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GOING GREEN

In 2007, Framingham State University became one of the signatories of the American College & University Presidents’ Climate Commitment (ACUPCC), which has an ultimate goal of eliminating carbon emissions from higher education campuses and infusing sustainability into curricula nationwide. It’s been 10 years since the University set a course toward carbon neutrality, and, while there is much work to be done, I can tell you with confidence that environmental stewardship has become a part of our institutional identity.

This issue of *Framingham State Magazine* reflects on the considerable efforts the University has undertaken to become a leader in environmental responsibility, as well as some of our plans for the future. You will read about the University’s comprehensive Climate Action Plan, which details our past efforts and sets goals for upcoming years. You will also learn about the critical role our Student Green Team plays in educating and inspiring action among their peers, as well as new majors that have been launched in Environmental Studies and Sustainability and Environmental Science and Policy.

As the campus has grown in recent years, we’ve sought to ensure that our new facilities meet the highest standards for environmental design. Each of our last three major construction projects on campus have all earned LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification.

While we’ve taken numerous tangible steps to reduce our carbon emissions on campus, we have also begun tapping the considerable brainpower of our students and faculty to address one of the pivotal issues of our time—climate change. The Framingham State University Center for Climate Change Education takes an interdisciplinary approach to teaching about this crucial issue.

All of these efforts have combined to make Framingham State an environmental leader among colleges and universities in the United States, earning us recognition as a “Green College” by the *Princeton Review*. I hope our alumni and friends share in the pride felt on campus by our students, faculty and staff as we continue to push to lead in these areas for years to come.

Best wishes,

*F. Javier Cevallos*

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at Framingham  
State University

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The year 2007 was a busy one for the environment at Framingham State. That was when the University launched a new major, Environmental Science and Policy, and hosted the first-in-the-nation climate teach-in. That event, which has become an annual affair, is a week where departments ranging from English to Physics teach about climate change from the perspective of their disciplines in concert with community-wide events.



In May 2007, FSU became one of the signatories of the American College & University Presidents' Climate Commitment (ACUPCC), an effort to eliminate carbon emissions from higher education campuses and infuse sustainability into the campus curriculum and operations. Also that spring, a University-wide committee began work on a Climate Action Plan. This was in response to a state executive order mandating reductions in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption for all state agencies and institutions.

Associate Professor of Geography Carl Hakansson, who led the team that wrote the first Climate Action Plan, calls this "harmonic convergence." In his dual role as the University sustainable policies coordinator, Hakansson continues to work with the group to update the plan each year.



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—Ralph Eddy '96



## Shrinking footprint



The hard work that began a decade ago has been paying dividends ever since. "We're doing very well on the Climate Action Plan—and in some areas, much better than I expected," Hakansson continues. "The initial plan had what I thought were 'pie-in-the-sky' ideas, goals I thought we might never achieve."

Top on that list was converting the University's power plant from oil to natural gas, which happened in 2013. "It's not sexy, but it certainly has had the biggest impact on greenhouse gas emissions," says Dr. Dale Hamel, executive vice president for administration, finance and technology. "That alone has reduced emissions by 33 percent and will save the University \$15 million over the 20-year life of the system."

The second of those pie-in-the-sky goals involved dining services, which is a water-intensive operation. "Next to the power plant, we have the biggest environmental impact of any department at the University," explains Ralph Eddy '96, dining services general manager. "We converted all of the walk-in coolers from water chilled to air chilled, which saved 550,000 gallons of water a year. We eliminated lunch trays in the dining hall and installed water-saving dishwashers." Thanks to support from Sodexo, the University's food service provider, FSU also embarked on a comprehensive composting program. "With the renovation of the dishwashing facility, we were able to install food dehydrators, which turn food waste into pulp."



# Building success



That pulp is “ground up for either compost or to feed livestock. This has reduced the amount of waste by 75 percent,” Eddy notes. “Sodexo is really a leader in sustainability among contract food services, just as FSU is a leader in sustainability among colleges and universities. We’re way ahead of the curve.”

Hakansson agrees. “When we go to sustainability conferences, other colleges and universities are talking about things they are doing as initiatives—and they are things we’ve been doing for five years,” he says.

The 2007 state executive order made all the difference, according to Warren Fairbanks, former associate vice president of facilities and capital planning. That’s because it created a new type of state bond, which allowed the University to borrow money to make these improvements and use subsequent savings to pay it back. “Previously, the cost of doing any of this was prohibitive,” Fairbanks says. “The only way we could have done it would have been to raise student fees, which wasn’t an attractive option.”

In addition to converting existing facilities, Framingham State has also made great sustainability strides on the new construction front. The University’s three newest buildings are all LEED certified, which stands for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design. LEED is a designation granted by the U.S. Green Building Council, a nonprofit organization that promotes sustainable building practices. West Hall and North Hall, both student residence halls, received LEED Gold certification, while Hemenway Laboratories, the new science center, scored Silver. “That’s actually impressive for a science building,” observes Fairbanks.

In spring 2016, Framingham State University acquired the Warren Conference Center and Inn in Ashland, a beautiful 65-acre property bordered by Ashland State Park and conservation land. “Students and faculty now have access to a real-life outdoor laboratory that includes forests, wetlands and streams,” says Hakansson. For all of these efforts, the *Princeton Review* named Framingham State University as one of the top 200 schools in the country for environmental initiatives in its “Guide to Green Colleges” in 2014, 2015 and 2016.



# Changing behaviors

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What’s next on the list? “Ironically, it’s recycling,” says Hakansson. “It’s a no brainer, and it doesn’t cost anything. But we’ve lagged behind.” The difficulty is that students rotate through every four years, which means continual education efforts on what can and can’t be recycled. “It’s been a difficult nut to crack.”

The Green Team, a student club emanating from the Climate Action Plan, was founded to help with these education efforts. Maeghan Dos Anjos ’10 was one of the founding members and served as club president when she was a senior. “Our job was to make the campus aware of sustainability and conservation efforts related to the Climate Action Plan,” says Dos Anjos, who is now the conservation agent for the town of Ashland. “We did a green fair; we showed a documentary, *Flow: For the Love of Water*, and then hosted a discussion. We even had a month-long competition among residence halls for energy savings. The winning residence hall—Larned Hall—got a pizza party. The competition saved 7,546 kilowatt hours of electricity and 400,000 gallons of water among the six residence halls, realizing \$8,000 in energy savings.”

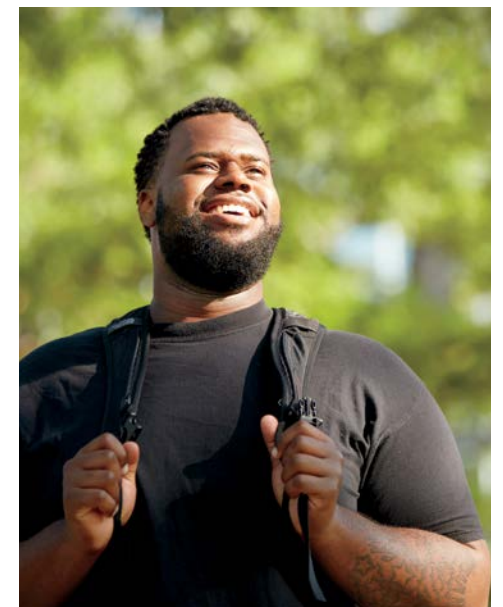
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—Carl Hakansson

Of course, the activity of clubs varies as passionate students graduate and new students take their place and get up to speed. Recently in a lull, the Green Team was revitalized this past year with new student leadership, including club secretary Kristen Buchanan ’17. “We had campus cleanups in the fall and spring. We also had volunteer teams who raked leaves in the quad, which reduced fumes and noise from leaf blowers,” Buchanan says. “And we did a concert to raise funds in support of the Standing Rock Sioux protest against the Dakota Access Pipeline.”

One of the revitalized Green Team’s goals is to increase campus recycling. “A lot of people don’t realize what can and can’t be recycled,” Buchanan observes. “If you throw a half-full bottle of water into the recycling bin, you contaminate the whole thing, making it trash. We’re definitely interested in educating people to promote more recycling.”

“Changing behavior is difficult—any social scientist will tell you that,” observes Hamel. “Short-term contests have produced great results, but the results don’t last. To me, the missing piece is education.”







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FSU ACQUIRED A 65-ACRE  
CONSERVATION SPACE



## In the classroom



Hamel says that's why he is excited about new developments in that area, including a new major, Environmental Studies and Sustainability, and a brand-new academic center: the Center for Climate Change Education. C3E, as it's called for short, was launched in 2015. "It had been a dream of mine," says Vandana Singh, professor and chair of the Department of Physics and Earth Science. Singh, who was involved in the first climate teach-in in 2007, co-founded the center along with Professor Larry McKenna in Physics and Earth Science and Visiting Lecturer Kevin Surprise in Geography.

"Climate change is a wicked problem, meaning it's very, very hard," Singh continues. "It's bigger than just science. It involves politics, psychology and policy. Teaching about climate change has to be interdisciplinary." The first two years of C3E have been exploratory as the group determines needs on campus and in the community for teaching, communication and action. "We've done surveys and found lots of interesting trans-disciplinary efforts—a rich brew of ideas and people across departments who are talking about this and working on this. We hope to hire a full-time director in the spring."

One of C3E's first products is a cross-disciplinary middle school curriculum on climate change, developed by McKenna and Surprise. "They looked at the state frameworks for social science and natural science to determine how to incorporate content about climate change. Last summer, they offered a workshop on the curriculum for middle school teachers," adds Singh. This summer, the pair expanded on that effort, presenting a workshop for K-12 teachers, co-sponsored with the Christa Corrigan McAuliffe Center, called "New Visions for a Changing World: Toward a Pedagogy of Climate Change." In November, they will share ideas and resources at the Massachusetts Association of Science Teachers Conference.

"We are unique," says Singh. "We look around at other universities that have centers on climate change, and there's nothing truly interdisciplinary. C3E is consistent with Framingham State's educational mission."

"There is an urgent need for rigorous, transdisciplinary climate change education in both formal and informal settings," she concludes. "It is vital that we create climate-change literate citizens and leaders, and assist communities facing the impacts of climate change. Framingham State University has the capacity, and—as a public liberal arts institution—the obligation, to take up this challenge."

### President Cevallos Commits to Paris Climate Accord

In May, Framingham State President F. Javier Cevallos joined with business leaders, investors, mayors, governors and other college presidents from around the country in reaffirming a commitment to meeting the provisions laid out in the Paris climate agreement.

The move came in a letter titled "We Are Still In," which was released shortly after the United States announced plans to withdraw from the Paris Agreement.

"States, cities, colleges and universities, businesses and investors, representing a sizeable percentage of the U.S. economy will pursue ambitious climate goals, working together to take forceful action and to ensure that the U.S. remains a global leader in reducing emissions," the letter reads.

President Cevallos says he felt a responsibility to join onto the letter given the threat posed by climate change and the overwhelming scientific consensus that fossil fuel emissions are the greatest contributor to that threat.

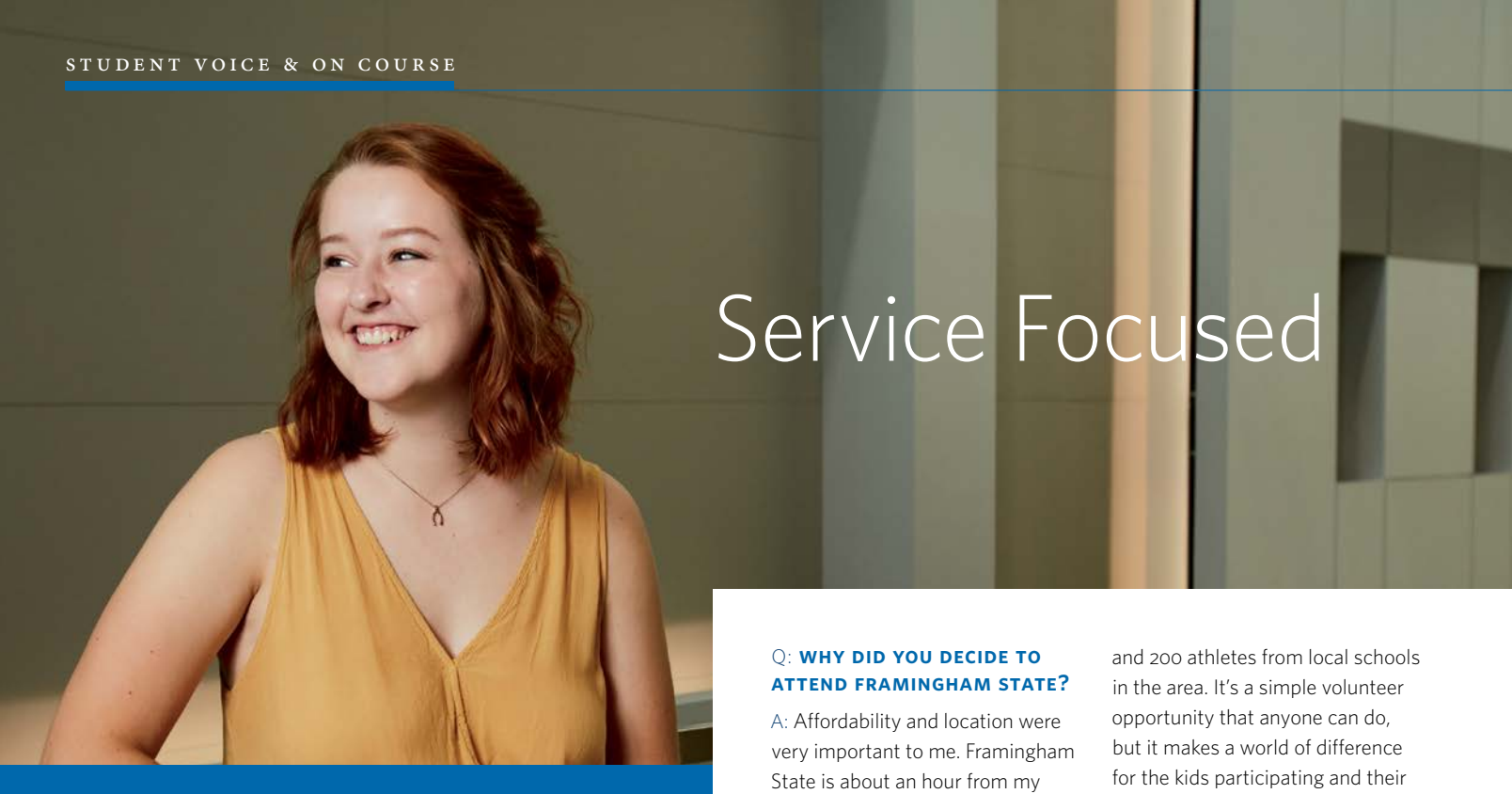
"The FSU community cares deeply about environmental stewardship," Cevallos says. "Through the work of our Center for Climate Change Education, we intend to be a leader in the efforts to combat the threats posed by climate change."



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—Vandana Singh





# Service Focused

## Hailey Small '19

Hailey Small is a junior Elementary Education major at Framingham State University. She is a member of the Commonwealth Honors Program, an intern in the Office of Student Involvement and Leadership Development (SILD) and one of the lead coordinators of the annual Special Olympics MetroWest Unified School Day Games and the Framingham State Relay For Life. She is also the Student Government Association’s social events coordinator and a flight director with the Christa Corrigan McAuliffe Center for Integrated Science Learning.

**Q: WHY DID YOU DECIDE TO ATTEND FRAMINGHAM STATE?**

A: Affordability and location were very important to me. Framingham State is about an hour from my family, which is a good distance, because it provides a buffer space without being too far away. I also knew I wanted to teach, and Framingham State has a good reputation. It’s been great. All of my professors are very passionate about what they are teaching.

**Q: HOW DID YOU GET SO INVOLVED IN SERVICE AT FRAMINGHAM STATE?**

A: I did not know going in that I would be so interested in service, but I did know that I wanted to take advantage of as many opportunities as possible. You only have four years in college, and I wanted to make it the best experience possible. I signed up for all the first-year programs and did Alternative Spring Break, which was a great experience. From there, I got involved with the Special Olympics. It was really about getting my foot in the door early with all these different opportunities.

**Q: WHAT WAS IT LIKE HELPING TO COORDINATE THE SPECIAL OLYMPICS AND RELAY FOR LIFE EVENTS?**

A: The Special Olympics event is a really fantastic way for people to get involved. My first year, we had about 120 student volunteers

and 200 athletes from local schools in the area. It’s a simple volunteer opportunity that anyone can do, but it makes a world of difference for the kids participating and their families to have everyone there cheering them on. This past year, in addition to the track and field events, members of the football team and hockey team ran activities with the kids.

Relay For Life is another really powerful event on campus. It doesn’t seem like walking around a track would be all that powerful, but when you are doing it for eight hours alongside people personally impacted by cancer, it’s very special. We’ve been able to raise a lot of money for the American Cancer Society.

**Q: WHAT DO YOU HOPE TO DO AFTER GRADUATING?**

A: Right now I’m looking at applying to the Peace Corps. I speak French, so I would be interested in serving in a French-speaking country where I could do something related to youth development. That would be for about two and a half years. Afterward, I’d be looking to get my master’s degree and start teaching in the United States.

## Professor Christopher McCarthy-Latimer



Dr. Christopher McCarthy-Latimer is an associate professor and chair of the Political Science Department at Framingham State University. He is also the Pre-Law advisor. Dr. McCarthy-Latimer holds a PhD and a master’s degree from the State University of New York at Albany and a JD from American University Washington College of Law. His areas of specialization include public law, American politics, civic engagement and technology.

# Taking Students to Court

**Q: WHERE DID YOU WORK PRIOR TO COMING TO FRAMINGHAM STATE?**

A: The position I held before I came to Framingham State was associate dean of Endicott College. I realized that I wanted to get back into teaching because it provides me with a better connection to students. I really enjoy teaching and don’t mind the administrative work, so the opportunity to chair the Political Science Department at Framingham State was a good fit. At FSU, I get the chance to know everyone, because it’s a smaller program. I really enjoy it here.

**Q: WHEN DID YOU ESTABLISH THE MOOT COURT SYMPOSIUM AT FSU?**

A: I launched Moot Court in the fall of 2014. Students who sign up for it take part in a competition at Fitchburg State University against students from other universities in the Northeast. Unlike in law school, students are provided with a limited number of cases, usually 15 or 16, that everyone uses. There are two constitutional issues that teams have to wrestle with and then respond to questions from a judge. Being able to think and answer questions on your feet is a very valuable skill for just about any profession. It’s also a good way to meet students at other universities. I enjoy when our students go up against students from schools like Princeton or Northeastern because they realize, “Hey, they’re just like us.”

**Q: ARE THERE A LOT OF PRE-LAW STUDENTS AT FRAMINGHAM STATE?**

A: Right now I’m still working to grow the program. It has not been pushed very hard in the past, but it is becoming more prominent and moving in the right direction. There is a misperception among a lot of students who attend Framingham State that they are not going to be able to get into a good law school. That’s just not true. Law schools care about two things—your GPA and your LSAT score. If you do well in those two areas, you will get into a great law school.

**Q: WHAT IS THE 3+3 PROGRAM YOU LAUNCHED WITH SUFFOLK UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL?**

A: The concept of the 3+3 program has been around at undergraduate universities for many years. You spend three years fulfilling all your major requirements for your bachelor’s degree, which means students need to be vigilant and really pay attention to the courses they are taking. During the fourth year, you go to law school and all the credits come back as electives toward your bachelor’s degree. This allows you to earn a bachelor’s degree and a law degree in just six years, saving time and money. We now have an agreement in place with Suffolk University Law School that allows us to provide this opportunity to students. I’m in the process of reaching out to other law schools in order to expand our 3+3 options.



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Habitat for Humanity  
International CEO

1,019 BACHELOR DEGREES  
CONFERRED

487 MASTER DEGREES  
CONFERRED

71 SUMMA CUM LAUDE

102 MAGNA CUM LAUDE

194 CUM LAUDE

CELEBRATING COMMENCEMENT

One of the largest classes in the history of Framingham State University celebrated commencement on Sunday, May 21, during a beautiful ceremony on the Framingham Town Green.

The University conferred 1,019 bachelor degrees and 487 master degrees during the two ceremonies. Habitat for Humanity International CEO Jonathan Reckford gave the keynote address during the undergraduate ceremony, telling the graduates to avoid measuring success by how much money they make.

“At this point in my life, I’ve met many successful people,” Reckford said. “They are the first to tell me that simply making a lot of money is not very satisfying. Most successful people I’ve known—or known about—are deeply interested in solving a problem.”

The University conferred an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree to Reckford for his work leading Habitat for Humanity. The Class of 2017 also presented him with a check for \$2,500.

U.S. Congressman Seth Moulton (D-MA 6th District) gave the keynote address during the graduate ceremony, telling the students to use failure as an opportunity to grow as individuals. As examples, he discussed how two of the greatest personal failures during his life have helped him to become the person he is today.

“Don’t just face failure, but embrace it and commit yourself to learning from it,” he told graduates. “No matter what happens, don’t give up. Drive on. If you do that, then you’ll do well when it’s hardest, and that’s when it matters most.”

Moulton received an honorary Doctor of Public Service degree from Framingham State during the ceremony. The University also awarded its Citizen Laureate Award to former State Representative Tom Sannicandro, who is currently the director for the Institute for Community Inclusion at UMass Boston.



2017 SPRING  
COMMENCEMENT





## "OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL" CAMPAIGN

Framingham State University has signed on as an early adopter of the "Opportunities for All" campaign, a nationwide effort to raise awareness about the accessibility, affordability and quality of State Colleges and Universities (SCUs).

The campaign was launched by the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU) to showcase how SCUs are committed to providing higher education opportunities to every student, including first-generation and underserved populations.

"Framingham State's commitment to quality and accessibility is a part of our institutional identity," says President F. Javier Cevallos. "The Opportunities for All campaign aligns perfectly with our mission and values at FSU."

The campaign was launched in response to a survey the AASCU commissioned in 2013 to assess public perceptions of SCUs. While the research reaffirmed that these schools provide high-quality, accessible and affordable college opportunities, the public was split on whether college was worth the investment.

Further research showed some key stakeholders—lawmakers, opinion leaders, prospective students, parents and the general public—did not fully understand or appreciate the value of AASCU institutions.

"We need to collectively raise awareness about the importance of state colleges and universities to a region's economic, cultural and social vitality," President Cevallos says.



## Launching New 4+1 Programs

In response to the increasing number of jobs in the Commonwealth requiring advanced degrees, Framingham State has begun exploring ways to save students time and money as they pursue a master's degree.

The University's Graduate Education Council recently approved FSU's first 4+1 programs in English and Biotechnology designed for high-achieving undergraduate students interested in earning a graduate degree in just one additional year.

The programs allow students who meet certain qualifications to begin taking graduate-level courses during their senior year. These courses count toward both a bachelor's and a master's degree, providing them with the opportunity to earn both in just five years.

"The 4+1 program is a wonderful opportunity for highly motivated undergraduate students who already know they would like to pursue a graduate degree," says Dr. Yaser Najjar, Dean of Graduate Studies. "The arrangement allows students to save time and money, and get a leg up on their peers enrolling in traditional graduate programs."

Dr. Sunny Tam, director of FSU's Professional Science Master's (PSM) degree in Biotechnology, says that many

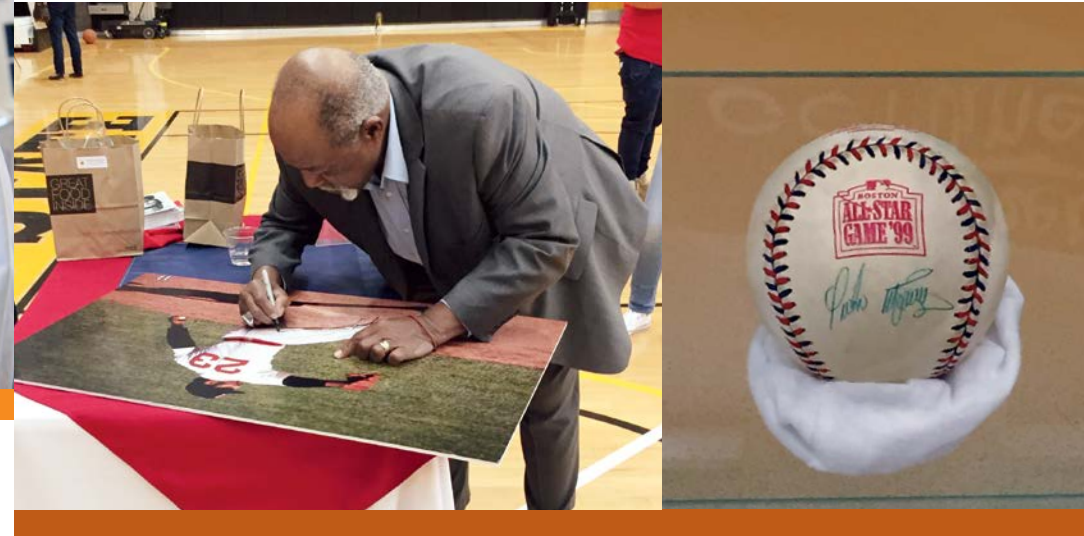
undergraduate students have approached him in recent years seeking advice on how to break into the booming field of biotechnology.

"This is a great opportunity for students to gain early entry and exposure into the industry," says Tam. "Our graduate program is designed for professionals in the industry who are seeking to advance their careers, so students will have classmates working at places like Genzyme and GE. The mentorship and career opportunities are very strong."

Similarly, the English Department's 4+1 program offers students a low-cost, accelerated path to obtaining a graduate degree, which will prepare them for careers in communications, public relations, publishing, marketing, information sciences, human resources, and business and public administration.

"In today's knowledge-based economy, employees who can communicate well and think critically are more valued than ever—especially at the high tech companies in the MetroWest region," says Dr. Desmond McCarthy, chair of the English Department.

## Celebrating Smithsonian Affiliation



Framingham State celebrated its official designation as a Smithsonian Affiliate in May by hosting a special event in partnership with the National Museum of American History and the Boston Red Sox titled, "Latinos and Baseball: In the Barrios and the Big Leagues."

The event was part of a multiyear collecting initiative by the Smithsonian to identify artifacts that reflect the social and cultural influence of the game in Latino communities. The Latino community and the wider community were invited to share artifacts related to their personal baseball experiences or to their favorite Latino baseball players.

"Throughout the 20th century, baseball has been at the heart of Latino communities," says Dr. Margaret Salazar-Porzio, a curator for the National Museum of American History. "By sharing stories and artifacts from our national pastime at events like these, members of the community can make history by providing firsthand knowledge that should be forever preserved at the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History."

Boston Red Sox Hall of Famer Luis Tiant attended the celebration to talk with visitors and sign autographs. The team also provided several historical pieces of memorabilia, including a Ted Williams jersey and a Pedro Martinez autographed baseball from the 1999 All-Star Game at Fenway Park.

Framingham State is one of just six Smithsonian Affiliates in Massachusetts and the only one located at a university. The designation provides the University with many benefits, including access to a wide array of historical resources and traveling exhibits.

"We are truly honored to be recognized as an official Smithsonian Affiliate and thrilled to host our first event in partnership with the National Museum of American History," says FSU President F. Javier Cevallos.

FSU was admitted into the affiliation program due, in part, to the historical value of the University's own collections, including the Christa Corrigan McAuliffe Archives.

**"THROUGHOUT THE 20<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY, BASEBALL HAS BEEN AT THE HEART OF LATINO COMMUNITIES."**



## BRITTANY CORMIER HONORED AT "29 WHO SHINE"

Senior Studio Art major Brittany Cormier was honored by Governor Charlie Baker and state legislators during the annual "29 Who Shine" Awards Ceremony on May 5, 2017, at the Massachusetts State House.

"We congratulate the honorees recognized today for their academic accomplishments and look forward to their continued contributions to the Commonwealth," Baker said. "The '29 Who Shine' awards are an important recognition of the impressive work Massachusetts' college students do to make the Commonwealth's workforce the best in the country."

Cormier is an exemplary student who maintains a 4.0 GPA and is a member of the Commonwealth Honors Program at Framingham State University. Her concentration is in graphic design, and she is interested in using her skills to bring about positive social change.

"Designing for social change is more than just visual problem solving," Cormier wrote in her honors thesis. "It gives designers the ability to bring awareness to causes that may have otherwise gone unnoticed and been overlooked."

"Brittany is the type of student who could excel at almost anything," says FSU President F. Javier Cevallos. "That she has chosen to use her considerable talent and skills to bring about positive social change says a lot about what an outstanding person she is."

Cormier already has a jumpstart on her career, performing freelance graphic design work for a number of clients. In the future, she plans to open her own graphic design firm with a focus on using her marketing and advertising skills to create greater access to educational opportunities in the Commonwealth.



# 2017 Distinguished Faculty Recipients

RECOGNIZING  
FACULTY FOR THEIR  
OUTSTANDING  
ACCOMPLISHMENTS

EXCELLENCE IN **TEACHING**

MAY HARA



Dr. May Hara has been an assistant professor in the Education Department at Framingham State University since 2013. She holds a PhD in Educational Policy Studies, Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Dr. Hara's background and research interests are in educational policy and second language acquisition. At FSU, she teaches and was instrumental in the design of Sheltered English Immersion (SEI), a course developed in response to the ruling of the U.S. Department of Justice requiring the training of general education teachers to address the needs of English language learners in public school classrooms.

Dr. Hara centers her courses on assisting students to bridge theory and practice through teaching demonstration, for which she provides both peer and instructor feedback to teacher candidates. A strong mentor to her students, Dr. Hara challenges them to gain a deeper understanding of the material and guides many through the process of getting published.

EXCELLENCE IN **SCHOLARSHIP/ CREATIVE WORK**

RUTH REMINGTON



Dr. Ruth Remington has been teaching in the Nursing Department at Framingham State University since 2012. She earned a PhD in Nursing from the University of Massachusetts.

Dr. Remington has amassed an impressive record of research and publication during her career. Her work has appeared in 21 publications since she came to Framingham State and another 18 prior to that. The main focus of her research has been on non-pharmacological interventions to manage the symptoms of dementia. Dr. Remington and a team of colleagues have performed studies demonstrating that a healthy lifestyle that includes nutrition, exercise and social activity can help people maintain their brainpower as they age. This work has appeared in the *Journal of Alzheimer's Disease*.

Dr. Remington draws on her own research and scholarship in order to teach her students how to publish their research. In fact, her Introduction to the Nursing Research course was recently nominated for the Massachusetts Colleges Online (MCO) Courses of Distinction Award.

EXCELLENCE IN **ADVISING/MENTORSHIP**

BARBARA MILOT



Professor Barbara Milot has been teaching in the Art and Music Department at Framingham State since 1991. She earned an MFA from the State University of New York, Albany.

During her career at FSU, Professor Milot has supervised and taught hundreds of students who have gone on to successful careers as teachers. She regularly teaches Field Study II and Student Practicum, which require the instructor to provide critique and commentary on the in-classroom performance of students at area schools. Professor Milot coaches her students on everything from curriculum and lesson-plan development to the advocacy of art in the bureaucracy of primary and secondary school institutions. She has established a network of schools and teachers who provide our students with a supportive setting to begin their careers as teachers.

Professor Milot is often observed working late hours in order to help students who need extra attention. She is completely committed to helping her students navigate the complexities of state licensure requirements.

EXCELLENCE IN **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

BRIAN BISHOP



Professor Brian Bishop is the current chair of the Art and Music Department at Framingham State, where he has been teaching since 2008. He earned an MFA from Cranbrook Academy of Art.

Professor Bishop is credited by many colleagues with reinvigorating the University's Painting Program by remodeling the curriculum and spearheading efforts to transform the studio into a more welcoming and functional space. He also worked with Professor Barbara Milot to revise the curriculum of the Master of Art Education Program. Their outreach and effective oversight have helped double enrollment in the program over the past five years.

Professor Bishop was critical to the University gaining national accreditation for its Art and Design Programs through the National Association of Schools of Art and Design (NASAD). His efforts included the coordination of a three-year comprehensive departmental self-evaluation; the compilation of a Higher Education Arts Data Services report; and the facilitation of the site visit by the NASAD review team.

## CELTSS Celebrates 10-Year Anniversary



**“GOOD TEACHERS ARE ALWAYS GROWING AND CELTSS SUPPORTS THAT GROWTH, WHILE ALSO BUILDING COLLEGIALITY AND A SENSE OF COMMON PURPOSE.”**

From its modest beginnings as a center established by a small group of faculty, the Center for Excellence in Learning, Teaching, Scholarship and Service (CELTSS) has evolved over the past 10 years into a crucial and valued resource for faculty at Framingham State.

“There is general recognition from faculty and the administration that it is vital to have the kind of support that CELTSS offers,” says Dr. Elaine Beilin, the center's current director. “Good teachers are always growing and CELTSS supports that growth, while also building collegiality and a sense of common purpose.”

Former Vice President for Academic Affairs Robert Martin is credited with pushing for the creation of CELTSS in 2007. Martin found a space for the center in Hemenway Hall and designated it as a source of funding for faculty research and scholarship. He appointed Beilin and Dr. T. Bridgett Galvin as the inaugural co-directors and tasked them with creating the founding documents, as well as a model for how funds would be allocated.

“We looked at other faculty centers around the country,” says Beilin. “We worked at the beginning with a small volunteer committee of faculty from each area across campus.”

Today, the center is governed by a much larger steering committee with representatives from every department on campus, several subcommittees and established bylaws. They hold four rounds of funding annually and coordinate professional development opportunities throughout the year.

“Last year, thanks to Vice President Vaden-Goad's continuing strong support, we recommended more than \$110,000 to support research, conference presentations and innovations in teaching,” says Dr. Beilin. “Not only do we fund individual faculty projects, but we also devote a lot of attention to programming for teaching and advising. We try to be responsive to faculty who tell us the kinds of programming that would be helpful.”

Recently, participating faculty have focused on strategies for teaching first-year students, which aligns with the University's participation in Re-Imagining the First Year and the broader goal of increasing retention. CELTSS also sponsors an annual writing retreat, book circles, workshops and a summer conference on teaching, in addition to annual programming such as the Lyceum lectures, January Day, Student Poster and Presentation Day, and a Day in May.

In November, the group has invited Martin to take part in a special celebration of the 10-year anniversary of the center.



### BUSINESS DEPARTMENT RECEIVES NATIONAL ACCREDITATION

The Board of Commissioners of the International Accreditation Council for Business Education (IACBE) announced in April that Framingham State University was granted first-time accreditation of the business and management programs offered through the Business Department.

Earning national accreditation requires a rigorous self-evaluation as well as a comprehensive, independent peer review. Based on the results of each assessment, the Business Department demonstrated a commitment to continuous improvement, excellence in business education and advancing academic quality in its business programs and operations.



MALLORY FREDERICKS '18

AGE 22  
HOMETOWN Bluffton, South Carolina  
FAVORITE ATHLETE Michael Phelps



Mallory Fredericks has been on the move her entire life, but she's had no trouble settling in at Framingham State, where she is a core member of the resurgent women's lacrosse team.

"I've loved it here," Fredericks says. "All of my closest friends I've met at Framingham State. Everyone is working their way through school, and there is a work ethic I never saw in high school."

Her father's job working for the federal prison system led to her family moving a lot when she was younger. At various times growing up, she lived in Florida, New York, Texas, California, South Carolina and Massachusetts.

"Moving around was never something that phased me," she says. "It never bothered me being the new kid."

It also provided her with some unique experiences, such as getting the opportunity to train to be on the national luge team when she was living near Lake Placid, NY. Fredericks split time between two U.S. training facilities in Utah and Lake Placid and had the opportunity to live on her own at a young age.

"It was a really cool experience training with these athletes from all around the world in this facility," she says. "Looking back, it definitely sparked my interest in learning about the world, and it made me a stronger student by forcing me to learn on my own."

A number of factors ultimately led Fredericks to pass on an attempt to make the Olympic luge team, including a significant injury during a run, as well as her desire to have a traditional high school experience.

Fredericks applied to a lot of private colleges while in high school, but chose Framingham State after doing an overnight visit with the lacrosse team.

"After that, I decided this is the place I want to be," she says. "I like the community, and I love the team."

Fredericks says she enjoys being on the ground floor of building up a program. She has that opportunity at FSU not only with the lacrosse team, which is steadily improving following several down years, but also with her Global Studies major, which didn't even exist when she first enrolled.

"I like being part of something where I know I am going to have an impact," says Fredericks, who is a captain of the lacrosse team this year.

Fredericks put her Global Studies knowledge to good use during a semester abroad in Northern Ireland and hopes to eventually work in higher education assisting students with study abroad opportunities.

# Record-Breaking Year for Women's Athletics

The 2016–17 athletic year will go down as one of the best in the history of women's sports at Framingham State, as multiple teams completed record-breaking seasons.

Softball, women's lacrosse and basketball each set program records for wins in a season, while the volleyball team won its third consecutive MASCAC (Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference) tournament championship.

"I can safely say that this past year was our most successful ever for women's athletics," says Framingham State Athletic Director Thomas Kelley '76. "I think it's a testament to the talent we have on our rosters as well as our outstanding coaching staffs."

No team enjoyed more success than softball, which won 31 games, including a first-ever victory in an NCAA tournament game. The team finished as MASCAC regular season and tournament champions.

The basketball team finished with a record 21 wins before coming up just short against Westfield State in the conference tournament championship game, while lacrosse won a program-record 12 games on the season.

Volleyball, which has established itself as a MASCAC powerhouse in recent years, won 22 games en route to winning the conference championship for the fourth time in five years.



Keep up with the Framingham State University athletic teams online at: [WWW.FSURAMS.COM](http://WWW.FSURAMS.COM)

# RAM in focus

## RACKLIFFE FINISHES OUTSTANDING ATHLETIC CAREER AT FSU

Two-sport athlete Alycia Rackliffe '17 wrapped up an amazing career last year and will go down as one of the top athletes in school history.

For four years, Rackliffe was a perennial all-star for both the women's basketball and volleyball teams. Her accolades, which are too numerous to list in their entirety, include being named the 2017 Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference (MASCAC) Female Scholar-Athlete of the Year.

Her volleyball career saw her win back-to-back conference player of the year honors in 2015 and 2016, while earning all-MASCAC first team honors all four years. She was a two-time all-MASCAC first team basketball player and finished her career fourth on FSU's all-time scoring list and first all-time in blocks.

In addition to her success on the court, Rackliffe excelled in the classroom, graduating with a bachelor's degree in food science and chemistry with a minor in nutrition. She graduated with a 3.69 GPA and was named to the Dean's List every semester.







JUNE 2-4, 2017

# REUNION WEEKEND





# 2017 Alumni Achievement Awards

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

We are accepting nominations for the 2018 Alumni Achievement Awards. Any person or group may nominate an alumnus or alumna for this recognition by contacting the Office of Development and Alumni Relations:

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DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

KEVIN GOSNELL '91



**(POSTHUMOUSLY AWARDED)** After graduating from FSU, Kevin turned a summer sealcoating business—T&K Asphalt—

into one of the largest and most successful paving and sealcoating companies on the East Coast. In May 2015, Kevin was diagnosed with ALS, a neurodegenerative disease that has no cure. He quickly launched ALS One, an organization that has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for ALS research. Kevin died in 2016, but his organization continues to seek out a treatment and cure for this horrible disease.

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

RICHARD '70 & MARY '71 LOGAN



Dick and Mary have been deeply connected to Framingham State since they were undergraduate students. Dick spent more

than 40 years working in the healthcare industry and, as President and CEO of Medical Record Associations, Inc., was a pioneer in the field of electronic medical records. Since 2012, Dick and Mary have served as co-chairs of Framingham State's first-ever, highly successful comprehensive fundraising campaign.

ALUMNI EDUCATOR ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

MARY PENNY '61



Mary has dedicated her life to teaching and helping students develop a love of reading. She spent 25 years working in the

Scituate, Massachusetts school system. Her roles included serving as a preschool, kindergarten and second-grade teacher, director of the Title One Program, and a curriculum leader for the Cushing School. Following her retirement, Cushing School established the Mary K. Penny Reading Fund and the Mary K. Penny Reading Closet.

ALUMNI LEADERSHIP & SERVICE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

ANDREW CHAVES '87



Andy is AVP and underwriting manager for Amtrust E&S Insurance Services. He has had a long and successful career in

the insurance industry. Andy has been a dedicated and active volunteer with the University community for many years. He served on the Board of Directors of the Framingham State University Foundation and established the Dr. Arthur Chaves Endowed Scholarship Fund through the University to honor his late father who was a longtime University administrator.

ALUMNI LEADERSHIP & SERVICE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

GARY NILAND '76, G'83



As an undergraduate, Gary played football and was a four-year starter. Upon graduation he joined the FSU coaching staff. Gary eventually decided to leave coaching and embark on a new challenge, building a 35-year career in the sporting goods industry. Gary has distinguished himself through his service to Framingham State. He works closely with Director of Athletics Tom Kelley '76 to make sure our student athletes have the equipment they need to be successful on the field.

ALUMNI EDUCATOR ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

KATHERINE MORAN '12



Kate Moran, RD, LDN is the team dietitian for the Minnesota Twins baseball organization. She is based out of their Player

Development Academy in Fort Myers, Florida. Kate focuses on nutrition education through individual counseling, plate coaching and group presentations with both major and all minor league affiliates year round. In February 2016, Kate launched a private practice and blog, The Educated Plate, where she offers nutrition counseling, media, corporate wellness and public speaking services.

HONORARY ALUMNUS AWARD\*

RAYMOND BOULANGER



Ray was appointed to the FSU Board of Trustees in 2003. He was attracted to service at the University by our mission, and he identified with FSU

because his personal story was similar to many of our students. After leaving the Board of Trustees, Ray joined the Board of Directors of the Framingham State University Foundation, Inc. In 2012, he established the Matthew Denice Endowed Scholarship Fund, in memory of a member of the Class of 2011 who was tragically struck and killed while riding his motorcycle.

\*NEW AWARD



## Jennifer DeFronzo Hired as Director of Alumni Relations

The Development and Alumni Relations Office is pleased to announce the hiring of Jennifer DeFronzo as Framingham State's new director of alumni relations. DeFronzo brings a wealth of experience to the position, most notably from her time as the director of alumni affairs at Clark University in Worcester.

"We could not be more excited to have Jennifer on board," says Eric Gustafson, executive director of development and alumni relations. "She has a proven track record of finding meaningful ways to connect and engage with alumni through events, activities and programming."

At Clark, DeFronzo led a team responsible for designing and implementing strategies to increase alumni engagement. In addition to her experience in alumni relations, she holds a law degree from Northeastern University School of Law and was previously a managing partner at the law firm Milton, Laurence & Dixon, LLP.

DeFronzo says she was attracted to her new position by FSU's history and long-standing commitment to education.

"I was impressed by FSU's leadership in academics, service, athletics and higher education," she says. "It is an honor to be able to work with FSU alumni and students."

DeFronzo says she is excited to start connecting with alumni and learning about their successes and ideas for strengthening the community.

"Today, we're fortunate to have so many tools to help keep us connected to the places and people who are important to us," she says. "I encourage alumni to reach out to me, and to stay connected with FSU through events, social media and as donors."



### ALUMNI TRIP WITH THE ACADEMIC DEANS

The Development and Alumni Relations office held an inaugural trip hosted by FSU's Academic Deans during Spring Break in April. A group of alumni and friends joined Founding Dean Susan Dargan (College of Social and Behavioral Sciences) and Founding Dean Margaret Carroll (College of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) for a wonderful trip around Italy, with stops in Sorrento, Naples, Pompeii, Capri, the Amalfi Coast, Rome and Vatican City. The journey even included an unexpected reunion of former roommates at Framingham State, Susan Conway '70 and Patricia Houser '70.

Because it was such a success, the Alumni Office and Academic Deans are teaming up again for another adventure in Spring 2018. Join them and fellow alumni on a nine-day trip to Greece from April 13-21. Stops will include Athens, Delphi, Olympia, the Peloponnese and the Saronic Islands.

LEARN MORE ABOUT DONATING

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Organized by Decade

1970S

**DICK NEAL, MED '71**, received a National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Citation, an award designed to honor individuals who have made contributions to the NFHS, state high school associations, athletic director and coaching professions, the officiating avocation and fine arts/performing arts programs. The NFHS Citation is one of the most highly regarded achievements in high school athletics and the performing arts. Neal retired in 2013 after 34 years as executive director of the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA). At the time of his retirement, Neal was the longest-tenured active director of a state high school association.

**KEITH GUERNSEY '76** is the author of *Fathers and Sons—Sports and Life*, which rose to #60 on the Amazon charts in the category of humor/sports books. *Fathers and Sons* is a story of an uncommon love and devotion between fathers and sons. It is a story of his recovery from two rounds of life-threatening brain surgeries to play on three championship softball teams in two states. It includes a chapter on the most controversial sports topic of our time: Deflategate. He would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to all his readers.

**MARK C. FOLEY '77** has been named executive vice president and chief credit policy officer of Ulster Savings Bank. Foley was previously president of the Southern division of OceanFirst Bank.

1980S

**CHERYL TULLY STOLL '86**, chairwoman of the Framingham Board of Selectmen, announced her candidacy for a spot on Framingham’s new City Council. Voters will elect 11 members to the new City Council in November. In addition to serving as a selectman, she has held volunteer positions with the MetroWest Regional Transit Authority, MetroWest Health Foundation, Programs for People, the Resiliency for Life Program, South Middlesex Legal Services, Framingham Public Access, the Fiddler’s Green Neighborhood Association and the Framingham Youth Commission.

**DR. IRENE M. FOSTER '87, G'88**, received the 2017 Touch the Future Award from the Independent Association of Framingham State Alumni at their annual meeting during Alumni

Weekend. Foster was honored for being a passionate teacher who inspires students, contributes to advancing knowledge, and demonstrates and instills enthusiasm for teaching.

**CRAIG L. BLAIS '89**, president and CEO of the Worcester Business Development Corp., was elected chair of the Worcester State University board of trustees. Blais has served as a trustee since 2010.

1990S

**STEVE ANDERSON '91** is co-owner of Boston Bioskills Lab, a state-of-the-art surgical training facility located in the Boston Seaport District that is equipped with more than 20 clinical lab stations and cutting-edge technology.

**JAYSON KING '93** has been announced as the next head coach of the University of Dayton’s baseball team. King was most recently the associate head coach and recruiting coordinator at Army after spending the previous 18 seasons as head coach at NCAA Division II Franklin Pierce. In his 20-year career as a head coach, King earned a record of 675-338-3 (.610) at Franklin Pierce University and UMass Boston.



OF SPECIAL NOTE KRISTEN GRAY '09

HONORED AT STATE HOUSE WITH EDUCATOR AWARD

The Council of Presidents for the State University System in Massachusetts honored **KRISTEN (BARANOVSKY) GRAY '09** for her outstanding work as an educator during a special ceremony at the State House in May.

After graduating with honors from Framingham State in 2009, Gray spent the first seven years of her career teaching kindergarten and first grade at the Bridge Elementary School in Lexington. During that time, she also earned two master’s degrees in Language and Literacy and Administrative Leadership. In the summer of 2016, Gray was promoted to assistant principal at Bridge Elementary.

“I didn’t picture myself in administration, but I love it,” Gray says. “My job as assistant principal provides a great balance between being an administrator and still being able to connect with the teachers and students on a daily basis.”

Her goals as an assistant principal include supporting students and teachers in finding a balance between the practice and implementation of a curriculum that has a high expectation for social emotional learning and academics.

“It’s extraordinary what Kristen has been able to achieve during the early stages of her career,” says President F. Javier Cevallos, who presented Gray with her award during a ceremony at the State House in May. “She has already established herself as a leader among her peers.”

Gray was one of nine teachers honored during the event, representing each of the campuses in the State University System.

“I was really honored and floored to be nominated,” Gray says. “It was so humbling to be up there with some amazing educators, including a few who had been in the field for 30 or 40 years. To hear the changes they have made in their districts was inspiring, and I can only hope to be as successful as they are in the future.”



ALUMNI PROFILE KELLY SLAVIN '04

SHOEMAKER AND FOOD BLOGGER

Research demonstrates that “following your passion” is not always good career advice. But for footwear product manager, traveler and foodie **KELLY SLAVIN**, doing things she’s passionate about has led to happiness and success.

Slavin graduated from Framingham State in 2004 with a degree in Fashion Merchandising. A connection made with White Mountain Footwear during college led her to the shoe industry, and she eventually landed a job with the company about a year-and-a-half after graduating.

“I fell in love with the whole shoe scene, and it became an obsession of mine to work for them,” Slavin says. “It was a great small company to learn from because I got to do everything, from building the collection of shoes to attending tradeshow in New York and Las Vegas.”

Slavin’s next move shows why “following your passion” can require a great deal of bravery, as she quit her job at White Mountain and moved to London.

“I felt like a change, and I’d always wanted to live abroad,” she says. “So I took the plunge and moved to London with no job, which was a little insane at the time.”

She managed to land a job with Van Dal Footwear making women’s shoes. She worked for the company for two years and received an industry award for young manager of the year. The award provided her with an opportunity to meet one of the

heads of Clarks International, the largest non-athletic footwear company in the world. She eventually landed an interview and job offer with Clarks, and moved to the company’s headquarters in Somerset, in the southwest of England.

“That was fantastic because I got to see how a global brand operates,” she says. “They sent me to places like Paris, Dubai and Italy to do inspirational and competitor shopping to help gain an understanding of what is happening in the marketplace. It was a great experience.”

After four years of living in England, Slavin decided to move back home. Today, she is a Women’s Product Manager for Rockport, where she is responsible for everything from working with the designers to pick the styles and designs to move forward with to compiling the spec sheets and picking leathers. Twice a year she travels to China for development trips.

“I also work closely with the sales team to make sure that we are delivering what they need for their customers,” she says.

When she’s not too busy with work, Slavin focuses on her other big passion, which is food.

“I almost went to culinary school, but I decided to make it more of a hobby,” she says. “I focus on healthy recipes that are mostly gluten free and dairy free. It is good to have a niche within the food blog world.”

“I FELL IN LOVE WITH THE WHOLE SHOE SCENE, AND IT BECAME AN OBSESSION OF MINE”



FOR MORE INFORMATION  
Slavin posts photos, recipes and other cooking advice on her blog at: [KELS-KITCHEN.COM](https://kels-kitchen.com)



ALUMNI PROFILE STEVE HARDING '98

PRODUCER & WRITER,  
NBC'S ACCESS  
HOLLYWOOD LIVE

Growing up as an aspiring musician in Leominster, MA, **STEVE HARDING'S** friends and family probably never imagined that one day he would be rubbing elbows with famous celebrities, musicians and athletes in a job that takes him to exotic locales around the world.

But that's exactly what Harding gets to do as the supervising producer for *Access Hollywood Live*, an NBC daytime talk show featuring entertainment news stories and in-studio guests.

"It's definitely an exciting and interesting job," Harding said from his office at Universal City Plaza in California. "I've gotten the opportunity to travel all around the world and meet and interview just about any celebrity you could name."

Highlights of Harding's career have included producing the show's Olympic coverage since 2004, where he has been on hand for all 23 gold medals won by Michael Phelps, spending a week in Europe with Michael Jackson and being within 20 yards of Barack Obama when he was sworn in as president. One of his fondest memories was getting his father on the field with the Red Sox following one of the World Series games in 2004 when the team broke the curse.

It's been a winding road for Harding to get to where he is today. After graduating from high school, he drove to Los Angeles in the early '90s to pursue his dream of becoming a musician. Harding returned home in 1994 and enrolled in FSU's English program, but it was film studies Professor Arthur Nolletti whom he says had the greatest influence on him.

"He really inspired me to pursue my interest in film," Harding says. "I took every class I could with him and continued to check in long after graduation. When I think of Framingham State, I think of Dr. Nolletti."

After graduating from FSU in 1998, he went on to earn his master's degree in English/Film from Bridgewater State University. In 2000, Harding left for LA once again, this time with a plan to write a film or novel and continue playing music, but that changed when he accepted a low-level job with NBC.

"I came in at the bottom and had to work my way up," Harding says. "It sort of felt like a step back, but it was an exciting step back."

Armed with a strong work ethic and a pair of college degrees, Harding was able to move up quickly, and in short order became a producer on the weekend show and earned the chance to work on large location segments. When *Access Hollywood Live* launched in 2010, Harding was hired as supervising producer.

While it sounds pretty glamorous, producing live television can be very stressful. Harding has his hands on just about everything, from conceiving segments, writing the show, booking talent, talking to the director and on air talent in the control room to cutting and editing film and a whole host of other duties. His typical day begins at 3 a.m.

"It can be stressful getting in and knowing how much work you have to get through in four hours when the show goes live," says Harding, who has long since settled in LA and is married with two daughters. "But it's a great job, and I feel lucky that I use the skills I learned in school and have gotten to see so many incredible things."



**KEITH GAZAILLE '95** was recently featured in the *MetroWest Daily News* for his company's efforts to combat two non-native plants in the Norton Reservoir that are invading the 580-acre ecosystem. Gazaille is a regional director and senior aquatic biologist at SOLitude Lake Management, which develops safe chemical solutions to address invasive plants.

**HARRY E. DUMAY '96**, senior vice president for finance and chief financial officer at Saint Anselm College in Manchester, NH, has been named 11th president of Elms College. His official inauguration will be this fall. Elms College is a Catholic liberal arts college located in Chicopee, MA.

**JENNIFER FRANKLIN '99**, the office manager for Editas Medicine, was on hand earlier this year in New York City to help ring the bell as the company became listed on the Nasdaq Stock Index. Editas Medicine is one of the leading genome editing companies dedicated to treating patients with genetically defined diseases. The company makes use of a new technology known as CRISPR (Clustered Regularly Interspaced Short Palindromic Repeats) that has the potential to achieve accurate, directed changes in DNA and fulfill the promise that started with the sequencing of the human genome—the potential to treat diseases at their source.

**NOAH LYDIARD '99** is co-owner of Conductor Productions, a video production company. The company is responsible for producing the popular Shields MRI commercial starring Tom Brady and featuring his Super Bowl rings.

2000S

**DENISE SPILLANE '00** is now vice president, marketing for NextGen Healthcare, a healthcare IT company, located in Horsham, PA. She previously served as VP, marketing for Aramark's healthcare technologies and facilities business units.

**TAISSA GAWRONSKI '04** was recently hired as the human resources director at Comcast Cable. In her new role, she is responsible for the HR needs of the company's retail and door-to-door sales channels, as well as those on the Comcast Business team and in sales and marketing administration. Before joining Comcast, she was director of human resources at C&M Corporate, a custom

cable manufacturer in Killingly, CT, where she evaluated and maintained the company's organizational design, as well as oversaw its workforce-recruitment and retention efforts.

**KALLIE KOPPENAL '07** was recently named the Concord Police Department's first female detective, assigned to the Support Services Division's Criminal Investigations Unit. As a member of the unit, Det. Kallie Koppenal will investigate property crimes, assaults, narcotics distribution, fraud and sexual assaults, as well as track and apprehend wanted suspects.

**KELSEY TURNER '13** married Dean Caverly on June 24, 2017.



OF SPECIAL NOTE JEAN CONNALLY '02

BUILDS FULL-SERVICE REAL ESTATE FIRM

Entrepreneur **JEAN CONNALLY '02** says the skills he learned in the classroom at Framingham State still serve him well as a business owner 15 years later.

Connally is the owner of Mobile Realty Works, Inc., a Boston-based company that assists in the management, maintenance and construction of property, with specialties in home improvement and property management.

"I took several different courses at FSU that gave me a lot of insight into my role as a business owner today," says Connally, who majored in Communication Arts with a concentration in Corporate Communications. He would go on to earn his master's degree in Global Marketing and Advertising.

As is the case for so many students, an internship while still in college helped Connally break into the real estate industry. After learning the ropes, he started doing sales and rentals on his own and eventually got into managing condo associations. Today, Connally's business has expanded further into home improvement. He recently launched a sub-company of Mobile Realty Works, called Mobile Handyman.

Connally says he still has fond memories of Framingham State, most notably meeting his wife, Dr. Patricia Sánchez-Connally '01, who is now a sociology professor at Framingham State. The pair, who have been married for 13 years and have a son, have played an integral role in establishing the FSU Alumni Network of Color, which will be holding two events during Homecoming and Family Weekend in October.

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IN MEMORIAM

Scott C. Fagan '97  
JUNE 27, 2017  
Daniel Cabral '16  
MAY 4, 2017

**FACULTY AND STAFF**  
Dr. Joan (Broadcorens) Marsh, a longtime faculty member and former Chair of the Food and Nutrition Department, passed away on May 27, 2017 after a long illness. She was 82 years old. Dr. Marsh and her husband, Dudley Marsh, were both faculty members at Framingham State University where they met. After retirement, they built their dream home on Cape Cod and filled it with antiques and their garden with flowers and vegetables. Marsh was a passionate fan of the Red Sox and never missed a game.

Jack Tannar, a longtime hockey coach who founded and built up the Framingham State hockey program with his hard work and passion, passed away on April 14, 2017, at 80. Tannar took to coaching with the same exuberance that he approached almost everything. He coached the Rams for 10 years and turned the team into a Division 3 power.



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Framingham State  
Hires New CDIO

Framingham State University is pleased to announce the hiring of Millie Gonzalez as the University’s interim chief diversity and inclusion officer (CDIO). Gonzalez has been working at Framingham State since 2007, most recently as the Emerging Technologies and Digital Services librarian. She has been an active member of the University’s Diversity and Inclusion Council since its inception in 2008 and has served as its chair since 2010.

“It is with great pride, excitement and humility that I accept the position of CDIO” says Gonzalez. “I look forward to building upon the solid foundation of inclusive excellence with the support of our students, faculty, staff and community partners.”

Gonzalez replaces former CDIO Sean Huddleston, who stepped down in May to accept a position as the inaugural vice president for equity and inclusion at the University of Indianapolis. Gonzalez has agreed to take on the post on an interim basis for two years.

“For the past decade, Millie has been deeply involved in the University’s efforts to become a more diverse and inclusive institution,” says Framingham State President F. Javier Cevallos. “She understands our community and knows the strengths and challenges we face around these issues. I have the highest confidence that she will thrive in this position.”

At FSU, Gonzalez established the Whittemore Library’s Diversity Advisory Committee (LDAC), and served as the vice chair of the MSCA Library Committee. She has also successfully authored three grants related to diversity and inclusion, including two from the National Endowment for the Humanities and the American Library Association: “Bridging Cultures Bookshelf: Muslim Journeys,” and “Latino Americans: 500 Years of History”; and the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners LSTA grant: “Serving People with Disabilities.”

She is also a former president of REFORMA Northeast, the National Association to Promote Library & Information Services to Latinos and the Spanish Speaking. Gonzalez holds a BA in Comparative Literature from Hamilton College and an MBA and an MLS from Simmons College.

Gonzalez says her goals in the new position include studying student assessments to gain a better understanding of achievement gaps that exist among different populations, as well as redesigning the school’s minor in diversity.

Framingham State created the post of CDIO in 2014 as an executive staff level position. The University’s efforts around diversity and inclusion have been recognized with a Higher Education Excellence in Diversity (HEED) award each of the past three years by *INSIGHT into Diversity* magazine.



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Robert and Elaine '96 Martin have very different associations with Framingham State University, but they share a love for the institution, which has had a profound impact on both of their lives.

Dr. Robert Martin was hired as the vice president for academic affairs at FSU in 2004, following a long career at Westfield State University. During six years as vice president, he became a popular and highly respected figure among faculty and staff. He officially retired in 2010, but when the University needed an interim president in 2013, he was the unanimous choice to fill that role.

“Framingham State gave me much more than a salary; it really impacted my life,” says Martin, who continues to teach at FSU as an adjunct faculty member. “It gave me an opportunity to feel like I was making a difference in people’s lives, and the network of friends and colleagues I’ve made here is something I’ll always cherish.”

Elaine Martin has never worked at Framingham State, but she credits the institution with helping her achieve her dream of becoming a teacher. She earned her degree in history, with an education minor, as a non-traditional student in 1996 and went on to teach in the Douglas and Milford public school systems.

“Growing up the oldest of eight children in the 1960s, college was never financially feasible for me,” she says. “Going to Framingham State was a dream come true. The University is accessible and affordable and has an outstanding reputation.”

The couple, who share a passion for travel, recently established the Robert and Elaine Martin Study Abroad Scholarship as a way to give back to the University.

“The opportunity to study abroad is a life-changing experience,” says Robert Martin. “It offers so many different kinds of things, from the opportunity to experience another culture to learning how to be totally independent. It’s a truly immersive experience that neither of us had the chance to try as undergraduate students.”

The Martins say that they have been impressed with the work the Study Abroad Office has done under the direction of Jane Decatur to expand opportunities to Study Abroad for students.

“You can Study Abroad now for the same cost of your tuition and fees at Framingham State,” says Robert Martin. “The difference is the cost of getting over there. We hope the funds we’ve contributed can help remove that barrier so that more students can travel abroad.”





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### Homecoming Weekend

**OCTOBER 20-21, 2017**

Homecoming Weekend is fast approaching! The Development and Alumni Relations Office will be hosting its fourth annual FRAMfest to kick off Homecoming Weekend. The football team will be playing Westfield State on Saturday at noon, along with other sporting events throughout the weekend! Stop by the Elks for live music by alumni Brett Casavant '10 and watch the game live streamed so you don't miss a minute.

### Swiacki Children's Literature Festival

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2017, 3 P.M.**

This year's Children's Literature Festival features the award-winning couple Andrea and Brian Pinkney who have teamed up on numerous titles, including *Duke Ellington: The Piano Prince and His Orchestra*. Mary Lee Donovan of Candlewick Press will give a dinner address.

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## SAVE THE DATE

### Boston Holiday Reception

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2017**

Join the Office of Alumni Relations and your fellow alumni for a special holiday reception at the Seaport Winter Garden Atrium. Details are available online.

### All-Alumni Reunion Weekend

**JUNE 1-3, 2018**

This is the best weekend of the year to reconnect with old friends and your alma mater! The Office of Alumni Relations is planning a jam-packed weekend full of events and activities. Join us as we toast the Golden Anniversary Class of 1968 and honor the latest group of Alumni Achievement Award Winners.



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