

Academic Affairs

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This is a combined March/
April issue.

Our last issue of the
academic year will be
published in early May.

Please send your articles
and news soon!

We are well into the home stretch for the conclusion of AY 2011-12. We are also coming to the close of the "2010-2013 Strategic Plan for Academic Affairs." This summer, the Deans and I will attend a retreat where we will begin preparations for the next strategic plan. At that time we will develop the process for evaluating the progress of our current plan, and procedures for collecting feedback and input to help us construct the upcoming plan. By that time, we will also have received the final written report from the NEASC Commission, and any recommendations made by the Commission will be addressed in the new plan. We will strive to make the new plan a comprehensive blueprint for resource *generation*, and resource *allocation*, and the plan will acknowledge the educational mission of Academic Affairs as a central funding priority of the University.

As a reminder, the "2010-2013 Strategic Plan for Academic Affairs" included four goals - **Goal One:** Support enrollment growth and student retention. **Goal Two:** Reconfigure administrative structures to achieve greater academic effectiveness and more cost-efficient operations. **Goal Three:** Appreciably improve our academic reputation within New England and beyond. **Goal Four:** Expand our mission to address society's compelling needs. Even without yet completing a full evaluation of our current plan, I am confident that we have achieved many successes. The full-time faculty have been instrumental in assisting with the creation and implementation of several new programs that are academically rigorous and financially viable. We have streamlined and right-sized several of our administrative units. Every time I review the list of faculty achievements that we collect for the Board of Trustees this time of year, I am absolutely certain that our faculty are one of the finest in northern New England, and we continue to address "society's compelling needs" in myriad ways from the service learning projects our students engage in, to the wonderful work Dennis Shea and his students do with VITA.

We have much work to do, and we have
MUCH to be proud of!!

Patricia A. Lynott

Provost and Sr. Vice President for Academic Affairs

Faculty Social—April 11

The Faculty Center cordially invites all Faculty and Academic Affairs Staff to the Spring 2012 Faculty Social hosted by the students of Professor Monk's Special Events Management class.

Place: Academic Center Learning Commons

Date: April 11

Time: 3:30-6pm

Come relax outside for a few hours with your colleagues while enjoying a little piece of the Caribbean. The party will feature tropical decor, music, tropical themed hors d'oeuvres snacks, and drinks, along with a comfortable atmosphere and an unforgettable experience.

To RSVP, and for any questions please E-Mail to:
Faculty.Center@snhu.edu

Degree Qualification Profile

Last November in this newsletter Provost Lynott noted that SNHU has joined a consortium of 25 colleges organized by the Council of Independent Colleges (CIC) and the Lumina Foundation. This group will spend two years studying the Degree Qualification Profile (DQP)—Lumina's project to define what constitutes a university degree at the associate's, bachelor's and master's levels. Nicholas Hunt-Bull, Thomas Beraldi, and Andrew Lynch represented SNHU at the first project meeting last month in Indianapolis, and so now have some idea what they are in for. For more information on the project contact Nicholas, or check out the Lumina Foundation <<http://www.luminafoundation.org/>> or DQP websites <<http://degreeprofile.org/>>

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

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

The Career Development Center has seen a busy and productive March!

With the Career & Internship Expo later in the month, the CDC team coordinated a "Career Fair Planning Workshop," on March 13th to prepare students for attending a job fair and how they could successfully network with employers.

On March 14th the Student Athletic-Advisory Committee, Alumni Relations and the CDC presented "Career Points" to the athletic community. Alumni athletes were recruited to serve on the panel: John Frey '10, Brooke Lefort '08, Marc de Grandpre '96 & '00, Jason Bays '12, Jay Hoyt '86 and Ed Ithier '87 & '92. Each one shared their stories of how they utilized their skills as student athletes to transition into the working world. Congratulations to the women's basketball team for the highest percentage of team members in attendance! They will be receiving \$50 toward their end-of-year celebration.

"Resume Review Day" on March 15th provided students and alumni with an opportunity to improve and strengthen their resumes. The CDC recruited representatives from a variety of employer partners who volunteered their time to meet with students. Auto Fair, Birch Hill Terrace, FairPoint Communications, Seacoast Mavericks Baseball, Comcast, KBACE Technologies, Melanson Heath, NH Division of Travel & Tourism were on site to lend a helping hand.

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The annual Career & Internship Expo on March 20th hosted 45 employers and approximately 200 students seeking jobs and internships. All students and alumni are invited to network with a variety of companies and organizations and to learn more about internship and job opportunities within their fields.

Students and alumni had another opportunity to get assistance from employer partners during the CDC's Mock Interview day on March 22nd. This event provides a unique opportunity to practice one's interviewing skills with real hiring professionals. Accurate Staffing LLC, Certified Experts of America LLC, Maloney and Kennedy PLLC, New Hampshire Fisher Cats, Northwestern Mutual, Public Service of NH, Scribe Software and the Mall at Rockingham Park provided valuable feedback to help our students get a leg up on the competition.

April is proving to be just as productive as we plan for the NHCUC Job Fair on April 4th from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. the Radisson Hotel. Our own Andrea Bard will be facilitating an Etiquette Dinner on April 5th sponsored by the CDC and the Future Business Leaders.

As March comes to a close we wish to give a special thanks to our student workers who have helped us so much this month. Special thanks to our alumni and employer partners who participated in our events and programs, all for the benefit of our students. We appreciate your support!



Career Expo

Google This!

Have you googled "SNHU+Harvard" recently? This is what you'll find: Forget Harvard, It's SNHU for Innovation.

Southern New Hampshire University has been selected by Fast Company as "One of the World's 50 Most Innovative Companies."

Author Anya Kamenetz credits Paul LeBlanc, the school's president since 2003, with transforming the 80-year-old college into a 'modern education powerhouse.'

She cites SNHU's College of Online and Continuing Education (COCE) as the largest non-profit online-degree provider in New England, with a goal of becoming the nation's leader by 2014. COCE's revenue of \$74 million per year helps subsidize the university.

SNHU is also introducing a new Innovation Lab in the fall, partly based on free Creative Commons -licensed open educational resources delivered on e-readers.

LeBlanc plans to make the learning materials free of charge, similar to MIT's Open Courseware. Students would pay only for faculty time and competency tests and portfolio reviews to obtain course credit.¹

For further reading, please see the link below:

<http://www.fastcompany.com/most-innovative-companies/2012/southern-new-hampshire-university>

¹ "Forget Harvard, It's SNHU for Innovation." *CityBizList Boston*. CityBizList Boston, 28 Feb 2012. Web. 23 Mar 2012. <<http://boston.citybizlist.com/7/2012/2/28/Forget-Harvard-Its-SNHU-for-Innovation.aspx>>

Doctorate Congratulations

Congratulations to Dr. Cara Procek! This past February Dr. Procek received her doctorate in Education with a concentration in Curriculum Leadership, from Northeastern University. Her dissertation is titled "Leading for Change: How Leadership Style Impacts Teachers' Experience."

Congratulations to Dr. Shawn Maureen Powers, Coordinator of General Education, who has successfully defended her dissertation "The Lived Life in the Writings of Maxine Greene," completing her Doctorate in Education in Learning, Leadership and Community from Plymouth State University. Shawn will be hooded in Plymouth on May 19 as a member of the university's first doctoral cohort.

Congratulations to Susan Noble Losapio for completing her Doctorate of Philosophy from Walden University. In February, Losapio submitted her dissertation titled, "Women-Owned Small Businesses in the Service Industry."

Undergraduate Research Day—April 4th

FULL REPORT ON THE VERY SUCESSFUL UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH DAY COMING IN MAY ISSUE.

On Wednesday **April 4, 2012** the Office of the Provost and the Schools of Arts & Sciences, Business, and Education will host an inaugural **Undergraduate Research Day!** We have received many excellent proposals from students for presentations and poster sessions. The schedule is: 2-3 pm and 3:15-4:15 pm Individual and Panel Presentations (locations in Robert Frost to be announced). Poster Presentations will take place in the Dining Center Banquet Hall from 4:30-5:30 pm followed by refreshments and time for socializing and networking. Please encourage your students to attend all or part of the afternoon. If you teach in the 3:30 pm block and can incorporate attendance into your class work that would be great. The 2 pm slot is a free period so certainly encourage your students to attend some presentations. And there should be a good turn-out for posters and food! A complete schedule will be posted on mySNHU close to the event date. For further information contact Dean Karen Erickson in SAS or Associate Dean of Faculty Deb Wilcox.

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