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### A Message from Our Alumni Councils

Over the last year, the Johnson and Lyndon Alumni Councils have continued to work together in support of Northern Vermont University and the future Vermont State University (VTSU). We know that change is hard, especially when it involves a place as near and dear to our hearts as Johnson and Lyndon are for many of us. The Alumni Councils remain committed to supporting our vast alumni network as we navigate yet another period of change and are dedicated to helping ensure that future generations of students have access to the same opportunities we had on our beloved campuses.

The transformation of the Vermont State Colleges System (VSCS) is necessary in part due to the demographic and economic challenges that are impacting higher education institutions throughout the country. The State of Vermont is requiring that the VSCS make changes to become more financially stable and in return, they have agreed to increase the state appropriation to the system. We are encouraged by the legislature's commitment to maintaining the existing campuses, especially the Johnson and Lyndon campuses. Doing so will preserve access to higher education as well as the vital cultural, economic, and social hubs in the rural communities these campuses serve.

We are eager to meet and work with Vermont State's inaugural president, Dr. Parwinder Grewal, in the coming months. We encourage alumni to get involved and stay up-to-date with the transformation process and the launch of VTSU. Visit vsc.edu/transformation to learn more

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### Dear Alumni and Friends,

As you know, the Vermont State Colleges System (VSCS) announced in the spring of 2021 that the VSCS would consolidate Northern Vermont University (NVU), Castleton University (CU), and Vermont Technical College (VTC) under one accreditation, culminating in one university with multiple campuses. In September 2021, the VSCS Board of Trustees approved the name Vermont State University (VTSU) for the new, unified institution.





DR. GREWAL WAS SELECTED AS THE INAUGURAL PRESIDENT OF VERMONT STATE UNIVERSITY, BEGINNING JULY 1, 2022. In April 2022, Dr. Parwinder Grewal was selected as the inaugural president of Vermont State University, beginning July 1, 2022. Dr. Grewal will serve as president of NVU, CU, and VTC during the 2022-2023 academic year. Vermont State will officially launch July 1, 2023 and will welcome its first class that fall.

Dr. Grewal brings over twenty-five years of higher education experience and ten years of biotechnology research and development experience in industry and government in six U.S. states and five countries. Most recently, he served at the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, a new university created through the merger of three long-standing legacy institutions spanning multiple campuses and communities, where he played key leadership roles.

We know many of you are feeling frustrated with this transformation. We have been here before when Lyndon and Johnson unified to become Northern Vermont University in 2018. We are the experts. We have the know-how and grit to navigate this situation, not to mention the knowledge we gained through our unification. The creation of Vermont State University preserves the Johnson and Lyndon campuses, maintaining access to higher education in the rural communities we serve.

Our alumni are passionate! Your passionate responses and support in the spring of 2020 when NVU was faced with threats of closure show that you care about Johnson and Lyndon and want a voice. We ask that you hold onto that passion and stay involved with your

home campus, as we become Vermont State. We need you now more than ever. We hope that you will see and embrace the opportunities this transformation offers.

The creation of VTSU will ensure that we can provide high-quality education to our students now and in the future and is critical to preserving and expanding access to education statewide. We will strengthen our services, broaden and deepen our offerings for students while reducing redundancy and increasing efficiency to make us more fiscally sustainable.

As we transition to VTSU, we want to assure you that we will remain Johnson and Lyndon in every way that matters – the strong sense of community, inspiring educators, exciting curriculum, personal attention, and living traditions – for our students, communities, friends, and our alumni.

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# **UNIVERSITY NEWS**



# Lyndon Institute Students Can Now Earn an NVU Associate Degree Tuition Free

NVU and Lyndon Institute (LI) announce the innovative expansion of the successful early college program, the Lyndon Learning Collaborative (LLC). With this expansion, program graduates will now be able to graduate Lyndon Institute with an associate degree.

The Lyndon Learning Collaborative program was created in 2015 and has successfully saved over eighty Vermont students a year's worth of college tuition. Classes are taught on the campus of Lyndon Institute by LI faculty who are designated NVU adjunct professors.

Through the expanded program, Lyndon Institute students can not only substantially lower the cost of college, but by now taking two academic years of an approved NVU curriculum they can earn an associate of arts in general studies.

Participating students can continue to participate in high school activities, athletics, and clubs while taking a variety of courses from the college curriculum. Participation is free of charge to students, and substantially lowers the cost of college.

Pictured (left to right): Twila Perry '83, Lyndon Institute Head of School; NVU Interim President John Mills; Emma Renaudette, LLC participant and LI senior; Emma Newland, LLC participant and LI senior; Dr. Adam Norwood '99, LLC coordinator



# Professor Pat Shine Named VSCS Faculty Fellow for 2021-2022

The Board of Trustees of the Vermont State Colleges System (VSCS) named Professor Pat Shine as a VSCS Faculty Fellow for 2021-2022.

Co-chair of the department of Psychology and Human Services on the Lyndon campus, Professor Shine's fellowship focused on social justice best practices as she worked with the VSCS Social Justice Partners group "to lay a strong foundation for social justice that's woven into the fabric of the VSCS," Shine said.

Professor Shine's work emphasizes challenging all forms of oppression (i.e., sexism, classism, heterosexism), as well as strengthening racial justice. "Social justice is an outcome and a process," Shine said. "There's a lot of focus on the outcomes, such as gender inclusivity and hiring practices. But what does social justice look like in practice and how can it be strengthened across the system so this work continues on through staffing changes that occur over time?"

## More than 100 Students Participate in Upward Bound

High school students, 117 in all, returned to NVU campuses for in-person Upward Bound programs in the summer of

**2021.** The students came to the Johnson and Lyndon campuses from seventeen area high schools for a mix of day and residential experiences, all with the goal of building the skills and confidence that will help each to access higher education and succeed in college.

Upward Bound is a federally funded program that works with students from modest-income families without experience with higher education. Summer 2021 marked the start of the program's fortieth year on the Lyndon campus, and the fiftieth year on the Johnson campus — which also holds the designation as the oldest continuously funded Upward Bound program in Vermont. In total, the two programs on the NVU campuses have worked with approximately 6,000 students over the years.

Prospective Upward Bound students are nominated by teachers and guidance counselors, with student eligibility based on family income and/or first-generation status. Students complete an application and interview and then program staff meet with the parents to confirm their support before the student begins.

# President Elaine Collins Steps Down; Interim President Appointed

Dr. Elaine Collins stepped down from her presidency in August 2021, a position she had served in since 2018.

Prior to that, she served as president of Johnson State College from 2015-2018. Under Elaine's leadership, Do North Coworking and the NVU Center for Teaching and Learning were founded; the largest financial gift in VSCS history was secured; NVU was established as a Learning and Working Community; a 1.8-million-dollar Title III Strengthening Institutions Grant was received; two USDA grants in support of teleconferencing were secured; the only women's varsity level triathlon team in Vermont (and in New England at the time) was started at Johnson; many new degree programs were launched and a partnership was formed with Vermont Technical College to bring a bachelor's degree in nursing to the Northeast Kingdom.



Dr. John Mills was appointed interim president of NVU, effective August 2021–June 30, 2022. John served as president of Paul Smith's College in New York for ten years and two years at Mount Aloysius College in Pennsylvania. He also served as provost at both institutions. John has a bachelor of science in zoology from the University of Rhode Island and a doctorate in biology from Brown University. He has also been a faculty member at MIT, Harvard Medical

School, Dartmouth Medical School, and Clarkson University.

Additionally, Dr. Mills has a robust background in civic engagement.



# National Award for "The Monument"

Northern Vermont University's original online theater piece, "The Monument," took home a Kennedy Center Citizen Artist Award at the national awards ceremony on May 22, 2021. This marks the second time that this piece, created by students in NVU's Performance, Arts, and Technology program, has been recognized by the Kennedy Center — first when it was selected for presentation at the Region 1 American College Theater Festival held virtually in late January, and now as an award winner at the national level.

The award announcement stated: "The Kennedy Center Citizen Artist Awards recognize programs in higher education using theatrical production to promote long-term societal impact through an artistic lens, to encourage empathetic exploration of the complex cultural and physical world, and to advocate for justice on campus and throughout the world." NVU's "The Monument" was also recognized with two Special Achievements — in Virtual Community Engagement and Audience Development, and in Sound Design.

# **NVU Faculty Awarded NIH Grant and Named VSCS Faculty Fellow**



Dr. Gina Mireault was recently awarded a prestigious research grant from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and was named a Vermont State Colleges Systems (VSCS) Faculty Fellow for the 2022-2023 academic year.

Dr. Gina Mireault, professor of psychology and chair of the NVU-Johnson Psychology and Human Services department, received a \$547,156 four-year research grant from the NIH Support for Research Excellence (SuRE) program to fund her proposed research titled, "Infants' Understanding of Violations of Expectation: The Role of Social Agents and Repetition." The award will fund two research studies to be carried out over four years, with up to twenty undergraduate students gaining hands-on research experience.

Dr. Mireault's research has focused on various aspects of emotional development in childhood for more than twenty years, and her current research focuses on the perception and creation

of humor in infants from three to twelve months old. She has presented at major peer-reviewed conferences and her work has been cited in national and international publications.

As VSCS Faculty Fellow, Dr. Mireault will explore how to better integrate NVU's Learning and Working Community educational philosophy into the psychology program at NVU. Specifically, she will study how that integration occurs at four work colleges in the midwestern and southern parts of the country, which offer psychology degrees and plans to tailor and/or borrow their methods as she brings them to NVU.

# **UNIVERSITY NEWS**



# 9th Annual Veterans Summit Held

The Ninth Annual Veterans Summit was held outdoors on the NVU-Lyndon campus on June 14, 2021. Its date was later than normal because of the desire to wait out the pandemic and offer a somewhat normal summit experience. June 14 was set as the summit date because it is Flag Day and the birthday of the U.S. Army.

The theme of the summit was "Purpose, Resiliency, and Support" and keynote speaker **John Hojek '16** spoke to this theme using his own experiences in life to connect with veterans gathered in the crowd. John is a Lyndon State College alumnus and a veteran of the Marine Corps. He earned his master's degree at the University of Chicago and has been working with veterans on issues of mental health. Dr. Laura Gibson, associate chief of Behavioral Health Services at the White River Junction VA Medical Center, addressed attendees on behalf of the Veterans Administration and shared information on available services.

Following the speeches, breakout sessions were available. Topics included career opportunities for veterans, "Choosing the Right Care for Your Brain and Pain," "Options for Living with PTSD, Anxiety, Depression, and Substance Disorders," and "Building a Veterans Memorial."

Exhibitors representing the Veterans Administration, Vermont Veterans Home, the VFW, American Legion, Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association, Veterans Inc., the USS Vermont (SSN792) Commissioning Committee, and more were available to those in attendance. There was also an opportunity for veterans to get a COVID vaccine.

# Atmospheric Sciences Faculty and Alums Publish Peer-Reviewed Research

What happens when climate model projections for the northeastern United States are based on outdated or inaccurate temperature estimates of large bodies of water such as the Great Lakes? That's what NVU Associate Professor of Atmospheric Sciences Janel Hanrahan and two student interns – Jessica Langlois '19 and Lauren Cornell '20 – set out to study in summer 2018. The results of their research were recently published in the Journal of Applied Meteorology and Climatology in the paper titled, "Examining the Impacts of Great Lakes Temperature Perturbations on Simulated Precipitation in the Northeastern United States."

## First Annual High School Writing Contest Winners Announced

Scholarships to NVU were awarded to winners and runners-up of the first annual Vermont High School Writing Contest. The winners in each category – fiction, nonfiction, and poetry – were chosen from more than 120 entries from high school students in public and private schools as well as from home schoolers.

In the fiction category, Elias Leventhal (Champlain Valley Union High School) placed first with his entry "Quills." Jonah Sayler (South Burlington High School) was selected as the runner-up with his submission "Karelia."

In the nonfiction category, two Craftsbury Academy students garnered honors. Alexander Califano placed first with his essay "Reflections of a Cross Country Dog," while Matthew Califano, Alexander's twin brother, was runner-up with "Pay or Dispute."

In the poetry category, Middlebury Union High School student Narges Anzall won first prize with the poem "Iran/Biography of a Town." Runner-up was Riley Medina (Green Mountain High School) with the poem "Order of Things."

Nine distinguished Vermont-based writers — three for each category — served as the writing contest judges. The poetry judges were Geof Hewitt, Kathleen McKinley Harris, and Skye Jackson; nonfiction judges were Reeve Lindbergh, Chandler Gilman, and Lisa Halvorsen; and fiction judges were Jensen Beach, Bill Schubart, and Elizabeth Inness-Brown.

The winner and runner-up in each category received an NVU scholarship of \$1,000 or \$500, respectively, renewable for four years, along with cash awards, the opportunity to publish their work in the NVU-based *Green Mountains Review* and the *League of Vermont Writers' League Lines*, and a one-year membership to the League of Vermont Writers. NVU and the League look forward to the second-annual contest in the fall of 2022.



# Grant Received to Expand Nursing Education in Northeast Kingdom

NVU-Lyndon and Vermont Technical College have secured a \$240,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration that will expand nursing capacity in the Northeast Kingdom.

The funding will expand Vermont Technical College's in-demand existing nursing program on the Lyndon campus, creating a direct pathway for students to complete their degree from start to finish in the Lyndon community. A Clinical Nursing Education Center, complete with a nursing instruction classroom and skills and simulation lab spaces, will be constructed in the T.N. Vail Center. The Vermont Community Foundation and a generous gift from Christian Mason '80 met the matching gift requirement for this grant.

The center will provide students with a simulation lab, which is a realistic-looking clinical location to practice, research, learn and work toward success in their nursing studies. This is a public-private partnership between NVU-Lyndon, Vermont Technical College, and Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital (NVRH). With the new lab spaces, the direct pathway from NVU-Lyndon to Vermont Tech will become a solid reality. Nursing students will have guaranteed seats in the Vermont Tech program once they satisfactorily fulfill the requirements, apply, and are accepted.

The project is a true example of public-private collaboration. The facility will be in Lyndon; Vermont Technical College will deliver the nursing certificate and degree programs just like those offered at other locations around the state; and NVRH will donate hospital beds and other equipment to the skills and simulation lab spaces. As a regional resource, the expanded pathway has the potential to support networking and coordination with neighboring high schools and reach out to continuing learners and career changers, further strengthening the nursing talent pipeline to the secondary education level.



# New Campus Resource Center for BIPOC Students at Johnson

A new resource center for BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and People of Color) students on the NVU-Johnson campus was named in honor of NVU-Johnson student Mamadou N'Diaye who passed away in July 2020.

The Coalition of Minority Students (COMS) at Johnson, in collaboration with the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee and the Student Government Association, hosted a celebration of **Mamadou N'Diaye's** life in conjunction with the naming of this new dedicated space in Dewey Hall (Room 149) as the Mamadou N'Diaye Resource Center on March 15, 2022.

Mamadou N'Diaye, from Prince George, Md., was 19 years old and a rising sophomore pursuing a bachelor of fine arts in media arts on the Johnson campus when he died in a tragic accident outside Eureka, Mont. He also played basketball for the Badgers.

The Mamadou N'Diaye Resource Center is an academic and mental health resource space created by the COMS for the benefit of BIPOC students at NVU-Johnson. The room serves as a haven for COMS members and as a center to host events open to students, faculty, staff, and community members to educate themselves with COMS members on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion principals. The room will also serve as a space for mental health assistance with comfortable seating and computer access to telehealth therapy. NVU students have chosen specific art and media to encourage stress relief and self-help.

# **UNIVERSITY COMMENCEMENT**







# Class of 2021 Celebrated through Virtual Commencements and Personalized Websites

Northern Vermont University celebrated the 494 graduates of the Class of 2021 through two virtual commencement ceremonies, honoring Johnson graduates on May 15, 2021 and Lyndon graduates on May 16, 2021. Held as YouTube Premiere events, both celebrations incorporated time-honored commencement traditions into the watch party experiences.



The Class of 2020 and Class of 2021 were invited back to their respective campuses during Homecoming and Family Weekend in September 2021 to take part in special graduation processionals and celebration dinners.

Each virtual commencement was guided by a master of ceremonies, and included keynote and class speakers, the alma maters for each campus, pipers, drone footage of the campuses and scenic vistas, a reading of graduate names, and celebratory messages from faculty, family, and friends.

The special guest speakers were Dr. François Clemmons (Johnson) and Dr. Henry Parker (Lyndon). The Johnson student speakers were Ayodeji Shokeye, Zacharias Clay II, and Alexandra R. Damato, and the Lyndon student speaker was Christian Kapoukranidis.

A special commencement website went live immediately after the YouTube Premiere event for each campus, with links to watch individual speeches and the conferring of degrees segment of the ceremony, as well as the entire event. An individual web page was also created for each graduate, recognizing their degree and honors and including messages and pictures provided by students, family, and friends. Both the Johnson and Lyndon virtual commencement experiences can be accessed via: NorthernVermont.edu/Commencement2021.

# **Lyndon Outstanding Graduating Senior Awards**

Each year, the NVU-Lyndon Alumni Association presents a member of the graduating class with the Outstanding Graduating Senior Award. This award is given to a senior who exemplifies strong leadership, is involved in the surrounding community, and has a 3.0 or greater cumulative grade point average. Members of the graduating class nominate fellow students for the award. The last three recipients were Alisha Celley '20, Adrianne Hutchin '21, and Bobby Saba '22.



Alisha Celley '20



Adrianne Hutchin '21



Bobby Saba '22

# Class of 2022 Celebrated with Return of In-Person Commencements

After a two-year hiatus due to the coronavirus pandemic, the NVU Class of 2022 was able to enjoy the full commencement experience this year. The Class of 2022 also marked the first NVU graduating class, as these students began their studies with the university in 2018, after the unification of Johnson State College and Lyndon State College.

The Johnson campus celebrated 219 graduates at their 155th commencement ceremony on May 14, 2022. The next day, May 15, the Lyndon campus celebrated 157 graduates at their 110th commencement ceremony.

The guest speaker for Johnson was former Vermont Secretary of Education and NVU-Lyndon alum Rebecca Holcombe. She earned her certification as a school administrator through her coursework at Lyndon State College. She received her doctorate from the Harvard Graduate School of Education, her master's in business administration from the Simmons School of Management, and her bachelor's from Brown University. She was appointed to serve as Vermont's Secretary of Education by two governors. Prior to her work for the State of Vermont, she was the director of teacher education at Dartmouth College, where she also taught a course on public policy.

The Johnson student speakers were Elizabeth Sirrico, who graduated with her master of science in clinical mental health counseling, Flora-Sae Kim Chessman-Chaplin, who earned her bachelor of arts in psychology through NVU Online, and Sarina Pesinkowski, who graduated with a bachelor of arts in psychology and associate of arts in photography.

This year's guest speaker for Lyndon was Senator Kesha Ram Hinsdale, a Vermont Democrat serving Chittenden (Vt.) District. She received a bachelor of science in natural resource planning and a bachelor of arts in political science from the University of Vermont in 2008, where she was Student Government Association president and graduated magna cum laude. She earned her master of public administration from the Harvard Kennedy School of Government in 2018. Her career in Vermont has spanned preschool education, legal advocacy for victims of domestic violence, and municipal civic engagement.

The Lyndon student speaker was Robert "Bobby" Saba, who graduated with a bachelor of science in atmospheric sciences and an associate of science in electronic journalism arts.

For the last two graduating classes, personalized graduation websites were created for each graduate to compliment the virtual ceremonies. Since these sites were so well received, they were also created for the Class of 2022. Both the Johnson and Lyndon graduation websites can be accessed via: NorthernVermont.edu/Commencement2022.











# **UNIVERSITY GIVING**

# Manor Vail Society Receives Major Gift for Timeline



The Manor Vail
Society (MVS) is
pleased to announce
a gift of \$10,000 from
Nancy Collins of Essex,
Vt. She presented the
gift at Lyndon's 2021
Homecoming in memory
of her late husband, Dick
Collins, Lyndon Teachers

College Class of 1953, and the founding member of MVS in 2009.

The gift has been designated to the design, fabrication, and installation of a timeline, depicting the history of NVU-Lyndon, from its beginnings as a teacher training school in 1911, through its evolution to Lyndon Normal School, Lyndon Teachers College, Lyndon State College, and now NVU-Lyndon. The timeline will depict this history in words and pictures along an eighteen-foot section of hallway between the Admissions Office and the entrance to Vail Museum in the T.N. Vail Center.

### Honoring Karen Madden



After over twenty years at Johnson State College and NVU-Johnson, Dr. Karen Madden, director of academic support services, is retiring in August 2022. In honor of her well-deserved retirement, we are raising funds for two things: The Karen Madden Student

Emergency Fund and an inscribed brick.

Karen established the student emergency fund at Johnson to provide small grants to students with immediate financial needs. Every dollar donated to this fund in her honor will go toward helping current and future students with unexpected emergencies, such as replacing a blown tire or broken eyeglasses, covering medical expenses, purchasing food, etc.

In addition, we will inscribe a brick to commemorate Karen's many years of service and add it to the Chesamore Bell Tower Donor's Plaza on the quad.

To donate, please visit NorthernVermont.edu/ HonoringKarenMadden or contact Lauren Philie at 802.635.1657 or Lauren.Philie@ NorthernVermont.edu.



# LSC Foundation Scholarship Support

Now in its forty-first year, the Lyndon State College (LSC) Foundation continues to assist area students with scholarship support to attend Northern Vermont University-Lyndon. In January 2022, the LSC Foundation donated \$18,000 to support nine \$2,000 scholarships to local students enrolled at the Lyndon campus. It is their way of helping to increase enrollment and retention numbers by encouraging Northeast Kingdom students to stay local for college.

In addition, the Foundation provides private scholarship support to high school students graduating from Lyndon Institute, St. Johnsbury Academy, Danville High School, Lake Region High School, and North Country Union High School who decide to continue their education at NVU-Lyndon. Since financial barriers often cause families to forgo post-secondary education, the LSC Foundation's hope is that scholarship support for graduating seniors will help them to afford to attend college.

# The Russ and Amy Bailas Endowment Established

Thanks to the generosity of alumnus Russell "Russ" Bailas '74 and his wife, Amy, the Russ and Amy Bailas Endowment was approved by the Vermont State Colleges Board of Trustees at their February 2022 meeting, in the amount of \$50,000.

This endowment will provide scholarships to NVU-Lyndon digital communications students with financial need entering their junior or senior year. Preference will be given to out-of-state students. If there are not enough qualified students studying digital communications, then the remaining scholarships will be awarded to an established nursing student with financial need. In either case, department faculty will select the recipients.



The NVU-Lyndon Annual Scholarship Awards Reception was held on October 28, 2021. We celebrated our student scholarship recipients and the donors that made the scholarships possible. NVU-Lyndon has nearly eighty established endowments, sixty-five of which were established to support Lyndon students.



# Alumni Generosity Creates Art Gallery and Endowment

Earl Fisher '68 first met his late wife Carolyn Bullock '61 when they were students at Johnson State College and connected in part over their love of art. Over the years, they donated an extensive collection of artwork to Johnson, including several Dali and Picasso lithographs, which can be viewed hanging in the President's office and halls in Martinetti. Earl and Carolyn, an artist herself, are personal friends of artist Zufar Bikbov and have collected his work over the course of many years. When Carolyn passed away in December 2018, fifty-eight years to the day after Earl asked her to "go steady" with him, the couple donated their entire twenty-piece Bikbov collection to NVU, along with some of Carolyn's paintings and several pieces of work by other artists. This collection hangs in the hallway outside the President's Office in Marinetti.

The Fishers also established the Charlotte Hurlburt Bullock and Carolyn B. Fisher Scholarship Endowment in honor of Carolyn and her mother in order to provide scholarship support to students with financial need. Earl continues to donate annually to the endowment and intends to leave his estate to NVU.

# Cathy Higley Graduate Student Scholarly Activity Fund Endowment Established

Thanks to the generosity of an anonymous donor, the Cathy Higley Graduate Student Scholarly Activity Fund Endowment was approved by the Vermont State Colleges Board of Trustees at their February 2022 meeting, in the amount of \$11,335.

This endowment will provide small cash awards to matriculated graduate students enrolled in any graduate degree program housed at the Johnson campus. These awards are intended to enhance a student's participation in scholarly activity related to their degree program. Eligible activities include support for approved research projects, attendance at scholarly conferences, subscriptions to peer-reviewed journals, membership fees for scholarly associations, and other scholarly applications. The Johnson Faculty Graduate Committee will review applications and select recipients.

# PLANNED GIVING CORNER

THANK YOU FOR REMEMBERING NVU IN YOUR PLANS

There are many ways to give to NVU and make a lasting impact on the university and our students. We

invite you to choose the one that fits best for you and your family. Please consult a tax advisor as part of your decision process.

- Planning to include NVU in your will or estate plan? It
  may be best to leave your pretax retirement savings
  to NVU and leave the portion of your estate that you
  have already paid tax on to your family.
- When you reach the age of 70 ½ and are required to withdraw from your IRA, you might choose to give directly to NVU from your IRA and avoid the income tax.
- Making gifts of appreciated stock may allow you to avoid paying tax on the appreciation. Such gifts can be sold and turned into scholarships for students or earmarked for something else at NVU that you are passionate about.

Your action now will leave the legacy you desire!

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### **Giving Tuesday Success!**

On #GivingTuesday, November 30, 2021, the NVU community – alumni, families, faculty, staff, and students – came together to help us surpass our goal of \$15,000 by raising a total of \$18,419. Gifts were made in honor and memory of loved ones to a variety of funds, with the majority going to support scholarships and the Learning and Working Community. Thank you so much to those of you who made a gift.





# **NVU's Learning and Working Community**

# **Building Mutually Beneficial Partnerships Throughout the Region**

Northern Vermont University received a generous donation from an NVU-Lyndon alum in late 2020 to establish the NVU Learning and Working Community and help fund student internship experiences.

This community grows from the partnerships formed between NVU and businesses and organizations throughout northern Vermont designed to drive innovation and strengthen the workforce as it expands experiential learning opportunities for NVU students.

Learning and Working is a way of life at NVU and a way of learning in all of our programs. It's who we are and what we do. And this past year, thanks to the fantastic work of faculty and staff to grow partnerships with area businesses and organizations, we have begun to form what we call the NVU Learning and Working Community.

Experiential learning opportunities help launch students into careers. But the partnerships we're building also serve the community — through seeding businesses and nonprofits with new staff with the energy, skills, and desire to learn as they work. Along the way, students learn how to apply and interview for jobs; once hired, they may earn college credit, be paid for their work, or both.

NVU students have always had great internship opportunities thanks to strong relationships between faculty and area businesses and organizations. Now NVU is working to both expand and formalize these partnerships, as well as provide funding to make these new experiences financially accessible as they make college more affordable for all students through Learning and Working internship awards.

This work began in earnest in spring 2021, and the first applications for Learning and Working internship awards were accepted for summer 2021 opportunities. The twenty-seven students who applied were awarded funds toward stipends, college credits, and expenses that totaled nearly \$50,000. With the help of this financial support, these students followed their passions into positions in youth education, substance use prevention, and at Yellowstone National Park. They developed an outdoor company ecommerce store, helped manage a university athletics department, served as audio engineers for live concerts, forecasted weather, and much more.

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#### New Opportunities Blossomed in 2021 and 2022

The number of students participating and the funds awarded both grew during the 2021-2022 school year, with \$72,000 awarded to thirty-nine students for fall 2021 and an additional \$63,000 awarded to forty-six students for spring 2022. The funding available for summer and fall 2022 student experiences is expected to total \$57,000 each.

Brand new partnerships came to fruition, too. The Riverside School in Lyndonville and local Kingdom East School District

employed twelve Outdoor Education, Leadership, and Tourism students combined to lead a variety of school and field-based programs including an after-school Adventure Club, school-wide team building activities, trips to Burke Mountain, and help with a myriad of programming for middle school students, as they filled a community need for teaching staff. Two more students worked with Kingdom Trails, one assisting with field-based trail grooming and maintenance and the other working in the office to help streamline computer systems.

A new partnership with the NorthWoods Stewardship Center that is now underway will employ up to seven Environmental Science and Sustainability Studies students for a paid nine-week NVU Water and Woods Crew team where they will gain experience in conservation and water quality best management practices, forest health and ecology, and working with conservation partners — and earn eight credits at the same time. The NVU Department of Environmental Science teamed up with the Lake Memphremagog Watershed Association, Orleans County Conservation District, and the Vermont Water Investment Division to create the Memphremagog Fellowship, an opportunity for one student to work on watershed improvement, restoration, and assessment projects in summer

NVU's Learning and Working Community is always growing. Let us know if you'd like to take part! Reach out to Jennifer Harris at Jennifer.Harris@NorthernVermont.edu for more information and to get involved.



#### **Learning and Working in Action!**

We created a short video about some of the fantastic Learning and Working experiences NVU students took part in during fall 2021.

Take a look here: NorthernVermont.edu/ Learning-and-Working-at-NVU.

# Learning and Working

# A Win-Win for Students and Communities

Three examples of the mutually beneficial partnerships NVU's Learning and Working Community builds.

ROLE: Community Outreach and Data Entry Staff

EMPLOYER: Equality Health Center, N.H.

**NVU STUDENT GAINS:** An understanding of the inner workings of a health center including administrative support, and experience working with the LGBTQ+ community in relation to health and wellness and communicating with the public in person and via social media in a paid position.

**EMPLOYER GAINS:** A motivated and highly educated temporary staff person with coursework in sociology, journalism, and digital media to fill a critical public outreach and support position.

**COMMUNITY GAINS:** Staffing to support community outreach for an inclusive center for community health.

**ROLE:** Group Leader

**LOCATION:** St. Johnsbury School's "CatCH (Catamount Community Hours) Fire" Program, Vt.

**NVU STUDENT GAINS:** Training in social and emotional learning and direct experience in a paid position working to empower young children through activities that develop their social-emotional skills; student also received a stipend to cover commuting expenses.

**EMPLOYER GAINS:** Staff person with an education in applied psychology for a key role.

**COMMUNITY GAINS:** High-quality free summer program for children K-8 with a highly motivated college-educated staff person with experience in the field.

**ROLE:** Administrative and Operations Intern

LOCATION: Cambridge Community Center, Vt.

**NVU STUDENT GAINS:** Direct administrative and programmatic experience in a paid position that bridges the gap from student to work.

**EMPLOYER GAINS:** Motivated intern with an education in business and concentration in sports management to support the day-to-day business processes of the organization.

**COMMUNITY GAINS:** Staffing support for this center offering multi-activity recreation, arts, and educational activities for people of all ages.



# **JOHNSON ALUMNI AWARDS**



### Distinguished Alum Award

This award is presented by the Johnson Alumni Council to recognize and honor alumni who have made significant contributions to the institution and their communities.

## Eric Page '94

Eric graduated from Johnson State College and began his career in information technology in September 1995 at Cabletron Systems, which was a pioneer in the local area networking (LAN) space. After a move to Philadelphia and reconnecting with Lori-Ann Freda '97, the love of his life whom he met in 1993 at Johnson State College, an opportunity presented itself to move to EMC Corporation, which would bring them back home to northern New England. After spending seven years on Strategic Teams at EMC, another opportunity presented itself to start a storage practice at Adaptive Communications, a small company in Portsmouth, N.H. As the company expanded, so did Eric's roles and responsibilities. In addition to managing the storage practice across the entire organization, Eric also had five account managers with full portfolio responsibilities reporting to him.

In June 2016, Optiv Security, a \$2.6 billion organization solely focused on cybersecurity, acquired Adaptive. In 2017, Eric was promoted to regional director of the patriot region in New England, responsible for managing eleven client managers producing over \$70 million annually and in February 2020, he was asked to run the new commercial-east team comprised of seventeen client managers.

Eric has been an involved Johnson alumnus, having participated in several "Dinner with Boss" events over the years and volunteering to speak to student-athletes about marketing themselves to employers using their student-athlete experience to differentiate themselves from other candidates.



### **Distinguished Faculty Award**

This award is presented by the Johnson Alumni Council to recognize and honor outstanding faculty members for their teaching, service, scholarship, and dedication to the students of Johnson.

### Tyrone Shaw

Professor of Writing and Literature Tyrone Shaw joined the faculty at Johnson in 1993, and teaches a wide variety of courses. Prior to coming to Johnson, he worked as a dishwasher, waiter, journalist, and professional musician. Tyrone has been teaching a first-year seminar since the inception of that program and is advisor to the student-run community newspaper, *Basement Medicine*. He has taught overseas in Serbia, Republic of Moldova, Romania, and Latvia, sometimes as a Fulbright specialist. Along with his artist wife Nance and Professor of Fine Arts Ken Leslie, he initiated the interdisciplinary travel course Art and Culture of Cuba, which they have offered four times since 2013. Tyrone is affiliated with the journalism and communications faculty at Riga Stradins University, in Riga, Latvia, where he hopes to resume his yearly tenday visits post-COVID.

Tyrone received the Excellence in Advising Award in 2008, was named a Faculty Fellow by the VSCS Board of Trustees in 2015, and was the first recipient of the Faculty Service Award in 2020. He has published essays in several journals, numerous op-ed pieces, and is the author of *Bastard Republic: Encounters Along the Tattered Edge of Fallen Empire*, which received a Next Generation Indie Finalist Book Award in 2019. His research specialty is the frozen conflict-zones of the former Soviet Union.

Tyrone has also been active in his community, serving on the board of directors of the Fairfield Community Center, and along with Nance is part of the Meeting House on the Green Preservation Project, which produces a summer concert series to support ongoing restoration work on the 1867 former church.



### **Distinguished Staff Award**

This award is presented by the Johnson Alumni Council to recognize and honor staff members who best exemplify and apply Johnson values and ideals in their careers and personal lives.

### **Toby Stewart**

Toby began working for Johnson in November 2007 as the college's controller, with a focus on accounting, budgeting, auditing, and supervisory responsibility for student billing and the mailroom. Over the years, he served on many teams highlighted by the President's Leadership Council, the Crisis Response Team, and several groups, such as the Advisory Committee and Transition Team, which supported the unification of Johnson and Lyndon State Colleges. During his second year, Toby was selected to participate with emerging leaders in the VSC Leadership Series training. Subsequently, he filled leadership roles through added organizational responsibilities, such as physical plant and various committee assignments, such as co-leading the Economic Viability Team supporting NVU's most recent strategic plan.

From a student perspective, Toby participated in a student-mentoring program at Johnson that involved both attending classes and one-to-one mentoring. Additionally, Johnson's Student Government Association recognized him for his outstanding service to the Johnson Community in 2018. His most recent role with Northern Vermont University was dean of administration, joining NVU's Executive Leadership Team in July 2020. In August 2021, Toby joined the Chancellor's Office, serving as the system controller for the Vermont State Colleges System.

Toby's professional career began in Vergennes, Vt., working for the Goodrich Corporation. He was recruited into a financial rotational program and served as controller for seven of his fourteen years there. One of his most memorable experiences was joining a volunteer partnership between Goodrich and Vergennes High School that brought individuals from industry into the classroom to reinforce the relevance of the students' high school education. Through this program, Toby was a regular guest presenter for subjects such as Consumer Math and tutored at Vergennes High School. Youth are at the heart of Toby's volunteer interest, having supported the community as a youth sports coach (baseball and basketball), director of a church youth group, and serving on several boards, including Essex Junction Little League and Friends of Essex Youth Wrestling.

# **JOHNSON HOMECOMING**



# Homecoming and Family Weekend 2021 took place September 10-12, 2021 and featured family-friendly activities all weekend long.

Highlights of the weekend included the Athletics Hall of Fame Banquet, Alumni Awards and Roll Call Brunch, Quad Fest!,
Badger Bar-B-Que!, Ice Cream Social, Classes of 2020 and 2021 Processional and Celebration Dinner, SHAPE Wellness Suite Celebration,
Cornhole Tournament, Giant Panda Guerilla Dub Squad concert, and varsity athletic events.



















# **JOHNSON ATHLETICS**

### **SAAC Raises Money for Special Olympics of Vermont**



The Johnson Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) took the virtual plunge to help raise \$837 for Special Olympics of Vermont.

SAAC took videos of their plunges and submitted the content to be part of the Penguin Plunge virtual and in-person celebration that took place on March 27, 2021. Diego Gray led the way in fundraising efforts for SAAC, raising \$375; he was also awarded a penguin plunge towel and hat for his effort.

The Special Olympics of Vermont also held an in-person event on the Burlington Waterfront where the participants could take the traditional plunge into Lake Champlain.



# New Assistant Athletic Director Hired

Brian Slater is Johnson's new assistant athletic director for diversity, equity, and inclusion and sports information.

Brian graduated from Keystone College with his undergraduate degree in sport

recreation and management in 2013 while competing in track and field. Originally from the Bronx, N.Y., he is a national team athlete for the Virgin Islands Track and Field Federation.

In the newly created role, Brian is responsible for developing and implementing strategies to improve diversity, equity, and inclusion for the Johnson Athletic Department and closely collaborates with the full NVU community on these efforts. Brian also leads Johnson's sports information within his new role and is an advisor for the Coalition of Minority Students.



JOIN THE BADGER DEN!

The Badger Den supports Johnson's thirteen NCAA III varsity sports teams. Your contributions benefit our entire athletic program, allowing us to enhance our visibility, student-athlete experience, and recruitment efforts. To learn more, call 802.635.1657 or visit NorthernVermont.edu/Give.

# Student-Athlete Awards and Honors

#### Xee Anderson

Men's Volleyball, NECC All-Conference Sportsmanship Team

#### Paris Atuahene

Women's Basketball, NAC All-Conference Rookie of the Year, NAC All-Conference First Team, NAC Rookie of the Week (4X)

#### Aidan Burke

Men's Track and Field, NAC Sportsmanship Team

#### Sabrina Colon

Women's Softball, NAC Sportsmanship Team

#### Calleen Ferris

Women's Track and Field, NAC Sportsmanship Team

#### Tim Gray

Men's Track and Field, NAC Men's Field Athlete of the Year for Outdoor Track and Field

#### Kayla Knight

Women's Tennis, NAC All-Conference Singles Team

#### Brian Lee

Men's Basketball, NAC All-Conference Co-Rookie of the Year

#### Mason Lores

Women's Tennis, NAC All-Conference Co-Player of the Year, NAC All-Conference Singles Team, NAC All-Conference Doubles Team

#### Lawson Ouellette

Men's Basketball, NAC Sportsmanship Team

#### Amanda Rosalbo

Women's Tennis, NAC Sportsmanship Team

#### **Becca Simon**

Women's Tennis, NAC All-Conference Senior Scholar Athlete, NAC All-Conference Doubles Team

#### Halie Tillotson

Women's Basketball, NAC Sportsmanship Team

### Track & Field Athletes Break Program Records

Johnson student-athletes Patricia Rivera, Mercedes Durden, Aidan Burke, and Tim Gray broke seven program records at the St. Lawrence Invitational in April 2022. Patricia broke the 100-meter hurdle record. Mercedes broke the discus record. Aiden broke both the 400 meter and 800 meter records, and Tim broke records in shotput, hammer, and discus.

### **Athletics Hall of Fame Inductions**

Johnson' Athletics Hall of Fame inducts members biennially in recognition of their contributions to the field of athletics, outstanding individual professional/career achievements, community service, and citizenship.

On September 11, 2021, as part of Johnson's Homecoming and Family Weekend, three individuals and one team were inducted into the Johnson Athletics Hall of Fame – Ryan Joy '12, Jenna Lewis Lamica '09, Patrick Tulley '02, and the 1999 Men's Tennis Team.



Ryan was a multi-sport athlete for the Badgers during his playing career as a member of the men's soccer and tennis teams. As a member of the tennis team, he excelled both individual and as a part of a doubles team with partner Chance Swafford. Ryan holds Johnson men's tennis records for first in all-time singles victories (26) and first in all-time doubles victories (25).

He was selected to the North Atlantic Conference (NAC) East All-Tournament Team (2010, 2011, 2012), NAC First-Team Singles (2010, 2011, 2012), NAC First-Team Doubles (2011, 2012), and NAC Honorable Mention Single (2009). During Ryan's senior season, he was selected as the Men's Tennis NAC Player of the Year, capping off his storied athletic career.



Jenna guided the women's basketball team as a force on and off the court for the Badgers. While earning her degree in elementary education, she was a member of the Student Athlete Advisory Committee, a residential hall advisor, and a summer camp counselor for basketball. As a basketball player for the Badgers, she is in the top ten in the majority of our statistical categories. She amassed an impressive career

stat line and records: second in all-time assists (343), fifth in all-time points (1,232), sixth in all-time three-point field goals made (109), seventh in all-time rebounds (484), eighth in all-time steals (192), and ninth in all-time field goals made (324). Jenna also

holds single-game records in number of assists (ten versus New England College in 2007) and free throws made (sixteen versus Husson University in 2008). During her playing career, she earned NAC honors as a first-team All-Conference selection (2007-2008), All-Conference Honorable Mention (2008-2009), and All-Academic Team (2007-08, 2008-09).

During his playing career for the Badgers, Patrick was a player who led by example. He was a three-year captain of the men's basketball team and made large contributions to the success of the program during his time here. Alongside other talented student-athletes, Patrick earned himself a reputation of a player who would do anything for his team. His career total in points, rebounds, field goals made, and steals still puts him in the top ten in each category: seventh in all-time points (1,249), seventh in all-time field goals made (426), ninth in all-time rebounds (469), and ninth in all-time steals (87).



During the 1999 Johnson men's tennis season, the team was Mayflower Conference champions and finished second the regional tournament. They only lost one match. Members

of the team included Brian Buitenhuys, Jamian Campbell '00, John Grumeza '14, Collin O'Leary '02, Jeff Simone '01, George Stegmann '02, Erik Uhlir, and Brian Vandemoortele '19. They were coached by Seth Gabriel '97.

### **Student-Athlete Academic Success**

Thirty-six Johnson student-athletes were named to the 2021 Spring North Atlantic Conference (NAC) All-Academic Team. This makes it the second largest All-Academic team in NAC history, trailing only behind the Fall 2020 semester's team. To qualify for an All-Academic selection, student athletes must reach and maintain at least a 3.5 grade point average for the semester.

There were ten Johnson athletic programs represented as well as more than ten different majors. Student-athletes could earn this honor multiple times if are a multi-sport athlete within the spring semester.

Gabriel Adancourt
Anthony Barbieri
Sheldon Billings
Emily Carchia
Melissaann Clark
Laura Dattilio
Savannah Dufresne
Annika Dyhrberg
Garrison French
Dillon Garvey
David Jordan
Mason Lores
Samantha Martin
Isabella Masi

Nicole Mooney
Lily Mulin
Thomy Mwali
Lawson Ouellette
Jocelyn Pellerin
Lucas Queiroz
Rebecca Simon
Bridgette Stepule
Kaden Swett
Devyn Thompson
Halie Tillotson
Katelyn Tirrito
Gracie Verner
Dylan Young

# **JOHNSON CLASS NOTES**



#### 1960s

Retired since 2011, **Sherri Swinton Muzzy '69** has been enjoying some down time during the pandemic after extensive traveling in the years prior.

#### 1970s

Merri Greenia '71 was named the National Association of Elementary School Principals' National Distinguished Vermont Principal of the Year in 2021.

**Monica Sargent '73** retired at the end of 2020 after thirty years of service at Vermont Student Assistance Corporation.

After five years as executive director at Ski and Snowboard Club Vail, **Kirk Dwyer** '75 moved to Maine to coach skiing at Carrabassett Valley Academy.

dorm, Sterling Hall, in the fall of 1963. From the left is **Mark Lafayette** '66, Mrs. Young (the dorm "mother"), and **Richard Hurd** '67 (other names unknown). Todd recalls that the piano was played often by students and that they gathered in this common living area to watch the Beatles first appearance in February 1964 on the *Ed Sullivan Show* on the very small television set.

Mary Cronin Constance '76 has two children and four grandchildren and has been enjoying retirement for the last seven years after directing Camp Allen in Bedford, N.H. She now writes for The New Boston Beacon, and loves that she is able to utilize skills learned long ago when she minored in journalism at Johnson and served as the editor of Basement Medicine. She feels lucky that she is able to spend winters in Jupiter, Fla., and summers either at home in New Hampshire or in Rangeley, Maine.



**Barry Gregory '78** has a new job working as a homeless prevention navigator at Lord's Place in West Palm Beach, Fla.



Bobi Lyon '79 currently holds the title of Wildwood Crest Borough municipality's department of recreation's longest-standing employee after thirty-three years. She reports that Johnson taught her well and that she gives her utmost every day to uplift the community in a special way.

Moving into semi-retirement, **Chris McDonough '79** has been prosecuting and then defending lawyers and judges facing disciplinary charges and potential loss of licenses for thirty-four years, but recently semi-retired and is acting solely as consultant and adviser to New York lawyers and judges helping them avoid disciplinary problems. This shift allows him to travel and pursue other interests.



Local students can't wait for Margo Rome '79 and her therapy dog Jazz to come visit again!

#### 1980s

Winsome Hamilton '80 was happy to share that he retired in 2021.

2021 couldn't break the spirit of **Deborah Prescott '80.** She reported that she survived a bout of breast cancer and is feeling great.



Wendy Whaples Scully '80 is improving her mobility one new body part at a time and is planning to move out of state with her hubby to live closer to her only grandchild who turns four in July.

**Fritz Seidel '84** reports that his daughter, Molly, won bronze in marathon running at the 2020 Olympics.

**Scott Cole '85** is retiring in June after thirty-two years of teaching middle school. Both of his daughters are getting married this summer and he is looking forward to playing in the Minaret Open Golf Tournament with his fellow alums.

Mary Rowell O'Brien '87 is spending her retirement with her family and knitting.

#### 1990s

Michelle Rondeau '91 has been employed and loving it at the Publick House in Sturbridge, Mass., for twenty-four years. She was recently promoted to regional rooms division manager and now also works with their sister property, Concord's Colonial Inn.



**Suzanne Anair '92** was appointed as senior gifts officer at the Southwestern Vermont Health Care (SVHC) Foundation.

**Edward Hyldburg '94** celebrated twenty-three years at the Vertek Corporation.

Jennifer Heindel '95 started her fifth year as a naturalist and tour guide on the water around Mount Desert Island, Maine. She spent many years working around the country for the National Park Service and other nonprofits before planting her roots here, her favorite place on Earth.



After thirty years of working with Johnson students, Ellen Hill '95 departed NVU-Johnson to become the co-executive director of The United Way of Lamoille County. Ellen remains dedicated to making the world a better place.

Kate Clark '96 adds being a member of Jeffersonville's Bryan Memorial Gallery board of directors to her list of local contributions. Kate owns Pleasant Valley Insurance and lives in Cambridge, Vt., with her husband and three sons.

After eight years as a firefighter with the Burlington Fire Department, **Matthew Stone '91** was promoted to the position of fire marshal in June 2021.



Kristin Strellis '98 recently moved back to New England after twenty years in California and is excited to be closer to family and share the beauty and history of New England with her two teenage sons.

Joshua Masters '96 recently released A Faith Unleashed: Living in the Hope of God's Rescue, which premiered as a bestseller on Amazon. He will be traveling to Latvia, Lithuania, and Estonia in October to train pastors how to best help those struggling with addiction. Josh has been married to Gina Paquette Masters '98 for fifteen years.

Jessica Brush '97 oversees 559 Head Start participants' educational outcomes and supports eighty-eight early childhood educators professional growth each year.



Elizabeth "Betty" Gates '98 is excited to announce that she has bought a new home in Cudjoe Key, Fla., and will be traveling to Iceland in August. She reports that business is growing and life is good.

Joseph Covais '99 published his novel, Quiet Room, on May 1, 2021. It is the first of three novels in the Psychotherapy with Ghosts series and is available as an e-book and in paperback. The series is classified as paranormal romance, yet the story explores deeper social and moral issues, interpersonal conflict, and man's relationship with God.

Keith Gamache '99 earned the Nassau BOCES Education Partner Award in 2020. He has been teaching and inspiring students at Rockville Centre's South Side High School for over twenty-five years. Keith also finds time to be a diligent member of the Boy Scouts with his sons and continues to pursue his own craft within the arts.

#### 2000s

After interviewing two finalists for the North Country Supervisory Union superintendent's position, the board chose to offer the position to **Elaine Collins '00**, principal at Newport (Vt.) Elementary School.



Julie Hulburd '00 was appointed by Governor Phil Scott and confirmed unanimously by the Vermont Senate to the newly created Cannabis Control Board in April 2021. This is a two-year, full-time role with an opportunity for reappointment.



**Sara MacDonough-Civitello '00** is working with the Division I men's basketball team at Quinnipiac University.

**Jesica Blake '02** has been appointed to the Conservation Defense Advisory Council for the Land Trust Alliance.

**Stuart MacAskill '02** joyfully announces the birth of daughter Everyn, born in July 2020, joining big brothers Casey and Grayson.

The White Plains (N.Y.) Board of Education appointed **Joseph Onativia '02** to assistant principal at George Washington Elementary School.

**Timothy Daley '03** leads a busy life as an Airbnb host, parish administrative coordinator at St. Marks Episcopal Church, and president of Joshua House in Irasburg, Vt.

**Jessica Prince '04** welcomed a daughter, Ione, in August 2021.



**Wes Roy '04** and his wife Rachael, welcomed a daughter, Harriet, in September 2021. Harriet joins brothers Max and Oliver.

#### **2010s**

**Tara Goreau '11** was one of three finalists chosen to envision a mural to engage community, encourage conversation and beautify downtown St. Johnsbury, Vt.



Leisa Kelsey '12 got engaged to Scott McCumby at Summit Lake, Alaska, while riding snow machines, at the exact location in the mountains where Scott realized he loved her and wanted her to move to Alaska.

Julia Burgess '13 is now the Support and Services at Home (SASH) coordinator for Lamoille County, Vt. and works with Downstreet Housing and Community Development.



**Dylan Giambatista '13** was named leader of public affairs for VGS, northwest Vermont's integrated energy services company and one of the largest utilities in Vermont, in July 2021. Dylan also returned to campus to address the 2020 and 2021 graduates over Homecoming Weekend in September 2021.



Curtis Ostler '13 has rejoined WallGoldfinger Furniture as their inaugural director of business development, after previously serving as their vice president of sales until 2009.

**Nicholas Taradash '14** has joined Marion Antiques Auction of Marion, Mass., as a junior partner.



**Christina Caswell '15** welcomed her first child, William Timothy Caswell, on December 3, 2020.

Maria Gleason DeRosia '15 was inducted into the 2020 Vermont Principals' Association Hall of Fame. During her acceptance speech, she thanked Jay Nichols '93, who was one of her most supportive and motivating coaches in high school.



Christopher Austin '16 is continuing a passion discovered at Johnson in 2013 - performing in drag. He performs as Aurora Risay and has kept the act going strong.



Alexandra Bessette '16 welcomed her second son in August 2021, making her a mother to two beautiful boys, Crew Rhyley and Kellex Judge. She also accepted the role of director at Tiny Leaders Children's Center last year.

**Allyson Bruckner '16** moved to Maine in January 2020 to start work at a new animal hospital.



**Samantha Gorton '16** welcomed her first child Noah, in April 2022.





Renee Bonneau '17 and Dylan Ballou '17 were married in October 2020, after meeting as students at Johnson State College.

**Ellen Baker '17** married her high school sweetheart, Seth Baker, on June 12, 2021, and is helping to run the family business. They purchased Ellen's childhood home and plan to move in with their fluffy black cat, Archer.

Christine Dudley '17 started her third year working at Northern Vermont University and bought a house with her partner over the summer. She reports that she is excited to continue to be part of the TeachOut project, building a support network for LGBTQ+ educators in Vermont.



Mary Fafard '17 married Andrew Lotto '19 in August 2021.



#### Fafard-Lotto Wedding

Left to right: Sam Lotto '93, Noah Gates, Micah Hayes, Sawyer Masure '21, Andrew Lotto '19, Anita Lotto '20, Ira Tillberg '13, Allison Dabrowski Tillberg '13, Brendan Walsh '17, Kate Abdel-Fatah '18, Kayla Moore '20, Abby Bourne '17, Patrick Rogers '05, Cait Wilkins, Brady Rainville '17, Mary Fafard '17, Daniel Travis '08, Marilyn Tagliavia '16, Haleigh West M'22, Emily Slayton '15, Larry Fafard '74, and Kayla Norton '18



**Rebecca Tomaszewski Lowe '17** married George Lowe in Bartlett, N.H., on September 20, 2021.

Kristy Mayhew '17, opened her own electrology clinic in Stowe, Vt., called The Bare Necessities, LLC. She works as a licensed electrologist and is planning to start her esthetician program while maintaining her full-time job at Washington County Mental Health Services and finishing her graduate program at NVU-Johnson.

Ashley Goddard Perkins '17 and Philip Perkins '17 welcomed their first child Elliot. in June 2021.

**Ellen Boles '18** is enjoying her third year of teaching.

**Erik Crosby '18** has been helping adults with intellectual disabilities find work for three years as an employment placement specialist with Lincoln Street, Inc.

**Jessica DeRosa '19** reported that she got engaged.

Sarah Krumeich '19 is working as a lead teacher at a new preschool in the three-year-old classroom and enjoying her engagement to Aaron Anctil, with a ceremony planned for June 4, 2022.

#### 2020s

**Riley Benway '20** is a behavior consultant with Northwestern Counseling and Support Services in St. Albans, Vt.

**Michael Bergeron '20** is an associate clinician at the Vermont Center for Resiliency in Burlington, Vt.



**Brian Duda '20** is the youth substance prevention coordinator for Healthy Lamoille Valley.

Sara Ford '20 is pleased to announce her engagement to Hayes Walker '19.

**Debra Fulton '20** is working her dream job at the Innocence Project, putting her studies in social justice to good use.



**Holly Hager '20** is currently working toward her master's degree through Capella University.

Laurie Hayford-Saborowski '20 is working as the children's integrated services childcare coordinator for Northwestern Counseling and Support Services in St. Albans, Vt.

**Sierra Jewett '20** is working as a teller at the Community Bank in Essex Junction, Vt.

**Joel Moye '20** moved to New York in April 2021 to take a portfolio manager position at J.D. Byrider, a car sales firm.

Cassie Piper '20 received a promotion at her job with North County Hospital in Newport, Vt., and is in the process of buying a house.

**Joseph Smith '20** is the K-12 art teacher at Craftsbury (Vt.) Schools.

# **JOHNSON IN MEMORIAM**

#### IN MEMORIAM

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

Hazel Demars '33 JULY 15, 2021

Stella Breault Sears-Tessier '41

FEBRUARY 3, 2022

Jean Kennedy Webster '41

MARCH 21, 2022

Annette Despault Smith '42

FEBRUARY 7, 2022

Betty Learned MacDowell '47

JANUARY 26, 2022

Marian Richard Merchant '47

MAY 4, 2021

Patricia Adams Lent '50

NOVEMBER 16, 2021

Betty Jones Chapman '54 JANUARY 31, 2022

John Delphia '58 NOVEMBER 4, 2021

Frederick Lavilette '58

APRIL 4, 2022

Penelope Pollard Branch Chapman '59

OCTOBER 29, 2021

Nancy Baker Boyer '60 OCTOBER 7, 2021

Michael Pressey '62

APRIL 23, 2021

Deanna Tripp '62 MAY 3, 2022

James Spindler '64 OCTOBER 8, 2021

Terry-Dayle Brigham Stockton '64

JULY 3, 2021

Ann Willey Olkkola '66 AUGUST 29, 2021

Patricia Conklin Rosati '66

NOVEMBER 1, 2021 Gar Anderson '67

DECEMBER 30, 2021

Cynthia Burroughs '69 MARCH 26, 2022

Gerald Deitz '71 JULY 7, 2021

Jacques Dupuis '71 FEBRUARY 20, 2022

Charles Schwab '71 DECEMBER 6, 2021

Amanda Bailey Wilson '71

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Michael Yadgaroff

Dr. Judith Yarnall

Julie Young '20

Erica L. Yuengling '17

Sophie & Stephen Zdatny

Yasmine L. Ziesler

Patricia '72, M'86 & Michael Zlotucha '89

IN MEMORY OF

George Coutrayer '79 Robert Ellsworth

Virginia Lambert Enola '53

Alyson Finn '13 Michael Kelly

Lisa Lepine '80 Sarah Lizotte '02

Patsv Miller '06 Wanda Morton '85

Desiree Penrod '18 Tricia Pettis '97

Nicholas Ruschmeyer '12

IN HONOR OF

2020-2021 Women's Basketball Team

Patrick Austin

Kayla Ball

Isabella Baragona

Christina Betham

Coach Bill Boldwin

Emily Carchia

The Clark Family

Class of 2017

Class of 2018

Class of 2000

Class of 2020

Class of 2021

Class of 2023

Laura Dattilio '21

Emily Graves Demars '17

Dr. William Doyle

Savannah Dufresne

Annika Dyhrberg '21

Fall 2021 Track Athletes

Garrison French '22

Diego Gray

Magen Hunger, Blackhurst Snow College

Katrina Idol '03 Jade Jamieson Coach Keven John

Porsche Johnson

Johnson Badgers

Savannah Kelley

Aidan Kelly

Jason Klevan '21

Coach Andrew Lafrenz '00

Deborah Mongeon Lizotte '87

Jason Madrid

Samantha Martin

Isabella Masi

Natalia Medina

The Men's Basketball Team

Nicole Mooney '21

Lily Mulin

Peg L. Nichols

Thomas Nguyen

Lawson Ouellette

Francis Ponte '06

Ayodeji Shokeye '21

Miles Smith '09

Teammates

Grace Verner

Gabriella Wardwell

Michael Weston '22

Michele Whitmore '08

W. Josiah Wimberly

Randal Willette '21

Ryan Willette '22

Jimmi Lynn Williams

Coach Shawn Woods

George Zelman

Care was taken to ensure the accuracy of the information in this report, but we do recognize that mistakes occur. If you were a donor in fiscal year 2021 (July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021) and your name was inadvertently misspelled, omitted, or listed incorrectly, please forgive us and let us know so we can update our records.



# **LYNDON ALUMNI AWARDS**



### **AWARD OF SPECIAL MERIT**

This award is presented to Lyndon alumni, who are or have been employed by the university, in recognition of their deep interest in, faithful service, and unusual devotion to the institution.

### Sara Duprey Lussier '02

Sara graduated from Lyndon with bachelor's degrees in accounting and business administration. After five years working in the accounting industry, she returned to Lyndon as the assistant for the dean of institutional advancement, was later named the assistant director of annual giving, and is currently the director of annual giving and alumni relations. Active on university committees and in the community, Sara has served as a Caledonia County Fair Association corporator since 2001, founded a nonprofit childcare center in Lyndonville in 2016, and is a member of the Lyndon Institute Booster Club.



#### LOYALTY AWARD

This award is a prestigious honor presented to Lyndon alumni and volunteers in recognition of their exceptional loyalty and faithful service to Lyndon.

#### **Steve Cormier '82**

Steve graduated from Lyndon in with a bachelor's in communications arts and sciences. A DJ and station manager on campus and throughout his long career in radio, he is an active community volunteer and NVU-Lyndon supporter. Steve has served on the Central Vermont Chamber of Commerce, as a board member of the Vermont Association of Broadcasters, and is chair of the Fairfax Select Board, and has also served multiple terms on the NVU-Lyndon Alumni Council, including a stint as president from 2018-2020.



#### DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD

This award recognizes an alumnus/a who has achieved excellence in his or her profession and who has served his/her state and community.

#### Susan Teske Russell '84

Sue graduated from Lyndon State College with a bachelor of science in behavioral science and is currently the reentry program and community development coordinator for the Community Restorative Justice Center in St. Johnsbury, Vt, working with the Circles of Support and Accountability (CoSA) program. CoSA is a volunteer-driven and community-based model for enhancing community safety through supporting high-risk offenders returning home to their communities. Her work was featured in Bess O'Brien's documentary *Coming Home*.

An active board member of the Lyndon Outing Club since 2006, Sue's community service also includes coordinator of the Youth Advisory Council, town service officer for Lyndonville, and anti-bias curriculum instructor in schools and community settings. She has received numerous awards for her work, including the first annual statewide Working with Youth Award in 2008.



#### **OUTSTANDING YOUNG ALUMNI AWARD**

This award is designed to highlight alumni who have completed their degree within the past 10 years, and who have distinguished themselves professionally in their field of study.

#### John Kleinhans '12

John graduated from Lyndon State College with a bachelor's in liberal studies and is vice president of strategy and public affairs for ImageWorks LLC, an digital marketing agency in Connecticut. He has served on the East Lyme Board of Education since 2015, the Greater Connecticut and Western Massachusetts Chapter of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation board since 2017, and recently joined the board of the Brian Dagle Foundation, a mental health awareness and suicide prevention organization.



#### FACULTY AND STAFF RECOGNITION AWARD

This award was established in 1998 by the Alumni Council to honor a current or past faculty or staff member who has made a significant impact on the lives of alumni.

#### **Charles Forrest**

Charlie, a public safety officer on the Lyndon campus since 2004, took classes at Lyndon before beginning a career in the Army in 1991; he retired from the military in 2014. A valued and reliable member of the public safety team, he is known for his ready smile and passion for the Lyndon campus community.



# **Alison Lathrop**

Alison, a natural sciences professor, joined the Lyndon faculty in 1999 and has served a variety of leadership positions over the years, including department chair, the chair of Academic Standards, the interim dean of academic affairs, and as acting and associate provost and dean of the faculty. Before becoming a professor, Alison taught Navy helicopter pilots to fly, and then returned to college to study music where she happened into a geology course to fulfill a general education requirement. It didn't take long until she was hooked, and when she discovered that geologists "actually get paid for being outside," her life's career was decided. Alison shares, "I have the best job possible at Lyndon. The students with whom I've worked have been extraordinary, and it's been a privilege to be a part of their college world."

# **LYNDON HOMECOMING**











# We welcomed alumni and families back to campus for an in-person Homecoming and Family Weekend September 17-19, 2021.

Highlights of the weekend included the Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet, Oktoberfest, Alumni Awards and Roll Call Brunch,
Fall Festival for Families, Manor Vail Society Annual Meeting, Ice Cream Social, Lyndon State Rescue Alumni Open House, Processionals
and Celebration Dinner for the Classes of 2020 and 2021, Bingo, and numerous varsity and athletic events.





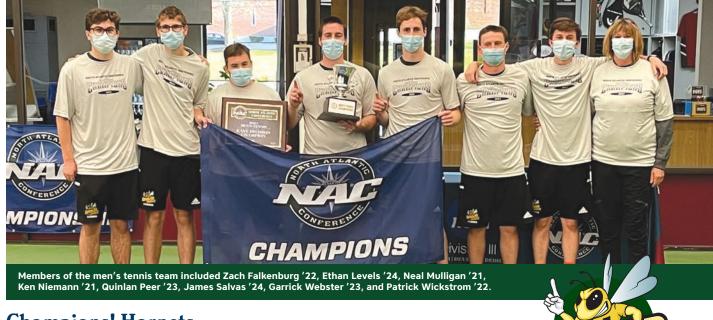








# **LYNDON ATHLETICS**



# Champions! Hornets Capture First-ever NAC Men's Tennis Title

Trailing #2 seed Thomas College 4-2, the top seeded Lyndon men's tennis team won four straight singles matches to come away with a 5-4 victory and capture their first ever North Atlantic Conference Championship on May 2, 2021. The Hornets, 4-2 on the season, were making only their second appearance in the championship match. The Hornets also finished their season with a winning record for the first time since 2010.

# Be a Hornet Club Member

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

# Neal Mulligan Nominated for NAC Man of the Year



Men's tennis and basketball player Neal Mulligan '21 was nominated for the North Atlantic Conference Man of the Year award in 2021, one of only six outstanding male nominees.

Neal completed his bachelor of science degree in May 2021 with a dual major in business administration and accounting. He graduated with a 3.87 grade point average and was named to the President's List twice and the Dean's List eight times. He is a three-time recipient of Lyndon's Green & Gold Award, which recognizes the male student-athlete with the highest grade point average. He also received the David Bradley Memorial Business Award, recognizing the top graduating senior within the Lyndon Business Department

Neal was named the NAC Men's Tennis Senior Scholar Athlete of the Year in 2020. He was named to the NAC All-Academic Team five different times. He has also been named to the National Association of Basketball Coaches Honors Court three times.

Neal was a member of the Hornet men's tennis program for five seasons. He was named team captain for his final three seasons, and this year led the Hornets to their first ever North Atlantic Conference championship. He was a First Team All-Conference doubles selection in 2021, a First Team All-Conference singles selection in 2019, and a Second Team All-Conference singles selection in 2018. He was named to the NAC Men's Tennis Sportsmanship Team in 2019 and 2021, and earned NAC Player of the Week three times in his career. Neal was Lyndon's Most Valuable Player in 2019, Coaches Award recipient in 2021, and Most Improved Player in 2018.

On the hardwood, Neal was a part of the Hornet program for four seasons. His last season, he received the Hornet Core Values Award, recognizing the team member who best reflects the program's four core values. In 2018, he was the recipient of the Michael Tessier Award.

# Student-Athlete Academic Success

Lyndon placed twenty-seven studentathletes on the North Atlantic Conference (NAC) All-Academic Team for the Fall

**2021 semester.** Five of Lyndon's six fall athletic teams were represented, as were student-athletes in seventeen different academic programs. Nine of the honorees are multi-sport athletes. To qualify for an All-Academic selection, student-athletes must reach and maintain at least a 3.5 grade point average for the semester.

Jacob Baesemann Men's Soccer

Autumn Chamberlain Women's Soccer

Renee Chaples Women's Tennis

Christopher Chichester Cross Country

Matthew Condon Men's Soccer

Karly Cordwell Women's Soccer

Hailey Demers Women's Tennis

Felicity Flores Women's Soccer

Riann Fortin Women's Soccer

Alyssa Fryman Women's Soccer

Andrew Grautski Cross Country

Ashley Hart Women's Soccer

Samantha Howe Women's Tennis Devon Kibbey Women's Tennis

Alexis Leroy Women's Soccer

Raquel Madeja Women's Soccer

Yasmin Molina Women's Soccer

Arianna Moran Women's Soccer

Charlotte Morris Women's Volleyball

Joseph Osborn Men's Soccer Rachel Palladino Women's Soccer

Quinlan Peer Men's Soccer Salena Porter Women's Tennis Madison Reardon

Madison Reardon Women's Soccer

Javen Reinhart Men's Soccer

Samantha Valentine Women's Soccer

For the 2020-2021 academic year, a record thirty-nine Lyndon student-athletes were named to the North Atlantic Conference (NAC) All-Academic Team for the Spring 2021 semester. Twelve of Lyndon's thirteen athletic teams were represented, as were student-athletes in fifteen different academic programs. Nine of the honorees are multisport athletes.

### **Student-Athlete Awards and Honors**

#### Jordan Adams

Softball, NAC Sportsmanship Team

#### Seairra Anderson

Softball, NAC Rookie of the Week

#### Cassie Black

Softball, NAC Sportsmanship Team (2021)

#### Jordan Cane

Baseball, NAC All-Conference First Team (2021)

#### Chris Chichester

Cross Country, NAC Men's Cross Country Senior Scholar Athlete

#### Lea Crompton

Women's Basketball, NAC All-Conference Honorable Mention

#### Zach Falkenburg

Men's Tennis, NAC All-Conference Singles Team (2021 & 2022), NAC All-Conference Doubles Team (2021 & 2022), NAC Co-Player of the Week (2X)

#### Riann Fortin

Women's Soccer, NAC All-Conference Honorable Mention, NAC Sportsmanship Team

#### Andrew Grautski

Cross Country, NAC Sportsmanship Team

#### Claudia Knapp

Softball, NAC Rookie of the Year, NAC All-Conference First Team

#### Isaac McCann

Men's Lacrosse, NAC Sportsmanship Team (2022)

#### **Charlotte Morris**

Women's Volleyball, NAC Sportsmanship Team

#### Neal Mulligan

Men's Tennis, NAC All-Conference Doubles Team (2021)

#### Rachel Palladino

Women's Lacrosse, NAC Sportsmanship Team

#### Luc Parrett

Men's Lacrosse, NAC All-Conference Second Team (2021), NAC Sportsmanship Team (2021)

#### **Quinlan Peer**

Men's Tennis, NAC All-Conference Singles Team (2021), NAC All-Conference Doubles Team (2021 & 2022), NAC Co-Player of the Week

#### Saleena Porter

Softball, NAC All-Conference First Team

#### Saleena Porter

Women's Tennis, NAC Sportsmanship Team

#### Joe Rafus

Baseball, NAC Sportsmanship Team (2021 & 2022)

#### Javin Reinhardt

Men's Soccer, NAC Sportsmanship Team

#### **Brett Roy**

Men's Soccer, NAC All-Conference Second Team

#### TJ Santaw

Baseball, NAC All-Conference First Team (2021)

#### Codi Smith

Baseball, NAC Player of the Year (2021), NAC All-Conference First Team (2021), D3baseball.com All-New England Second Team (2021), American Baseball Coaches Association All-New England Second Team (2021)

#### Sage Smith

Women's Basketball, NAC Sportsmanship Team

#### Anthony Townsend

Men's Lacrosse, NAC All-Conference Second Team (2021)

#### Victoria Valentine

Softball, NAC All-Conference Second Team

#### Garrick Webster

Men's Tennis, NAC Sportsmanship Team (2022)

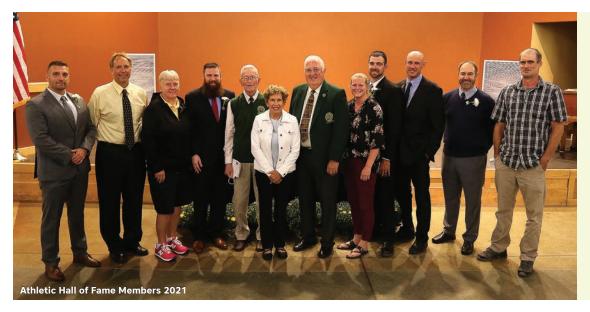
#### **Patrick Wickstrom**

Men's Tennis, NAC All-Conference Doubles Team (2021), NAC Player of the Week, NAC Men's Tennis Senior Scholar Athlete of the Year (2022), NAC All-Conference Singles Team (2022)

#### Dylan Wilson

Baseball, NAC First Team All-Conference Second Baseman (2022)

Laura Laramee Men's Tennis, NAC Coach of the Year (2021)



L to R:
Robert Carey '08,
Peter Kellaway '84,
Joyce Siok '79,
Craig Johnson '12,
Dudley Bell,
Jackie Priestley-Smith '76,
Roger Cartee '65,
Jennifer Kirchoff Layn '06,
Jason Gray '13,
Brian Gallagher '91,
Jamie Kingsbury '99,
and Joe Layn '02.

### **Athletic Hall of Fame Inductions**

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

On September 17, 2021, as part of Lyndon's Homecoming and Family Weekend, three individuals were inducted into the Lyndon Athletic Hall of Fame – Robert Carey '08, Craig Johnson '12, and Jamie Kingsbury '99.



Rob began his collegiate career at in-state rival Johnson State College, but transferred after just one year with the Johnson Badgers. Rob played for Lyndon for his remaining three years. In those three years, he was integral in bringing the men's soccer program to the conference championship in 2005. He started all three years, first as a striker, and later as a central midfielder. He was named co-MVP his junior year and MVP

his senior year. Rob also made All-Conference his junior and senior years. In 2005, as a senior and captain, he was named Sunrise Conference Player-of-the-Year and scored the game winning goal in the conference championship game, earning Lyndon its first and only Sunrise Conference Championship.



Craig ran cross country all four years in college. During those years, his commitment to leaving it all out on the course resulted in numerous athletic honors. In Craig's freshman year, he led the cross country team to Lyndon State's first North Atlantic Conference (NAC) team title. In leading that team, he became the first-ever male student-athlete at Lyndon to win an individual NAC title. Craig also earned NAC Rookie

and Runner of the Year honors. While he did not win the NAC title again, Craig did succeed in earning NAC All-Conference

honors all four years and was a key member of teams that delivered three consecutive NAC Conference Championships. In addition, Craig's hard work in the classroom earned him NAC All-Academic Team honors in 2011. He was also a member of two teams that earned U.S. Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association Division III All-Academic honors. Finally, his commitment to excellence as a student-athlete was recognized during his senior year when he was awarded the inaugural NAC Man-of-the-Year Award.



As a Hornet, Jamie was team captain his junior and senior year and earned All-Conference Team honors his sophomore, junior, and senior years. He was team MVP and an All-Tournament Team selection. In Jamie's first three seasons, he averaged 15.2 points per game. In his senior season, he averaged nearly twenty points per game. Jamie scored his 1,000th college career point on January 13, 1999, against Norwich University. In his senior year, he helped

lead the team to the conference finals and finished his career scoring over 1,700 points.

In his one season of soccer, Jamie was a starting midfielder and was often tasked with defending the best player on the opposing team. In baseball, he was the starting shortstop and a relief pitcher. Jamie led the team with a batting average of .409.

## **LYNDON CLASS NOTES**

### 1960s

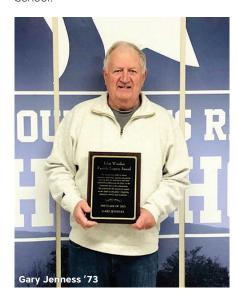
Patricia Randall Jaquith '66 was presented with Flathead Audubon's Conservation Achievement Award in September 2021.

### **1970s**

William West '71 shares, "After graduating from Lyndon, I immediately found out I did not like teaching. Since I had put all my eggs in that basket, I was somewhat lost at what to do. I took on manual labor jobs as a way to pay the bills. For nearly forty years, my wife Pam and I have run a window cleaning business. Going to Lyndon was the best thing I ever did and I am grateful for having that opportunity. I was on the selectboard in Manchester (Vt.) for eight years and ran unsuccessfully for the House seat in my town. My years at Lyndon were some of the best days of my life. I wrote a book about my father's deer camp entitled, The Boys of Beechridge, which you can purchase it on Amazon or by contacting me directly. I am working on a new book, which will pay tribute to those who helped me along the way, including Graham Newall and Bud Ebbett."

Sheila Burleigh '72 shares that she officially retired from teaching on December 1, 2021. Sheila was a physical education teacher at South Burlington (Vt.) High School for forty-seven years. She had previously retired from coaching in 2016 after forty-two years. She started and coached the field hockey program from 1973-1988, reaching nine final fours and winning two state championships. She also coached basketball, accumulating 597 wins, ten metro division titles, went to the final four twenty times, and won five state championships. Sheila has earned many honors, including having the South Burlington High School basketball court named after her in 2017. She has also been inducted into five different Hall of Fames.

Arden Duckless '73 shares that he retired in 2013 after teaching for forty years in the Chittenden East School District in Jericho, Vt. He started at Browns River Middle School and ended his career at Mt. Mansfield Union High School.



Gary Jenness '73 was chosen to receive the 2021 John Wooden Family Legacy Award from the National High School Basketball Coaches Association. The recognition seeks to honor scholastic basketball coaches around the country who are educators and have achieved excellence on the floor, in the classroom and in the community that further embody the characteristics and legacy of Coach John Wooden. The criteria for the accolade seeks five traits: education, longevity, character, service and excellence. Over the course of his career, Gary's teams won 641 games and twelve state titles.

Patty Bona Emery '74 and Maurice Chaloux '82 sold their business Parkway Realty to Amy Reed Bedor '11 and Connie Sleath.

Joseph Benning '79 is running for Vermont Lieutenant Governor. He has served in the Vermont State Senate since 2011, representing the Caledonia-Orange district.

After over forty-years of service, NVU Director of Financial Aid **Tanya Washer Bradley '78** retired in March 2022.

### 1980s





Shelly Holt Allen '81 and Steve Cormier '82 were inducted in the Vermont Association of Broadcasters (VAB) Hall of Fame on December 4, 2021. Shelly has been a news photographer at WCAX-TV for forty years. Steve has entertained radio listeners across Vermont for almost forty years.

**Kevin McGee '81** is the health and safety supervisor for Showtime Networks.

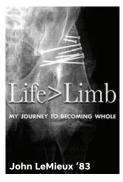
Christine Kocol Shapiro '81 joined Barnes & Thornburg's Boston, Mass. office as an intellectual property paralegal in July 2021. Christine has more than fifteen years of law firm experience working with patents and foreign and U.S. dockets.

Kitty Beattie Toll '81 is running for Vermont Lieutenant Governor. Kitty served in the Vermont House of Representatives from 2009 to 2021, representing the Caledonia-Washington district.



Governor Phil Scott appointed John Kascenska '82 to the Vermont House of Representativees, representing House District Caledonia-4 in March 2022. John replaces former Representative Patrick Seymour '19, who resigned. Later that month, John was honored as a recipient of the Angelo Heilprin Citation at the 2022 American Alpine Club's Annual Gathering and Benefit Gala.

Eleanor Vallier-Talbot '82 shares that she retired in April 2020 after thirty-five years of service with NOAA/ National Weather Service and is enjoying retirement. She is a volunteer mentor for kindergarten through grade twelve teachers through the American Meteorological Society's DataStreme Atmosphere and DataStreme Ocean.



John LeMieux '83 published his memoir, Life is Greater Than Limb: My Journey to Becoming Whole, in May 2021. The book details the loss of John's left leg to cancer at age fifty-three and the years of physical, spiritual, and emotional growth that came from the experience. As an aging, ex-college athlete, he was forced to confront a life where every expectation was changed. With the help of his family and friends, he discovered that he was stronger than he knew, as he grappled with the physical loss of his

leg, the crippling anxiety that attacked him, his relationships with others, and his place in the world. The book is available on Amazon.

Twiladawn Wakefield Perry '83 retired from Lyndon Institute (LI) on June 30, 2022. She spent thirty-two years in education, serving various roles, including teacher, special education instructor, career and technical education director, and administrator. Twila was LI's first female head of school.

Joe Carroll '85, Tony Petrarca '87, Paul Falco '93, Chris Shepherd '93, Cindy Fitzgibbon '95, Chris Gobeille '95, Danielle North '96, Kirk Cratty '99, Rick LeBlanc '01, Amanda Hill '07, Nick Merlo '11, Tyler Dumont '15, Kelly O'Brien '15, Anthony Macari '16, Jessica Gullbrand '17, and Keith Carson '19 were all nominated for New England Emmy® awards in 2022.

**Wesley Ward '86** is celebrating forty years of business at Wes Ward Auto Repair in St. Johnsbury, Vt.



The Mansfield (Conn.) Public Schools Board of Education has selected **Peter Dart '87** as the next Mansfield Public Schools superintendent, effective July 1, 2022. Mary LaPorte Guggenberger '87 was named principal of the year by the Vermont Principal's Association. Mary has been the principal at Killington (Vt.) Elementary School for seven years and has been in education for nearly twenty years.

Anthony Petrarca '87 will be inducted into the Rhode Island Radio and Television Hall of Fame in September 2022. Tony is the chief meteorologist at WPRI in Providence, R.I., where he has worked for thirty-five years.

### 1990s

Darcie Witter Miles Davis '91 left NVU-Lyndon after more than eighteen years as the executive assistant to the president, serving six presidents in that time. She is now the executive assistant to the CEO of Northeastern Vermont

Paul Falco '93, Christian Shepherd '93, and Steven Shannon '09 were among the winners at the 43rd Annual Emmy® Awards. Many Lyndon alumni were nominated.

Regional Hospital in St. Johnsbury, Vt.

Sarah Macitti Roy '94 returned to Northeast Kingdom Learning Services in August 2021, as a recruitment and outreach specialist, after two years at NVU-Lyndon as an admissions counselor.

**Kelly Bates '95** returned to WLNE ABC6 in Providence, R.I., as the weekend weather forecaster in June 2022.



Lyndon State College Kappa Xi sisters got together in October 2021. Most alums in attendance are from classes of 1989-1995. The bonds of sisterhood are still strong after all these years! Robin Brueckner Barnett '97 was promoted to shareholder at Kittell, Branagan, and Sargent (KBS). She has worked for KBS since 1999, starting as a staff accountant. Robin is the first female shareholder in the firm.

### 2000s

Cari Melkonian Carlet '00 and Ian Carlet moved their business, Locally Social Coffee, to a new space that they renovated on Portland Street in St. Johnsbury in the fall of 2021.

Mathew Robitaille '00 is now the regional vice president for TD Bank. Mat had worked at KeyBank for fifteen years, most recently as the vice president and senior business banking relationship manager.

**Kevin O'Hara '03** is now the director of tourism and guest services at Rock of Ages in Graniteville, Vt.

Darcy LeBlanc '05 was named head coach of the boys' varsity soccer program at Lake Region Union High School in Orleans, Vt.



**Benjaman Riegel '05** had the opportunity to work at the Field of Dreams movie site in August 2021, covering stories for ESPN.



Chris Dorsey '07 and Morgan McLaughlan-Crespo '16 were married May 21, 2022, in Clearwater Beach, Fla. The couple resides in Bossier City, La. with their children, Zavier, Quincy, and Naomi.

**Danielle Fournier Balch '08** is employed at St. Johnsbury Academy as the department secretary for facilities.

**Brooke Everton Brittell '08** is the special education case manager at Lyndon Town School.



Kerrin Jeromin '08 was highlighted in a short personal feature, "More Than A Scientist," in the November 2021 issue of the *Bulletin of the American* Meteorological Society (BAMS) scientific journal. Elaine Collins '09 has been chosen as the new superintendent for North Country (Vt.) Supervisory Union. She will assume her duties on July 1, 2022.

### 2010



Michelle Petty Voci '10 and her husband Nick welcomed a son, William, on April 18, 2020. He joins big sister Kellianne.



Angela "Anjo" Roy '10 was promoted to investment analyst at Passumpsic Bank in September 2021 and earned the added title of assistant treasurer. Anjo has worked at Passumpsic Bank since 2018 and in the financial advisors division since 2019.

Brandon Swartz '10 is the general manager of Attitash Mountain in Bartlett, N.H. Attitash is owned by Vail Resorts and Brandon has worked in a number of positions for Vail over the last decade, most recently as general manager of Hidden Valley in Missouri.

**John Kleinhans '12** was named government affairs and communications advisor to Danbury (Conn.) Mayor Dean Esposito.



Rachel Keller '12 and Ben Kaufmann were married on December 11, 2021 at the Inn at Grace Farm in Fairfax, Vt.



**Robin Taylor Brown '12** and her husband Daniel welcomed a daughter, Rose Pauline Brown, into the world on November 22, 2021.

**Daniel Haycook '13** joined NVU-Lyndon as an admissions counselor in August 2021.



Meghan Gadapee Christ '14 and Timothy Christ '14 welcomed a daughter, Holly Elizabeth Christ, on October 14, 2021. Holly weighed 8 lbs.

2 oz. and was 20.5 inches long. Carlene Cochrane Gadapee '87 and Geoffrey Gadapee '87 are among the proud grandparents.

Alexandra "Lexi" Damato '14 graduated from NVU-Johnson with a master of arts in clinical mental health counseling in May 2021. In June of the same year, she married Mack McCaughey '15. After five years in the admissions office, Lexi left NVU-Lyndon in August 2021 to take a position as a clinician at a local school.





**Nicholas Russo '14** won his first Emmy® award in July 2021. In February 2022, he became engaged to Janaina de Paula. A March 11, 2023 wedding is being planned.

Amy Darrigo '14 and Brandon Doyle were married September 5, 2021 in Hampton, N.H. A reception was held in Portsmouth, N.H. She and Brandon met in middle school. Amy is an academic advising liaison at Great Bay Community College.



Left to right: Tristan Bushey, Matt Reynolds '14, Jenny Darrigo '12, Amy Darrigo-Doyle '14, Brandon Doyle, Megan Darrigo '15, David Darrigo '17, Kelsey Remick Price '14



**Tyler Dumont '15** was appointed as strategic communications administrator for the New Hampshire Department of Safety.

**Alyssa Sylvia Kelly '15** graduated from NVU-Johnson with a master of art in leadership studies in August 2021.



Jacqueline Laviolette '15 shared this photo of her and Hayley LaPoint Politis '09 working together in October 2021 at WMUR

**Nedah Warstler '15** is now the community relations manager at NEK Community Broadband. From 2018 to April 2022, she worked in NVU-Lyndon's Admissions office as the campus visit coordinator and assistant director.



Dominic Amato '16 was named a fellow for the New England First Amendment Coalition's 2021 First Amendment Institute, held October 31-November 6, 2021. The institute provides support and training for New England journalists to give them the tools they need to become more accomplished investigative reporters, well-versed in the freedom of information laws that govern today



**Tyler Cadorette '16** joined Burgess Advertising & Marketing as an account manager in May 2022.

Owen Davie '16 joined NVU-Lyndon as the operations coordinator for the DoNorth Co-Working Space in August 2021

Lauriana Gaudet '16 received her doctor of philosophy in Atmospheric Science from the University at Albany, SUNY in 2021. She is now a meteorological data analyst for The Weather Company.

Samuel Hutchins '16 and Erin Reiner marked their one-year anniversary on August 7, 2021, with a celebration at the ECHO Center in Burlington, Vt. Sam is a data analytics manager at Code.org.





Ryan Jenot '16 and Kelly Remillard were married in a small, intimate ceremony on November 22, 2020. On April 3, 2022, they were able to celebrate with their family and friends at the Lakewood Ranch Golf and Country Club in Lakewood Ranch, Fla.

Shane LaCroix '16 and Aimee Prevost were married September 25, 2021, at the Tempson Barn in East Burke, Vt. Shane is the clubs and activities program coordinator and junior varsity boys' basketball coach at St. Johnsbury Academy.

**Michael Martin '16** and wife Katherine, welcomed a daughter, Mackenzie Evelyn Martin on July 6, 2021. She joins siblings Abigail and Daniel.

**Justin Rathbun '16** joined NVU-Lyndon as an admissions counselor in July 2021.

**Elizabeth Sousa '16** joined NVU-Lyndon as the assistant to the dean of students in June 2021.

**Thomas Weineck '16** is a cyber-security analyst with Wellness Pet Company.

**Falicia Woody '16** became KDKA-TV's fifth meteorologist in March 2022.

**Haley Bouley '17** and **Christian Plaud '18** were married on October 2, 2021, at Burke Mountain in East Burke, Vt.



Abbey Greene '17 graduated from the University of Rhode Island in May 2022 with a master's of environmental science and management, graduate certificate in science writing and rhetoric, and graduate certificate in GIS and remote sensing.

Carina Alden '18 is a space weather analyst for the Moon to Mars Space Weather Analysis Office at NASA Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Md.

**Allison Lanfear '19** is a warehouses supervisor for Tesla overseeing

warehouse operations for Hartford, Conn. and Bethpage, N.Y.

**Ashley Miles '19** and **Patrick Seymour '19** were married October 10, 2020. They welcomed a son, Finnigan Harold Seymour, on November 5, 2021.



**Trisha Potter '19** and Cody Jackman were united in marriage on July 10, 2021. Trisha is employed at Lyndon Institute as the school's librarian.

**Taylor Willey Brink '19** and husband Billy welcomed a son, Wyatt William Brink, on August 19, 2021.

### 2020s

**Natalia Sykes '20** shares that she is working as a victim witness advocate for the district attorney's office in Middlesex, Mass.

**Reagan Beck '21** joined the St. Johnsbury School as a fifth-grade math and science teacher.

**Brittany Gallien '21** was accepted into the masters of social work program at

the University of Kentucky and started her classes in January 2022.

**Lauren Young '21** shares that she is a child behavior and family support clinician at Compass Behavioral Solutions in Radford, Va.

Autumn Chamberlain '22 released her first music video for "Not to Think." The video was shot and directed by Jake Before '22, in partnership with Lyndon's MBI student-run Eneekay Records. Autumn also released a new EP, "My Turn."

### **FRIENDS**



Former Lyndon President Joe Bertolino was awarded the 2022 ACE Council of Fellows/Fidelity Investments Mentor Award at the American Council of Education's Annual Meeting in San Diego, Calif. in March 2022. This award is bestowed annually to acknowledge the substantial role of mentors in the success of ACE Fellows Program participants. President Bertolino has mentored five fellows and has also nominated a fellow for the program.

Vermont Women in Higher Education honored VSCS Chancellor Sophie Zdatny, Jae Basiliére, and Professor Patricia Shine at their annual Spring Leadership Conference on March 24, 2022. Jae Basilière and Pat Shine were jointly awarded the Dr. Wanda Heading-Grant Award for Justice in recognition of their significant commitment and leadership in fostering diversity, equity, and inclusion at NVU and throughout the VSCS. Chancellor Sophie Zdatny was awarded the Jackie Gribbons Leadership Award in recognition of her collaborative and creative leadership during transformational change in the VSCS.







## LYNDON IN MEMORIAM

### IN MEMORIAM

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

### ALUMNI

Florilla Perkins Ames '30 OCTOBER 22, 2021

Patricia Domey Wheeler '44 JANUARY 21, 2022

Betty Taylor Peck '47 NOVEMBER 30, 2020

Jean MacDonald McPhee '48 DECEMBER 1, 2021

Evelyn Coe Erskine '48 JANUARY 23, 2022

Ruth Bartlett Thurber '49

JUNE 2, 2021

Marjorie Doyle Christiansen '49 JULY 3. 2021

Stanley Amadon '50 MARCH 14, 2022

Marie Pratt Perry '56 SEPTEMBER 20, 2021

V. Roland Guyette '57 SEPTEMBER 17, 2021

Colleen Brown Reilly '58 MAY 20, 2021

Gerry Brooks '58 APRIL 12, 2022

Leo Chapdelaine '59 MARCH 16, 2022

Burns Page '59 AUGUST 7, 2021

Jeanne Johnson Williams '59 JANUARY 4, 2022

Jack Gambeski '60 APRIL 9, 2022

Francis Murphy '61 MAY 8, 2021

Richard Fraser '62 DECEMBER 2, 2021

Joan Gray Scott '63

AUGUST 10, 2021

Ester Foster Bona '64 NOVEMBER 29, 2021

Mary Reed Church '64 JANUARY 14, 2022

Lynn Bottum '66 MAY 18, 2021

George Wright '66 MARCH 11, 2022

Bradley Potter '67 OCTOBER 8, 2021 Jean Zaun Davis '68 AUGUST 20, 2021

Mary Letko Holbrook '68 OCTOBER 2, 2021

Robert Daniels '69 JANUARY 7, 2022

Howard Greenwood '70

JULY 7, 2021

John Findlay '71 MARCH 12, 2022

Jeanne Akley Elliott '72 APRIL 10, 2022

Albert Hauver '73 NOVEMBER 19, 2021

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Diane Emerson Hart '77 JANUARY 20, 2022

Martin Raymond '77 DECEMBER 12, 2021

Susan Buckley '78 APRIL 15, 2021

Birthe Filby '78 DECEMBER 6, 2021

Dian Himmelman Campbell '79 FEBRUARY 24, 2022

Edward Simpson '79 MAY 3, 2022

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## FORMER FACULTY AND STAFF

Dudley Bell MARCH 11, 2022

Irene Blanchard DECEMBER 5, 2021

Patricia Carbonneau JUNE 25, 2021

Ballard "Bud" Ebbett MARCH 12, 2022

Rolland Lafayette, Jr. FEBRUARY 9, 2022

Larry Michael MAY 16, 2021

Doris Morton FEBRUARY 12, 2022

William Oates NOVEMBER 22, 2021

Edward Pechalonis APRIL 15, 2021

Therese "Terry" Portner JULY 18, 2021

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Virginia Hall Hodges Cantin JANUARY 5, 2022

James Cole JANUARY 11, 2022

Larry Donna JULY 27, 2021

Julia Michel Dorsey JUNE 25, 2021

Leora Dunphy JULY 2, 2021

Lisa Forrett

NOVEMBER 19, 2021

Fred Gorham JUNE 12, 2021

Joan Grant SEPTEMBER 25, 2021

Daniel Guadalupe NOVEMBER 15, 2021

Rosalie Harris JULY 17, 2021

Sylvia Harvey JULY 7, 2021 Margaret Hawksworth

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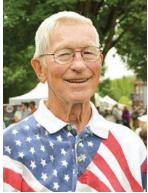
Theresa Stuckey SEPTEMBER 13, 2021

Ruth Vinton JULY 12, 2021

Timothy Watkins AUGUST 14, 2021

Heather White MAY 17, 2022





Whenever I think of Dudley, I flash back to my years at Lyndon and see him smiling as we met in a hallway or on an athletic field. He was always upbeat and made others feel likewise in his company."

### PRESIDENT EMERITA PEGGY WILLIAMS

Dudley was an amazing coach and teacher. I am so blessed to have been a player and student of his."

ANNIE WILSON '81

### **Dudley Bell, 1932-2022**

It is with great sadness that we report the passing of Dudley Bell, retired faculty member, athletic director, and coach. Dudley taught physical education at Lyndon from 1959 until 1996. He continued to teach a tennis course part-time until 2009. During his time here, he also served as athletic director from 1961-1979 and coached eight athletic teams, which included starting the alpine ski and track and field programs. Dudley passed away on March 11, 2022; just five days shy of his ninetieth birthday.

Dudley's impact on Lyndon athletics was substantial. He was inducted into the Lyndon Athletic Hall of Fame in 1985 as an honorary member in recognition of his accomplishments as a coach. His 1964 basketball team was inducted into the New England Basketball Hall of Fame in 2009, and his 1966 soccer team was recognized at the 2013 Lyndon Athletic Hall of Fame ceremony. The tennis courts and tennis museum on campus were named in his honor.

Dudley was a long-time athlete and participated in sports year-round. In 2020, at eighty-eight-years-old, he qualified for the 2021 national senior 80-and-over golf tournament by taking gold at the Vermont state championship. Over the past twenty-plus years, Dudley competed in the Vermont Senior Games and qualified for over ten National Senior Olympic Games, competing in twenty-eight events in nine sports, including track and field, racquetball, and basketball, and racking up hardware along the way ranging from bronze to gold. He led the Northeast Kingdom Senior Tennis Group, and for twenty years organized a January golf trip to Myrtle Beach.

He is survived by his wife and former Lyndon women's tennis coach Mary Lou '61, daughter Cassie, and sons David '86, and Peter '91.

Dudley was a caring and dedicated professor who pushed me to excel and never undermined the fragile self-confidence I had in my academic abilities. I thought of him when I finished my graduate work in physical education; Dudley saw more in me than I saw in myself."

JOHN LEMIEUX '83

Thinking about Dudley and his warm, always-positive temperament and demeanor brings me solace and a neverending drive to keep going when under pressure, to never give up, and to always to give back to others."

JIM ROEMER '81

Dudley Bell's passing is the end of an era in which Lyndon was putting itself on the 'college map' of integrity and prominence. He will be missed. He can never be replaced...we can however, follow his lead, as he was a loyal, devoted man of academic and athletic excellence"

JACKIE PRIESTLEY-SMITH '76



## **LYNDON GIVING REPORT**

**JULY 1, 2020 – JUNE 30, 2021** 

### THANK YOU TO OUR GENEROUS ALUMNI AND DONORS.

Every gift, no matter the size, is magnified by the power of the community and makes a positive contribution to our students. If you haven't had the opportunity to add your name to this list in recent years, we hope you will do so this year.

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

Classes ending in 2 and 7 will be celebrated. Be sure to spread the word to your classmates!

More information to come!

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





