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What a wonderful start to another new school year! We had a very smooth and successful move-in day. The student turn-out at Convocation to hear author Sherman Alexie was exceptional - and man! He did <u>not</u> disappoint! When I read his description as "the world's first, fast-talking, wise-cracking mediagenic American-Indian superstar", I wasn't quite sure what that meant. I sure know what it means now! He was incredible. In fact, he has been the best Convocation speaker in my six school-starts at SNHU.

The new General Education launch party was also a big success; attended by dozens and dozens of students and faculty. Brooke Gilmore, Shawn Powers, the entire Gen Ed Team, and our Marketing Communications folks, have done a great job getting the word out about our comprehensive, stimulating, tiered general education program.

The "I AM . . . Diversity Welcome and Luncheon" was packed with students, staff, and faculty who completely filled the Dining Center on Tuesday! Many thanks to Louisa Martin for the wonderful work she does with all of our students. The "I AM . . ." t-shirts were a great way for folks to get to know each other and break the ice when meeting new people.

On the first full day of classes, I was down at Webster Hall. I was on the second floor waiting to speak with a faculty member. As it got closer to the end of one class period, and the start of another – the hall just kept filling up with students. Kids were literally shoulder to shoulder walking down that hall! It was a stark reminder of how big we've grown. And while I am so pleased that our School of Ed is exploding with new enrollments, and so proud by the number of majors we are expanding in the School of Arts and Sciences - which is transforming us into a *real* University - seeing that tsunami of students flooding the halls in Webster gave me pause. We have a long and established history as a darn good Business school in northern New England. Think about how that *foundation* has allowed us to *build* what we have today. Standing in the hall at Webster that first day of class renewed my understanding of, and respect for, our flagship School. I am so looking forward to the successful roll-out of our Degree-in-Three; a program I believe will re-establish and strengthen our Business School's reputation as one of the finest programs in New England.

In the coming weeks, we will be sharing with you the many ways in which faculty can become involved in contributing to the creation of the "2014-2017 Strategic Plan for Academic Affairs." By the end of September, your Deans will be forwarding you information about "first steps" in this process as we seek to become New England's most responsive and innovative university for career preparation, general education, and value-added learning.

Welcome back, colleagues! I wish all of you a happy, healthy, and productive school year!

Patricia A. Lynott

University Curriculum
Committee (UCC)

COMING SOON— a column devoted to the proposals presented, discussed, and voted on at each month's UCC meeting.

## Global Responsibility and Environmental Sustainability: A Conversation on Environment, Ethics, and Innovation

Submitted by: Dr. Michele L. Goldsmith, Papoutsy Distinguished Chair in Ethics and Social Responsibility and Associate Professor of Science.

This summer Southern New Hampshire University had the honor and pleasure of co-sponsoring a Summit on the present state of our environment with the primary spiritual leader of the Orthodox Christian Church, All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew. His All-Holiness, named the "Green Patriarch" by Al Gore, holds a deep appreciate and strong commitment to the natural world. SNHU President, Dr. Paul Leblanc, and Dr. Michele Goldsmith, the Papoutsy Distinguished Chair in Ethics and Social Responsibility, spent more than a year organizing the conference with Rev. Dr. John Chryssavgis, Archdeacon and theological advisor to the Patriarch on environmental issues. The goal of the summit was to gather activists, scientists, journalists, business leaders, theologians, and academics working across intellectual boundaries and across the globe to bring discourse on environmental issues to a new and richer place. At the heart of that discussion was the belief that no effort can be successful without a fundamental change in values as manifested in ethics, spirituality, and religion.

The Halki Summit on Global Responsibility and Environmental Sustainability was held June 18-20 on a small island off the coast of Istanbul, Turkey. Located on the Hill of Hope, the opening ceremony was held at the Holy Theological School of Halki, the seminary for the church founded in 1844 but closed by the Turks in 1971. The evening included welcoming speeches by the Patriarch, Father Chryssavgis and Dr. Leblanc, and a keynote address by the Director of NASA's Goddard Institute for Space Studies, Dr. James Hansen. Participation in the Summit was by invitation only and included only about 30 professionals from around the world including such experts as Dr. Jane Goodall, primatologist and UN Messenger of Peace; Bill McKibben, environmentalist and scholar; Gary Hirshberg, former CE-Yo of Stonyfield Farms; and Dr. Amory Lovins, Director of the Rocky Mountain Institute. Moving religious and spiritual discourse was offered by the Patriarch as well as the Bishop of London and Metropolitan John of Pergamon who closed the summit by stating that acts against the environment equated to acts against god. The summit was moderated by NPR's own Krista Tippett host of the show "On Being".

In addition to Dr. Leblanc and Dr. Goldsmith, SNHU participants included our own VPAA, Dr. Patricia Lynott as well as four Presidential Ambassadors: Kaitlin Sampson, Brianna Stockley, Kyle Coumas and Scott Chamberlain. The students were instrumental in the success of the Summit and were involved in the website, blogging, all logistical challenges during the Summit, videotaping, etc. The students made SNHU proud!! Please visit <a href="https://www.Halkisummit.org">www.Halkisummit.org</a> to read some of the blogs and see photos and video clips.



SNHU's Dr. Michele Goldsmith introduces her colleague and fellow primatologist, Dr. Jane Goodall.



SNHU President Dr. Paul Leblanc welcoming speech to Summit participants at the Holy Theological School of Halki.



SNHU Student Ambassadors, Scott Chamberlain, Brianna Stockley, Kaitlin Sampson, and Kyle Cuomos joined by Grace Findlen-Golden help everything run smoothly at the Summit.

## Career Development Center's "Career Corner" pt. 1

Submitted by: Christiana Amesquita, Outreach Coordinator, Career Development Center

The Career Development Center (CDC) has had a busy summer developing new programs and events for faculty, students and employers.

**Coffee Klatch** 

During the second week of September as faculty began to settle in, we planned a "welcome back" breakfast where we had a great opportunity to visit each school, catch up with faculty members and wish everyone a great academic semester!

#### **Career Peers**

One of the CDC's new initiatives, Career Peers, will begin this September in the Learning Center of Stark Hall. Career Peers were created to make the CDC's services more accessible and convenient for students who wish to receive drop-in guidance. Career Peers



Patricia Caruso, Office Manager, Jennifer Landon, Director, Bill Jenkins, Assistant Director and Christiana Amesquita, Outreach Coordinator

will be available to assist students with initial resume reviews and use of SNHU Recruit for their internship and job search. As of this writing, our Career Peers will be available Monday-Thursday 2-5. Next month we will provide you with a brief bio of who they are.

#### What You Can Do With a Major In....

The "What You Can Do With a Major In..." documents that are accessible through the CDC's online pages will continue to see some changes and additions as we continue to work with faculty to update these documents. In conjunction with our work to revamp our web pages online, faculty will be able to easily access these new versions through the SNHU Recruit Resource Library in the future by clicking here: Faculty. If you need assistance accessing current documents, please call our office at 645-9630 (option 1) and we'll walk you through the process.

### **Career Digest**

In early October, faculty will begin to receive a "Career Digest" containing the most recent job and internship postings in SNHU Recruit conveniently by email. The "Career Digest" will contain a weekly report of opportunities that are available to students by major. Faculty can freely share and connect their students with these positions that are posted in our SNHU Recruit database. We promise not to clog up your inbox so you will only receive an email from us if the positions are relevant to your majors.

#### **CDC Classroom Presentation Requests**

Several faculty members have requested classroom presentations and to be sure that we can accommodate everyone, we encourage you to touch base with Bill Jenkins at <a href="w.jenkins@snhu.edu">w.jenkins@snhu.edu</a> or Jennifer Landon at <a href="j.jenkins@snhu.edu">j.jenkins@snhu.edu</a>.

#### **Upcoming Events**

We have some great events coming up on the horizon! Please inform and encourage your students to attend:

Tuesday, September 25<sup>th</sup> (5:30pm-8pm) The Dream Share Project Dining Center Banquet Hall

SNHU will welcome two documentarians from the *Dream Share Project*, to our Manchester campus. The Dream Share Project is a documentary film, following two recent college grads as they set forth on a road trip to learn first-hand about how to succeed.



Producers of the Dream Share Project, Chip Hiden & Alexis Irvin

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Academic Policy Committee (APC)

COMING SOON—new policies presented, discussed and voted on at each month's APC meeting and reminders of important policies approved by APC and the Provost/Sr. VPAA.

## Congratulations

We would like to congratulate Amanda Irving on her recent publication in the Journal for Global Business and Community. Her paper, titled "Women are Taking Over: Welcome to 21<sup>st</sup> Century Business," was released earlier this year.

To read the whole article, please see the link that follows: <a href="http://jgbc.fiu.edu/index.php?">http://jgbc.fiu.edu/index.php?</a>
<a href="jour-nal=JGBC&page=article&op=view&path[]=54&path[]=45">jour-nal=JGBC&page=article&op=view&path[]=54&path[]=45</a>

We would like to congratulate Dr. Peter Frost, Professor and Chair of the Psychology Department, on his accepted paper. Dr. Frost worked with a handful of students on a paper titled 'An Individual Differences Approach to the Suggestibility of Memory Over Time.' The paper was recently accepted by the journal, *Memory*. We would also like to congratulate and thank the dedicated undergraduate students who worked with Dr. Frost: Gregory Nussbaum, Taylor Loconto, Richard Syke, Casey Warren, and Christina Muise.

## Career Development Center's "Career Corner" pt. 2

Submitted by: Christiana Amesquita, Outreach Coordinator, Career Development Center

Along the way they meet and interview several successful people who have pursued their passions, overcome obstacles and redefined success including:

- an Olympic skier a renowned slam poet
- one of the original comedians from the a Project Runway fashion designer
- Latin Kings of Comedy a NASA astronaut a CEO of a sustainable flip flop company and many more...

The film also provides some fantastic insight and advice from faculty and career counselors on identifying and conquering fears in order to cultivate success. Students will be invited to sign in and network during the reception where they will meet some outstanding SNHU Alums as well as local representatives from Stay Work Play NH and the Manchester Young Professional Network.

After the documentary an interactive workshop will follow with the film stars themselves, Alexis Irvin and Chip Hiden. Students will have the chance to ask questions, brainstorm, reflect and build upon the ideas and knowledge they have gathered from the film.

This event is sponsored by the Career Development Center, Office of Institutional Advancement, Student Government Association, Office of Student Life, La Quinta Inns and Suites of Manchester, NH and Chunky's Cinema Restaurant of Nashua, NH. For more information, please log into SNHU Recruit on <a href="https://www.snhu.edu/cdc">www.snhu.edu/cdc</a>.

## Tuesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> (1pm-2pm) Wednesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> (4pm-5pm) Robert Frost Hall, Room 104

## Preparing for Accounting-Finance Career Night Workshop

Students who will be attending this year's 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Accounting-Finance Career Night on October 10<sup>th</sup> are welcome to join either preparation workshop to learn how they can display their skills and knowledge while networking with employers. Students must attend one of these workshops to be included in the Annual Accounting-Finance Career Night. For more information, please log into SNHU Recruit on Students/Alumni.

## Wednesday, October 10<sup>th</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Accounting-Finance Career Night SNHU Hospitality Center

- Panel Discussion with employers (5:15pm-6pm) \*Open to all students
- Dinner featuring employers and guests (6pm-7pm) \*Open to select undergrad seniors and graduate students
- ♦ Career Fair (7pm-8pm) \*Open to all students

Accounting and Finance majors will have an opportunity to network and explore career opportunities in the field. Representatives from public accounting firms, finance companies, government and nonprofit accounting departments and agencies as well as private organizations will attend. To prepare for this event, students are encouraged to attend our Accounting- Finance Career Night Workshops on October 2nd or 3rd. For more information, please log into SNHU Recruit on <a href="Students/">Students/</a> Alumni.

## Wednesday, October 17<sup>th</sup> (4pm-5pm) Baker Newman Noyes Information Session Hospitality Room 202

Students interested in learning more about the company, Baker Newman Noyes are invited to attend a special information session open to all students. During this session students will find out more about the career opportunities they offer as well as to prepare for upcoming interviews taking place on October 18th. For more information, please log into SNHU Recruit on <a href="Students/Alumni">Students/Alumni</a>.

# Thursday, October 18<sup>th</sup> (9am-4pm) Baker Newman Noyes - On Campus Recruiting Academic Center – check in at the lobby

The Accounting firm, Baker Newman Noyes will be on campus interviewing for their Audit Staff and Audit Intern positions. Students who would like to be considered for either position should upload their resume by October 11th in SNHU Recruit at <a href="Students/Alumni">Students/Alumni</a>. For resume assistance or guidance, students can make an appointment with a Career Counselor or stop by to see an available Career Peer in the Learning Center in Stark Hall.

## 2012-2013 Changes in CMAT and CIT Departments

Please note changes made in the Communication, Media Arts & Technology Department, and the Computer Information Technology Department effective in this new academic year (AY2012-13).

The BA and BS in Game Design and Development are now administratively managed in the School of Arts and Sciences, Department of Communication and Media Arts. Tracy Dow chairs the department which includes the following programs: Communication (coordinator: Andrea Bard); Graphic Design and Media Arts (coordinator: Harry Umen); Game Design and Development-BA and BS (coordinators: BA -Harry Umen and BS-Lundy Lewis).

The BA and BS in CIT will reside in the School of Business, Department of Computer Information Technology. The School of Business Dean, William Gillett, will serve as the *interim* Chair of the Computer Information Technology Department, and Coordinator of the B.A. in Computer Information Technology. Dean Gillett will also serve as the *interim* Coordinator of the Business Studies Program concentrations in: Accounting/Information Systems, Computer Information Technology, and Game Design & Development.

## The New Student Center

The incoming students have all walked through the new Student Center, have you? It's a great place for commuters and on campus students to relax in between classes.

The mailroom is now part of the Student Center, giving the students easy access to their mailboxes.

The café has expanded by adding more tables for students.

The Pub, along with many other offices, is still under construction thus far. We are looking forward to the completion of the new Student Center.





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### **Opportunities for SNHU Students**

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This semester, the Papoutsy Chair in Ethics would like to inform the SNHU community about three opportunities.

First, in collaboration with the Environmentally Sustainable Student Club, the Chair will be organizing an event in celebration of the 10th Annual Campus Sustainability Day on October 24th. This global event is an initiative of the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (ASSHE).

Second, SNHU students have been personally invited by Bill McKibben, climate change activist, scholar, and author to join him in two local 350.org events this November in Boston and Portland.

Finally, the Chair presents to SNHU students an opportunity offered by the Elie Wiesel Foundation for Humanity. The foundation has announced their 2013 Essay Contest for the Elie Wiesel Prize in Ethics. This annual competition challenges college students to submit essays on the urgent ethical issues that confront them in today's world. Student essays require faculty mentorship, are due December 3rd, and offer prize awards between \$500 and \$5,000.

Advertisements/events on how to participate in these opportunities are forthcoming. Please contact Papoutsy Chair, Dr. Michele Goldsmith, for information (m.goldsmith@snhu.edu).