



# Alumni News

## A Message from the Alumni Association President

**W**e have closed out the academic year in great shape thanks to all of you, the alumni of the University of New Haven. Our 26th Annual Alumni Scholarship Ball in April raised almost half a million dollars for scholarships, and our third successful Alumni Weekend drew hundreds of alumni from throughout the United States.

Worth mentioning here is the Annual Golden Charger Luncheon, which included a new honorary bachelor's degree ceremony for those who received their associate's degrees 50 or more years ago. The ceremony was emotional and inspiring. Some graduates tried for years to return to school for their bachelor's degree, but just couldn't manage with

work and family. This event was a testament to their success in life, and made me proud to be an alumnus of the University of New Haven.

I hope you feel that way too. Take the opportunity to show it, and become an active member of the Alumni Association. Homecoming is September 26, and we could use your help! Contact me at [unh-alumni@newhaven.edu](mailto:unh-alumni@newhaven.edu) to learn more.

See you at Homecoming!

Rick Toce '01 E.M.B.A.



## Alumni Status Has Its Benefits

**UNH ONLINE COMMUNITY** UNH's online community gives alumni the opportunity to stay connected with the University in many different ways.

**UNH LICENSE PLATE** Show your UNH pride. The University of New Haven is offering alumni license plates through the State of Connecticut Department of Motor Vehicles.

**AUTO AND HOME INSURANCE** Receive discounted auto and home insurance through Liberty Mutual Insurance.

**HEALTH INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE** The Alumni Insurance Program is a convenient source for health, life and travel insurance for alumni and their family members. Various plans are available to meet your needs, including GradMed® short-term health insurance—great for new graduates and other alumni seeking temporary coverage.

**UNH CREDIT CARD** Credit card opportunity through Bank of America.

**DELL COMPUTERS** Do you need a new computer or an upgrade? UNH and Dell Computers have teamed up to offer UNH Alumni a discount.

## ON-CAMPUS SERVICES AND BENEFITS

### DAVID A. BECKERMAN RECREATION CENTER ALUMNI

**MEMBERSHIP** Alumni have the opportunity to enjoy a state-of-the-art recreation facility at a low monthly rate or single visit rate with no activation fee. For more information call 203.931.2965 or visit [www.newhaven.edu/athletics/ChargerREC](http://www.newhaven.edu/athletics/ChargerREC).

**CAREER SERVICES** The Career Services Office, located on campus, provides services and counseling for those making career changes or re-entering the job market. For more information, please contact Career Services at 203.932.7342 or [jobs@newhaven.edu](mailto:jobs@newhaven.edu).

**FEE WAIVER FOR CHILDREN** Application fee waivers are offered to any prospective undergraduate whose parent is an alumnus.

For more information on how to take advantage of these and additional benefits, please visit [www.newhaven.edu/alumni/perks](http://www.newhaven.edu/alumni/perks) or call 203.932.7270.

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### Innovative Entrepreneur Learned How to Learn At UNH

**A**s a volunteer emergency medical technician, John Brenna '68 B.S., Marketing, sees human suffering on an intimate scale. As a businessman and entrepreneur in the medical device industry, he gets the opportunity to develop solutions for physicians treating various patient medical conditions.



Brenna is president of TOPEX, Inc., a Danbury, Conn., company that developed a low-energy X-ray therapy system as an alternative to surgery for treating skin cancer. The TOPEX system is used especially for skin cancer conditions in sensitive head and neck regions such as the fold in the nose, eyelids, lips, corners of the mouth and the lining of the ear that otherwise would lead to poor cosmetic results.

A respected executive in the medical device industry, Brenna believes UNH prepared him for the business world. "At UNH, not only are you taught what to learn through course curriculum, but you are also taught *how* to learn," he said. "That was an important skill for me. Knowing how to continuously educate yourself will keep you open to new ideas and opportunities throughout your lifetime career."

### E.M.B.A. Studies Enhanced Understanding of Global Marketplace

**S**helley Stewart, Jr. '80 E.M.B.A., was named as a top 100 Black Businessperson of the Year by Black Enterprise Magazine in its February issue. Stewart, senior vice president of Operational Excellence and chief procurement officer at Tyco International Ltd., said he most valued his E.M.B.A. experience for the training in in-depth financial analysis and for offering an inside view of the global marketplace. A business professional noted for his ethics and integrity, he recently delivered a keynote speech at Howard University, saying "You must make the right decisions and choices in good times and in tough times. In business, both in corporate America and if you become an entrepreneur, you only have your integrity to separate you from the bad guys."



### The Road to Success, By Way of Motorcycle

**J**ohn 'Buzz' Kanter '90 E.M.B.A., bought the 2-year-old American Iron Magazine from a West Coast motorcycle parts company in 1991, knowing he had to turn it around financially in three months or risk losing his entire investment. "We tightened up the editorial focus and slashed expenses," Kanter said. "In the first month, we made a profit." Kanter's Stamford-based TAM Communications now publishes American Iron Magazine, American Iron Buyers Guide, RoadBike and a number of annual and "one-shot" magazines as well as various motorcycle-oriented web sites such as Classic American Iron ([www.caimag.com](http://www.caimag.com)). His advice to those who want to pursue their passions for a living: "You have to be committed to work harder for yourself than you ever have in your life for anyone else, and do what it takes to overcome more obstacles than you could ever have imagined." Success, he says, is "a wonderful reward."

