



# Class Notes

## 1960s

The Illinois Supreme Court has appointed **James R. Mendillo**, '69 B.S., to serve as commissioner of the Attorney Registration & Disciplinary Commission. The Belleville, Ill., resident is a partner in the firm of Freeark, Harvey, Mendillo, Dennis, Wuller, Cain & Murphy.

## 1970s

New Hampshire Governor John Lynch nominated **Robert J. Lynn**, '71 B.S., to the New Hampshire Supreme Court. The Windham, N.H., resident has served as chief justice of the superior court since 2004 and has been a superior court judge since 1992.

**J. David M. Scheiner**, '71 B.S., was named a Life Trustee by the Miami Children's Hospital Foundation Board of Directors. Scheiner, a resident of Coral Gables, Fla., has been a board member for 31 years and currently serves as second vice president.

## 1980s

The Florida Petroleum Marketers & Convenience Store Association hired **Edward M. Bowman**, '81 B.S., '93 E.M.B.A., as the executive director of its Tallahassee office. Bowman has over 25 years of experience in the heating and fuel oil industry.

Cheshire Police Chief **Michael J. Cruess**, '80 B.S., plans to retire. He has worked for the department for almost 30 years.

**Richard F. Hanley**, '82 B.A., assistant professor at Quinnipiac University, created a new documentary, "The Last Days of the Coliseum." The film, about the New Haven Coliseum,

documents the history of New Haven in the latter half of the 20th century.

*The New York Times* has moved **Craig D. Hunter**, '85 B.S., to oversee the paper's television, music and advertising coverage. Hunter, a Trumbull resident, moved from editor of the science desk, where he began in 2007.

**Robert E. Lovell**, '80 B.S., retired as director of support services with the New Milford Police Department. Prior to serving in New Milford, the Brookfield resident served with the Danbury Police Department as a captain.

The Fairfield (CT) Police Department has named **Gary M. MacNamara**, '88 B.S., '94 M.P.A., as its new chief of police. MacNamara had been the first deputy chief of the department.

McGuire, Wood & Bisette, P.A. added attorney **Nicola J. Melby**, '89 B.S., to the firm's new Brevard, N.C., office. Melby is a member of the firm's Elder and Special Needs Law Team.

Democrat **Tom C. Reynolds**, '89 B.S., won a fourth term to keep his seat in the 42nd Assembly District in Connecticut. Reynolds has been a state representative since 2005.

**Grayling G. Williams**, '83 B.S., was appointed by President Obama to serve as director of the Office of Counternarcotics Enforcement (CNE) at the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. Last December, Williams was confirmed by the U.S. Senate to direct CNE's integrated efforts to coordinate policy and strategy to stop the entry of illegal drugs into the United States.

## ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

### New GE Capital CIO Pushes Boundaries

For the past 14 years, **Martha Poulter**, '92 M.B.A., has steadily climbed through the ranks of General Electric, successfully handling many roles and responsibilities along the way.

Her efforts have not gone unnoticed.

In July, Poulter was named vice president and chief information officer at GE Capital, in Norwalk, Conn. Her role is to shape the company's information technology strategy, as well as to integrate the best of GE Capital's IT applications, infrastructure and resources.

"I am responsible for driving the global digitization strategy and delivering competitive differentiation through technology," says Poulter, who leads 3,500 IT professionals across the Americas, Europe, the Middle East and Asia.

While technology is changing almost daily, Poulter espouses a solid balance between creating and maintaining a solid IT environment for her company while trying to take advantage of the newest industry innovations.

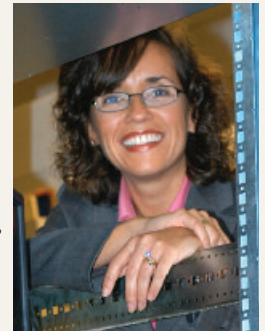
"Operational excellence of our technology portfolio is of paramount importance," she says. "That said, we also invest for the future to make sure that the business continues to be competitively advantaged."

Her greatest enjoyment comes from the personal connections she makes—watching the people she mentors develop and succeed, especially when they push beyond boundaries to accomplish their goals.

"Influencing people in our daily work requires an incredible amount of self-awareness to style differences, ability to adapt in approach and ultimately genuine interest in learning about people," she says.

Poulter credits UNH for giving her the tools to be successful. "I think it was valuable for me to gain the business education and case study experience through the M.B.A. program," she says. "This has provided perspective about the financial services industry from the vantage point of finance, marketing and business development. For me, UNH had a great program of study that allowed me to balance the demands of work and school concurrently."

Poulter's M.B.A. experience also provided another dividend: her husband, Glen Poulter, '00 M.B.A., whom she met in her very first class. The couple has two children and lives in Newtown, Conn.





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## UNH's First All-American Now "Miles Ahead"

Like lots of boys, **Miles McPherson** dreamed of becoming a professional athlete. During his senior year at Nassau County's Malverne High School on Long Island, however, he didn't find many scouts from big football schools knocking on his door.

A man who had coached him during his Pop Warner days knew someone at the University of New Haven. McPherson visited the campus, and in the fall of 1978 he enrolled as an engineering major and tried out for football. No one really knew just how good he was. "I didn't even know myself," he confesses.

It didn't take long to find out. The coaches soon realized they had someone special on their hands. A defensive back, McPherson was gifted with quickness and keen football instincts. He would soon stake his claim as one of UNH's best.

In fact, he became the University's first All-American and its first player to be drafted by the National Football League. By the time his college career ended he held 15 school records. His interceptions records—four in a game and seven in a season, feats he accomplished twice—remain the University's gold standard to this day. In 1989, McPherson was inducted into the UNH Athletics Hall of Fame.

UNH turned out to be good for McPherson in more than one respect. At a campus party he met Debra Spencer, his future wife. And he played football so proficiently that former Assistant Football Coach Gary Reho promoted him to NFL teams.

In 1982, he was drafted by the Los Angeles Rams. When the Rams cut him, he quickly found a home with the San Diego Chargers (his second stint with a "Chargers" team). Over the next four years he made solid contributions as a punt returner, defensive back and special teams player.



McPherson's life appeared glamorous. But in reality it was far from perfect. He had developed an addiction to cocaine and it had cost him his relationships with Debbie and other friends. "I felt empty and alone," he remembers. "Football didn't satisfy me. I realized it would end soon and I didn't know what I would do then."

Two teammates, Sherman Smith and Ray Preston, intervened. Both Christians, they urged him to give himself to Christ. The conversion came in the stark light of morning on April 12, 1984, a date McPherson will never forget. "I'd been up all night doing coke," he says. "I was out of control and I didn't want to be that way anymore. That's when I found Jesus and committed my life to him."

Turning his back on drugs, McPherson joined San Diego's Horizon Christian Fellowship and, in 1985, began holding Bible study with neighborhood teens in his home. "That's when my ministry began," he declares. Soon he was doing motivational speaking for the Chargers' organization.

In September 1986, he retired from football, went to work for Horizon as a youth pastor and enrolled in Azusa Pacific University's School of Theology. He received his Master

of Divinity degree in 1991 and the following year he founded Miles Ahead, a nonprofit youth ministry. Along the way he reunited with Debbie, who would become his wife and the mother of his three children.

In 2000, he founded the non-denominational Rock Church in San Diego. In part on the strength of McPherson's charismatic sermons, it has quickly become one of the nation's largest and fastest growing churches, with an average weekly attendance of 12,000. A cornerstone of the church is its commitment to community service, a philosophy McPherson espoused in his book, *DO Something*. Last year his followers donated 600,000 hours of community service.

"Without the coaching I got at UNH, I wouldn't have gotten into the NFL," McPherson reflects. "God had a plan for me. It all began at UNH."



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## 1990s

Northford resident **Robin M. Andreoli**, '93 B.S., '00 M.B.A., was named executive director of Community Music School in Essex. Community Music School provides private and group instrumental and vocal instruction for more than 500 students of all ages.

The Connecticut Society of Certified Public Accountants (CSCPA) has appointed **Robert D. Boudreau**, '94 M.S., to serve as a member of its advisory council for the organization's 2010-2011 activity year. Boudreau, a Clinton resident, will also chair the CSCPA's Peer Review Committee.

Colonel **Eugene L. Mascolo**, '90 M.S., accepted a position to head Homeland Security in the Northeast. Prior to his appointment,

Mascolo, was chief of police for the Derby Police Department.

The Goodwill Industries of Western Connecticut board of directors has elected **Michael B. Murphy**, '98 E.M.B.A., as chairman. Murphy, a resident of Fairfield, is the vice president and general manager for Alinabal in Milford.

The Derby Police Department announced **Gerald D. Narowski**, '98 A.S., '99 B.S., '01 M.S., as its new police chief. Narowski, a Derby resident, started at the department in 1987.

**David Peck**, '98 B.S., is one of three inductees into the Housatonic Community College Foundation's Alumni Hall of Fame. Peck, a resident of Fairfield, is the retired chief of the Fairfield Police Department.

GE Capital named **Martha C. Poulter**, '92 M.B.A., vice president and chief information officer (see page 23). The Newtown resident is a 14-year GE veteran and has held a range of information technology and e-business leadership roles.

Democratic candidate **Michael J. Rubio**, '99 B.S., defeated Republican Tim Thiesen for the 16th State Senate District seat in California. In 2004, Rubio became the youngest elected supervisor in California. The East Bakersfield, Calif., resident won the 2008 Achievement Award from the National Association of Counties for his Gang Violence Strategic Plan to combat gang violence within Kern County.

**Kevin Ryan**, '90 M.A., won a 10th term in the state legislature

beating his opponent in the 139th Assembly District by more than 500 votes. The Montville resident previously served on the Montville Board of Education.

Moves magazine named **Carolyn N. Stanworth**, '92 M.B.A., to its prestigious 2010 Power Women List. The Guilford resident works for BL Companies and is the first woman in the architecture and engineering industry to be named to the Power Women List.

United States Postal Service Chief Human Resources Officer **Anthony J. Vegliante**, '98 M.S., has been named a Fellow at the National Academy of Human Resources. The Alexandria, Va., resident is the first public sector executive to receive the nation's top honor in the field of human resources.

## ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

### High-Tech Leader Believes People Are Most "Critical System"



**Anthony Christie**, '91 E.M.B.A., has a fast-paced and stressful job tending to the high-tech needs of his company's customers and partners. He is executive vice president and chief technology and information officer at Global Crossing, a leading telecommunications firm based in New Jersey that connects business enterprises

and government agencies to the Internet securely and manages their networks around the world.

His team manages a number of "mission-critical systems" including telephone service, billing and e-mail, with a goal of having the most customer-focused organization in the industry.

Christie, who also holds a Master of Science degree in management from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, has enjoyed a remarkable career in the telecommunications industry, holding

various key positions with AT&T and Asia Global Crossing before joining Global Crossing in 2000. Presently, Global Crossing provides services to 40 percent of the Fortune 500 companies.

Christie's exposure to a diverse group of students and professors during his E.M.B.A. program at UNH profoundly influenced his professional life. His professors, he says, facilitated constructive discussions that challenged everyone's beliefs and values. As a result, Christie developed respect and understanding for their different perspectives.

"My classes at UNH always had ample time for debate and discussion," he recalls. "That was a great experience and a good foundation to learn from." Today, diversity is equally as important to him and to the company he works for. "There is no substitute for diversity," Christie asserts. "You must have an environment representative of the world you serve."

As such, Christie believes the world of technology should promote global understanding. That's a fitting philosophy for a dynamic leader who learned at UNH that people are the most "critical system" of all.



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### Fiscal Foursome Credit UNH For Success Formula

Was it kismet or just plain coincidence? Whatever the case, it turns out that four partners at the accounting firm of Konowitz, Kahn & Company call UNH their alma mater.

**Armand E. Rossi**, '75 B.S., is the managing principal of the firm, which is based in North Haven. His areas of concentration are in mergers and acquisition, succession planning, and family office services. He says the support and direction he received from UNH professors and his involvement with various campus organizations proved invaluable, and that the University's career placement office helped him launch a long and successful career.

While studying at UNH, **Kathleen F. Buzbee**, '97 M.S., was a single mom with a teenage son. She's now responsible for directing the firm's business valuation practice, and credits UNH for giving her the necessary critical thinking skills to be successful in her career.

**Matthias Strilbyckij**, '97 M.B.A., is the quality control partner for auditing and accounting engagements for the firm and a certified fraud examiner. He says his UNH professors instilled in him a much-needed sense of self-confidence.

**Joel M. Sachs**, '07 M.S., the firm's elder care director, specializes in tax accounting and financial services for seniors. He says he originally enrolled at UNH simply because of convenience, but once he got to the University, the quality of the professors kept him there.

All four arrived at the firm over a period of several years, and they all agree it was the best career move they could have made. That similarity, and their collective choice to receive their education at UNH, adds up to a strong connection for this foursome.

Sachs sums it up this way: "What UNH taught us all is to quench our thirst for knowledge. What we have in common is our love of accounting and our passion for service."



## 2000s

**Rachael E. Barrett**, '06 M.B.A., a resident of Brooklyn, N.Y., accepted a position as director of development with Greenhope Services for Women, located in East Harlem, N.Y. Greenhope provides woman-centered and holistic substance abuse treatment services for women involved with the criminal justice system.

Navy Seaman recruit **Mark C. Bojarski**, '07 B.S., completed U.S. Navy basic training in Great Lakes, Ill. The Hamden native took part in an eight-week program involving a variety of training, ranging from classroom study to water safety and survival.

New Haven resident **Robert M. Bove**, '07 B.S., received the New England Mail Order Association's (NEMOA) 2009 Rising Star Award, which recognizes outstanding accomplishments by new employees. NEMOA offers catalog companies and industry service providers of all sizes an affordable network for sharing ideas and experiences.

Maintenance Center Albany officials selected **Terry J. Boyd**, '01 B.S., '03 M.B.A., as their Civilian-Marine of the Quarter. Boyd, a project coordinator of Leesburg, Ga., has become a mentor for Marine Corps Logistics Base in Barstow, Calif., and is an adjunct professor at Albany State University.

**Gregory F. Hauser**, '00 B.S., has been named the City of Charlotte Employee of the Year. The Charlotte, N.C., resident is a telecommunicator at the Charlotte Fire Department and was previously named Telecommunicator of the Year.

Stonington resident **Daniel M. Holdridge**, '04 E.M.S.E.M., has released a new book titled, *Pentagon Prayer: The Story of a 9/11/2001 Survivor*. The book honors 184 heroes from 9-11.

Cheshire resident **Gillian M. Lazarus**, '10 B.S., is pursuing her Ph.D. in chemistry at Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y.

Connecticut State Senator **Robert J. Kane**, '09 M.B.A., won re-election for a second term in the 32nd District. Kane, a Waterbury resident, also owns a local business, Kar-Tele Cellular Phones.

**John L. Kloss**, '09 B.S., recently graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Recruit Training Center in Cape May, N.J. Kloss, a resident of Mansfield Center, will join 36,000 other men and women who constitute the Coast Guard's force.

Technology Marketing Corporation (TMC) added **Stefanie Mosca**, '08 B.A., to its staff. TMC is a global, integrated media company helping clients



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### Turning Technology into Gold

When the time finally came to resume his education and earn the graduate business degree he had put on the back burner, **Oni Chukwu**, '94 M.B.A., took a leap of faith. "I was apprehensive about UNH," he recalls. "I was looking for a school where my education would fit with my career in all respects. I wasn't sure UNH would be it."



Once he enrolled, Chukwu changed his mind. "I soon realized it was the perfect fit," he says. "It accommodated my schedule and the classes were filled with students who, like me, were very committed to their careers and brought a lot of experience to the classroom."

A few years before arriving at UNH, Chukwu had earned his undergraduate degree from the Nigeria Institute of Management and Technology and moved to the United States. Soon after coming to this country, he met his wife, Leslie, and landed a job as the controller with the TowerOne/TowerEast Housing Corporation. It was, he remembers, "a good job for that stage of my career," and he stayed with the Housing Corporation for five years.

With his M.B.A. in hand, Chukwu began to establish a track record of success turning software and technology companies into gold for their investors. He became chief financial officer with Shelton, Connecticut-based software firm Pinnacle Automation. Two years later, after overseeing its rapid growth, he sold it. Over the next decade, Chukwu held top positions at Evenstra, Healthcare Software Synergies, Lexbridge Corporation and KPMG Peat Marwick.

Today, Chukwu is CFO of Triple Point Technology, a leader in commodity management software solutions, with large global customers on six continents. He is responsible for global finance and banking, financial reporting, budgeting and analysis, system administration, human resources, facilities, and all of the company's other administrative functions worldwide.

Chukwu also is a member of the University's Board of Governors and serves on several other boards. "I'm excited about the direction in which the University is going," he says, "and I want to use my global connections and unique circumstances to help."

After all, he is quick to acknowledge the role his UNH education played in his own career success. "Coming to the University of New Haven," he says, "was a wise decision."

build communities. Mosca, a resident of West Haven, previously worked as a freelance copy editor for Digital Surgeons.

Winchester resident **Daniel P. O'Brien**, '05 M.B.A., has been appointed assistant director of admissions for QU Online at Quinnipiac University. Before his employment at Quinnipiac, O'Brien was a financial advisor with Merrill Lynch.

**Joseph L. Soja**, '07 B.A., was commissioned a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army on July 1, 2010. The Wethersfield resident was among 160 men and women commissioned. Lt. Soja selected logistics (transportation) as his specific branch in the Army.

TD Bank of Manhattan named **Christine Uleano**, '03 E.M.B.A., senior loan officer in commercial lending. The Derby resident has 12 years of banking experience.

The United States Geospatial Intelligence Foundation announced the recipients of its 2010 Scholarship Program. **Jennifer C. Veilleux**, '03 B.S., '06 M.S., was one of 19 recipients. The Washington, D.C., resident is a Ph.D. candidate in the geosciences department at Oregon State University, focusing on water resource management.

## MARRIAGES

Agnes Cichon and **Kyle Whitten**, '07 B.S., October 9, 2010.

Lisa Marie Curcuruto and **Ronald L. Brown Jr.**, '07 B.S., June 26, 2010.

**Stacey L. Peace**, '09 B.S., and Thomas Rosa, June 26, 2010.

**Lauren A. Kievits**, '06 M.S., and Paul Larochelle, June 12, 2010.

**Danielle R. Remond**, '07 B.S., Kevin Laroche, University of New Haven Information Technology staff, May 1, 2010.

## ENGAGEMENTS

**Jessica Binns**, '04 B.S., and Robert Herrington are happy to announce their engagement. The two are planning a wedding for the fall of 2011.

**Lauren E. Hood**, '09 B.S., and **Jonathan M. Castaldi**, '06 B.S., are happy to announce their engagement. The two are planning a wedding at Lake Pearl in Wrentham, Mass., in July 2011.

**Michelle J. Lawler**, '06 M.S., and **Robert M. Bove**, '07 B.A., are happy to announce their engagement. The two are looking forward to a wedding in the summer of 2012.

**Heather M. Reynolds**, '07 B.A., '07 B.S., and Brad William Sullivan are happy to announce their engagement. The two are planning a July 2012 wedding.

## BIRTHS

**Robert M. Bove**, '07 B.S., and **Michelle J. Lawler**, '06 M.S., are proud to announce the birth of their twins, a boy and a girl. They were born on October 17, 2009.

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## The Business of Beauty

**Josephine Mills**, '87 M.B.A., certainly gives new meaning to the words "Avon lady."

Since 2003, Mills has served as executive director of global government affairs at Avon Products in New York City.

Avon is a \$10 billion consumer products beauty company with sales operations in more than 100 countries. It provides goods to consumers through a direct-selling distribution model and compensation network of approximately six million independent Avon sales representatives worldwide.

In her current role, Mills is responsible for public policy, legislative and other matters that could potentially influence direct selling or cosmetics businesses.

"I feel honored to be what I would describe as a member of the Avon family," she says. "Avon holds dear five values: trust, respect, belief, humility and integrity. During my 23 years at Avon,



I've seen firsthand how these values support the highest ethical business standards. This is the Avon culture. What I love most about my job at Avon is Avon itself—its culture and its people, the associates, independent sales representatives, and the customers. I believe all those touched in some way by Avon are proud of Avon and I am among the proudest."

In addition to her efforts to increase productivity, improve practices and effectiveness, and reduce costs, Mills looks to lead Avon to new levels in the government affairs arena, establishing policy that will empower women worldwide and improve lives for generations to come.

She often finds that her biggest obstacle to accomplishing these goals is resources.

"We continually need to do more with less," she says. "Our jobs are no different than our real lives. How do we improve what we do, who we are, what we stand for? This is an ongoing challenge we all face each and every day in our jobs and in our personal lives."

Mills considers her UNH experience very rewarding.

"I found the professors to be knowledgeable and engaging," she says. "The campus and the resources were far beyond my expectations. What is most important is that the degree I received has carried me throughout my career and will continue to do so. I would advise others to continue their education and I would highly recommend UNH."

## I N M E M O R I A M

### 1940s

Rosemarie M. Arpaia, '47 A.S.  
Charles R. Gaa, '49 A.S.  
Ivar H. Henrickson, '41 A.S.  
Emil R. O'Bernier, '41 A.S.

### 1950s

R. Bruce Baptie, '58 S.E.D.  
Walter J. Krasowski, '52 A.S.  
Warren Lindsay, '52 A.S.  
Bronislaw A. Snieckus, '51 A.S.

### 1960s

Carl A. Battista, '65 S.E.D.  
Hugh A. Duffy, '63 A.S.  
Richard H. Dunlap, '63 B.S.  
Robert A. Jones, '60 B.S.  
Edward L. Morrow, '64 B.S.  
Walter J. Rosinus, '66 B.S.

### 1970s

Francis Ahearn, '79 B.S.  
Craig T. Bradley, '79 M.S.

Stephen J. Bozentka, '74 B.S.  
Terry W. Earl, '74 B.S.  
Patrick F. McGovern, '73 M.B.A.  
David A. Susi, '77 B.S.  
Ralph M. Troy, '78 A.S.

### 1980s

Raymond F. Alvey, '81 E.M.B.A.  
Arvind K. Chawathe, '80 M.B.A.  
Raymond J. Laubenstein, '80  
E.M.B.A.

### 1990s

John S. Hayward, '92 B.S.  
Richard E. Twomey, '92 M.S.

### 2000s

Thomas E. Widner, '07 M.S.  
Debi L. Wilson, '02 M.S.