



Alumni News

A Farewell Message from the Alumni Association President

Serving as president of the UNH Alumni Association for the past two years has been an extraordinary experience. I cannot express clearly enough how grateful I am for the opportunity to get a close-up view of how the University is run and to make what I hope has been a meaningful and long-lasting contribution to its success.

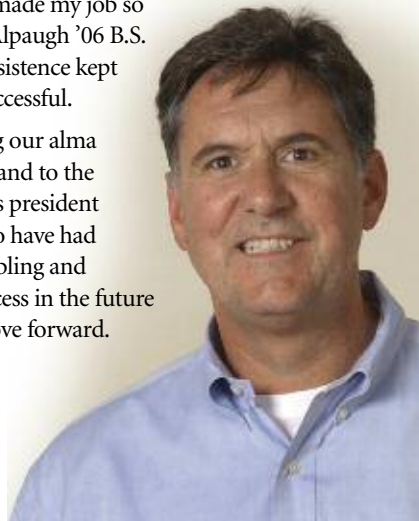
I have had opportunities to go places I would not have gone otherwise and to meet many successful alumni. Meeting alumni who have not been involved with UNH in many years, and helping them find ways to re-connect with the University has been a particularly meaningful process for me. I have made many enduring friendships that I will value for years to come.

I step down, after two years, with the hope that I have made a difference. I know that I leave behind an Alumni Board of Directors of very engaged and passionate alumni who have demonstrated tremendous energy and a willingness to invest themselves, wholly, in the committees on which they serve. I am deeply grateful to them all.

I am especially indebted to the members of the Executive Committee – Joe Danao, Rich Perusi and Karen Facey – a group of remarkable leaders who have made my job so much easier. And without the tireless assistance of Heather Alpaugh '06 B.S. in the Office of Alumni Relations, whose dedication and persistence kept me on track, I'm sure I would have been nowhere near as successful.

Many remarkable changes are taking place at UNH, enabling our alma mater to offer greater educational opportunities to students and to the communities we serve. It is an exciting time to have served as president of the UNH Alumni Association and I am deeply honored to have had the opportunity. It has been a great experience, at once humbling and inspirational. I wish the new president, Joe Danao, great success in the future and will remain committed to helping UNH continue to move forward.

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



UPCOMING EVENTS:

September 11, 2010

Harmony Classic

UNH vs. Lincoln University

1 p.m.

Ralph F. DellaCamera Stadium

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit:

www.newhavenchargers.com.

October 23, 2010

Homecoming

UNH vs. Merrimack College

1 p.m.

Ralph F. DellaCamera Stadium



www.newhaven.edu/homecoming



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27TH ANNUAL ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP BALL RAISES NEARLY \$450,000



An impressive \$440,000 was raised at the 27th Annual Alumni Scholarship Ball on Saturday, April 17, in the David A. Beckerman Recreation

Center on the main campus. The funds, which exceeded last year's total, will help UNH students pursue their educational goals.

The theme for this year's event, "Give Locally, Impact Globally," emphasized the fact that philanthropy supporting UNH students reaches far beyond the campus. "The funds raised at this terrific event make a significant impact on the lives of our students," said President Steven Kaplan. "But they also have a tremendous impact far beyond New Haven. UNH alumni are at work in the far corners of the globe, as physicians, dentists, teachers, law enforcement professionals, engineers and entrepreneurs – making the world a better place."

This year the President's Award, given to UNH supporters who have gone above and beyond the call to help students succeed, was presented to the family of Louis and Mary Tagliatela. The family's extensive support of UNH includes establishment of the Tagliatela College of Engineering, the Tagliatela Endowed Scholarship Fund and sponsorship of many other projects across the campus and throughout the community.

The ball also honored three UNH graduates with Distinguished Alumni awards: James V. Cassella, Ph.D. '76 B.A., Psychology, senior vice president for research and development, Alexza Pharmaceuticals; Lawrence P. Flanagan '80 B.S., Marketing, former chief marketing officer, MasterCard Worldwide; and Janice K. Sussman '83 E.M.B.A., president, Dance Writers Associates.

Highlights of the ball included a silent and live auction featuring travel packages, sports memorabilia and other exciting items up for bid. The this year's ball was Petra Cons



Top row: Lawrence Flanagan, Viola Tagliatela and Stephen Tagliatela

Bottom row: James Cassella, Board of Governors Chairman Samuel Bergami, Jr., President Steven Kaplan, Janice Sussman, Patricia Tagliatela and Louis Tagliatela, Jr.



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Alumni Gather for Fun-Filled Weekend in the Magic City

More than 100 alumni, their families and friends spent the first weekend of December 2009 in Miami for the second annual UNH Alumni Weekend, which included a Miami Dolphins game. Guests enjoyed two receptions, a behind-the-scenes tour of Land Shark Stadium (now Sun Life Stadium) led by Aaron Haviland '97 B.S., senior director of facilities, Miami Dolphins, a pregame tailgate party and an exciting 23-22 victory by the Dolphins, led by head coach Tony Sparano '84 B.S., over their AFC East rival, the New England Patriots.



Black and Latino Alumni Reunite

Black and Latino Alumni returned to the UNH campus April 23-25 for a weekend of networking and socializing, coordinated by cultural student organizations at the University. Featured events included a welcome reception hosted by the UNH chapter of the NAACP, a student-organized fashion show, and an alumni breakfast with talks by current and former UNH faculty. Brenda R. Williams, Ph.D., senior associate consultant at Noel-Levitz, presented "What If They Don't Come? Insights into Educating Black and Latino Students," and Brian O. Bellamy, UNH practitioner-in-residence, spoke on "Race, Religion and Identity in the 2008 Democratic Primaries." Other events included a step-and-stroll competition between multicultural Greek organizations, a black-tie-optional ball celebrating the achievements of all UNH cultural clubs and organizations, and a Caribbean-themed outdoor carnival.





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ALUMNI HONOR THOSE WHO INSPIRED THEM

“Sometimes you don’t recognize a life-changing moment when it’s happening, but when you do it’s precious,” says Edwin Renaud ’93 B.A., reminiscing about attending his first Abnormal Psychology class taught by Professor Michael York. “I had no idea of what I wanted to do with my life at the time. College was as much a way of avoiding adulthood for four more years as it was about pursuing a profession or a body of knowledge.”

That uncertainty didn’t last long, however. “I remember driving home from class that night feeling that I had seen a glimpse of a larger world, a world I wanted to understand better and learn more about,” Renaud recalls.

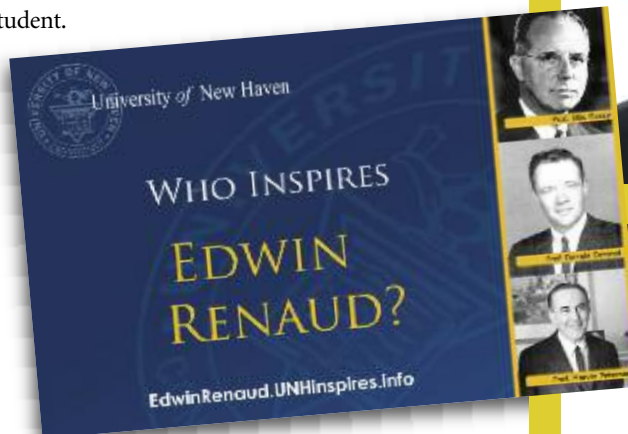
Renaud is just one of hundreds of alumni who have logged onto the new “Who Inspires You?” website (www.UNHinspires.info/alumniandfriends) to share a story and honor a professor, staff person or classmate who mentored them during their UNH experiences. The stories are sent to the individuals they honored and, if the alumni wished, shared with the rest of the UNH community.

“Dr. York inspired in me a curiosity about the art and science of clinical work which has lasted for the last 20 years,” says Renaud, who went on to earn a doctorate degree in clinical social work. He currently serves as director of outpatient services at a clinic providing mental health and substance abuse services to adults in the Greater New Haven area. “I can think of no greater gift a teacher can give a student.

I am deeply grateful for having learned from him and can say, without the slightest exaggeration or hyperbole, that my life would not be the same if I’d not met him.”

Some alumni, like Renaud, have also chosen to make a gift to benefit current UNH students in honor of the person who most inspired them. For Renaud, this was the first time he has made a donation to the University. The honorees are notified that a donation was made in their name, but the amount is not disclosed.

The UNH Inspires website will be open through the fall for alumni and friends to share their experiences and to honor the individuals who were influential in their lives. The Office of Alumni Relations encourages individuals to honor someone in name only, even if they do not wish to share their story. You also may share a story anonymously. Log on today to share your story and to read other inspirational messages.



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