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News From The Provost

Two SNHU students enrolled in our Study Abroad program are currently studying in Brussels. I am very happy to report that both students are unharmed, and that Stefano Parenti, Director of Study Abroad and Exchange Programs, has been in regular communication with the two students and their families. European terrorist attacks, like the ones in Paris in November and the recent tragedy that killed over thirty people in Brussels, have yet to negatively impact applications for our study abroad programs. While it will not be surprising if these recent events in Brussels do curb interest in the near term, I remain confident that the numerous benefits and

opportunities provided by studying abroad will continue to make this program option highly sought after. I can assure students, faculty, and staff that we do an exceptional job of providing numerous safety measures for our study abroad students, and that prior to departing SNHU, they are required to attend sessions that prepare them for their overseas experience. Among other things, they discuss how to behave, where to go, and who to contact in the event of a potential terrorist attack.

I am also very pleased to announce that we have begun the application process to join ...Continued pg. 2.

Continued from pg. 1...the National Student Exchange program. NSE is a consortium of over 200 accredited, baccalaureate-granting colleges and universities in the United States, Canada, Guam, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. The member institutions of NSE provide 'study away' exchange opportunities for students for whom 'study abroad' is not a preference or an option. Membership also provides access to a wide array of courses and programs such as field experiences, co-op, and internship options. We will be providing the entire UC community more information about the many opportunities provided by membership with NSE as soon as we have completed the application process.

Lastly, I would just like to give a shout-out to two faculty members who have received some rather impressive accolades from the community. Steve and Maria Painchaud jointly received the Concord Rotary Club's SERVICE ABOVE SELF AWARD a few months ago in recognition of their, "...tireless commitment to the Concord community and sustained humanitarian efforts, which embodies the ideals of Rotary". In addition, Maria Painchaud was recently selected as one of the 20 Outstanding Women in NH by WZID and Hannaford, and was recognized at the Women's Expo on March 12th.

Patricia A. Lynott
Executive Vice President and Provost

Welcome Dan Martel

Submitted by: Alicia Frazier

As many of you have seen, the Provost Monthly Newsletter has made some changes within the past year, from trying new article topics, to improving upon its layout. At the end of this semester, another positive change will be happening. Dan Martel, current sophomore at Southern New Hampshire University, will be taking over as Editor of the Provost Monthly Newsletter.

Dan is an organized and hard working student in the University Honors Program. He has a double major in Graphic Design and Marketing, with a concentration in Social Media Marketing. If these studies didn't keep him busy enough, he also added a minor in Applied Mathematics and is very involved on campus!

Dan's biggest involvement is with the University Honors Program, where he acts of Vice President of the University Honors Program Student Council. In this role, Dan has overseen the layout and editing of the program's monthly newsletter. He assists the council in planning events, and acts as a mentor to other students in the



program. Recently, Dan was selected as a Resident Assistant in the East Side Apartments for next fall. Currently a commuter student to campus, Dan is excited to live on campus and become more connected to the SNHU community.

One of the main ways he hopes to better connect to campus is through the editorial position for the Provost Monthly Newsletter. When asked about why he accepted the position, Dan replied, "I decided to take the PNL role for many reasons. I am excited for all of the great connections I will be able to make over the next two years. It will also give me an opportunity to apply what I am learning in my Graphic Design major by managing the layout design of the newsletter."

While staying busy on campus, Dan expressed his biggest challenge will be balancing all he does. Off campus, Dan works part time at Roche Bros Supermarket, coaches his little sister's basketball team, and participates in internships. Most recently, his old internship site, Silverlink Communications in Burlington, MA, offered him to come back again this summer because they loved his work so much!

It is no surprise Silverlink Communications wants Dan to return, as his clear passion, focus, and willingness to help makes him successful in all of his roles. To prepare for taking over as editor, Dan has been shadowing myself and my role as editor. He asks questions, shadows interviews, and is writing his own articles. Dan is more than prepared for this role. Jane Yerrington, Assistant Vice President of Academic Operations and supervisor of the Provost Monthly Newsletter, says, "He brings a vast range of skills to include, writing, graphic design, media arts and marketing." When you see him on campus these last few months, say hello and welcome him with open arms to the world of faculty and staff as you did with me two years ago.

Many times, Dan and I have talked about opportunities, creating your own and making most of the ones you have. He sees this role as one of his greatest opportunities yet. Join me in welcoming and supporting Dan in this new and exciting position!

A Basketball Season to Remember

Submitted by: Dan Martel

This year, we have witnessed: a coach earn his 600th career win, a NCAA playoff spot, a NE10 Rookie of the Year awarded, a player selected for the All-Rookie Team, a 1st team All-League selection, and much more.

Needless to say, it has been an exciting season for both the men's and women's basketball team at SNHU. Head Coach, Karen Pinkos, recently finished her 11th year coaching the women's basketball team, with Assistant Coaches Aly Hinton and Courtney Burns, and Captains Erin Doherty and Sara Ryan. Head Coach of the men's team, Stan Spirou, recently earned a third straight NCAA Tournament bid in his 31st season, accompanied by Assistant Coaches Jay Dufour, Jeff Gore, Bob Duffley, and Namdi Williams, and Captains BJ Cardarelli and Rodney Sanders.

The women's team finished this season just shy of the playoffs, with a 14-13 record (8-13 in conference). This is an improvement from last season's 11-17 performance (5-16 in conference). With a well-rounded and smart squad of girls, none of the coaches were surprised by this improvement. The season marked the third straight year SNHU Women's Basketball has been awarded a "WBCA (Women's Basketball Coaches Association) Academic Top 25" award, with the 14th highest team GPA average in all of NCAA Division II Women's Basketball (3.595 GPA).

Moving forward, Coach Pinkos is especially excited looking ahead, considering the young talent this team currently has. Rookie sensation, Kylie Lorenzen, entered into her freshman season with the goal of turning some heads. She did that and then some by becoming the team's leading scorer, being selected to the All-Rookie Team, as well as being selected as the NE10 Rookie of the Year. Another rookie standout, Brianna Camara, started towards the end of her freshman season. These two girls and sophomore Catherine Stinson, who earned an All-Rookie Team selection last year, provide a solid force of young talent to propel this team in years to come.

The men's team celebrated Coach Spirou's 600th career win after



a wild comeback win in double overtime versus Southern Connecticut State University. For a season plagued with key injuries, the men's team showed an immense amount of versatility, while knocking off some higher seeded teams. SNHU kept their momentum going by beating Bentley University 90-87 to win the NE10 Championship and earning their third straight trip to the NCAA Tournament. This exciting season has been led by Senior Captain, Rodney Sanders, being a 1st Team All-League selection, and Sophomore, Chris Walters, being a 3rd Team All-League selection.

Coach Spirou is proud of his players' hard work this season. With regards to the success they've had this year, he feels there have been "no surprises." Of course winning is a huge part of any sport, but there are many more elements that are just as important to the culture of a team. According to Coach Spirou, "The relationships developed and the friendships made is the best part, winning championships is just the icing on the cake." The Penmen are getting ready to start their own March Madness, and they are ready to do some damage.

Internship and Job Fair Thank You

Submitted by: Katie Schmelzer

The Career Development Center would like to thank the SNHU community for encouraging students to attend the Internship and Job Fair this past month. For three hours, the second floor of the Dining Center buzzed with 716 students and 65 employers. For the first half hour, there was a line of students out the door, waiting to meet with potential employers for upcoming internships and full-time openings.

Once inside, students were greeted by friendly, familiar faces from the Career Development Center, and given a packet of each employer and a description of the company. Many great conversations took place that left students and employers happy.

Student Paige Letendre said, "I'm about to graduate soon and I'm

looking for full-time work... I'm really glad I went because there were plenty of full-time openings, not just internships."

Several employers from companies including Target, Fidelity, Sherwin Williams and Kohl's were very impressed with SNHU students, saying that many were well dressed, enthusiastic, and engaged in their conversations. Employers were very satisfied with student preparedness, citing their professional dress, respectful demeanor, and ability to ask great questions. One employer said, "Students that stopped by had done their research and knew about our openings."

Compared to other job fairs, 62% of employers said it was better than most, and 67% said "definitely" to the likeliness of hiring an SNHU student from the fair. In addition, ...Continued pg. 4

Continued from pg. 3...employers were very pleased with the set-up and accommodations provided by SNHU as a whole. One employer said, SNHU had a, "Very organized, friendly, helpful, and hospitable staff. You make employers want to come here."

If you would like to learn more about leveraging the power of the

Institutional Advancement team to enrich your students' experiences, including tapping into the SNHU alumni network and career development resources, please contact us at alumni@snhu.edu or careerdevelopment@snhu.edu.



Construction at Old Shapiro Library

Submitted by: Dan Martel

2015's major project involved the beautiful green space in the middle of campus. 2016's major project will be a new workspace building and socializing area added to campus. This building currently under renovation, as many know, is where the old Shapiro Library used to be, and has been officially named The William S. and Joan Green Center for Student Success.

Some goals include, focusing on ways to better serve students, and granting clubs more space and larger offices. Other offices and areas of interest you will be able to find include: Community & Engaged Learning, Residence Life, Deborah L. Coffin Woman's Center, Disability Services, Student Success Offices, ROTC, International Student Services, Diversity, The Veteran's Lounge, Enrollment Ops, Extra Conference Rooms, Faculty and Students Lounge Area, and Outdoor Patio Space.

It will be exciting to see the increased opportunities for students and SNHU's community as a whole. Analogue Studio has been working hard to make a lasting impression on campus and turn an old space into something positive and new. Although the anticipation may be enticing, it is expected to be open by the end of 2016!



Crisis Management: More Than Procedure

Submitted by: Alicia Frazier

If you think about being the passenger in a car, what about it makes you feel safe? Part of the feeling comes from knowing the car itself is reliable. It has safe tires, the airbags work, and the brakes are strong. However, much more of our peace of mind is influenced by the driver of the car. If they are a slow and safe driver, we will feel much more comfortable in their hands. This same example can be applied to our feelings about being on a college or university campus.

All schools have some plan or procedure in place, in case of a crisis. Here at SNHU, the Crisis Management team follows the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) guidelines and structure for trainings and procedures. These procedures are put in place to protect campus. However many times, like the air bags in a car, we may forget they are there until we have to use them. It is the Crisis Management team who meets every six weeks, the driver of the car, that establishes this safe feeling on campus.

On this team are: Heather Lorenz, Dean of Students; Jim Winn, Associate Dean of Students; Shannon Brown, Director of Residence Life; Gregg Mazzola, Vice President of Enrollment Management and

Marketing; Libby May, Senior Vice President of External Relations and Communications; Normand St. Onge, Assistant Director of Public Safety; Kevin Kelly, Assistant Director of Public Safety; Patricia Whitney, Vice President of Facilities, and Mark Guertin, Associate Director of Facilities.

It is the people of this team, their individual attitude, and their approach as a group, that makes SNHU students, faculty, and staff feel safe.

When asked about Jim Winn, Senior Skylar Ives said, "He realizes I am more than a student, instead, he puts himself in the shoes of one of my loved ones, someone who see me as a daughter, friend, or niece. This makes him approachable and compassionate in a time when it may be hard to ask for help."

At SNHU, our car has a five-star rating and is a lot like the Batmobile. As you see in emails and memos, there are plans; there are procedures; there are trainings. As for the driver of our car, the ones who really make campus feel safe, they are five star too.

Penmen Pursuits Award

Submitted by: Sarah Stearns

On Friday, March 4th, a group of passionate students and their families gathered at The Quill to be honored by faculty and staff for the Penmen Pursuits Award. The 2nd annual event recognizes students who have unique, inspiring stories. Faculty and staff nominated the students, and the selection committee reviewed the nominations to choose students whose stories will inspire others. The students may have overcome obstacles, or have found a way to connect in-class and out-of-class experiences. It could be a student who is conducting inspiring research or engaged in community service efforts. Once the selection committee chose the winners, each committee member interviewed a student and wrote their story. Those stories now appear on storyboards, that were on full display at the event.

The 2016 award recipients have stories that will be sure to inspire the campus community. At the awards lunch, each nominator spoke about the student they nominated and shared their unique story. There were powerful – sometimes tearful – stories of students who impacted the nominator, other students, and the campus community as a whole.



Steve Boucher spoke about Kelsey Carnell and shared, “When preparing my daughter to get ready to enter her first year of college, I often hold up Kelsey as a great example of someone to emulate, as someone who made the most of her college experience, and as someone who will no doubt make her place in the world.” Elizabeth Richards spoke about Rachael Straehle: “Even when her voice shakes, her need for authenticity wins. She can’t watch a documentary about injustice in the world and not want to change it any more than she can pretend to be someone she isn’t. And this is what makes her someone worth following.” Gavin Telfer said about Toneita Thomas: “TT spoke of a time that a teacher said, ‘I’m surprised you’re so articulate,’ as if this was an impossibility for a black girl with a Jamaican accent. While experiences like these are indeed disheartening, they have helped build up in TT a strong will and a desire to affect change.”

The hope is that these students’ unique and inspiring stories will continue to inspire over the years to come. Last year’s storyboards were used in a variety of ways: some hang in the Admissions Office, some have been used at different campus-wide events, and this past fall, the stories were used in SNHU 101. The 2016 winners certainly have stories that can inspire other students to create their own unique story and forge their own path at SNHU.

A reception is planned for Tuesday, April 5th from 3-5pm on the ACC Learning Commons Patio for the campus community to view all of the stories.

Congratulations to the 2016 Penmen Pursuits Award Recipients:

Youssaira Akennad nominated by Debbie Donnelly

Kelsey Carnell nominated by Steve Boucher

Rebecca Dandeneau nominated by Vicki Connell and Jeanne Hughes

Darci Drylie nominated by Ray McNulty

Alicia Frazier nominated by Matt Petersons, Leah Richards and Sarah Stearns

Brody Glidden nominated by Tom Balestracci

Rachael Straehle nominated by Elizabeth Richards

Toneita Thomas nominated by Gavin Telfer

John Trainor nominated by Bethany Perkins

Allison Valentine nominated by Elizabeth Richards

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Special Thanks to the Selection Committee: Bryan Bouchard, Peter Frost, Cara Procek, Sarah Stearns, Jay Tifone, William Zemp and Awards Chair, Elizabeth Richards