022, when a reflection bench at

the Skip Pound Baseball and Softball Complex and the score table in the George W. Stannard Gymnasium were dedicated in Mark’s memory. A banner of Mark from his playing days at Lyndon was also unveiled in the gymnasium.

Following the dedication, the NVU-Lyndon men’s basketball team held the Mark O'Brien Alumni Game. The 2022-23 Hornets competed against Lyndon standouts of the past. Mark’s son, Connor, was an honorary alumnus, and played on the alumni team.

Mark was an enthusiastic teacher and coach and truly cared for his students. He loved winning, but he loved seeing his athletes reach their full potential even more. Mark had a profound impact on the lives of so many and we are thrilled that his legacy will live on at Lyndon and have an impact on our student-athletes.

Union Bank Supports NVU’s Learning and Working Community

Huge thanks go out to Union Bank for their ongoing support of our student interns through their generous donations to the Learning and Working Community Fund. Union Bank President David Silverman '85, is a Johnson alum, and Union Bank regularly hosts students for paid internships. Recognizing how valuable paid internships are to students, the bank’s board and president give generously to make this opportunity available to students completing internships elsewhere. A whopping ten percent of Union Bank employees are graduates of a Vermont States Colleges System institution and President Silverman says “that speaks to how important Vermont State University is to Vermont — this is a system that prepares the next generation of nurses, social workers, teachers, engineers, entrepreneurs, and so much more.”

Ian Muller Memorial Endowment Established

The Ian Muller Memorial Endowment was approved by the Vermont State Colleges Board of Trustees at their October 2022 meeting, in the amount of \$20,000.

Ian Muller, a Danville, Vt. native, attended Lyndon State College prior to enlisting in the Marine Corps. An avid bodybuilder, athlete, and ski instructor at Burke Mountain, Ian was killed during combat operations in Helmand Province, Afghanistan, in March 2011.

The endowment was funded with donations from family and friends, proceeds from the annual Ian Muller Memorial Rail Jam held at Burke Mountain, and endowment matching funds. The endowment will provide scholarship support for veterans attending the Lyndon campus.



LSC Foundation Scholarship Support

The LSC Foundation, which supports scholarships for local students attending Northern Vermont University-Lyndon, gave \$14,000 in March to provide enrolled college students scholarship money to continue their education, with hopes of helping with retention. Picture from left are President Lorraine Impey, Steve Feltus, Kate Renner, Vice President Sharon Reihmer, Shaina Calhoun, Dr. Parwinder Grewal, and Jenny Harris.



Spring Dip for Student Scholarships

The annual Spring Dip for Student Scholarships was held on April 21, 2023, as part of Spring Day festivities on the Lyndon campus. Participants brave the waters of Library Pond to raise money for scholarships.

Giving Tuesday Success!



On #GivingTuesday, November 29, 2022, the NVU community — alumni, families, faculty, staff, and students — came together to surpass our goal of \$10,000 by raising a total of \$12,180. Thank you so much to those of you who made a gift to help us exceed our goal!

Scholarships for Veterans at NVU-Johnson

Family of two Johnson alums recently created memorial scholarships in their loved ones names.

James B. Keesling '75 came from a family with a rich history of military service dating back to the Revolutionary War. Jim enlisted in the Marine Corps at the age of eighteen. For his service to the country, he was awarded the National Defense Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal, the Vietnam Campaign Medal, the Combat Action Ribbon, and the Purple Heart. Following his discharge, Jim attended Johnson State College, where he earned a degree in psychology.



After graduating, Jim enjoyed a prosperous twenty-five-plus-year career with the International Longshoremen Association, Local 862. Jim had a zest for life that delighted all those around him. He was an active outdoorsman whose passion for hunting took him near and far, including three trips to Africa. He was an avid reader and an endurance athlete who participated in several Marine Corps marathons, among others.

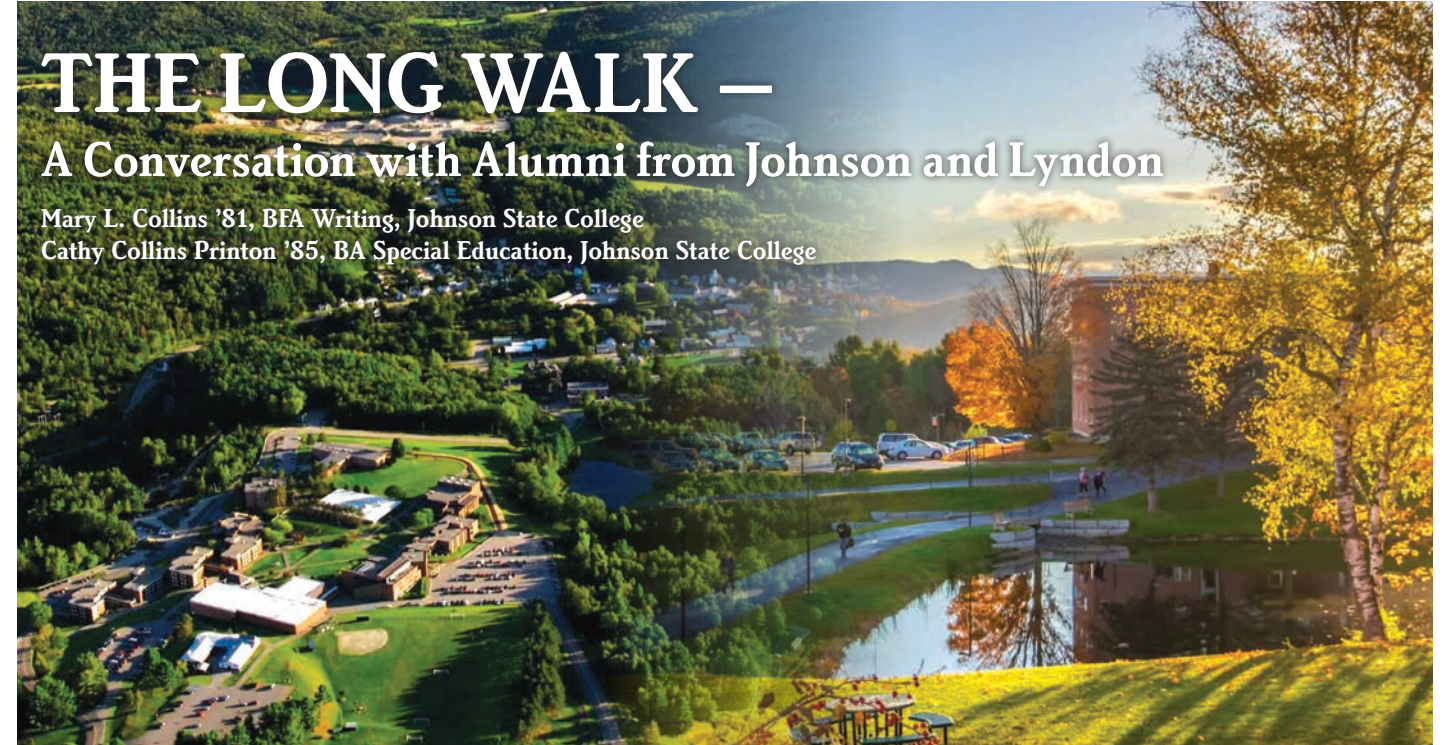
Jim's brother, Garland, established a scholarship in his memory. The James B. Keesling Memorial Scholarship is awarded to a student veteran with at least junior class standing, who is enrolled full-time on the Johnson campus and has demonstrated solid academic promise. A plaque displaying the award winners' names hangs outside the Veterans Center in Dewey Hall.



Brendan Johnson '94 enlisted and was serving as a gunnery sergeant when he died alongside fifteen others after their C-130 aircraft went down in 2017. Brendan's parents, Kevin and Suzanne Johnson, give to Johnson in his memory and last year they established a scholarship for veterans and their dependents.

THE LONG WALK — A Conversation with Alumni from Johnson and Lyndon

Mary L. Collins '81, BFA Writing, Johnson State College
Cathy Collins Printon '85, BA Special Education, Johnson State College



CBS News reporter Steve Hartman presents some of the most heartwarming stories of human kindness, ingenuity, and perseverance one could consider. In the never-ending litany of bad news we are exposed to, Hartman's stories draw light and positivity through their simple grace.

This past June, the popular journalist shared the story of fourteen-year-old Xavier Jones, a recent elementary school graduate from St. Louis, Mo. Hartman's account begins with a video clip of the young boy walking along a busy city street wearing a hoodie, jeans, and sneakers. The day is hot. The streets are crowded. The boy keeps walking.

Earlier in the day, Xavier was left stranded when his grandfather's car wouldn't start. So, the boy struck out on foot through a dicey area of town. Two hours and six miles later he joined his classmates to collect the diploma he'd worked hard to earn. When CBS's Hartman asked, "Why?" the boy simply said, "If you really want to get something, then you have to work hard for it."

That very walk and "can do" attitude earned the young teen a full college scholarship. Harris-Stowe State University to be precise. Xavier Jones hadn't even applied to the college, or any college for that matter. Remember he's barely out of the eighth grade. But what young Jones managed to do — in addition to collecting his diploma — was to capture the attention of Harris-Stowe State University's President, LaTonia Collins Smith. And, in her words, he "...moved my spirit."

Collins-Smith just happened to be at the very same graduation ceremony. When she heard the boy's story, she explained to Hartman that her decision to grant Xavier a full ride came from the gut, not the boy's GPA. "Half the battle is showing up," she said. "He wanted to be present."

Xavier summed up the experience perfectly, "It basically comes from who I am and who I want to be," which is the same kind of person President Collins-Smith wants in her school. In her interview with Hartman, she explained, "You know, oftentimes, in college, we spend a lot of time on standardized test scores. That's who you are, right?" She then pauses before adding, "It's not true."

"Who you are," Hartman confirmed for his viewing audience, "is better measured by how far you've come."

Our story and the journeys of the following people followed a similar path. All are alumni of Johnson and Lyndon, newly merged into Vermont State University (VTSU), which also includes Vermont Technical College (VTC) and Castleton University. All of the people we spoke with are deeply allegiant to these two colleges and equally supportive of the five-college system that shaped who they are and how they've contributed to the world.

Johnson Alums from the Mid-'80s

Our own long walk brings us back to the mid-1980s and a group of Johnson alumni who formed one of the tightest bonds and most remarkable friendships that is as strong today as it was over thirty-five years ago when each graduated from Johnson State College (JSC).

They include **Rhonda Chesney '88**, **Meg Wendel '85**, **Tracy Hicks Lizotte '87**, **Blythe Leonard '85**, **Rick Thompson '85**, **Cathy Collins Printon '85**, **David Shinn '86**, **Eric Samuelsen '85**, and **Carl Pratt '85**.

When news of potential consolidations and possible closure of the Johnson and Lyndon campuses was announced, friend and classmate, **Cathy Collins Printon**, chronicled her classmates' stories for Vermont legislators in an effort to impress upon them the importance of keeping these institutions alive and thriving. Here's some of what they shared.

For **Blythe Leonard '85**, the journey began with knowing how the cost of education would factor into her college decision. "When I stepped onto the campus of Johnson State College for orientation, I immediately knew it was the right place for me. I had fallen in love with the field of special education, and Johnson was one of the few schools which offered an undergraduate teaching license with dual endorsements – elementary education and special education. I was from upstate New York and one of four college-bound daughters of a widower. Finances were definitely a consideration." Johnson made that goal a reality for Blythe who added, "Originally, I had planned to return to New York; however, I remained in Vermont as a result of my superintendent encouraging me to "try it for one year." He recognized the quality of my Johnson education. Now, as I approach the end of my career, having spent the last thirty-eight years as a special educator and administrator in Vermont schools, I feel incredibly fortunate that Johnson set me on this path." Blythe considers her time at Johnson a cherished experience.

For friend and classmate **Carl Pratt '85**, it was one professor's confidence in him, Dr. Pete Kramer, that helped the future executive director and general manager of some of the country's

"I have made a difference in people's lives because of those who made a difference in my life at Johnson."

most prestigious spas and inns flourish. "I grew up in Montpelier, Vt. My goal was to run a big health club one day and, "spoiler alert", I did. The guidance and support of professors, administrators, and my peers at Johnson created a culture that allowed me to fulfill this dream. Others believed in me and the opportunity to persevere beyond personal setbacks made the difference. Just so you know, UVM did not." Carl went on to become the executive director at Canyon Ranch in Lenox, Mass.; general manager of the Inn at Hanover, and now, he serves as general manager of The Elizabeth Hotel in Loveland, Colo. "I have made a difference in people's lives because of those who made a difference in my life



Front (L to R): David Shinn '86, Tracy Hicks Lizotte '87, Rhonda Chesney '88, Stacy Thompson, Blythe Leonard '85, Meg Wendel '85, Carl Pratt '85
Back (L to R): Rick Thompson '85, Eric Samuelsen '85, Cathy Collins Printon '85

at Johnson. What I know is this; the impact I have made in this world is in large part due to Johnson being with me and behind me through four short years that have lasted a lifetime."

And, for **Cathy Collins Printon '85**, Johnson was something of a vindication. "My high school guidance counselor told me not to apply to colleges. She said, 'You're not college material,' the Master's degree-educated woman explained, "I visited Johnson where my sister was a student. They were engaged - having fun. She had friends, loved her classes, and lived on campus. It was beautiful on that hill. It already felt like home. I applied and was accepted. But here's what happened – I had been accepted, but had done nothing else. As a first-generation college student, I didn't know how to prepare. 'Who are you?' I was asked. 'We don't have you on our roster.' I was floored, but the registrar didn't miss a beat. 'Let's get you started' and within minutes I was enrolled. No big deal, no shaming, no fanfare. It was one of the most supportive and fulfilling times in my life. The staff, the faculty, and my friendships (still strong to this day) never doubted me for one minute (well maybe one). I thrived, I learned, I contributed, and I was a campus leader. So much so, that a year after graduation I was invited to join the Admissions team by the president of the college. I worked in various capacities at Johnson and VTC. I have contributed to the experiences of thousands of students and developed robust campus programs at multiple institutions." Cathy went on to earn a Master's degree at Virginia Tech and has worked in higher education ever since. She is now at VSAC (Vermont Student Assistance Corporation), where she guides first-generation students like herself through the benefits of the GEAR UP program, many of whom also choose Vermont's new state university for their studies.

The Darrigo Siblings

Jumping ahead to more recent graduates of Lyndon, the Darrigo sisters, **Jenny '12**, **Amy '14**, and **Megan '15** – all Lyndon State graduates who, along with their younger brother **David '17**, found themselves equally drawn to the northernmost Vermont State College. It was by way of eldest sister Jenny's first visit there over a decade ago. "You know the day they do the walk-through. I knew immediately that I wanted to go there. So I started at Lyndon in 2007 and loved every minute of the program." **Jenny** has a degree in recreational management and now works at Mt. Snow in Vermont. "I have a million good things to say about Lyndon," she said.

Sister **Amy** graduated from Lyndon in 2014 with a degree in human services. "It was nice to already have a sibling there who knew the ropes and because we're a close family and I liked the program offerings as well, it made sense for me."

And, **Megan**, the youngest of the three sisters, said, "I spent a lot of time at Lyndon because of my sisters being there already and I loved its unique culture. Being a smaller college gave me that advantage." Graduating in 2015, also with a degree in human services, Megan had many of the same professors as her sister, Amy. "Because my sisters had such great experiences at Lyndon, I wanted to join them."

Each of the three sisters talked of their instant comfort at Lyndon and of their deep passion for their studies, internships, and other experiences they each had at the college. They confirm things were the same for their brother, **David**, who studied business administration.

"You see the operations instead of just talking about it in a classroom," Jenny explained. "You're so well grounded and ready to go, the places where we did internships wanted to keep us. That's the difference Lyndon offers. And that's why it's important to sustain all of the state colleges. What we were able to experience and the connections that came out of it, benefit so many students," she emphasizes. "We don't want to see that denied to anyone. No matter where I go I meet so many people from both Lyndon and Johnson. I think if the end goal is for new students to have the same experience we had, that's an important thing to sustain and value."

Amy agreed, "I feel like most alumni feel the same way we do. We don't want to lose a campus to closure. We need to come together as alumni from both colleges and talk about our experiences. I think this is a great way to get it out there."

"You're always going to have Lyndon pride," Megan shared. "We bleed gold and green and will do whatever we and other alumni can do to support the merger. It is important."

The students that attend both Johnson and Lyndon are largely local and regional from mostly rural communities. All the Darrigos felt they could stand out and be seen at Lyndon. Because of the college's physicality, location, and campus community, the

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Amy Darrigo-Doyle '14, Megan Darrigo '15, David Darrigo '17, and Jenny Darrigo '12

experience was enriching. Megan explains, "I took an online class, but it was different because you don't really know who you're studying with. When you're in the classroom, you're building relationships, you're networking. You build different social skills with your professor and classmates. You don't get that online."

"Everybody wants that personal touch. You get that at Lyndon." Jenny said. Her sisters nod in agreement. "Deep down, that's what people love. That's what they want to get back to. Speaking for myself, when we get on that van and drive two hours to an internship location, that's part of it."

Considering the deep allegiance the Johnson alums from the mid-80s continue to have more than thirty-five years post-graduation, the more recent Lyndon alumni and Darrigo siblings' comments confirm that very truth. Connections matter. Location matters. Relationships matter.



Jordan Racine '16

JORDAN RACINE, LYNDON CLASS OF 2016, DIRECTOR OF BOOKING FOR THE NBA ARENA IN OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.

Step forward again to another Lyndon alumnus, **Jordan Racine '16**, who now works as the director of booking for the NBA Arena in downtown Oklahoma City, Okla. In that job,

Jordan manages all events and recruits talent – both sports and entertainment – that happen at the arena. Having earned a Music Business degree from Lyndon under the tutelage of Joe Gittleman, Jordan says, “I think as alumni it’s important that we find ways to give back to the programs we came from. Anytime we have an internship or job opening, I send the information to Joe.” That, he asserts, is what alumni can do to make sure they are staying engaged with the programs they graduated from.

The college more recently has done a better job of keeping in touch with alumni, and,” Jordan continues, “I think all of us want to help. We as

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need to know what those tasks are – retention, recruiting, and continued advocacy for the colleges. It only benefits me as an alumnus to help others who are studying in the same program I graduated from to help them get an internship or job, or another professional opportunity. They become part of my extended network.”

Jordan concludes his thoughts by saying, “The Northeast Kingdom is one of the most beautiful places I’ve ever lived. How we engage alumni to reach out to their own networks and support our alma mater in positive ways, matters perhaps more now than ever.” He suggests, “I think the VTSU environment and community help sharpen you. It’s 100% a place where you’ll get out of it what you put into it. When you start making things happen, you discover all these incredible things and an abundance of opportunities available to you as a student and community member.”

ALEXANDRA HUFF, NVU-LYNDON, CLASS OF 2023, PRODUCER AT WMTW, PORTLAND, MAINE

Before introducing our last alum, I want to reflect on these words from the writer David Foster Wallace, who, in a notable commencement speech to the 2005 graduates of Kenyon College, said, “I think this is one part of what teaching me how to think is really supposed to mean. To be just a little less arrogant. To have just a little critical awareness about myself and my certainties. Because a huge percentage of the stuff that I tend to be automatically certain of is, it turns out, totally wrong and deluded. I have learned this the hard way, as I predict you graduates will, too.”

That very advice was worth considering when talking with **Alexandra Huff '23**. As a Johnson alum of more than forty years, I realized there were more than a few hardwired beliefs that might better serve if they were let go.

And while the ink is barely dry on her diploma (two bachelor’s degrees, one in digital communications – the first of its kind – and two associate’s degrees); she now finds herself in the role of spokesperson if not “statesperson” for her alma mater, and something of a sage.

And with Wallace’s voice echoing in my head, “Huff”, as she is known by her professors and peers, patiently tolerated questions I, myself, needed to answer: “How do you step into the skin of someone less than half your age who reminds you of yourself? How do you acknowledge who they (and you) are now, who each of you is becoming, and who each of you once were? How do you listen with attentive interest and allow space for this newly minted college graduate to share their own emergence from the chrysalis that is education?”

You shut up.

You admit that you are no longer the smartest person in the room – if you ever were. You step aside and create space for the beautiful unfolding of the wise one who sits before you. Exuberantly. Magically. Enthusiastically so.

Alex, who, as of this publication, has begun a new job as a producer with WMTW-TV in her home state of Maine but before leaving Vermont, she laid down a challenge to all of us older alumni. She said, “Be better. Speak up for the colleges that shaped us in so many significant ways.”

So I listened.

“It’s important to support the college community and feel a sense of pride about it,” Alex emphasized. The tumultuous last few years each of the colleges in the state college system has had to navigate were not lost on her. As a recent graduate, Alex wants us all to know she is as grateful, proud, and confident in her education from Lyndon and so should any one of us who graduated from Lyndon or Johnson in any era also be.

“I grew up on a dairy farm in Central Maine. I was poor, with no siblings, and a mom who is wheelchair bound. When I chose Lyndon, I met students who come from wealthy families, other cultures, and rural or city upbringings. Being here and meeting people of different backgrounds helped me discover myself and confirm that I am as valid as any of them.”

If not for the tumultuous last few years within Vermont’s State College System, our conversation would have seemed idyllic. We talked about classes, classmates, living “on the hill”, ambitions, and aspirations – all the things that everyone contemplates as they move from student to master of their craft. But the truth is, Alex endured much more than administrative folly and underfunding of our state colleges. She entered college on the cusp of the COVID pandemic and was forced to “go remote” back home

in Maine where Wi-Fi capabilities are every bit as challenging as they are in the hillsides of Vermont. “I had to drive over to my grandparent’s house just to take classes,” she explained. It was a drive that created more isolation for the vivacious and determined Lyndon graduate. But she persevered. And she’s come up shining.

Alex acknowledges that **Meaghan Meachem '03**, Communications and Journalism department chair, faculty advisor, and professor, was her “ride or die” resource at Lyndon. “She’s my person” and the person she credits with guiding her through those demanding COVID years at Lyndon as well as the person who was deeply instrumental in helping her secure a job with WMTW.

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And in that statement is the lesson learned by this writer about how education should be experiential, providing exposure to new worlds and a chance at true scholarship. That’s what Alex asserts is central to the experience students of our state colleges receive and it’s what needs protecting.

“When our campuses were threatened with closure, it felt like we united and were supportive of each other. Now it feels like no one is united,” she lamented. “I don’t think people realize that it takes a toll on the student body.” What Alex is asking is for those of us who support our alma mater to change our language about that support. “There were times that I cried in my advisor’s office. We need people to not criticize the brand and the campuses. I’m the type of person who shares a lot of my pride and identity with the school.

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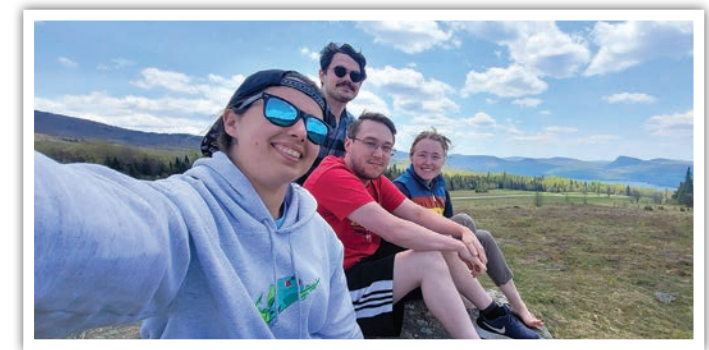
She will find agreement with Jordan, Jenny, Amy, Megan, David, Blythe, Carl, Cathy, and their fellow classmates and friends. Each is fiercely loyal and proud and all continue to remain connected to Lyndon and Johnson in ways they hope are helpful for current and future students.

Oh, and that kid from St. Louis, who walked six miles to collect his eighth-grade diploma? He’s determined to make something of himself, too. In a world that can easily overlook just one more kid, one more aspiring journalist, counselor, special educator, recreation manager, business owner, and any number of other skills and credentials students aspire to earn; he’s chosen a positive path. And each of our alumni still believes in these colleges, in the quality of relationships and education they received, in the bonds they formed with professors, classmates, and future employers, and, most importantly, in themselves. Like Xavier Jones, our VTSU graduates have gifts and talents that could never be limited to the results of a standardized test.

Interim VTSU President Mike Smith may have summarized it best. In speaking to the graduating class of 2023 at their commencement, he said, “As leaders, remember the importance of loyalty — to those you serve and those who serve under your guidance. Foster an environment of mutual respect, support, and empowerment. Lift others up and create opportunities for their growth and success. True leadership lies not in the pursuit of personal gain but in the commitment to the well-being and advancement of those around you.”

Everyone participating in this story has proven themselves to be that leader – as friends, alumni, teachers, business people, artists, administrators, and some as newly minted university graduates with ambitions ready to explore the world confidently, credentialed, and with more than a full measure of history and legacy supporting their journey.

And that brings us to the end of our long walk – whether it’s been a six-mile journey or a thirty-six-year friendship; we are being asked to remain dedicated and supportive alumni or to begin a new journey and acknowledge everyone who embarks on their own walk for their own enrichment and for the greater good of all; and so we will.



Alex Huff '23, Trevor Utton '20, Mikey Gale, and Emily Robinson '21

I was the school mascot. I was the Hornet! I was *in* the costume! I will bend over backward for this school.” She explains, “I will do whatever I need to do to make sure Lyndon is successful.” Alex doesn’t blame alumni for criticizing, but asks that our criticism be constructive and helpful.

Alex sums things up for all of us, “The Chancellor’s Office can do whatever they want. At the end of the day, if we do not have the support of our communities – on campus and off, recent graduate or long-serving alumni, we will fail. We need to be rooted in what our college experience was. Lyndon, Johnson, Castleton, and VTC mean different things to each alumnus. With all due respect, VTSU is not meant for us. This new model is for the new generation of students. We don’t have to agree with every decision made by the Chancellor, state, or individual campus. A consensus isn’t agreeing on the path forward; it’s everybody agreeing to make that path work and that’s what we need from our alumni and community.”



Homecoming and Family Weekend 2022 took place September 16-18 and featured family-friendly activities all weekend long.

Highlights of the weekend included the Fun on the Quad!, 60th Class Reunion Luncheon, Meet the President Ice Cream Social, Disc Golf Tournament, and varsity athletic events.



Johnson Athletics Continues to be UNITED AS ONE

The NCAA and SAAC (Student-Athlete Advisory Committee) rolled out their United as One logo as part of their continuing effort to promote stronger unity and inclusion. During the 2021-2022 season, the Johnson Badgers adopted the NCAA Unity Pledge and "United As One" patch, starting with the men's and women's volleyball programs. The logo includes three different-colored hands holding one another's wrists inside a circle with "United As One" underneath. The mark was sent to all NCAA schools in the form of a patch to consider placing on uniforms.

In partnership with NVU's Social Justice Coalition, Johnson Badgers Athletics will continue to keep the pledge "United As One". The partnership between SAAC and the Social Justice Coalition helped provide all 2022-2023 student-athletes and coaches with "United As One" shirts, along with NVU Justice shirts. The shirts were also available for purchase, with proceeds going to NVUnity and the Coalition of Minority Students.

Student-Athlete Unity Pledge

- I am an NCAA student-athlete and I pledge to be a Champion of Unity on my team, on my campus, and in my community.
- I pledge to stand against all forces of division and separation.
- I pledge to embrace differences and strive for inclusion and collaboration.
- I pledge to stand against racism, hate, and discrimination.
- I pledge to strive for love, care, and forgiveness.
- I pledge to stand against silence, deceit, and obscurity.
- I pledge to strive for dialogue, truth, and understanding.
- I pledge to stand against fear and doubt.
- I pledge to strive for trust and belief in one another.
- I pledge to stand against complacency and stagnancy.
- I pledge to strive for change and growth.
- I commit to supporting my fellow student-athletes in all circumstances that impact them.
- I commit to both choosing unity personally and encouraging it for all.
- I pledge these things because we are stronger together.

#UnitedAsOne

New Head Athletic Trainer



Kate Harney is Johnson's new head athletic trainer. She comes to Johnson from University of Illinois-Springfield (UIS), where she was an instructor of exercise science. Previous to UIS, she held the position of instructor of health science and assistant athletic trainer at Norwich University. She is also the athletic trainer for Vermont Green, a USL league 2 team in Burlington, Vt.

Kate received her master's degree in physical education from Adelphi University, where she was also a student-athlete on the women's swimming and diving team. Kate finished her swimming career at the NE-10 conference championship with a top eight finish in the 100 free and a top sixteen finish in the 50 free. Kate was also a member of three school record holding relay teams. Kate served as an assistant coach for the men's and women's swimming and diving teams her second year of graduate school. She received her undergraduate degree in athletic training from Stony Brook University, where she was also a student-athlete on the women's swimming and diving team.

Student-Athlete Awards and Honors

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| Michael Amendola
Men's Golf
NAC All-Conference
Second Team | Bella Masi
Women's Soccer
NAC Sportsmanship
Team |
| Isabel Atkisson
Women's Soccer
NAC Defensive Play
of the Week | Malik Moore
Men's Basketball
NAC Sportsmanship
Team |
| Paris Atuahene
Women's Basketball
NAC All-Conference
First Team, D3hoops.com
All-Region 1 Third Team | Jordan Pelland
Women's Soccer
NAC All-Conference
Team |
| Raymond Baka
Men's Basketball
NAC Rookie of the Week,
NAC Defensive Player of
the Week (2X) | Lafe Pottala
Men's Golf
NAC Sportsmanship
Team |
| Adiance Cheromiah
Men's Golf
NAC Rookie of the Week | Mohammed Semega
Men's Basketball
NAC Rookie of the
Week |
| Alda Eames
Women's Soccer
NAC Rookie of the
Week, NAC All-
Conference Third Team | Devyn Thompson
Women's Basketball
NAC Sportsmanship
Team |
| Tim Gray
Men's Track & Field
NAC Field Athlete
of the Week | Gabby Wardwell
Women's Basketball
NAC Defensive Player
of the Week, NAC All-
Conference Third Team |



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Student-Athlete Academic Success

Sixteen Johnson student-athletes were named to the 2022 Fall North Atlantic Conference (NAC) All-Academic Team.

To qualify for an All-Academic selection, student athletes must reach and maintain at least a 3.5 grade point average for the semester.

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| Emma Buonanno
Women's Soccer | Nina Isabell
Women's Volleyball |
| Emily Carchia
Women's Soccer | Samantha Martin
Women's Soccer |
| Evan Cook
Men's Soccer | Bella Masi
Women's Soccer |
| Carlos Dominguez
Men's Soccer | Lily Mulin
Women's Soccer |
| Ida Eames
Women's Soccer | William Paulson
Men's Soccer |
| Emily Ely
Women's Volleyball | Jenna Pelland
Women's Soccer |
| Peyton Fairchild
Women's Soccer | Catherine Plant
Women's Soccer |
| Lucas Gehring
Men's Soccer | Dylan Young
Men's Soccer |

Fourteen Johnson student-athletes were named to the Spring 2022 North Atlantic Conference (NAC) All-Academic Team for the winter and spring 2021-2022 seasons.

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| Anthony Barbieri
Men's Tennis | Lawson Ouellette
Men's Basketball |
| Alyssa Cervantes
Women's Basketball &
Women's Track & Field | Ashley Piccirillo-Horan
Women's Track & Field |
| Savannah Dufresne
Softball | Patricia Rivera
Women's Basketball &
Women's Track & Field |
| Ella Embry
Softball | Matea Smith
Softball |
| Callene Feris
Women's Track & Field | Halie Tiltoson
Women's Basketball |
| Dillion Garvey
Men's Track & Field | Dylan Young
Men's Basketball |
| David Jordan
Men's Basketball | |
| Mariah Muskin
Softball | |

The Walter Minaert Memorial Johnson Athletic Golf Tournament honors the memory of former athletic director Walter "Doc" Minaert and proceeds benefit Badger athletics programs. The tournament will be played in a scramble format with four-person teams, prizes for the top three teams and the last place team. Entry Fee: \$100, includes green fees, cart, giveaways, range balls, awards, and after-round meal. Happy hour (cash bar) and awards/prizes following the round.



Johnson Athletics Adds a Turf Option to SHAPE Facility Multi-Gym

The Johnson Athletic Department has added a new removable indoor sports turf to our existing 8,000 sq. ft. multi-purpose gym.

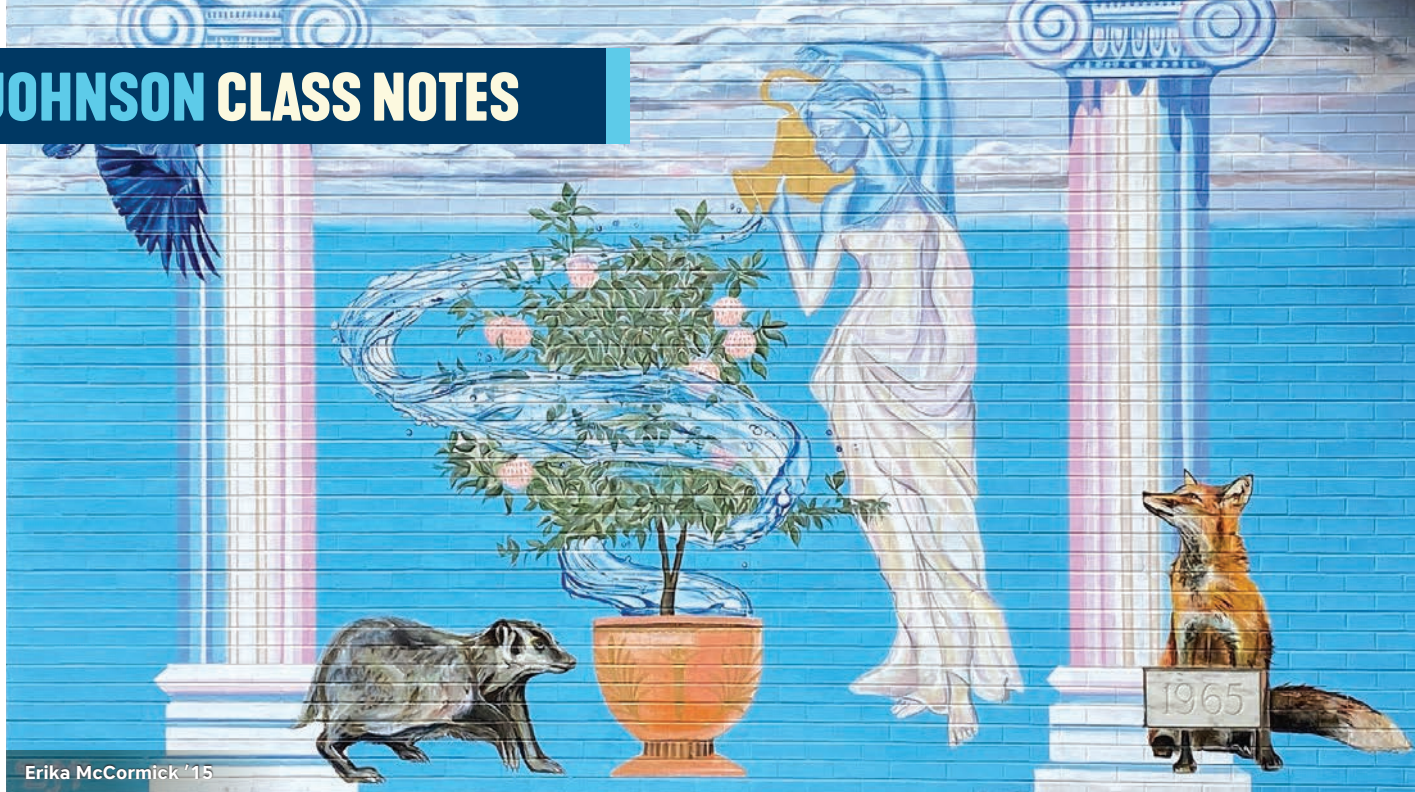
Director of Athletics Greg Eckman stated, "The Johnson Athletic Department is extremely fortunate to have been provided the funding from the President's Fund for Excellence in Teaching and Learning for our new removable indoor sports turf. Early in the spring of 2022, President Mills and I had a discussion regarding steps we could take to invest in the NVU athletic departments, specifically for us the Johnson campus. Following additional discussions with coaches and athletic staff the decision was made to pursue indoor removable sports turf. With the addition of the indoor sports turf, we will now be able to continue to train when the weather does not cooperate. This will be of great benefit to all our outdoor teams as the playing surface will now mimic the outdoor conditions."



Freshman Adiance Cheromiah Wins 2022 NVU Invitational at Stowe County Club

The Johnson Men's Golf team started their 2022 season off by hosting a five-team invitational at Stowe Country Club. In addition to Johnson, Castleton University, SUNY Canton, Gordon College, and Norwich University rounded out the competition. The Badgers were led by freshman Adiance Cheromiah who shot the best round of the day of the field with one-over-par 73 (+1). He was joined by fellow freshman Michael Amendola 83 (+11), followed by newcomer Garrett Stevens 85 (+13), and returners Joe Giroux 85 (+13) and Lafe Pottala 97 (+25).

The team winner was the Castleton University Spartans, with a team score of 311 (+23). They edged out Gordon College by one stroke to take the crown. The Badgers finished third with 324 (+38), pulling ahead of fellow NAC member SUNY Canton 330 (+42) and Norwich University 341 (+53) in their inaugural team match.



Erika McCormick '15

1940s

Alice Melaven '42 turned 102-years-old in January 2023. Alice was born in Milton, Vt., attended a one-room schoolhouse, and graduated from Johnson Teachers College. When the U.S. entered World War II, the Navy established the WAVES of World War II (Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service) program, which helped lay the foundation for women's future service in the Navy. WAVES was a division of the U.S. Navy created by President Franklin D. Roosevelt to free up men for sea duty. Some of Alice's friends joined and she did too. Alice trained in New York City and served in a hospital outside New York for two years. After two years in WAVES, Alice returned to teaching and taught at the same school in Greenfield, Mass., for the rest of her career. Her military service was recognized in 2021 on her 100th birthday.



John Lynch '69

1950s

Shirley Griggs Diaz '57 reported fond memories of her time at Johnson, including a trip to Boston, prom, and her favorite professor, Dr. Doris Spencer.

1960s

John Lynch '69 met up with his fellow alumni friends in Vermont the spring. He reports that it was great seeing everyone and catching-up with what's happening in everyone's life. They visited campus, and Dog's Head, and explored the area reminiscing about the good ole days.

1970s

George Merrill '70 has a hobby — check out Dry Dock Designs on Facebook.

Christine Latif Reighley '71 shared that she loved Johnson and that her grandson is attending St. Michael's College and her granddaughter is living in Washington, D.C.

Maggie Drown '72 and her partner, **David Griggs '72**, are living in Arizona and looking to get in touch with their classmates. Please contact the Alumni Office, if you would like to reconnect with Maggie and David.

Catherine Husk Whatley '72 retired as a math professor in 2016, but is still teaching classes here and there. Catherine serves on the South Carolina State Education Committee.

Thomas LaValley '73 reported that the JSC Men's Ensemble gathered in June 2022 in Burlington, Vt. and that was the last time they were planning to do so.

Sue Portelance Osborne '74 accepted a new position of registrar at Immaculata University in Immaculata, Pa.

Lillian White '74 reminisced that her favorite Johnson professor was Mr. Davis, who taught math. She continues to substitute teach.

Paula Ladd Dolan '75 keeps busy volunteering at the library and American Red Cross Blood Drives.

James Duff '76 reported that he retired from IBM and is working as a ski instructor at Stowe Mountain Resort.

Bob Johnson '76 retired after nineteen years as the associate executive director of the Vermont Principals' Association (VPA), the state's governing body of middle and high school athletics and activities. VPA Executive Director **Jay Nichols '93** said Bob "leaves a powerful legacy behind." "When athletic directors, school leaders, officials, coaches, parents, community members, and student-athletes themselves call with high school sports questions, Bob always has the answer to their questions," Jay wrote in an email to the *Burlington Free Press*. "More importantly, Bob understood that high school athletics is an extension of learning itself. Bob did not focus on the importance of winning in high school sports; rather he focused on the valuable life-lessons that high school athletics can teach such as hard work, collaboration, cooperation, self-sacrifice, discipline, and sportsmanship." Prior to the VPA gig, Bob worked several positions over a seventeen-year-period in the Lamoille and Danville school districts, including principal at the high school level at The Danville School.

In June 2020, in the midst of COVID, **Cynthia Melendy Labelle '76** finally "graduated" (aka retired) after forty-three years at Champlain Valley Union High School in Hinesburg, Vt. She and her husband of forty-eight years **Donald Labelle '76** then moved from Hinesburg to South Starksboro/Jerusalem, Vt., to settle at the base of Mount Ellen and enjoy the peace and quiet during their retirement. Cynthia reminisces, "Doni and I met at JSC the first day of classes and were married in the summer of 1974, then moved into the newly-built married student apartments and lived there for two years until we graduated in 1976. Best four years of our lives!"

Continental Properties has tapped a former longtime Weichert executive to help guide and grow its development

pipeline in the region. **John Udell '78** joined the firm as a principal. John is also a life director of the Community Builders Association and an accomplished athlete, whose accolades include being a three-time All-American and induction to the Johnson Athletics Hall of Fame.



Paul Cook '79



Paul Cook '79 retired from Canon in October 2021, and downsized to a new home in November that year. He and his wife Maggie have been traveling in their "home on wheels," visiting family and beautiful places around the country, but return home to Vermont each summer.

1980s

Roberta Bushway Mercer '84 has a new job. She moved from vice president of administration to vice president of advancement and alumni affairs at Tri-State Bible College in South Point, Ohio. She also reports that she visited the Johnson campus in July 2022 and said, "It is beautiful."

Pamela Hurst-Brinkerhoff '87 reported that she retired from teaching and is working at North Country Home Health and Hospice.

Peter C. Murray '87 is starting a new radio theater group, called Fundraiser Theater. The idea is to bring back radio theater. The shows will be run on Buzzsprout, with proceeds donated to nonprofits. He reports



that he has been fortunate to work with two people who acted on the Dibden stage. He is always looking for actors, so if you are interested, email him at fundraisertheatre26@gmail.com.

1990s

Curt Randall '93 reported that he retired.

Ellen Hill '95 has a new role at United Way of Lamoille County (UWLC). She is now the director of development and community engagement. Not only does she raise funds for the numerous



Ellen Hill '95

UWLC initiatives, she coordinates the wood bank (approximately sixty to eighty cords of wood distributed each year) and organizes volunteers who process and distribute wood to income-eligible seniors, veterans, and families in Lamoille Valley.



Elizabeth "Betty" Gates '98

Elizabeth "Betty" Gates '98 reports that she recently semi-retired down to the Florida Keys and that she and her husband Lance Berman are loving early semi-retirement. She is happy to say that both kids are doing great and they are planning on enjoying every day they can.

Frances Gonter-Gross '99 reported that she developed a domestic violence grieving program.

2000s

Sara MacDonough-Civitello '00 has been promoted to senior associate at Quinnipiac University and named athletic trainer of the year for the state of Connecticut. Sara collaborated with Nora Beltz, Greg Eckman, and Michele Whitmore to preserve NCAA status and retention of library positions on the Johnson campus. She continues to work with Quinnipiac University men's basketball, teaches in the athletic training program, and serves on the board of the In A Heartbeat Foundation. She and her husband Mike continue to travel, hike, and go to concerts.

The Bureau of Land Management announces the selection of Brien Chartier '01 as the San Juan Islands National Monument manager. Brien is an experienced planner with a background in outdoor and environmental education,

including being a Leave No Trace master educator.

In December 2022, Carrie Cole '01 moved from Richford to St Albans, Vt., to be closer to her job at Century Arms, where she has worked for two years. Her son is a senior in high school and hoping to join the Air Force after graduation. Her daughter is a junior in high school and still trying to decide what comes next for her after she graduates. Carrie reports, "We are enjoying life!"

Jeff Simone '01 reported that he is two classes away from earning his master's of business education degree from Southern New Hampshire University.

Angela Francesco '02 reported that she is working on a master's degree in communications and that she is currently a member of The Ellsworth Trust

Mary Johnson Zompetti '05 was awarded a Vermont Arts Council Creation Grant in order to fund her new analog camera less photographic work. Her work has been exhibited regionally as well as nationally, including at The Beverly Perdue Art Gallery on the campus of Bridgewater College where she is a teaching assistant and had an exhibition of her work last fall titled, "The Lost Garden."

Keith Reiley '07 graduated from nursing school in December 2022.

Jereme LeBlanc '08 reported that he worked as a carpenter for thirteen years and took over the business when his boss retired. He now owns LeBlanc Custom Homes.

Princeton Athletics has announced the hiring of Miles Smith Jr. '09 as its new associate director of athletics for diversity, equity, and inclusion. Miles joins the Tigers after most recently serving as associate director of athletics for compliance and student development at The College of New Jersey. Miles served as both assistant director of athletics/compliance and head men's basketball coach at Johnson from 2015-2021. While here, he created and served as the advisor for the Coalition for Minority Student-Athletes (COMSA), highlighted by the formation of the Lamoille Arts

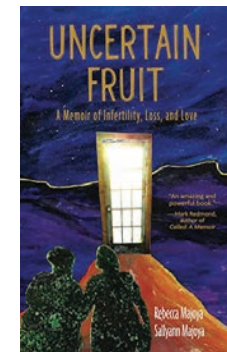
and Justice Project. COMSA student-athletes facilitated discussions on books related to social justice and produced a podcast on BIPOC people in Lamoille County. COMSA also worked together with Vermont State Colleges students, faculty, and staff to create the Vermont State Colleges System Anti-Racist pledge.

2010s

Chani Feener '12 is a published author, who dedicated a book to fellow alumna Lisa Korth '12 (who passed away in 2013). Chani has wanted to be a writer since fifth grade story time, so she majored in creative writing. When she isn't writing, she is bingeing TV shows, drawing, or frequenting zoos and aquariums. Chani is also the author of the teen paranormal series, *The Underworld Saga*, originally written under the penname Tempest C. Avery. She currently resides in Connecticut, but lives on Goodreads.com.

Holly Gregoire '12 reported that she is working on a master's degree in math from the University of Vermont and is employed as an interventionist at Berkshire Elementary School.

Sallyann Henwood Majoya '14 published a memoir with her wife, Rebecca, late last year titled, *Uncertain Fruit: A Memoir of Infertility, Loss, and Love*. Sallyann has worked in higher education, is a certified therapeutic harpist, and holds a degree in wellness and alternative medicine. She is also completing her graduate degree in speech language pathology.



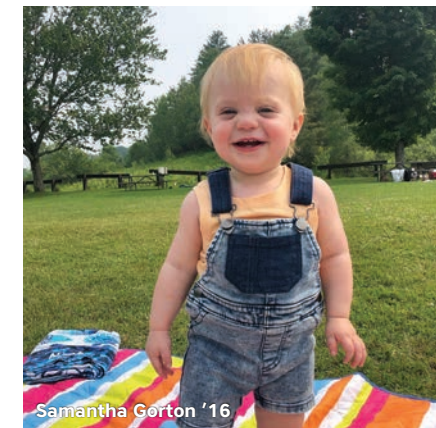
Patrick Rainville '14 left his position as Lyndon Institute's varsity boys' basketball coach to become the assistant director of athletics and varsity boys' basketball coach at St. Johnsbury Academy in July 2022. Patrick, who played hoops at Johnson, also has years of playing and coaching experience at other levels.

Patrick also earned his master of science in sports coaching and leadership from Michigan State University in May 2022.

Nicholas Taradash '14 has joined Marion Antiques Auction as a junior partner. After two and a half years working at the New Bedford Whaling Museum, he pursued a master's degree at Sotheby's Institute of Art, with a focus on fine and decorative arts and design. After graduating in 2017, he began working for the New York Design Center in the 1stdibs Gallery. In 2021, Nick began work at the Nantucket Historical Association in the curatorial department. That same year he also took on a new role with Marion Antique Auctions.

Erika McCormick '15 created a beautiful mural on the wall outside NVU-Johnson's SHAPE facility. Erika, a local artist, was the recipient of the 2023 Barbara E. Murphy Fellowship. She worked with students to craft a visible, lasting work of art that positively represents the current transformation of the schools. Her theme is the Goddess of Knowledge/Learning, the natural species of Vermont, and the beauty of our campus.

(See mural on page 19)



Samantha Gorton '16

Samantha Gorton '16 welcomed a baby boy, Noah, in April 2022.

Brett Santo '16 was the recipient of the Outstanding Graduate Student Award, one of six Southern Connecticut State University's 2022-2023 Social Justice Community Awards presented in May 2023.

In 2021, Marilyn Tagliavia '16 joined Advance Vermont as the director of communications and MyFutureVT.

In this role, Marilyn leads all external communications and marketing initiatives for Advance Vermont and their free online career and education resource, MyFutureVT. She works to increase the number of Vermonters who have earned a postsecondary credential. She also purchased a house in Burlington in 2022 with her partner.

Emily Graves Demars '17 reported that she got married in 2021 and she earned a master's degree from Southern New Hampshire University.



Rebecca Gagne Lewis '19 and Samuel Lewis '17

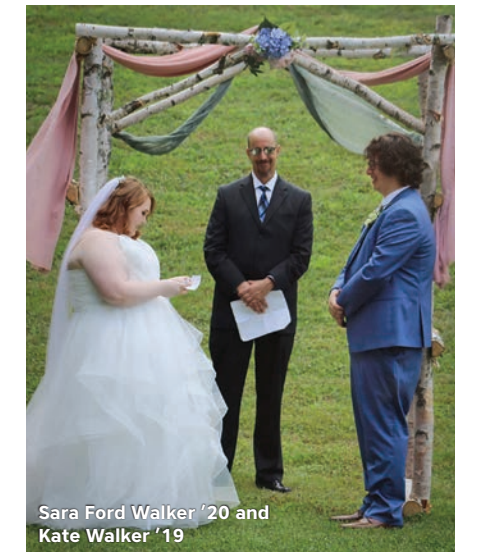
Samuel Lewis '17 married Rebecca Gagne Lewis '19 on September 3, 2022, in Belvidere, Vt. They are both actors, and took "first look" photos at Johnson, where they first met.

Benjamin Nelson '17 was among the first Peace Corps volunteers to return to overseas service since the agency's unprecedented global evacuation in March 2020. He served as a health volunteer in Kenya.

Gerard Fitzgerald '19 landed his first official job as a licensed clinician, and is working at Riverview Psychiatric Center in Maine. He finds it very rewarding and is proud to report that each person is treated with respect and dignity and that the residents know that he will treat them with respect.

Samantha Price '19 reported that she married Chris Price in 2016.

Kate Walker '19 married Sara Ford Walker '20 in Stowe, Vt. on July 23, 2022. The ceremony was officiated by Professor David Plazek. Kate (formerly Hayes) has started her gender transition this past year and is happy with all the support she has received. She is currently working for the State of Vermont in the Department of Vermont Health Access as a long-term care specialist. Kate and Sara currently reside in Barre with the iconic Pancake Rupert (their cat) and their foster daughter, who just finished high school.



Sara Ford Walker '20 and Kate Walker '19

2020s

Sara Ford Walker '20 married Kate Walker '19 in Stowe, Vt. on July 23, 2023. The ceremony was officiated by Professor David Plazek. Sara has started her master of education in curriculum and instruction through Southern New Hampshire University. Sara and Kate currently live in Barre with the iconic Pancake Rupert (their cat) and their foster daughter, who just finished high school.

Javon Daniels '21 joined the Sony Centre Falkirk Fury Basketball Club, one of the biggest and most successful basketball clubs in Scotland. Javon played for three seasons at Johnson and will add to Fury's already potent guard power.

Lauren Havill '21 reported that she is working on a master's degree.

Janice Griggs '22 shared that she is planning to start a master of social work program at the University of Vermont.



Lawson Ouellette '22 and Jade Berry '21

Lawson Ouellette '22 and **Jade Berry '21** are engaged! A December 30, 2023 wedding is planned in Aruba. They also welcomed a son, Archer Everett Ouellette, on March 10, 2023. Archer weighed 8 lbs. and was 20.5 inches long

Danielle Samuelson '22 reported at graduation time last year that she was engaged, having a baby, and teaching preschool.

Carlos Serrano '22 is enrolled in the master of fine arts in music composition program at Vermont College of Fine Arts.



Artist **Finn Watsula '22** celebrated the installation of a 12'x16' public mural, "Humans of Johnson," commissioned by the Town of Johnson and located on the Public Works Garage facing the Lamaille Valley Rail Trail at the end of



Jessie Bailey '23 and Jordan Zach '20

Jessie Bailey '23 and **Jordan Zach '20** were married on September 16, 2022 at Burke Mountain Resort.

Railroad Street. The people in the mural represent the citizens within the Johnson community, and the objects they hold represent the many businesses, organizations, and recreational opportunities the town and village of Johnson have to offer.



Mandy Cleland '23

After **Mandy Cleland '23** graduated in December 2022 with her master's degree in clinical counseling, she opened her own private practice in Stowe, Vt., called Innerworks Healing. She reports that it has been a wonderful experience thus far and she was able to continue working with clients from her internship with Integral Wellness. It has been a long, hard road to this achieve this lifelong aspiration and she is proud of herself and proud to be an NVU graduate. She says, "I will always cherish my time at NVU; I made meaningful friendships and learned many valuable skills with excellent professors. It was a life changing experience and accomplishment."

FRIENDS



Penny Howrigan

Penny Howrigan retired from Northern Vermont University as the associate dean for enrollment services in June 2022. For over thirty years, Penny led recruitment and admission on the Johnson campus, then on the Lyndon campus during a time of transition, and then again for a unified NVU. When asked, she — without question — stepped into any role or project, including an interim post as director of financial aid in Johnson. Penny was often seen at basketball games, student performances, commencement, and staff and student recognition events. Penny's impact on staff, students, and faculty colleagues will ripple for generations and she is sorely missed.

JOHNSON IN MEMORIAM

IN MEMORIAM

It is with deep sorrow that the Alumni Office records the deaths of the following Johnson alumni and friends. We extend our deepest sympathies to the families of these individuals. For more information or a copy of an obituary, please contact the Alumni Office at Alumni@VermontState.edu.

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MARCH 16, 2023
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APRIL 4, 2023
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JUNE 18, 2022
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- Donna Conti Piette '76
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- Phillip Gullion '77
MAY 22, 2022
- Kerry Dunlop Topper '77
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- Beverly Doyle '78
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NOVEMBER 8, 2022
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OCTOBER 14, 2022
- Aurora Jeffrey '82
OCTOBER 11, 2022
- Ronald Nimblett '82
SEPTEMBER 27, 2022
- Marian Rowe '83
APRIL 12, 2020
- Michael Zebrowski '84
JUNE 25, 2022
- David Kahn '88
DECEMBER 25, 2022
- Alexander Adam '89
MAY 8, 2023
- Mary Lou Cole '89
MARCH 29, 2023
- Jerrie Nash '90
NOVEMBER 23, 2022
- Juanita Brown '92
JUNE 6, 2022
- Michael Singer '92
NOVEMBER 13, 2022
- Jayne Methot Walker '92
MARCH 30, 2023
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APRIL 26, 2023
- Misty Bolster '06
MAY 29, 2023
- Gregory McElroy '08
NOVEMBER 23, 2022

- Kristen Kinaman '10
JUNE 17, 2022
- Anne Marie Boushel '11
NOVEMBER 8, 2022
- Benjamin Watson '14
OCTOBER 15, 2022
- Benjamin Strelnick '19
MAY 26, 2023

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JUNE 25, 2022
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NOVEMBER 18, 2022
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JULY 23, 2022
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JULY 18, 2022
- Thomas Farrell
APRIL 15, 2023
- Justin Ferguson
MAY 20, 2023
- John Grace
DECEMBER 19, 2022
- Stephen Holcomb
JULY 23, 2022
- Janet "Jann" LaBelle-Prince
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JULY 19, 2022
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JANUARY 30, 2023
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APRIL 26, 2023
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FEBRUARY 18, 2023

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FEBRUARY 21, 2023
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DECEMBER 16, 2022

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MAY 16, 2023
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AUGUST 20, 2022
- Linda Daignault
APRIL 24, 2023
- Peter Peltz
OCTOBER 16, 2022

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 Martin J. Kuepker '80
 Gail Ide Kuhl '86, M'01
 Cassy Kujawa
 Cindy Kullmann
 Noah D. Labow '03
 Danielle L. Labrie '16
 Eric E. LaDouceur '02
 Michael LaFarr '93
 Andrew Lafrenz '00
 & Katina Idol '03
 Jill & Victor Lafrenz
 Julianne Lafrenz
 Jo Ann Lamore '00, M'03
 Andrew Lane '08
 Stacey L. LaPanne '89
 Donna Laperle '18
 Tracy L. Lea '74
 Katherine Leahy '75
 Moriah Leary
 Dawn LeBaron '76
 Meredith LeCompte
 Won Lee '07
 Una Lee & Harlan Mack '07

Walter Lee
 Alex Lehning
 Kenneth Leslie
 Jennifer Lewis
 Liberty Mutual Group
 Anna Liccione '13
 Brian Lima '14
 Derick Lind '10
 Timothy P. Littlefield '82
 Lloyd Studio
 Kim M. Loeffler
 Norma J. Loftus
 John Lord
 Samuel '93 & Anita Lotto '20
 Silas P. Lowenthal '23
 Tom Lowenthal
 Deborah Lynch
 Timothy Lyons '22
 Kimberly MacDonald '16
 Joseph MacIsaac
 Karen Madden, Ph.D.
 Kevin Magee '92
 Robert Maher '22
 Sandra Mahn
 Stephen Malo '94
 Steven Mann '10
 Virginia Chesley Mann '57
 John '68 & Ellen Marks '66
 Jeffrey & Deanna Martin '81
 James W. Martin '71
 Samantha R. Martin
 Isabella Masi
 Representative James
 & Suzanne Masland '00
 Carol Mateo '83
 Julie A. Maxson '92
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 Kathleen A. McCarthy
 Richard McCarthy '59
 William McCarthy '81
 D. Scott McClelland
 Patricia McDermott '83
 Chris G. McDonough '79
 Gregory '08 † & Helen McElroy '03
 Millicent McGinnes '92

Thomas P. McGuire '78
 Douglas McLeod '91
 Sandra McLeod '64
 David Meaney '69
 Nicole Menard '17
 George E. Merrill '70
 Laura Mielke
 Edgar Miller †
 Hannah K. Miller
 Dr. John W. Mills
 Paul M. Milz
 Dr. Gina Mireault
 Kent & Natalie Mitchell
 Emily A. Mixon '19
 Gaenol Fuller Mobus '63
 Kathy Montague '78, M'03
 Michael Montalvo
 Thomas Moore '94
 Ken Moore
 Sarah Morrell
 Brad Moskowitz
 Chuck Mulin
 Lily Anne Mulin
 Mia Mulin
 Melinda Murphy
 Peter C. Murray '87
 LueDell Muskin
 Patricia Muskin
 Jean Pierre Nadeau '96
 Benjamin Nelson '17
 Susan & James Nichols '22
 Dr. Julie Nicole '03
 Claudis Niño
 Pablo Niño
 Sandra JC Noyes
 David O'Brien '71
 Lori Okumura
 Linda Olay
 Susan Olay
 Lynne O'Leary '86
 George '69 & Jean Olson '70
 James '75, M'78
 & Susan Osborne '74
 Michael Osborne '98
 Barbara Palkovics

Megan Haggerty Panek '97
 Mark Huff '95 & Julie Paris '95
 Ann Parker '72
 Rebecca Pastor '02
 Mary Safford Paulman '68, M'76
 Prudence Pease
 Jordan M. Pelland '22
 Caroline Murray Pellon '63
 Diann Percy '99
 David R. Perkins '74
 Robert & Susan Perkins
 John Peterson
 Patti Sherwood Petrucci '75
 Justin '15 & Lauren Philie
 David Plazek
 Sylvia Plumb
 Ashley Poad
 Walter J. Pomroy
 Fred Pond '78
 Sarah Popowycz
 Penny A. Potvin '96
 Donna Sass Poulin '04
 Kevin Priest '73
 Jessica Prince '04
 Patricia Profera '80
 Raymond Proulx '65
 Sebastian & Mary Ragno
 Claude '61 & Luthera Rainville '61
 Gil Ramirez
 Mariah L. Ramos '19
 Curt '93, M'95 & Maura Randall
 Krista Rangel
 Nicky Rapoza II
 Stephen Ratte '59 †
 Rebecca Rawson
 Daniel Regan & Judith Mathison
 Christine Reighley '71
 Louise Remillard '61
 Franklin T. Renz '85
 Elizabeth Reynolds
 Sandra Reynolds
 William Reynolds '82
 Joan Richardson '63
 J. Louise Richmond '69
 Barbara Riley '57

Sonia Rivera
 Laura Roald
 Philip M. Roberts '78
 Donald F. Robinson '81
 George Rockwell '65
 Elise Roessler '81, M'86
 John Rohnert '22
 John Rosenblum '85
 Claire Rosenzweig
 Dorothy Rosso
 David Rous
 Bonnie Rowe '07, M'08
 William D. Rozensky '95
 Richard Rumery '68
 Carmilla Russell
 Deneen Russell '07, M'22
 Stuart F. Russo-Savage '92
 Donna Ryalls '66
 Anaafi Sakyi-Addo
 Faith Sandoval
 Monica Sargent '73
 Stella Bialecki Sargent
 Bryan K. Scanlon '92
 Mark Schmoll '89
 John Schraven
 Robert Schulze
 Corey Schwendeman
 Jacqueline Scott
 Sharron R. Scott
 John Scully III '82
 Lar W. Searles '99
 Karen Seward '01
 Marcus C. Shakun '04
 Tyrone Shaw
 Catherine Shea '83
 Eleanor Shepard '44
 Carolyn Shields '94
 John M. Silano '69
 David Silverman '85
 Richard & Tracy Simmons
 Michelle Sitterly
 Twila Skelly '64
 Robert P. Skinner '69
 Joseph Slaimen '14
 Brian Slater
 Beth Elaine Smallheer '99
 Cinda LaClair Smith '76
 Mr. Eric J. Smith '80
 Michael Smith
 Miles Smith '09
 Paul J. Smith '77

William R. Smith '94
 & Andres Fernandez
 Jean Snow '80
 Frederick Somers '76
 Jeffrey Sparks '73 & Betsy Harper
 Carroll Stuart Spaulding '68
 Peggy Sprague '81, M'05
 Dannielle Jean Spring '07
 Angela St. Amour '18
 Shane Stacey '96
 Ashley Stackowitz
 Prescott Stearns Trust
 Jennifer Stefanski
 William '69 & Joyce Stenger '70
 Mabel Fleming Stevens '87
 Robert Stevens '69
 Maureen Stewart
 Toby C. Stewart
 Vicki Stickney
 Diana Stone '07
 Rachel Straw '62
 Katherine Strom
 Kristin Sweeney
 Sean J. Sweeney '05
 & Meghan T. Sweeney '03
 Elizabeth A. Tapia
 Emily K. Tarleton
 Jennifer L. Theoret '93
 Dr. Julie Theoret
 & Lawrence Hayes '10
 Amber Thomas '22
 Jonathan Thompson '08
 Kenneth & Melanie Thompson
 Jean Shepardson Tibbits '60
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 Janice Tilley '84 & Herbert Tilley †
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 Eloy W. Towle '74
 Ashley Traynor
 Jon Treon '75
 Mark Tucker '09
 Julie M. Tumminia-Tomsuden '91
 Tanya Tyler
 Scott D. Underhill '83
 Union Bank
 Mark '78 & Molly Valade
 Thomas Van Meter '78
 Skylar Vandervort '22
 Wilbert Vandervort

David Vanderzee '82
 Cindy Vasquez
 Sharon Vecchiolla
 Carl Veilleux '86
 John Vercoe '71
 Vermont Community Foundation
 Jennifer Verner
 Donald R. Vickers '70
 Steven Visco
 Leslie L. Vivian '02
 Christopher Vollaro '93
 Andrea W. Wadlington
 Brian Wagner '15
 Catherine Walker '93
 Kate Walker '19
 & Sara Ford Walker '20
 Nicole Wallace '22
 Beth Walsh
 Robert Wanamaker '90
 Nathan Wardwell
 Antonio Warncke '04
 Susan Warrington
 Finnegan Watson
 Russell '10 & Lara Weiss
 Nancy Wentworth '65
 Mary S. West '79
 David Wetmore '98
 Catherine Whatley '72
 Betsy Wheeler '75
 Jane G. White '71
 Lillian L. White '74
 Richard White '90
 Professor Emeritus
 Alice G. Whiting '56
 Michele Whitmore '08, M'12
 Tracey Whitney '90
 Paige & Robert Wier
 Richard Willey '71 & Rosalind Weiss
 Melaina Williams
 Thomas Kent Williams '69
 Arlie Williamson '45
 Jonathan Willson '12
 Michael Wimberly
 Jacci & Mark Winchester '97
 Norman Wolfe '73
 Dale S. Woods, Jr. '76
 Diane, Kelly, Violet
 & Ian Young Rodgers
 Vasilios & Agnes Zaharias
 Yasmine L. Ziesler

IN MEMORY OF
 Reta Jones Bean '60
 Casey Bozetarnik '74
 Sandy Candon
 Judy Dembenski
 Anna Dermody '73
 Amy Fisher '00
 Dr. G. Thomas Fisher
 Shawn Hayden '79
 Brendan Johnson '94
 James B. Keesling '75
 Lisa Kelley
 David Kost '93
 Ruth Robinson Lombard '34
 C. Susan LaPorte '82
 Lisa Lepine '80
 Sarah Lizotte '02
 Donald McClelland
 Mamadou N'Diaye '23
 Dr. Nelson Papucci
 Desiree Penrod '18
 Stephen Rosenzweig '77
 M. Alicia Shanks '72
 Robert Slade '78
 Mr. & Mrs. Albert A. Swinchoski
 R. Ted Tyler '78
 Christos Zaharias '94

IN HONOR OF
 Bill Doyle
 Kenneth Leslie
 Caroline Loftus '22
 Bou Nacklie
 Megan Haggerty Panek '97
 Devyn Thompson
 Dr. Paul Silver
 Cynthia West
 Humanities Department
 VCPII for Student Mental Health

TOP 5 CLASS PARTICIPATION

- 1962 33%
- 1963 29%
- 1964 & 1965 27%
- 1961 26%
- 1957 25%



Class of 1962

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We welcomed alumni and families back to campus for an in-person Homecoming and Family Weekend September 23-25, 2022.

Highlights of the weekend included the Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet, Oktoberfest, Meet the President Welcome Breakfast, Fall Festival for Families, Manor Vail Society Annual Meeting, Ice Cream Social, All-Reunion Class Social, Lyndon State Rescue Alumni 50th Anniversary BBQ, Bingo, and numerous varsity and athletic events



Athletic Hall of Fame Inductions

Lyndon's Athletic Hall of Fame inducts members annually in recognition of their contribution to the field of athletics, outstanding individual professional/career achievements, community service, and citizenship.



For more information about these inductees and a list of all Athletic Hall of Fame members, visit lyndonhorns.com/honors/vermont-state-lyndon-athletic-hall-of-fame

On September 23, 2022, as part of Lyndon's Homecoming and Family Weekend, four individuals were inducted into the Lyndon Athletic Hall of Fame – **Ryan Farley '02**, **David Johnson '15**, **Angelina Phelps '08**, and **Kevin Trask '06**.



Ryan Farley '02

Ryan was a four-year member of the men's baseball team. He later led the team as head coach. As a player, Ryan was a four-year starter and captain for three years. He played every position on the field except catcher and had a career batting average of over .300. Ryan was an exceptional leader, known to elevate everyone's play on the field. He was also a two-time Claude Piche Award winner (1999, 2001). This award is given to the player who best represents the program in an exceptional manner. The recipient is known as a hard worker and great teammate.

After starting his collegiate career at Farmingdale State College, David transferred to Lyndon during the second semester of his sophomore year.



David Johnson '15

At Lyndon, David led the Hornets as captain in his junior and senior years. In his two and a half seasons as a Hornet, he left his mark as one of the top Lyndon performers thus far in the NCAA Division III era.

In total, David scored 1,123 career points as a Hornet in just seventy-three games (fifty-four starts).

He also had a total of 115 steals, 186 assists, and 212 rebounds. In Lyndon's first-ever home NAC playoff game as a junior, David scored twenty-five points in a victory against Thomas in the quarterfinals before going for twenty-seven points in a defeat at Husson in the semifinals. His most notable performance came in the quarterfinals of his senior year, when he scored thirty of the sixty-three points his team needed to win at New England College as the sixth seed. David was also selected to the NAC All-Academic Team for both his junior and senior seasons.

Other honors include NAC Player of the Year Finalist (2014-2015), Hornets Most Valuable Player Award (2014-20115), NAC All-Tournament Team (2014-2015), NAC Player of the Week (2014-2015), NAC All-Tournament Team (2013-2014), NAC Player of the Week (2013-2014).



Angelina Phelps '08

During her time at Lyndon, Angelina was a four-year starter on the women's soccer and softball teams. She earned team captain her junior year for softball, and for both soccer and softball during her senior year. She was named 2005 Sunrise Conference Defensive Player of the Week (soccer), 2008 Coaches Award (soccer), and 2008 Most Valuable Player (soccer).

Angelina was named to the Sunrise Conference All-Conference Team for both soccer and softball in 2005. In 2008, she led her softball team in hits (39), runs (30), batting average (.382), triples (3), and stolen bases (16). Her slugging percentage was .510 and she was selected for the USCAA First Team All American.

Angelina was a member of the 2005 women's soccer team that won the Sunrise Conference Championship and the 2008 women's softball team that reached the USCAA Women's Softball National Championship.



Kevin Trask '06

During his time at Lyndon, Kevin was a three-year member of the men's basketball team, under the helm of Lyndon alumnus and hall of famer, **Eric Berry '91**. Coach Berry shares that Kevin was one of the best shooters he has ever coached at any level and a consummate team player. During his career as a Hornet, Kevin accumulated over 1,500 points and earned several Sunrise Conference awards, including First Team

All-Conference in 2003-2004, Second Team All-Conference in 2004-2005, and many Sunrise Conference Player of the Week awards throughout the 2003-2004 and 2004-2005 seasons. Kevin helped lead his team to post-season play each of his three seasons at Lyndon.



Zach Falkenburg Named NAC Man of the Year

Men's basketball and tennis player Zach Falkenburg '22 was named as the North Atlantic Conference Man of the Year for 2021-2022, the conference's highest honor.

Zach graduated cum laude in May 2022 with a bachelor of science degree in exercise science with a strength and conditioning concentration. He earned a 3.66 grade point average and has been named to the President's List once and the Dean's List four times. He was also inducted into the Arthur B. Elliott Society, recognizing recognizes students who have demonstrated a combination of strong leadership, scholarship, and service during their time at Lyndon. He is a five-time NAC All-Academic Team selection.

Zach was a four-year member of the men's basketball team, and was a team captain as a sophomore, junior, and senior. He finished his career with 1,249 career points, the most by any Lyndon player since the school rejoined Division III and joined the NAC. As a senior, he averaged 18.2 points per game, fifth most in the NAC. His total of 456 points scored ranked fourth in the conference. He also finished fourth in made three-point goals with sixty-two, sixth in made field goals with 162, fifth in made free throws with seventy, and seventh in assists with eighty-eight. He led the Hornets in scoring and field goal percentage and was second in rebounding and assists. He led the program to their best record as a Division III program in the COVID-abbreviated 2020-21 campaign, and in 2021-2022 season led the Hornets to their first NAC playoff appearance and first playoff victory in five seasons.

In the 2021-2022 season, Zach was named the NAC Men's Basketball Senior Scholar Athlete of the Year, the first Lyndon player to ever be so honored. He was also Lyndon's first ever

First Team All-Conference selection. He had previously been a Second Team All-Conference selection in 2019-20. He is a three-time NAC Player of the Week and one-time Rookie of the Week selection. He was also the first ever Lyndon men's basketball player to be selected Academic All-District by the College Sports Information Directors Association. He earned that honor twice, in both his junior and senior years. He has also been selected twice to the National Association of Basketball Coaches Honors Court.

Zach was also a four-year member of the Hornet men's tennis team and helped lead the program to its first and only NAC championship in 2021. He was a First Team All-Conference selection in both singles and doubles in both 2021 and 2022 and was a two-time NAC Player of the Week selection. As a singles player he was 14-5 overall and 8-1 in NAC play over the past two seasons. He was also 11-5 overall and 7-2 in conference in doubles play over that span.

Following the conclusion of the 2022 tennis season, he made his first foray into college lacrosse, playing three games for the Hornets.

Zach was selected as the recipient of the Dudley Bell Award, recognizing Lyndon's outstanding male athlete, twice, in 2020 and 2022. He is also the four-time recipient of the Michael Tessier Award, given annually to the men's basketball player who shows the most heart, hustle desire, grit, and intensity in practice and in games throughout the year. In addition, the player must be of high character and have the respect of his teammates. He was also named Most Valuable Player of the men's tennis team in both 2021 and 2022.

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The Hornet Club supports Lyndon's thirteen NCAA III varsity sports teams. Your contributions benefit our entire athletic program, allowing us to enhance our visibility, student-athlete experience, and recruitment efforts. **To learn more, call 802.626.6426 or visit NorthernVermont.edu/Give**



Student-Athlete Awards and Honors

Seairra Anderson, Softball, NAC East Division All-Conference Second Team

Nathan Bigelow, Baseball, NAC Co-Rookie of the Week

Jeffrey Blais, Men's Tennis, NAC All-Conference Singles Team, NAC Sportsmanship Team

Isabel Bourgeois, Women's Lacrosse, NAC Sportsmanship Team

Antonio Carlisle, Men's Basketball, NAC Sportsmanship Team (2022), NABC Honors Court (2022), CSC Men's NCAA Division III Basketball All-District Team (2023), NAC Senior Scholar Athlete of the Year (2023)

Matthew Condon, Men's Soccer, NAC Sportsmanship Team

Karly Cordwell, Women's Soccer, NAC Sportsmanship Team

Zach Falkenburg, Men's Basketball, NAC Senior Scholar Athlete of the Year (2022), NAC All-Conference First Team (2022), COSIDA Academic All-District First Team (2022), NABC Honors Court (2022)

Gregory Gonyea Jr, Men's Basketball, NAC Rookie of the Week (3X), NAC Rookie of the Year

Kazandra Gonzalez, Softball, NAC Sportsmanship Team

Chuck Gratton, Baseball, NAC Sportsmanship Team

David Gratton, Men's Tennis, NAC Rookie of the Week, NAC All-Conference Singles Team

Andrew Grautski, Cross Country, NAC Sportsmanship Team

Tyrese Harris, Men's Basketball, NABC Honors Court (2022)

Adriana Lemieux, Softball, NAC East Division All-Conference Second Team

Elias Libby, Men's Lacrosse, NAC Defensive Player of the Week, NAC All-Conference Second Team Defense

Kiara Mack, Women's Lacrosse, NAC All-Conference Second Team Defense

Charlotte Morris, Women's Volleyball, NAC Sportsmanship Team

Peyton Olsen, Men's Basketball, NAC All-Conference Third Team

Dale Ostermann, Baseball, NAC East Division All-Conference Utility Player

Quinlan Peer, Men's Tennis, NAC All-Conference Doubles Team

Justin Phillips, Men's Basketball, NAC Co-Defensive Player of the Week

Saleena Porter, Women's Tennis, NAC Senior Scholar Athlete of the Year

Alex Reed, Men's Lacrosse, NAC Sportsmanship Team

Carlos Rodriguez, Baseball, NAC Pitcher of the Week

Brett Roy, Men's Soccer, NAC Defensive Player of the Week

Brett Roy, Men's Basketball, NAC Sportsmanship Team

TJ Santaw, Baseball, NAC Co-Player of the Week, NAC East Division All-Conference Shortstop, D3Baseball.com Region 1 All-Region Team

Sage Smith, Women's Basketball, NAC All-Conference Third Team

Victoria Valentine, Softball, NAC East Division All-Conference First Team

Libby Webb, Women's Lacrosse, NAC All-Conference Second Team Defense

Garrick Webster, Men's Tennis, NAC All-Conference Doubles Team

Kadienne Whitcomb, Women's Basketball, NAC Sportsmanship Team

Student-Athlete Academic Success

Lyndon placed twenty-eight student-athletes on the North Atlantic Conference (NAC) All-Academic Team for the Fall 2022 semester. Five of Lyndon's six fall athletic teams were represented, as were student-athletes in sixteen different academic programs. Twelve of the honorees are multi-sport athletes. To qualify for an All-Academic selection, student-athletes must reach and maintain at least a 3.5 grade point average for the semester.

Jacob Baesemann
Men's Soccer

Quinn Bressler
Men's Soccer

Renee Chaples
Women's Tennis

Matthew Condon
Men's Soccer

Karly Cordwell
Women's Soccer

Hailey Demers
Women's Tennis

Amber Everett
Women's Soccer

Felicity Flores
Women's Soccer

Andrew Grautski
Cross Country

Ashley Hart
Women's Soccer

Maachah Krull
Women's Soccer

Alexis Leroy
Women's Soccer

Emma Mann
Women's Volleyball

Yasmin Molina
Women's Soccer

Nathan Moore
Cross Country

Joseph Osborn
Men's Soccer

Rachel Palladino
Women's Soccer

Quinlan Peer
Men's Soccer

Saleena Porter
Women's Tennis & Volleyball

Emma Powers
Women's Tennis

Lilian Provencher
Women's Volleyball

Javen Reinhardt
Men's Soccer

Emma Renaudette
Women's Soccer

Marisa Schlegel
Women's Soccer & Tennis

Andrew Sellitto
Men's Soccer

Abigail Stacy
Women's Soccer & Tennis

Macy Vogan
Women's Soccer

Libby Webb
Women's Soccer

For the 2021-2022 academic year, thirty-three Lyndon student-athletes were named to the North Atlantic Conference (NAC) All-Academic Team for the Spring 2022 semester. All seven of Lyndon's winter and spring athletic teams were represented as were student-athletes in twenty different academic programs. Sixteen of the honorees are multi-sport athletes.



Shirley Jenks Kent '56

1950s

While taking a road trip with two of her daughters in December 2022, **Shirley Jenks Kent '56** realized that she would be passing near the town where her Lyndon Teachers College roommate **Rita Davignon Hogan '56** lived, so they arranged to meet for lunch. Rita's younger sister, **Kathy Davignon Duffey '60**, came too.

1960s

Jean Davis Bailey '60 shared, "I never wanted to be a teacher, but I wanted a college education, so I went to Lyndon Teachers College, starting in 1956. At that time, the state needed teachers so badly we did not have to pay tuition, and nearly every student worked in the work program for seventy-five cents an hour. Our senior year, we had to pay tuition. After I graduated, I taught school for five years — long enough to put my husband through four years at the University of Vermont and long enough to pay back the state of Vermont for my education."

Bruce Hudson '65 shares that he has been retired since 1999.

Phyllis Levy Stein '67 was awarded the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) Alumni of the Year Award, the BSA Alumni Association's highest recognition, at the Suffolk (N.Y.) County Council (SCC) Fellowship Dinner on March 23, 2023. Phyllis has been a registered member of the BSA SCC since 1978 and is

actively involved with Troop 343 (Hauppauge) and Troop 125 (Commack) and is a past Cub Scout leader. In addition to serving for many decades as the public relations chair and photographer for the Jewish Committee on Scouting, the Matinecock District, and many SCC-wide events, she also served as co-chair of the council's history book, *Scouting in Suffolk, 1910-1986*.



Ned Bangs '79

1970s

Ned Bangs '79 shared this photo of Lyndon alumni who attended the celebration of life for **Ned Lamphier '79** in June 2023, in Marshfield, Mass.



Jenny Kempton Harris '79

Jennifer Kempton Harris '79 retired from NVU-Lyndon on March 23, 2023, after more than sixteen years of incredible service to her alma mater, most recently

as the executive director of development and alumni affairs. She plans to move to Alaska to be closer to her grandchildren.

William Sugarman '79 was honored by the State of Vermont House of Representatives in 2016 for his work in education and rehabilitation. He says it all started at Lyndon!



Jacqueline Cser '80

1980s

Jacqueline Cser '80 shares, "After graduation, I returned for a while to Connecticut, but didn't stay there for a long time. I went back to Lyndon in 1984 and stayed there for three years, until I had an opportunity to go to Australia for a while. I had a great time in Australia for nearly a year, living in youth hostels and working on several sheep stations in the outback until increasing pressure from home caused me to return....I moved to Omaha, Neb. and worked several jobs before eventually getting a position with the City of Omaha Police Department as civilian support and not long after that moving into my own apartment and,

from there, a house of my own in Iowa — a seventy-two mile round trip per day — and started my forever career....I retired after twenty-eight years of service with them in March 2020, about a week before everything shut down from the pandemic. I got all my hugs in from my 'kids' a week before the authorities were stressing no personal contact!

As mundane as the job might sound, I had the most interesting life there and overall have had a life I cannot be disappointed with."

John Farrell '80 was honored by Coldwell Banker for representing the top 1% of Coldwell Banker agents worldwide.

John Kascenska '82 was appointed by Vermont Governor Phil Scott as a member of the Vermont Community Development Review Board for a three-year term beginning March 1, 2023. In addition to operating his business, Kingdom Adventures Mountain Guides, John also serves as president of the Burke Area Chamber of Commerce.

Monique Prive '82 received the Rita Bole Outstanding Contribution Award at the 2023 Student Leadership, Adult Learners, and Employee Recognition Banquet. This award was established to recognize a staff member who has been employed at Lyndon for at least ten years and who has made an outstanding and cumulative contribution to the university and its students.

Mike Whaley '84 shared about two gatherings of alumni last year. The first was a gathering of Lyndon alumni from the 1970s and early 1980s at the home of **James Kelly '80** in York, Maine in July 2022. Many former basketball players who played under former coach and athletic director Skip Pound were in attendance. The second gathering was Turkey Bowl 41 and took place in East Burke, Vt. in November 2022. Most of the Turkey Bowl attendees graduated in the early to mid-1980s with a few younger alumni thrown in. The event has been happening annually since 1982.



J. Jill Burak Mathers '87

J. Jill Burak Mathers '87 shared that she is an undergrad once again. Jill is a sports studies major with a psychology minor at Bishop's University in Lennoxville, Quebec. She shared this photo of her at an indoor soccer game that she organized.



Tony Petrarca '87

Tony Petrarca '87 was inducted into the Rhode Island Radio and Television Hall of Fame in September 2022.

Danielle Pelletier North '96 shared this photo from the event and noted that everyone pictured is a Lyndon alum.



Mike Whaley '84



1990s

Fontaine Family-The Real Estate Leader has hired **Aaren James '93** at the firm's Auburn, Maine location.

Thomas "T.J." Del Santo '94 celebrated twenty-five years at WPRI 12 in June 2022. He is currently the weekend meteorologist.

Kelly Bates '95 returned to the Southern New England airwaves when she rejoined the WNLE ABC 6 StormTrackers team as a weekend weather forecaster in June 2022.



Cynthia Fitzgibbon Gobeille '95 was named chief meteorologist for WCVB Channel 5 in July 2022, becoming Boston's first female chief meteorologist. In April 2023, Cindy celebrated ten years at WCVB.

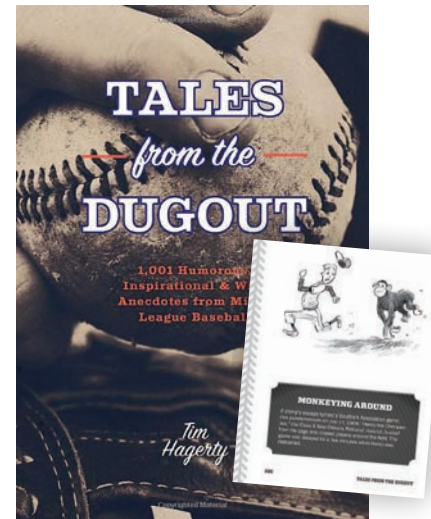
Rita Goyette '95 won the Cliff Scutella Lifetime Achievement Award at the 2023 National Conference for the Association and the Promotion of Campus Activities in March 2023. This is the highest award given by the organization to student life professionals. Rita is currently the director of student activities at SUNY Morrisville.

After twenty-plus-years at WPRI, **Danielle Pelletier North '96** made a life change and left broadcast journalism to pursue a career in community development. She joined Centerville Bank as the assistant vice president of community development in January 2023.

Congratulations to **Danielle Pelletier North '96**, **Charlie Berg '99**, **Kirk Cratty '99** (who took home three awards), **Rick LeBlanc '01**, **Amanda Hill '07**, **Nick Merlo '11**, and **Jessica Gullbrand '17** on their 2022 Emmy® wins! Sixteen Lyndon alums in the New England region were nominated.

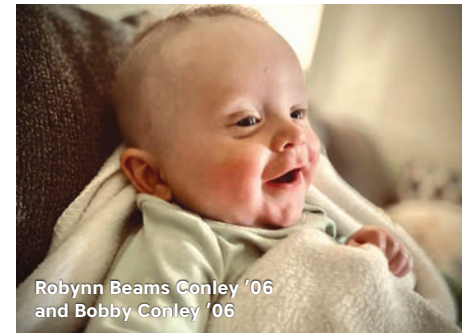
2000s

Pauline Gardner Dwyer '02 received the Part-Time Faculty Excellence in Teaching Award at the 2023 Student Leadership, Adult Learners, and Employee Recognition Banquet. This award is given each year to a deserving part-time faculty member for their excellence in teaching, as nominated by both students and faculty.



Timothy Hagerty '04 shares that his newest book, *Tales from the Dugout: 1,001 Humorous, Inspirational and Wild Anecdotes from Minor League Baseball*, is now available on Amazon. The book features a foreword from Major League Baseball All-Star Billy Butler and fun illustrations. Tim notes that he has worked on this book for ten years.

Kerri Nelson '06 received the Part-Time Faculty Excellence in Teaching Award at the 2022 Student and Employee Leadership Banquet. This award is given each year to a deserving part-time faculty member for their excellence in teaching, as nominated by both students and faculty.



Robynn Beams Conley '06 and **Bobby Conley '06** welcomed a son, August Lawrence Conley, on December 18, 2022. Gus arrived five weeks early weighing 3 lbs. 11 oz. – small but mighty – and is growing fast and thriving.

Chris Dorsey '07 was named as a 2022 Rising Coaches Impact Award winner. The Impact Award honors those who have gone above and beyond in their efforts to impact the coaching community.

After fifteen years in public safety at Lyndon, **Nathan Rossetti '08** transitioned to a role at the Vermont State Colleges central office working in human resources in April 2023.

Robert Thompson '09 joined Passumpsic Financial Services, a division of Passumpsic Bank, as a financial consultant covering the Northeast Kingdom of Vermont.

Northeast Kingdom Human Services hired **Anthony Willey '10** as the human resources recruiter.

2010s

Miranda Dwyer Fox '11 joined Lyndon Institute in February 2023 as a college and career counselor.

Nadine Grimley '11 was the recipient of the Community Public Service Award at the 2022 SWAG Sisters Welcomes All Generations of Women Power to the People Awards Ceremony on November 12, 2022.

Candice Houghton Patridge '11 earned her master of social work from Simmons University in January 2023.

John Kleinhans '12 was recognized as one of the 2023 Fairfield (Ct.) County's 40 Under Forty award recipients, presented by Westfair Business Journals.



Justin Chenette '13 won the election for District 3 York (Maine) County Commissioner with 84% of the vote and took office in January 2023.



Korey Call '14 and Douglas Duprey welcomed a son, Julian Daniel Duprey, on January 8, 2023. Julian weighed 8 lbs. and was 19.5 inches long. He joins big sisters Aurora and Nataleigh.



Torry Gaucher Dooley '14 and Jared Dooley were married June 3, 2023, at Harbor Lights in Warwick, R.I., overlooking Narragansett Bay. The Rhode Island natives have been together for



eight years and currently reside in Cumberland, R.I. Torry also shared that after working as a broadcast meteorologist for five years, he made a career change and is now a meteorologist for the National Weather Service Boston/Norton.



Paige Hartman '14 and **Alex Galkowski '16** were married October 22, 2022, in Kittery Point, Maine.

Nicholas Russo '14 and Janaina De Paula were married March 11, 2023, on the beach at Dreams Sands Cancun.

Lindsay Carpenter '15 is now the director of Upward Bound and a career and college counselor at Lyndon Institute. In addition, she was elected president of The New England Educational Opportunity Association (NEOA). The mission of NEOA is to advocate for access to and success in postsecondary education for low-income individuals, first generation college students, and students with disabilities, and to develop the skills and knowledge of educational opportunity professionals working with this population.



Alyssa Sylvia Kelly '14 and **Kevin Kelly '12** welcomed a daughter, Caroline, on July 21, 2022. Sweet Caroline weighed 7 lbs., 14 oz. and was 20.5 inches long.



Geena Contrada '15

Geena Contrada '15 and **Andrew Gentile** were married in a small ceremony in Malcesine on Lake Garda in northern Italy on June 9, 2022.



Dominic Amato '16

Dominic Amato '16 received a Rising Star Award at the Vermont Association of Broadcasters (VAB) Hall of Fame and Awards Banquet in December 2022. The VAB award "recognizes young adults new to the broadcast industry who demonstrate the talent, passion, resourcefulness, and dedication to the community needed to enjoy long and successful careers in broadcasting."

Lauriana Gaudet '16 was promoted to meteorological scientist at The Weather Company in February 2023.



Anthony Macari III '16

Anthony Macari III '16 and **Serena Burt** are engaged to be married. They reside in Rhode Island with their dog Willow.

Jordan Racine '16 is now the director of programming at Paycom Center in Oklahoma City, Okla.

Elizabeth Sousa '16 received the Early Career Award at the 2023 Student Leadership, Adult Learners, and Employee Recognition Banquet. This award recognizes full-time faculty or staff members who have been employed at Lyndon for fewer than six years and has made a significant contribution to the university and its students.

Reese Tanguay '16 stepped down as head baseball coach at NVU-Lyndon in August 2022 to become the associate head baseball coach at Westminster College in Fulton, Mo. There he reunited with **Jake Jourdain '19**, who is the head coach.

Kiley Hayes Wolfel '16 recently launched Kirby Mountain Wellness, aka K M Wellness, a nutrition coaching and Pound workout training business. In addition, Kiley manages and instructs at NEK Cycling Studio, an elite indoor cycling facility, and will celebrate seven years with NEK Cycling in July.



David Darrigo '17

David Darrigo '17 married **Haley McDougall** in Jamaica on January 29, 2023.

Abbey Greene '17 shared that she accepted a position as a marine research associate at the University of Rhode Island's Coastal Resources Center in August 2022.

Sam Matthews '17 is now a physical education teacher at St. Johnsbury School.

Ben Frechette '18 was promoted to weekday meteorologist on NBC5/WPTZ in May 2022. He also earned his certified broadcast meteorologist seal from the American Meteorological Society in August 2022.



Anthony Carpino '19

Anthony Carpino '19 won his first regional Emmy® in June 2023. After four years in Augusta, Ga. with News 12, he will be moving home to Connecticut to join NBC Connecticut as their weekday meteorologist.

Allison Lanfear '19 is the distribution center operations supervisor for T.J.Maxx in Worcester, Mass.



Sarah Levesque '19

Sarah Levesque '19 earned her post-baccalaureate certificate in hydrology in March 2023 and her master of environmental science and management in May 2023 from the University of Rhode Island. She also accepted a job as an environmental scientist/engineer at GZA GeoEnvironmental in Providence, R.I.

Benafsha Sohail '19 started a new position as the administrative assistant at Women for Afghan Women (WAW).

Alexis Walker '19 was named First Alert Chief Meteorologist at KSWO 7News in January 2023, making her the only female chief based in Oklahoma. Lexie joined the 7News team in 2019.

2020s



Noah Greenstein '20 will be the featured actor in a production of a new professional play "Rite of Passage" at The Windhover Center for the Performing Arts, July 13-30, 2023, in Rockport, Mass. Noah also created the graphic art for the production.



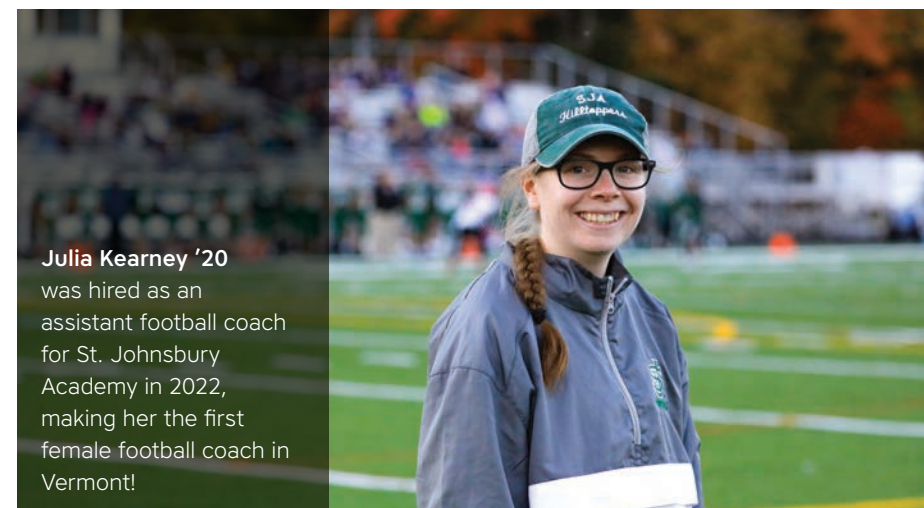
Julia McNeil '15

Julia McNeil '15 was promoted to assistant general manager of baseball operations for the Quad City River Bandits, a High-A affiliate of the Kansas City Royals in the fall of 2022. This year marks her tenth year working in the baseball industry.



Shane LaCroix '16

Shane LaCroix '16 and his wife **Aimee** welcomed a daughter, **Eleanor Elaine LaCroix**, into the world on February 17, 2023. Eleanor weighed 7 lbs., 14 oz. and was 21 inches long.



Julia Kearney '20 was hired as an assistant football coach for St. Johnsbury Academy in 2022, making her the first female football coach in Vermont!

In July 2022, **Jonathan Hutchinson '20** shared that he has returned to Southwest Airlines as a meteorologist. Jon completed his internship there in 2019.



Kayla Merchant '20

Kayla Merchant '20 and Zach Pouliot welcomed a daughter, Lyndy Love Pouliot, on September 28, 2022. Lyndy weighed 7 lbs., 3 oz. and was 20 inches long and joined big brothers Killian and Wilder.



Jordan Zach '20 and Jessie Bailey '23

Jordan Zach '20 and **Jessie Bailey '23** were married on September 16, 2022 at Burke Mountain Resort.



Jade Berry '21 and Lawson Ouellette '22

Jade Berry '21 and **Lawson Ouellette '22** are engaged! A December 30, 2023 wedding is planned in Aruba. They also welcomed a son, Archer Everett Ouellette, on March 10, 2023. Archer weighed 8 lbs. and was 20.5 inches long. In addition, Jade earned her master's degree in social justice and human rights with a concentration in international law and policy from Arizona State University in May 2023.

Danielle Hill Koonz '22 is a fourth grade humanities teacher at St. Johnsbury School.

Cassidy Olden '22 is a kindergarten teacher at the St. Johnsbury School.

Patrick Wickstrom '22 is the climate action coordinator at Middlebury College.

Gabrielle Brown '23 has accepted an offer to work with Dr. Kathy Pegion at the University of Oklahoma in pursuit of a master's degree.

FRIENDS

At the 2022 Student and Employee Leadership Banquet, the following faculty and staff were recognized: **Megan Barnes**, Early Career Award; **Lori Drew**, Rita Bole Outstanding Contribution Award; **Michaela Stone**, Excellence in Advising Award; **Alison Lathrop**, Faculty Outstanding Contribution Award; and **Kerri Nelson '06**, Part-Time Faculty Excellence in Teaching Award.

Former Lyndon **President Joe Bertolino** will become the next president of Stockton University in Galloway, N.J. He has served as the president of Southern Connecticut State University in New Haven, Conn. since 2016.



Patrick Bolan

Patrick Bolan, the original Geochron World Clock maker, is on a quest to visit a mechanical Geochron in forty-eight states. Last summer, he made the trip to Vermont to see the Geochron donated by **David Zimbrick '82** to the Atmospheric Sciences department at Lyndon. He has visited thirty-seven states, plus Washington, D.C., Ontario, and British Columbia so far.

At the 2023 Student Leadership, Adult Learners, and Employee Recognition Banquet, the following faculty and staff were recognized: **Michaela Stone** (faculty) and **Elizabeth Sousa '16** (staff), Early Career Award; **Monique Prive '82**, Rita Bole Outstanding Contribution Award; **Janel Hanrahan**, Excellence in Advising Award; **Patricia Shine**, Faculty Outstanding Contribution Award; and **Pauline Gardner Dwyer '02**, Part-Time Faculty Excellence in Teaching Award.

IN MEMORIAM

It is with deep sorrow that the Alumni Office records the deaths of the following Lyndon alumni and friends. We extend our deepest sympathies to the families of these individuals. For more information or a copy of an obituary, please contact the Alumni Office at Alumni@VermontState.edu.

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NOVEMBER 2, 2022
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AUGUST 6, 2022

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TOP 5 CLASS PARTICIPATION

1959 53%
1956 44%
1950 40%
1969 39%
1964 & 1968 33%

Claire O'Connell Nielsen '71
 Lorraine Carl Norris '49
 North Country Federal Credit Union
 John & Donna Northrop
 Suzanne Ziemba Norton '67
 Steve Novak
 Carol Novick
 Andrew '84 & Bette Noyes
 Robson Nunes
 Cristina Nunez
 Kimberly Nunez
 Patricia Faris Nutbrown '84
 Ann Nygard
 Andrea Obregon
 Connor O'Brien
 Jay & Barbara O'Brien
 Kristen O'Brien
 Michael O'Brien '90
 Ned '85
 & Jessica Silvestri O'Brien '85
 Judy O'Connell
 Muriel Maw O'Gorman '50
 Kiyoko Ohira-Kist
 Vicky O'Keefe '91
 Carol Griffiths Olanyk '71
 Glyn Oliver-Bethune '68
 Nancy Pearson O'Neil '78
 James & Mary O'Reilly
 Florence Domina Osgood '77
 Joanne Owens
 Richard '96
 & Connie Ainsworth Owens '97
 Pamela Smith Paquette '82
 Steven Parenteau '77
 Renate Parke
 Jeffrey Parker '81
 Charles Parks '73
 Vicki Fant Parks '73
 Beth Paschal
 Brian Pasiak
 Patricia Pasiak
 Penelope Patch '96
 & David Martin '80
 Paul Smith's College
 Sharon Pelletier Payeur '68
 Margaret Pearl '72
 William & Martha Peck
 Adam Peeler '17
 Lynda Peer
 Quinlan Peer

Mary Alexander Peet '94
 Ronn Perkins
 Shawn & Paula Perron
 Erma Guy Perry '50
 Paulette Gosselin Petelle '71
 Rebecca Petelle
 Alan Peterson
 Craig Petrie '74
 Leah Pettengill
 Angela Peyton
 Cathy Phillips '77
 Donald '69 & Barbara Picard
 Benjamin Pierce
 Gordon '73
 & Elaine Pinard Pierce '76
 Larry Pierce '82
 Donald Pinci '91
 Thomas '69 & Sharon
 Atwood Pinsonneault '71
 Kathy & Dick Piretti
 Sylvia Plumb
 Faith Poirier '22
 William & Linda Pollock
 Alex Postpischil
 Kimberly Allyn Poulton '78
 Macie Powers '22
 Bonnie Pratt
 John Prevost '74
 Jacalyn Priestley-Smith '76
 Ingrid Principe
 Monique Prive '82
 Charles Pucevich '77
 Alan Pultyniewicz '98
 Alan Quittner '68
 Timothy & Rhonda Rafus
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 Karen Ramsden-Zahler '82
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DID YOU EVER?

By Arthur Brown '72

Did you ever marvel at Dr. Ruth Adams' tiny wedge shaped closet office located between the North and South towers?

I did.

Did you ever frequently wander past the second floor round bedroom/classroom to hear Mr. Singer's booming voice reading Shakespeare?

I did.

Did you ever sit on the back wall of the old Samuel Read Hall Library to eavesdrop on Mr. Newell's History of England lectures and be inspired to take the class next semester?

I did.

Did you ever enjoy sitting in the Great Hall of Vail Manor in the enormous hooded chairs built by T.N. Vail for the visit of President William Howard Taft?

I did.

Did you ever spin up Vail Hill during a snow storm in your 1963 "unsafe at any speed" Corvair past your 8 a.m. math instructor in his new car?

I did.

Did you ever have a professor so seriously disagree with your conclusions in a research analysis paper that she refused to grade it?

I did.

During your four years of struggle as a first generation college student, did you ever underestimate the lifelong significance of your success?

I did.

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1. NOVEMBER 2022, BOSTON ALUMNI RECEPTION, BOSTON, MASS.
2. MAY 2023, SENIOR & ALUMNI CRUISE, SPIRIT OF ETHAN ALLEN III, BURLINGTON, VT.
3. JULY 2022, STARS & STRIPES PARADE, LYNDONVILLE, VT.
4. MARCH 2023, ALUMNI SKI DAY, WACHUSETT MOUNTAIN, PRINCETON, MASS.



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HOME COMING and FAMILY WEEKENDS

Enjoy the fall foliage season and join classmates and friends to celebrate your time together on your home campus.



JOHNSON CAMPUS: SEPTEMBER 16-17, 2023

LYNDON CAMPUS: SEPTEMBER 22-24, 2023



SAVE THE DATE!

HIGHLIGHTS

- Alumni Awards
- Athletic Hall of Fame Inductions
- Bingo
- Family Fun
- Varsity and Alumni Games & more!

Classes ending in 3 and 8 will be celebrated. Be sure to spread the word to your classmates!

More information to come!

Event details will be shared in the e-newsletter and online.

