



Alumni News

E.M.B.A. Grad New Head of Alumni Association

As an employee at Pratt & Whitney Aircraft, first at Pratt's Automated Casting Facility in Middletown, then in the company's Government Engine & Space Propulsion division in West Palm Beach, Fla., Rick Toce saw employees with college degrees move into the executive ranks. So he moved back to Pratt's East Hartford facility in 1990, and enrolled at St. Joseph's College in West Hartford to complete his bachelor's degree.

"I enjoy learning," says Toce, the new president of the University's Alumni Association. He then enrolled in the University of New Haven's E.M.B.A. program, finishing in just two years. But he has never really left, becoming

a particularly active member of the University's Alumni Association, serving as vice president of its Alumni Board, and now moving into the leadership position.

He also has moved into the executive ranks as finance manager in Mechanical Disciplines at Pratt, developing and managing \$110 million in budgets, managing \$15 million in capital planning and maintaining staffing, and has reserved a full-time six-month co-op position specifically for UNH students. "I am just so impressed with the students at the University," he says. "And there's no doubt, the E.M.B.A. degree helped me increase my rank at Pratt."

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Alumni Status Has Its Benefits

- Join the new David A. Beckerman Recreation Center for access to weight rooms; racquetball; fitness studios with free classes; locker rooms; a juice bar and more. \$30 per month/one-year commitment for alumni who graduated within the past year; \$40 per month/one-year commitment for alumni and spouses. No activation fee. Monthly billing/EFT bank draft available. Visit www.newhaven.edu/athletics/chargerrec or call 203.931.2965.

- Sign up for a no-annual-fee UNH credit card through Bank of America.



- Receive discounts on auto and home insurance through Liberty Mutual, and insurance and financial services through American Insurance Administrators.



- For these and additional benefits, visit www.newhaven.edu/alumni/perks.

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The Gift of Generosity Abounds at 25th Annual Scholarship Ball

More than 400 alumni and friends celebrated the 25th Annual Alumni Scholarship Ball and dedication of the David A. Beckerman Recreation Center in April. More than \$300,000 was raised for student scholarships. The event, which included silent and live auctions, honored UNH alumni Martin (Marty) J. O'Connor '76 B.A., History, UNH associate professor and campus minister; J. David Scheiner '71 B.S., Management Science, president and chief operating officer, Macy's Florida; and Anthony (Tony) J. Sparano III '84 B.S., Criminal Justice, Miami Dolphins head coach.



Above, top row, left: UNH alumnus David A. Beckerman '65, addresses the crowd after the dedication of the Beckerman Center; President Steven H. Kaplan congratulates Charlie Pompea, a major donor to the Beckerman Center; President Kaplan poses with Distinguished Alumni from left, J. David Scheiner '71, Anthony (Tony) J. Sparano III '84 and Martin (Marty) O'Connor '76; Enjoying the evening are Board of Governors member Stephen P. Tagliatela and his wife, Viola; **Second row, left:** Psychology Department Practitioner-in-Residence Dr. Dennis McGough makes a bid during the live auction; the Charles E. Pompea Gymnasium was beautifully transformed for dancing and dining; Sparano, center, flanked by President Kaplan and chair of the Distinguished Alumni Nominations Committee Palma Pogoda, is lauded for his noteworthy achievements; **Third row, left:** Guests review items in the silent auction; Psychology Professor and Master of Ceremonies Michael Morris entertains the crowd; Distinguished Alumnus J. David Scheiner '71 is congratulated by Palma Pogoda; President Kaplan joins in the applause for beloved professor, campus minister and alumnus Marty O'Connor.