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(Far left) BSC's corporate and community partners for 2004-2005 are recognized at Chairmen's Dinner. See page 19; (l) Save the date: Homecoming 2005, see page 25; (r) Commencement 2005 – See outside back cover



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Dear friends,

Several weeks ago, I had the opportunity to express my heartfelt thanks to a record crowd at the Chairmen's Dinner, an event which annually serves as the capstone to our yearlong effort to leverage public resources with private giving. As I reported then, two things are becoming increasingly clear to me. First, our strong public-private partnership has been a wonderful recipe for institutional success. The college's edge of excellence endures because of it. Second, the private side of this public-private partnership is very strong and healthy. As a result of your growing generosity, our students and faculty have access to opportunities not available anywhere else.

But as the recent Report of the Senate Task Force on Public Higher Education makes abundantly clear, the public's level of commitment is simply not keeping pace with yours. The commonwealth's 29 institutions of public higher education need an infusion of some \$400 million just to be on par with similar institutions in competing states. And though it may surprise many, given our recent record of accomplishments, Bridgewater State College has the greatest funding gap (\$27 million) and most critical space and capital needs of all the state and community colleges.

The Senate Task Force Report sets the stage for a new era marked by growing public awareness and appreciation for the promise of public higher education. Should our state's leaders find both the will and the means to make such a bold new investment in the future of the commonwealth, such actions would, quite simply, transform our college into nothing short of a world-class institution. Even more important, new public resources would mean increased affordability and access to the thousands of BSC students for whom the public route remains the only option to a college degree.

As Dr. Michael Widmer, president of the Massachusetts Taxpayers Foundation, has argued, making public higher education a priority is "not optional... if we don't tend to it, we will pay the price as an economy. He could not be more right. So much of our ability to remain competitive as a commonwealth depends on our capacity to cultivate intellectual capital.

For a host of good reasons, each and every one of you — our friends, alumni and benefactors — can clearly recognize all of the great things we are doing today and can also foresee an even brighter future for Bridgewater State College. As we move forward to advocate for a more substantial and sustained public commitment, your words will always speak louder than mine. Share with others what you've learned about Bridgewater State College. Tell them of our many successes and tremendous potential. And above all else, let them know of the return you've seen, firsthand, on your investment.

When the public's commitment catches up to yours, the sky will be the limit.



Sincerely,

Dana Mohler-Faria
President

Massachusetts Senate Task Force Report Calls For Strategic Investments In Public Higher Education

By Bryan Baldwin

In its much anticipated report on the status of the Massachusetts state colleges, community colleges and the university, the Senate task force on Public Higher Education has recommended that the commonwealth invest an additional \$400 million over the next five to seven years to properly fund the state's 29 institutions. In addition, the task force also proposed that the state borrow nearly \$3 billion over the next decade to modernize campus facilities and reduce a myriad of critical space deficiencies.

Total system-wide funding needs were calculated using a formula developed by the Board of Higher Education comparing Massachusetts public institutions to their peers based upon widely recognized national standards; capital needs were determined by a pair of recent comprehensive facilities assessments. Among all of the state and community colleges, Bridgewater State College was found to have amassed the largest funding gap (\$27 million) and greatest needs for capital improvements and expansion.

To many at the college, such news came as something of a surprise, particularly given the recent completion

of a number of key building projects, the sizable expansion of the faculty in recent years, the attractiveness of the campus and the low debt load with which the majority of BSC students continue to graduate.

"A good portion of what we've managed to accomplish at Bridgewater State College even during these fiscally austere times, is the result of sound planning, prudent decision making and creative thinking with respect to our resources," noted President Mohler-Faria. "We're also very fortunate to have alumni and donors who truly believe in our potential as an institution. They provide us with tremendous levels of support and are truly helping us to maintain an edge of excellence."

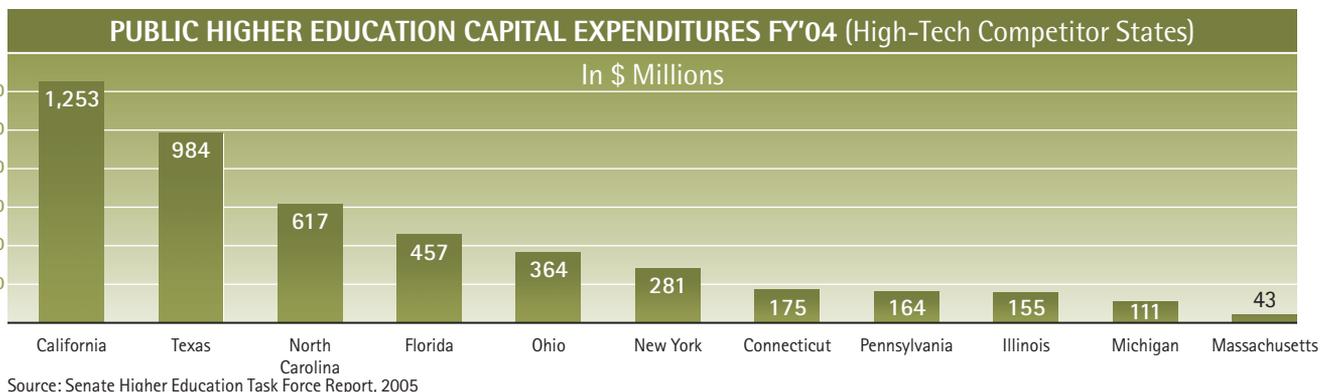
The college's private endowment of \$12 million is the largest of any Massachusetts state college and has grown considerably over the past three years. Molly Fannon Williams, the college's vice president for institutional advancement and executive director of the BSC Foundation, can point to a litany of programs and initiatives that simply would not have been possible without the commitment of donors.

"Dozens of scholarships, undergraduate research grants, international travel opportunities, faculty research incentives, the publication of *The Bridge* (the college's nationally recognized journal of students' creative and artistic work) ... none of these things would be a reality at a public institution in Massachusetts without private support," said Ms. Fannon Williams.

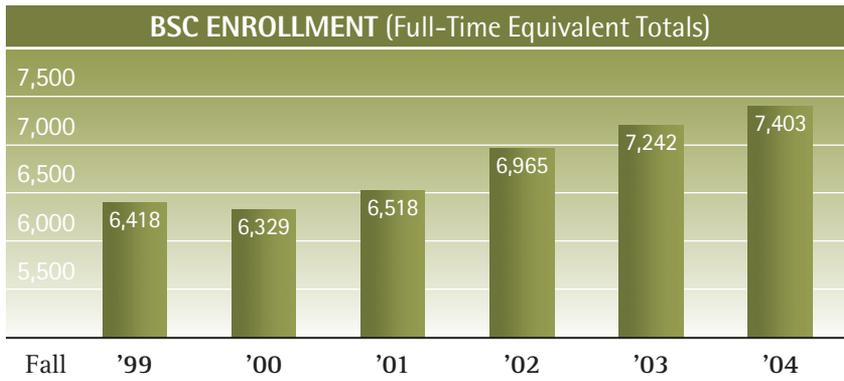
President Mohler-Faria agreed, but added that world-class public institutions need an enduring public commitment to thrive.

"Make no mistake, the quality of the education we offer to each and every Bridgewater student would be appreciably better – and increasingly affordable – given the new stream of resources called for in the Senate Task Force Report. This is what the citizens of Massachusetts deserve," said the president. "Public higher education represents the commonwealth's best investment in its own future. But despite the longstanding, positive impact institutions like Bridgewater State College have had on the Massachusetts economy, and despite the collective successes of hundreds of thousands of our graduates, public higher education has been overlooked, undervalued and underappreciated for far too long."

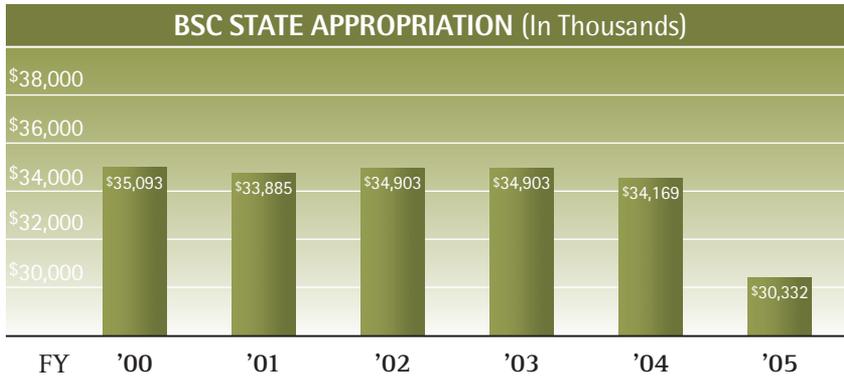
Not since the late 1950s and early 1960s have legislative leaders called for such a significant new investment in the commonwealth's system of public higher education. At that time, Massachusetts colleges and universities were facing a surge in enrollments



Source: Senate Higher Education Task Force Report, 2005



Source: BSC Institutional Research



Source: Grapevine

brought on by the maturation of the “baby boom” generation, and by the growing economic and professional demands for a college degree. Nearly half a century later, legislators are calling for bold action in an effort to close the significant gaps that have arisen between Massachusetts and its chief economic competitors. This growing sense of urgency is made abundantly clear in the preface to the report, which reads:

There is one glaring difference between Massachusetts and our smartest rivals, one powerful strategy they have embraced that we, to date, have shunned: investing in public higher education ... there are few states that do not envy our unique strength in private higher education. But it is not enough. And ironically, the strength of our private institutions may even have blinded us to the need for equally vigorous public campuses. But there can be no doubt that

Massachusetts faces a daunting challenge with one hand tied behind its back. Public institutions that served our state well in earlier times are not equipped to respond to the demands we place upon them today. What was good enough in the past will be inadequate in the future.

According to *Grapevine*, an annual report produced by Illinois State University which catalogues levels of state support for public higher education, Massachusetts currently ranks 47th in the nation in terms of per capita funding. Even more disparaging, Massachusetts is the only state spending less on public higher education now than it did a decade ago. When adjusted for inflation, current funding levels are on par with what they were in the mid-1970s. And as documented in a recent report by the Massachusetts Taxpayers Foundation, the commonwealth currently expends more incarcerating its criminals than it does educating its citizens.

The strategic recommendations of the task force could not be more timely. A record number — nearly two-thirds — of Massachusetts residents who pursue a college education do so in-state at public institutions. Some make the choice based solely on financial considerations (a single year of education at one of New England’s most elite private institutions, after all, costs roughly the same as an entire four-year education at a state college), while others do so to ready themselves best for a future to be spent working, living and raising families in the commonwealth (a choice made by 85 percent of all public college and university alumni). All, however, do so knowing full well that nearly all new job growth in Massachusetts over the past two decades has been in fields requiring a college degree.

Though everyone served by or associated with public higher education in the commonwealth applauded the leadership and vision of the Senate Task Force, few expected that such sweeping changes in public perception and commitment would happen overnight. Though BSC’s state appropriation is expected to grow only modestly in the coming fiscal year, many of the college’s students, faculty and chief administrators were understandably energized by the long-term implications of the report.

“It was an absolutely essential first step to getting us to where we both want and need to be,” said President Mohler-Faria. “A year ago, when I testified before the Senate Task Force, I warned its members that we were increasingly running the risk of losing the war for the heart and soul of public higher education in this commonwealth. I’m now far more optimistic that our message is being received and that long-term improvements will be forthcoming. For as long as it takes, we will continue to lead this charge.” ■

Internships Give Students Invaluable Real-World Experiences

By John Winters

Christina Messuri came to Bridgewater State College and entered the English program with only a vague idea of what her future would hold.

"I really wasn't sure what I wanted to do," said the Arlington native, who now lives in North Attleboro.

Then she took a look at what BSC's Career Services Office had to offer for internships. The offerings ranged from opportunities with big-name nonprofits in Washington, D.C., to media companies, to one of the most prestigious promotional companies in the world.

Ms. Messuri liked what she saw.

"That hooked me," she said.

She completed an internship at Putnam Investments in Franklin. Suddenly, things became much clearer for the 2002 graduate.

"The internship really gave me a strong knowledge base to work from," she said.

Today, Ms. Messuri is a full-time Putnam employee, has already acquired the impressive title of quality analyst, and oversees and trains new interns. Meanwhile, all those BSC English classes have paid dividends: part of her job includes writing various reports and related projects that require strong writing skills.

"I think my communication skills also helped me to get ahead," she said.

The Career Services Internship Program has been expanding in recent years, encouraging more and more students like Ms. Messuri to enter the working world one semester at a time. From downtown Bridgewater to Washington, D.C., from financial services companies, to television studios, to major marketing companies, BSC students are getting a leg up in their chosen fields.

"I encourage every student to complete an internship," said John J. Paganelli Jr., associate director of internships and experiential learning. "I tell students if they just take the time to complete an internship, it will assist them in obtaining more job interviews when they graduate."

And while students gain valuable experience and make connections through the program, area businesses and organizations are also reaping benefits.

"It brings in new blood, and employers tell me the students bring new energy and fresh ideas to their everyday routine," Mr. Paganelli said.

A year ago, Michael Malaro had his head in the clouds – literally. The aviation major, who hails from Clinton, CT, spent the summer of 2004 as an intern with American Airlines and logged 51,000 miles in the friendly skies.



Michael Malaro, a flight instructor in Taunton, credits his internship with American Airlines for preparing him for his career in aviation.

"It was a very valuable experience for me because I got to see first hand how a major airline operates and the daily activities of pilots," said the May 2005 graduate.

At 41,000 feet or so, the pilots took the time to explain to their young protégé exactly what they were doing with each lever they hit or monitor they checked. Back on solid ground, Mr. Malaro got to visit the Boeing plants in Seattle and Long Beach, CA, and spent time in the American Airlines Flight Academy in Dallas.

"The internship changed me because I got a close-up view of what the airlines really are like," he said. "People never get to see what their job is going to be like first-hand, as I did. Every week I would be sitting with the pilots in the cockpit on their trips, and they would tell me the ins and outs of the job, what to do and what not to do, and all the tricks of the trade."

Mr. Malaro, now a flight instructor at an airport in Taunton, said he's a safer pilot because of the experience. Additionally, he said he's now even more focused and better prepared for his ultimate career goal as an instructor on flight simulators.

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By John Winters



Andrea Braham's Career Goals Strengthened in Washington, D.C.

Ask Andrea Braham about her time in Washington, D.C., as an intern at the National Organization on Disability, and be prepared to hear a litany of superlatives and excited recollections.

"It was one of the greatest experiences of my life," the recently graduated Brockton resident said.

She went to Washington hoping to learn some things about herself and her future. Among them: Would the experience change her? And what would life be like after the internship was over?

While in the nation's capital, she spent her days advocating for those with disabilities – writing press releases, creating material for the organization's Web site, conducting research and assisting at press conferences – and, as it turns out, falling in love with the city and the working life.

"Who wouldn't fall in love with such a dynamic and exciting environment as the nation's capital?" she said.

Ms. Braham's internship was arranged by BSC's Career Services Internship Program through the Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars. Recently, the center's president sent a letter to the

college, saying that only a small number of institutions stand out among those within which it works. BSC was high on that list, he said, adding a tip of the hat to the quality of students the college sends to Washington each semester.

So, were those big questions Ms. Braham had before leaving for D.C. answered?

"Yes, I changed as a person," she said. "Going to work every day and advocating for a good cause helped strengthen my career goals. I feel that I'm a stronger communicator and writer."

Degree in hand, Ms. Braham said she's now a better person and better prepared to enter the workday world thanks to her internship. To those who are thinking of following in her footsteps, she offered these words of wisdom: "Take my advice: become an intern," she said. "Your life after the experience will definitely change."

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At Putnam, where up to 10 BSC students can be found at any given time working in the company's call center, the young and eager employees get paid well and earn credits, but also give something back, said Stephanie Louro, a senior operations supervisor at the company.

"They're a huge asset to our company," she said.

Many companies come to the same conclusion. The cost of hiring and training a new employee can be as much as \$30,000 on average, according to *The Wall Street Journal*. Conversely, an intern can be brought onboard relatively inexpensively.

The move Ms. Messuri made from Putnam intern to full-time employee is not unusual. According to the National Association of Colleges and Employers, 38 percent make that crossover.

It's something that makes sense for companies like Putnam, said company Assistant Vice President Lou Longo.

"We've invested the time and training in the interns; it only makes sense to retain them," he said.

Wender Ramos, a BSC senior and aviation science major, would like to fly for the Air Force one day. However, last fall he began an internship at Putnam, working in its call center. It was a long way from the airstrip, but the experience he gained will help him once he gets his wings, Mr. Ramos said.

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Christina Messuri, '02, a former Putnam Investments intern and current quality analyst, works with BSC intern Jennifer Black.

Hard Work Pays Off for Stephen DaCosta Jr. at Putnam Investments

By John Winters

he man on the other end of the line was a bit flummoxed. Having lost his wife months earlier, he was now poring through the long list of her financial doings that needed closure.

Enter Putnam Investments employee and recent BSC graduate, Stephen DaCosta Jr.

He knew how to gently steer the man through the situation, thanks to the knowledge gained during his recent internship at Putnam – the internship that led to his being hired part-time by the financial services giant. Friendly, knowledgeable and capable of handling just about anything that's thrown his way, the Braintree resident gave the man the advice he needed.

With the look of satisfaction on his face, and as the number of awards hanging in his small cubicle in Putnam's crowded call center attest, Mr. DaCosta says he's found his – pardon the pun – calling.

"I never thought I'd like it, but I absolutely love it," he said of his job. "It's awesome."

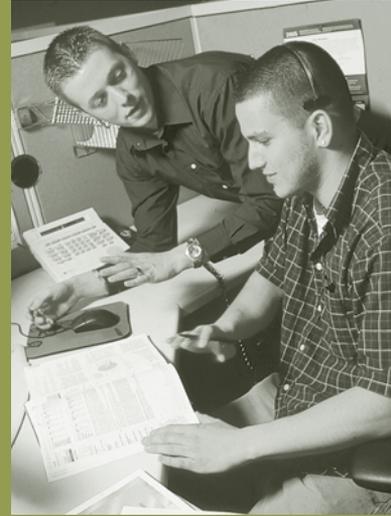
Mr. DaCosta split part of his senior year spending time in class pursuing his business degree and working three days a week in Putnam's Franklin office. Answering questions, handling transactions, checking balances, and managing any number of queries and problems that come over the line from Putnam's customers and shareholders are all part of the job he did as an intern and that he now does as an employee.

Most BSC interns find out that in the real world they get to do more than make copies or answer phones. At Putnam, interns not only get to work in the call center – the true front lines of the financial world – they also get to make a mock presentation to a panel of judges that includes vice presidents and other senior management members.

"You get a broad view of the company, and it opens your eyes to all parts of the organization," Mr. DaCosta said.

Evidently, the bosses liked what they saw of Mr. DaCosta's work. Plans call for him to become a full-time employee of the company this summer.

"It's an amazing feeling to know your hard work pays off and people recognize it," he said.



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"I wanted to take an internship that gave me some experience similar to what I might be doing in my career," he said. "And I wanted to see what it was like to have a real job in a professional setting."

He was surprised how quickly he went from training in a small conference room with his fellow interns to the front lines.

"One day they said, 'OK, time to get on the phones,'" he recalled.

Forcing him to think on the fly like that is something the future Air Force recruit said will definitely help him once he enters the working world full time.

Many BSC interns head to the nation's capital. The Career Services Office has forged a strong relationship with the Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars. This program provides some plum assignments for about a half dozen BSC students each school year. Students from all different majors venture to Washington and intern at places such as Black Entertainment Television Network,

the Fox-TV show *America's Most Wanted*, Capitol Hill Placements, The National Institute for Health, the U.S. Department of Justice, and The Walter Reed Army Medical Center, just to name a few.

BSC graduate Andrea Braham was sent by the center last summer to work at the National Organization on Disability in D.C. (See page 6) The experience broadened her horizons and likely shaped her future, she said.

"As I reflect upon my experience, I see myself as a different person. I can honestly say I have grown," Ms. Braham said. "My life after Washington has changed for the better because doors that I once thought were closed are now open."

Finding internships has become even easier of late, thanks to the Career Services Office's database of companies that are always on the lookout for smart and ambitious BSC students. The database, maintained by Career Services' Office Assistant Alice Parsons, was developed by the BSC information technology department over a 10-month period a few years ago, and that effort has paid off,

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Stephanie Louro (left) of Putnam Investments works with BSC intern Timothy Murphy.

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Mr. Paganelli said. The database is now the cornerstone of the department's operation, with more than 550 employers listed and more than 1,200 positions available in 45 different fields. Approximately one-third of the employers listed in the database offer compensation that ranges from \$7 to \$18 an hour.

"The online internship database is a great resource for the office and our students," Mr. Paganelli said.

Through it, students can search their fields of interest and find a wide selection of organizations and companies from throughout New England that are in the market for a good intern or two.

Companies as diverse as WCVB-TV, the Pawtucket Red Sox and the New England Aquarium are included in the online database. Students can also find a coveted spot with The George P. Johnson Company, an Easton, MA-based global event marketing company with a star-studded list of clients that includes IBM, several major car makers, Dow and Sun Microsystems.

The database has helped more students find the internships of their choice. In 2001, about 175 students were doing internships; today that number is 330 and climbing.

At the end of the day, Mr. Paganelli said, the internship program helps local businesses find new talent, but also gives BSC students a head start in a crowded job market.

"The internships give them confidence and more direction, and hopefully through the connections they make, they're getting employed after graduation," he said.

Also, as Mr. Ramos said about his internship at Putnam: "I'd never learn this stuff in class." ■

Jack and Paula Vercollone Provide Love for Their 11 Children

By Dick Sherman

When Jack Vercollone and Paula Agnew decided to embark on their lives' journey together, no Hollywood-style thunderclap heralded the decision. They had become such fast friends during a long and somewhat meandering courtship that making the relationship permanent seemed a mere formality.

In fact, even their first meeting was on the casual side. "I was going out with a guy on the (BSC) track team," Mrs. Vercollone recalled, "and Jack was also on the team. So we literally met on the track."

That serendipitous get-together launched a friendship that would ripen over the next few years, leading eventually to a marriage that would be blessed with 11 children.

While it took them awhile to become a couple for keeps, Mr. and Mrs. Vercollone learned quickly enough that they shared certain interests: both ran track, for example, and both enjoyed the theater arts.

Mr. Vercollone had put up impressive enough numbers at Milton High School to earn a track scholarship to Northeastern University, and competed as a runner during a stint in the Marine Corps before transferring to Bridgewater State College to complete his undergraduate education. Mrs. Vercollone starred in field hockey and track at Silver Lake High School and was a varsity standout in field hockey and lacrosse at BSC.

Yet, despite their many shared interests, the couple's trip to the altar was a bit circuitous. When Mr. Vercollone graduated in 1976, he headed for Italy and a teaching post at Notre Dame International School under the auspices of a Massachusetts-sponsored student teaching program. Mrs. Vercollone earned her Bridgewater State College degree a year later and accepted a teaching post in Duxbury.

During their two years apart, the couple corresponded regularly, and when Mr. Vercollone returned to the United States for graduate study in sports management at the University of Massachusetts, he and Mrs. Vercollone stayed in touch. Then Mr. Vercollone went to work for Xerox in Connecticut. Finally, in May of 1979, the two best friends became engaged. Three months later, they were married.



Producing 11 children places any set of parents in a special category. The Vercollones have carried things a step or two further by turning out a corral full of high-energy achievers, known to many in their hometown as the "first family of Pembroke."

Clearly, it took such traits as determination, patience and, above all, a kind of all-embracing love to make it all work — along with a profound religious grounding that has sustained the Vercollones on more than a few occasions over the years.

The Vercollone children include John Paul, 24, who works for Enterprise Auto Rental in San Diego; Luke, who at 22 has played professional soccer for the New England Revolution; Matthew, 21, an ROTC student at Providence College; Anthony, 19, a student at St. Anselm's College; Christian, 18, a senior at Worcester Academy; Mark, 15, a sophomore at Sacred Heart High School in Kingston; Tessa, a 14-year-old sophomore at Sacred Heart; and elementary schoolers Mary Margaret, 13; Joseph, 11; and Stephen, 8. The youngest child is 7-year-old Angela, who attends the North River Collaborative School.

Angela, born with cerebral palsy, is a touchstone for the Vercollones — a radiant little girl who provides, in her mother's insightful words, a kind of "litmus test" for the attitudes and perspectives of her 10 siblings.

Mr. Vercollone has demonstrated an affinity for hard work by building his vehicle rental company from a mom-and-pop operation in the early 1980s into the regional force it has become since he took the reins as president more than two decades ago.

"We had 35 vehicles and one location in the beginning," he recalled. "Now we have seven locations and 460 vehicles."

Both Vercollones place a high value on their years at Bridgewater State College.

"It was wonderful," said Mr. Vercollone, whose eyes smile as he talks. "I especially enjoyed getting to know our professors."

With college long behind them, Mr. and Mrs. Vercollone still go the extra mile for anything that's important to them — and their children. Example: both still coach soccer for the youngsters of Pembroke.

Those kids, by the way, would be well advised to pay attention when either Vercollone speaks up. Mr. and Mrs. Vercollone have plenty to teach besides soccer — like the lessons of life itself.

Dick Sherman of North Attleboro is a free-lance writer for regional publications.

By Leah Bement, '94, G'98

Sally Snowman, '76, Brings History to Light

From the top of Boston's Prudential Center, you can see it in the distance, a glowing beacon that has stood the test of time for hundreds of years. Rising up over Little Brewster Island, northeast of Hull in the Boston Harbor Islands, is Boston Light, the nation's oldest lighthouse and the only one still operated by the U.S. Coast Guard.

First built in 1716 with funds from a penny tax on ships entering the harbor, Boston Light was destroyed by the British in 1776. The lighthouse was rebuilt in 1783 and today is watched over by Sally Snowman, class of 1976, Boston Light's 70th keeper and also the first woman to ever tend the historic site.

Ms. Snowman, however, is not an active duty Coast Guard member. Instead, she is a civilian employee, who, along with volunteer members of the Coast Guard Auxiliary, staffs the lighthouse.



Explained Ms. Snowman, "The major reason the Boston lightkeeper became a civilian position and the auxiliary is used for support staff was due to the outfall of September 11, when the Coast Guard determined that it could better utilize the three active duty personnel assigned

to Boston Light for Homeland Security efforts."

So in 2003, when plans were finalized to civilianize the position, Ms. Snowman's skills and experience caught the Coast Guard's attention.

As part of the Boston Harbor Islands National Recreation Area, Boston Light is the site for a seasonal tour program operated by the National Parks Service. Because of this, the Coast Guard wanted someone who had a background in educational program development for school-age students as well as knowledge of the lighthouse. Since she had been a volunteer on the island with the Coast Guard Auxiliary for more than 25 years; ran a private practice, the Snowman Learning Center; and taught courses in a master's program at Curry College for the last 17 years, her background was a perfect fit.

It was a dream job for Ms. Snowman, who grew up on the water in Weymouth and developed a lifelong love of the sea as well as a strong interest in the area's history. In fact, Ms. Snowman's interest in Little Brewster Island was so passionate that she and her husband, James Thomson, a fellow Coast Guard volunteer whom she married at the foot of Boston Light in 1994, wrote and published *Boston Light: A Historical Perspective*, the definitive book about the historic site.

"We spent five years doing research for the book, traveling on weekends to Washington, D.C., to visit places like the National Archives in order to find out anything we could about the island and the lighthouse's history," explained Ms. Snowman.

Their work was so thorough that when the National Park Service began the tour program of Boston Light in 1999, they used Ms. Snowman's book as a primary resource in the program's development.

"The job is like living history," said Ms. Snowman, whose knowledge about Boston Light is shared with more than 60 visitors a day who come to the island from May to October as part of the National Park Service tours.

"The Park Service runs two tours per day, plus we get numerous 'drive-bys' — people who come to the island by boat or kayak on their own up until 5 PM," explained Ms. Snowman. "We have to start preparing the island for tours before it opens to the public at 10 AM."

During tour season, Ms. Snowman keeps a tight schedule, preparing the island for tours, taxiing by boat a staff of volunteers to and from the island, monitoring and recording the weather and sea state for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), and of course, maintaining the lighthouse, with a 4,000 pound lamp that can be seen from 27 miles away.

From Wednesday through Sunday, her home away from home is the keeper's house, built in 1884, overlooking the lighthouse and ocean beyond. During the off-season, Ms. Snowman lives in Plymouth and works for the Coast Guard in Boston, developing curriculum on Boston Light for schoolchildren and creating a training program for tour guides.

"I always wanted to be a teacher and this job allows me to do that as well," said Ms. Snowman, who received her Bachelor of Science in Education degree as a part-time student at Bridgewater State College and went on to earn her PhD from Walden University in Minneapolis.

"I feel so honored that I have this job. Not very many people get paid for what they love, and I truly have a passion for this job," commented Ms. Snowman.

It's a passion that shines just as brightly as the beacon she watches over and, like Boston Light itself, isn't destined to fade any time soon.

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A Legacy that Endures: The Path That Stuart Gay Built

By David K. Wilson, '71

Stuart Gay, '83, G '86, a native of Stoughton, has spent virtually all of his professional career more than a thousand miles away from his hometown as an educator in South Carolina.

But he has a legacy because of the contribution he made to the college more than two decades ago. As a result, Mr. Gay is guaranteed a permanent place in the annals of the college's history.

Thanks to him, there has existed for more than two decades a concrete path through the short span of woods that divides the East and West campuses, and every day that classes are in session, thousands of people cross that space on their way to and from the Moakley Center, Hart Hall and Burnell School.

Thus, they follow a direct route and avoid a much longer, circuitous walk through a sprawling parking lot, past several residence halls to reach those destinations.

"When the Burnell School opened in 1978, half of the classes that those of us who were education majors took were in that building. We only had 10 minutes between classes, and as a result, there just wasn't enough time to walk between the old campus and the new one," he said.

So, the students improvised.

"Right across the street from the present-day Moakley Center, there lived a woman whose property provided the only clear space that allowed people to head straight through the woods, after they jumped the two little streams, to reach the Burnell School. And that's the direction many of them took. It was constantly upsetting to the woman that so many students were trampling and tearing up her yard, which was certainly an understandable reaction," he said. "I remember her asking people to stop going through her yard and being very frustrated.

"Of course, that much foot traffic in the middle of winter created ruts, and occasionally people would fall, especially when jumping the streams, creating a hazardous situation."

The invasion of the woman's yard concerned Mr. Gay, as did the possibility that inevitably someone would get hurt.

"To be frank, the college wasn't dealing with the issue. It appeared no one was going to address the situation," Mr. Gay said. "I talked with several college officials, but no one offered any solution."

So after making a rough survey to determine which part of the area in question belonged to the college, he went to work.

"One weekend in February 1981, I came to the campus with some tools and began cutting shrubs, bushes and small trees. Fairly soon I had cleared a path about 20 feet wide and 30-or-so yards long. Because there was a small stream running at each end the path, I had to dig a deeper trench to allow for drain-off to be done in a smaller span and then build a small footbridge so people could walk over it. I did have two friends, Norm Rousseau and Scott Ewing, pitch in one day."

After spending nearly all of his spring break working on the project, the job was nearly finished. At that point, an offer of assistance came from a member of the college's maintenance staff, Mr. Lou Perry.

"What I really needed was some type of lumber to build the footbridge over the creek, and one day, a member of the college's facilities staff came by. He said, 'Is there anything I can do to help?'"

Mr. Gay told him that a few spare railroad ties or something like that would be useful, and that was the institution's contribution to the project.

When the path was finished, did he receive any thanks from the college? "No," he said. "People just started walking on it."

Today, Mr. Gay is pleased that his idea – and his hard work – has paid, and continues to pay, dividends for Bridgewater State College students, faculty and staff.

Mr. Gay, his wife and children are settled happily in the South.

How come so far from home?

"I earned my bachelor's in early childhood and my master's degree elementary education at Bridgewater State College with a concentration in computers in education, right after Proposition 2 1/2" he explained. "So in order to be a teacher, I needed to relocate or give up my dream.

"I attended a recruiting fair for teachers at Boston University, and Beaufort, SC, was among the school districts represented at the technology fair. I was hired as a third-grade teacher. I would have loved to stay closer to home, but I didn't have that option because jobs were so scarce. However, I found a place that I truly think is beautiful. South Carolina is home to me now."

After several years of classroom experience, Mr. Gay moved into computer education and is now a technology coach for Anderson School District #4.

"I have a job I enjoy tremendously, a wife and daughters that I adore, and an education from Bridgewater State College that has provided me with everything I could want. And I'm glad to know that I did something for my alma mater that has remained useful after all these years."

Useful, indeed. The college, finally, says "thank you" to Stuart Gay. ■



Stuart Gay, '83, G '86, and his family

By John Winters

For Jerry Riordan, '79, Racing Horses is in His Blood

Little did Jerry Riordan know that those summer days of his youth spent dividing his time between classes at Bridgewater State College and a local farm would lead him not only to a career, but also to an idyllic spot across the Atlantic.

The 1979 graduate lives in the Italian foothills and is a successful trainer of harness horses. His days are spent running a stable of 50 trotters at a nearby farm and traveling throughout the country competing at Italy's many racetracks.



The way his life has unfurled has even surprised him, the 47 year old said.

"I thought I'd take a good job and get a few horses on the side. For me, that's all I ever looked for," he said. "That was the plan, then I got down to Florida, and one thing led to another, and now I'm in Italy."

That's a humble summation of Mr. Riordan's career. Growing up, he lived in Rhode Island, Maine and Massachusetts. He graduated from Chicopee Comprehensive High School in 1975.

Mr. Riordan fell in love with the sport of harness racing by seeing it up close at the fairs he went to with his father. Soon he was spending his summers at the local racetracks in Maine and one that was formerly located in Foxboro.

"Pretty soon I was cleaning stalls," he said.

When he attended BSC, the busy student was earning his history degree on campus and learning the ins and outs of the racing game in his off hours and during vacations and summer breaks at a local horse farm. He even bought his own racehorse his senior year.

"I was always able to get work with the horses and was always filling my time up doing that," Mr. Riordan said. "I used to ride my bike to the farm. My roommates probably smelled me when I came back."

When graduation came around in 1979, he took his degree and headed to the racetrack. The gambit paid off. Finding in himself a desire to work with the best horses in the country, Mr. Riordan soon began splitting his time between Florida and New York.

His luck took a big turn for the better in 1983 when he signed with a horseman named Chuck Sylvester, who was about to embark on his own rags-to-riches story.

"It worked out great; we went from bouncing checks to winning the Hambletonian (harness racing's premier event) a couple of years later," Mr. Riordan said.

The pair had produced horses in 1987 and 1989 that did indeed win the "Hambo" (the latter win was the only dead heat in the race's long history).

Mr. Riordan was on his way. In 1990, he won the Rising Star Award from the United States Harness Writers Association. About this time, Mr. Riordan took on his own stable and settled in New York.

He continued to do well, and the next year, 1991, a group of Italian investors bought into one of the horses trained by Mr. Riordan, and he spent the next two years going back and forth across the Atlantic to work with the animal.

"I developed a relationship with those owners and picked up a little of the language, and pretty soon people over there were asking me to train their horses," he said. "I ended up having two stables, one here and one back home, and we had to make choice."

Mr. Riordan and his wife, Lisa, moved to Italy in 1994. Today they live with son, Kyle, 10, in Salsomaggiore, a town of 20,000, just outside the city of Parma. Out his front door are the foothills of the Apinine Mountains; out back, a lush valley sits beyond the terrace.

"It's centrally located to many of the tracks, and it's really a nice place to live," Mr. Riordan said. "The food and wine are great, and they're cheap."

These days, Mr. Riordan and his employees make the rounds, racing one day in Milan, the next in Bologna, and even traveling 800 miles over road and water to Palermo in Sicily.

His college education definitely gave him an edge, he said, building his confidence, developing his people skills and giving him the ability to analyze things.

"Your degree may not apply to whatever career you go into, but just going to college for four years, you attain another level of appreciating how much more intelligent other people are and the importance of spending a little extra time thinking about what you're doing."

Racing horses isn't an easy job, but for this BSC graduate, it's proven to be a great career on two different continents. With all his accomplishments, it's easy to see why Mr. Riordan said the racing life is the only life for him.

"It just gets in your blood," he said. "It's something I just enjoy doing."

'Met-and-Married' Program Brings BSC Alumni from Across the Country to Campus

By David K. Wilson, '71

Alumni of Bridgewater State College, hailing from as far away as Hawaii, returned to campus to attend a first-ever "Met-and-Married Dinner" at East Campus Commons.

Seventy couples, who first met while attending the college as undergraduates and later married each other, signed up for the Bridgewater Alumni Association-sponsored event.

"Two years ago, as I was traveling and meeting many alumni of the college, I was impressed to learn how many of them had spouses whom they had initially met while both were students at Bridgewater State College," said Ms. Candace Maguire, director of alumni relations. "In fact, so many of those grads said to me, 'I met my wife' or 'I met my husband' on campus that the idea came to me that we should have an event to recognize and celebrate those unions."

Taunton businessman Louis Ricciardi and his wife Cynthia, both members of the Class of 1981, were among those in attendance. Mr. Ricciardi is a member of the college's Board of Trustees and is former long-time chairman of the BSC Foundation. Mrs. Ricciardi is a visiting instructor at the college as well as a past president of the alumni association.

"My wife and I are very pleased to be here, and I commend heartily Ms. Maguire and her staff for their creativity in planning such a successful event," said Mr. Ricciardi. Also among those present were two residents of Taunton, Dr. Edward Meaney and his wife, Caroline, both graduates of the Class of 1963.



Dr. Mary Edwards Beaudry, '58, and Dr. James Beaudry, '58

"We had an excellent turnout of alumni for this event, despite this past weekend's heavy snowfall," said Dr. Meaney. "Every decade was represented at the March 12 dinner, up to and including the present, starting with Paul Olenick, '36, and his wife



Met-and-Married Committee members

Rita, '38, who married in June 1941, and who traveled here this evening from Cape Cod."

The Meaneys were married in April 1963, at Lake Sabbatia in Taunton. Dr. Meaney is a past president of the alumni association as well as the former executive vice president of his alma mater.

Now the parents of three grown children, one of whom is also a BSC graduate, Dr. and Mrs. Meaney were first introduced to each other by classmate Dr. Frank Sherry, who traveled to the "Met and Married Dinner" from Hawaii, with his wife, Annette, also a Class of 1963 graduate.

Dr. Sherry retired as a faculty member at Leeward Community College in Pearl City, HI, while his wife, also recently retired, held a faculty position at the University of Hawaii. "We came a long way, but it was important to both of us because this is where we first met," said Dr. Sherry.

In welcoming the attendees to the dinner, Ms. Maguire thanked the couples for supporting their alumni association's efforts to recognize so many successful unions. "It took some time and effort to plan this event, but your attendance and enthusiasm show us it was appreciated and most definitely worthwhile. To all of our graduates who met and married at Bridgewater State College, and who stayed married, go our heartiest congratulations," Ms. Maguire said. ■



Lana Steele Argir, '62, and James Argir, '61



"Most Senior Couple" at Met-and-Married Dinner, Rita Donovan Olenick, '38, and Paul Olenick, '36

By David K. Wilson, '71

State Rep. Steve Canessa, '02: "I've never worked this hard in my life, but I relish every minute."

At the age of 24, Steve Canessa is, like many of his fellow Bridgewater State College graduates, just starting his career.

But when he leaves his home in New Bedford each weekday morning headed for Boston, the job he's going to is unlike any of those held by his contemporaries.

When Mr. Canessa arrives on Beacon Hill and, specifically, at the Massachusetts Statehouse, he takes his place with 159 other legislators in the historic House Chamber, where he serves as the State Representative from the 12th Bristol District.

And of all the state representatives who answer the roll call, Mr. Canessa is the youngest to say "present."

"I consider this a tremendous privilege," said the freshman legislator, who was elected last November to represent portions of Freetown, Lakeville, Middleboro, New Bedford and Taunton.

"Every day that I'm here or working in my district, I'm constantly aware of the great responsibility I have to the voters who elected me," he said.

His first steps toward elective office came when Mr. Canessa was in his junior year at Bridgewater State College, where he was majoring in management science with a concentration in information systems (he graduated summa cum laude, Class of '02).

"In the spring of 2001, I campaigned for a seat on the school committee in Lakeville. I was only 20 years old at the time, and people thought I might be too young. I countered by saying, 'who better to be on the school committee than someone who just went through the school system?'"

"There were three candidates and two open seats, and out of all contested races in that election, I got the second highest vote total in town."

He apparently did good work during his first term on the school committee because the voters gave him

their approval again when he ran a second time. "After a three-year term, I was happily re-elected. It was flattering to know that my constituents thought I was representing them well."

Buoyed by that experience, he began considering his next option.

"In the fall of 2003, I went out to dinner with my parents, and I randomly tossed out the idea of running for the Legislature," he explained. He admitted he received a mixed reaction.

"I was working full time at Framingham State College managing the help desk, and I was going to school part time at Suffolk University for a master's degree in business administration. When I explained my idea, both my parents were initially hesitant. They weren't sure I'd have the time to run that kind of campaign. But after much discussion, they told me they were behind me 100 percent."

Mr. Canessa then talked to one of his closest friends, fellow school committee member Phil Oliveira. "When I asked Phil, his immediate reaction was, 'What can I do to help?'" Mr. Oliveira subsequently became his campaign manager.

In January 2004, he quit his job at Framingham State College and focused full time on the election.

"When I decided to run, I wanted people to know how seriously I took this responsibility, and I wouldn't have been able to do so while working and going to school."

But he didn't give up his MBA studies.

"While campaigning for office, I took nine courses from January to August and graduated in August 2004," he explained.

"By the time August and September rolled around, I had been to some houses several times. I wanted people to know I was not a 'stereotypical young person' but a very hard worker. Every day that I was out there, my passion for the job grew."



Steve Canessa, '02

The plan worked: Mr. Canessa won a hard-fought primary in September. "I got 45 percent of the vote, the incumbent got 35 percent and a third candidate, a former state representative, got 20 percent," said Mr. Canessa.

He faced no opponent in the November election, and on January 5, 2005, he was sworn into office with his parents, cousin and friends in attendance.

"It was especially gratifying to me to have my mother and father there because they had nurtured my interest in public service since I was a young boy," he said.

"In fact, I first became involved in politics at the age of 12, thanks to my father. He'd always been keenly interested in government and encouraged me in the same direction. Growing up, every year at election time he had me holding lawn signs for a variety of people, ranging from Rep. John Quinn of Dartmouth to Rep. Bob Koczera of New Bedford, as well as a host of other local candidates running in Plymouth County. I got 'the bug' there."

He's grateful now for that early introduction to political life.

"Every morning I get up excited by the idea that I can help people in my district improve the quality of life in the communities I serve. I've learned to appreciate every day on this job. I feel so fortunate to have this opportunity. I've never worked as hard as this, but I relish every minute I'm here." ■

BSC Faculty and Students Keeping the Arts Alive in the B-R School District

By David K. Wilson, '71

Public schools in the Bridgewater-Raynham Regional School District – fighting severe budget problems that are plaguing all levels of education throughout New England – have cut back drastically in recent years on arts classes for students.

Professor James Quinn of Bridgewater State College's theater faculty sees this as a major problem for children who are "denied important arts experiences" as a result. But Professor Quinn and his wife, Lisa, parents of two children in Bridgewater schools, have done something about their concerns.

"Early last fall we approached school authorities in the town of Bridgewater with an idea," said Professor Quinn. "We've had an 'Arts for Youth' summer program in the town for a number of years, and it's been very successful. Our proposal was to bring elements of that program into the September-June academic year as an after-school program for those children interested in the visual, dramatic and musical arts."



School officials endorsed the plan, and last fall, nine courses, each averaging eight weeks in length, were offered on weekday afternoons for a modest fee at the town's Martha Burnell Campus School and the George Mitchell Elementary School.

"I'm happy to report it was a successful effort. Jim and I were very pleased with the interest level among the children," said Ms. Quinn, who directs the after-school theatre program with the support of her husband and Ms. Melanie DeSantis, a visiting lecturer at the college.

"When we first proposed the idea, we had the advantage that school administrators in Bridgewater were already familiar with us," Ms. Quinn said. "For several years we had been offering professional development workshops for teachers on integrating theater into the curriculum. That history was helpful."

For last fall's after-school program, a variety of arts subjects were offered. "There were a wide range of topics, such as 'creative computing,' the visual arts and an African percussion class. At the end of the eight weeks, we sponsored a culminating performance for parents, family and friends so they could observe and celebrate the work of the children," said Ms. Quinn, who has years of experience offering similar programs in the public schools of Boston and Cambridge.

Based on last fall's success, the spring 2005 program expanded to 15 courses with classes offered at middle schools in both Bridgewater and Raynham.

"Our faculty are recruited primarily from theater students at the college, so the program provides them with the chance to use their creative skills and interest in teaching to provide Bridgewater's children with exposure to the arts they otherwise wouldn't have," said Ms. Quinn.

Professor Quinn said everyone wins in this situation.

"I think it's of great value for our students at the college who aspire to careers in teaching the arts, especially for those who are freshmen and sophomores who are wondering if this is really what they want to do. Through their participation in the after-school program, they have the chance to experiment early in their college careers," he said. "For the children in the Town of Bridgewater, the value is that without this program, their exposure to the arts would be extremely limited due to the present budget difficulties in the community."

Professor Quinn said there are important reasons to provide children with training in the arts. "The values and the skills that the visual and music arts impart are useful and valuable in all other content areas. "This is especially true in terms of building self-confidence, enhancing communication skills and providing new opportunities for children to think creatively."

Plans are in progress to continue offering after-school Arts for Youth classes in the fall in the Bridgewater-Raynham School District.

BSC President Builds Upon Relationship with Japan

By John Winters

Thousands of miles separate Bridgewater State College and the Land of the Rising Sun, but Dr. Dana Mohler-Faria, BSC president, is trying to close that gulf.

The college already enjoys a strong relationship with the National Collegiate Network (NCN), a Tokyo-based organization that connects Japanese students who wish to study abroad with welcoming U.S. institutions. Eighty Japanese students attend BSC, and more than 150 BSC alumni have returned to live in their native Japan. Each year a growing number of Japanese students enroll at BSC.

While all this is impressive, President Mohler-Faria said he wants to forge even closer ties with the Pacific nation. The president spent a week in Japan in April, but he wasn't there as a tourist. He greeted Japanese students bound to BSC in the fall, met with alumni, built upon old relationships and reached out to form new ones.

"It was a great trip," President Mohler-Faria said. "Not only was it my first time visiting Japan, but we made some tremendous progress."

The president was chosen by NCN to deliver its annual "pre-welcome" address. In a Tokyo auditorium, President Mohler-Faria spoke to 1,500 students who in the fall will be heading to the U.S. to attend college.

He met the 18 future freshman who will soon leave their homeland to attend BSC. Bridging the past and the future, the president also had dinner with five Japanese alumni, who spoke fondly of their time at BSC. These meetings were the highlight of the trip, the president said.

BSC alumni in Japan comprise a growing and important group, the president added. Specifically, they're excellent spokespersons for the college. "In speaking with them, I felt their sense of pride, some nostalgia, and a deep love of Bridgewater," he said.

BSC Professor Dr. Wing-Kai To and Dr. Ed Minnock, dean of the Office of Graduate and Continuing Education, accompanied the president to Japan.

Beyond strengthening existing ties with NCN, President Mohler-Faria and Dr. To last fall began a relationship with administrators at Wakayama University in Tokyo, who visited the BSC campus. The goal is to collaborate on an exchange program that would allow BSC students and faculty to spend a semester at Wakayama, and vice versa.

The importance of BSC's reaching out globally cannot be underestimated, said Ms. Kristy-Ann Eldridge, BSC's international student adviser.

"This trip was very important to continue to build a strong connection to the country that many of our international students are from," she said. "I believe that BSC needs to continue to build a welcoming environment for our international students so that they want to be part of the community here."

The president's speech in Tokyo stressed his belief in the importance of international exchange programs.

"All of the traveling I've done over the past year has helped me realize how important this is for our students, that their growth and development as students will be strengthened by engaging with people from other cultures," he said. "It's a great benefit to them."

Reflecting on his week overseas, the president spoke about the success of the trip, and the growing bond between the college and its Pacific Rim partner. "I believe in the long term, we'll have an even stronger relationship with Japan and NCN," he said. ■



Pictured (from left) Ms. Judy Franz; Frank Franz, president of the University of Alabama, Huntsville; Ms. Cathy Mohler-Faria; Dr. Dana Mohler-Faria; Ms. Rose Minnock; Dr. Edward Minnock; Mr. Jonathan Mohler-Faria; and in the foreground is Mr. Ying-Lu Yeh, executive director of the NCN Institute in California.

BSC Sends Packages to American Troops In Iraq

By John Winters

ot long ago, Michael O'Neil Scarlett set down his school backpack, took a break from his classes at BSC, and put on the uniform of an American soldier.

These days, he's known as Sgt. Scarlett and is stationed in Iraq, in one of Saddam Hussein's former airbases south of Baghdad. He's a proud member of the 747th Finance Detachment, which is part of the 726th Finance Battalion, based out of West Newton.

Sgt. Scarlett's job is delivering pay to the troops serving across Iraq.

"People normally refer to us as the 'fightin' finance,' and the reason for that is because of what we do," he said in an e-mail from Iraq. "The traveling is the most dangerous part of our jobs. We have to use what we were taught, and in most cases, we have to do the job of an infantry soldier."

Some of those trips find Sgt. Scarlett and his crewmates carrying more than \$2 million in payroll to soldiers located five hours away across the dangerous Iraqi countryside. Even when he's at his base, Camp Adder, located at a town in Ah Nasiriyah, safety isn't guaranteed.

"Where I am located is not as bad as up north in Baghdad, however, our area has been bombed, there have been kidnappings and our convoys get attacked nearby on a regular basis," Sgt. Scarlett said.

Sgt. Scarlett is just one member of the BSC community doing his or her part in making Iraq safe for a fledgling democracy. A list of known students and alumni who have served or are currently serving in Iraq includes Daniel Furtado, Josh Moulding, Greg Murphy, Jeffrey Greenberg, Phillip Gonyea, James Ford, Nicholas Onishuk and Joseph Sweeney.

One BSC student who is now in Iraq, made headlines recently, when he saved an army convoy from a suicide bomber. Spc. Dean Levy, 21, a gunner with a Brockton-based National Guard unit, fired on a truck carrying 400 pounds of explosives that was heading toward his convoy of five Humvees that was making its way back to a base in north-central Iraq, according to the *Boston Herald*. His actions caused the suicide bomber's truck to detonate before it could hit the convoy. Spc. Levy, a Pembroke native, was injured in the incident but is expected to make a full recovery. He is being considered for the Bronze Star and Purple Heart due to his actions the *Boston Herald* reported.

Also currently serving a second tour in Iraq is Scott Stewart, one of the sons of Sally Stewart, a clerk in BSC's human resources department. Her other son, Sean, is a 17-year veteran of the U.S. Navy and served on the USS Constellation during the first six months of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Ms. Stewart, along with Jean Brennan, campus center building manager, and Sister Mary Ellen Dow of Campus Ministries, has over the past two years spearheaded the college's efforts to send goods and supplies overseas for American troops to distribute to the Iraqi people.

Collecting items is an ongoing project, Ms. Stewart said, and so far, the BSC community has answered the call. Some

of the overseas packages even included school supplies for Iraqi children.

"People's kindness and generosity have allowed us to do a lot of good things not only for the soldiers but also for the Iraqi children," Ms. Stewart said.

Student clubs have also conducted letter-writing campaigns, dropping encouraging words and "thank you" to the troops.

Sister Dow said that not only have those overseas benefited from the college's efforts, BSC students who have done their part have also picked up a lesson or two.

"The ones that do it show they can bridge the gap between the theory of war and what is really happening to our servicewomen and men," she said. "And anything that can be done to bridge the war gap and move us toward peace is a wonderful effort."

"Any contribution they make in the name of service is a blessing," she said.

The items sent overseas have made a difference in the lives of Iraqis young and old, according to U.S. Army Spc. Scott Stewart, Ms. Stewart's son who is in Baghdad. In a recent e-mail to his mother, he wrote:

"There are many Iraqi families in our sector who do not have much. There are a couple of neighborhoods where the people are especially poor. We make a regular effort to stop by those places, not only to check on their welfare, but also to drop off supplies and food. What little we are able to give them makes a big difference in their lives. These people live in mud huts, sleep on blankets on dirt floors, use regular garden hoses run from unsanitary pipes as their water supply and only a few have cars or trucks in the entire village. They manage, but with the supplies you donate, they do just a little bit more. The children from these two poor neighborhoods don't even go to school, so you can imagine their joy at having pens, paper and crayons to use."

Sgt. Scarlett will be in Iraq for nearly another year. Then he plans to return to BSC and complete his degree in management. But for now, he's proudly wearing the uniform and playing his part in an important mission.

"It feels great to be serving my country. To know that I am protecting my family, friends and loved ones gives me great joy," he said. "My BSC family, as well, is a main reason why I am not too upset about my deployment. So overall, I am proud to be a soldier and to be serving my country."

If you or someone you know has recently served in Iraq or Afghanistan, contact BSC's Office of Public Affairs at 508.531.1335.



By Mike Holbrook, '99, and John Winters

Charles Denune Named Head Football Coach at BSC



Charles "Chuck" Denune

Charles "Chuck" Denune, a familiar face to Bears fans, has been named the new head football coach at Bridgewater State College. Meanwhile, former coach Peter Mazzaferro, who retired after the 2004 season, will be honored with a scholarship in his name.

Coach Denune, who has been an assistant coach on the staff since 1998, becomes the fourth head coach for the Bears since the program was reinstated in 1960. He is a 1998 graduate of Heidelberg College in Ohio where he as a four-year letterman and starter at running back from 1993 to 1996.

In 1998, Coach Denune came to Bridgewater State College as a graduate assistant on the football coaching staff. He remained on the staff upon receipt of his master's degree in human performance and exercise science in 2000.

His coaching responsibilities during his eight-year stint included running backs, receivers, defensive backs and offensive line, as well serving as the

primary strength and conditioning coach. While coaching the offensive line and the running backs, three separate individuals broke the single-season school rushing record, and the Bears have finished among the top teams in Division III in scoring offense.

Coach Denune has been a visiting lecturer in Bridgewater State College's Department of Movement Arts, Health Promotion and Leisure Studies since 2001. In 2002, he became the full-time assistant fitness center director in the Department of Athletics, assisting in all aspects of the administration of the BSC Fitness Center.

Coach Denune is a member of the American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) and the National Strength and Conditioning Association (NSCA), and he is a Certified Strength and Conditioning Specialist (CSCS). He has served as a clinician and assisted in the organization of camps and clinics at Bridgewater State College, Boston College, Slippery Rock University and the Frank Glaizer Clinics.

While he represents the future of the program, the past will be marked by the Mazzaferro scholarship.

It was an off-the-cuff remark made by the longtime BSC football coach himself that gave Richard Florence, '74, the idea for the perfect retirement gift for his mentor.

"One night he was at my home, and he sort of said he'd like to see a

scholarship for a student athlete," Mr. Florence recalled. "He made it easy for us. He said it was the one thing he'd like."

From that conversation in early 2005, came the idea for the Peter Mazzaferro Scholarship. The scholarship fund, which is endowed at \$10,000, will provide approximately \$400 annually to a BSC football player who played all four years, has a grade point average of at least 3.0 and is going on to graduate school.

The desire of the coach to instill in future generations the importance of their academics, is in keeping with his character, said Mr. Florence, who not only played under Mr. Mazzaferro, but also coached with him for 16 years.

Mr. Mazzaferro patrolled the sidelines for the Bears for 36 years, winning conference championships, and twice taking teams to NCAA divisional championship games. His career coaching record at BSC is 195-137-7, making him the most successful coach in BSC football history.

Overall, in 41 years of coaching Division III football at BSC and previously at Curry College,

Coach Mazzaferro compiled a career record of 210-159-10. His 198 wins as a head coach places him first all-time among Division III coaches in New England.

The coach came to BSC in 1966 as an assistant coach to Ed Swenson. Two years later, he took the reins. Under Coach Mazzaferro, the Bears either won or shared New England Football Conference Championships in 1968, 1969, 1989, 1992, 1997, 1999 and 2000. He was named the New England Football Writer's Coach of the Year for Division II-III in 1989 and 1999.

A winner of many other prestigious coaching awards, Coach Mazzaferro was inducted into the Bridgewater State College Athletic Hall of Fame in 1994.

Off the field, Mr. Mazzaferro served BSC as an associate professor in the Department of Movement Arts, Health Promotion and Leisure Studies for 34 years. ■



Peter Mazzaferro

Community Service at BSC Highlighted at 12th Chairmen's Dinner

By Eva T. Gaffney, G'01

A record number of attendees at Bridgewater State College's premiere corporate fund-raising event learned about the college's community service endeavors throughout the years. Highlighted were the 30-year involvement of the Children's Physical Developmental Clinic as well as the college's newest initiatives such as the Community Service Center, the Massachusetts Aggression Reduction Center and service learning in the curriculum.

In addition, the college's corporate community partners were recognized prior to the 12th Annual Chairmen's Dinner at a special reception in East Campus Commons. Scholarships created by some of the businesses were presented to students at the reception.

Recognized for making a difference at Bridgewater State College during the 2004–2005 academic year were: Banknorth, Bridgewater Savings Bank, Bristol County Savings Bank, Dunkin' Donuts, Enterprise Rent-A-Car, Estabrook & Chamberlain Insurance Company, General Dynamics Corporation, Gillette Company, National Distillers Distributors Foundation, Sodexo and South Shore Savings Bank.

Students receiving scholarships during the program were: Dawn Mota,

'06, Bridgewater Savings Bank; Candice Rexford, '07, Dunkin' Donuts; Amy Johnstun, '06, Estabrook & Chamberlain; Joseph R. Cross, '09 and Geetha Rasamsetti, '09, General Dynamics; and Jessica Sullivan, '07, South Shore Savings Bank.

A display in the atrium of East Campus Commons where a reception was held prior to the dinner program featured a display entitled "Community Service Through the Years" at Bridgewater State College.

The display, an archival collection on loan from the Clement C. Maxwell Library Archives and the Office of Alumni Relations, featured a number of historical items as well as a live mannequin dressed in 1918 attire working on a community service project for the American Red Cross. Items enclosed in display cases included "The Normal Offering" of 1918, the college's yearbook, class pins from 1924 and 1943, a 1928 class ring, photos of the Class of 1876, an autograph album from the Class of 1858, community service projects from 1942 and 1980.

"Each year, this event serves as a capstone of our year-long effort to leverage public resources with private giving," said Dr. Dana Mohler-Faria, college president. "All of us at Bridgewater State College cannot thank you enough for your very generous support. Whether at the individual or corporate level, the investment you continue to make in us has made all the difference in the world."

The philanthropy effort has enabled the Bridgewater State College Foundation to build the college's growing "margin of excellence" by supporting efforts such as undergraduate research, student publications,



Top photo, scholarship recipients, flanked by Louis M. Ricciardi, '81 (left), and Dr. Dana Mohler-Faria (right) are Jessica Sullivan, Dawn Mota, Amy Johnstun, Geetha Rasamsetti, and Caitlin Lally. Bottom photo (from left) Shirell Gurley; Leola Santos, '49; Professor Emeritus Henry Santos; Dr. David Ostroth; Dr. Judith Block McLaughlin; and Dr. Cathy Turrentine engage in conversation at the reception prior to the Chairmen's Dinner.

international study opportunities and faculty research, including the presidential fellowship.

The Foundation each year receives \$1.5 to \$2 million from alumni, corporate supporters, faculty and other friends of the college, said Mr. E. Dennis Kelly, chairman of the Bridgewater State College Foundation. Annually, \$600,000 has gone to support those "margin of excellence" projects at the request of the president and the college's Board of Trustees. ■



Dr. Dana Mohler-Faria (left) and Mr. Louis M. Ricciardi, '81 (right) recognize BSC's corporate community partners for the past academic year including (from left) Nobo K. Sircar; Edward Gorman; E. Dennis Kelly; Peter Hanley, '72; James Lively; Saré B. Arnold; Raymond G. Messier, '71; and Harold M. Estabrook.

Afro-American Alumni Association Gospel Extravaganza

The Rondileau Campus Center Auditorium was the setting for the seventh annual Gospel Extravaganza. The gospel music performed by area choirs inspired audience members to clap their hands and spring up from their seats as they listened to the performances. This year's program, held on Feb. 12, included music by The Higher Calling Choir, South Central Massachusetts Choir, The Project, Greater Framingham Community Church, Lori Dow and Friends, and the John D. O'Bryant African American Institute Gospel Ensemble.

More than \$600 was raised for the BSC Minority Scholarship Fund. To make a donation to this fund, please contact Candace Maguire, director of alumni relations, at 508.531.2695.

Alumni Association Presents Major Awards

Alumni, family and friends met on campus to celebrate the accomplishments of BSC alumni. This year's recipients were:

Dr. Catherine E. Comeau Award for Outstanding Leadership in the Fields of Physical Education, Athletics and Administration

Mrs. Ann Burgess Morris, '54

After receiving a bachelor's degree in health and physical education from Bridgewater State College in 1954, Ann Burgess Morris continued graduate work at Rhode Island College, University of Rhode Island and Brown University. She taught physical education for two years at Greenfield High School and then spent 25 years in the Warren, RI, school system.

In addition to teaching, Mrs. Morris coached basketball, field hockey and



Mrs. Ann Burgess Morris, '54 (right) with Ms. Maureen Collins Minasian, '88, G'01, and Dr. Catherine Comeau

softball at Greenfield High School and gymnastics, cross country and track at Warren's Mary V. Quirk Junior High and Warren High School. The Warren High School girls' track team won three state championships under Mrs. Morris' leadership. While coaching junior high, Mrs. Morris' expert coaching led to four state junior high school track championships, three state junior high school cross country championships and five state junior high school championships in gymnastics. She also coached YMCA gymnastics teams in Barrington, RI, and Fall River and served as a URI assistant gymnastics coach for three years. Mrs. Morris serves as a gymnastics judge for junior high, high school, college and gymnastics clubs.

Mrs. Morris' personal achievements include being a finalist in the 100-meter dash and long jump in the 1999 National Senior Olympics, bronze medal recipient in the 2001 Senior Olympics, and gold and silver medalist in the 2003 Senior Games in Norfolk, VA. Mrs. Morris served on the Bridgewater State College Alumni Association Board of Directors from 1996-2003. After leaving that board, she became actively involved with the Hyannis-Bridgewater physical education alumni group.

Mrs. Morris has devoted much of her adult life to fostering good sportsmanship among students. She has served as a role model and leader to many and is well-deserving of this prestigious award.

Dr. Adrian Rondileau Award for Professional Achievement and Community Service

Mrs. Myra Powers Lopes, '54

Myra Powers Lopes received her Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education from Bridgewater State College in 1954. She also received a certificate from the Gesell Institute of Child Development, a diploma from the Institute of Children's Literature in 1982 and a Writer's Institute of Journalism diploma in 1984.

Mrs. Lopes's commitment to community service is never-ending. She was twice named International Woman of the Year by the International Professional and Business Women's Hall of Fame for outstanding achievement in the field of literature and education. She received the Silver Shield of Valor Humanitarian Award in 1992, the 2003 International Peace Prize, an International Writers Award in 2004 and was named American Woman of the Year in 2005. She is listed in *Who's Who in the East*, *Who's Who in America* and *Who's Who in the World*.



Mrs. Myra Powers Lopes, '54 (right) with Jeanette DiPaoli Damon, '54

Mrs. Lopes's tireless energy permits her to continue to serve as a volunteer to more than 14 organizations, and still, somehow, she finds the time to write. She has written more than 15 books that are used in the Fairhaven school district for history enrichment and the social studies curriculum.

Mrs. Lopes resides in Fairhaven with her husband, Curt. In her letter of acceptance for this award, Mrs. Lopes commented that her community and

professional achievements are important to her, but she considers her family and her husband of 50 years her greatest achievement.

Dr. Adrian Tinsley Award for Achievement in the Arts

Ms. Joyce Zavorskas, G'84

Ms. Zavorskas received her BFA from Syracuse University and in 1984, her MAT from Bridgewater State College. She is well known and respected for her work both regionally and internationally.



Ms. Joyce Zavorskas, G'84, (center) with President Emerita Adrian Tinsley and Dr. Stephen Smalley

Ms. Zavorskas' site-specific monotypes (paintings transferred to paper using a manual etching press) are inspired by her surroundings. "Whenever I paint, it seems to be the same kind of imagery ... standing on the edge of a cliff looking over a vast expanse of earth, ocean and sky. A quiet sanctuary where I can hear my own thoughts ..."

Many Massachusetts galleries, including Jacob Fanning Gallery in Wellfleet, Shaw Cramer Gallery in Vineyard Haven, Cape Gallery in Falmouth and Rogers Gallery in Mattapoisett, display Ms. Zavorskas' work. She also exhibits with the Boston Printmakers, Monotype Guild of New England and Printmakers of Cape Cod. She has also exhibited internationally in England and Paris.

Private and corporate collections of her work include such names as Fidelity Investments; Forrester Research Incorporated; Beth Israel/Deaconess Hospital; Pfizer Incorporated; Givaudan-Roure in Teaneck, NJ, and Paris; and Clifford-Turner in London.

Ms. Zavorskas' awards and honors include numerous first prize honors in printmaking, graphics and painting. She has participated in juried group exhibitions since 1988 and at numerous group exhibitions. In October of this year, she will be participating in a group exhibition at the *21 in Truro Exhibition* at the Cape Cod Museum of Art in Dennis.

Ms. Zavorskas owns her own gallery, Zavorskas Studio, in Orleans where she teaches printmaking. She also teaches at regional art centers, including the Copley Society Summer Workshops and Master Printmaker at Contemporary Artists Center in North Adams.

The Bridgewater State College Alumni Association is proud to recognize Ms. Zavorskas for her dedication to the preservation, promotion and teaching of art.

Nicholas P. Tillinghast Award for Outstanding Leadership and Professional Achievement in the Field of Public Education

Dr. Mary Edwards Beaudry, '58

Mary Edwards Beaudry graduated in 1958 from Bridgewater State College with a Bachelor of Science degree in Education. She continued her education at Salem State College, earning her master's degree. She received an EdD in 1993 with a specialization in higher education from the University of Massachusetts Lowell. Dr. Beaudry lives in Burlington with her husband, Dr. James Beaudry, who is also a member of the class of 1958.

Dr. Beaudry is the founding director of the Faculty Teaching Center at the University of Massachusetts Lowell. Since establishing the Teaching Center, she has involved three-fourths of the faculty in development activities. Under her direction, the Teaching Center regularly sponsors, develops and presents pedagogy and technology workshops, colloquia and grant opportunities for faculty in a variety of disciplines.

Dr. Beaudry has presented at the Lilly Conference on College Teaching, the Massachusetts Faculty Develop-



Dr. Mary Edwards Beaudry, '58, and Dr. George A. Weygand

ment Consortium, the New England Educational Research Organization and the International Congress of Medieval Studies in Kalamazoo, MI. Her publications include *Post-Carnegie Developments Affecting Teacher Education: The Struggle for Professionalism*; *Journal of Teacher Education: Lignum Vitae in the Two-Year College*; and "Approaches to Teaching the Arthurian Tradition," Modern Language Association.

Dr. Beaudry's 45-year dedication to teaching exemplifies the Bridgewater State College motto: "Not to be ministered unto, but to minister."

Dr. George A. Weygand Award for Outstanding Service to the Alumni Association

Mr. Ronald J. Rezzani Jr., '83

Ron Rezzani came to Bridgewater



Mr. Ronald J. Rezzani Jr., '83, and Dr. George A. Weygand

State College in 1981 as a transfer student from Holyoke Community College and received his BSC degree in chemistry in 1983. He immediately became involved with on-campus life by joining the lacrosse and chemistry clubs and working on the yearbook staff.

This involvement served as the foundation for Mr. Rezzani's total commitment to Bridgewater State College after graduation.

Mr. Rezzani has demonstrated outstanding dedication to the Bridgewater State College Alumni Association in so many ways. He has served on the board of directors for more than eight years in such capacities as a member-at-large, assistant treasurer and treasurer.

The alumni board meets several times a year, and the budget committee meets in the spring. Mr. Rezzani travels two hours each way to attend these meetings. He continues to fulfill his responsibilities without hesitation.

This is Mr. Rezzani's last year on the Bridgewater State College Alumni Association's Board of Directors. We are hopeful that he will remain involved. He is a loyal and dedicated alumnus who has served the alumni population well.

Martha D. Jones Award for Exceptional Dedication to Students

Ms. Ann M. Doyle, G'94, G'99

Ms. Doyle, a lifelong resident of Quincy, received her undergraduate degree from Smith College, where her interest in a higher education career began. She later completed two advanced degrees from Bridgewater State College.

After graduating from Smith College, Ms. Doyle worked at Fitchburg State College as a residence hall director before taking a position at Stonehill College, which appointed her as the first female director of the all male freshman and sophomore residence hall. She was later promoted to assistant director of residence life.

Students at Stonehill College approached Ms. Doyle asking her to help with BACCHUS, an international association of college- and university-based peer education programs focusing on alcohol abuse prevention and other related student health and safety issues. Ms. Doyle had a passion for working with students and had an interest in alcohol and drug education.



Ms. Ann M. Doyle, G'94, G'99 (center) with Sheila Tunstall McKenna, '62, and Ms. Martha Drinkwater Jones, '64

When Bridgewater State College offered her the position of outreach education coordinator, alcohol and drug program, she was very happy to accept. Her mother was a 1956 BSC graduate, and she had always shared fond memories with Ms. Doyle of her days at BSC.

Ms. Doyle has served for 11 years as the Outreach Education Coordinator of the Alcohol and Drug Program. In that capacity, she has coordinated campus-wide alcohol and drug education efforts. She is the adviser to the McADOC (Media Campaign Addressing Drugs on Campus) Peer Education Network. Last fall, McADOC Peer Education Network won the Outstanding Affiliate Award from the BACCHUS and GAMMA Peer Education Network.

Regionally, Ms. Doyle served on the attorney generals' Statewide University and College Coalition on Underage and Problem Drinking to create a statewide action plan to address college alcohol issues. On a national scale, Ms. Doyle is the New England region area consultant for the BACCHUS and GAMMA Peer Education Network.

Alumni Services Discounted Car, Home and Recreational Insurance Program

The Bridgewater Alumni Association offers discounted car, home and recreational vehicle insurance. Please call the Office of Alumni Relations to find out more about this program.

Alumni Association Web Page

Visit the alumni association's Web site at www.bridgew.edu/alumni to learn more about alumni activities and events taking place on and off campus. You may submit class notes, join the online community (contact the Office of Alumni Relations to obtain a password), purchase merchandise and even make your annual fund donation through a secure online site.

Alumni Student Loan Consolidation Program

Graduates with student loans (and parents with PLUS loans) may be able to lower their monthly payments and lock in low interest rates. This program is guaranteed by the U.S. Department of Education and offers superior benefits and customer service. Please contact Candace Maguire, director of alumni relations, at 888.272.9555 for more information regarding this new service to alumni and parents of current students.

BAA Scholarship Committee

The Bridgewater State College Alumni Association's Scholarship Committee awarded more than \$37,000 in scholarships to 54 students. It is through the participation of alumni in the Buy-a-Brick program, as well as the credit card and insurance programs that allow this fund to realize continued growth. In turn, more BSC students are granted financial assistance with their increasing college expenses.

Career Services Update

Mock Interview Night

Practice makes perfect. The same holds true for becoming a skilled interviewer. To help our students practice their interviewing skills, alumni and employers participated in the 5th

annual Mock Interview Night on Feb. 16. More than 20 students had the wonderful opportunity to gain valuable interview experience and receive informative feedback prior to their real job interviews. Thank you to all our alumni and employers who volunteered their time, including Ann Ulett, '92, of Pricewaterhouse Coopers and Susan Lawson Cann, '78, of Aon Consulting.



Gina Lenoci, '01, and Michael Tracy, '01, of Blue Cross Blue Shield of MA recruit future employees.

Bridgewater State College Seniors Meet the Pros for a Second Time

Networking can be a daunting task, especially for new graduates entering the work force. With this in mind, the Office of Career Services and the Alumni Relations Office sponsored the 2nd Annual Meet the Pros networking event on Feb. 23. While guests enjoyed refreshments provided by Alumni Relations, members of Career Services greeted participants and introduced the program.

BSC seniors participated in a lively night where each student was paired with an alumna or alumnus and then had seven minutes to conduct a business conversation. When the timer sounded, students rotated to another alumna or alumnus, giving the students the opportunity to make more than seven new professional contacts.

Seniors were able to meet with alumni from various class years and career fields. Alumni participants included Maureen Devine, '01, Bayer Diagnostics; Jo-Ann Goodchild, '77, The Marketing Workshop, Inc.; Denise

Hutchins, '95, Triumvirate Environmental; Brian Kelley, '99, Smith Barney; Daniela Lopes, '98, AdCare Criminal Justice Services; Rebecca Marshall, '03, Greater Boston Convention & Visitors Bureau; Brian Rettman, '88, EMC Corporation; Jenna Stephenson, '03, MetroWest Chamber of Commerce.

Participants found this to be an educational and enjoyable event.



Alumnus Norman Chipman, '93, of New York Life Insurance Company meets with BSC senior Rae Beth Anderson.



Megan Anderson, '03, of Road to Responsibility, Inc.; Erika Johnson, '03, of Wells Fargo Financial; and Tom Niemi, '00, of Boston Financial Data Services represent their organizations at the Job Fair.

12th Annual Job Fair

More than 55 organizations and close to 400 students participated in the 12th annual Job Fair on April 6. BSC seniors, alumni and members of the Bridgewater State College community met with regional employers to learn about professional-level opportunities within their organizations. Thank you to the many employers and alumni that made the Job Fair a success. We hope to see you again at Job Fair 2006.



BSC senior Sabrina Sterling and Maureen Devine, '01, of Bayer Diagnostics network during a timed session.



Jo-Ann Goodchild, '77, of The Marketing Workshop, Inc. meets with BSC senior Brad Lucas.

What Should I Wear to Work?

Replacing a college wardrobe of jeans and flip-flops can be costly and confusing. To help seniors develop a professional image, the What Should I Wear to Work? seminar and networking dinner was held on April 13 in the Campus Center Ballroom. Julie Foley, a certified image consultant, discussed topics that included how to dress for a job interview, building a professional wardrobe and what really constitutes business casual. Wardrobe pieces and accessories were demonstrated by BSC student and alumni volunteers. In addition to the featured speaker, students had the opportunity to meet and dine with more than 15 special guests, including alumni, employers and college community members. By the end of the evening, all 50 participants had gained the skills and knowledge to become savvy shoppers of professional attire.

We would like to thank our special guests for helping our seniors and making this event a success: Jennifer Alberti, '01, University Advancement, Boston College; Brian Berman, '01,





BSC students Shruti Tekwani, Tim Murphy and Jenna Stephenson, '03, of BSC's Office of Graduate and Continuing Education, assist image consultant Julie Foley.

MEDITECH; Diane Bell, BSC Community Service Center; Melissa Bradley, '01, Amgen, Inc.; Kimberly Buschenfeldt, Shaw's Supermarkets, Inc.; Gael Deluiliis, BSC Student Affairs; David Hubble, '04, Staples, Inc.; Tara LaChance, '02, Enterprise/St. Paul's Travelers; Ralph Martignetti, '88, Liberty Mutual; Liz Meagher, '01, Fox25; Melissa McDermott, Taunton Federal Credit Union; Andrew Shaw, '01, Aflac; Jen Staples, '01, Quadrant Software; Jenna Stephenson, '03, BSC Graduate and Continuing Education; Kimberly Thomas, '93, Taunton Federal Credit Union; Donna Waugh, '89, Mary Kay Corporation.

A special thank you goes to Candace Maguire, director of alumni relations, and the Alumni Relations Office for their support and sponsorship of this program.



CareerNet is BSC's online alumni career advisory network designed to assist current students and other alumni in their career planning. CareerNet consists of a group of alumni volunteers who share their experiences with students and other alumni. It is a great way to give back to the college.

Career Services is looking for alumni in all career fields, including business, education, health care, human services, nonprofits, govern-

ment and those who are self-employed. Join the program and share your experiences, such as how you got started in your field and what you have learned on the job, as well as offer job search advice.

How Do I Get Started?

CareerNet can be accessed through www.monstertrak.com. Once on the MonsterTrak site, please select Career Contact and Alumni Network on the menu. Once in the system, select Register and follow the step-by-step instructions. It's that easy. The program allows you to update your information so that students will be able to contact you even if you move or change jobs. Please make sure to include your e-mail address when you register.

Career Services would like to thank the 120 alumni who have already registered with CareerNet and hopes more alumni will consider joining. Your insights, expertise and experiences are crucial to making this program successful.

Florida Receptions

Sarasota and Naples Receptions

A record number of alumni turned out for the 5th annual Florida alumni receptions. This year, Candace Maguire, director of alumni relations, brought students to the receptions to talk about their Bridgewater State College experiences.

Karen DiBalsi, a senior who is involved in an undergraduate research project, discussed her research and

thanked the alumni in attendance for their financial support to the college. Her research opportunities were made possible, in part, by research grants that she received through the Bridgewater State College Foundation. Samantha Cioffi, who also accompanied the BSC team to Florida, received a travel grant from the Foundation that enabled her to go to Lucca, Italy, to study art history.

President Dana Mohler-Faria and Vice President Molly Fannon Williams thanked the alumni for their support.



Mary Hoyle Mahan, '60, hosted a reception for alumni and guests at her penthouse in Fort Lauderdale on March 14. Pictured (from left) Pat St. John Hackett, '55; Jack Hackett, '55, president of the Bridgewater State College Alumni Association; Barbara LaFrance, director of annual giving; and Ms. Mahan.

So many wonderful things are happening on campus, and much of that would not be funded without the help of a very loyal and generous alumni population.



Fort Lauderdale Reception



Save the Date Homecoming 2005 Oct. 21 and 22

Mark your calendars now for Homecoming 2005. The festivities begin Friday evening with the Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet. Saturday morning's activities start with the Carol Mulloy Cuttle 5K race. Past participants have called this a challenging course. Why not come out and participate in this event? All proceeds benefit student clinicians in the Children's Physical Developmental Clinic program at BSC.

Multiple breakfasts will be held on Saturday morning: alumni who were RA's will be meeting in the campus

center for a mini-reunion, Kappa Delta alumni are also hosting their annual alumni breakfast and people who worked on the *The Comment* are hoping to have a good turnout for their breakfast.

More details about Homecoming 2005 will be sent in early September. Circle the date on your calendar and plan on returning to campus to reunite with friends and cheer the Bears on to another Homecoming victory.

Comment Reunion Saturday, Oct. 22

Did you work on *The Comment* while attending BSC? If so, please e-mail Michelle Slavick in the Office of Alumni Relations at mslavick@bridgew.edu. A reunion breakfast is being planned for Homecoming Weekend. More information about *The Comment* reunion breakfast will be sent in early September.

BRIDGEWATER STATE COLLEGE ANNOUNCES THE LAUNCHING OF ITS ALUMNI ONLINE COMMUNITY

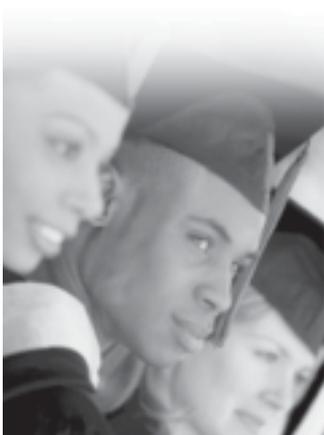
WANT TO RECONNECT WITH CLASSMATES with whom you have lost touch? Then visit Bridgewater State College's new online community at alumni.bridgew.edu.

THERE IS SO MUCH WAITING FOR YOU, and there is no fee to join.

Take the time to register and see what awaits you. To join, you simply log in with a temporary user name and password. To receive that information, please call the Office of Alumni Relations or e-mail Candace Maguire at cmaguire@bridgew.edu.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, please feel free to contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 888.272.9555 and ask for Candace.

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Alumni Update

Celebrate a lifelong connection to your alma mater with the Gift of a Lifetime

Buy a Brick

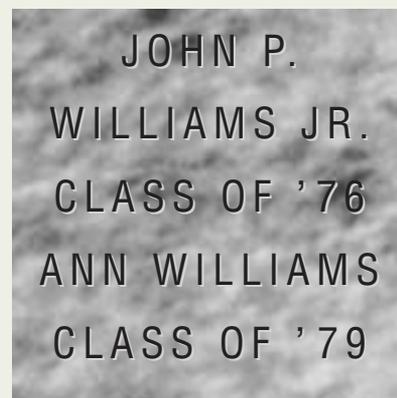
and Give the Gift that Lasts a Lifetime

The Bridgewater State College Alumni Association invites you to celebrate your lifelong connection to your alma mater by purchasing a personalized engraved brick that will be placed in the Alumni Courtyard in front of Horace Mann Auditorium. Your **tax-deductible gift of \$100** entitles you to a 4 x 8 inch personalized brick that will become a lasting part of Bridgewater State College's history. An 8 x 8 inch brick paver is available for a **tax-deductible gift of \$250**. Every time you come to campus you will be able to stroll the courtyard, see your engraved brick or paver and be reminded of your commitment to and support of Bridgewater State College and its students.

You may choose to purchase a brick to honor or memorialize a special BSC graduate. A gift card will be sent to that person or to the family of the graduate you are memorializing. **All proceeds will benefit BSC students through enhanced scholarship funds.**



4 x 8 inch
personalized brick



8 x 8 inch personalized
brick paver



Place your order today, and become a part of Bridgewater State College's legacy. You may use the order form inserted in the back of this magazine to place your order. Mail it to: Buy a Brick Campaign, Bridgewater State College, Office of Alumni Relations, Davis Alumni Center, P.O. Box 13, Bridgewater, MA 02324, or fax your order to the Office of Alumni Relations at 508.531.1722, attention Candace Maguire.

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1936

Barbara Albret
87 North Pond Drive
Brewster, MA 02631-1929

1937

Ruth Metcalf
50 Green Street, Apt. 308
Brookline, MA 02446-3399

1941

Winnifred Hodges
2219 New Bedford Drive
Sun City Center, FL 33573

1942

Loretta Kennedy Dexter
15 Buckwood Drive
South Yarmouth, MA 02664

1945

Constance Kennefick
9 Highland Street
Gloucester, MA 01930

1949

Jacqueline Killen Weyand
34-10 94th Street, Apt. 1C
Jackson Heights
Long Island, NY 11372

1953

Ralph J. Fletcher
81 Riverboat Village Road
South Hadley, MA 01075-1354

Joanne Kilmain Curran and **Francis Curran** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at a reception given by their children, Ann, John, Kevin and Karolyn. Both are active in the local Lion's Club and other volunteer work.

1954

Hazel Luke Varella
121 Center Street
North Easton, MA 02356

1955

Francena Warren Smith
32 Mellen Street
Needham, MA 02494

Doris Gustafson retired from the Air Force as a Lt. Colonel in 1980. After retiring, she returned to school and majored in art at the SUNY Purchase School of Visual Arts. After graduating, she ran a Neighborhood Watch program for 13 years, became involved in politics and ran for local office in Middletown, NY.

1956

Charlene Dodd Brown
35 Tam O'Shanter Way
South Weymouth, MA 02664

Eleanor Lydon Olson
R117 Shellback Way
Mashpee, MA 02649

1957

Beverly Tunstall Shavinsky
81 Francis Street
Fairhaven, MA 02719

1958

John B. Lonergan
21 Westminster Road
East Weymouth, MA 02189

Nancy Duarte Coon was selected by the National Art Education Association as the 2005 New Jersey Art Educator of the Year.

1960

Ginny Jewett Hogg
194 James Otis Road
Centerville, MA 02632

1962

Barbara Aguiar Lombardo
53 Oakland Street
Brockton, MA 02302

Bruce Baggarly gave a presentation on the life of Abraham Lincoln at Reynard Hall of the Mattapoisett Congregational Church during a meeting for the Mattapoisett Woman's Club. ... **Jeanne Winik Maggio** retired in June 2003 after 36 years of teaching. She taught at both the middle and high school levels, coached a variety of sports and, in her "spare time," has been a CPR instructor and a first responder for the Red Cross. She has also served as the chairman of Board of Health in Winthrop. She welcomes communication from any of her classmates.

1964

James Nidositko
25 Coleridge Drive
Falmouth, MA 02540

1965

David Gavigan is commander of special operations for the Bristol County Sheriff's Office. He gave a speech at the Sharon Men's Club on terrorism. ... **Thomas Connors'** widow, Elaine, sent a note to the Office of Alumni Relations wanting to let everyone know that Tom's name will be added to the Vietnam Veterans' Memorial in Washington, D.C., in time for the Memorial Day weekend ceremonies. Tom was paralyzed due to combat injuries received in Vietnam, and his death was deemed a result of those injuries. While at BSC, Tom was member of the football and golf



teams and Kappa Delta Phi fraternity. After leaving the military, he attended Boston College and received his master's degree in special education. He worked as chief of prosthetics at several veterans' administration facilities in Massachusetts, Rhode Island and New York until he retired in 1994. After his retirement he was a regular fisherman and participated in the handicapped sailing program in Newport. Tom passed away on May 27, 2000.

1966

Bruce Palombo retired from his position as guidance director for the Needham school system. ... **Charlotte Bloomberg Milby** opened a consulting company, "Change By Design," which focuses on training staff to work with troubled youth. In addition, she coaches teachers and librarians to work collaboratively using the school library as the literacy hub of the school. She is the proud grandmother of three girls.

1968

Donna Daley Brown
Box 366
779 Center Street
Bryantville, MA 02327

1969

Carol Ethier Pappas
44 Tall Timbers Drive
Berwick, ME 03901

Katherine Medeiros is retiring from her position as principal at Joseph DeMello School in June.

1970

Joseph Hackett
48 Ledgeview Drive
Norwood, MA 02062

After retiring last year, **Anthony Luizzi** returned to the Brockton school department as deputy school superintendent.

1971

David Keefe is the CEO at Atlantic Broadband Finance LLC, a cable television company based in Quincy. ... **Michael Cowdrey** retired after 33 years of teaching in the Billerica school department. He enjoys boating in the summer and skiing in the winter at his vacation home in Maine.

1972

Phil Conroy
Janice Indorato Conroy
85 Bridle Road
Bridgewater, MA 02324

Dick Striano retired from teaching music at North Quincy High School in January. He taught music in Quincy and Duxbury for 38 years.

1973

Mary Demors Svenson decorated an ornament that was hung on a Christmas tree in the White House and was invited to have tea with First Lady Laura Bush.

1974

Veronica Galanek Wainwright
4358 Bonfield Court
Oxford, MD 21654

1975

John Conforti's book, *Fall River's First Italians*, was distributed to adult education students for the class, Italian for Travelers, at Bristol Community College.

1976

Jacqueline Sylvia Wheaton
716 Atlantic Road
Swans Island, ME 04685

1977

Robert Mansur
12584 Autumn Gate Way
Carmel, IN 46033

1978

Elizabeth Gallagher Duval
12 Hutchinson Lane
Quincy, MA 02171

David Swanton will become the new headmaster at Braintree High School in fall 2005.

1979

Ann Flower Bradshaw is the assistant superintendent in Falmouth and one of four candidates for the head superintendent's job.

1980

M. Scott McDonald
101 Highgreen Ridge
Peachtree City, GA 30269

Robert Cole works for EMC Corporation in Hopkinton providing technical support to customers who use EMC's mid-range data storage systems. ... **David Wood** is the pastor of First Congregational Church in Squantum and leads the Tuesday night Bible Study at Christ Church in Rock Village. ... **Patricia Garvey** was one of eight Probate and Family Court probation officers honored by the Massachusetts Association of Women Lawyers. ... **Vicky Haskell Bearce** is a reading teacher at the Mary Rowlandson School in Lancaster.

1981

Cynthia Booth Ricciardi
6 Captain Harris Drive
Assonet, MA 02702

Diana Nysten was honored last November for her 20 years of work at the Department of Mental Retardation in Holden.

1982

John Sullivan
6 Phyllis Road
Foxboro, MA 02035

Martha Campbell, a Middleboro teacher, received an award from MAHPERD for outstanding contributions to physical education. She received the award during a banquet at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Worcester.

1983

Paul Prado and his wife, alumna **Sandy Amoling Prado, '84**, will be celebrating their 18th wedding anniversary. Paul works for Performance Plus, Quality Fitness Equipment, and Sandy is a substitute teacher for the Bridgewater-Raynham school system. They live in Raynham with their two daughters, Corinne and Melanie.

1985

Mike Beliveau is head football coach at Souhegan High in Amherst, NH, where he coached the team to a Division III state title. ... **Eunice Sirianos** received the 2005 Elementary Physical Education Teacher of the Year award from the Massachusetts Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance. ... **Scott Hatch** is a full-time police officer for the Georgetown Police Department.

1986

Paula Vogel Quill
20 Goldsmith Drive
Newburyport, MA 01950

Paul Narciso was promoted to senior manager of casualty claims at the Safety Insurance Company. ... **Maureen Howard** is teaching special education in Acushnet. ... **Christine Lech-Goulart** is in charge of operations at Lech Garage, a family-owned

business that has serviced New Bedford for 60 years. ... **Jane Brett** was promoted to vice president of the Multi Food Group division of the Middleboro-based Cirelli Foods. ...

Anthony Aveni has joined Bridgewater Savings Bank as vice president of commercial lending. ... **Edwin Walsh** will become the new principal at Hanover High School in July. ... **Michael Shea** was named the Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational-Technical High School's superintendent-director. He has been the academic principal for the last 19 years.

1987

Kevin Kindregan
10 Western Avenue-Apt. 106
Quincy, MA 02170

William Sangster is retiring as principal of Ashland High School and Middle School at the end of the school year.

1988

Dan Darcy
42 Gas Light Drive, Apt. 1
Weymouth, MA 02190

Christopher Clark is Wellesley's acting executive director of general government services. ... **Paul Brassil** is the director of Hosting Operations at EMC Corporation in Hopkinton.

1989

Geoff Hassard was promoted to assistant athletics director for media relations at the State University of New York, College at Oneonta, where he also serves as the chair for the college's Hall of Fame Committee. ...

Kim Ferraro Gannon is happy to announce that she gave birth to twin daughters on Sept. 3 and that her oldest daughter is now 4 years old. ...

Peter Leddy received the NEA Foundation Award for Teaching Excellence. The annual award recognizes excellence in teaching and advocacy for the profession.

1990

Jorge Neves
16 Labrie Lane
Holyoke, MA 01040

Jennifer Reed will have four books published this year: *The Falling Flowers*, a picture book; *Leonardo DaVinci: Great Mind of Art and Science*; *AIDS*; and *Earthquakes*. She would like to invite readers to visit *Wee Ones Children's Magazine* at www.weeonesmag.com.

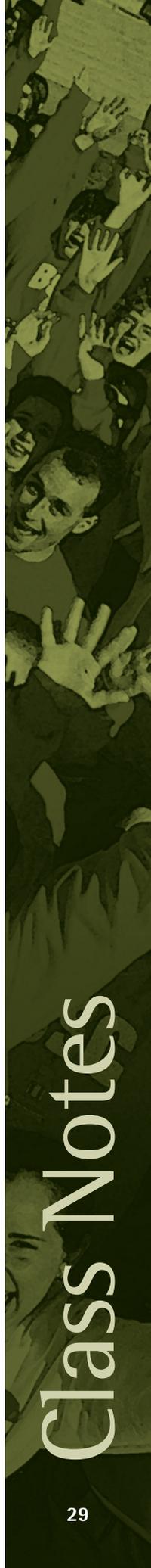
1991

Elisa Simonian Ouellette
243 Campbell Drive
Lowell, MA 01851

Donald J. Currivan is the owner of the Don Currivan Insurance Agency in Mansfield. ... **Mike Cox** has joined the Corcoran & Havlin Insurance Group as a vice president and account executive. ... **Sean Frazier** is the owner of Environmental Associates, LLC, specializing in residential and commercial construction in the metropolitan D.C. area. He and his wife, Marie Hunter Frazier, '01, have two daughters, Anastasia and Aleka Giana. ... **Paul Gaines Jr.** was hired as the director for student affairs at the College of Visual Arts in St. Paul, MN. He worked as associate director for multicultural affairs at Carlton College in Northfield, MN, from 2000-2005 and was published in the American Quarter Horse Association's monthly magazine. He spends much of his free time at the barn tending to horses. He can be reached at plgaines@yahoo.com.

1992

Shawn Rickan is the new vice principal at Narragansett Regional School in Templeton.



1993

Debra Gately-Cacciatore
439 Lexington Street
Waltham, MA 02542

Jen Cerilli has a BS in Exercise Physiology and has been working in the fitness field since 1983. ... **Donald Chausse**, a nine-year probation officer at New Bedford District Court, was honored during the 2005 Probation Employee Recognition Award ceremony in the Massachusetts Statehouse in April.

1994

Matthew Maderos
12 Wickford Lane
Quincy, MA 02169

Keith Desrosiers earned dual master's degrees in math and physics at the University of Colorado at Boulder after graduating from BSC. It was there that he met his future wife, Candace. ... **Jeffrey Greenberg** came home to his wife and three children after serving in Iraq for one year. ... **Amy Jo Parker** ran her fifth Boston Marathon to raise money for innovative cancer research and to honor family and friends who have battled the disease.

1995

Keith Berry has started his own wedding photography business, Berryphotos. He would love to reconnect with his Theta Chi brothers and can be contacted at www.berryphotos.com. ... **James Kelley** was involved in a 1999 highway accident that left him paralyzed from the chest down. However, he has not let his disability interfere with his auction business. Kelley Auctions opened last November in Holbrook.

1996

Russell Boardman is a trainer at Case High School and also works for Southcoast Hospitals Group. ... **Steve Pacheco** is a history teacher at Tahanto Regional High School.

1997

Katie Banis Berry
38 Dartmouth Terrace
Brockton, MA 02301

Roger Limoges
2714 Quarry Road NW Apt 101
Washington, DC 20009

Gary Fowles works for Citizens Bank. His wife and BSC alumna, **Laurie Ford Fowles**, is an associate with the law firm Morrisson, Mahoney and Miller. They are expecting their first child in June. ... **Jason Dymond** graduated from specialized undergraduate pilot training at Columbus Air Force Base in Mississippi. He earned silver wings with an aeronautical rating of pilot in the Air Force. ... **Jared Alves** is teaching first grade in Acushnet. ... **Kimberly DeSimone** was promoted to marketing manager with Bridgewater Savings Bank where she has worked since 1999. ... **Steve Dennis** is teaching dance at Thacher Elementary School. ... **Helen Alman Locantore** is keeping busy teaching stained glass painting and beaded jewelry at various locations. She is proud to announce that she and her husband, **Joe Locantore, '04**, have a 2-year-old granddaughter, Amber Marie Conroy.

1998

Carol Sacchetti
P.O. Box 259
Bristol, RI 02809

Kara Peterson was named principal of the Barnstable Horace Mann Charter School.

1999

Lee Charpentier
23 Upstone Drive
Nashua, NH 03063

Jacques Paul Barbour is a marriage and family therapist at North-East Health Services in Taunton. ... **Phillip Gonyea** returned to Manheim, Germany, after being deployed to Kuwait and Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. He is an administrative service sergeant regularly assigned to the 72nd Signal Battalion and was decorated with the Bronze Star Medal. ... **Brendan Ellis** joined the Ashland Police Department.

2000

Ed Nadeau resigned as a special education tutor and head baseball coach at Taunton High School to accept a position in community corrections. Ed also plans to marry his fiancée, Michelle, in the next couple of months. ... **Patrick Higgins** is the assistant principal at Mulcahey Middle School. ... **Jill MacLean** is the assistant town planner in Marshfield.

2001

Kim Sestito was promoted to senior accountant at Needel, Welch & Stone, a certified public accounting firm.

2002

David Stefanik is a sales associate at the Acushnet Realty Group. ... **Eric Barlow** graduated from the Air National Guard Academy of Military Science at McGhee Tyson Air National Guard Base in Knoxville, TN, and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Air National Guard. ... **Stephen Canessa** was elected to the Massachusetts state legislature. ... **Jolene Jeffrey Dasilva** is a teacher at Ford Middle School in Acushnet.

She and her husband have three children. ... **Nara Thayer Luna** works for Egea Biosciences, a Johnson & Johnson company, in the protein expression, purification, and screening group. ... **Jennifer Couto** was promoted to assistant manager at the Citizens-Union Savings Bank in Seekonk.

2003

Domenic Licata joined the ERA millennium team of real estate sales professionals serving consumers in Exeter. ... **Jennifer Couto** was promoted to assistant treasurer/branch manager at Citizens-Union Savings Bank in Fall River. ... **Megan Gaudette** received the Richard Aieta Award at the 36th New England Regional Conference on Social Studies held at the Park Plaza Hotel in Boston. The award is given annually to a promising social studies teacher with five years or less experience.

2004

Michael Bizzozero is serving as an assistant harbormaster in Duxbury and as an intermittent officer in Webster. ... **Jennifer Stodder** was the graphic design manager and art editor for *The Bridge*, which received a Gold Medal ranking in a critique of student-run college magazines by the Columbia Scholastic Press Association at Columbia University. ... **Rosemary Esson-Dawson's** artwork was displayed at the Imago Gallery in Warren this spring.

Deaths

Amelia F. Smith, '24, Jan. 23, 2005
Marion Panno Archibald, '25, Jan. 27, 2005
Dorothy Flood Truesdell, '27, Feb. 20, 2005
Pearl M. Pettengill, '27, March 27, 2005
Mary D. Bair, '28, Feb. 13, 2005
Thelma Nelson-Johnson Brocklehurst, '28, March 13, 2004
Ameda Galvani Parkhurst, '30, Jan. 7, 2005
Grace Michel Parker, '32, Dec. 25, 2004
Carol E. Chase Ford, '33, Jan. 29, 2005
Edith A. Gillen Preble, '34, Feb. 5, 2005
Alice Homer Merrikin, '34, Feb. 21, 2005
Anna E. Ginnetty, '34, March 5, 2005
Cheridah Paquin Gangone, '35, Jan. 4, 2005
Audrey Yeaton Scheffler, '35, Feb. 18, 2005
Natalie D. Dean Runkel, '36, Feb. 8, 2005
Mary E. Masterson, '38, March 18, 2005
Harry P. Dunn, '39, Dec. 12, 2004
Jane Austin Ward, '39, Feb. 24, 2005
William R. McGhee, '39, Dec. 28, 2004
George Borges, '41, Dec. 11, 2004
Jeannette L. Reed Halloran, '41, Feb. 11, 2005
June W. Walsh Fitzpatrick, '42, Dec. 7, 2004
Florence Harris Deich, '42, Nov. 19, 2004
Marie Gargan Holbrook, '43, Feb. 17, 2005
Eleanor Chace Washburn, '44, March 11, 2005
Dorothy Gifford Macdonald, '45, Dec. 7, 2004
Ralph C. Glidden Jr., G'50, Jan. 22, 2005
Genevieve P. Cipriani, G'51, March 10, 2005
S. Daniel Cagnina, '51
Rita O'Neil McGonnigal, '52, March 16, 2005
Gerard E. Creighton, '53, Dec. 29, 2004
Kathryn V. Kent, '53, March 2002
Albert C. Williamson, G'53, March 2, 2005
Marilyn S. Ladetto Pettengill, '53, Dec. 27, 2004
Tobias J. Monte, '54, Dec. 11, 2004
John J. Pavao, '55, Jan. 29, 2005
Mathra Moquin Duval, '55, March 22, 2005
Matthew Jagielski, '55, Feb. 13, 2005
Mary Lymberis, '56, July 2005
Iris Hope Pottern Brockman, '57, March 20, 2005
Joan Bladen Smiley, '58, Feb. 24, 2005
Leonard M. Walsh Jr., '58, Jan. 23, 2005
Janet A. Alsen Meymaris, '58, Feb. 13, 2005
William J. Storer, '59, Feb. 2, 2005
Nicholas J. O'Brien, '60, Nov. 30, 2004
Margaret A. Arthur Phinney, '61, Jan. 8, 2005
Wade S. Hooker, G'62, March 22, 2005
Kathryn Dorr Bamber, '63, Feb. 28, 2005
Armand A. Asselin, '63, March 23, 2005
Ralph Rubin, '65, Feb. 15, 2005
Phyllis C. Pytel, '66, June 3, 2003
Gerald A. Vasconcellos, '67, Jan. 15, 2005
Carol Metras Correira, '67, Feb. 27, 2005
Catherine M. Cahill Gilpin, '69, Dec. 26, 2004
Robert Cummings, '69, Jan. 18, 2005
Tim Delaney, '70, Dec. 29, 2004
Bernice M. Swan Pritchard Sherman, '70, Jan. 6, 2005
Frances Mulcahy Farrell, '70, Feb. 26, 2005
Richard E. Burke, '71, Jan. 17, 2005
David Casey, '72, Jan. 10, 2005
Toni E. Leet, '75, Jan. 4, 2005
Nancy Hamilton, '75, Jan. 6, 2005
Manuel B. Silveira, '76, Feb. 12, 2005
Thelma M. Haynes, '77, Dec. 9, 2004
Katheryn E. Claus Maier, '77, Dec. 8, 2004
Walter W. McCarthy, '77, Dec. 8, 2004
Charlotte M. Duddy McSorley, '78, Nov. 21, 2004
Marilyn Norris Trainor, '78, Feb. 28, 2005
Anne Addis Nigrosh, '79, Jan. 3, 2005
John Macdonald, '82, Dec. 12, 2004
Susan Lutz Mespelli, '88, March 4, 2005
John R. Phelps, '89, July 22, 2004
William T. Michael, '93, Dec. 7, 2004
Elaine A. Chase Duncan, '93, Feb. 5, 2005
Carol A. Mattos Borsari, '95, March 27, 2005
Cara Jane McHugh-Andrews Viveiros, '97, on Oct. 23, 2002
Jennifer Lynn Rooney, '98, Jan. 31, 2005

Marriages

Bridgette Flaherty, '82, to Philip Sheridan on Oct. 16, 2004
Colleen Turner, '83, to Thomas Secino on Jan. 15, 2005
Anne Mitchell, '87, to James Lawrence on July 24, 2004
Staci Gonsalves to **Randy Gomes, '87**, on April 24, 2004
Heidi Ganss, '88, to D. Richard Harris II on June 26, 2004
Kristy Beraldi to **James Pereira, '90**, on Oct. 16, 2004
Barbara DiMartino, '91, to William Bowen II on Dec. 4, 2004
Mary Crapo, '93, to Jose Pereira on July 17, 2004
Michelle Ring to **Geoffrey Jumper, '93**, on Sept. 24, 2005
Kimberly Dmowski to **Scott Trepanier, '93**, on July 31, 2004
Kimberly Mooney, '94, to Christopher Parker on Aug. 22, 2004
Lori Gabor, '94, to Aaron Suss on Aug. 20, 2004
Lisa Smith, '94, to Charles Gerbands on Sept. 25, 2004
Kerry Mugovero, '94, to David Collazo on Sept. 17, 2004
Amy Flanagan, '94, to Brian Chase
Jennifer Nolan, '95, to Donald Denault
Bethany Maresca, '95, to Derek Foulds on Oct. 2, 2004
Kelly Bush to **Christopher Prendergast, '95**, on Sept. 18, 2004
Melissa Hamel, '96, to Timothy White
Elaine Schwotzer, '96, to J. Devon Lutz on June 12, 2004
Kristin Melton, '97, to Michael Fiorino on Aug. 8, 2003
Jessica Kozack, '97, to Brian Strange on May 14, 2005
Jennifer Hopper, '97, to Jason Ponticelli on Aug. 12, 2005
Lynn Marie Moreau, '97, to Keith Wepler
Patricia Ahearn to **Brian Girard, '97**, on Sept. 17, 2005
Heidi Goldrick, '98, to Kasey Driscoll
Heather Fuller, '98, to Ronald Gosselin
Kerry Thompson, '98, to Kenneth Stone
Ashley Nowell to **William Andrade, '98**, on Oct. 16, 2004
Janel Manna to **Kyle Kupiec, '98**, on May 30, 2004
Andrea Bradley to **Timothy Driscoll, '98**, on June 11, 2005
Erin Kady, '99, to Brian LaFauci on July 3, 2004
Carolyn Ann O'Hara to **John C. Peters, '99**, on Sept. 25, 2004
Michelle Watts to **Daniel Birolini, '99**, on July 30, 2004
Challis O'Neil, '99, to **Christopher Crema, '99**
Stephanie Rocha, '99, to Michael Chase on Sept. 4, 2004
Erica Scott to **Stephen Pereira, '99**, on Sept. 16, 2006
Jennifer Hill, '99, to Peter Stetkiewicz on Aug. 21, 2004
Christine Black, '00, to George Janson on Oct. 15, 2005
Erika Zaniewski, '00, to Daniel Warren on Oct. 16, 2004
Julie Fay, '00, to Shane Smith on July 31, 2004
Jennifer Jones, '00, to Brian Morse
Erin Wade-Fitzgibbon, '00, to Steven Perreault
Sarah Graves to Michael Graves, '00, on Aug. 28, 2004
Jamie Andrews to **Joe Lyons, '00**
Breanne Maynard to **Micheal Hicks, '00**, on Oct. 16, 2004
Jennifer Leigh Tobin, '01, to Jesse Dylan
Lisa Monteiro, '01, to David Antocci
Heather Born, '01, to Michael Kwiecien on Aug. 6, 2005
Danielle Taylor, '01, to Shaun Collins
Laura McCrillis, '01, to Daniel Rinke
Samantha Phaneuf to **Sean Monaghan, 01**
Jennifer Rezendes, '01, to Jonathan Ellse on April 9, 2005
Melissa Metcalf, '01, to Andrew Summers
Colleen Sullivan, '01, to Ronald DeRosa Jr. on June 25, 2005
Rebecca Moore, '01, to David Raymond on Oct. 31, 2004
Courtney Bunker to **Gregory Coutts, '01**
Jennifer Coffey, '01, to Peter Masci
Christina Bordieri, 01, to Donald Saltmarsh
Eva Shealy, '02, to William Henault on Sept. 25, 2004
Melissa Davis, '02, to Anthony Arnett on Aug. 6, 2005
Cinthia DaSilva, '02, to Ivo Jorge on June 19, 2004
Andrea Moro, '02, to Adam Burnett on July 17, 2004
Amy Thomsen to **David Ellsworth, '02**
Jessica Renna, '02, to Michael Iannino
Cheryl Charbonneau, '02, to Nelson Leandro
Nara Thayer, '02, to Ricardo Luna on Dec. 4, 2004
Vanessa Zauner, '02, to Paul Miller on Oct. 15, 2005
Sherilyn DiCarlo, '02, to Jeremy Silva
Jami Cornell, '02, to Andrew Mingo on July 10, 2004
Erin Accettullo, '02, to Mark Alves
Kelly Fitzpatrick, '02, to Edward Troy on March 11, 2006
Julie Stracuzzi to **Andrew Reardon, '02**, on April 17, 2004
Elizabeth Therrien, '03, to Matthew Parsons on July 31, 2004
Beth Hebert, '03, to Thomas Stewart
Rachel Dorsey to **Michael Dunham, '03**, on Sept. 30, 2005
Erin Conley, '03, to Benjamin Porter
Jennifer Lynch, '03, to **Steven Peters, '03**
Tiffany O'Keefe, '03, to Thomas Manning III
Lindsay Wotton, '03, to Kevin Moran
Jessica Bassick, '04, to Caleb Burns
Amy Silvia, '04, to Derek King on July 31, 2004
Erica Martins, '04, to Antone Pereira on July 10, 2004
Jennifer Bayer to **Brian Dennehy, '04**
Linnea Anderson, G'04, to Scott Molard

Births

To **Mary Hunter Frazier, '91**, and **Sean Frazier, '91**, a daughter, Aleka Giana, on April 23, 2004
To **Elisa Simonian Ouellette, '91**, and Mark Ouellette, a son, Zachary, on Dec. 5, 2004
To **Leighann McGovern Maher, '92**, and Jeff Maher, a son, Samuel Terence, on Nov. 24, 2004
To **Matthew Johnson, '95**, and **Jennifer Brown Johnson, '95**, a son, Colton Richard, on Nov. 8, 2004
To **Caroline Murphy Jordan, '96**, and **David Jordan, '97**, a daughter, Faith Jeanne Marie, on July 6, 2004
To **Deborah Dixon Murphy, '96**, and **Robert Murphy, '96**, a daughter, Molly Jeanne, on Feb. 25, 2005
To **Kerrie Comer Cook, '96**, and Shaun Cook, twin daughters, Cora and Autumn, on Dec. 31, 2004
To **Katie Banis Berry, '97**, and **Keith Berry, '95**, daughters Kaitlyn Marie, on April 27, 2002 and Alyssa Noel, on Oct. 5, 2004
To **Tracey Sunderland DeLano, '97**, and **Alan DeLano, '95**, a daughter, Callie Ann, on Nov. 10, 2004
To **Cara Cricco Capalbo, '97**, and **Peter Capalbo, '00**, a daughter, Abigail Paige, on Sept. 26, 2004
To **Kristin Melton Fiorino, '97**, and Michael Fiorino, a son, Craig Joseph, on Sept. 28, 2004
To **Cara Jane McHugh-Andrews Viveiros, '97**, and Phil Viveiros, a son, John Philip, on Sept. 30, 2002
To **Kimberly Lane Herman, '99**, and **Michael Herman, '97**, a daughter, Sophie Jane, on Feb. 28, 2005
To **Amy Gouveia Brown, '99**, and Robert Brown, a son, Caden Alexander, on Aug. 9, 2004
To **Christa Mattera Rosado, '99**, and Israel Rosado, a daughter, Jenna Michelle, on Feb. 12, 2005
To **Nara Thayer Luna, '02**, and Ricardo Luna, a daughter, Alea Delida, on Jan. 14, 2005



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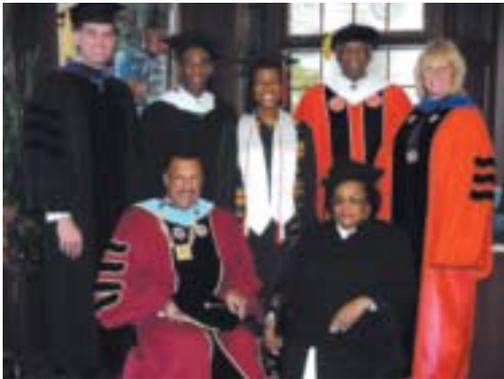
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Spring Commencement 2005

Community service was the theme of Bridgewater State College's 164th Spring Commencement in May. The award recipients and speakers throughout the ceremony stressed the importance of serving a cause larger than oneself. During commencement (clockwise from top), Ms. Lugenia Gordon receives an honorary degree in public service; Mr. Frederick W. Clark Jr. receives a Distinguished Service Award; the president congratulates a graduate; Mr. Milton J. Little Jr. of the United Way of Massachusetts Bay presents the commencement address; Ms. Andrea A. Braham gives a message from a member of the graduating class; and the president and members of the platform party prepare for the ceremony.



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