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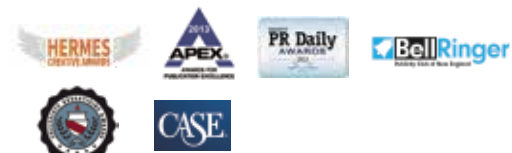
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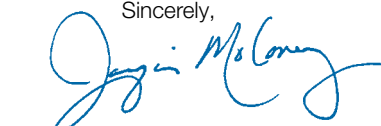
A MESSAGE from the CHANCELLOR

This issue went to print as I was packing up my office in University Crossing, and this is the last letter I'll write for this magazine. Though I won't be going far, and am excited to return to the faculty, there are many things I'll miss after I step down as chancellor.

One of them is presiding over this magazine, which allows us to celebrate the wonderful work being done on our campus—and in the lives of our alumni across the world.

I deeply appreciate the tribute to my own legacy in the following pages—but my accomplishments have been the product of many hands. I am grateful to have worked side by side with absolutely extraordinary faculty, staff and students. And there is no better alumni base than our River Hawk family.

The university is in great hands with our new chancellor Julie Chen, and I'm eager to watch as she takes it to the next level of excellence. I'll be watching from the sidelines, cheering you all on.

Sincerely,

Jacquie Moloney '75, '92

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TICKLED PINK

The Class of 2022 (and, in some cases, their pets—like the pink-eared Ember and her matching human, nutritional sciences grad Sadie Reppucci) celebrated the return to normalcy at UMass Lowell's Commencement in May. For the proud 4,690 graduates, UML's largest class ever, the university's first fully in-person Commencement in three years marked a return to tradition—and a hopeful look to the future.

The three ceremonies over two days featured speakers who are confronting some of the most pressing challenges facing society: Dr. Ashish Jha, coordinator of President Biden's COVID-19 response; astronaut Sian Proctor, a champion for diversity and inclusivity in the space industry; and Distinguished University Professor Christopher Niezrecki, an expert in renewable energy.



POP OF COLOR

Students took a break before finals to socialize on the balloon-flower-decorated lawn of Olney Hall at the Kennedy College of Sciences' annual Spring Fest. It was a nice break from intense classwork, says freshman biology major Sophia Cruz. "I think Spring Fest is really cool," she says. "It's a good way to de-stress."



TRENDING @UML



OUR NEW CHANCELLOR IS A BRAINIAC AND AN ATHLETE

She's got three degrees from MIT and was an Academic All-American there in softball and field hockey—but for the last 25 years, Julie Chen has been at UML. She joined the mechanical engineering faculty in 1997, and since 2016 has been vice chancellor for research and innovation. Chen is UML's first Asian-American chancellor and the first LGBTQ+ chancellor. Stay tuned for a full intro to our new leader in our next issue.

ELEANOR THE EVISCERATOR

We don't recommend sharing your favorite stuffed toy with her (thus the nickname) but our students tell us she's the best snuggler and a great distraction during stressful times like finals week. The pet-in-residence at University Suites may be a rescue (her human is Rae Mansfield, associate director of Honors scholarship and curriculum, and faculty-in-residence for the Commonwealth Honors Living-Learning Community)—but these days, Eleanor is doing all of the rescuing. Give her a follow on Instagram @eleanortheviscerator.



SHE'S A SURVIVOR

"I am scared to death. It is definitely going to be the hardest challenge of my entire life," says Noelle Lambert '19 in the trailer for season 43 of "Survivor," slated to air in September on CBS. Lambert lost her left leg above the knee following a moped accident in 2016, after earning America East All-Rookie team honors playing lacrosse in her freshman year at UML. The Londonderry, New Hampshire, native has since started The Born to Run Foundation, which provides amputees with prosthetics that will allow them to run again. And in a switch from lacrosse to track and field, she joined the U.S. Paralympic National Team and competed on Team USA in the 2021 Paralympics in Tokyo, finishing sixth in the women's 100m T63 event and lowering her own national record from 16.31 to 15.97 seconds. We're guessing she'll do just fine in Tribal Council.



WORKING HER MAGIC

Long after classes have ended for the day, there is often a light shining in the window of Chemistry Assoc. Teaching Prof. Khalillah Reddie's office. "Dr. Reddie spends more time on the UMass Lowell campus than any other professor," says David Long, who graduated in 2021 with a degree in biological sciences. In recognition of that dedication, she was recently awarded the Manning Prize for Excellence in Teaching. The annual prize was established by Robert '84, '11 (H) and Donna '85, '91, '11 (H) Manning to honor outstanding faculty members from each of the five UMass campuses. "As a minority professor on campus, I thought about what I could do to motivate students who felt insecure about their aspirations of joining the health profession," says Reddie, who created the Medical Profession Admission Gap Initiative and Collaboration (MAGIC) program to help prepare students from underrepresented groups for medical school.

 **CHECK OUT MORE TRENDING**
UMass Lowell news at uml.edu/news.



No. 1 Ranking Recognizes UML's Healthy Work-Life Balance

What do well-being and work have to do with sustainability? Quite a bit, according to the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education. The nonprofit organization includes "well-being and work" among 17 categories that it uses to evaluate nearly 700 colleges and universities around the world in its annual Sustainable Campus Index. And for two years running, UMass Lowell has ranked No. 1 in the category of well-being and work, which recognizes student and employee wellness programs, as well as employee compensation, satisfaction, health and safety.

Members of the UML community enjoy a free yoga class outside the Campus Recreation Center.



THEY'VE BEEN STRINGING US ALONG FOR DECADES

Celebrating its 20th anniversary this year, the UMass Lowell String Project has improved the lives of hundreds of Lowell-area schoolchildren. Students in the Department of Music learn how to become effective music educators, providing instruction to K-12 students—who learn to play string instruments while discovering how music can build positive relationships within the community.



We're with the band

In May, five peregrine chicks were added to the roster of the more than 50 that have fledged the nesting box perched atop Fox Hall. One chick was the biological offspring of the mating pair who call Fox Hall home. An additional four were rescued from a Boston construction site by Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife technicians and re-homed. The bands are used for tracking purposes throughout the lifetime of the falcons.

Android co-founder Rich Miner '86, '89, '97, now (top) and as a computer science student at UMass Lowell (inset)



A SYSTEM UPGRADE

UMass Lowell will form a school of computer science and name it in honor of Rich Miner '86, '89, '97, co-founder of Android, which was acquired by Google in 2005.

The computer science triple alum made a \$5 million donation toward forming the Richard A. Miner School of Computer & Information Sciences. His gift was matched by another \$2 million from the state endowment matching program.

"This further elevates a program well known for transformative education and pioneering research," says Chancellor Jacquie Moloney. "We are profoundly indebted to Rich. His latest gift reflects his ongoing generous donation of his time, expertise and resources to support students."

The computer science program, currently a department in the Kennedy College of Sciences, is home to nearly 1,600 undergraduate students and more than 300 graduate students, making it the largest academic program on campus. From fall 2016 to fall 2021, UML's undergraduate enrollment in computer science programs increased by more than 50%. This year, a record 12% of applicants listed computer science as their intended major.

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—CHANCELLOR JACQUIE MOLONEY

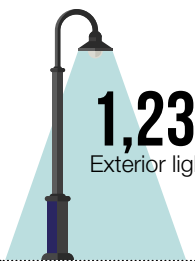
FACILITIES BY THE NUMBERS

UMass Lowell has invested more than \$1 billion in capital projects since 2010, growing the campus to nearly 5 million square feet, up from about 3 million only 12 years ago.

14 Acres maintained by grounds staff



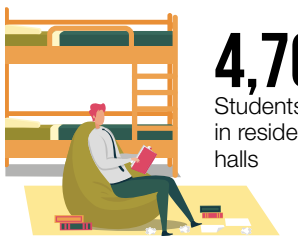
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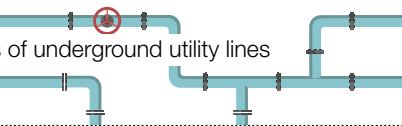
147 Acres of open space



4,700 Students living in residence halls



25 Miles of underground utility lines



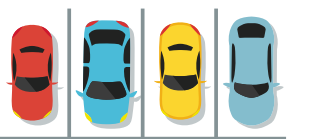
272 Instructional and research labs



1,535 Appliances maintained in residence halls



6,813 Parking spaces



**UML'S ONLINE PROGRAMS
CITED AMONG THE NATION'S BEST**

UMass Lowell's online programs were again ranked among the best in the country by U.S. News & World Report:

No. 2 in the nation
and

No. 1 in New England
CRIMINAL JUSTICE ONLINE MASTER'S

No. 7 in the nation
and

No. 1 in New England
EDUCATION ONLINE GRADUATE PROGRAMS

No. 13 in the nation
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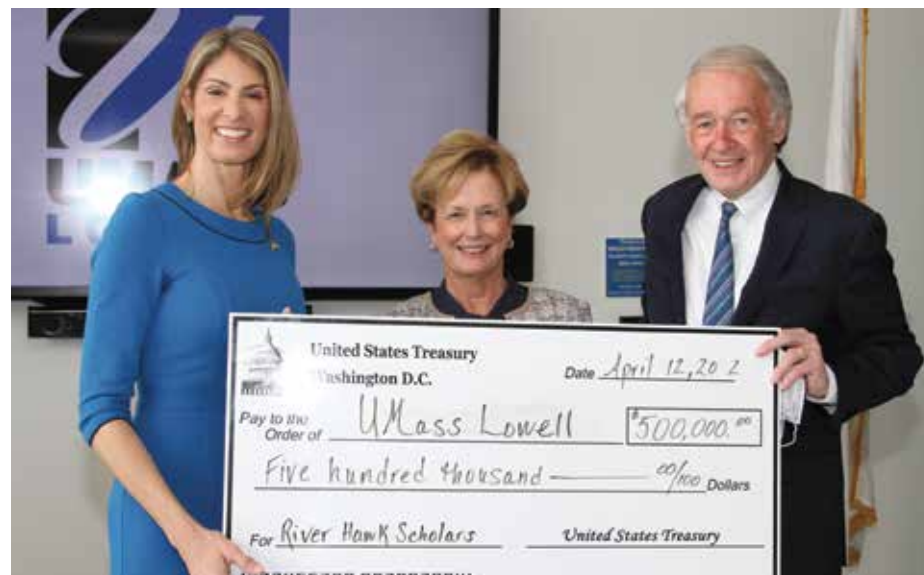
No. 1 in New England
PSYCHOLOGY ONLINE BACHELOR'S

No. 31 in the nation
BUSINESS ONLINE MBA

No. 21 in the nation
**ACCOUNTING, BUSINESS ANALYTICS AND
FINANCE ONLINE GRAD PROGRAMS**

No. 35 in the nation
and

No. 1 in Greater Boston
ONLINE BACHELOR'S DEGREE PROGRAMS



FIRST-GEN STUDENTS GET A LIFT FROM FEDS

The federal government gave \$500,000 to expand the River Hawk Scholars Academy, a program that supports first-generation students. U.S. Rep. Lori Trahan and U.S. Sen. Edward Markey announced the Community Project Funding alongside UMass President Marty Meehan and UML Chancellor Jacquie Moloney. All four were first-generation college students themselves, as are 41% of UML students today.

"With this funding, we will be able to take this program to even more students," Moloney says. "This is the greatest way for us to achieve social justice and social mobility—through education." English Assoc. Teaching Prof. Matthew Hurwitz, who directs the River Hawk Scholars Academy, said the money will enable the scale-up of pilot programs, including the First to Launch! experience for incoming first-year students, which includes a scholarship to take one summer class for free; expansion of the RHSA to include sophomores; and career and graduate school readiness programming for juniors and seniors.

The RHSA also hopes to create a Center for First-Generation Student Success in a central location on campus and to hire a "success coach" to work one-on-one with students to help them meet their academic, personal, social and career goals, Hurwitz says.

U.S. Rep. Lori Trahan (left) and U.S. Sen. Edward Markey (right) present the check to Chancellor Jacquie Moloney.



SPOTTED!

Spot, a robot "dog" created by Boston Dynamics, took itself for a walk outside Cumnock Hall during "Spring into Science" events hosted by the Kennedy College of Sciences. Best of all, nothing to scoop.

OfficeHours

A peek into some of the most interesting faculty and staff offices on campus

WHO: The new dean of the Honors College, Jenifer Whitten-Woodring, is an associate professor of political science who researches the intersection of media freedom and human rights. She is also co-director of the Center for Women and Work's Emerging Scholars Program, which offers research fellowships with faculty to undergraduates in the College of Fine Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences.

WHERE: A windowless office in the Honors College suite in O'Leary Library.

WHILE YOU WAIT: The door of her office is covered with cartoons, many featuring cats. (Whitten-Woodring's household includes four cats and three dogs.)

AWARDS: The first award one sees upon entering is "Most Likely to be Friends with Edward Snowden," given to Whitten-Woodring in 2014 by the UML Political Science Club. More discreetly displayed in the back corner: awards she won during her first career as a newspaper and radio reporter.

MEDIA INFLUENCER: On her desk, Whitten-Woodring keeps a nearly 100-year-old copy of "The Newspaper and the Historian" by Lucy Maynard Salmon—a book she says was deeply influential in her decision to pursue her academic career. "Lucy Salmon was really concerned about fellow historians using newspapers to write about history, because newspapers are so often run by authorities," she says.

ART HISTORY: Two works by her mother, artist Jo Wright Whitten, a printmaker and photographer, hang on the wall. One features a photo of Whitten-Woodring's father overlaid by newspapers from China, double-exposure style. The other, "Freedom," is a layered collage featuring the Statue of Liberty.

UNITED NATIONS OF DOLLS: The large bookcase opposite her desk is topped with dolls and figurines from around the world, including a Ruth Bader Ginsburg action figure next to a globe and tiny dolls representing the recognized tribal groups in Myanmar, where Whitten-Woodring did research several years ago. "My parents used to give me dolls, then my friends, and now students. Sometimes, international students want to see their countries represented."



Jenifer Whitten-Woodring in her office in O'Leary Library (above) and a close-up of some of the cartoons plastered to her door (left)

Nancy Donahue and student artists at the Nancy L. Donahue Celebration of the Arts in April



\$2M FOR THE ARTS!

Nancy Donahue gift will renovate Durgin Hall

The Nancy L. Donahue Celebration of the Arts—the first arts celebration on campus in three years—featured student poets, actors and musicians and a special gift from the Lowell philanthropist: \$2 million to renovate Durgin Concert Hall.

Donahue, who cofounded the city's Merrimack Repertory Theatre and has supported programs in the arts, humanities and ethics at the university and in the community for decades, said she made the gift because she loves the arts.

"The arts have always been an important part of my life," Donahue said. "It's my hope more UMass Lowell students can now similarly devote themselves to their creative passions."

Her gift will pay for a renovation of the 1,200-seat concert hall on the first floor of Durgin Hall, which opened in 1976. The updates will include new seating, new sound and lighting equipment, and aesthetic and acoustical improvements. It will also pay for renovation of the building lobby, including creating greater "acoustical separation" so that sounds from the lobby don't disturb audiences during performances.

The Nancy L. Donahue Celebration of the Arts, previously called the Chancellor's Celebration of the Arts, was renamed in recognition of Donahue's many gifts to the university and her philanthropy and activism in Lowell's arts community. In recognition of her support, Chancellor Jacquie Moloney presented Donahue with a Champion of the Arts Award.

During the celebration, videos by students in the digital media and animation programs played on screens at Coburn Hall, and artwork by students majoring in art and graphic design was displayed. Creative writing majors read their poetry, and students majoring in theatre studies performed short scenes. At Durgin Concert Hall, student ensembles performed a variety of works, including a choral setting of English Assoc. Prof. Maggie Dietz's poem "Love Song," composed by Music Visiting Lecturer Christopher Lee.



5 QUESTIONS

With Ed Moloney, husband of outgoing Chancellor Jacquie Moloney

Ed Moloney met Jacquie Fidler through mutual friends in the early 1970s, when he was a student at UMass Amherst and she was a student at UMass Lowell. They celebrated their 45th anniversary in June. We asked Ed, an attorney, what it's been like to have a front-row seat to her chancellorship.

WHAT DOES JACQUIE WORRY ABOUT BEHIND THE SCENES?

I wouldn't say she worries about things, but she has spent a lot of time thinking about what's very important to her. She's always wanted to make sure student enrollment is vigorous and healthy, and that the school is attracting people from all walks of life and all backgrounds. She thinks a lot about fundraising and how to continually increase private philanthropy. She's also been very interested in funding new buildings and renovating old ones—especially buildings close to her heart like Coburn Hall.

OF ALL HER ACCOMPLISHMENTS, WHAT ARE YOU MOST PROUD OF?

I'm proud of how Jacquie set out 38 years ago, when she started at the university, to create a vibrant culture for faculty, students and staff, to be more engaged, to be more innovative—and to make a difference on campus. I think that she's accomplished that, and the campus has embraced that.

WHAT DO YOU THINK HER LEGACY WILL BE?

Her legacy will be about all the innovative programs and experiences she spearheaded for students, like DifferenceMaker, the Honors College and, of course, the online education program. I also think the increased enrollment, up to 18,000 now, is part of her legacy. Growing the alumni network, and growing friends of the university throughout the community—that's part of her legacy. And growing the endowment to \$165 million, and launching the university's first two endowed Institutes, the Rist Institute for Sustainability and the Donahue Institute for Ethics—that's all part of her legacy.

WHAT IS SOMETHING ABOUT HER THAT WOULD SURPRISE PEOPLE?

What might surprise some people is that she's an excellent dancer; what might not surprise people is that she likes to lead. She can do a mean Cha-cha-cha, and we're working on learning how to do the Jitterbug—the kinds of dancing that we grew up with. We haven't taken classes yet, but that might come after she retires.

HOW ELSE WILL YOU BE SPENDING YOUR INCREASING FREE TIME?

I'm working on a few cases now, but when those are done, I might be done. Probably by the end of this year. I think we want to do a lot of travel that we've postponed for the last three or four years. We want to spend more time in Florida during the winter, and we want to spend more time with family and friends. And we might find a hobby or two to take up some time—although I'm not going to take up painting like she has. I don't want to get started because there is no greater burden than unlimited potential.—EB

These mosaics of cut paper are part of a series of eight by Assoc. Prof. Ingrid Hess that are being exhibited in Portugal and Ireland this year.



THE ART OF THE ENVIRONMENT

Ingrid Hess, an associate professor of art and design, is traveling to some of the world's most beautiful places to create art that educates school-children about the natural world and environmental sustainability.

Bringing little more than the colored paper, scissors and paste that she uses to make posters and

illustrate children's books, Hess has visited national parks in the U.S. and Costa Rica as well as the campus of University College Cork in Ireland, internationally recognized for its commitment to sustainability. Her work in Ireland was funded by a Fulbright Specialist Award.

In the spring, Hess exhibited

her work at the University of Minho in Portugal under a European Union Erasmus Grant, and this summer, she is an artist in residence at Wollemi National Park in Australia, one of a group of national parks in the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area.



Students, from left, Matt Conte, Yeaharne Hout, Toney Benny and Thomas Stranberg competed in the Bloomberg Trading Challenge, along with Anirban Dasgupta (not pictured). The team finished 39th out of nearly 500 teams from around the world.

STUDENT INVESTORS BEAT THE STREET

A team of students from the Manning School of Business put its stock-picking knowledge to the test and finished in the top 8% of the Bloomberg Trading Challenge, a global investment competition that drew nearly 500 teams from schools around the world.

It was the first time Manning School students competed in the seven-week simulated investment contest, in which college teams invest an imaginary \$1 million using the Bloomberg Terminal market data and analytics system. The River Hawks finished 39th in the final standings.

Started in 2017, the competition has several ground rules. Teams can't have more than 20% of their portfolio in any one investment. They can't short a stock, betting that the asset will drop in price. And their returns are rated against the Bloomberg U.S. Large Cap Price Index, a benchmark of the 500 most highly capitalized U.S. companies.

The UML team beat the Bloomberg benchmark by \$146,000.

"We have such great resources available" in the Trading Room at the Pulichino Tong Business Center, says Anirban Dasgupta, a junior finance student from Westborough, Massachusetts. "We are thrilled to have made it as far as we did."



Learning in the Nation's Capital

Honors College student and political science major Angela DiLeo was planning to go to directly to law school after getting her bachelor's degree. Then she spent a semester interning and studying in Washington, D.C., through UMass Lowell's partnership with The Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars.

At her internship at the National Association of Federally Impacted Schools, which advocates on behalf of public schools on Native American reservations, military bases and other federal lands, DiLeo honed her professional skills and made connections. Wael Kamal, assistant dean of the College of Fine Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences and campus coordinator for The Washington Center program, says professional connections are among the main benefits for participants. "Students are able to secure future jobs because of their experience at The Washington Center," he says.

Political science majors Ben Souza and Angela DiLeo and criminal justice major Justin Bouffard, right, spent a semester interning and studying through The Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars.

PHOTO BY ERIC LEE



Emeritus Prof. Donald Leitch at the Civil and Environmental Engineering 50th Anniversary Celebration

HAPPY 50TH TO CIVIL AND ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING!

More than 300 alumni visited campus in May for the university's annual Golden Alumni Reunion and a special Civil and Environmental Engineering 50th Anniversary Celebration. Emeritus Prof. Donald Leitch was honored during the latter, and he regaled attendees with his memories of teaching over the decades. Leitch joined the university in 1968, and was part of the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering since its earliest days.

Randy Hecht '77 flew in from California for the civil engineering anniversary. "The quality of the education versus what you paid in the 1970s—I don't think you could have found that anywhere else," he says.



On the Right Track for 2024



The NCAA named UMass Lowell the host school for the 2024 Division I men's and women's Indoor Track and Field Championships. The River Hawks, in partnership with New Balance and Boston College, successfully won the bid to host the national finals at the brand new TRACK at New Balance at Boston Landing in Brighton, Massachusetts.

"We are thrilled to be able to bring the NCAA Indoor Track and Field Championships to Massachusetts and host for the first time as a university," says Director of Athletics Peter Casey.

The event will bring 400 of the best track and field student-athletes from around the country to Boston for the two-day competition next March, marking the first time these championships have been held in the Northeast since the NCAA's inception in 1965.

The new Boston Landing Track and Field complex features a 200-meter hydraulically banked track and seating for over 5,000, plus facilities for training, events and recovery.



Ukrainian American artist Hanna Melnyczuk (inset) has made a drawing about the war nearly every day since Russia invaded Ukraine.

“MY WORKS WERE INFLUENCED BY BEING A CHILD OF REFUGEES. THERE’S ALWAYS A CONNECTION TO SOMETHING MY PARENTS TOLD ME ABOUT UKRAINE.”

BY KATHARINE WEBSTER

UKRAINIAN AMERICAN ARTIST DRAWS THE WAR

Ukrainian American artist Hanna Melnyczuk has made a drawing about the Russia-Ukraine war nearly every day.

“I want to release my own feelings and anxiety,” says Melnyczuk, a senior adjunct who has taught drawing at the university for 25 years. “I wake up and I want to do this.”

Melnyczuk, whose parents were World War II refugees from Ukraine, is doing more. Her students (and those of fellow Art & Design adjunct faculty member Wen-Hao Tien) donated small drawings and paintings for a benefit art show, “Sunflowers for Ukraine,” hosted by the Arts League of Lowell in April. All proceeds went to UNHCR, the U.N. refugee agency.

Melnyczuk is also putting together an art show for Ukrainian and American artists on the theme “Peace and War.” The show will be held in the fall at the New Art Center in Newton, Massachusetts.

“I’m so connected to Kyiv and the Ukrainian people,” she says. “I want to help young artists there.”

Melnyczuk’s parents met in Poland and married in 1949 at a camp for displaced people in Germany before immigrating to the U.S. in 1950. She and her brother grew up in New Jersey speaking Ukrainian at home and going to a Saturday Ukrainian language and culture school, where her mother was the principal. There, she learned traditional Ukrainian arts,

including embroidery and egg decoration. Her parents collected Ukrainian art and crafts, too.

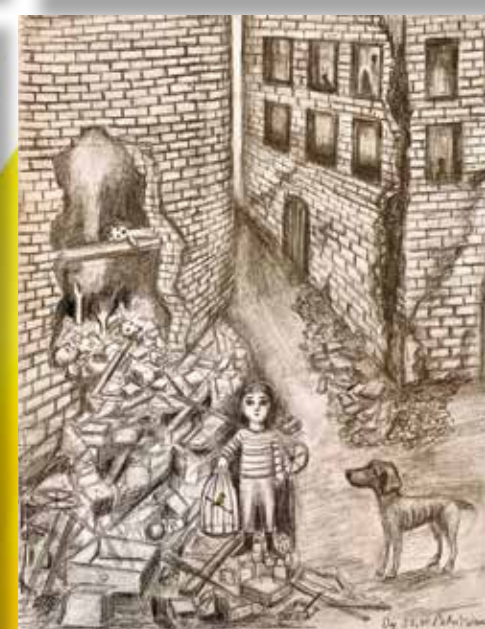
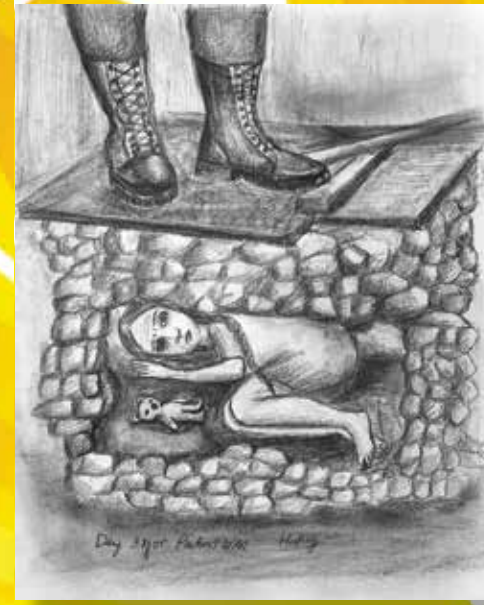
Her artwork is partly a product of that heritage, she says: “My works were influenced by being a child of refugees. There’s always a connection to something my parents told me about Ukraine.”

Melnyczuk studied art and psychology at Beloit College and earned a master’s in counseling at Columbia University, while continuing to draw and create art installations. After the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991, she traveled to Ukraine for the first time. She stayed in Kyiv for four months, where she taught English as a volunteer and witnessed a euphoric, post-Soviet flowering of art and culture that inspired her to pursue an M.F.A. and teach art.

Four years ago, she went to Ukraine again, this time with her husband and daughter. They visited her mother’s hometown, staying with a cousin. For now, her cousin and his family are safe in western Ukraine, and they talk by Zoom as often as they can, she says.

In the meantime, she keeps drawing and joining anti-war protests, trying to bring attention to the invasion of her ancestral homeland. And she keeps talking to artists in Ukraine to find out how she can help.

“The biggest fear they have is that soon, the world will forget them, but the war will still be going on,” she says. [UML](#)



"I have fond memories of working closely with Jacquie on the Enrichment Task Force for Faculty Development. This was in the late 1990s, and I had been at the university just a few years. I was honored to be working so closely with our then-dean of Online and Continuing Education. Jacquie's heart and soul, then and now, was in supporting faculty in their work to foster student success."

—ASSOC. PROF. NICKY CHAMPAGNE,
Associate Dean for Academic Affairs

"Jacquie is one of the finest leaders I have encountered and has the ability to connect with everyone from students to faculty to trustees. One story remains my favorite: I was new to UMass Lowell when I saw Jacquie at her inauguration gala. We had met once before, so I approached and offered a handshake. She smiled as she stepped forward and said, 'Around here, we hug,' as she offered me a warm, welcoming embrace."

—ASST. PROF. LIZ ALTMAN,
UMass Lowell
Women's Leadership
Faculty Fellow

“Perhaps chief among what Jacquie has taught me is to always do the right thing for our students. When we launched online courses in 1996, it was about providing educational access to busy, working parents. When we launched DifferenceMaker in 2012, it was about empowering our students to make a difference in the world. No matter the challenge, Chancellor Moloney keeps the success of students at the top of her priority list.”

—STEVE TELLO,
Vice Provost, Graduate,
Online & Professional Studies

“Chancellor Moloney is an empathetic and passionate leader whose every action is exemplified with grace and dignity. She has challenged and supported countless students and her colleagues to discover their true potential—a quality we should all strive to emulate.”

—KERRI JOHNSTON, Dean of Enrollment Management

“Jacquie's great gift is her compassion. She cares deeply about UMass Lowell and everyone who works and studies here. She takes particular pride in our students, and is always available to offer her guidance, regardless of how busy she is. She has shown me that the best leaders do more than run an organization; they inspire others to forge their own pathways to success.”

—PATTI MCCAFFERTY,
Senior Vice Chancellor
for University Relations

“The chancellor showed me how important it is to lead with grace. She encouraged me to share my opinions in a thoughtful way, and to recognize those who contributed to our successes. The chancellor is aware of her barrier-breaking, so she wants to pull people up around her, and she has done that for so many of us. I am truly grateful.”

—HEATHER MAKREZ ALLEN,
Executive Director of Alumni
& Donor Relations

“Jacquie is level-headed. Jacquie seeks the advice of others and is willing to make a course correction. Jacquie is supportive and kind to all employees.”

—RANDY BRASHEARS, Assistant Vice Chancellor, Chief of UML Police

“During the pandemic, I was fortunate to have several conversations with the chancellor—some related to personal struggles I was having, and many related to my role as chapter president of the SEIU 888 union—and what always struck me was her unwavering humanity. She taught me that regardless of the situation, being human is our most important trait. Focus on taking care of people as best as you can, and the business side of things will work itself out.”

—NICK PISCITELLO, Executive
Director of Administrative Services

“‘Students are our most precious resource,’ Jacquie said one year at Convocation. She always came over to the band to personally recognize the artistry and effort students and directors put forth. The value of worth, kindness in communication and empathy of circumstance define Jacquie.”

—DEB HUBER,
Associate Director, University Bands

“Jacquie's trust in my judgment will always stand out to me. A few years ago, she asked me to co-chair a university task force, and the other co-chairs had already been selected. However, I felt we needed one more faculty representative. When I made my pitch, she wholeheartedly agreed. Her unwavering confidence in me and her can-do spirit over the years continues to inspire.”

—KEITH MITCHELL,
Assoc. Prof. of English

“Chancellor Moloney demonstrated that when we are united, anything is possible. One quote that stuck with me is, ‘We all have an opportunity to make a difference and have a positive impact on people's lives.’ Her incredible strength and leadership will never be forgotten.”

—HOLLY LALOS, Director,
Rist DifferenceMaker Institute

“Every call or meeting I've had with Jacquie over the years ended the same way: ‘How are the kids, wife, family?’ followed by ‘Make sure they are your No. 1 priority. The work will always get done.’ She meant that.”

—RUIAIRI O'MAHONY, Executive Director
of the Rist Institute for Sustainability and Energy

“After she gave a speech years ago, I told Jacquie I thought she did a great job. Feeling foolish that I had said this to a powerful, highly accomplished person, I immediately followed it with, ‘Not that you need to hear that.’ She looked me in the eye, and said something like, ‘Of course I do. It doesn't matter what position you're in, you're still a person.’ In just a few words, she revealed her humanity, the importance of genuine leadership, and that we are all deserving of care, grace and respect. She's taught me many lessons over the years, but this is one I treasure the most.”

—JAMES KOHL, Dean of Student
Affairs and Experiential Learning



Advice for MY SUCCESSOR

1. Keep the students at the center of every decision. They are our greatest strength at UMass Lowell.
2. Continue your strategy to build UMass Lowell into a Tier 1 Research Institution. We are well poised to solve some of the world's greatest challenges, including climate change (speaking of: Maintain the university's top ranking in the Commonwealth as the No. 1 green campus!).
3. So many organizations are seeking ideas for how to shape the future of work. We have become widely recognized for our innovative and inclusive leadership. Leverage that reputation and scholarship and find ways to extend it to others.
4. Our continued success will depend on our entrepreneurial approach to running the university, and fundraising is a big part of that. I'm excited to watch you build upon the relationships we have worked hard to foster and to encourage corporations to expand their support.
5. Change is the only constant. That's why it will be critical to continue to invest in the development of our faculty, staff and administration and equip them with the latest technology.
6. Nothing is more important than human connection; the pandemic made this clear. It will be important to continue the work being done to rebuild the strength of our community.
7. Take care of yourself, my friend, and know that we all stand at the ready to support you.

WHERE HE IS NOW: Working for his family's company, LaPlume & Sons Printing in Lawrence, Massachusetts

WHAT HE LEARNED: "I'd find myself advocating for students, but also advocating for the school's best interests."



DAVID MORTON '20
(Business Administration)
SGA PRESIDENT 2019-20

HANNAH CASEY '21

(Political Science)
SGA PRESIDENT 2020-21

WHERE SHE IS NOW: Student at Suffolk University Law School in Boston
DIFFICULT CONVERSATIONS: "I learned how to have difficult conversations. Probably the most difficult one was during COVID, when the university decided to move the fall semester online instead of coming back to campus."



GIFTY KESSIE '23

(Mechanical Engineering)
SGA VICE PRESIDENT: 2022-23

WHERE SHE IS NOW: Senior at UML
HAVING HER FIRST LUNCH WITH THE CHANCELLOR: "Always advocate for yourself and for others. Use your voice for those who don't have a platform to do so."



NEYDER FERNANDEZ '23
(Political Science)
SGA PRESIDENT: 2021-23

WHERE HE IS NOW: Senior at UML
WHY UML IS DIFFERENT: "There's real institutional support for student ideas. I'll never forget my first lunch when I was an SGA committee chair and Chancellor Moloney said to (Provost) Joe Hartman and (Vice Provost) Julie Nash, 'Get that done.'"

At UMass Lowell, "The leadership really does listen to students," said former Student Government Association president David Morton '20 at a reunion luncheon with Chancellor Jacquie Moloney, three other former SGA presidents and the current SGA president and VP.

The April lunch at Allen House celebrated a UML tradition begun by the previous chancellor, UMass President Marty Meehan, and continued by Moloney: Every month, the chancellor and her executive cabinet host a lunch in the chancellor's suite for the SGA's executive board and the student trustee, where they discuss student concerns and SGA initiatives and answer questions about administration decisions.

Under questioning by Moloney, who put on her educator's hat to lead the conversation, each current and former SGA student spoke about their favorite memories and take-aways from those lunches.



ANDRE DIFILIPPO '19
(Business Administration)
SGA PRESIDENT 2018-19

WHERE HE IS NOW: Senior account executive at website testing software firm SmartBear in Somerville, Massachusetts

FAVORITE MEMORY: "When you first announced Oprah was coming, I actually screamed. I grew up watching Oprah with my mom and then I got to meet her."



LISA DEGOU '18

(Political Science, Mathematics)
SGA PRESIDENT 2017-18

WHERE SHE IS NOW: Research assistant at Washington, D.C., political polling firm Impact Research

INSIDE INTEL: "It was a unique experience to see how the university runs. We had just transitioned to Division I athletics, and I was on a lot of those committees."

6 PRESIDENTS and a CHANCELLOR

REPORTING BY KATHARINE WEBSTER / PHOTOS BY ED BRENNEN

RESEARCH ROUNDUP

RESEARCHERS DEVELOPING SOLUTION TO WASTE PLASTIC FILMS

It's super easy to pop open a bag of potato chips. Unfortunately, it's super hard to recycle that empty bag into anything useful.

Scientists call the stuff "waste plastic films"—and UML researchers just landed a three-year grant worth \$1.6 million to figure out a solution.

"Our goal is to develop an integrated process to upcycle single-use, multilayer waste plastic packaging films from cling wraps and prepackaged food bags into high-value chemicals and carbon materials," says Chemical Engineering Assoc. Prof. Hsi-Wu Wong.

According to Wong, the process combines chemolytic delamination (separating the plastic layers using environmentally safe solvents) and plasma carbonization (turning the plastic waste into pure carbon using jets of electrically charged gas).

The resulting products include monomers for plastic production, hydrogen gas as an energy source, and carbon black, which is a fine carbon powder used mainly as reinforcing filler in tires and other rubber products as well as a color pigment for plastic products, paints, coatings and inks.

Other members of the team include Plastics Engineering Asst. Prof. Wan-Ting (Grace) Chen and Mechanical Engineering Assoc. Prof. Juan Pablo Trelles. External collaborators include the National Renewable Energy Laboratory and Dow.



Single-use, multilayer plastic films used in food packaging are challenging to recycle and reuse.

PROJECT TRAINS GRADUATE STUDENTS TO BETTER SERVE CHILDREN WITH AUTISM

Psychology Assoc. Prof. Rocio Rosales is leading a five-year, \$914,000 U.S. Department of Education grant that will teach UML master's students in autism studies how to collaborate with school special education teams by cross-training them with master's students in Lasell University's special education program.

The idea is to better integrate the work of UML's graduates, who use applied behavior analysis to help children on the autism spectrum gain important life skills, with the work of educators who create and implement individualized education plans so that autistic children will thrive in school, Rosales says.

She hopes that the program will lead future professionals in both groups to feel more comfortable collaborating with each other and with parents, as well as more satisfied with their jobs.



Studies show that firefighters are at an increased risk of developing multiple cancers, liver damage and other illnesses because of PFAS exposure while on the job.

RESEARCHERS WIN FEDERAL GRANT FOR PROJECT TO IMPROVE FIREFIGHTER SAFETY

The Federal Emergency Management Agency awarded a \$900,000 grant to Research Prof. Anila Bello of the Department of Public Health for a project that aims to improve protection for firefighters from harmful chemicals used to extinguish fuel-based fires. Known as "forever chemicals" because they never fully break down, per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) are added to a broad range of consumer and industrial products, including firefighting foam and the coating of firefighters' gear.

While most people have some levels of PFAS in their bodies, studies show that firefighters are at an increased risk of developing multiple cancers, liver damage, immune suppression and endocrine disruption effects because of PFAS exposure while on the job.

"PFAS are one of the most challenging environmental and public health issues of the 21st century, because they are everywhere—in drinking water, air, soil and even our bodies," says Bello. "For firefighters who already have a high-risk job, this burden of inhaling and absorbing these harmful substances that cause diseases in the course of their daily jobs is preventable."

In partnership with the Fire Prevention Research Foundation, the North American Fire Training Directors and Rutgers University, Bello will lead a nationwide survey of fire training facilities to find out what type of foams are used and how often, as well as the amounts used and disposal methods. The results will be used to identify incentives and barriers to adopt PFAS-free alternatives.



Virtual Gaming Improves Stroke Rehab

A new at-home rehabilitation gaming system that simulates a kayaking adventure, combined with therapist counseling on everyday tasks, can help stroke patients gain strength and mobility, according to a study led by Assoc. Prof. Lynne Gauthier of the Department of Physical Therapy and Kinesiology.

This new approach improves motor skills by about 20%, as much as traditional therapy can, but also improves arm use during daily activities by 50%, according to the research, recently published in EClinicalMedicine.

Improvements made in traditional therapy rarely translate to better function outside the clinic, but this new at-home treatment approach fixes that, according to Gauthier.

"Instead of therapists spending time on exercises that can be done independently, we found that arm use improves most when therapists use their limited time with the patient to coach them through everyday living tasks, such as dressing, mowing the lawn and using a keyboard or mouse," she says. "This new model creates lasting change in how well patients use the weaker side of their body during their daily activities. We are also seeing these changes years after their stroke, showing that effective therapies can be a game-changer and that it is never too late to keep improving."

SCIENTIST PIONEERS NEW CLASS OF SEMICONDUCTORS

A new class of faster, more powerful semiconductors for enhanced wireless communication and digital imaging is on the drawing board, thanks to research led by a UMass Lowell scientist.

Prof. Viktor Podolskiy of the Department of Physics is leading a research team that seeks to improve semiconductors used in infrared optoelectronic devices to boost their performance. The project is a launching pad for new products with enhanced capabilities in intracellular imaging, night vision and quantum and 5G communication that could also better serve the Internet of Things, the network of billions of devices—from sensors and smartphones to wearables—that are connected to the internet and exchange data.

A \$1.7 million grant from the National Science Foundation's Designing Materials to Revolutionize and Engineer Our Future program is funding the four-year project.

NSF BETS ON THREE PROFESSORS

The CAREER grant is the National Science Foundation's most prestigious award in support of early-career faculty who demonstrate strong potential to lead research breakthroughs. Over the past few months, three UML faculty members have received that honor.

\$1.35M



\$1.35M: Biology Asst. Prof. Frédéric Chain's research on gene regulation studies the molecular mechanisms that allow newly emerged genes to generate new biological functions. The generation and maintenance of mutations are important for predicting and assessing population health as well as adaptation. Just as mutations in a gene can cause disease, so can the duplication or addition of a gene if it leads to protein overactivity, Chain says.

\$680K



\$680K: Asst. Prof. James Heiss of the Department of Environmental, Earth and Atmospheric Sciences studies the water and chemical exchanges between groundwater and surface water along the transition zone between land and sea. He will use the award to study three sites: the Merrimack River estuary, the Delaware Bay estuary and the Chesapeake Bay estuary. The goal: to better protect river and marine ecosystems and habitats.

\$500K



\$500K: Asst. Prof. Yuzhang Lin of the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering is developing a model that will improve the efficiency, resilience and reliability of electric power distribution systems. Lin's study will help better predict and visualize power distribution capacity and consumers' power demand in real time.

RESEARCH **ROUNDUP** (CONTINUED)

DOXORUBICIN

PREDICTING CHEMO DRUG'S IMPACT ON PATIENTS' HEARTS

Doxorubicin, a chemotherapy drug that's been widely used for more than 50 years, is effective in treating certain cancers in about 80% of adult patients. But for the remaining 20% of adults who receive it, the drug can cause heart failure. The results are even more concerning for children, with 57% of those treated with doxorubicin experiencing cardiac dysfunction.

Research by Assoc. Prof. Jonghan Kim of the Department of Biomedical and Nutritional Sciences in the Zuckerberg College of Health Sciences may help change that. Kim was recently awarded a \$1.2 million grant from the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute for a study that will help to better predict the impact of doxorubicin on cancer patients' hearts.

By developing a biomarker on how a patient's heart will respond to doxorubicin, the research results can provide oncologists with new data that will indicate timely interventions such as lowering the dosage, switching to another treatment or adding medications that protect the heart.

TOTALLY BUGGED OUT

Thousands of preserved bug specimens from around the world have made their way to UMass Lowell to help enhance the study of insects.

Biological Sciences Asst. Prof. Christina Kwapich is the new curator of roughly 15,000 insects previously kept at Florida State University. Some of the insects—which range from large moths to tiny ants—date back to

the 1800s and are pinned inside more than 30 wooden boxes located in Kwapich's office at Olsen Hall.

"These collections are really priceless because they can tell us about biodiversity from hundreds of years ago," she says.

Kwapich sought out the collection after designing a new entomology course when she arrived at UMass Lowell. She taught her first class last fall with her own personal collection of about 2,000 insects, in addition to loaner insects from UMass Amherst and UMass Boston, but felt it was important to expand the collection so that interested students could learn more about insect diversity.

"This is going to make the class on par with our peer institutions that have natural history museums and big biological collections," says Kwapich.

Asst. Prof. of Biological Sciences Christina Kwapich shows some of the insect specimens that are part of a collection that she is using to teach classes in entomology.



The Truth About Cats and Dogs

Lei Jia, an assistant professor of marketing in the Manning School of Business, considers himself a "cat person." He doesn't currently own one, but he grew up with several felines and has always preferred them to dogs.

Four years ago, when Jia was a Ph.D. student at Ohio State University, he was having a conversation with two colleagues—both of whom consider themselves pet lovers—about the popularity of pet ownership in the United States. Around 70% of U.S. households own a pet, and during the pandemic, an estimated one in five homes added a dog or cat.

"We started thinking about how our behaviors could be influenced by pets," Jia recalls. "People consider pets, especially dogs and cats, as friends or family members. Because dogs and cats are social animals, our behaviors could be influenced by them. We wanted to figure out how pets may have an impact on consumers' judgment and decision-making in a marketing context."

Jia and his two colleagues—Xiaojing Yang, an associate professor of marketing at the University of South Carolina, and Yuwei Jiang, a professor of marketing at Hong Kong Polytechnic University—recently published their research findings in the *Journal of Marketing*.

The researchers examined how exposure to dogs tends to make people more eager and prone to take risks in their decision-making (what they call "promotion focused"). Conversely, people's experiences with cats can prompt them to be more cautious and risk-averse ("prevention focused").

"Our findings offer important insights into how to incorporate pets into marketing communications," Jia says. "One factor to consider is the type of products being advertised. For products or services mainly perceived as promotion-focused—sports cars, for example—featuring dogs in the ad is likely to enhance the ad's persuasiveness. For products that are more prevention-focused, such as insurance, featuring cats may increase the ad's appeal."



Students from Mill City Consulting share their ideas to attract more students to Cobblestones with owner Scott Plath, left, during a meeting at the restaurant.

STUDENT-RUN CONSULTING FIRM ADVISES LOCAL RESTAURANTS

Mill City Consulting, a student startup launched last fall to assist local small businesses, worked with local restaurants like Cobblestones to help drum up business in the aftermath of the pandemic. The venture was the product of UML's Internship in Entrepreneurship course, with an assist from former state Rep. Tom Golden '94.

Golden, now Lowell's city manager, approached Dean of Manning School of Business Sandra Richtermeyer and Steven Tello, vice provost for graduate, online and professional studies, to discuss ways to help local businesses impacted by the pandemic. Golden secured \$75,000 in new state funding for the River Hawk New Venture Fund, which seeds UML-affiliated startups, for the consulting project. Students who complete the course receive a \$1,000 scholarship from the fund, and participating businesses also receive money to put toward improvements.

Cobblestones owner Scott Plath says he "jumped at the chance" to work with the students as the restaurant continues to bounce back from the pandemic-related drop in business. "They are thoughtful, confident, focused and have presented numerous ideas that we look forward to executing," he says.

Criminology Faculty Get Grants to Study Domestic Terrorism, Extremism

Three professors in the School of Criminology and Justice Studies have won three grants, together and separately, for research related to domestic terrorism and extremism.

All three faculty members are collaborating on a two-year, \$278,425 grant from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to research the "insider threat" posed by law enforcement officers who join militant far-right, white supremacist or anti-government groups.

That grant is led by Assoc. Prof. Christopher Harris, an expert in policing. He is joined by Prof. Arie Perliger, director of the graduate program in Security Studies, who maintains the largest known database of violent far-right incidents in the United States, and Assoc. Prof. Neil Shortland, a forensic psychologist who directs the university's Center for Terrorism and Security Studies.

Perliger has obtained another grant from the Department of Defense for about \$200,000 to do a similar insider threat study on military veterans and active-duty service members who are affiliated with the same kinds of extremist groups.

And under a third grant from the National Institute of Justice, Shortland will be researching whether there is a way to predict from someone's extremist or hateful posts online whether they will go on to commit violence. Shortland is co-principal investigator on the \$1.13 million grant and is working with Michael Sofis, senior scientist at Advocates for Human Potential Inc., and James Pennebaker, chairman of the Psychology Department at the University of Texas at Austin.

Assoc. Prof. Christopher Harris



EXILED PEACE SCHOLAR IN VIRTUAL RESIDENCE AT UML

Journalist Soe Myint, who continues to publish the independent Mizzima News in defiance of the Myanmar government that drove him into exile when the military seized power in the country last year, is UMass Lowell's 2022 Greeley Scholar for Peace Studies. Appearing remotely, Myint was in virtual residence at the university during the month of April.

His courage came to the fore when he was a college student during the 1988 Uprising, when Myanmar was known as Burma. That year, hundreds of thousands of the country's citizens rose up against the dictatorship of Ne Win. As a member of the resistance movement, Myint was targeted by the military and forced to flee the country. Later, in exile in India, he worked as a journalist to provide independent and uncensored news. In 1998, he co-founded Mizzima to promote democracy and freedom of expression in Myanmar.

In February 2021, Myint and fellow journalists were forced to flee again after another military coup. Today, Myint and his colleagues are working from different locations in and outside of Myanmar to operate the Mizzima group of media platforms, even though the journalists face the possibility of life in prison for pursuing their work.

As a Greeley Scholar—selected for their humanitarian work and their efforts to promote peace and conflict resolution at the local, regional, national or international level—Myint joins such distinguished past recipients as Nobel Peace Prize winners Tawakkol Karman and Leymah Gbowee.



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MOLONEY STUDENT FELLOWSHIPS

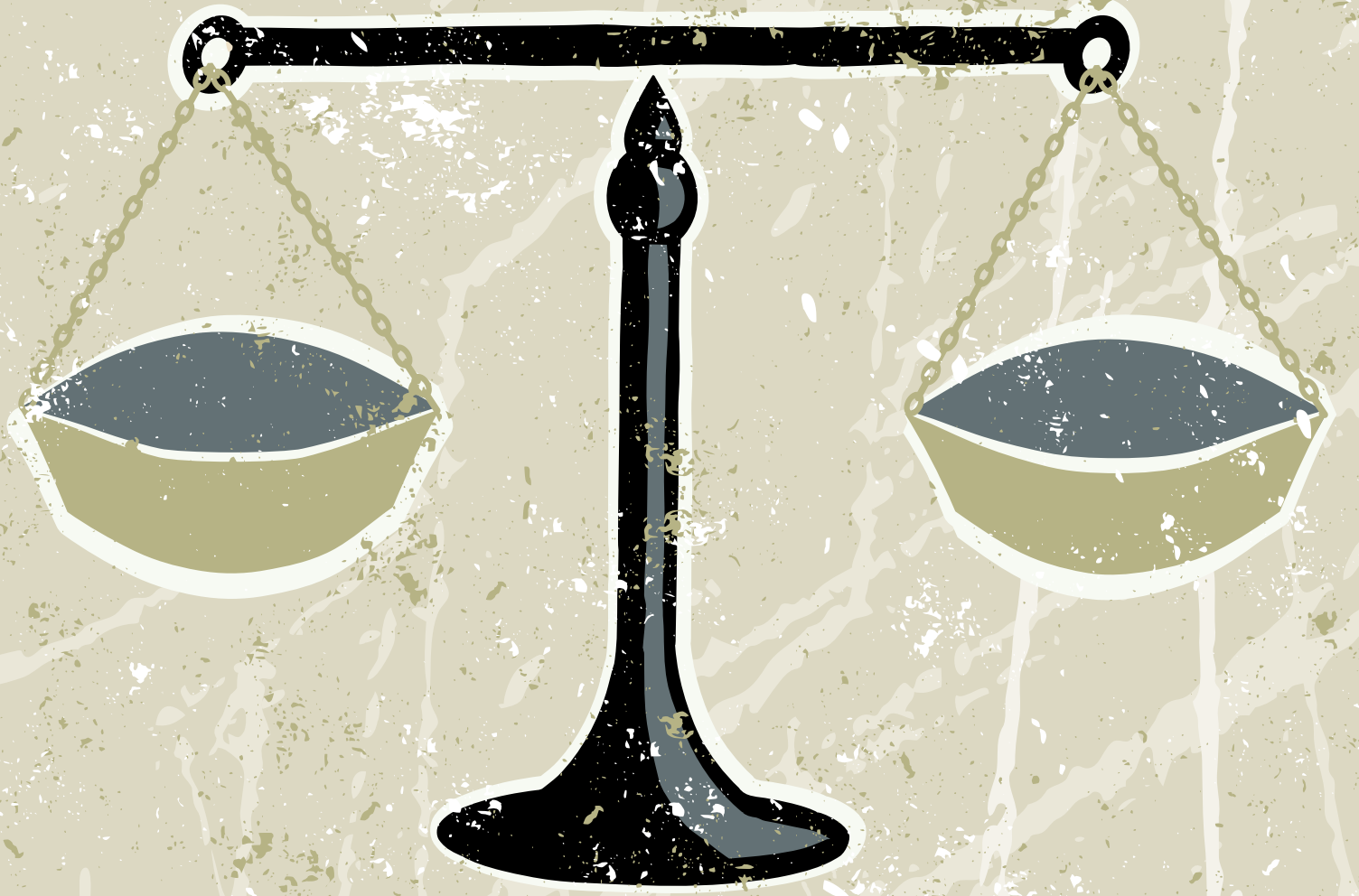
Chancellor Jacquie Moloney and her husband, Ed, created the Moloney Student Fellowship Fund to provide students with innovative experiential learning opportunities at local nonprofits, government agencies, small businesses and startups.

Celebrate her legacy and the indelible mark her leadership has made on UMass Lowell by giving in her honor. Make a gift to this important fund at www.alumni.uml.edu/chancellorslegacy

For more information, please contact Derek Berger in University Advancement at 978-934-4753 or Derek_Berger@uml.edu.

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FEATURES



ETHICS 101

What is higher education's role in creating a more socially responsible world?
Read the story on page 36.

The Legacy of JACQUIE MOLONEY

BY SARAH CORBETT

Jacque Moloney '75, '92 has been every kind of River Hawk.

Jacque Moloney was a first-generation undergrad, and later a grad student. She was on the faculty, and on the staff. She's an active alumna, and a top donor. She was a dean, a vice chancellor and, for the last seven years, led UMass Lowell from the very top of its org chart. She launched or oversaw so many programs and initiatives over her nearly four decades at the university that it's impossible to list them all here (although we try on page 30).

When she stepped down as chancellor at the end of June, she left a university standing strong after weathering a pandemic, with record gains in student enrollment, academic preparedness, diversity and graduation and retention rates. Faculty hiring, research expenditures, fundraising and economic development activities have all reached new heights.

But Jacque Moloney's hidden legacy is less about data points—and all about the students' lives she touched.

"Students always come first for her," says Senior Vice Chancellor for University Relations Patricia McCafferty. "They'll email her, or approach her at an event, or ride up in the elevator with her—and she always engages them, and gets them to tell her their story. Maybe they're short a few credits needed to graduate, or they can't register for classes because of an overdue balance, or they are considering dropping out because they're working two jobs and going to class is too much. Next thing you know, Jacque is meeting with them in her office, inviting others who can help, providing them with an inspirational book to read—and then following up to make sure all is resolved. That's just Jacque; she truly cares."

That's as true now as it was when she took over the fledgling College Prep program in her earliest days at UML. Under her leadership, the program morphed into what is now known as the Centers for Learning and Academic Support Services, which serves thousands of students every year and is a major contributor to UMass Lowell's freshman retention and record gains in graduation rates.

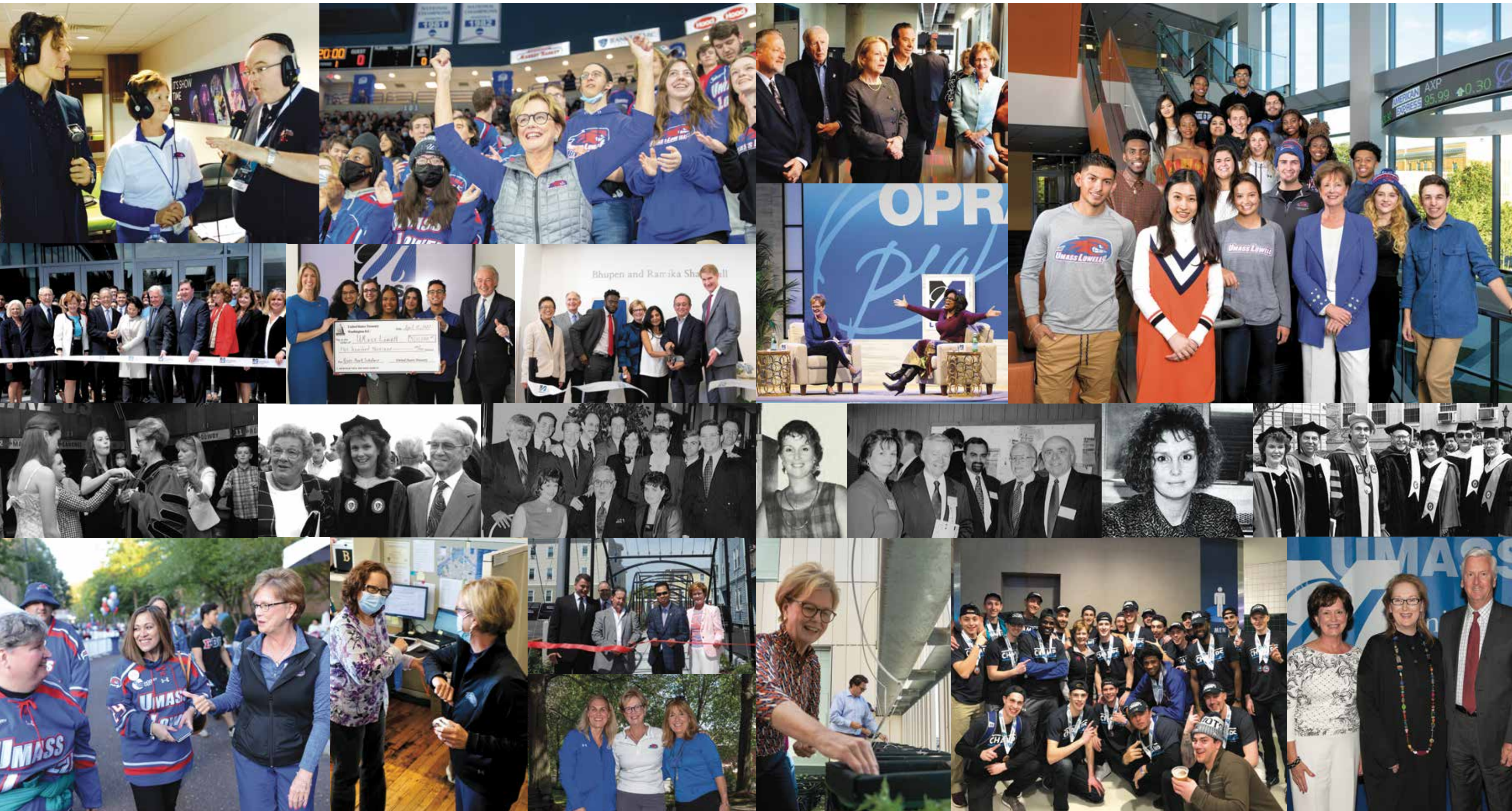
"The idea was to create opportunity," says Moloney. It was an idea, and an ideal, she held on to for 38 years.

"The goal was to give students the chance to succeed," she says. "And I think we did that. I think we changed some lives."

From her days as a student to the years she led UMass Lowell from the chancellor's office, Jacque Moloney has changed many lives. On the following pages are some snapshots of her legacy.



TRUEST BLUE





THE MOLONEY LEGACY

UMass Lowell & COVID-19

Moloney navigated UML through the most difficult period in its history, including almost 20% in budget cuts; the transition to a fully online learning environment; and the safe return to on-campus living and learning. Despite two tough years, UML has emerged with steady enrollment and strong finances.

Philanthropy

In Moloney's first year as chancellor, UML launched its first comprehensive fundraising campaign and met its \$125 million goal two years ahead of schedule, raising \$165 million in total. Under her leadership, the number of donors who gave \$1 million and above tripled and total gifts increased by 55%. With more than \$1 million in her own lifetime giving, Moloney and her husband, Ed, have led by example, especially through the creation of a fellowship program that is engaging students in innovative experiential learning opportunities.

FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN RAISED

\$165M

Strategic Plan

Moloney led the development, consensus building and implementation of the **2020 Strategic Plan**, which mapped out the strategies that transformed UMass Lowell into a nationally competitive public research university with unprecedented gains in enrollment, academic preparedness, diversity, student success, fundraising and research expenditures.

Economic Development

Long a proponent of integrating entrepreneurial lessons and opportunities throughout campus life, Moloney created UMass Lowell's **Office of Entrepreneurship and Economic Development** and established *DifferenceMaker*, a national model for entrepreneurial programming that engages more than 3,000 students a year in problem-solving activities and competitions.

Campus Infrastructure

In the past decade, 19 new buildings have been added or substantially renovated on campus. The investments brought new life to the university with the addition of River Hawk Village and Aiken Field on East Campus, the renewal of the iconic Coburn Hall on South Campus, and Perry, Dandeneau and Olsen Halls on North Campus.

SQUARE FOOTAGE INCREASED BY
60%

Academic Advances

Moloney is a pioneer in web-based learning and revolutionized what is now the Division of Graduate, Online and Professional Studies to include award-winning online programs that today number more than 31,000 course enrollments from students around the world each year. But across the board, UMass Lowell has achieved record gains during her tenure as chancellor:

- Student enrollment: +5.2%
- Average GPA: +0.12 points
- Average SAT: +63 points
- Research expenditures: +\$21.8M
- Fundraising goal: +32%
- Graduation rate: +13%

Leadership

Active in engaging industry to advance initiatives ranging from public-private research partnerships to co-op and internship opportunities for students, Moloney was in 2017

Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

As part of its 2020 strategic plan, UML has prioritized recruiting students and employees of color. To accelerate these gains, in 2020, Moloney established the **Council on Social Justice & Inclusion** to develop and implement recommendations to strengthen equity and inclusion across campus and to fight gender discrimination and sexual harassment.

SINCE 2010,
STUDENT DIVERSITY HAS INCREASED
MORE THAN 97%

AND DIVERSITY AMONG EMPLOYEES
IS UP
100%

Community Engagement

Moloney has grown community engagement and relationships with elected and appointed leaders in the city; boosted partnerships with business and industry, which has resulted in support for the university and its programs; increased opportunities for engagement for faculty and students; and built alliances such as the **Lowell Green Community Partnership**, the master agreement with the city, growth of the **iHub incubator program** and **East Campus expansion**.

Student Life

Moloney restructured Student Affairs, which enriched the student experience and grew student activities and engagement, both on and off campus.

Sustainability

During her first year as chancellor, Moloney targeted sustainability as one of the university's key strategic goals and launched its first **Office of Sustainability**. The center was elevated to an institute through a transformative gift by an alumnus. The university's \$23.1 million Accelerated Energy Program, formally completed on Earth Day 2019, was an expansive program to implement energy saving and sustainability measures across campus.

SUSTAINABILITY GAINS INCLUDE:

\$1.2M
In energy savings
per year

1.7M
fewer gallons of water
used per year

9M
fewer pounds of carbon
dioxide emitted per year

\$10M
saved in deferred
maintenance

THE UNIVERSITY IS RATED

No.1 & No.24

most sustainable campus among Massachusetts higher ed peers

on the Sierra Club's "Cool Schools" sustainability rankings

recognized as one of seven prominent "Women Who Mean Business" by the Boston Business Journal. She also received the Ray Stata Award from the Massachusetts High Technology Council in 2019, its highest award, recognizing her leadership in building partnerships between universities and business and industry based on the university's Premier Partner program that has led to partnerships with over 1,000 companies. Meanwhile, UML has been ranked in the top 20 among the Top 100 Women-Led Businesses in Massachusetts by the Boston Globe Magazine and the Commonwealth Institute since 2017. The first woman chancellor at UMass Lowell, Moloney is an advocate and supporter of leadership opportunities for women, establishing the Women's Leadership Conference and advancing opportunities for women in STEM.



BY JILL GAMBON

For Mary and John Alden, It's Their Turn to Give Back

A Commitment to Education Helps Prepare Next Generation of Teachers

To this day, Mary Curtin Alden '60 doesn't know who paid her tuition for her last two years at Lowell State Teachers College. But without that support, Alden, whose father was seriously ill with tuberculosis throughout her college years, would not have been able to continue her education.

"I never knew who it was," says Alden, who finished her degree and achieved her goal of becoming an elementary school teacher. "But I always had wonderful people backing me at school."

As the years went by, Alden, who retired from teaching when she was raising her three children, never forgot the financial support—and the encouragement she got at Lowell State. In 2004, she and her husband, John, established the Mary Curtin Alden Endowment Fund to provide scholarships to undergraduate education majors. The way they see it, it is simply their turn to help.

"We want to give back," says Mary. "Somebody stepped up for me."

"This is the example we want to set," says John, a retired UPS Inc. executive.

Mary grew up an only child in a close-knit family in Haverhill, Massachusetts. She had attended Catholic schools, and when it came time for college, living away from home was not an option. So, she enrolled at Lowell State and carpoled to campus with other students.

When she arrived on campus, her father's illness was never far from her mind. But she always felt like there was someone watching out for her. She fondly recalls the warmth and encouragement she received from Mary McGauvran, who was then dean of women and director of admissions at the college, and later vice president of student affairs for the university.

"The faculty were so approachable," she says. "They really seemed to care. They knew my father was sick."

She got involved in various campus activities, participating in the Women's Recreational Organization and the Newman Club, and one year was named queen at the campus formal, an annual tradition at the college.

"I had a lot of fun," she recalls.

After graduating, she landed her first teaching job in the Haverhill Public Schools. Her classes at Lowell State and her student teaching experience had prepared her to lead a classroom.

"I felt like I got a great education," she says.

John, a native of Stoneham, Massachusetts, and a graduate of Boston University, spent his career at UPS, rising to vice chairman and director before retiring in 2000.

The couple met at Salisbury Beach, a popular beach town in the northeast corner of the state, in 1967 and married a year later. John's job took them to Connecticut and then Atlanta, where they raised their family.

Although she left the teaching profession, Mary's love of education has endured. To date, 19 students have received their goal is to support students who are from their hometowns of Haverhill and Stoneham and the surrounding communities.

They have enjoyed getting notes from some of the scholarship recipients, and during a visit to campus a few years ago, former School of Education Dean Anita Greenwood arranged for them to meet some of the students.

"It's a wonderful feeling," says Mary, when she sees how the scholarships are helping students on their path to becoming teachers.

In their most recent gift to the university, the couple supported the creation of a model classroom at the recently renovated Coburn Hall, the building where Mary attended classes, and which is once again home to the School of Education. Coburn, which is the oldest academic building on campus, underwent a \$47 million restoration and expansion project that was completed in 2020. Included in the building upgrades is the Mary Curtin Alden Model Classroom, where aspiring teachers can learn their craft.

The Aldens now spend their winters in Vero Beach, Florida, and return to the Atlanta area to be near their children and seven grandchildren the rest of the year. Their last visit to campus was during the university's 125th anniversary celebration.

Supporting those who want to become teachers is an easy choice for the Aldens. In fact, John considers it a responsibility.

"You have an obligation to give back as much as you can when you received an education that has allowed you to progress in the world," he says.

He firmly believes in the power of education to make a difference—not just in the life of an individual, but for all of society.

"It's part of what makes a country strong," he says.

He emphasizes that supporting education is not solely the domain of philanthropists and encourages others to do what they can.

"It's not just a matter of giving money. You can be a mentor or get involved with the school's activities," he says. "Everyone can give back something to their school." [UML](#)

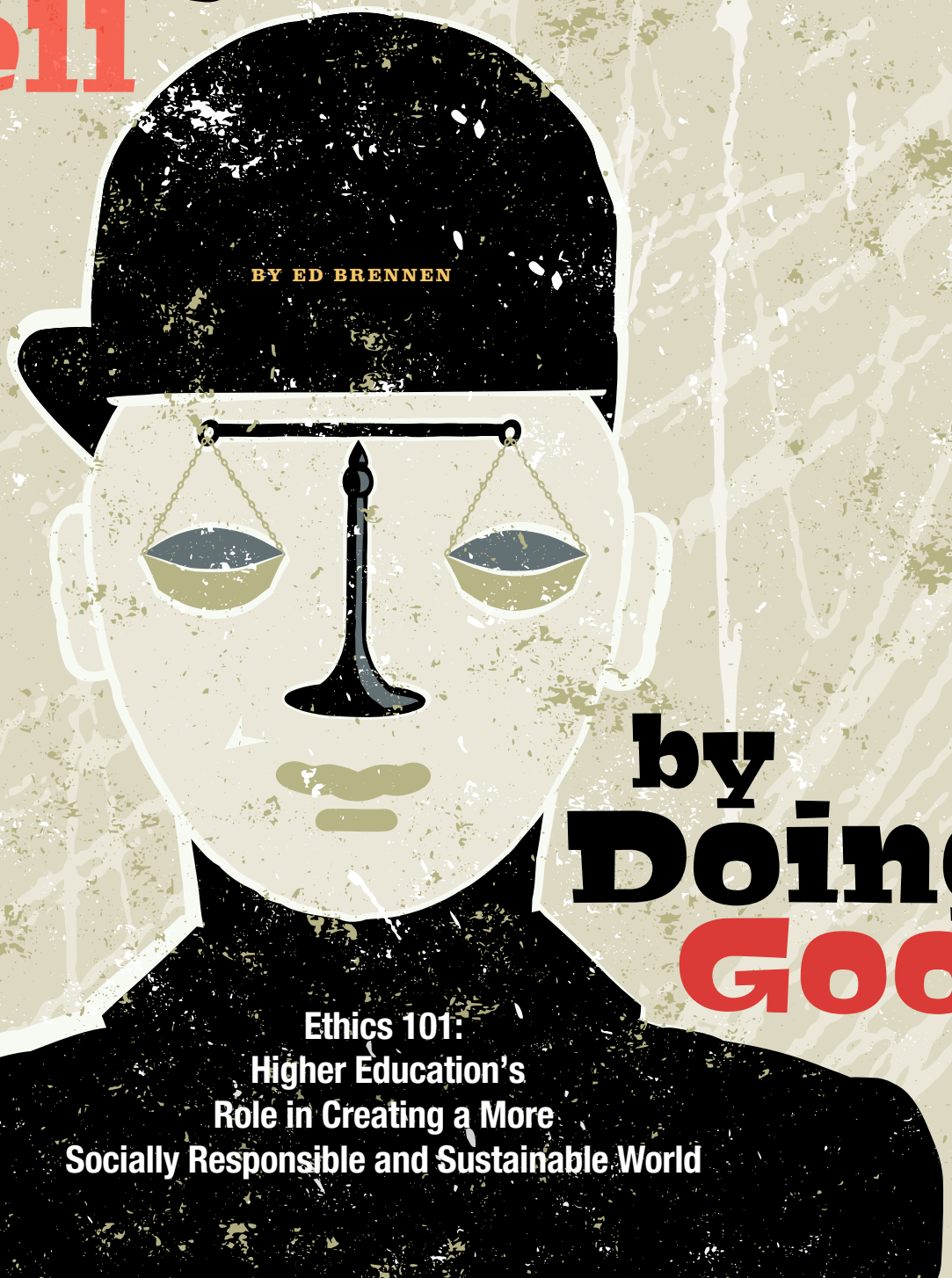
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—JOHN ALDEN



Doing Well

BY ED BRENNEN



by Doing Good

**Ethics 101:
Higher Education's
Role in Creating a More
Socially Responsible and Sustainable World**

Are you an ethical person?

If you're like most people, you answered in the affirmative. But how did you learn to become honest, respectful and responsible? When did you discover the importance of loyalty, integrity and selflessness?

Most of us learn these defining characteristics of personal ethics as kids. Our parents teach us to share our toys, to be on time, to fess up to the broken window. We watch how our teachers, coaches and clergy behave. And if we pay attention to the news, we see what happens when people fail to act ethically (hello, Theranos, Volkswagen and Bernie Madoff).

So it stands to reason that by the time students arrive at UMass Lowell, they should have a firm grasp on their personal ethics. They don't have to be taught at orientation why it's wrong to cheat on a test or plagiarize a paper. Their resident advisor doesn't have to explain that their roommate's iPhone doesn't belong to them. Students typically understand right from wrong, and they're fully aware of the consequences for breaking the accepted rules of society.

Why, then, do colleges and universities teach ethics to students? Why does UML offer more than 100 courses—in fields ranging from business and health care to computer science and literature—that address social responsibility and ethics, one of seven essential learning outcomes of the university's core curriculum?

"You can't teach college students ethics—they're grownups, they have their ethics," says Asst. Teaching Prof. of Management Elissa Magnant, who nevertheless teaches a required course on business ethics to Manning School of Business students.

She can explain. "It's not a didactic, 'you should do this' course," she says. "It's a 'think about ethics with every decision you make' course. Think about the impact on your stakeholders. You can't have a crystal ball for every decision you make, but you can collect as much information as you can and communicate as well as you can to try to make the best decision you can."

Magnant, a former bankruptcy attorney, spends a lot of time thinking about ethics. She and Assoc. Prof. of Management Erica Steckler are co-directors of UML's Donahue Center for Business Ethics and Social Responsibility. Established in 2016 thanks to a \$1 million gift from Lowell philanthropist Nancy Donahue '13 (H) and her late

husband Richard, the center's mission is to promote the value of "doing well by doing good" by advancing initiatives and programs that support student learning, faculty teaching and research.

"Ethics influence literally everything, from small, everyday business decisions to global strategy," Steckler says. "Our objective is to help students from all disciplines understand the ethical dimensions they're faced with on a daily basis, in particular in the organizations they're going to be part of and ultimately lead."

Chancellor Jacquie Moloney hopes that ethical understanding is part of her legacy at UML. As she addressed students at the Donahue Center's inaugural "Ethics Fest" last fall, she spoke of the university's commitment to social justice, inclusion and sustainability.

"Students demand that we as a university also hold ourselves accountable, and I believe we have done that," she said. "You have a voice here, and as you graduate from this university, you will have a voice in your companies. You will have an authoritative voice at the table."

Donahue says she felt compelled to fund the center after noticing an erosion of "ethics and morals, civility and respect" in the world.

"I look at the halls of Congress and I am appalled by what I see. I'm very concerned about the future," Donahue said while visiting campus this spring to make a \$2 million gift to renovate Durgin Concert Hall (see story, page 10). "I'm hoping that young people in college will get a grounding and learn how important ethics are in business, medicine, law, engineering—whatever field it is they are pursuing."

As students pursue their chosen fields, they find themselves weighing successful and lucrative careers (doing well) against trying to be principled (doing good) in very challenging times. They face not only the effects of climate change and a global pandemic, but also the need for social justice and improved diversity, equity and inclusion. Throw in hyper-polarized politics and an unpredictable economy full of unregulated cryptocurrencies, and it's clear that ethics are more relevant than ever, according to Magnant.



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— ADAM BASMA '22, BUSINESS MAJOR

“It’s relentless,” she says of the Gen Z zeitgeist. “Even though it might seem exhausting, students are open to the considerations of right and wrong. They’re thinking about ethics every day.”

For business major Adam Basma '22, the Business Ethics course made him realize that he wants to work for a company that “prides itself on the positivity” of an inclusive and diverse work environment.

“I started looking at companies that are leveraging data and the digital future for good, which is something I never would have thought about before,” says Basma, a native of Shirley, Massachusetts, who started a sales development job with B2B marketing technology firm Zoominfo shortly after graduation. “I’m seeing that social entrepreneurship—thinking about corporate social responsibility and the number of people you can save—is more important than how much money you make. The money will follow if all those other things come to fruition.”

‘MAKE A POSITIVE RIPPLE IN THE WORLD’

Ethics are important to students, but also to the companies that hire them. Many companies now highlight their corporate social responsibility (CSR) on their websites, detailing their commitment to employees, consumers, communities and the environment. And investors, including asset management giants BlackRock, State Street and Vanguard Group, are holding businesses accountable by factoring environmental, social and governance (ESG) outcomes into their financial analyses.

“If a company isn’t able to say what their CSR is, or what impact they’re having on their community or their stakeholders, there’s no purpose for the business to even exist,” says Carly Burson '05, founder and CEO of LAUDE the Label, a socially conscious company that provides living wages for at-risk women in exchange for their sustainable, artisanal apparel and accessories (see profile, page 54). “The marketplace is demanding more, and if companies don’t start to get onboard with what the expectation is, especially from Gen Z, they’re not going to be around forever.”

From her vantage point as a professor and Donahue Center co-director, Steckler finds that students are keenly aware of companies’ commitments to things like sustainability, inclusivity, diversity and community.

“They genuinely want to make a positive ripple in the world,” she says. “They care about values alignment with the companies they work for. It’s a really big deal and the foundation of social responsibility.”

Business alumna Meaghan O’Brien ’21, ’22 is a good example. After working as a research assistant for the Donahue Center and taking a deeper look at her personal ethics as a student, the Dracut, Massachusetts, native landed a job as director of procurement and compliance

for the Lowell Regional Transit Authority. The role allows her to make a positive impact on the lives of those who rely on public transportation, while also helping the environment.

“I’m very lucky that my first opportunity for employment has been something that really aligns with my values,” O’Brien says. “A lot of people my age are starting to think like that now: How can we improve ourselves and take care of the community, and maybe reverse some of the damage that’s been done with global warming?”

HELPING STUDENTS GROW UP—NO MATTER THEIR MAJOR

The Donahue Center is fulfilling its benefactor’s vision in a number of ways. It hosts a Distinguished Speaker Series, sponsors student participation in case competitions, awards research grants and even started a book club. Last fall, at UML’s inaugural Ethics Fest at University Crossing, more than 250 students discovered how ethics and social responsibility intersect with their everyday lives—often-times in unexpected ways.

At one end of Moloney Hall, Assoc. Prof. of Philosophy Nicholas Evans got students thinking about the ethical implications of proposed technology that would allow the implanting computer chips in the brains of soldiers in the U.S. military. At the other end of the room, Assoc. Director of Disability Services Brandon Drake explained the concept of “universal design,” which is the process of creating products that are accessible to people with a wide range of abilities, by asking students to consider how they interact with things like the apps on their phones, door handles and sinks.



Nancy Donahue '13 (H) established the Donahue Center for Business Ethics and Social Responsibility with a \$1 million gift in 2016.

At 19 other “engagement stations” across the room, faculty researchers, campus center staff members and student groups explored the ethics of everything from interviewing for a job and using proper pronouns to “leave no trace” camping and ESG disclosure issues in accounting.

While the Philosophy Department on South Campus teaches the most ethics-related courses at UML, Evans says that with the Donahue Center on North Campus, events like Ethics Fest can help bridge both the disciplinary and geographical divides.

“It’s nice to be part of the larger social responsibility community here on campus,” said Evans, an expert in public health ethics whose work ranges from the pandemic to autonomous vehicles.

Philosophy Department Chair John Kaag agrees. When introducing novelist James Carrol ’03 (H) for the Donahue Center’s Distinguished Speaker Series, he praised the “cross-college cooperation from different departments—philosophy, psychology, sociology, business.” He also addressed the challenge of teaching ethics to students, with a nod to Aristotle’s “Nicomachean Ethics.”

“(Aristotle) says the problem with teaching ethics to young people is that they don’t necessarily have the ears for the lessons,” Kaag said. “This is a great paradox, because those youngsters who don’t have ears for the lessons are the people who might actually reform their lives still. So the trick to philosophy ... is to grow up prematurely.”

SMALL DECISIONS ADD UP

Although he didn’t get to take advantage of the Donahue Center as a student, accounting alum Craig Brown ’00 has

had ears for ethics lessons throughout his career. In his first job out of college, as an audit manager at Deloitte, he remembers sitting in a room with 60 or so other new hires on the first day, reading the firm’s code of conduct and other materials on ethical behavior. At the time, Brown says he thought it was merely a “check-the-box” exercise, something to get out of the way before moving on to more important stuff.

“Fortunately for me, those early lessons arose often in my daily work interactions, both in public accounting and investment management, and I could begin to see how intricately woven the ideals of fairness, integrity and respect really were,” says Brown, now a vice president at Fidelity Investments. “I was being asked to leverage my internal barometer when assessing the differences between right and wrong, realizing through these interactions and instructional moments that those lesser decisions, when aggregated, carry just as much significance and consequence as the larger ones.”

Because the unethical actions of just a few can lead to scandals and financial crises that erode public trust and cast shadows over entire industries, Brown says it’s critical for organizations to constantly nurture their ethical culture.

“Ethics is not a message carried by a few, or only taught in classrooms or training centers,” he says. “It’s an approach that needs to permeate all levels of business.”

Moloney says she’s “forever grateful” to the Donahues for dedicating their lives to making the world a better place.

“Ethics and social responsibility are key to the future of our world,” she says. [UML](#)

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— CRAIG BROWN ’00, VICE PRESIDENT, FIDELITY INVESTMENTS



Donahue Center Co-Directors Elissa Magnant, left, and Erica Steckler and Philosophy Department Chair John Kaag, right, welcomed novelist James Carroll ’03 (H) to campus for the center’s Distinguished Speaker Series.

Center of ATTENTION

Here’s a closer look at some of the initiatives and programs the Donahue Center for Business Ethics and Social Responsibility has created since it launched in 2016:

DISTINGUISHED SPEAKER SERIES

Students have learned from the likes of Cindi Bigelow, CEO and president of Bigelow Tea; novelist (and 2003 Commencement speaker) James Carroll ’03 (H); Case Western Reserve Prof. Chris Laszlo, author of “Quantum Leadership—Creating Value for You, Business and the World”; and New York University Prof. Dolly Chugh, author of “The Person You Mean to Be: How Good People Fight Bias.”

BUSINESS ETHICS CASE COMPETITIONS

Each year, the center sponsors student teams that take on schools from across the country and around the world in case competitions. At the International Business Ethics Case Competition in spring 2021, business majors Thomas Stranberg ’21, Yuvraj Aurora ’22 and Prabakar Adithya ’22 earned two first-place awards after playing the role of an internal ethics advisory board at Pfizer and addressing the inequity of the COVID-19 vaccine distribution among underserved communities. “That was probably one of my favorite moments in college,” Aurora says.

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

Several students have worked with the Donahue Center as part of the Manning School’s Business and Entrepreneur Scholars in Training program. The inaugural BEST Scholar, Meaghan O’Brien ’21, ’22, did comparative market research on other university ethics centers around the country. The center recently created a student advisory board, made up of O’Brien, Adithya and Katelyn Hasenstab ’21.

GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT

Under the Donahue Center’s stewardship, the Manning School of Business is in the process of becoming a signatory of the Principles for Responsible Management Education. The United Nations-supported initiative ensures that business schools provide future leaders with the skills needed to achieve the UN’s 2030 Sustainable Development Goals. Donahue Center Co-Director Erica Steckler was co-editor of the recently published “World Scientific Encyclopedia of Business Sustainability, Ethics and Entrepreneurship, Volume 2: Sustainable Development Goals.”

NECESSARY CONVERSATIONS

The Donahue Center sponsors the International Humanistic Management Association’s “Necessary Conversations,” a monthly online research forum. A recent discussion on the “Emerging Grand Challenges in Police Organization Research” featured faculty members from UML’s School of Criminology and Justice Studies.

DONAHUE R.E.A.D.S.

Students, faculty and staff discussed Minouche Shafik’s book, “What We Owe Each Other—A New Social Contract for a Better Society,” during the inaugural Donahue R.E.A.D.S. (responsibility, ethics, advocacy, discovery and stewardship) event this spring.

RESEARCH GRANTS

This summer, the Donahue Center put out its first-ever call for interdisciplinary faculty research grants to encourage cross-college collaboration on work related to business ethics and social responsibility. So far, grants have been awarded to several Manning School of Business faculty members, including:

- Management Adjunct David Greenway, a Ph.D. candidate in leadership and organization studies, for “The Experience of Moral Injury in Organizations”
- Marketing, Entrepreneurship and Innovation Asst. Prof. Ann Kronrod for “The Role of Image and Framing in Promoting Prosocial Behavior”
- Marketing, Entrepreneurship and Innovation Asst. Prof. Spencer Ross

for “Corporate Social Responsibility or Purpose-Driven Marketing? Re-aligning Company-Consumer Ethics”

- Operations and Information Systems Assoc. Prof. Julie Zhang for “CEO Influence on Social Media with Graph Neural Network Approaches”
- Management Asst. Prof. Jose Godinez for his research on private sector strategies to operate ethically in an area of high corruption.

BY JENNIFER NEJMAN BOHONAK

ENTERPRISE BANK: AN EXTENDED FAMILY FOR RIVER HAWKS

Enterprise Bank CEO Jack Clancy '80 is proud the bank has helped so many River Hawks get a good start in their careers. Being a partner to local organizations is one of the founding principles of the community bank, which is around the corner from UMass Lowell's campus.

More than 150 current and former employees of Enterprise Bank are UML alumni, including Clancy.

"As a strong supporter of the university's co-op program, Enterprise has been fortunate to welcome many students back as full-time team members after graduation," Clancy says. "Enterprise Bank has been honored to partner with UMass Lowell. Our missions to help build stronger communities—where we live and work—are aligned."

As frequent partners for the co-op program, career fairs, athletic sponsorship and on-campus panels, the bank and UML each benefit from the relationship.

"What I like about Enterprise Bank is they always show up," says Greg Denon, associate dean of student affairs for career development. "I like having relationships with companies that are not just about recruiting."

Through Enterprise's co-op program, students learn that careers in banking are varied, from working on loans to engaging in social media marketing. Students receive a salary and gain valuable experience, Denon says. Co-ops help students learn what they are looking for in company culture, work schedules and job positions so they can choose wisely when they accept their first job after graduation, he adds.

In the spring, senior business administration major Autumn Ouellet '23 was a social media marketing co-op student at Enterprise. In March, she produced a social media takeover day on behalf of the bank.

For Ouellet, the takeover event was an opportunity to plan and execute a large public-facing project. She developed content and created graphics, starting about a month prior to the event, that ran on the Greater Lowell Chamber of Commerce's Instagram account.

On the takeover day, Ouellet used her smartphone to film Clancy as he welcomed viewers to the social event. She then spent the day posting on Instagram, often appearing on camera to discuss the Bank's Non-Profit Collaborative Seminar Series as well as the Racial Equity & Inclusion Seminars, and a community service event during which bank employees collected prom gowns to benefit high school students.

The bank's devotion to community service was something that caught Ouellet's attention during the co-op application process. She noticed a large section

on Enterprise's website was dedicated to its involvement in community service.

"I thought it was really cool how much community service they do," she says. "I am in a sorority, Phi Sigma Rho, so I do a lot of community service and philanthropy. I think it's important to give back."

Her co-op experience has been "a 10 out of 10," she says, adding that she will always remember the big smiles with which every Enterprise employee greeted her on her first day—and also their immediate acceptance of her as a team member whose opinions they valued. Ouellet also picked up new skills from colleagues, including website coding.

The experience has helped her think about what choices she will make as she shapes her career.

"We truly value having UMass Lowell co-op students work collaboratively alongside our team members," says Clancy. "The program provides the students with firsthand knowledge about our bank, culture and service philosophies, while strengthening our departments and branches where they work and share their talents."

But the relationship is about more than a mutually beneficial workforce pipeline. Enterprise Bank is one of a select group of corporate partners that support UMass Lowell in a variety of ways. In addition to being part of the co-op program since 2013, the bank also has a tuition reimbursement program at UML for employees who enroll in graduate courses.

The company also sponsors university athletics and events, and supports several UML entrepreneurship, culture, arts and diversity and equity programs.

Enterprise has made gifts to help the M2D2 (the Massachusetts Medical Device Development Center & Biotech Incubator, a partnership between UMass Lowell and the UMass Chan Medical School); the Innovation Hub at 110 Canal; the Rist DifferenceMaker program; the River Hawk Scholars Academy for first-generation students; the Center for Asian American Studies; the Global Entrepreneurship Exchange program; the Saab Center for Portuguese Studies; the UMass Lowell Women's Leadership Conference; and scholarships to support students and emergency student needs.

Clancy says the partnership between Enterprise and UML has flourished under Chancellor Jacquie Moloney's leadership.

"Chancellor Moloney has had a profound impact on the university and the greater Lowell community," he says. "Her leadership, perspective and insight as a member of our board of directors is invaluable." [UML](#)



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Enterprise Bank CEO

< Co-op student Autumn Ouellet '23, Enterprise Bank CEO Jack Clancy '80 and co-op student Andrew Park '22.





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- Student Fall Ball
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- River Hawk Hockey
- Alumni Receptions
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ALUMNI LIFE



THINGS ARE LOOKING UP

Since graduating with two psychology degrees, Shahjehan Khan '14, '16 has been busy. Between his trailblazing Muslim punk band The Kominas, an acclaimed podcast series "King of the World" and his thriving career as a voiceover artist, Khan has recently fit in several acting gigs—including a small role in the 2021 Oscar-nominated film "Don't Look Up," which was filmed in Boston. "I'm one of those people who needs to have a million things going on, or I'm existentially questioning everything," he says. Read more on page 58.

CLASSES NOTES

1973

Philip Infurna shares that his granddaughter is now a freshman at UMass Lowell and a member of the Honors College.

1974

Robert Gossen retired and moved to Tennessee.



1975

Gail (MacDonald) Burnett has helped establish a scholarship fund through the Emily's Light Cystic Fibrosis Foundation in memory of her daughter. The fund helps other students with Cystic Fibrosis.



Chi Ip shares, "Time flies. Miss Lowell Tech!"



> CLOSE-UP CLASS OF 1984

PASSION PROJECT

Lisa Panagopoulos '84, '88 took advantage of remote work during the COVID-19 pandemic to launch a second career—on the silver screen.

Now her credits include an appearance on the hit television series "The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel," a major role in the Christmas movie "Twas the Night," a recurring role in the Discovery reality series "Power of Attorney: Don Worley" and leading parts in soon-to-be-released productions.

"At this point in my life, I'm very lucky to be able to pursue this passion," says Panagopoulos, who spent 12 years honing her acting skills at a community theater based in Chelmsford, Massachusetts. "I'm 59 years old, and I feel like I've only just begun in this new journey."

Panagopoulos, who earned a B.S. in computer science and an M.S. in computer engineering at UML, worked full time as director of faculty development and support for online learning in the Division of Graduate, Online and Professional Studies for more than a decade. She retired in June 2020 to pursue acting seriously, while continuing to teach online classes as an adjunct faculty member.

"I love teaching, and I love to support faculty and students. I love the university; my heart is there," she says. "It's like a family, so I'm happy to do that while I pursue this other passion." —KW

1978

Norman Lombardi is alive and well and living in Tyngsboro, Massachusetts, despite a misprint in the last issue of this magazine, in which he was listed in the "In Memoriam" section. We regret the error and wish Norm many more years of good health.

Elena Parsons is traveling across country in July 2022 for one month, then residing in Oregon for five months with the goal of building a home and relocating there.

Sharon (Healy) Yang published her third mystery novel with TouchPoint Press, "Always Play the Dark Horse," and is under contract for two more books. She is also a member at large in the Sisters in Crime New England for Central Massachusetts. She recently retired as full professor from Worcester State University.



1990

Erik Day has served 24 years in the U.S. Navy and is owner and president of North Shore Line-X Inc.

> CLOSE-UP CLASS OF 1985

BY MARLON PITTER

Surveying His Land

As a newly minted civil engineering alum looking to start his professional career, Wayne Jalbert '85 interviewed with land surveying firm Hancock Associates.

The position was for a civil engineer, but Jalbert had a different role in mind. "Thank you for the interview as a civil engineer," he recalls writing to the hiring manager. "While I'm young and I love the outdoors, I'd like to pursue land surveying."

Months later, Jalbert received a phone call from Hancock about an open land surveying position. He took the job and never looked back.

"I couldn't believe what I was making at the time," he says. "I took the job for \$7 an hour, and I've been at the company ever since."

Now in his 37th year with Hancock Associates, Jalbert has gotten his hands dirty in hundreds of construction projects, laying the foundation for hundreds of new buildings and renovations in New England.

As president and survey division manager, he leads a team of land surveyors and civil engineers primarily in providing development design for new construction of "structures of all different types." Since being named president of Hancock Associates in 2016, he has doubled the size of the business through hiring and acquisitions.

Jalbert credits Herman J. Shea and Donald Leitch as influential professors during his time at the university, which he says prepared him well for his career—which in turn has allowed him to return to UMass Lowell. His company was involved with the University Crossing construction project.

He also serves on the Civil and Environmental Engineering Industry Advisory Board.

"My focus in being on the advisory board is to make sure they maintain geomatics and AutoCAD as part of the core curriculum," he says. "It was so important to me, and it's so important to the engineering industry. Civil engineers can't function without surveyors doing geomatics and the use of AutoCAD software."

Hancock also offers professional co-op positions to UML students, and Jalbert says they impress him year after year.

"We have a robust co-op program with Lowell, and I am continually blown away by the quality of our co-ops," he said. "I wish I could hire more."



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1991

Col. Scott Guilbeault recently retired as vice president of the Joint Special Operations University and from the U.S. Air Force after over 30 years of service. He and his family plan to relocate to the Florida panhandle, where he has accepted a teaching position at Pensacola High School as the AFJROTC senior aerospace science instructor.



1999

Melanie Wells is program director for a drug and alcohol treatment facility. She started in the Master of Social Work program at UMass Global.

2003

Jessica O'Neil '03, '15, '18 was promoted to CEO at New England Neurological Associates. Formerly, she was the executive director of physician and ambulatory services at Lawrence General Hospital, overseeing high-throughput COVID testing and vaccine sites, outpatient operations, physician staffing and other areas.



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> CLOSE-UP CLASS OF 1992

LIKE FATHER, LIKE DAUGHTER

He may be a top producer in the real estate world, but Ron Carpenito '92 didn't have to work too hard to sell his daughter, Stephanie, on his alma mater. "After putting in the hard work earning the grades, an exhaustive college search and application process, and some last-minute dramatic moves, Stephanie accepted the invitation to attend UMass Lowell School of Nursing this fall," says Carpenito, who lives in North Andover, Massachusetts, with his wife, Deb, and their daughter.

"I couldn't be more proud and excited for her—being part of a college I absolutely loved, that was a major part of my life, and experiences that helped me succeed in life," he says. "I honestly think I'm more excited than she is! Feels like I'm going back to college, too."

For the past 18 years, Carpenito has been putting his Manning School of Business degree to use as an owner and investor at Keller Williams Realty in Andover. He was recently appointed to the Northeast Association of Realtors Board of Directors.

He says he hopes Stephanie focuses on more than just academics at UML.

"I was really involved on campus," says Carpenito, who served as class president and was a peer advisor and orientation leader. "I hope she plugs into opportunities to give back and get experience leading others. All of that really helped me grow as a person."



1. MEGAN TIERNEY '07
2. DIANNELY ANTIGUA '12
3. TRACIE CLEMONS '12
4. IRVING GADOURY '13

> CLOSE-UP CLASS OF 2003

HIGH HONORS

Alumna is first woman of color and first faculty member from an HBCU to win nation's top award for early-career scientists and engineers

The National Science Foundation named Lara Thompson '03 one of three recipients of this year's Alan T. Waterman Award, the nation's highest honor for early-career scientists and engineers.

The annual award, which was established by Congress in 1975 and is named after the agency's first director, recognizes outstanding young U.S. science or engineering researchers who demonstrate exceptional individual



achievements in research in NSF-supported fields.

"I am beyond honored and excited to receive the Waterman Award," Thompson says. "Being the first awardee from a historically Black college and university, and the first woman of color, while being a new mom, means so much to me. This provides proof that hard and steady work, sometimes acknowledged and sometimes not, will eventually pay off."

Thompson is an associate professor of mechanical engineering and director of the biomedical engineering program and the Center for Biomechanical and Rehabilitation Engineering at the University of the District of Columbia in Washington, D.C., which is a public historically Black university. She is the daughter of UML's Prof. Charles Thompson of the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering.

The NSF recognized Thompson for her efforts to help people with disequilibrium, or loss of balance, by understanding the disorder and mitigating its effects using a vestibular prosthesis, or inner-ear implant. She investigates various assistive technologies and robotics to help improve balance in elderly individuals and stroke survivors and reduce their risk of falling.

After earning a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from UMass Lowell, Thompson went on to earn a master's degree in aeronautical and astronautical engineering from Stanford University and a doctorate in biomedical engineering from the Harvard-MIT Division of Health Sciences and Technology program.

Each Waterman awardee received a \$1 million grant to support new research in a field of their choice.

"With this grant, I can take my research a step further and explore various ideas, and perhaps look into rehabilitation robotics and devices for veterans and amputees, which is another group that I am really interested in," says Thompson. —EA

Lara Thompson '03 received the Alan T. Waterman Award during the National Science Board meeting in Alexandria, Virginia, on May 5.

> CLOSE-UP CLASS OF 1993

BY JILL GAMBON

SHE CHOSE HER OWN PATH

As a high school student in the late 1980s, Aileen Turnbull '93 spent two years as a member of the boys soccer team. Driven by a desire to compete and backed by supportive parents, she was unfazed by being the only girl on the field.

"It was definitely unusual, but I wanted to play. I think the other teams were more uncomfortable, but I used it to my advantage," Turnbull recalls. "I told myself: 'I can do this.'"

That same clear sense of purpose and a firm confidence in her abilities have guided Turnbull from her days as a plastics engineering undergraduate to her current job as vice president for commercial and enterprise quality at Johnson & Johnson.

"I was taught to go after what I wanted to do," she says. "I chose my own path."

Turnbull now leads the corporate Quality Management System group and the central Commercial Quality Management System group for the health care giant. She is dedicating to driving improvements in processes, products and services in a business where quality and compliance are imperative.

"At J&J, quality is everyone's job," she says.

She started her career with Tyco Healthcare as a research and development engineer and later moved up to a plant quality manager in the Sharps Safety division in California. Upon completing several assignments with Tyco Healthcare, she moved back East in 2002 to join DePuy Orthopaedics, a division of Johnson & Johnson, as quality engineering plant manager. Over the past 20 years, she has held roles of increasing responsibility across the Johnson & Johnson family of companies. Along the way, she earned an MBA from Boston College.

Turnbull's experience on the high school soccer pitch was good preparation for studying engineering. She says she was among just a handful of women in her graduating class to major in plastics engineering. The tight-knit faculty and alumni network were always there to help, she says.

"The professors were great. Professors (Stephen) Orroth and (Steven) Grossman were both very supportive. Whatever you needed, you just had to ask. And they tried to make it fun," she says.

She also got involved in campus life and made great friends. Her senior year, she was elected class president.

"It was a great experience.

It was a lot of work, but it gave you the visibility to connect with a whole different array of people," she says. "It opened doors."

Turnbull now lives in Mansfield, Massachusetts, the town where she grew up, with her husband and 12-year-old twin daughters. Every other week, she travels by high-speed train to work in Johnson & Johnson's offices in Bridgewater, New Jersey.

Like so many, Turnbull's life was turned upside down by the pandemic. Before COVID-19, she spent 70% of her work time traveling. When COVID swept through, she suddenly found herself marooned at home, working remotely. It was an adjustment, she says.

On the upside, she was able to coach her daughters' soccer team for the first time. And she appreciates being able to spend more time with the girls during their crucial middle school years.

"Middle school is a tough time, especially for girls, and I got to be at home," she says. "It really bonded us."

As a working mother, Turnbull wants to set an example for her daughters and for young women who are interested in pursuing careers in STEM. Since 2018, she has served on the Francis College of Engineering's Biomedical Engineering Advisory Board. She wants to do what she can to offer the support she got as a student and ensure there is diversity in the engineering pipeline.

"That's why I'm trying to get involved, to give back," she says.

She enjoys being back on campus and seeing how the university has grown, from the gleaming new buildings to the updated amenities.

"It's amazing. They didn't have Starbucks and Dunkin' Donuts on campus when I was a student," she laughs. "I text pictures to my college roommates!" **UML**



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2005

Maribel Ortiz '05, '13 opened a private practice as a psychology nurse practitioner in 2015. ↪



2006

Susan Hadley-Bulger says that two of her children, Joshua H. Bulger and Eliza H. Bulger, are 2022 UML graduates. "They join three other siblings in earning this distinction," she says.

Christina Tanguay was promoted to processing archivist at the MIT Libraries.

2007

Megan Tierney was officially named the first female police sergeant of the city of Newburyport, Massachusetts, in March. Tierney joined the Newburyport Police Department in 2010 as a dispatcher and became a patrol officer in 2012. From 2016 to 2020, she served as the school resource officer. [1]

2010

Carey McGovern reports that she bought her first house.



> CLOSE-UP CLASS OF 1994

Back to School

Rupal Trivedi '94, '95, '22 knew just where to turn when she wanted to get an MBA.

"The professors at UMass Lowell are so knowledgeable. They care deeply for their students and they really invest their time," says Trivedi, a triple River Hawk. "And economically speaking, it's the best value."

Originally from Ahmedabad, India, Trivedi earned bachelor's and master's degrees in computer science. That set her on course for a computer engineering career that has taken her to Hewlett-Packard, Lucent Technologies, Broadcom and beyond.

As Trivedi ascended to more managerial roles—most recently as a senior engineering manager at athenahealth in Watertown, Massachusetts—she realized she lacked a business background. She was an expert in software, but not so much in accounting, finance and operations management.

"An MBA is the key. It has opened my eyes to a world I didn't know about before," says Trivedi, who chose concentrations in information technology and managerial leadership. "The hands-on coursework—in negotiations, organization, marketing, project management, database—is just amazing. It's very much relevant to the work I do in my industry."

Trivedi, who works in electronic health records for athenahealth, has lived in Lowell since 1990.

"I never left. I love the city so much," says Trivedi, who also met her future husband at UML: Harish Hande '98, '00, '13 (H). A social entrepreneur who co-founded Solar Electric Light Co. India, Hande delivered UML's Graduate Commencement address in 2013.

Nearly a decade later, he and their two children—daughter Adhishri and son Ameya—were back on campus for Trivedi's Graduate Commencement ceremony. —EB

> CLOSE-UP CLASS OF 2002

ART EVOLUTION

When she graduated with a B.F.A. in painting two decades ago, Hillary Scott '02 planned to illustrate children's books. She loved making paintings that employed bold colors, realistic figures, dramatic lighting and elements of fantasy. But she didn't get any of the illustration jobs she applied for right out of college. "It was a rude awakening," she admits.

Twenty years later, her landscapes of New England marshes, woods and open skies fetch thousands of dollars. Since the COVID-19 pandemic began, her work has been "flying off the shelves," she says. "People were home, and they needed art to look at. They found my work calming."

It wasn't an easy journey from that rude awakening to her current success. She stole time to keep up her own painting while working as an art teacher, having two children and then returning to school to train as a physical therapy assistant. When she was laid off from a part-time job as a physical therapy assistant, she decided to throw herself back into art full time.

"At that job, I really had to talk myself into it. Art, I had to talk myself out of it," she says. "Painting is a part of me. Painting, to me, is like breathing."

She began by bidding on illustration jobs through websites. Her work won praise, but she was barely getting paid enough to keep herself in paint and canvas. Meanwhile, she began entering her paintings in art shows. One, "Lightning Bugs," won an award at the Topsfield Fair.

BY KATHARINE WEBSTER

Then her career stalled. After her paintings were rejected by some juried fine art exhibits, her husband suggested she take a painting class. "I was so arrogant, I thought, 'I don't need that!'" she says.

Finally, though, she signed up for an open-air painting workshop. It was a revelation. Although she had learned a lot about drawing, painting, composition and atmosphere at UMass Lowell, she discovered that she needed a different artistic vocabulary for landscape painting, including a more subdued color palette and techniques for pulling viewers' focus through a work.

Scott's paintings, inspired by the marshes on Plum Island and the woods and ponds of northeastern Massachusetts, slowly got better under a series of teachers. "It was five years of intensive

study, failures and no sales, but that was when the growth began," she says.

Eventually, a few paintings were accepted by juried art shows and some galleries offered to represent her. She placed one painting in the 2019 Oil Painters of America national show, and another won an honorable mention in the International Artist magazine competition. That led to an interview with a national art magazine.

But her sales really took off after she started marketing her paintings on Instagram and selling directly to the public. Now, she makes more money pursuing her passion for painting than she did at any of her previous jobs.

Her message to other artists and art students: Don't give up—and keep learning. "If you're not learning, you're stagnant," she says. [UML](#)



Amanda Kleschinsky got married during the pandemic. ↘



2011

Joseph Baldassano started a new role as sanitation manager at Gorton's of Gloucester.

Rachel (Rock) Decio got married and had a beautiful baby girl.

Katrina Walther is married with two stepchildren and works for Suffolk Construction as a superintendent.

2012

Diannely Antigua was named the 13th poet laureate of Portsmouth, New Hampshire. The youngest and the first person of color chosen to be the city's poet laureate, the Dominican American poet and educator was born and raised in Massachusetts. Her debut poetry collection "Ugly Music" won the Pamet River Prize and a 2020 Whiting Award. [2]

Tracie Clemons was sworn in as mayor for the town of Norway, South Carolina, in January 2020. [3]

Marcela Marquez says that after graduation, she became a motion graphics producer and motion design artist in the film industry, mainly for movie trailers. "Using the photography skills I learned at UML, I travel as much as I can and post them on my Instagram page @mochijourney," she says.

Cassandra Sanchez '12, '14 was nominated by New Hampshire Gov. Chris Sununu to lead the Granite State's Office of the Child Advocate.

Andrea Somoza-Norton received a promotion and tenure to associate professor. She teaches in the M.A. Educational Leadership and Administration program at Cal Poly. She received the 2020 Association of California of School Administrator Professor of Education of the Year Award.

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> CLOSE-UP CLASS OF 2017

Where Others See Problems, Paul Smith '17 Sees Solutions

Paul Smith knew early in his career that he wasn't cut out for coding. He did, however, have a strong interest in how technology could improve the performance of organizations. After earning an undergraduate degree in computer science, Smith worked for an electronic medical records company, traveling across the country to implement new software systems in hospitals.

"The experience was trial by fire," says Smith, who graduated from the M.S. health care management program in 2017. "I got to see how digitizing health care medical records could improve care and help clinicians. I also learned how the complexity of health care with patient confidentiality and multiple disparate systems all needed to be taken into consideration."

His determination to turn problems into solutions is a common theme throughout his 20-year career, and got him to his current role as chief operating officer at Saint Vincent Hospital in Worcester, Massachusetts. He is responsible for hospital operations across both clinical and non-clinical areas, from cardiology and the operating room to food service and housekeeping.

"I am very lucky to have found a profession that's challenging and meaningful," says Smith, who is also the Massachusetts Market COO for Tenet Healthcare Corp., which owns the hospital. "I appreciate the sense of teamwork, collaboration and how technology can provide data for clinicians to make the best decisions, as well as improve operations."

Smith arrived at Saint Vincent after a seven-year tenure with Steward Healthcare, which culminated in his role as chief operating officer of Steward's flagship hospital, St. Elizabeth's Medical Center in Boston. He helped lead the organization's response to the pandemic, worked with physician leaders to grow and develop service lines, and guided large-scale capital projects.

Before joining Steward, Smith spent a decade at Cambridge Health Alliance, where he worked his way up to director of surgery and anesthesia. His mentors at the three-urban hospital alliance noticed his leadership potential, and urged him to earn a master's degree.

"I was self-taught, and my colleagues suggested that getting my master's would be beneficial to my personal development—and they were right," he says.

"Earning my graduate degree at UMass Lowell really helped me apply research to on-the-ground experiences at the hospitals that I worked for," says Smith. "Everyday problems arise that need to be dealt with, but I feel that I have the experience and knowledge needed to find the best solutions." —KA

> CLOSE-UP CLASS OF 2005

FASHION WITH A PURPOSE

BY ED BRENNEN



Carly (Hopkin) Burson '05 joined the retail fashion industry as an escape. A couple of years into her career as a social worker, the psychology alumna from Boylston, Massachusetts, hit “rock bottom” after eight clients died from overdoses in a single year.

“I needed to take a break, step away and take care of myself a little bit better,” says Burson, who took what she thought would be a short-term job with Banana Republic as a visual director. Before long, she was recruited by J. Crew to work as a visual merchandising manager in New York City.

In 2014, she and her husband, Kyle Burson (the couple met at UMass Lowell, where they both played soccer) adopted a daughter, Elie, from Ethiopia. While visiting the orphanage, Burson witnessed how economic insecurity in the developing world forced mothers, many of whom worked in the garment industry, to give up their children. She had an epiphany: The fashion industry was holding people in poverty, and she was contributing to it.

“I decided I wanted to create something that would honor the people that make our products,” says Burson, who founded LAUDE the Label, a socially conscious company that partners with struggling women around the world to provide living wages in exchange for their sustainable, artisanal apparel and accessories.

“I went to school for psychology and social work, so I love that I am now using those skills and those passions,” she says. “I love fashion as well, but I’m probably the one on the team that cares the least about it. It’s really the medium that we use to empower women.”

What started eight years ago as a side hustle, with a half-dozen women employed in Guatemala and Honduras, has grown into a full-fledged business, with 550 artisan makers working in 12 female-led design cooperatives in five countries (Haiti, India and Peru now included). Burson also employs 10 women at the company’s home office/boutique in Fort Worth, Texas, where she and Kyle are raising their family. Seven years ago, they adopted a teenage mom, Pricila, through refugee services; the Bursons are now grandparents to her daughter, Flory.

“I grew up feeling a strong responsibility to other women,” says Burson, who watched her aunt, Lori Connell, start a nonprofit in Honduras called Mi Esperanza that offers free skills training, education

and meaningful employment through various mediums, including jewelry making. Today, all of LAUDE the Label’s jewelry is made by the nonprofit.

The apparel, meanwhile, is made almost entirely from upcycled or organic materials, such as cotton and linen. The label’s collections of dresses, jumpers and separates—which are carried by about 150 retailers across the country, including Neiman Marcus, J. Crew and Madewell—come in an array of natural tones like “sand grid,” “coconut milk” and “ginger.”

That’s all by design. The fashion industry is one of the biggest polluters on the planet, generating 10% of global carbon emissions (more than international flights and shipping combined). Cheap, synthetic fibers like polyester are a major source of microplastic pollution. Textile dyes and treatments account for 20% of industrial water pollution. And, thanks to the rise of “fast fashion,” the average American throws away 81 pounds of clothes each year.

“Climate change is our greatest threat, so we want to support initiatives that hopefully leave the Earth in a better place for future generations,” says Burson, who was proud to report that her company achieved its goal of 100% carbon neutrality last year.

Living up to its values of sustainability and social consciousness comes with a price, however. For the first time, the business didn’t turn a profit in 2021, but Burson prefers to measure success by impact. “We approach impact the same way we approach revenue numbers that we need to hit every month,” she says.

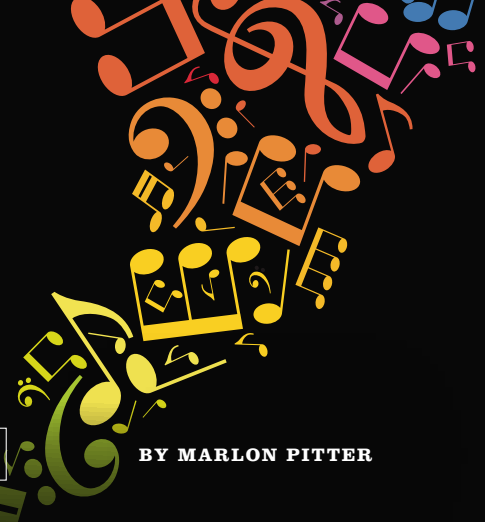
In a capitalist society, where businesses are constantly looking to grow while cutting costs, LAUDE the Label is an anomaly: Burson doesn’t want her company to get too big, and she wants to focus on higher-end clientele so she can increase wages for her makers.

“If I ever recognize that our ethos is being compromised because of how much we’ve grown, my hope is that we’ll prioritize our mission and pull back in order to stay true to our values,” she says. “These days, most of the fashion industry claims to be ethical and sustainable, but garment workers continue to be underpaid and remain trapped in endless cycles of poverty. That reality is unacceptable, and it’s why I’m so focused on moving the industry toward a more humane approach, where we value the Earth and the maker equally to the consumer.” [UML](#)

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CARLY BURSON '05
LAUDE the Label CEO



> CLOSE-UP CLASS OF 2007 BY MARLON PITTER

Through music education, Anthony Beatrice '07 aims to 'amplify all voices'

Anthony Beatrice's '07 path to becoming a music teacher began in Durgin Hall—which he says “was an incubator for me—where I got to expand my leadership skills, my musicianship, ensemble directing, performing and percussion.”

Since earning bachelor's and master's degrees in music education at UML, Beatrice has taught in the Lowell and Pentucket Regional school districts, as well as Merrimack College, Northern Essex Community College and UMass Lowell.

Now, his impact is felt far beyond a single classroom. As the Boston Public Schools executive director for the arts, Beatrice leads a staff of over 300 visual and performing arts educators serving more than 50,000 students across the district. Beatrice says he takes pride in “helping teachers help students.”

Beatrice says the support he received from UML professors like Jeffrey Fischer, Gena Greher, Deb Huber, Daniel Lutz and David Martins paved the way for his academic and professional success.

“They were like my crew,” he says. “They were always checking in on me ... I always had a support team to help move me along.”

Outside of his work for Boston Public Schools, Beatrice (himself a percussionist) directs the Merrimack Valley Community Concert Band, which he's led for 11 seasons. He also advocates for music education across the state as president-elect of the Massachusetts Music Educators Association.

The goal of all his professional and musical endeavors, he says, is to have a lasting impact on everyone he interacts with.

“You really need to open up opportunities to amplify all voices, and that's what I get excited about,” he says. “That's my jam.”



2013

Michael Baker retired from the U.S. military after 21 years of service.

Irving Gadoury recorded two platinum records with Megan Thee Stallion, and received a Grammy nomination for his work on The Beastie Boys Book. [4]

Justin Kopec received a Ph.D. in school psychology in 2020 and recently became a licensed psychologist in the state of Pennsylvania. He is now employed as a psychologist at the UPMC Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh.

Caitlyn (Farren) McIsaac writes, “Alex and I met in 2011 in student government, got engaged in 2012 at my Merrimack Street apartment, had our first mini River Hawk—a pandemic baby in May 2020—and will be taking her to her first Homecoming this fall!”

2014

Courtney Clark '14, '16 writes, “since getting my B.A. and M.S. at UMass Lowell, I have moved to enjoy a slower paced life in the White Mountains in New Hampshire, where I work in my field as the local school district's board certified behavior analyst. I have been able to enjoy the gorgeous environment and have found a positive work and life balance.”

Christopher Federico is an attorney at law, representing clients charged with murder among other serious charges.

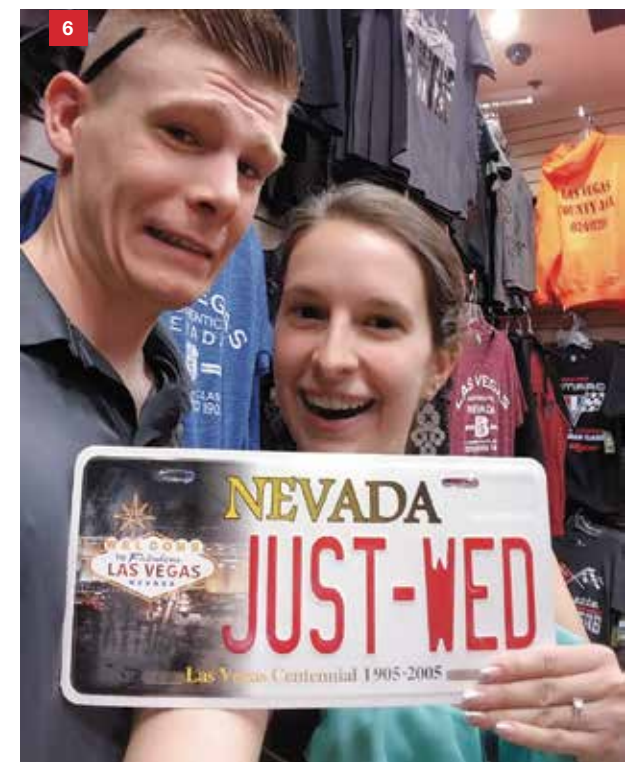
Kari (Olson) Heggie married Matthew Heggie in July 2016 in Salem, Massachusetts. They met while both pursuing music degrees. They welcomed their first child together in January 2020, a son named Jonah. ↴



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5. KELLI CORSETTI '15 (left)
6. SARAH (PACHT) FEOLE '15 AND ANDREW FEOLE '15
7. WIDMAC LATERION '17





Shahjehan Khan '14, '16, standing against the wall with arms folded, shared a scene in "Don't Look Up" with Hollywood heavyweights Meryl Streep, Leonardo DiCaprio, Jennifer Lawrence, Jonah Hill and others.



> CLOSE-UP CLASS OF 2014

BY ED BRENNEN

IT'S GOOD TO BE KING

From his big-screen appearance in 'Don't Look Up' to his 'King of the World' podcast series, Shahjehan Khan '14, '16 proves he's more than a punk rocker

The irony of playing a Homeland Security official in the 2021 film "Don't Look Up" is not lost on Shahjehan Khan '14, '16. "A friend reached out and said, 'I felt a little weird seeing you playing the role. You look like this (expletive) Fed,'" says Khan, who is better known as guitarist and vocalist for The Kominas, the trailblazing Muslim punk band that he started at UML in 2004 with childhood friend Basim Usmani '07—partly in response to rampant Islamophobia in the U.S. following 9/11. For Khan, the son of Pakistani immigrants who was born and raised in Boxborough, Massachusetts, the path from playing songs like "Sharia Law in the USA" at Fox Hall to sharing a scene with Oscar-winners Meryl Streep, Leonardo DiCaprio and Jennifer Lawrence in a major motion picture wasn't always smooth. He recently chronicled his personal journey of addiction, identity and creativity in "King of the World," a seven-part podcast series about what it means to be an American Muslim since the 20 years after 9/11.

"Initially, I didn't want to center another 9/11 story around Muslims because it's a very common thing, and you get kind of sick



of it," says Khan, who quit his job as a behavioral health consultant in February 2021 to produce the podcast with Rife-ion, a media company started by friend Asad Butt. "Then we thought about it as a coming-of-age story because, whether I liked it or not, 9/11 was the most significant event of my life."

While Khan is comfortable speaking through his music to Kominas fans around the world, opening up on the podcast about his battles with addiction (he's been sober for over a decade) and a failed suicide attempt in his freshman year at UMass Amherst "felt like a therapy session."

"You couldn't half-ass this, because it would be kind of pointless," says Khan, who recorded the podcast in his closet-turned-home studio in Winthrop, Massachusetts, where he lives with his wife, Lauren.

He also uses the studio for his work as a voice-over artist, a career that began in 2009 when a producer from Audible heard him being interviewed with his band on NPR. Since then, Khan has voiced everything from audiobooks and the podcast series RomComPods (which debuted at No. 1 on Apple's fiction charts) to an anti-drunk driving campaign for the Rhode Island Department of Transportation.

Khan's love of acting, which he developed at UML in theater productions like Shakespeare's "The Tempest," has led to a half-dozen roles in independent films over the past two years—as well as the nonspeaking "featured extra" role in "Don't Look Up," which was filmed in Boston during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Even though I'm only in one scene for like a second and a half, it was still the coolest thing ever," says Khan, who had to sequester in a hotel for eight days prior to his one-day shoot.

Khan says there's talk of turning "King of the World" (which is the translation of Shahjehan) into a movie or TV series. The podcast also includes episode guides that educators can use in their curriculum, and Khan has been invited to speak at several schools about his experiences.

After several starts and stops in his own education, Khan says coming to UMass Lowell for a bachelor's degree in psychology and master's degree in community social psychology was "definitely a reawakening of the self, a kind of reopening." A big reason why, he says, was the mentorship of Psychology Assoc. Prof. Jana Sladkova, with whom he co-authored a paper on undocumented migration that took them to Spain.

As for The Kominas, they played the Boston Fuzzstival last September, their first show since the pandemic. "I think we have another album and tour in us, but everyone is doing their own thing right now," says Khan, who has filled the musical void by playing with Ravi Shavi, a Providence-based garage rock band.

"I don't think I've ever had so many projects going on at the same time," he says of his acting, voice and music careers. "I'm one of those people who needs to have a million things going on, or I'm existentially questioning everything." [UML](#)



> CLOSE-UP CLASS OF 2010

BY BROOKE COUPAL

SHE SPENDS HER DAYS THINKING ABOUT SPIDERS

Sandra Correa-Garhwal '10, '12 initially thought she wanted to go to med school after graduating from UMass Lowell, but she got distracted by spiders.

After taking a senior seminar class with biology sciences Assoc. Prof. Jessica Garb, Correa-Garhwal was introduced to Garb's laboratory at Olsen Hall on North Campus, where she says she "fell in love with the research and the process of fundamental inquiry."

Correa-Garhwal ended up staying at UML to earn a master's degree in biotechnology and conducted her thesis research on spitting spiders in Garb's laboratory.

"Without my interaction with Jessica and being at UMass, I would not be in the position I'm at," she says.

Today, she is a postdoctoral fellow at the American Museum of Natural History in New York City, where she researches spider silk. In that capacity, she's collaborating with Garb again, working on a \$1.4 million National Science Foundation-funded study examining a family of net-casting spiders called Deinopidae to understand their specialized sensory system and ingenious use of webs. A collaboration between the museum, UML and Cornell University, the study also aims to gain engineering insight into how the spiders became so skillful in detecting and capturing prey.

"I've been following her career; it's just fantastic to see her really bloom," Garb says of Correa-Garhwal. "She is an incredibly hard-working person and she's very passionate about it, so it's exciting to see her continue."

Correa-Garhwal says it wouldn't have happened without Garb and the rest of the Department of Biological Sciences; she credits the faculty there for helping her succeed when she arrived on campus soon after immigrating to the United States from Colombia.

"UMass Lowell gave me the opportunity to excel," she says. "My bachelor's had a very rocky start. I didn't speak English, because I had just immigrated."

The one-on-one connections she developed with faculty members "definitely made a difference," says Correa-Garhwal, who is also a visiting assistant professor at Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Virginia.



Megan McLaughlin was recently promoted to the role of home care program manager at Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley and North Shore, a local nonprofit organization serving the elderly and people with disabilities.

2015

Kelli Corsetti moved to Hawaii and started her own personal training business. [5]

Matt Enaire has been working at HubSpot for 5 years, and says he is starting to see more UML alumni joining the company. "We're always looking for more folks to join!" he says.

Sarah (Pacht) Feole and **Andrew Feole** married in June 2021 in Hampstead, New Hampshire. They met on campus their senior year, prompting Sarah to write about their relationship for a New York Times Modern Love contest. [6]

Brent Kimball started a new job in medical device manufacturing—knee, hip, and shoulder implants—after working in aerospace manufacturing for six-and-a-half years.

Rohan Joy Mathew started grad school at the George Washington University School of Business.

2016

Thippachanh Phommachanh married their college sweetheart in October 2021, and says, "We met in 2015 in the old business study lounge in Falmouth Hall. The rest is history."

Tyler Valila recently got married in Florida with seven UML grads by his side. Pictured left to right, Officiant Melissa Meotti '15, groom Tyler Vallila '16, Michael Valila, Ryan Mansfield '18, Benjamin Clarkson '17, '20, James Murphy '14, Fabio Braz '16, Jonah Adler '17 and Stephen DePrato '15. ↗



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THE TALE OF THE TRAVELING BANNER



SANDONATO/AUCOIN WEDDING



VALILA WEDDING



SPURR/PICKETT WEDDING



DESJARDINS WEDDING



GERARDI/NEWMAN WEDDING



Coming August 2023

> CLOSE-UP CLASS OF 2015-17

When Ally Desjardins '16 and Sarah Krawiec '16 first "borrowed" the Department of Civil & Environmental Engineering banner from Assoc. Teaching Prof. Ed Hajduk '95, '99, '06 and former department admin Deb Campagna, Desjardins says she "never imagined the journey it would take."

The banner made its first appearance at Desjardins' wedding in Gloucester, Massachusetts, in June 2019, where she married Kevin Desjardins '15 in front of many other UML grads (including Krawiec, Nicole Aucoin '16, Khal Genidy '16, Ian Gervais '15 and Zach Sandonato '16).

Returning the banner to the civil department kept getting delayed, she says—until it made its next appearance at the June 2021 wedding of Ellen Gerardi '16 and Michael Newman '17, in Seabrook, New Hampshire.

It returned to Gloucester in October 2021, to attend the nuptials of Andrew Spurr '15 and Megan Pickett '15.

The banner made its final stop at the wedding of Aucoin and Sandonato in Pasadena, Maryland.

"It was slated to make its next appearance at Tyler Valila's wedding the following weekend but, unfortunately, it was left at the Sandonato wedding venue and was lost," Desjardins says.

Valila '15 (whose wife is not pictured) posed with friend Fabio Braz '15, holding up a white towel, which, thanks to the magic of Photoshop, was later replaced by the banner.

"We had a great run with the old white towel, and it became a unifying thread through so many important moments in our lives," says Desjardins, who

has since "borrowed" a new blue banner from Department Coordinator Michelle Riccio. Its next scheduled appearance is the wedding of Gervais, planned for August 2023 in Maine.

"In the meantime, the banner is safe at my house, and I would encourage any of my fellow alums to reach out if you want the new banner to make an appearance at your special day," says Desjardins, who is an engineering specialist at STV Inc. in Boston.

"I can't say enough great things about this group of alumni," says Hajduk. "Many of them have been to campus this past academic year to help the student groups rebuild from COVID. "Just an absolute fantastic bunch of engineers."

—SC



Alumnae Elizabeth (left) and Laura (right) Kender have been on twin paths since their days as plastics engineering students.

> CLOSE-UP CLASS OF 2016

SOLE SISTERS

BY ED BRENNEN

After living together their entire lives, twin sisters Elizabeth '16, '17 and Laura Kender '16, '17 made a major decision last summer: They were getting their own places in Boston.

They now live a whole two blocks apart. "That was a big transition in our lives," Laura says. "It's been awesome for our personal growth."

The Chelmsford, Massachusetts, natives followed identical paths at UML. They both earned bachelor's and master's degrees in plastics engineering. They both had internships at New Balance. They were teammates on the women's lacrosse team. They participated together in the DifferenceMaker program.

So it's no surprise they now have similar careers in Boston's crowded athletic footwear industry: Elizabeth is a senior product developer at New Balance, and Laura is product developer at Converse. They're both responsible for taking shoes from the

design stage all the way to production, juggling multiple models through the 18-month process.

"We're competitors, so we can't trade secrets," Elizabeth says with a laugh.

"It is funny that we're both in footwear, but we don't talk about work a lot," adds Laura, who has worked on everything at Converse from skateboarding shoes worn by U.S. Olympians to a collection of upcycled Chuck 70s made from pre-worn denim jeans that were sourced by UK-based fashion and vintage retailer, Beyond Retro. She is currently a product developer for women's shoes.

"It's so rewarding to start a project from scratch on paper, working to solve issues and then seeing them in the market or on people's feet," says Laura, who has been known to stop people on the street who are wearing one of her shoe designs and ask to take a picture.

Elizabeth has also climbed the ladder



Exercise Science alumna Caitlin Ciccone '17 with U.S. Men's Alpine Ski Team member Ryan Cochran-Siegle, who won a silver medal in the men's super-G at the Winter Olympics.



> CLOSE-UP CLASS OF 2017

Caitlin Ciccone '17 Achieves Olympic Dream

Growing up as a ski racer, exercise science alumna Caitlin Ciccone '17 dreamed of going to the Olympics. She recently achieved that dream, although it was a little different than what she originally had in mind.

Ciccone traveled to the Winter Olympic Games in Beijing as the physical therapist for the U.S. Men's Alpine Ski Team. She also works during the year as a physical therapist for the Alpine Ski World Cup, the international circuit for race competitions.

A fierce competitor herself, Ciccone grew up on skis in Bethlehem, New Hampshire, racing with her older brother, Cam. She competed on the women's U.S. Ski Team for eight years and the World Cup for two years, training and racing all over the world. At age 27, she decided to enroll in UML's Exercise Science program.

"I have always been interested in the human body and wanted to continue to be involved in athletics," says Ciccone. "The UMass Lowell exercise physiology program prepared me so well for graduate school."

After she graduated from UML in 2017, Ciccone was drawn to the mountains once again. She earned a Doctor of Physical Therapy degree at the University of Montana, where she could both study and ski.

"I'm excited to be back to ski racing as a physical therapist, helping athletes perform at their best," she says. "I am so happy with where my life has taken me. I've realized my ultimate goal." —KA

Michael Wild retired from the U.S. Air Force after 26 and a half years of service as a chief master sergeant.

2017

Widmac Laterion recently became a flight paramedic for Dartmouth Hitchcock Advanced Response Team. [7]

Thomas MacLeod '17, '19 is living in Cape Cod working as an assistant security supervisor for Hy-Line Cruises, Hyannis, Massachusetts, and assigned security duties on Nantucket.

2018

Oluwatosin Aliu started as a Ph.D. candidate at UMass Lowell.

2019

Omoladé Adeniyi will begin dental school at Boston University this fall, a career shift. After graduating with a public health degree, she's spent the past three years working as a clinical research specialist in the Boston Children's Hospital Division of Hematology/Oncology. ↗



Julia Renaghan says she bought her first house.



> CLOSE-UP CLASS OF 2021

BY KAREN ANGELO

BREAKING DOWN BORDERS

Seventeen days shy of receiving her public health degree, Kelsey Gonzalez '21 (above, right) was diagnosed with stage 2A Hodgkin lymphoma.

"Despite the emotional and physical difficulties of the treatment, I refused to let this disease take control of my life," says Gonzalez, the first in her family to graduate from college. "What's more, I have used it to fuel my passion for working in the public health field."

During treatment, she was reminded of what she learned in class: Access to excellent health care is a privilege that not all can depend upon.

"I was fortunate for the care I received," she says, "but it begged the question of what if excellent health care for all wasn't a reflection of race, socioeconomic status or location?"

This led her to pursue a position caring for asylum seekers at the U.S.-Mexico border. In her role as program manager for global disaster response and humanitarian action at Massachusetts General Hospital's Center for Global Health, Gonzalez works with partner nongovernmental organizations to provide emergency humanitarian medicine to people living in makeshift refugee camps in Reynosa and Matamoros in Mexico.

Under a U.S. policy that prohibits asylum seekers from entering the U.S. until their claims are processed in court, thousands are awaiting immigration proceedings in crowded shelters, makeshift camps or on the streets.

"Working on the border has further opened my eyes to how much advancement is needed at a global scale to improve the quality of life of vulnerable populations," she says, adding that her experiences at UML formed the foundation of her desire to help others.

During her junior year, Gonzalez traveled to Valencia, Spain, to work with an NGO that defends migrant rights and their access to citizenship. She collaborated with a team to design and implement health education programs.

And to better understand the role of culture on mental health stigma, she conducted an honors research project in her senior year investigating mental health disparities among first-generation students.

"God put me exactly where I needed to be," she says. "The people that I met and am blessed to know are what made my time at UML an incredible experience."

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UMASS LOWELL UNIVERSITY *Alumni* AWARDS 2022

2022 Alumni Awards: UML Honors 10 Grads Across Colleges, Fields

UMass Lowell recognized 10 distinguished graduates for their service to the campus and community with the presentation of the 2022 University Alumni Awards.

“These honors single out those stars among us who epitomize UMass Lowell values: hard work, integrity, compassion and stewardship,” says Executive Director of Alumni and Donor Relations Heather Makrez Allen '06, '08, '21. “We are proud to celebrate them with these awards and recognize their many contributions to their alma mater.”

A ceremony honoring the recipients was held at the UMass Lowell Inn & Conference Center in April, capping the university's annual Days of Giving, a two-day fundraising campaign to support the success of UMass Lowell students.

Alumni award honorees were selected from graduates of each of UMass Lowell's schools and colleges. This year, the awards recognized three outstanding young alumni and seven additional honorees, including two couples, each of whom have made UMass Lowell, and service to others, a priority in their lives. The award recipients are:

Kristine Beaudette '74 and Louis Beaudette '74:

Kristine is a graduate of the School of Education and a former schoolteacher at Nottingham West Elementary School in Hudson, New Hampshire. Louis, a graduate of the Kennedy College of Sciences, is board of directors' chairman, founder and former president of Admix Inc., a manufacturer of mixing equipment based in Londonderry, New Hampshire. Louis serves on the Kennedy College of Sciences Advisory Board and together, the couple established the Admix Inc. Endowed Scholarship Fund, which supports participants in UMass Lowell's UTeach Program. The initiative gives students majoring in science, technology, engineering or mathematics the opportunity to investigate and prepare for a career as a high school teacher in any of those subjects. [1]

Janice Lemoine '00 and Richard Lemoine '96:

Named in 2018 as one of the top “50 Leaders in 50 Years” by the university's Solomont School of Nursing, Janice has served as a quality assurance registered nurse at the Greater Lawrence Family Health Center in Lawrence, Massachusetts. Richard earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice in 1996 and went on to pursue public health graduate studies. He is the former executive director of administrative services, environmental and emergency management at UMass Lowell, where his career spanned more than four decades. The couple established the R.J.K.B. Lemoine Endowed Scholarship Fund to support graduate students studying public health or nursing. [2]

Natalie Olson '88: A resident of San Diego, California, Olson is a graduate of the College of Fine Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences. She is a former parent educator and

consultant, having served at the Mounds View School District Working Family Resource Center in Shoreview, Minnesota. She and her husband, Chris, established the Chris C. Olson '88 & Natalie Tappay Olson '88 and Family Endowed Scholarship Fund to help first-generation college students at the university. While pursuing her graduate degree at UMass Lowell, Olson worked closely with Chancellor Moloney, who played an instrumental role in her life. [3]

Jon Geanakos '84: A graduate of the Manning School of Business, Geanakos was recently the executive managing director and global co-head of investor client relations at Jones Lang LaSalle Americas Inc. A varsity lacrosse player during his years at UMass Lowell, Geanakos holds a bachelor's degree in business administration and serves on the university's Manning School of Business and athletics advisory boards. He also served on UMass Lowell's Inauguration Host Committee, when Chancellor Moloney was installed as UMass Lowell's chancellor in 2015, and as a member of the Campaign Cabinet for the recently completed “Our Legacy, Our Place” fundraising effort. [4]

Toby Hodes '58: A grad of the UMass Lowell Francis College of Engineering, Hodes is a former buyer/contract administrator for General Electric Co., and holds a bachelor's degree in textile chemistry from Lowell Technological Institute. She is the former longtime president of the university's Learning in Retirement Association, which provides educational and enrichment opportunities to older adults. Together with her late husband, Lawrence Hodes, she established the Larry and Toby Hodes Discretionary Endowment to support students in UMass Lowell's Honors College. [5]

Young Alumni Awards were presented to:

Kelly Freitas '16 (left): An art director at Imarc in Amesbury, Massachusetts, Freitas was honored for service as a volunteer graphic designer for many UMass Lowell projects and other organizations in the community. She also serves as a member of UMass Lowell's Young Alumni Council, which connects recent grads to their alma mater. A standout on the River Hawks field hockey team as an undergraduate, Freitas is a UMass Lowell “True Blue” donor who contributes in support of the squad.

Kelly Michael Skelton '18, '19 (middle): A resident of Austin, Texas, Skelton is a special projects and operations manager with the consumer goods company Thrasio. He was honored for innovation and success as a young business leader. At UMass Lowell, he established the Dorothy Rowell and Leo Virgin Endowed Scholarship, which provides support to Manning School of Business commuter students involved in student activities.

Lucy Wafo '11, '13 (right): The Washington, D.C., resident is a staff pharmacist with Johns Hopkins Medicine, and was honored for her contributions to the community. Along with her volunteer work assisting UMass Lowell graduate students, Wafo co-founded The Mission, a nonprofit organization that provides free medical access and education to underserved communities.

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INVITATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS

NOV. 5-8 2023

UMass Lowell will undergo a comprehensive evaluation visit on Nov. 5-8, 2023, by a team representing the New England Commission of Higher Education.

The New England Commission of Higher Education is one of seven accrediting commissions in the U.S. that provide institutional accreditation on a regional basis. Accreditation is voluntary and applies to the institution as a whole. The Commission, which is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education, accredits approximately 220 institutions in New England as well as several American-style institutions overseas.

UMass Lowell has been accredited by the Commission since 1975 and was last reviewed in 2013.

For the past year and a half, UMass Lowell has been engaged in a process of self-study, addressing the Commission's Standards for Accreditation. An evaluation team will visit the institution to gather evidence that the self-study is thorough and accurate. The team will recommend to the Commission a continuing status for the institution. Following a review process, the Commission itself will take the final action.

The public is invited to submit comments regarding the institution to:

Public Comment on UMass Lowell
New England Commission of Higher Education
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Burlington, MA 01803-4514
E-mail: info@neche.org

Public Comments must address substantive matters related to the quality of the institution. The Commission cannot settle disputes between individuals and institutions, whether those involve faculty, students, administrators or members of other groups. Comments will not be treated as confidential and must include the name, address, and telephone number of the person providing the comments. Public Comments must be received by Nov. 8, 2023.

IN MEMORIAM

CLASS YEAR	NAME	CLASS YEAR	NAME
1937	F. Thelma (Annis) Blakeman	1971	Raymond F. Boucher
1942	Cyril N. Harper	1971	Dana G. Burnham
1948	James M. Reynolds	1971	Paul S. Hapgood
1949	Richard L. Hallett	1972	Christine C. (Tierney) Blake
1950	Robert E. Cummings	1972	Paul F. Gillis
1950	Priscilla R. (Roux) DiSciullo	1972	Norman R. Guilbeault
1950	Sumner B. Goldman	1972	Martina F. McCormack
1950	Joan (Dukeshire) Shelton	1972	Harold L. Weisse
1950	Robert M. Sheroff	1972	Chester R. Whitten
1950	Irwin J. Volin	1974	Olga (Natsios) Davis
1951	Gerard W. Hirschhorn	1974	Paul R. Guay
1951	Jay S. Salomon	1974	Louise Hart
1952	Henry J. McKone	1975	William E. Barnhart
1953	Sanford Brandt	1975	Gerald R. Buckley
1953	Constance P. (Panagiotopoulos) Muldrow	1975	Alan W. McGillivray
1953	Ann M. (Regan) Sousa	1976	Patricia A. (Clark) Kidder
1953	Joan E. (Kenney) Vinal	1976	Richard J. Whalen
1954	Barbara M. (Burke) Glasheen	1977	Milton C. Francis
1954	Mary E. (Connor) Hopkins	1977	Ellen N. (Budge) Stumpf
1955	Donald W. Frazee	1979	Mark N. Gaulin
1955	Hope P. (Crowley) Heath	1982	Donald J. Burke
1955	Stanley W. Stein	1982	Shawn M. Lang
1956	James T. Davies	1983	Andrew W. Barrett
1957	Jack A. Perry	1983	Andrew Routsis
1958	Edward J. Barrett	1985	Kathleen M. (Brown) Bailey
1958	Raymond W. Michaud	1985	Stephen L. Day
1959	John L. MacAdams	1985	Mary Lou (Langan) Hubbell
1960	Edward C. Kiluk	1987	Edward J. Caselden
1960	James P. Nibi	1987	John M. Lynch
1960	Harriet E. (Keville) Pugh	1988	Michelle V. Dickens-Weil
1960	Maureen L. (Boyce) Roloff	1989	Wayne G. Chesley
1960	Phyllis H. (Healy) Russell	1990	Susanne M. Lavery
1961	George A. Chamberas	1991	Christopher Evasius
1962	Francis P. Balas	1991	Nicolasa P. Mancke
1962	Raymond C. Des Marais	1992	Scot J. Schermerhorn
1962	Lester C. Fleishman	1993	Gary Comins
1962	John P. Kennealy	1994	Gerard B. Leary
1962	Anne M. (Gaudette) Meservey	1995	Daniel P. Carignan
1962	Allan Rain	1995	Steven M. Ciriello
1963	Ellen (Papulis) Simorellis	1996	Valquirio N. Carvalho
1964	Mary J. (Fisher) Austin	1996	Peter A. Di Ciero
1964	Phillip A. Gianatasio	1998	Rene T. Akasa
1965	Thomas P. Donovan	1999	Jessica E. Bruce-Courson
1965	Richard W. Duquette	2006	Daniel Bedard
1966	Patricia C. (Minihan) Cerrutti	2010	Christopher S. Laursen
1966	Joseph C. Day		John Thomas Christian
1967	Bonnie C. Bearse		Thomas G. Elliot
1968	Bhanumati Jariwala		Maureen Ann Howley
1968	Robert K. Lyle		Stuart L. Mandell
1968	John E. Matheson		James T. Maughan
1968	William E. Rider		Matthew Orenstein
1969	Judith F. Melillo		James P. Phelps
1970	John M. Banas		Harry Rubinstein
			William Moeller

RETRACTION: Alumnus Norman R. Lombardi '78 was mistakenly listed as deceased in the last issue of this magazine. We regret the error.



UML'S ORIGINAL STORYTELLER: MARY LOU HUBBELL (1948-2022)

Mary Lou Hubbell '85, founder and longtime editor of this magazine, died earlier this year after an extended illness.

Mary Lou was instrumental in shaping the communications and marketing arm of UMass Lowell, dedicating more than three decades to helping build the university's reputation. In the early days, she—along with a rotating staff of one or two other part-timers in "News and Publications"—did everything: They were reporters, writers, editors, designers, photographers, advertising reps, postal workers—even typesetters.

Mary Lou—or "ML," as her co-workers called her—retired in June 2014 as director of publications. On her watch, the alumni magazine evolved from a homegrown publication produced on a shoestring budget to a glossy winner of dozens of industry awards.

Mary Lou's spunk, storytelling and endless quest to find the "good stuff" in life—both in her role at UML and later, in retirement—are greatly missed by many.

She is survived by her husband, Richard, and their three children and six grandchildren.

Mary Lou Hubbell, back row center, led the winning team in the UMass Lowell Trivia Night to Benefit the Sacred Heart Scholarship Fund a few years ago, including husband Richard (to her left), magazine editor Sarah Corbett (to her right) and, sitting left to right: Wendy and Dave Perry, Jill Gambon, and Kristin and Chris Nichols.

Events Calendar

For the latest information on locations and other details, go to alumni.uml.edu.

SEPTEMBER

PLASTICS ENGINEERING GOLF TOURNAMENT
Friday, Sept. 16, 11 a.m.

EMERGING SCHOLARS 11TH ANNIVERSARY
Thursday, Sept. 29, 6 p.m.

LAWYERS, MOCK TRIAL AND PRE-LAW SOCIETY ALUMNI RECEPTION
Thursday, Sept. 22, 6:30 p.m.

OCTOBER

RIVER HAWK HOMECOMING ALUMNI AND FAMILY WEEKEND
Sept. 30-Oct. 8



NOVEMBER

SOUNDS OF PORTUGAL: AN EVENING OF FADO MUSIC
Saturday, Nov. 5, 7:30 p.m.



RIVER HAWK HOCKEY IN BELFAST, NORTHERN IRELAND
(alumni, students, families & friends are invited)
Nov. 25 & 26

AN ACCIDENTAL TIME CAPSULE

When Prof. Emeritus Stephen Orroth '66 retired from the Plastics Engineering Department seven years ago, Prof. Stephen Johnston '07 gladly inherited a vintage wooden bookcase from his second-floor office at Ball Hall.

"I liked the bookcase because it was an older style—classier than the new Ikea junk—and I didn't want to see it get thrown away," says Johnston.

While in his office one day this spring, Johnston noticed that one of the two drawers at the bottom of the bookcase wasn't closing completely. He removed the drawer and discovered some old papers lodged in the back of the opening. Among them was a remarkable find: an unused season ticket from the 1925 Lowell Textile Institute baseball season.

"I was struck by how a piece of history that had been lost for nearly a century suddenly appears in my office, almost like a time capsule," Johnston says of the white, business card-sized ticket that, with the exception of a faint stain in one corner, was in near-mint condition. "I've heard all the stories about Lowell Tech, and we have fantastic alumni from the institution, and here I am holding a piece of original Lowell Textile Institute memorabilia."

Atop the front of the ticket are the numbers 1-9, which could be punched for each of the team's nine home games that season. On the back of the ticket is the team's full 11-game schedule, which it finished 4-6 (the season finale against Saint Michael's was canceled). Two of the schools that Lowell Tech played that season—Boston University and the University of New Hampshire—no longer have baseball programs.

The 1925 season was the first (and only) for Coach George "Lefty" Tyler, a former major league pitcher who helped lead the Boston Braves past the Philadelphia Athletics in the 1914 World Series. A native of Derry, New Hampshire, Tyler also pitched for the Chicago Cubs in the 1918 World Series, which they lost to Babe Ruth and the Boston Red Sox. Tyler, who died in Lowell in 1953 at the age of 63, won 127 games in his 12-year big league career.

The 1925 season ticket also lists the names of team captain Andrew Scanlon '25 (described in *The Pickout* yearbook as "a true sportsman and an athlete of more than ordinary ability"), Manager Eddie Weinstein and Director of Athletics L.H. Cushing, namesake of the Cushing Field Complex.

Johnston, who gave the ticket to the Advancement Office so it could be shared with alumni, has been trying to retrace the history of the bookcase. The plastics program started in 1954 in the basement of Pasteur Hall (now Dandeneau Hall) and moved to Ball Hall in 1964. Orroth joined the Plastics Department a few years later and Johnston figures "he must have inherited a bookcase that was at least 40 years old when he moved into the office." —EB

THEN...



BASEBALL SCHEDULE 1925	
April 14—Fitchburg Normal at Lowell.	
April 16—Providence College at Providence.	
April 24—Norwich at Lowell.	
April 27—Colby at Lowell.	
April 29—Boston University at Lowell.	
May 2—Bates at Lowell.	
May 7—Villa Nova at Lowell.	
May 14—University of New Hampshire at Durham.	
May 16—Northeastern at Lowell.	
May 23—Worcester Polytechnic at Lowell.	
May 30—St. Michael's at Lowell.	

NOW...



Sophomore infielder
Brandon Fish



Almost a century later, the UML baseball team is coached by Ken Harring. In March, he earned his 500th career win with the River Hawks' 17-3 rout of Holy Cross. In May, UML made it to the America East championship game for the first time in program history. "Seeing the season ticket from 1925, I immediately imagined what the players were wearing and how the field looked," Harring says. "Baseball carries on for generations. The uniforms and fans change over time, but the game and the field remain the same. There is no other game like it."



PASSING THE TORCH

As Chancellor Jacquie Moloney steps down and returns to the faculty, longtime Vice Chancellor for Research and Innovation Julie Chen takes office as the fourth chancellor of UMass Lowell. “In the 25 years that I’ve worked with Julie, she has been a trusted colleague and friend,” says Moloney. “She is a tremendous administrator and an even better person. She is unquestionably the dynamic visionary that our students, faculty, staff and alumni deserve as their next leader.”