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Hello from the Hill,

In August, Champlain College embarked on a remarkable journey of discovery. It was a two-day expedition of the mind to envision how we might learn and work better in the future.

We invited hundreds of people from all over Vermont—students, parents, trustees, employers, government officials, career counselors, faculty and staff—to join us for a two-day Champlain College Summit titled “Building Partnerships for a Thriving Workforce!” When the Summit convened on Aug. 10, more than 400 people took a seat at the table and for the next two days offered their voices in a stimulating conversation about how best to prepare students and alumni to thrive during a 50-year career cycle.

We employed the Appreciative Inquiry style of collaborative thinking and planning used by the Summit's honorary chair, Bob Stiller, to grow his Vermont-based Green Mountain Coffee Roasters into one of the world’s leading companies. Appreciative Inquiry deliberately links strength-based thinking with the full spectrum of stakeholders, encouraging positive sharing of ideas, mutual learning and listening to one another.

The ideas that emerged from the Summit were challenging, energetic and electric. The stakeholder teams boldly combined their knowledge and creativity to discover, dream and design nearly 20 innovative prototype business and education models. In the end, we came away with real, workable suggestions that will help prepare Champlain's students for the future and bolster Vermont's economic development and business vitality.

The final challenge of the Summit is to now refine and deliver on the ideas we gathered.

Since August, we have been prioritizing those ideas and starting to identify resources and the partners who can turn the dreams into reality. In mid-October, staff, faculty and trustees focused on further refining two of the most immediately feasible prototypes. (See story on page 10.)

The Champlain Summit demonstrated that we are uniquely positioned to support a thriving professional community in Vermont and beyond in a way no other college can. The people who attended the Summit demonstrated their faith in Champlain's ability to make it happen. The challenges ahead are many, but I firmly believe that by continuing to work together, we can create a road map for the future and bring forth a new model for higher education.

Of course, we will succeed only with your support. As we move into the final phase of Champlain's $25 million comprehensive campaign—Vision. Innovation. Passion.—we know you will continue to help us meet that goal and ensure Champlain College is able to offer scholarships, topnotch instruction and sustainable cutting-edge creative spaces for our students and faculty, now and into the future.

Dr. David F. Finney
President

Editor’s note: In an effort to be more sustainable and make Champlain View available to the widest audience as the number of our alumni and friends increases, we have reduced the overall size of the magazine. This will also save on production and mailing costs. We will use the savings to produce more stories online about Champlain’s successes and people using video, social media and photography.
David Strubler

Doing Business
The Champlain Way

In his new role as dean of the Champlain College Division of Business, Dave Strubler couldn’t have walked into a role—or a college community—that fits him better. A native of Rochester, Michigan, Strubler comes to Champlain after 16 years at Kettering University, a professional school that specializes in hands-on, integrated learning.

The first-semester dean has long been an avid outdoorsman and arts aficionado. And so, instead of taking the traditional corporate route after college, Strubler says he got his first taste of management through developing an Outward Bound-themed wilderness education program for at-risk youth in northern Michigan.

“I designed [the program], developed it and directed it. I had a budget. I hired people. I trained people. So I got a lot of hands-on management experience, but in a private nonprofit,” he says.

Strubler spent the next nine years at Oakland University near Detroit, then two more at Nissan’s R&D center in Farmington Hills, Michigan. Working in a Japanese company with a majority American workforce, Strubler says he “became fascinated with the whole idea of culture.” So fascinated that, at the age of 38, he decided to pursue a Ph.D. in Organizational Communication, Management, and Oral Interpretation from Wayne State University.

While pursuing his Ph.D., Strubler home-schooled his three boys while his wife, Ann, a professional musician with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, went on the road. When she was not working, he “studied, did the whole grad school thing, and taught part-time.”

After earning his advanced degrees, academia was the logical next step. But even while a professor at Kettering, Strubler kept his connection with industry, running a multi-university distance learning program for Delphi Corporation in Troy, Michigan, for several years.

It’s that unique blend of academic, HR, and corporate experience that Strubler believes will benefit Champlain, which is already pioneering a new brand of integrated business learning.

His top priorities for his time as dean? Organizing more corporate sponsorships, integrating the recently redesigned business curriculum, and making sure every student has full-time paid professional experience before graduation. “That’s one of the things I’d like to guarantee down the road—that you wouldn’t walk out the door without it,” says Strubler.

To deliver on that promise, one of his first moves as dean was to appoint a Work Integrated Learning Initiative (WILI) team. They’ll be spending the year benchmarking accomplishments against schools like Kettering and Northeastern University, while designing something unique to Champlain that Strubler hopes will serve as a model outside the school.
Champlain’s Director of Admission

“The community of educators and students here is amazing,” says Chuck Maniscalco, one of Champlain College’s new vice presidents. “I could not have asked to move to a better, more beautiful city than Burlington, Vermont.”

There were many characteristics of Champlain College that drew me to the position of director of admission,” continues Maniscalco, “but if I had to name my top two, I’d say that the Champlain education is completely individualized—here students, faculty and staff all know each other as individuals, and students have the ability to tailor their educational experience to their goals and personalities, which truly brings out the passion in our students and allows them to excel.

Secondly, Champlain does things differently than I’ve seen in other institutions—from the career-oriented majors to the Upside-Down Curriculum to the solid learning foundation provided by integrated Core studies. Champlain’s approach is clearly one that focuses on its students’ academic and career success.”

Maniscalco moved to Vermont in 2006 to be CEO of Seventh Generation in Burlington. Prior to that he worked for PepsiCo for six years, where he held the position of president and CEO of one of its major divisions, overseeing 10,000 employees and managing accounts of $10 billion. He worked for a leading water technology company for 21 years prior to its merger with PepsiCo. In his various corporate roles, Maniscalco has had an intense focus on marketing and branding as well as solving complex organizational and management problems. He is also a leadership coach, focusing on helping others become genuine leaders.

He lives in Shelburne with his wife, Val. They have two sons, Jamey, 25, and Ryan, 23.
Top Citizen

Bruce M. Lisman of Shelburne was honored during 2011 Convocation as Champlain College’s Distinguished Citizen for his longtime devotion to education and service to Vermont. The former head of Global Equities at Bear Stearns, he was cited for his years of community service, ongoing support of higher education and steadfast commitment to preservation of forests. This is the 50th year for the College’s Distinguished Citizen award.

By Their Numbers

Champlain College received top recognition for its classroom experience for students, quality of life and sustainability efforts from the editors of The Princeton Review in its 2012 Best 376 Colleges. Champlain ranked 17th overall in the “Best Classroom Experience” category, and is one of only six institutions added to the list of best colleges in this latest edition.

The College continued to climb in the U.S. News and World Report’s annual America’s Best Colleges, advancing in the 2012 annual ranking report to 1th among “The Best Regional Colleges in the North,” which includes all the New England states, New York, New Jersey, Maryland and Pennsylvania.

There are 71 colleges in four regional categories of institutions that focus on undergraduate education and offer a range of degree programs in the liberal arts and professional fields. Champlain was ranked 17th last year in the category. Two years ago, the survey named Champlain College one of the “Up-and-Coming Schools” in the Northeast.

Champlain College President David F. Finney, discussing the recent rankings, said, “This recognition and the others are a reflection of everyone at Champlain College for their continued commitment to providing the most student-centric, professionally focused education in the country.”

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In une, public policymakers, educators, business-people and legislators gathered to discuss the need for additional personal finance education in Vermont. Vermont Gov. Peter Shumlin above opened the Champlain College Center for Financial Literacy’s statewide conference sponsored by TD Bank and National Life Group.

A professional development opportunity was offered later this summer to 25 Vermont middle and high school teachers to help them gain competencies in personal finance topics, such as credit, budgeting and investing. This was the first of three Vermont Teachers Financial Literacy Summer Institutes that Champlain College’s Center for Financial Literacy and Merchants Bank are sponsoring.
LEED Platinum

Champlain College’s —elcome and Admission Center at Roger H. Perry Hall has earned LEED Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Platinum, the highest .S. Green Building Council certification a building can receive. The building opened in the summer of 2010.

Earning the LEED Platinum rating is no small feat since the project involved extensive restoration of a historic 1 5 building, which was expertly combined with modern sustainable features including a geothermal heat pump, super insulation and tight construction, use of local materials, green roof technology and energy efficient lighting. It is estimated that by meeting the Platinum LEED standard, Perry Hall will save 70 tons of carbon emissions annually.

MILLER CENTER DEDICATION

The official opening of the Miller Center at Lakeside Campus was celebrated in une with Bob and Holly Miller and their family. It was Miller’s company REM Development of —illiston that built the new facility in less than six months. The new three-story facility offers ,000 square feet of office, meeting and classroom space and brings together employees from the College’s Continuing Professional Studies Division, Human Resources, Campus Planning, Finance, Marketing, Graduate Admissions, Information Systems, the Center for Digital Forensics student lab, and the Emergent Media Center.

“Champlain College would not have this new South End home, if not for the generosity and exemplary work of the Miller family,” said President David F. Finney. An open office environment surrounds the core of the Lakeside building, which also provides numerous closed meeting spaces ranging from private working cabins to 10-person meeting rooms and classroom space. In addition, there are two seminar rooms for people on the first floor that can be converted into one large classroom for.

MFA Emergent Media Speakers Series

The master of fine arts degree in Emergent Media is hosting a series of dialogues between MFA candidates and industry thought leaders on issues at the cutting edge of art, business, and technology. - icking off the series on " ct. was Michael Jager at right, president, CE" and chief creative officer of Di Paola - emp Design, which works with clients such as Burton Snowboards, Microsoft’s box 0, Nike, Levi’s, MTV and Patagonia. —atch the video of the D- session online at www.ustream.tv channel mfaspeaker-series.

"ther speakers this fall include Gary Goldberger, president of FableVision Rich adworny, digital strategist with Digalicious, Adam Rubin of 2Revolutions and Chris Thompson, curator of the BCA Center of Burlington City Arts. Follow the series and learn more about the MFA in Emergent Media on Twitter champMFA, and www.facebook.com champMFA ChamplainEMC.
Pa ton Hall ’1 of Rochester, New York, turned his love of skiing into an entrepreneurial enterprise last spring as a first-year student. An International Business major, Hall learned the value of having initiative, support and the skill set to bring his professional ski tuning service to the Champlain College campus. His company, Pa Tun, received recognition on the national level this fall when a journalist from the New York Times contacted Bob Bloch of Champlain’s BYOBiz program for help in finding a student who managed an on-campus business. Hall was a perfect representative, and his piece was set to appear in the Education section of the New York Times on Oct. 5, 2011.

Here’s what he had to say...

hat is Pa Tun

PaTunz is an on-campus ski, snowboard and bike tune-up shop located in the ID Student Life Center. —e provide professional hand tuning and hot waxing for skis and boards, as well as fix tires, brakes and chains on bikes. It is same-day drop-off and pickup and offers the most affordable prices around.

hy start your own tune-up shop

Tom Myers, director of the International Business program, as well as my professor and mentor, gave me an idea to start a ski team at Champlain last fall. The deadline passed to get a club budget from the Student Government Association, so Tom planted another idea in my mind “—hat about opening a ski tune-up shop on campus ” I mulled it over throughout winter break. I knew we had found a desirable service niche on campus, something I already knew how to do that would also be fun. So I said, “—hy not ” and spent $400 on supplies before coming back to campus in the New Year. I then took my business plan to Bob Bloch of Champlain’s BYOBiz program, which assists by mentoring and networking. Along the way I have consulted with Champlain College faculty and staff members such as Noah Goldblatt, Scott Baker, David Mona, Charlie Nagelschmidt and Meg Frenzen.

At the first signs of success I knew I could not be static and had to keep my competitive edge. People have always suggested ways to continue the business throughout the summer. —hen Sasha Barovskikh ’15, a longtime mountain biker and bike tuner, came to me this fall I knew just what to do to expand my services. He has a complementary skill set to mine.

ere you surprised by your success

Yes and no it depends how you define success. Two weeks after “rentation, if you had told me I would have a business featured in the o at the start of my sophomore year, I’d have said you were crazy. I’ve always had an entrepreneurial spark and liked doing stuff like this. All I knew was coming to Champlain I would take advantage of opportunities and hopefully do something substantial.

I have worked really hard in the past year and have learned a lot about myself. In the world, ideas are everywhere, a dime a dozen, but it takes the initiative to get things started. Realizing that I have that skill is the most important thing I have learned from this venture. I was not afraid of failure, and my risk has proven to be a valuable experience.

I didn’t start the company with the intention to do this for the rest of my life, and I’m looking forward to working on other projects featuring additional personal interests. For example, I am currently developing another business with my good friend George Taylor Benz ’14 and am privately inventing a smartphone quick-pass app for the ski industry. So I’m actually working on three projects at once.

hat advice would you have for your peers and anyone entrepreneurial

From incoming college freshmen to future entrepreneurs, it is important to not be afraid of failure and to have initiative. It will take you far.

For more information on Pa Tun, visit www.patun.com.

—Kayla Hedman ’14
Awards and honors were the highlight of the 2011 Champlain College Recognition Dinner in May. The Elizabeth A. Durick Staff Service Award was given to Colleen Long ’85, ’94, ’03, G’08; the Edward Phelps Lyman Professorship to Professor David Lustgarten and the Francine Page Excellence in Teaching Award to Adjunct Professor William Wheeler (shown at right with President David Finney). Celebrating 40 years of service to the College were Champ Soncrant and Elaine Strunk ’64. Also honored were a number of retiring Champlainers, including Chuck Amey, Dave Binch, Dick Flynn, Shelli Goldswieg, Diane E. Howe, Marc Kascus, Fred Koch, Greg Morgan, Nancy Nahra, Doey Pomplin P’97, Willard Sterne Randall, Carol Reynolds ’69, ’98, Linda Rodd, Dolly Shaw, Bob Simpson and Marie-Ann Wood ’93.

The Class of 2011 Awards were presented at the Second Annual Senior Dinner in April. Recipients: The H. Dean Pearl Memorial Award to Tommy Ngan; the Chandler S. Page Memorial Award for spirit to Leah Gralasso, Katie Scanlon, Ted Schwinden, Tricia Cawley and Michaela Fortin; the newly renamed Mary Kay Kennedy Service Award to David Madonna and Amanda Bryant; and the Presidential Award to Van Dang.

Jonathan Rajewski, an assistant professor of Computer & Digital Forensics at Champlain College as well as the co-director/principal investigator of the Champlain College Center for Digital Investigation (C3DI) and an examiner for the Vermont Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, was named Digital Forensic Investigator of the Year by a jury of his peers in the national and international digital forensics community in a poll conducted by Forensic 4cast—a highly regarded website that provides news and information about the field of digital forensics.

Professor Laurel Bongiorno has been named program director for the new M.Ed. in Early Childhood Education at Champlain. Earlier this year she helped bring acclaimed author and educator Diane Levin to campus to speak on her book, So Sexy, So Soon, about the early sexualization of childhood.

Ten Champlain students traveled to Bagamoyo, Tanzania, in May for a Service in Action and Teach for Tomorrow trip to help orphans and to teach English, math and arts. Led by Center for Service and Civic Engagement’s Maggie Melvin and Abbey Scheider, the students were Chelsy Pillsbury ’12, David Madonna ’11, Scott Moretto ’12, David Borocz-Johnson ’11, Mary Anderson ’11, Kelly Forkas ’10, Caitlin Golub ’10, Heather Barrett ’10, Jessica Shvakhman ’11 and Brendan Tanner ’10.

Tim Brookes, program director of Champlain’s Professional Writing major, was recently featured in the Atlantic and the New York Times for his “Endangered Alphabets” exhibit and its companion book. The project, begun in 2006, aims to preserve the world’s endangered alphabets by carving them into Vermont maple.

Emerging Technologies Librarian Andy Burkhardt’s blog “Information Tyrannosaur” was named the 2011 Best Academic Library blog by the Salem Press Library Blog Awards.

Visit www.champlaincollegenews.blogspot.com/ for more news
History has shown that a journey of such magnitude and scope rarely succeeds if taken alone, so Champlain President David F. Finney invited the full spectrum of the College’s stakeholders to gather for a two-day summit in August to chart the course of collective discovery, dreaming and designing a way to “build partnerships for a thriving workforce” for Champlain College and Vermont.
The first morning at Argosy Gym in the IDX Student Life Center, there was a buzz of anticipation from students, alumni, parents, employers, government and school officials, friends of the College, faculty, staff and Champlain’s Board of Trustees.

Nearly 400 people in all were primed to embark on a new adventure, guided by the Appreciative Inquiry AI model, in which everyone has a chance to be heard. It encourages working together to see what works and envision what could be better. High value is placed on finding common ground from which to move forward and make informed decisions about what opportunities are ahead. It is a way of thinking that has served many of the most successful businesses and organizations, and many businesses credit it with enabling them to reach unexpected new heights.
Argosy Gym was the home of the Champlain College Summit in August. Stakeholders from all areas came together for the Summit, "Building Partnerships for a Thriving Workforce." At right Katie Hawley, board secretary, facilitates a Summit review session during a Board of Trustees retreat in October. Below, right Jonathan Ferguson and Betsy Beaulieu chart a course of action through the maze during an exercise.

APPRECIATIVE I —UIR

Honorary Chair of the Champlain Summit Robert Stiller, chairman of the board of Green Mountain Coffee Roasters (GMCR), kicked off the day by sharing how Appreciative Inquiry helped his company identify growth opportunities and gain the necessary support and commitment from everyone, coffee growers to boardroom and beyond.

"It became part of our culture to work together to find solutions," Stiller explained. It fueled the company’s phenomenal growth and contributed to having creative conversations, forming new partnerships and helping GMCR envision and shape its future, he said. It is a model that can also work for higher education, Stiller believes.

New Division of Business faculty member Lindsey Godwin, who has a background in AI, was just days into her new job at Champlain when she was asked to help explain the methodology to her colleagues. "It is a strengths-based and whole system change model. Using this will help us determine what works. AI allows us to focus on the positive and put our energy into what works instead of what doesn’t," she said.

As the morning proceeded, the various tables of stakeholders tackled a series of questions about standout experiences they have had at the College; innovation and team projects that were successful; creating evolutionary partnerships; and imagining what the future for Champlain College and the Vermont workforce might look like in 2020.
The process became even more interesting as stakeholder groups—alumni, employers, faculty, staff and others—started to focus on specific ideas that would benefit their own areas of need and then brought those ideas back to the entire group.

The emerging topics were not totally unexpected, but when cast in the light of Appreciative Inquiry, ideas related to internships, job-matching services for employers and alumni, mentoring opportunities, and new and better delivery systems for education on campus, online and in the workplace all gained new traction and renewed possibilities.

Employers asked for longer-term internships with Champlain students and the creation of easier access to continuing education for employees. Representatives from government, schools and nonprofits identified the need for Champlain to create more entrepreneurial learning environments to improve mentoring, and find ways to integrate K-12 education with higher education.

“The energy was incredible,” noted Cortney Cahill, of Cahill Collins Consulting Partners. “It was all about breaking down the walls between the classroom and businesses and finding ways to be more integrated in all phases of our careers.”

“The challenge now,” according to President Finney at the conclusion of the Summit, “is what to do with all the ideas and suggestions that flowed from the Summit.”

In the weeks following the Summit, the broad ideas and rough prototypes created over two days have been reviewed by campus team leaders. Five areas of focus bubbled to the top that also closely align with the Champlain 2020 strategic plan adopted last year:

- **Lifelong learning for students and alumni**
- **People opportunity matching for businesses and students**
- **Champlain as a strategic resource to support training**
- **Toppling the ivory tower with new learning models**
- **Embedded learning to help match teaching to needs**
FOCUS ON STRENGTHS

In mid-October, the Champlain College Board of Trustees devoted its fall retreat to refining two Summit ideas identified by the College as having the greatest potential and the ability to be quickly implemented:

— **JUST-IN-TIME TRAINING** program, consisting of clinics and learning labs that would build on the work already being done by the Center for Professional and Executive Development (CPED) and Continuing Professional Studies. The Center already connects employers with training solutions, provides customized training and offers professional development. Trustees looked at ways to set price points based on company size to make the educational opportunities more affordable; they also considered how to best deliver the training online or in modules to Vermont businesses, government agencies and not-for-profit organizations.

— **CHAMPLAIN BUSINESS SERVICES**, a talent hub supplying Champlain students, alumni and faculty to employers to solve real business problems in a consultancy model for project-based work. It would also serve as an incubator in which recent graduates could gain business experience, build their resume and act as consultants in areas of technology, digital forensics, marketing and Champlain College areas of major study. It would benefit Vermont’s economic vitality by providing a workforce supplement, especially to startup businesses, and build direct links to industry needs for Champlain College students and alumni.
“These two programs and the others suggested at the Summit have the potential to make an enormous impact on the role Champlain College plays in the future of Vermont,” Finney told the trustees.

“No one has the silver bullet when it comes to knowing what will happen in the future,” said David Provost, senior vice president for Finance and Administration. “People these days have five or six careers over their lifetime, not just five or six jobs. We have to ask them and the employers ‘What do you need?’ and if we can figure out how to deliver that, we will be the leader in higher education of the future.”

Finney added, “Many of you have seen Champlain College undertake bold initiatives in the past. We have demonstrated the ability to create transformative partnerships, innovate processes and realize outcomes that simply aren’t possible using old models of learning. There is a hunger for us to take a leadership role. We are setting our priorities, and it is what we do.”

Kyle Dodson, director of the Center for Service and Civic Engagement.

Learn More

There are many resources online to help you understand and participate in the Appreciative Inquiry methodology and the Champlain College Summit.

Start with a visit to...

www.summit.champlain.edu

Then you can watch online interviews with:

President David Finney and Chairman of the Board of Green Mountain Coffee Roasters Robert Stiller about Appreciative Inquiry and plans for the Summit.

Board of Trustees Vice Chair Laura Dagan and former Champlain College President Robert Skiff, who talk about Champlain’s tradition of innovative approaches to education.

Student Government Association President Viktor Jagar ’12 and Lisa Rees ’85, ’02 on their experiences as students at Champlain College.

Join the online conversations on Facebook and LinkedIn. Look for links to interesting articles about work, higher education, creativity and innovation. Search for Champlain College Summit and “like” the page.

View the Summit Book and photos

See a PDF of the Champlain Summit book, with the graphic illustrations created during the two-day summit, along with photographs of the attendees.

Send comments and suggestions to: summit@champlain.edu
Champlain Graduates from the class of 2010 have a huge advantage over many of their peers from other institutions when it comes to making it in the real world—the majority have already landed jobs in their chosen field.

According to the 2010 Champlain College Employment Report, issued in May 2011 by the College’s Career Services Office, nearly nine out of 10 graduates (86.8 percent, to be exact) from the Class of ’10 reported that they had already secured relevant employment in their field of study.

“In addition to our Upside-Down Curriculum and our career-ready majors, Champlain students work collaboratively with Champlain’s Career Services Office to develop and implement a career management plan (self-assessment, preparation of job search documents, networking and practice interviewing) over four years that helps them be more confident and employable in their chosen fields,” explains Ian Mortimer, vice president for Enrollment Management at Champlain. “In short, they are better prepared to succeed in the real world than the majority of their peers.”

Ali Rafieymehr, dean of the Division of Information Technology & Sciences, offers another reason Champlain grads are thriving in the workforce: “When students get an internship with companies in Burlington,” he says, “they are very often offered a position once they graduate, because companies know the quality of programs and students Champlain has.”

The high placement of members of the Class of 2010 within one year of graduation represents a 3.4 percent increase over the previous year, and Mortimer expects the trend to continue: “We have every reason to believe that the employment numbers for the Class of 2011 will be even higher,” he says. “A leading indicator for the Class of 2011 employment numbers is the overwhelming success of this past April’s Job Fair for graduating seniors and students seeking internships and jobs. We had to turn away nearly two dozen employers because of lack of space to accommodate them. We feel fortunate that local, regional and national employers see the value of hiring our graduates.”

For more information about Champlain College’s Career Services Office, visit: champlain.edu/careerservices
June 1–10, 2012
Champlain Offers Academic Tour for Staff, Faculty, Alumni, Parents & Friends in 2012

The Offices of the President and International Education at Champlain College will offer an academic 10-day tour of Ireland and Dublin June 1–10, 2012, for staff, faculty, students, alumni, parents and friends of Champlain College. The tour, led by faculty and staff of Champlain College Dublin, offers participants an insider understanding of the country, its people, and its culture and a chance to see Champlain College Academic Centre and learn more about the study abroad program.

For more information about the tour and to register, contact Dr. Stephen Robinson, Director, Champlain College Dublin, at srobinson@champlain.edu.

For the complete day-by-day itinerary, visit: champlain.edu/Office-of-International-Education/Discover-Ireland/Itinerary.html
Ron Fatato ’66 loves a good story and he tells war stories with the best of them. Just ask Vermont Adjutant Major General Michael Dubie, who shared a table with him and then presented Fatato with the C. Bader Brouilette Alumni Leadership Award during Alumni Weekend.

Fatato is also all about family—he was one of 10 children growing up in Irvington, New York, and he has four grown children—Kelli, Michael, Antoinette and Ronald Jr.—with his wife Patricia.

Fatato is a successful businessman today, but he wasn’t always so well off, he says. Looking back on his days at Champlain in the mid-1960s, he freely admits he wasn’t a great student. Still, to this day, he credits Champlain with teaching him some important lessons that have served him in business, his private life and in war.

He recalls then Champlain President C. Bader Brouilette coming into class and talking about his life and successes to inspire students. He is thankful for Lee Brooks’s lecture on the four management functions for success—identify, plan, organize and control—which helped him in his sales and realty businesses.

Ron Fatato has another much bigger family as well—the military and veterans who have served on the front lines of war. He was 22 when he joined the U.S. Army in 1968 and was sent to Vietnam.

He has strong memories of arriving in Vietnam and especially the day he finally flew back home. The transition back to civilian life was not always easy, he recalls.
From firsthand experience, he knows how important it is for returning troops to feel appreciated and welcomed home. And going back to college can also be challenging without a little extra help.

Adding to that belief are the memories of his father-in-law, Sgt. John Olwell, who was part of at least three beach invasions, including Normandy during World War II, where he earned the Silver Star.

With those experiences in mind, Fatato and his family set up a Veterans Fund to support the Yellow Ribbon Program at Champlain College with a dollar-for-dollar match up to $100,000.

“I believe those who served our country deserve our gratitude and I know a Champlain College education will help them find the right career path and be successful, just like it did for me,” he said.

To date, many others have stepped up to contribute to the Veterans Fund, raising $63,000 for the matching funds from the Fatato family. More than 70 families and individuals are being helped through the fund and the Post 9/11 GI Bill.

And after receiving his alumni award, named for the Champlain College president who inspired him over the years, Fatato gathered with his family, including grandson Nicholas, who is thinking about coming to Champlain himself, for a photo with Major General Dubie.

Unexpectedly, Vermont’s Adjutant General reached into his pocket and pulled out a bronze coin with two raised stars and the inscription “Presented for Outstanding Service” and put it into the hands of Patricia Fatato to thank her for her father’s service and her family’s commitment to helping military families.

It was one more reminder that as a people, we can’t say “thank you” often enough to the men and women and their families who have served our country.

—Stephen Mease

Veterans Services At Champlain College

Champlain College has a full-time Veterans Affairs officer who is ready to help veterans and their families navigate the paperwork of the Post 11 GI Bill and Yellow Ribbon Program.

Currently about 10 veterans or members of their families are attending Champlain in traditional undergraduate, graduate or Continuing Professional Studies programs.

Champlain was named a 2012 Military Friendly School by J. o s magazine.

To contribute to the Veterans Fund, contact Erik liver in the office of Advancement, 802 8. •••2.
Remember the times you hurried up the hill on Maple Street to get to class and stayed up late talking with friends in Pearl Hall? At Champlain, you built a portfolio, found a direction for your dreams and discovered more reasons to love winter.

Thousands of alumni have called Champlain home. Like you, they’ve pursued a career-focused education that has prepared them for a full life. Today’s students share that passion to succeed.

Your gift to Champlain is essential to ensure that the College remains vibrant and rich in the resources students need to develop their dreams: top-notch faculty, cutting-edge technology and scholarships that make a Champlain education accessible to all.

Our $25 million comprehensive campaign—Vision. Innovation. Passion.—is well under way, but we need your support to meet the significant challenge of our goal. Join the many alumni whose memories of Champlain inspire their passion and support for the College, graduates whose individual gifts motivate others to give and engage with Champlain.

This is your Champlain. You make it happen.

A community of learning open to all

To date, generous supporters of Champlain College have donated $17.5 million. This funding has supported many student scholarships, the renovation of Perry Hall as our Welcome and Admission Center, and our flagship academic programs like Bring Your Own Business (BYOBiz), The Center for Digital Investigation, The Emergent Media Center and The Center for Financial Literacy. There is more to be done.

Scholarships
Champlain College is committed to empowering students to achieve their career ambitions through need- and merit-based scholarship support.

Without question, students are our greatest asset. Providing support for those with academic potential, yet without the means to pay, is among Champlain’s highest priorities. Scholarship funds ensure academic excellence by enabling the very best students to attend the College—regardless of their ability to pay.

Center for Communication and Creative Media
With your capital support, we will expand digital creative-media workspaces and fine arts studios, and build a public art display through construction of a “creative commons.”

Expanding the imagination of our students inspires them to develop a vision and engage with the world. A new 40,000-square-foot Center for Communication and Creative Media will provide space and technology to support students and help attract expert faculty, so Champlain can continue to stimulate minds and spirits.

Exploring new worlds... together

Like our namesake, Samuel de Champlain, who navigated beyond the boundaries of the known world, the students, faculty and staff at Champlain College are discovering the horizons of educational and career success in our changing world.

To learn more about making a gift, please contact the Advancement Office at (802) 383-6662 or visit www.champlain.edu/lookout.
“We’re preparing students for the next 50 years during which creativity, interdisciplinary collaboration and media will play even larger roles in career success.”
—Jeff Rutenbeck, Dean, Division of Communication & Creative Media
Champlain College honored five of its own during the October Alumni and Family Weekend with Alumni Leadership Awards. This year’s recipients range from generous supporters to alumni who dedicate their time and knowledge to current Champlain students and recent grads.

“Champlain College Alumni Leadership Awards are given to those alumni who have demonstrated great leadership in their career, outstanding service to the community and/or a notable accomplishment. These awards, with the exception of the President’s Award and the Vermonter Award, are given out in honor of past Champlain College presidents,” explained Alison Johnson ’89, ’97, alumni relations and annual giving director at Champlain.

Champlain’s Alumni Council members who helped choose the honorees: Audrey Holm-Hansen ’94, Jackie Botjer ’05, Jon Walsh ’85, ’98, Bradley Kelly ’08, Louise Reese ’95, Mariann Carlson ’84, Katherine Maund ’10, Kathleen Ray ’08, Paul Skarvinko ’05, Travis Mears ’06, and Zach Grimes ’03, ’10.

The 2011 Leadership Award recipients are: above from left to right

**C. Bader Brouilette Leadership Award:** Ron Fatato ’66 has been a strong supporter of Champlain and helping United States veterans return to school through a scholarship fund.

**President’s Alumni Leadership Award:** Nichole Magoon ’10 is a driven and dedicated rising star who has helped Champlain grads find jobs through social media.

**Roger H. Perry Alumni Leadership Award:** Diana Arey Agusta ’71 was honored for her past volunteerism, decades of service and support of Champlain.

**Vermonter Alumni Leadership Award:** Ginger Vieira ’08 is an inspirational, extremely talented writer and spokesperson for diabetes care and a wonderful example for Champlain College young alumni.

**Robert A. Skiff Alumni Leadership Award:** Julie Germek Snow ’86 has been a steadfast supporter of the College through her extraordinary volunteerism and contributions.

See more photos and info about the winners online at www.champlain.edu
Champlain College alumni enjoyed a weekend of meeting with friends, family, former roommates and favorite professors and staff members at a variety of alumni events on campus and in Burlington. At right Class of 1977 members Leslie Donovan, Susan Solari and Joanne Huot found themselves in the yearbook placed on their Alumni Award luncheon table.

Above, left Julie Germek Snow ’86 and her roommate from college, Patti Harvey ’86, caught up on their lives during the awards lunch in Argosy Gym. Above, right Recent Champlain graduates Bret Dewhurst ’07, Ichole Magoon ’10, Aaron Bryant ’11, and Dan Bergeron ’09 shared a laugh at the awards luncheon. Below A happy hour and BBQ— for alumni at Roger H. Perry Hall was hosted by Travis Mears ’06 and Allison Crowley DeMag ’86.

Above Ginger Vieira ’08 checks in with Elaine Strunk ’64, who has worked at Champlain for 40 years. At right Joanne Soncrant ’71 and Professor Champ Soncrant enjoyed a weekend of connecting with friends and former students, beginning with the KPMG-sponsored accounting alumni breakfast on Friday.
John Davis and Bret Hodgdon of Williston, VT, have been longtime supporters of Champlain accounting students. They have hired a number of graduates, including from left, - atie Rubalcaba ’10, Cara Collins ’07, ordon Nelle, ’07, and essica Ingram ’0 . Davis Hodgdon is the first firm to invest in the Champlain College Division of Business Foundation4Sucess Scholarship, a four-year merit scholarship.

MARRIAGE
Roland F. Palmer and Mark A. Hackett, one 25, 2011.

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Benjamin R. Read was nominated for two Emmys this year. He also won an Edward R. Murrow award.

Heather Street of Vermont Associates for Training and
On the day after tropical storm Irene struck Vermont, the Twitter hashtag #VTresponse quickly became popular as a way to share live updates about the emergency.

That afternoon, three colleagues, including Katy Kent ’09, collaborated to create www.vtresponse.com to bridge the communication gap between volunteers and those in need.

Kent gladly shared why one woman was so thankful for VTresponse: “Within two hours of posting on the website, someone brought feed to her animals after her own supplies had washed away in the river.”

After four days, FEMA and the Red Cross took over efforts and the website was efficiently repurposed to let people connect over chats and forums to coordinate themselves. They also created VTexchange, an online stockpile of donated goods for Vermonters in need of resources.

“Although VTresponse was not my idea, I am thrilled to have been part of it. I feel so fortunate and knowing making personal connections is,” Kent realized.

Elaine Young, assistant dean of Business at Champlain, helped Kent get excited about school after she transferred out of UVM in 2006. Champlain’s “Upside-Down Curriculum” allowed her to do marketing case studies with real businesses from the time she started at Champlain.

Her senior year, Kent interned at Carved Solutions in Williston, owned by Dawn Lancaster ’89. She continued there until she took a job at New Breed Marketing in Winooski. Currently reevaluating her next steps, she is working as a freelance marketing and social media professional.

Kent was not always interested in community service. “I did community service in college, but it was not necessarily as important.” Now she feels like her outlook on everything has changed; she has learned so much and wants to give back to the community. There are endless opportunities in social media and she would love to apply her skills in that area to work for a nonprofit organization.

—Kayla Hedman ’14
In 1999, 13-year-old Ginger Vieira threw a pity party for herself when she was diagnosed with Type I diabetes and celiac disease. She soon realized, however, “Everyone has a challenge in life, and this is mine.

“I’ve never struggled with diabetes although managing it is hard. It wouldn’t be so easy if I was not helping and inspiring other people,” she says. She learned how essential it was to commit energy to something that you care about.

Throughout college, Vieira has been inspired by her mentor, Professor Tim Brookes. As Brookes taught and advised Vieira while she was editor and chief of the Champlain Current campus newspaper, he learned that she wanted to write a book about diabetes. He persuaded her to take her passion and make it happen. He prepared Vieira by giving her the skills to organize the 300-page book, Your Diabetes Science Experiment, which helps readers better understand the human physiology of their own bodies and the impact of diabetes. The book was published in January 2011 by the student-run Champlain College Publishing Initiative.

The summer before her senior year at Champlain, Vieira sought to improve her health. She began by joining a gym with a personal trainer, and in a short period of time she doubled, then tripled her strength. To balance the weightlifting she was doing, she started practicing yoga. She was encouraged to train as a competitive power lifter and to get her training certification in life coaching, general exercise and yoga. She has since been working at the Sports & Fitness Edge, where she is starting a diabetes coaching program, and has founded Living In Progress to advocate for living well with the chronic disease.

At age 19, Vieira became an advocate and started writing for people with diabetes. She was paid to blog for local health organizations and started experimenting with social media on her own. When writing blogs was not enough, she realized that if done successfully, video blogs allow one to convey happiness, health, energy and positivity much more forcefully.

Vieira says she is delighted with the feedback and transformations she has seen from her clients. She’s also looking forward to beginning work on a second diabetes book about creating healthy relationships with food.

While her passions and interests have broadened beyond professional writing, at every step of her journey she has looked for ways to incorporate her Champlain education in her livelihood. She travels the country to compete in power-lifting competitions, teach yoga, be an advocate for those with diabetes, and promote her book and video blogs.

“I need to practice all of them equally to satisfy my brain and body. My mom is surprised I don’t get dizzy!” she says.

—Kayla Hedman ’14
Development explained her organization’s programs to attendees at Champlain College’s job fair.

Eric J. Houghton was recently promoted by TD Bank to vice president, cash management sales officer in Burlington, VT. He will continue to provide cash management sales and consulting services to small business, commercial and government clients across Vermont. He has 1 year of banking experience. He joined TD Bank in 2002 and most recently served as an assistant vice president in cash management.

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James V. Polli and Elise Burns, uly, 2011.

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Sarah . Cloutier accepted a position as a legal administrative assistant at - irland Ellis, LLP, an international law firm. Her office is located in —ashington, DC.

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BIRTH
Matthew Gosselin and Nicole Gosselin, a daughter, Emma Grace Gosselin, Clermont, FL, uly 21, 2011.

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Matthew Gosselin recently accepted the marketing director position for McGladrey, the nation’s fifth largest accounting firm. His role will cover Georgia, North Florida and Central Florida territories.

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Jason Provost was recently hired by My—ebGrocer on the sales team.

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BIRTH:

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Jonathan Amon recently joined the Dreamtree Hotel Burlington as rooms division manager. He manages front desk operations as well as the engineering and housekeeping departments. He was previously employed as luxury sales manager for " rient-Express in Charleston, SC.

Jaime Karnes has been accepted at two of the country’s prestigious artist colonies. aime was awarded a fellowship at the prestigious MacDowell Colony in Peterborough, NH for summer 2011. Additionally, aime was awarded a fellowship by the Virginia Center for the Creative Arts  VCCA . The VCCA is located near Sweet Briar College in rural Virginia. aime will be among approximately 25 fellows focusing on their own creative projects at this working retreat for visual artists, writers and composers.

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Jessie LaCro received her M.S. in Integrated Community Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services for Children and Families from Southern New Hampshire university in anuary 2011. She’s also started teaching as an adjunct professor at Community College of Vermont, teaching Human Growth and Development.

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MARRIAGE
Gregg L. oolven and Lara Elizabeth “ Shaugnessy.

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Marissa ilkens was recently hired as the new director of recruitment and events for Mobius, a nonprofit dedicated to developing a culture of mentoring in local communities.

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MARRIAGES

Scott Rakowski and Lisa Filippini, uly 2, 2010.

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E GAGEME T
ustin Bliss and Alexandra Croteau, une 1 , 2012.

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Melissa Muller recently joined Hampton Direct, Inc. in —illston, VT. She will be the firm’s television marketing coordinator.

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E GAGEME T
Paul Elrath and Jessica Carr ‘0 , uly 2012.

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Danielle P. LaBerge is attending VM in the fall to obtain her master’s degree in Social —ork.

Paul Elrath is currently working for his family business as a project manager general contractor and just bought a home in Yardley, PA, with his fianc e, essica Carr.

Eric Berthoud moved to Seattle and was hired by Randstad, a staffing agency, to work on a project for Google. You can view his recent work at www.ecbproduction.com.

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E GAGEME T
Jessica Carr and Paul Elrath ‘0 , uly 2012.

The Champlain Accounting E cellence Scholarship is a permanent endowment fund that honors the tradition of teaching excellence at Champlain College. Through the generosity of alumni and friends, the College has awarded its fourth Accounting Excellence scholarship to Tiffany M. Robinson ‘12—an accomplished student who has demonstrated professional promise. She received the award from Champ Soncrant, who has taught accounting at Champlain for 40 years. “I am extremely honored to be chosen,” Robi- nson said. “With your support, I am able to pay for my final semester without acquiring additional student loans and I’m incredibly grateful.” The Accounting Excellence scholarship is funded through the interest income on invested donor contributions. Make a gift in support of this fund by using the secure site https secure.champlain.edu annualfund or call 421-7170.

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**E S**  
Jessica Carr is finishing her master’s degree in special education at Gwyend Mercy College in Pennsylvania. She works as a special education teacher in New Hope, PA, and bought a home in Yardley, PA, with her fiance, Paul Ehrath ’09.  
Allison Rosnell accepted the position of marketing coordinator with Vermont Teddy Bear Company in May 2011.

**’08**  
E GAGEME T  
Bradley A. Kelly and Kathleen Ray, with a 201 wedding planned.

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**E S**  
Meredith K. Rowan has accepted the position of regional operations coordinator at the DaVita Divisional offices in San Antonio, T .

**’09**  
E GAGEME TS  
Jeffrey Bartley and Robyn Brosius, one 14, 2011.

Darin Hathcock G’O’ and Christine Susan —illiams, Sept., 2011.

MARRIAGE  
Anthony Edward Ploof and Anna are Ashlee Gebicker, uly 22, 2011.

**E S:**  
Jessica D. Ingram earned the professional license of certified public accountant in uly.

Jeffrey Bartley was recently hired as a real estate agent at Century 21 ack Associates. He is also working toward his MBA.

**’10**  
BIRTH  
an F. Clubb, a son, ayden Douglas ames Harris, —aldorf, MD, anuary 11, 2011.

E GAGEME T  
Christina Crosby and Shane Mispel ‘11, one 2011.

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**E S**  
Michaela —uinlan recently joined Coldwell Banker Hickok. Boardman Realty as a Realtor.

illiam Keryc recently joined Marketing Partners, Inc. as an assistant account executive. He will provide marketing assistance and media buying services for the firm’s socially responsible businesses and nonprofit clients.

**’11**  
E GAGEME T  
Shane Mispel and Christina Crosby ’10, one 2011.

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Heather E. Ryder recently joined Hubspot, Inc. in Cambridge, MA, as one of three members in the IT department. Hubspot was recently named the best company to work for in Boston for the second year in a row, beating out over a hundred other companies, including Google.

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In Memory of Our Fellow Alumni and Friends

The following members of our alumni family have passed on and will be remembered warmly by their friends, family, and alma mater.

Ivy Hosking Slack ’ 0, age 104, of South Burlington, VT, died April 1 . She was a graduate of Burlington Business College now Champlain College and also taught at the College. She was also known as “the roll lady” for her baking abilities and butterhorn rolls she made on special occasions, including the —inter “lymphs in Lake Placid, NY. She was predeceased by her husband of years, Erroll Carlton Slack, and her son, Nelson. She is survived by her daughter Caroline Slack Russell and her family.

Betty Seder Fishman, age 0, of Vergennes, VT, died one 1 in North - ingtown, RI. She was devoted to Champlain College and was one of its longest-serving trustees. She began serving in 1 0 and her last meeting was “clober 2001. During that time she served on nearly every committee on the board. In 2002, she received the Champlain Distinguished Citizen Award. Particularly interested in the Single Parents Program, she received the C Penney Gold Rule Award for her work on the program.

Catherine Menard ’  
Middlebury, VT, April 1 , 2011

Irving M. Palmer ’  
Burlington, VT, une 11, 2011

Patricia Ann Fiske ’  
South Burlington, VT, uly 0 , 2011

Cathryn Kit Marone Lapeinte ’  
1 —noosi, VT, Sept. , 2011

Mary Ellen Parks ’  
—terbury, VT, uly 10, 2011

Kellogg A. Tatro ’  
Morrisville, VT, Sept. 27, 2011

Ramona E. Jay ’  
Rochester, VT, une 21, 2010

illard Brown Rowell ’  
Fairfax, VT, March 1 , 2011

Armand Gaboriault ’  
North Port, FL, December 2, 2010

Marlene L. Lawrence ’ 51  
Grand Isle, VT, April 1 , 2011

Richard Leboeuf ’ 52  
Charlotte, VT, April 27, 2011

Evelyn Stewart ’ 52  
Holliston, MA, une 1, 2011

Forrest L. Phelps ’ 55  
Rutland, VT, May 10, 2011

Joan Hays Brown ’58  
Macungie, PA, Aug. 10, 2011

Kathleen K. Farrington Murray ’59  
Franklin, MA, April 0, 2011

Constance Leigh Billado  
Mountain Home, AR, une 25, 2011

Mary M Munn ‘8  
Bradford, VT, April 7, 2011

Paul Goodrich ‘  
orcester, MA, Feb. 2, 2011

Jeffrey J. Jackson Sr. ’ 2  

. Eli abeth Towe ’81  
Middlesex, VT, une 1, 2011

Eleanor R. Liebman ’8  
North Ferrisburg, VT, Aug. 12, 2011

Stephen Giard ’85  
South Burlington, VT, April 17, 2011

Jonathan C. Levin ”  
South Burlington, VT, May 11, 2011

Robert James Kuck Jr. ’ ”  
Shelburne, VT, May 1, 2011

Brendan H. Mess ’08  
altham, MA, Sept. , 2011
Rob Riggins ’01
Flying High Dreams

Everyone can probably agree that pilots should be wide awake when they are in the cockpit of a plane. For Rob Riggins ’01, it was years of drinking bitter, bad-tasting, warmed-over coffee in hangars and small airports that helped brew up a business idea that combines his love of java, flying and philanthropic commitment to promote the future of aviation education with donations from net revenues.

About three years ago, Riggins came up with the idea of Flying High Coffee, a small, specialty coffee-by-the-pound operation he hopes will grow into a national and international company with the mission of helping support aviation's nonprofit education sector.

He’s a certified flight instructor who earned a degree in computer science from Champlain and pursued IT work at IDX and the National Gardening Association. He has designed websites for clients such as Eating Well magazine, Vermont Public Radio and Bruegger's Bagels. Now he works as a technology consultant and web designer while building a client base for Flying High that will allow his fledgling business to really take off.

An entrepreneur at heart, Riggins brought his idea to the Experimental Aviation Association's (EAA) annual fly-in Air Adventure in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. There, for two weeks every summer, the airport is the busiest in the world, with crowds of pilots and thousands of planes on the runways. The first year he gave away 7,000 free cups of coffee to exhibitors. It got his foot in the door, and his great-tasting coffee was added to many pilot checklists. Last summer, having gotten the okay to now sell coffee by the bag, Riggins and his crew expanded their operation to give out 22,000 samples of Flying High coffee to exhibitors, pilots, crew and visitors at the show.

Next summer, a new contract will allow him to sell coffee by the cup. His progress, he says, is due to continued support from his Champlain family. “Bob Bloch of Bring Your Own Business (BYOBiz) has been a great advisor. He helped open doors for me to pitch to investors. It is real, tangible help as I move into my next career phase,” says Riggins.

With Flying High's expected success, Riggins can increase his support to nonprofits like “Girls with Wings,” a program to encourage young girls to take up flying, and “Able Flight,” an organization working to help disabled persons learn or return to flying.

Visit online at www.flyinghighcoffee.com. Champlain alumni can save 10 percent on their order by using the code CHAMP12 when checking out.

—Stephen Mease
It all comes back to a lesson Diana Agusta ’71 learned when she started working at Champlain College. President C. Bader Brouilette encouraged her to make a contribution to the College’s Century Fund. “You had to donate $100 a year, which was a lot back then, especially because I was still so poor and paying off my student loans,” Agusta recalls. “He felt it was important for every employee to give back, and I know Bader was always proud of me for making the commitment.”

Now, 40 years after graduating, Agusta is one of the proud founding members of the Audeamus Society, which recognizes longtime givers to Champlain College. She received a pin with a representative diamond in the College’s official seal acknowledging her unwavering gifts spanning nearly four decades.

“My job as the assistant to the president of the College doesn’t really allow me time to serve on a lot of committees or help on many special projects outside my responsibilities, so I make a financial gift to support the College,” she explains.

Every day on campus, she sees the legacy of her gifts in the students who are able to attend Champlain through a scholarship program. She experiences the beauty of the campus architecture and buildings her family’s donations helped support through many capital campaigns and scholarship drives.

The pride in her alma mater runs deep. This summer she helped organize a reunion for Champlain’s basketball alumni—a sport that she helped nurture and boost through the years. Agusta was smiling every moment of the weekend.

“I always feel that every penny helps. I have been fortunate over the years to increase my giving capacity, through matches from my husband’s company,” she notes. Her husband, Michael, who retired from IBM, has since earned two degrees of his own from Champlain. Together they have made a planned gift part of their will.

She also understands when today’s students feel the economic crunch after graduation and think it’s too hard to make a gift to their school while still paying off their college loans. “You just need to start small and work up. I did it. Look at the choices—whether the Single Parent Scholarship or helping the Yellow Ribbon Veterans Fund or giving to the Vision. Innovation. Passion. campaign to build a new Center for Communication and Creative Media. There are lots of ways to help the College that helped you so much.

“It’s an investment that pays off in building the resources and reputation that have taken Champlain College from 500 students to 2,000 and more since I graduated,” she adds. “This school means a lot to me—it gave me the opportunities to grow and become the person I am today,” she said.

—Stephen Mease
Champlain Basketball—Undefeated Since 2002

Bob Tipson ’66, the former varsity basketball coach; Steve Gentile ’78, the voice of the College basketball games, and Diana Agusta ’71, executive assistant to the president and renowned varsity basketball ticket seller, led the first Champlain College basketball reunion since the varsity program ended in 2002. Players and their families attended the weekend gathering in June that included a nostalgic court matchup and an evening dinner.