PASSPORT TO GLOBAL EXPERIENCES
Champlain’s International Travel Programs Open Doors To a World of Opportunities

INSIDE: Celebrating Vision Innovation Passion
Day & Night... Atop Mt. Royal, two photos of Montreal from five hours apart composited together. (Photo by Keith Sariol)
Greetings from the Hill,

As I write this letter, we are less than one week away from beginning our first classes in Shanghai, China, for students enrolled in our new MS degree program in Emergent Media. These Chinese students will spend the fall and spring terms in Shanghai and then travel to Burlington for summer term in 2014 to finish their degrees. Although we are beginning modestly with fewer than 10 students this fall, we expect this program to enroll over 100 students per year in just a few years. This is the latest chapter in Champlain’s global activities.

In October, I had the privilege of traveling to Dublin, Ireland, to celebrate the fifth anniversary of our center. The 40+ students enrolled at Dublin this fall are excited and enthusiastic about their experience so far. It was a wonderful celebration and reaffirmed, for me, the importance of study abroad for our students. The globalized companies in which they will work increasingly demand that employees be both sophisticated about and accepting of other cultures and viewpoints. Study abroad is, in my view, one of the very best ways to acquire this perspective.

Our center in Montreal also continues to thrive and provides an excellent opportunity for students to work in a foreign country while studying abroad. Our students also have ready access to “partner” programs in Ifrane, Morocco; Buenos Aires, Argentina; Auckland, New Zealand; and Shanghai, China.

This year we expect that more than 275 of our third-year students will spend time abroad. Most of them will study abroad for a full semester. This means that more than one-half of our graduates from the class of ‘15 will have studied abroad, just as in the several graduating classes that preceded them. It is certainly a change from the very, very few Champlainers who used to study abroad. Overall, it is one of the best changes that has happened at Champlain. Our students agree wholeheartedly!

Another aspect of Champlain that has changed is that now, increasingly, the world is coming to us. This fall across all College programs, we have enrolled 33 international students from 23 different foreign countries. Twelve of the students are from Saudi Arabia and five are from China. These students add a valuable level of diversity in our classrooms, improving the education of everyone involved.

We have made significant progress on relating students’ Champlain experiences to the world, and I have mentioned only a few of our areas of emphasis above. But we have only begun and I expect that you will see even more impressive progress on this front in the future.

I hope you enjoy this issue of our magazine, especially the articles related to our many international efforts.

Dr. David F. Finney
President
Before families and friends bid their farewells and sent warm wishes to their first-year students on Champlain’s Aiken Lawn on a fine summer day this August, President David F. Finney gave his last opening speech at Orientation to the Class of 2017.

He boldly stated, “As part of our LEAD [Life Experience & Action Dimension] program, which is committed to helping you learn more about this global village we all inhabit, when you return for your sophomore year next fall, if you have a 3.0 GPA [or higher], I will pay for you to acquire a passport. Study abroad is the best and quickest way for most undergraduates to recognize the complexity of the world—to come to appreciate the validity and power of other narratives. We want you to go abroad—we’ve even set up sites for you to make it easy. One year from now: a 3.0 and a brand new passport, on me. For those of you who already have passports: great—we’re happy you do!”

This is the first of many opportunities that Champlain students will hear about over the course of their academic experience; it just goes to show the overarching philosophy of having international experiences as a student at the College.

In a secluded area of China, dividing the Municipality of Beijing and Hebei Province, Champlain College students hiked unrestored parts of the Great Wall in the fall of 2012.

Story and photo by Kayla Hedman ’14
A PASSPORT TO NEW POSSIBILITIES

Liam Callaghan ’15, a Computer Networking and Information Security major, recently participated in a stage performance in Dublin, Ireland. “As a part of the choir I joined while studying abroad, the Lassus Scholars, I was in a play called ‘The Events’ about a boy who attends a meeting of a multicultural choir and performs a shooting. There were five performances of the play, and each night a different choir from around Dublin was chosen to act as Claire’s choir, the lead actress’ chorus. My choir was chosen to perform opening night,” Callaghan shared with pride.

“At one point during a rehearsal we were asked to volunteer for a piece of the show where we were to deliver a monologue. We didn’t have to have it memorized, which was a perk, and I volunteered. During this professional show, I got to deliver a monologue. It was pretty amazing. I wouldn’t have been able to part of this international choir or this performance in Dublin if it wasn’t for Champlain Abroad.”

“Stories like Liam’s personify the Champlain Abroad experience. We strive to bring the ‘human touch’ to all study abroad experiences,” said Noah Goldblatt, study abroad director in the Office of International Education at Champlain College. “Whether it be acting as a teaching assistant for a college course in New Zealand or presenting, in French, at an international video game competition in Montreal, Champlain students fully leverage their international experience for both personal and professional growth. We could write a novel of individual stories like Liam’s, and it’s this rich culture of immersion that makes us excited to come to work every day.”

Over the past five years, there has been approximately a 300 percent increase in abroad experiences—which at Champlain can be defined in various ways.

An international experience can range from an entire semester spent studying abroad to a weeklong faculty-led...
cultural immersion trip. There are various international service-learning trips and even opportunities to have an international internship before graduation. “In the 2008-09 academic year we had 82 students in international programs; in 2012-13, we had 232,” reported Goldblatt.

President Finney has placed international travel in a priority position. In Champlain’s 2020 Vision, it is the institution’s goal to “be the finest small, professionally and globally focused college in the United States; the College will prepare all students to be globally engaged citizens and leaders.”

By the numbers, the original 2020 objective was to have 50 percent of students participate in international programs by the time they graduate. “We have already reached that goal for the past couple of years,” said Goldblatt. “Five years ago, we had only 23 percent of students study abroad. The program has come a long way.”

DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

Champlain is tackling the 2020 Vision one step at a time. The overarching philosophy of having a global experience at Champlain starts at home, though—right on Burlington’s campus.

The most applicable focus of the 2020 Vision is fostering a diverse and inclusive community. Recognizing that diversity is both a reflection of the world and a source of rich education, Champlain is striving to be diverse in ways that reflect the world in which we live and work. The strategic Diversity and Inclusion goals include increasing the diversity of the student body and of faculty and staff, while fostering educational opportunities for each of them to develop intercultural competence.

The 2020 Vision states, “Champlain will be an institution that harnesses the productive power of difference. A strong climate of mutual respect among all members of the Champlain community will be cultivated, with particular emphasis on cultural differences associated with age, ethnicity, gender, physical ability, race and sexual orientation. Employees and students will live and work in an environment where it is safe to take risks and challenge others.”

So far, the College has developed multiple programs to address the goals. Through deliberate and thoughtful recruitment strategies, there has been an increase in campus diversity, a term that incorporates students of color, women, eligible Pell Grant recipients, and international students. “This year there are first-year international students from China, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Turkey, El Salvador, Macedonia, Switzerland, and more at our Burlington campus,” said Kathy Lynn, assistant director of International Student Services. “That’s in addition to students we have had from Haiti, the Republic of Liberia, South Africa, Bhutan, Palestine, and the list goes on and on.”

Some Champlain initiatives include international programming. The Cultural Community Alliance (CCA) is a student-run group sponsored by the Office of International Education. Its mission is to provide opportunities for all members of the Champlain College community to explore different cultures and perspectives.

The CCA’s campus-wide events and social activities include a fall International Education Week, and a speaker series that has included the Swedish, Irish, and Moroccan ambassadors to the United States.

Student Life has also fostered a community of learning by hiring Jennifer Jang as associate director of student diversity programs at Champlain. This fall, she has organized a Chinese Moon Festival and an Eid Al-Adha Celebration that featured authentic food, drink, traditional activities, and performances.

The Office of Diversity and Inclusion (ODI), directed by Ame Lambert, continues to work with all campus stakeholders to create an inclusive, interculturally competent campus. ODI’s ongoing programming includes Intercultural U—Champlain’s unique intercultural training certification program designed to prepare members of Champlain’s faculty and staff to serve as peer trainers, advocates, and facilitators of intercultural and diversity programming. About 125 Champlain employees have received their Intercultural U certificates, and Lambert will kick off the sixth cohort in the spring.

The College is also honored to host its first Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence, Rula Quawas. She is a Gender Research in Arab Countries into ICTs for Empowerment (GRACE) project research team leader and Professor of English at the University of Jordan.

During her year at Champlain she is teaching junior-level courses pertaining to Arab feminisms and culture.
SEEING THE WORLD

Through senior Josh Tubbs’ end-of-semester video blog in the fall of 2012, one can learn about the various ways that Champlain’s study abroad program extends far beyond the classroom.

Tubbs was at Champlain’s Dublin campus, which is promoted to students as being the gateway to Europe. “For a kid who had never left the United States before, I’m so grateful for the opportunities I had while abroad to do so many sorts of things, like experiencing the crowds of Oktoberfest in Munich, going on the London Eye, taking a quick picture with a Spongebob in Madrid, tasting the deliciousness of Belgian chocolate in Brussels, getting lost along the river roads in Venice, climbing the Eiffel Tower in Paris, on top of all the other things I did with Champlain Dublin in Ireland.”

Tubbs admitted that he was worried before going. “Before I got to Dublin, I never really thought that it would feel like home, like Burlington and New Hampshire felt like, but golly, was that proven all kinds of wrong!”

Through the three main mottos of Champlain College abroad – Explore, Immerse, and Engage – Tubbs was exposed to more than he could have imagined.

President Finney, who visited Champlain Dublin in October for the campus’ fifth anniversary, believes, “You’ve got to change, you’ve got to adapt, and you need to be good at understanding people from different parts of the world” in order to be a successful global citizen.

Along with Dublin, where nearly 400 students have attended since 2008, Champlain Abroad has a campus in Montreal, Quebec, as well as various global partners.

“Our Montreal and Dublin academic centers continue to grow, offering increased opportunities for internships and service learning experiences for our students as part of our unique guided immersion study abroad program,” reported Jim Cross, associate provost for international education and senior international officer at Champlain College.

“We have also added a new global partners program with study abroad sites in Shanghai, China; Buenos Aires, Argentina; Ifrane, Morocco; and Auckland, New Zealand,” he said.

Some students choose to take advantage of exchange programs present in France, the Netherlands, or Morocco, or in addition to those programs, students can seek out other third-party programs that offer a wide range of countries, types of programs, and academic content.

Other study abroad options include various faculty-led cultural immersion trips, and international internships and service trips, which vary each semester. Faculty and staff have taken students to China, Jordan, Nicaragua, Italy, Tanzania, Uganda, and elsewhere for cultural immersion and service.

INTERNATIONAL EMERGENT MEDIA

In 2010, the Champlain College Emergent Media Center (EMC), with the aid of the Population Media Center and the United Nations Population Fund,
traveled to various countries to see how they responded to gender-based violence. In their travels, the group of students and staff noticed things that influenced the creation of Breakaway, an episodic electronic soccer game that utilizes entertainment-education strategies to combat violence against women and girls, bullying, and gender inequality.

“I went to South Africa with a group of students who were working on a project to end violence against women through a video game,” said Nichole Magoon ’10, Champlain’s digital community manager. “It changed the way I felt about myself and the way I view the world.”

Since this globalization of the EMC, and the growth of its Master of Fine Arts program, Director Ann DeMarle has worked to create a new Master in Emergent Media degree program in Shanghai, China.

“I have been fortunate to travel for Champlain, first to Germany to observe state-of-the-art graphic design and printing industries, then to Macedonia to witness how underdeveloped countries out-compete U.S. firms in web-delivered products and 3D art and animation production. This all fed into curriculum designed to enable Champlain students to become globally competitive,” said DeMarle.

“The EMC’s United Nations-sponsored Breakaway game upped the ante by allowing students to experience firsthand technology and media in South Africa, St. Lucia, and Italy and then envision how to design for positive impact. This fall we have been fortunate to open up two new opportunities: the launch of the MS in Emergent Media in Shanghai, where Chinese nationals will work alongside our Vermont-based MFA students; and the launch of Breakaway youth camps in El Salvador, where Champlain undergraduates and MFA students trained facilitators will assess Breakaway’s impact in changing attitudes toward violence against women.”

CONNECTING CLASSROOMS

Other ways in which digital and emergent media have played a role in global learning at Champlain is with the creation of Third Planet, a social network for global learning and exchange. It connects Champlain’s home campus, programs abroad, and a growing network of global partners in higher education institutions, and fosters a free exchange of ideas about global issues, arts and culture, religion and folklore, and many other facets of contemporary life. Third Planet is a project of Champlain College’s Institute for Global Engagement (IGE) within the Core Division, directed by Professor Adam Rosenblatt.

“Champlain’s Core Division has been ahead of the curve in many areas of higher education,” said Rosenblatt, “including interdisciplinary dedication to ‘big question’-based learning, and incorporating global perspectives into the classroom. I am incredibly indebted in my work to the commitment my colleagues have to global learning, and especially to Professor Garry Scudder’s pioneering efforts in this area. Third Planet uses new...”
technology, but it’s meant to build on the kind of teaching the Core has already been doing for years.”

The IGE seeks to foster a joyful sense of curiosity about other cultures, geographies, and histories, and an awareness of how these seemingly distant places and viewpoints are often, in fact, already in relationships of contact and influence with students’ own homes and lives. In the evolution from Global Modules to Third Planet, IGE kept the same core principles.

“Students at Champlain thus come to expect, from their first year onward, that ‘class discussion’ will be among not only groups of their peers on campus, but also peers speaking from very different places and backgrounds,” continued Rosenblatt.

IGE also runs the College’s new Global Studies minor, which can be pursued by undergraduate students in any major, and is growing at a rapid pace.

GLOBAL INTERNSHIPS

“A major component of Champlain College’s curriculum has always been for our students to apply their classroom knowledge to real-life work experience within their major fields,” said Business and Management Professor Tom Myers. “I have managed hundreds of students performing internships and special projects all over the world since 2001.

“This year I had the pleasure of sending 14 students from the Robert P. Stiller School of Business to China for various internships after the school received a grant from the Freeman Foundation,” he continued. “The internships included positions in trade logistics, finance, education, marketing, and manufacturing. I had the opportunity to visit the students toward the end of their 10-week internship placements this past summer, and met with their direct supervisors, who had nothing but good things to say.”

Without variation, Myers reported, the Chinese supervisors offered the same three comments about the students: the interns have a very strong work ethic, they are ready and willing to try new experiences, and they are very positive with a wonderful sense of humor. Additionally, the supervisors told Myers that they would love to have more student interns from Champlain at any time in the future.

A handful of the experiences students had while in Shanghai turned into job offers.

John Sawchak ‘13 is spending a year and a half working for iconx and Wild Rampage, LLC, a company promoting skateboarding in China through retail sales of the leading boardsport brands, training riders of all ages, integrating skateboarding into after-school programs, and sponsoring events.

“Although I miss my era in Burlington, it is amazing to be spending a year and a half gaining invaluable experience in Shanghai,” said Sawchak. “I am learning how to run a small business in one of the fastest-growing cities in the world—and having fun while doing it. I am ecstatic to be putting my education to use in a relevant field.”

Patrick Dodge ‘14 also interned with iconx and Wild Rampage this summer, and has been offered a position to return to Shanghai post-graduation to help manage the construction and operation of the largest indoor skate park in China, and perhaps, the world.

“We have also had students recently intern in Dubai, Japan, South Korea, and Russia, among other locations,” said Professor Scott Baker, who teaches advanced internship courses in the Stiller School of Business. Various students from all programs have held internships while studying at the Montreal and Dublin campuses, including marketing internships with the very successful Hiireland initiative to kick-start the economy in Ireland by creating jobs.

The Montreal campus, known for being within one of the world’s leading multimedia cities as well as a dynamic business and design center, provides students with great opportunities for relevant internships in the fields of game art, animation, and programming, marketing, graphic design, and international business. The Champlain Montreal staff works with students to find them a worthwhile placement, where they gain a unique international perspective on the evolving workplace. Since 2008 there have been over 50 students who have held internships in Montreal, many of which have secured full-time employment post-graduation.

This global focus at Champlain College leads to a more comprehensive network of global partners and alumni around the world. This international network assists students and alumni in landing jobs, traveling, furthering their education, and more. The international education opportunities at Champlain provide students with a comparative advantage in the global job marketplace and support the 2020 Vision of being the premier small, private college in the United States with the added benefits of a professional and global focus.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Kayla Hedman ‘14 is majoring in marketing in the Stiller School of Business. In her time at Champlain, she has traveled to Beijing, China, and Jordan, and spent the summer as an intern in Shanghai. She is also a Clinton Global Initiative University campus representative and attended the annual meeting last spring. After graduation, she hopes to work in the publications industry. Aside from travel, she loves to write and blog about interior design.
THE “WOW” MOMENT

On my Champlain faculty-led travel trips, I call it the “wow” moment. “Wow” happens when our Champlain students fly halfway around the world to Beijing, China, move through the planet’s second-largest airport, and emerge, exhausted, out of the ground at the East Tiananmen subway station, to face the world’s largest modern urban square—Tiananmen—on one side, and the world’s most impressive palace—the Forbidden City—on the other. A day later, they are hiking on top of the world’s longest architectural marvel—the Great Wall of China—having traveled three hours to their destination but STILL finding themselves within Beijing city limits. “Ni Hao, Zhongghuo.” “Hello, China.” Wow.

We see “wow” when our Champlain students fly into Amman, Jordan, capital city of the Middle East’s most tolerant and cosmopolitan Arab country, and traverse the epic desert by foot, camel, Jeep, and bus. Arriving at the ancient Nabatean city of Petra in southern Jordan at nightfall, they hike by luminaria light through the smoothly carved snaking canyon and come face-to-face with the Temple, a massive and intricately symboled ancient architectural masterpiece towering overhead, lit by thousands of candles, reflecting the sound of the ancient Bedouin flute and drum. “Ahlan wa Sahlan.” “Welcome” to the Middle East. Wow.

The wow moment. All of us who travel experience it, when we cross over the threshold from the routine and familiar to the new and unexplored, and suddenly realize that we have arrived in terra incognita: a city, a country, a region that is completely unfamiliar, an unknown world that at once welcomes us in and throws us off balance, a place where we must get our game face on and confront a different culture, with unique ways of seeing, feeling, sensing, and explaining the world. Preparing students for the wow moment, getting out of the way of the wow, and then facilitating post-wow reflections—this is the great challenge and the wonderful reward of leading a faculty-led travel course at Champlain College.

Faculty-led travel trips first appeared on the college map five years ago, as Champlain College moved to establish an ambitious vision to “be the finest small, professionally and globally focused college in the United States by 2020.” To that end, every Champlain student, regardless of professional major, now engages with the global experience through Communicatons and Creative Media elective courses, third-year Core Division classes, and study abroad programs, which come in a variety of forms: semester-long immersive experiences at Champlain campuses in Dublin, Ireland, and Montreal, Quebec; global partner satellite campuses in Shanghai, China; Ifrane, Morocco, Auckland, New Zealand; and Buenos Aires, Argentina; student-initiated third-party study abroad opportunities; and Core Division travel courses led by Champlain faculty members with an interest in specific regions of the world.

“What better way for a student who has embraced the Core experience to expand that challenge than by packing a bag and traveling, taking learning literally on the road?” exclaims Core Dean Betsy Beaulieu. “The world and its people become the classroom; students engage in new and exciting ways and return to us changed for life.”

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Professors Rob Williams and Miriam Horne took to riding camels during their visit to Jordan in the spring of 2013 with eight students in the CORE 330 International Culture Studies course. (Photo by Kayla Hedman '14)
“Traveling to Jordan gave me an appreciation for a part of the world I had very little knowledge of, and deepened my love for Middle Eastern food, especially the spices. I am planning to go back!”

– Abigail Clark ’13

Since 2009, more than 100 Champlain students have traveled with Core and CCM division professors to countries as diverse as Italy, Japan, Morocco, Nicaragua, China, and Jordan, immersing themselves in a wide range of subjects—art, history, music, gaming, political science, religion, community service, and of course, all things gastronomical (everyone’s favorite).

Teaching several different faculty-led travel trips to China and the Middle East has given me a deeper understanding about why our students go this route. Many have never traveled abroad before, and nine days in a distant land offers a palatable alternative to the daunting prospect of living abroad for an entire semester.

Others enjoy the opportunity to adventure with friends to a distant place—travelers often find comfort in each other’s company. For more seasoned students, our travel courses offer adventure opportunities in places otherwise unreachable—as with our trip to Jordan. Still other students appreciate the intellectual “deep dive” that comes with an entire semester of focused attention on a single country’s history and culture. To wit: prepping for our Jordan travels during the spring 2013 semester, we devoured a history of “Trans-Jordan”; plugged into Al Jazeera to track the country’s emerging news; read Our Last Best Chance: A History of War and Peace, King Abdullah II’s new political biography; learned and practiced basic Arabic words and phrases; and schooled ourselves on Jordan’s many famous archaeological and historical sites—before visiting them all on our trip.

Are students transformed by these trip-driven courses? “Absolutely,” they say, as we regroup after our travel to share stories, swap photos, and connect and reflect on our “in-country” experiences with the in-class work completed prior to travel. Meeting new people, eating unique food, touring sacred sites, practicing a new language, connecting texts to real-world experiences, and simply surviving with a smile amid the often grueling rigors of a trip halfway across the world—even the rough moments prove transcendent.

“The most profound transformations for students came when we heard them tell stories about their experiences, ways in which crossing borders emotionally, intellectually, and physically allowed them to find their way home,” explains Core Professor Joanne Farrell, who led a faculty travel course for 13 students titled Crossing Borders: Muslims and Morocco. “One student was able to re-connect with her estranged father, for example, while another claimed that stepping outside American culture helped him to answer the question ‘What does it mean to be an American?’” As Champlain College moves to enact its globally focused 2020 Vision, faculty-led travel courses will no doubt play an increasingly critical role in connecting our Champlainers with a globalizing world—with a heaping dose of “wow” in the mix for good measure.

Rob Williams, Ph.D teaches in the Core Division at Champlain. A resident of the Mad River Valley, he publishes Vermont Commons: Voices of Independence, consults with PH-International, the U.S. Department of State, and the College for America; and serves as the president of the Action Coalition for Media Education.
FROM SASKATOON TO CUBA:
Teaching Culture in the Classroom

Story by Abigail Clark ’13

Holding dual citizenship with Canada, Assistant Professor Miriam Horne has always had a life revolving around culture. During her undergraduate years, she studied at Brigham Young University’s Center in London, where she traveled all over mainland Europe, the British Isles, the USSR, and Israel with her school’s orchestra. After she completed her undergraduate degree, she lived in Italy for a year and a half as a Mormon missionary before moving back to Canada for 15 years. Now Horne lives in South Burlington and teaches in the Core Division at Champlain College.

“Study abroad remains to this day the most informative part of my life. It informs who I am and what I teach,” she says. Inspired by her travels, Horne sought to incorporate travel into her courses. “Some students at Champlain have never been out of Vermont. You have to be creative in helping them challenge their perspectives. My Canadian upbringing and travels help me do that.”

When she first started teaching in the Core, Horne taught Human Rights, but “after four semesters it got very depressing teaching and learning about all these issues and not being able to do anything about it. I wanted to incorporate action. With the global component in the third year, I turned to service-learning.”

Her first faculty-led travel course was to Nicaragua in 2011 with Kyle Dodson, director of Champlain’s Center for Service & Civic Engagement. Students spent their spring break at Compas de Nicaragua, a nonprofit that promotes sustainable community development projects in Managua and La Paz. Students were responsible for making the learning meaningful; they each picked a human rights issue and studied it in both Vermont and Nicaragua, where they had the chance to witness firsthand accounts. “I’m limited to what I can teach in the classroom,” she says, “and one week abroad goes well beyond what I could teach from a book in a semester.”

Horne returned to Compas de Nicaragua in 2012, but due to low registration, she joined Professor Rob Williams on a trip to Jordan in the spring of 2013 as a faculty chaperone.

Miriam has kept in touch with people she’s met on these faculty-led courses, in particular with some of the women she met at Compas de Nicaragua through their Women in Action organization. “Not a single day goes by I don’t think of them,” she says, motioning to a photo in her office of Nina and Mercedes. From Jordan, she keeps in touch with Raghda Quandour, a Jordanian-Circassian who organized home-stays and cultural activities while the group stayed in the capital city of Amman. “From these trips with students, I always find these women with kindred spirits. I have so much to learn from them.”

This coming spring she is excited to be leading students on a trip to Cuba. “Few of these students have been to Cuba, and many will never get the chance to go without taking an educational course,” says Horne. With hopes of finding more kindred spirits in Cuba, she adds, “The most powerful experience comes when students get to engage with the people of where we are visiting.”

A majority of the trip will be spent in Havana, but while in Cuba, students will also visit a school, a health facility, an art rehabilitation center, and a sustainable farm, and will hear a lecture from a Cuban scholar on Cuban-American relations.

Horne says, “These trips provide so much more than academics. They provide self-discovery, and perspective on how to understand your place in the world and yourself.” Horne has learned a lot about herself during her travels. She gained a perspective on life, a national identity, and an understanding of American and Canadian ethno-centrism.

“You have to go in with an awareness of your own biases and what’s shaping them. If you can have the courage to let go, your life will never be the same, so grab every opportunity that you have to get to know the people where you are.”

Abigail Clark is a 2013 graduate of the Professional Writing program. Champlain helped Clark travel to seven countries, including Rob Williams’ trips to China and Jordan, and study abroad at the Dublin, Ireland, campus. A wine enthusiast and globe trotter, she aspires to be a travel writer. Currently, Clark works in the College’s Marketing Department and at Shelburne Vineyard.
Julia Haass ’15

came to Champlain after being guaranteed one thing: she could study abroad in Barcelona. Now in the first semester of her junior year, this guarantee is being fulfilled. “Barcelona is all that I hoped for and more!” said Haass, an International Business (IB) major, who is no stranger to international travel.

Haass, a native of Bavaria, Germany, moved to Fort Collins, Colorado, when she was 15. Since then, she has grown considerably. “Traveling helps me find myself. I am becoming more comfortable being independent and have found a courage that I didn’t know I had.”

Here are some things Haass had to say in our Skype interview:

What is your motivation to travel?
A few things: I travel so much because I can’t remember not traveling; I have traveled my whole life. Because of this, the idea of settling in one place is almost scary to me—I feel like I’d be holding myself back from discovering the world and myself. Also, as an IB major, we are required to study abroad, and I am taking full advantage of that!

So you chose to study abroad in Barcelona, but how else are you taking full advantage of study abroad?
As IB majors, we are required to spend one semester abroad, but I actually have a five-semester plan. People think I’m crazy, but I’m so grateful to have these opportunities. Before going to Barcelona, I spent three months of my summer in Shanghai interning at Vermont International Academy through the Stiller School of Business and a grant from the Freeman Foundation. Now I’m spending a semester in Barcelona, and in the spring I’ll be at Champlain’s Dublin campus. Next summer I’m organizing another summer internship in Brussels, before following in the footsteps of fellow IB majors Taylor Bentz ’13 and Paxton Hall ’14 at the Thunderbird School of Global Management in Arizona to begin my master’s before returning to Burlington for my last semester in the spring of 2015. Phew! Champlain is the only school that allowed me to study abroad for that long – nearly half of my college career.

How has Champlain’s Office of International Education helped you?
The Office of International Education has been a catalyst in my traveling—it has turned my travels from general tours to meaningful cultural experiences. Champlain in general has given me the education to understand cultural differences, and not only observe them.

You said you’ve been traveling as long as you can remember. How many countries have you been to?
Twenty-one. It’s worked out that I have been to as many countries as I am old. I plan to keep with that trend.

For the full list of countries Haass has traveled to and an extended interview, visit www.champlain.edu/alumni/magazine-champlain-view

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GAINING A GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE ONE COUNTRY AT A TIME

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Haass visited Chefchaouen, Morocco, also known as the ‘Blue City,’ for a weekend during her semester abroad in Barcelona. (Photo provided)

Haass smiles on the Great Wall of China while on a weekend trip to Beijing during her summer internship in Shanghai through the Freeman Foundation and Stiller School of Business. (Photo by Kayla Hedman ’14)
MADE IN HAITI, FOR HAITI
Students Add Value and Sustainability to Aid

After past experiences with rehabilitation work in Haiti following the 2010 earthquake, Champlain students Katie Arnoldy ’13 and senior Samuel McGuire (Dec. ’13) were dedicated to providing sustainable aid to Haiti through economic stimulation. Their ideas began with something as simple as a backpack, handcrafted by Haitian artisans in Port-au-Prince.

Their business model developed into a ‘one for more than one’ deal. For every backpack sold, one backpack filled with school supplies and a hygiene kit is donated to a child in need. On top of that, a portion of proceeds goes to an education fund, which pays for school development, teacher salaries, student tuition, and school lunches.

Edike Ayiti, which is Haitian Creole for “Empower and Educate Haiti” founders Arnoldy and McGuire have distributed their first three production orders of waxed cotton and leather tote bags and backpacks to backers of their Indiegogo campaign and other supporters. Their tagline, “Made in Haiti, for Haiti,” is a sustainable way to give rise to economic stimulation. “There has been an exceptional amount of ‘dead aid,’” said McGuire. “People are pumping money into the country, creating a culture of dependency, but nothing is being done to change it.”

McGuire’s background in media and photography, start-up companies and the fashion industry, combined with academic experiences in marketing at Champlain, have led the duo to create a market for these desirable ethically produced goods, all with an attached benefit.

Arnoldy, a graduate of the Stiller School of Business’ International Business program, said her faculty advisor, Scott Baker, directed them to Kathy Lynn, assistant director of International Student Services. Lynn introduced Arnoldy and McGuire to Billy St. Louis, a junior international business student from Haiti. “He became an integral member of our trip to Haiti in March,” said Arnoldy. “Billy acted as a translator and could relate to the Port-au-Prince locals on a different level.”

“Billy shares our vision that kids are the future,” said McGuire. “We need to provide them the opportunity to advance in education and make a difference to bring Haiti out of its current state.

“It’s great to see a country like Haiti make progress,” he continued. In a blog post reflecting on the mission of Edike Ayiti, he states that the key to a bright future for Haiti lies in inspiring the future generations to take control over their own lives. “The school children we are working with in Port-au-Prince are the poorest of the poor; we’ve done so much by getting running water in their school, but with the help of David Paquette ’13, we created a more extensive plan with various stages.”

In July, Edike Ayiti was highlighted in a USA TODAY College article titled, “In Haiti, a Garment Industry on the Mend with Student Help.”

For more information, recent updates, and photos, visit www.facebook.com/EdikeAyiti

Samuel McGuire (bottom right) and Katie Arnoldy (above) have developed lasting relationships with the Haitians they have helped. (Photos provided)
TEACH FOR TOMORROW

In May, a group of 10 Champlain students spent three weeks at the Malayaka House in Entebbe, Uganda.

The fourth annual Teach for Tomorrow trip was led by two Champlain staff members, Maggie Melvin, assistant director of the Center for Service & Civic Engagement, and Abby Mendenhall, assistant director of LEAD. The group volunteered at the Malayaka House, an orphanage started by Robert Fleming in 2005 that provides a home as well as education and vocational training for 36 children.

“What I learned and took away from this trip is going to impact me forever,” explained Samantha Hoeltge ’15. With her were Billy Boos ’14, Chloe O’Brien ’15, Micheala Herrmann ’15, Nina Knorr ’15, Meg Tighe ’16, Billy St Louis ’15, Chelsea Day ’15, Fletcher Ramsey ’14, and Jess Lowell ’14.

The Teach for Tomorrow trips have the same effect on students each year; all students are left with the itch to go back and the desire to serve. For information on the 2014 Malayaka House trip or Teach for Tomorrow, email Maggie Melvin at mmelvin@champlain.edu

SHANGHAI MASTER OF SCIENCE

Champlain College launched its newest international program—Master of science in Emergent Media—in Shanghai, China, on Oct. 24. The opening ceremony was jointly hosted by Provost Robin Abramson, Associate Dean Ann DeMarle, and Ying Zhao, vice president of education promotion at North American High Tech Center (NAHTC).

The MS in Emergent Media program offers classes during the fall 2013 and spring 2014 semesters at the Shanghai campus, followed by a summer 2014 semester in Burlington.

The first graduate student cohort is a dynamic group of young Chinese adults working in diverse fields such as IT, marketing, journalism, project management, and traditional Chinese art, according to DeMarle. The Shanghai students will collaborate during the 2014 spring semester via teleconference with the Burlington-based MFA students.

A memorandum of understanding was signed by Frank Xiao Long Liu, chairman/CEO of Jiu You Capital Co. Ltd, Yong Zhang, chairman of NAHTC, and Robin Abramson, provost of Champlain College. James Cross, associate provost of International Education for Champlain College, also attended the ceremony.

The first class of the semester was conducted by Associate Professor Dr. Geoff Bell. Students took part in a team-building game to break the ice, followed by learning strategies of self-discovery. Students were already bonding during class, and just as their MFA counterparts in Burlington created a Facebook group, the MS students created a group-sharing page on WeChat, a very popular social media application in China.

“It is an honor to be part of this contemporary and forward-looking program that will reinforce the inspiring mission and vision of Champlain College. In addition, this opportunity will help build and bridge long-lasting and positive relationships between the USA and China,” said William F. Smith, academic program director in Shanghai.

Learn more about the Master of Science in Emergent Media in Shanghai, China, at http://www.champlain.edu/academics/graduate-studies/shanghai-ms-in-emergent-media

Diego’s Eyes. Nicole Handel ’15 was volunteering at the Malayaka House Orphanage in Entebbe, Uganda with Chelsy Pillsbury ’12 when she took this photo after making cupcakes for the children. The photo earned an Honorable Mention in the 2013 International Photo Contest.
2013 Graduates’ Amazing Race

THE BLUE EYED GRIZZLY CLAN RALLIES FOR A CAUSE

2013 Champlain graduates Wilson Slader (Social Work), Alex Gunter (Communications), Chris Erickson (Graphic Design), and Nick Lappen (Education), collectively known as “The Blue Eyed Grizzly Clan,” opted to, in their words, “spend [their] summer battling the hands of time that would seek to force us apart as we pursue our post-graduation dreams and aspirations.”

Throughout their senior year, they invested a great deal of time and effort to ensure their participation in the 2013 Mongol Rally, a 10,000-plus-mile charity road race from London, England, to Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia. An Indiegogo campaign fund-raising effort exceeded its goal to raise a total of $4,275, and with the backing of a handful of other sponsors, the team was on its way.

The rally began July 13 and the team crossed the finish line in Ulaanbaatar on August 21. They finished 111th out of approximately 300 teams who began the rally, but ended with a different car than they started with after a breakdown in Ölgii, Mongolia, after about 7,000 miles.

The trip offered a rare glimpse of shifting cultures across vast spaces of geography (their route took them through over 20 countries), which the team has beautifully captured through video, photographs, blogs, and artwork. As part of the rally, the team raised $1,000-plus for two charities, Safe Passage and Cool Earth.

For more photos and stories, retrace the adventure on the group’s blog: blueeyedgrizzlyclan.tumblr.com

Marker signs along the way from England to Mongolia.

Champlain’s Blue Eyed Grizzly Clan and their car, “Steve French.”

The team discovered a whole new level of potholes along their journey.

Something familiar about this fast-food stand made them stop.
SHUTTERBUGS
CHAMPLAIN INTERNATIONAL PHOTO CONTEST 2013

Every spring the Office of International Education calls upon students, faculty, and staff to share their photos from recent international travels. There are plenty of entries from the places you would expect—Montreal and Dublin—but the breadth of exotic places Champlainers visit is on display at the annual competition. Some of the top photos from 2013 are shared here, and you can see all of the images from this year and past years’ contests at champlain.edu/view

FIRST PLACE: Haiti Fishermen. Port-au-Prince, Haiti. Two fishermen coming to shore with their daily catch along the north coast of the Baie de Port-au-Prince. (Photo by Samuel McGuire ’13)

SECOND PLACE: Italy in Color. Venice, Italy. This photo was taken while on a gondola ride with “PopPop” (grandpa) in Venice. (Photo by Nicole Handel ’15)

THIRD PLACE: The Lone Parishioner. Cathedral of Our Lady Assumption, Port-au-Prince, Haiti. A visitor takes a moment to pray in the ruins of the main cathedral. (Photo by Samuel McGuire ’13)

FIRST PLACE: Kenya, Africa. Licking his lips, this caracal is just finishing his lunch of a desert rodent. He is able to leap over six feet in the air to capture a bird from a standing position. (Photo by Shelley Richardson)

FIRST PLACE: The Lone Parishioner. Cathedral of Our Lady Assumption, Port-au-Prince, Haiti. A visitor takes a moment to pray in the ruins of the main cathedral. (Photo by Samuel McGuire ’13)
Five years ago, Champlain College embarked on an ambitious community effort to build institutional momentum, academic excellence and long-term financial stability. Today, we celebrate your generosity and our joint success.

Vision to develop a modern, beautiful campus where students could live and learn.

Innovation to create Centers of Excellence designed to give students real-world experience.

Passion to foster educational opportunities for everyone through international study opportunities and increased scholarships.

The Metz Studio Barn is home to the digital arts center for graphic design and arts programs. It is located west of Roger H. Perry Hall.
My greatest pleasure as Champlain College president is sharing with you our many success stories: inspiring student outcomes, faculty and staff accomplishments, the College’s broad-based community involvement, and our ambitious capital campaign.

There is no success like exceeding our goals, and that is what we’ve done thanks to your generous support of our ‘Vision Innovation Passion Comprehensive Campaign’. We launched the campaign in 2008 with a goal of raising $25 million. We are happy to report we concluded the community effort this summer raising nearly $34 million.

We offer our sincerest gratitude to all the donors—trustees, alumni, parents, corporate partners, staff, faculty, and friends—whose remarkable, ongoing commitment fuels Champlain’s momentum. Your gifts have helped us move closer to becoming “The Ideal College,” described recently in an Atlantic magazine profile of the College. We constantly strive to be in the vanguard of higher education with a career-focused curriculum, a strong liberal arts core, and a groundbreaking life skills program, which helps lead our students to their dream careers and lifelong personal fulfillment.

The spirit of Champlain’s motto, Audeamus, or “Let Us Dare,” inspired our campaign, just as it does our daily approach to educating students. In Champlain’s tradition, a bold goal was set and then boldly met. The success of this campaign makes it possible for more students to live their dreams by ensuring continued faculty and curricular excellence through innovation, fortifying scholarships and financial aid, and supporting energy-efficient capital projects that enrich our historic neighborhood.

Your passion and philanthropy reinforce our reputation as a college on a path of continuous improvement. As a moving target, the future is always in Champlain’s sights. Our students, and our society, benefit enormously from this forward-thinking approach to education.

The campaign also brought us closer to our many alumni in traditional, online, and master’s degree programs. The level of support was demonstrated when more than 2,000 alumni helped meet a challenge grant for $2 million as we ended the campaign.

While Champlain’s reach is increasingly global, we strive to keep our alumni close, support them in their careers, and help them make a positive difference in the world. Your vision, innovation, and passion make Champlain’s 2020 Vision achievable and sustainable.

Thank you for your steadfast support.

President David F. Finney
With a compelling mission and excellent leadership, Champlain College has become a leader in new thinking for higher education. Throughout the Vision Innovation Passion Campaign, friends, businesses, community members, parents, and alumni showed how much they embrace Champlain’s relevant, rigorous, and pragmatic approach to education that prepares students for meaningful lives. In a thriving but small state like Vermont, with so many important organizations that need support, it is extremely fulfilling to be involved with an institution that inspires such generous giving.

My deepest gratitude extends to all our donors, including many new friends of the College, and to President David Finney, whose vision has helped propel Champlain so very far. The campaign would not have been as successful without the enlightened guidance of our campaign leadership by Trustee Emerita Dawn Terrill ’88 and current Trustee Michael Metz. Working with the talented and dedicated trustees who believe deeply in Champlain’s mission is an honor. The entire board’s tremendous support was crucial in meeting our goal.

I’m proud of the widespread support from so many donors who appreciate the Champlain College model. I am also very proud of the transformational gift from the Stiller Family Foundation and the opportunity to create the Stiller School of Business. This is a powerful endorsement of the value Champlain provides its students, local businesses, the Vermont community, and beyond, and it allows us to build upon our strong foundation of innovation.

I love being part of the Champlain family and am pleased that my investment supports this innovative approach to higher education. It’s a privilege to be associated with those who recognize the importance of nurturing and supporting Champlain’s mission. Thank you!

Laura Dagan

A Compelling Mission Inspires Donor Support

2013 BOARD OF TRUSTEES
CHAIR LAURA DAGAN

When LAURA DAGAN joined the Champlain College Board of Trustees in 2006, she gained a seat at the table—and a huge new family.

That’s how she describes the Champlain community of committed trustees, visionary administrators, skilled faculty and staff, enthusiastic students, supportive families, and successful graduates.

“I am passionate about higher education and its important role in shaping our world. Champlain College has been a perfect fit for me because of its vision, agility, and continual innovation. I particularly enjoy opportunities to engage with students, faculty, and staff, and always come away energized and impressed with the quality of the entire Champlain community,” she says.

“I am passionate about higher education and its important role in shaping our world.”

Dagan recently retired from Dwight Asset Management in Burlington, where she was CEO and board chairperson.

As a trustee, and one of Champlain’s chief cheerleaders and fundraisers, Dagan finds her role is made easier by the College’s growing—and glowing—sphere of influence.

“Champlain’s positive impact on the community is widely recognized and appreciated.” says Dagan, board chairperson since 2011.

Dagan cites Champlain’s pillars of professional career focus, integrated liberal arts Core curriculum, and life skills development in the Life Experience & Action Dimension (LEAD) program as among the College’s many distinctions.

“I am most impressed by Champlain’s entrepreneurial approach to continually providing a relevant educational experience for students in a rapidly changing world,” she says. “It is rewarding to see students’ passion and determination, and to help them develop the experience and skills to fulfill their dreams.”
Fundraising is as vulnerable to changes in the economic climate as anything else. Fortunately, when you have a great story to tell, as Champlain College does, we fundraisers have a rewarding job even in challenging times like the Great Recession. Thank you to all of our unsparing supporters—including our tireless trustee ambassadors—who have helped make our job enjoyable during the Vision Innovation Passion Campaign.

There’s no happier ending to Champlain’s story than affirmation that the College is on target with its mission to deliver a remarkable education. That success is reflected every year in our career statistics. In the class of 2012, 88 percent of surveyed traditional undergraduates who were employed within a year after graduating were in jobs related to their career goals.

In significantly surpassing our $25 million goal, several initiatives deserve a special thank you to those involved:

- Two transformational gifts to Champlain totalling more than $15 million and seven additional gifts of more than $100,000 each.
- Scholarship fundraisers for our most disadvantaged students.
- The 2K42M alumni challenge tied to the Stiller Family Foundation gift.
- The Trustee Planned Giving Initiative.
- The enhanced Trustees’ Leaders’ Circle.
- The new Corporate Partner Award.

Whether large or small, each and every gift was seen as a vote of confidence in the unique educational model that sets Champlain College apart from so many other colleges and universities across the country.

We’re proud of our many campaign achievements with established and new relationships that will take the College forward.

The campaign marks a transition for Champlain to the next generation of philanthropy. We’re excited about the tremendous growth and potential for future giving in our alumni donor base. Your ongoing support is vital as the College begins construction in 2014 of a Center for Communication and Creative Media.

Over the course of the campaign, we heard repeatedly that businesses love that Champlain asks what the College can do for them and then delivers on it. Delivering on a promise is a hallmark of the Champlain experience.

We asked for your help to fulfill the promises of the Vision Innovation Passion campaign and you made it happen. We can’t thank you enough for your support.

Chair Michael Metz and Vice Chair Dawn Terrill ’88
“Whether large or small, each and every gift was seen as a vote of confidence in the unique educational model that sets Champlain College apart from so many other colleges....”

**The Metz Studio Barn**
The Metz Studio Barn, located behind Roger H. Perry Hall, offers Communications and Creative Media graphic arts and design students state-of-the-art facilities and equipment. It was named this fall to honor Campaign Chair Michael Metz and his wife, Denise Shekerjian, for their generous investment of time and financial support to the Vision Innovation Passion Campaign and need-based scholarship programs for Champlain College students.

**Vision Innovation Passion**
Students Helped “Make It Happen”
The name of this campaign has its roots with a group of Champlain College marketing students in Nilda Kerr’s Branding class. Listening to real clients’ needs (like those of Champlain) and proposing solutions provides our students with hands-on experiences that help them build an impressive portfolio of accomplishments.

Thanks to Dillon Brooker, Matt Rochward, Jennifer Lapidow, Dan Racowsky, Courtney Parkinson, Andrew Jones, and Lyndsay Lord for turning their classroom experience into the theme of this campaign.

**$34 MILLION**
**Vision Innovation Passion**
The campaign goal of $25 million was exceeded by $9 million. Here is how the income was distributed:

- **$10.2 Million** Capital/Construction
- **$8.4 Million** Endowment / Estate Gifts
- **$7.4 Million** Student Aid and Operations
- **$4.5 Million** Academic and Flagship
- **$3.5 Million** Unrestricted within Campaign

**Distribution of Campaign Income**

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We’ve Come A Long Way...

When the Champlain College Board of Trustees voted five years ago to approve a new comprehensive $25 million fundraising campaign, it’s safe to say very few could have imagined the challenges the Great Recession would bring to Vermont, the nation and world.

The College was just coming off a major community celebration of “50 Years on the Hill” highlighting that Champlain had grown from one building and 60 students earning associates degrees in 1958 to 42-plus buildings and more than 2,000 students earning undergraduate and graduate degrees in 2008.

Academic programs were humming along. A new study abroad campus in Dublin opened and the Montreal program marked its first anniversary. Woodbury College became part of Champlain in August; The Emergent Media Center was setting up in the Winooski Mill, and the Core and LEAD programs were building out their curriculums.

Champlain continued to strive to increase its capacity to fund scholarships, especially for under-served populations of students like New Americans, single parents and first-generation students.

Champlain’s master plan showed the addition of five major building priorities including renovation of Perry Hall, a new Communication and Creative Media addition to Hauke Center and three residence halls and landscaping.

The drive to provide state-of-the-art educational facilities and housing for Champlain students was moving forward at a quickening pace. The renovated Aiken Hall became home to the Core Division. Ground was broken at what would become the Roger H. Perry Hall Welcome and Admission Center. It would later earn LEED Platinum, the highest rating for sustainability and win awards for historic preservation and design.

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Careful resource management and the nimble ability to take advantage of cost-savings in construction, allowed
important projects like Perry Hall, the new residential hall projects and the acquisition of several important properties to proceed on schedule despite the economic downturn.

Facing perhaps the greatest challenges were those whose job it was to raise the money. The Great Recession created a difficult fundraising climate for organizations big and small. Still in 2010, two years into the $25 million campaign, nearly 75 percent of Champlain’s faculty and staff had contributed.

It was clear that those who knew Champlain best, remained passionate about the innovative vision of the College to achieve its goals. Relationships with alumni and employers were strengthened as new programs in digital forensics, emergent media, game design, professional writing and international business grew in prominence. The Champlain College Summit on Appreciative Inquiry in August 2011 opened new doors to relationships with Vermont employers.

The update of the Champlain 2020 Vision in 2012 refined the steps necessary for Champlain to become the finest small, professionally and globally focused college in the United States.

Bob and Holly Miller maintained their long-tradition of support through the construction of the Miller Center at Lakeside. The new building allowed the College to consolidate administrative services and centers of excellence under one roof and freed up classroom and office space on the main campus.

Behind the scenes, President David Finney and the Campaign Cabinet, led by Michael Metz and Dawn Terrill ’88, were laying the groundwork for what would become a transformational $10 million gift from the Stiller Family Foundation and the creation of the Stiller School of Business in fall of 2012.

In atypical fashion, the last fiscal year of the five-year campaign saw more than $15 million added to the tally, among those numbers - seven families contributing more than $100,000 each.

And finally, Champlain alumni - new and old - met the “2K42M” participation challenge earning a $2 million gift.

All total, nearly $34 million was raised, well over the $25 million goal set in 2008.

Photos from left:

• The Roger H. Perry Hall Welcome and Admission Center.

• Students and employers mix at the Vehicle For a Better Life benefit for scholarships.

• The Communications and Creative Media addition to Hauke Center expects to break ground in spring 2014.

• The Admissions Office Student Ambassadors on the balcony of the IDX Student Life Center.
Robert and Christine Stiller are no strangers to the power of innovation. As the founder of the Waterbury, Vermont-based Green Mountain Coffee Roasters, Bob Stiller created a business known for its pioneering work environment and revolutionary focus on social responsibility. And in April, the couple’s Stiller Family Foundation received the 2013 Most Outstanding Foundation Award from the Association of Fundraising Professionals, partly for its commitment to exploring new ways to take leadership roles in community affairs.

Both this vanguard spirit and the extraordinary generosity behind it are found in the Stillers’ recent gift to Champlain College. The $10 million donation from the Stiller Family Foundation is the largest single gift in the College’s history and accompanies the renaming of the Business division to the Robert P. Stiller School of Business. The gift also was transformational for the Vision Innovation Passion campaign.

“We have great faith in Champlain College. Our two sons, Christian and David, are alumni of the school, and their experiences at Champlain made us greatly appreciate its methods and practices,” says Bob Stiller. “We want to help Champlain accomplish its goals and vision to become the finest small, professionally and globally focused college in the U.S.”

To that end, the Stiller School of Business will be a national leader in strength-based management practices such as Appreciative Inquiry, a systemic approach to change that engages people at all levels of an organization and its stakeholder community, which is a particularly effective tool for managing rapid growth.

As part of this effort, the Stillers’ gift will be used to fund Appreciative Inquiry programs for state and regional companies and organizations; endow two Business School chairs with a positive-psychology management focus; make vital capital investments in Perry Hall; and build a new Center for Communication and Creative Media beside the Hauke Family Campus Center. The new facility will free up space in the S.D. Ireland Center for Global Business and Technology so all Business faculty and programs will be located in one building.

“We believe that to redefine business, it is necessary to introduce new thinking into how business is taught to the next generation of leaders and entrepreneurs,”

- Bob Stiller

Part of the $10 million gift was the 2K42M challenge grant, which earmarked $2 million to the Vision Innovation Passion campaign if at least 2,000 alumni made a donation of any size by June 30, 2013.

“The future of any college rests with the success and generosity of its alumni,” says Stiller. “The individuals who support Champlain have altered the landscape of the College and have had a lasting impact on the lives of every student.

“We hope that because of this gift, graduates of the Stiller School of Business will benefit from a distinctive business education that will positively influence them personally as well as their organizations throughout their careers,” Stiller says.
You don’t have to look far to see the enormous impact that Holly and Bob Miller and their family business, R.E.M. Development of Williston, Vermont, have had on Champlain College. Thanks to their remarkable generosity of more than $8 million, the College has two facilities and several endowed funds that help position Champlain on the leading edge of 21st-century learning.

Champlain’s Miller Information Commons, made possible by a substantial gift from the Millers and R.E.M. Development, integrates traditional library resources with advanced technologies, including online databases and scholarly resources, multimedia labs, wireless networking, personal computer banks, and electronic classrooms. The Miller Commons, which opened in 1998, won the 2012 Excellence in Academic Libraries Award from the Association of College and Research Libraries.

The Millers also contributed $2.2 million to the College’s Power of Three campaign, in part to support the creation of Champlain’s first endowed chair to honor Champlain’s sixth president, Roger H. Perry.

In 2011, the Millers continued their extraordinary service to the Champlain community with the construction of the Miller Center at Lakeside Campus. In addition to providing a high-tech home for many Champlain departments, the facility houses the Continuing Professional Studies program, the Center for Professional & Executive Development, the Senator Patrick Leahy Center for Digital Investigation, and the Emergent Media Center in 36,000 square feet. There’s even a small rooftop solar farm to power the building’s basic needs.

“We support Champlain College to help it move to ever higher levels of excellence and innovation,” says Holly Miller, who was a Champlain trustee from 1992 to 2007 and board chairperson for two years.

The Miller Center Lakeside campus provides hundreds of parking spaces that meet the College’s objective to dramatically reduce vehicular traffic on and near the main campus. And the building’s location in Burlington’s South End has expanded the role Champlain has played in the city’s annual South End Art Hop by supplying space for art exhibits and special events related to the Hop.

The Millers’ many gifts to the College have enhanced the education of countless students. And they’re also a vibrant testament to the family’s belief that every young person deserves the opportunity to reach his or her full potential, a legacy that can be found in the couple’s many other Vermont projects, from a community center in Bradford to a scholarship program for Burlington’s inner city youth and the city’s King Street Youth Center.

“As young people, Holly and I never had the means to get an education,” says Bob Miller. “We were originally attracted to Champlain College because of its no-nonsense, career-focused education. The campus and programs have changed, but Holly and I have continued to support Champlain because it never loses sight of its mission.”

The Miller Information Commons (center) sits prominently on the hill overlooking campus and Lake Champlain.

Bob & Holly Miller
Building on Their Generosity

Bob & Holly Miller of Burlington.
As a small college with extraordinary achievements and goals, Champlain College has won over Winthrop “Win” H. Smith Jr. and his wife, Lili Ruane.

Their involvement with the College, through the Build Your Own Business (BYOBiz) program, Vermont First and Single Parents scholarship funds, is inspired by Champlain’s impact on students and the community, and impact of students on the world.

“It’s a good feeling to see young people thrive in a supportive environment and become valuable and productive members of society,” says Smith, principal owner and president of Sugarbush Resort in Warren, Vermont. “I’ve been extremely impressed with Champlain’s curriculum, which focuses on both a liberal arts education and preparation for the real world.”

For Ruane, hearing about the real-world experiences of scholarship recipients is enough to affirm support of the College.

“What an enormous difference these opportunities make in the lives of students who, because of their circumstances, would otherwise not have an opportunity to grow and succeed in the world. Helping single parents navigate through the challenge of being a parent and getting a degree changes the course of their children’s lives.

The Vermont First scholarship (for first-generation Vermont college students) also gives families the opportunity to change their destiny with the gift of education,” she says.

At the annual Vehicle to a Better Life scholarships benefit event, students give testimonials. “It is so moving to hear their stories and know that every donation makes an enormous difference in so many lives,” Ruane says. “There’s at least one part of the evening when there’s not a dry eye in the house. It makes you want to give.”

Smith, who received Champlain’s 2012 Distinguished Citizen award, is on the executive advisory board of the BYOBiz program, which helps student entrepreneurs develop businesses. He was featured in the inaugural Speaking from Experience Entrepreneurship Lecture Series.

“BYOBiz is a unique program that offers students the opportunity to build a business plan and test their ideas while still in college,” Smith says. “It’s where students think, imagine and become entrepreneurs. It allows an element of realism as well as the opportunity to dream.”

The couple encourage others to engage with Champlain and learn about the accomplishments of the College and its students. “Champlain is a campus that’s being developed without an endowment,” Smith says. “Take time to find out more about Champlain and its unique and effective approach to education, and support them in their mission.”

On June 30, the Advancement Office announced it had met an ambitious 2K42M Challenge Goal, surpassing 2,000 alumni donors (including the Class of 2013) and securing a $2 million gift for the College.

A portion of the $10 million gift received from the Stiller Family Foundation was designated as a $2 million challenge grant. A long-term goal is to build institutional capacity through increased alumni annual support.

A concerted effort, including letters from professors and alumni asking for support through traditional and social media outlets helped drive the effort to success with 2,144 alumni donors raising $455,188.

Thank you to all the alumni who contributed to 2K42M.
The ‘Recipe for Success’

An evening of celebration was held for leadership donors in October to announce the successful completion of the campaign, introduce them to recent graduates, and let them know how their investments were being used. The “Recipe for Success” theme brought out chef’s hats, aprons, and a fair number of cooking metaphors. Thank you gifts included favorite recipes from the Campaign Cabinet and Champlain honey from the College’s student apiary.

Top chefs Michael Metz, David F. Finney, and Dawn Terrill report the results.

Alumni Donald Maynard ’13 and Amanda Mahony ’12 spoke about how their Champlain experiences changed their lives.

Irene Webster entertained the guests who gathered on Oct. 17 to celebrate the success of the Campaign.

(Photos by Stephen Mease)
The Champlain College Single Parents Program is the recipient of a $100,000 challenge grant from Donna and Remo Pizzagalli. The Pizzagalli’s gift was announced at the annual Champlain College Women Supporting Education for Women benefit in Shelburne this fall.

The Pizzagallis chose to honor their dear family friend and former Champlain College employee Patricia Conant, who passed away from cancer in February, by matching all contributions to the Single Parent Program this year dollar-for-dollar up to $100,000. Their gift also establishes a permanent endowed fund in Conant’s honor to support the Single Parents Program in perpetuity.

“We are honored to be able to establish this scholarship in memory of Pat, an incredible woman who gave of herself to all she came in touch with, especially her students,” said Donna Pizzagalli.

Remo and Donna, and their two children, Peter ‘89 and Gina ‘86, shared many holidays with the Conant family.

Since it began in 1987, the Champlain College Single Parents Program has graduated 580 single parent students. In addition to scholarship support, participants receive personal counseling and support services that help ensure their success.

Conant was a single parent for many years, as her husband passed away prematurely. After graduating from UVM in 1958, she began working for Champlain College, where she worked for 48 years. In the early days, Champlain employees engaged in many different roles—Conant was a teacher, mentor, career counselor, admissions representative. Throughout her career, the role she was most passionate about was recruiting and helping students like those in the Single Parents Program.

“She worked as an advocate for nontraditional students, like single parents. She would assure them that they would find a home at Champlain and would be able to succeed at their studies,” says Shelley Richardson, vice president for Advancement.

“She facilitated scholarship grants and identified mentors for this special population of students to turn to for support. She cared deeply for her students and felt a special bond with single parent scholars, personally understanding the challenges they faced.”

Champlain Parents
Donna and Remo Pizzagalli Honor Their Long-Time Friend Pat Conant

From left, Nancy Conant Armell, Donna Pizzagalli, Gina (Pizzagalli) Plunkett ‘86, and John Conant.

To make a gift in support of this challenge before Dec. 31, 2013, please contact Moneer N. Greenbaum, leadership giving director, at (802) 865-5426 or moneer.greenbaum@champlain.edu.

Learn more about how you can support Champlain College through leadership giving, need-based scholarship and program funds, named and memorial funds, and estate planning. Contact the Champlain College Office of Advancement at (802) 383-6620 or toll-free at (866) 421-7170. Or visit online at www.champlain.edu/support or advancement@champlain.edu.
THE ATLANTIC CALLS CHAMPLAIN “AN IDEAL COLLEGE”

The Atlantic featured Champlain College as a model for what an ideal college would look like. Magazine writer and higher education expert John Tierney highlighted Champlain College as an institute of higher education that meets and exceeds expectations. The article is part of the larger “American Futures” project, a series of articles in which well-known writers James and Deborah Fallows examine small, resilient American cities that are home to intriguing innovations and entrepreneurship.

The online series, being produced in conjunction with National Public Radio’s Marketplace program, is highlighting small cities like Burlington, which is home to many innovative companies and organizations. The Fallows have published pieces on Dealer.com, Seven Days newspaper, Burlington International Airport, the Vermont Refugee Resettlement Program, the Sustainability Academy, and the Alchemist Brewery. The University of Vermont and St. Michael’s College were featured in a separate article, and Champlain’s story was published on Oct. 21.

In mid-September Champlain welcomed Tierney, a retired professor of American government at Boston College, to campus to interview administrators, faculty, staff, and students and find out what makes Champlain unique. In his article, Tierney presents his vision of an ideal college to look something like the following: a place where “students would acquire training that makes them immediately employable. They’d take courses in the liberal arts that would sharpen their skills in writing, analysis, and reasoning. And they’d graduate with some real-life knowledge, such as how to interview for a job. There’d be no tenure for faculty, but instructors would be made to feel they’re valued members of the enterprise. And administrators would constantly ask themselves, ‘how can we prepare students for what the world needs of them?’” He writes how Champlain meets every aspect of this ideal vision and, in the process, is gaining the attention of the higher-ed world.

Tierney quotes President David Finney’s perspective on the College’s unusual DNA—it’s an intensely personal place where career-driven students are persistent in their studies, gaining employment experience, doing professional networking, serving their community, and learning real-world skills. Read the full article at http://ow.ly/q2i6v.

ONE OF THE BEST


“...as a whole, students are noticeably goal oriented.”

“...very interactive, conversational and friendly.”

“...Serious about doing big things and going far in life.”

Financial Literacy Center Report Card

Responding to a national need to produce more financially literate citizens, Champlain College’s Center for Financial Literacy issued a report card this summer that graded all 50 states on their efforts to strengthen personal finance education in high schools. The report earned national attention through Marketwatch.com and news outlets across the U.S.

See how your state did and read the full report at http://www.champlain.edu/centers-of-excellence/center-for-financial-literacy

NUMBER ONE “UP AND COMING”

Champlain College has been named the number one “Up-and-Coming” regional college in the North in the 2014 edition of “America’s Best Colleges,” released this fall by U.S. News & World Report. The “Up-and-Coming” ranking comes from a survey of college administrators in spring 2013 who were asked to nominate institutions that they think have recently made the most promising and innovative changes in the areas of academics, faculty, student life, campus, or facilities. Champlain College was most often cited by college presidents, provosts, and admissions deans who were asked to identify up to 10 “up-and-coming schools.” Champlain was the only regional college listed in the North. Only two other regional colleges were listed in the South and none in the Midwest or West regions.

BEST COLLEGES

U.S. News & World Report

REGIONAL COLLEGES UP-AND-COMING

2014
GIG COLLEGE
This fall, Champlain College began providing campus residential students with gigabit access Internet service.

The program takes advantage of the city of Burlington’s world-class fiber-optic network, able to deliver symmetrical speeds 100 times faster than the national average. The service will help to attract new technology businesses, enhance education and research, and attract entrepreneurs and help keep graduates in Vermont.

“We think our ability to provide next-generation Internet capacity to our students and faculty will be a major factor in helping to attract top students to our award-winning Champlain programs in cybersecurity, game design, and digital forensics,” said David Provost, senior vice president of Finance and Administration at the College. He also serves on the “BTV Ignite” Mayor’s Advisory Board, a new partnership between the City of Burlington and Ignite US.

“Because we have the infrastructure at Champlain and in Burlington, this will be a major economic development tool for the region moving forward. It will help support our graduates being able to stay in Vermont and work,” he said.

The gigabit service will also enhance work at the Leahy Center for Digital Investigation and the Emergent Media Center. Using the citywide gigabit network, both of the College’s technology Centers of Excellence will be able to develop groundbreaking programs and services without the usual constraints of Internet capacity.

Learn more at www.btvignite.com

TEACHER APPRENTICE PROGRAM JOINS CPS
Vermont’s Teacher Apprenticeship Program (TAP) joined the Division of Continuing Professional Studies this summer. Scott Mosher, director of the TAP program, said, “our goal is to expand within Vermont and eventually other states. Delivering our seminars and workshops in Champlain’s online course system will certainly play a large role in our national growth.” Mosher notes that the program’s tuition of $10,900 is a large part of the appeal of the program, as is the fact that the apprenticeship is completed in eight months. The Teacher Apprenticeship Program was created in 2002 by the Chittenden Central Supervisory Union. Through TAP, adults with a bachelor’s degree and significant work experience complete an eight-month apprenticeship to earn their teaching license. To learn more about the TAP program, and how to get started, call (802) 238-9637 or visit www.tapvt.org.

LATE NIGHT STARDOM
Champlain junior Broadcast and Streaming Media major Jack Carpenter was featured in a segment called “Instant Rappers” on Late Night with Jimmy Fallon in August. After auditioning for a chance to be in this segment, Carpenter was tasked with writing a rap with the title “Froggy Style” in 40 minutes, then performing it on the NBC show. Carpenter recently premiered his own talk show, Lake Night with Jack Carpenter, which can be found on his YouTube account Jackinthebox1313 or on Burlington’s Channel 16 RETN Thursdays at 10 p.m.

SOCIAL WORK EARN CSWE ACCREDITATION
The Champlain College Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) degree program has been granted initial accreditation from the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE). Earning an accredited degree offers a tremendous benefit to current and future students in the BSW program. “CSWE accreditation gives our graduates an advantage in the field and also allows them to obtain a graduate degree in less time. This is a big plus for them as they think about furthering their careers,” said Champlain College Provost Robin Abramson. Champlain College is one of only three institutions in the state of Vermont to offer a CSWE accredited Bachelor of Social Work degree, and one of only 26 in the entire New England region.
MEET THE NEW DEANS

Communication & Creative Media (CCM) Paula Willoquet-Maricondi has a Ph.D. in comparative literature and film studies from Indiana University. Prior to coming to Champlain, she was a professor of media arts at Marist College and held dual administrative appointments as interim assistant dean of the School of Communication and the Arts and chair of the Media Arts Department.

Education & Human Studies (EHS) Laurel Bongiorno has been a full-time faculty member at Champlain since 1999. Bongiorno earned her Ph.D. in education, specializing in early childhood education, at Walden University in 2012. Beginning in 2011, she was the program director and driving force of the Master of Education in Early Childhood Education program at Champlain.

Information Technology & Science (ITS) Thomas Mann is interim dean of the ITS Division. He brings to Champlain 13 years of administrative experience as chief academic officer at Graceland University and West Virginia Wesleyan College, and 10 years as president/CEO of Davis & Elkins College. In addition to global education, Mann counts strategic planning, assessment of student learning, and institutional/specialized accreditation among his special academic interests.

Robert P. Stiller School of Business (SSB) Wesley Balda has a Ph.D. in history (organizational sustainability) from the University of Cambridge. He has served as a faculty member and in many academic administrative roles at the School of Management at the George Fox University, Hope University, St. George’s University, University of Oregon, and the Peter Drucker Graduate School of Management at Claremont Graduate University. In 1991, he founded the Simeon Institute, a nonprofit organization that specializes in crisis management and continuity planning for educational and healthcare institutions.

IMAGINE COLLEGE OPENS DOOR TO POSSIBILITIES

Champlain College’s pre-college and college success initiative, Imagine College, brought 25 students from Vermont, Massachusetts, and New York to campus this summer. The six-day immersion program is designed to help create college access for underserved populations, help them continue to graduation, and prepare them for a life of career and personal success in which they can serve as agents of positive change in their community. “We believe students will benefit from the additional support to develop and strengthen their vision for attending college and help them navigate the often complicated college-entry process,” said Ame Lambert, Imagine College program facilitator and chief diversity officer in Champlain’s Office of Diversity and Inclusion (ODI).

RESIDENCE HALLS ON SCHEDULE

Butler and Valcour Halls are well under way on the northwest side of campus. These two dormitory buildings will resemble Juniper Hall, completed in the fall of 2012, and together house 180 students. Within the triad of buildings, Champlain College campus planning is creating a campus green amphitheater. Both halls are expected to be completed by the fall of 2014. A rehab of adjacent Whiting Hall will begin in December.

The second Imagine College class of high school students from the Northeast enjoyed a week of classes, workshops, and fun this summer as they learned about attending college.
CHAMPLAIN NAMED A NATIONAL CENTER OF DIGITAL FORENSICS ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Champlain College has been designated a National Center of Digital Forensics Academic Excellence (CDFAE) by the Defense Cyber Crime Center (DC3). Champlain is the first school in the Northeast, the only private college, and the fifth higher education institution in the country to receive this distinction.

As a CDFAE, Champlain meets or exceeds the standards set forth by the DC3 to be leading educators of future digital forensics professionals. The College has produced highly sought-after graduates within its digital forensics and cybersecurity programs, many of whom have received job offers across a broad range of industries well before graduation.

The CDFAE designation is the most recent recognition the College has received for excellence in digital forensics and cybersecurity education. Champlain was also named a Center of Academic Excellence in Information Assurance Education by the National Security Agency and the Department of Homeland Security, as well as a Model Electronic Crime and Digital Investigation Programs institution by the National Institute of Justice. Additionally, the College was named Best Cyber Security Higher Education Program for 2013 by SC Magazine.

“Being the first school in the Northeast to receive the DC3 designation as a CDFAE is an incredible honor,” said Jonathan Rajewski, assistant professor and director of the Senator Patrick Leahy Center for Digital Investigation at Champlain College. “Our educators work diligently to ensure our students are equipped with the latest technology and knowledge available in digital forensics, and by being designated as a CDFAE, we are ensuring that our curriculum aligns with the growing needs of the cybersecurity industry.”

DISTINGUISHED WOMEN HONORED

Champlain College honored longtime Burlington homeless advocate Rita Markley with the 2013 Champlain College Distinguished Citizen award at Convocation. Markley, executive director of the Committee on Temporary Shelter (COTS), spoke to the incoming class of 2017 about the benefits of community service and praised the College for its pivotal leadership role in helping organizations such as COTS and others.

Also honored was Ann McCluskey of South Burlington as Champlain College Faculty Emerita. McCluskey began her career with Champlain in 1969 and retired in 2000 with the rank of professor. During her time as a faculty member at Champlain, McCluskey taught English. She also served as English Department chair, Arts and Sciences Division Chair, and Faculty Senate president for two terms.

LOGIC SUPPLY GETS “PARTNER AWARD”

Logic Supply in South Burlington, Vermont, a provider of specialized computer systems for industrial and embedded applications, received the inaugural Corporate Partner Award from Champlain College in May.

“This new Corporate Partner Award is a way for Champlain to recognize and thank those businesses and business leaders who play a vital role in strengthening the economic vitality of Vermont and beyond by collaborating with us to provide industry with an educated workforce that is ready to help grow emerging and established businesses,” explained Champlain President David Finney.

The award was given to Roland and Lisa Groeneveld, who founded Logic Supply in 2003, at the Vehicle for a Better Life Scholarship event in June.

SENIOR HONORED FOR ACTIVISM & LEADERSHIP

Champlain College student Rebecca Carlson ’14 has been selected to receive an honorable mention for the College Women’s Leadership Award, a national award for social activism and political engagement. The award recognizes young women from all over the country who exhibit outstanding leadership skills as well as a commitment to social activism or political engagement. Carlson, originally from East Hanover, New Jersey, is majoring in Environmental Policy and minoring in Business Administration. She is president of the College’s environmental club.
The end of August is always an exciting time on campus when the first-year students arrive with loaded cars, anticipation, and expectations of the experience ahead. Here's a look back at that exciting first weekend:

Clockwise: Upperclassmen help unload the cars; Senior Orientation Leader Kate Young offers an enthusiastic shout-out on Rozendaal Courtyard; Hugs goodbye on Aiken Lawn after lunch; Student Government Association President Chelsea Hutchings ’14 gives her welcome speech at Friday’s Convocation at Perry Hall.

Below: The Class of 2017 photo taken Sunday afternoon on Aiken Lawn. See more photos online at champlain.edu/view
This past year I had the pleasure of joining Champlain College registrar Becky Peterson in the singing of Champlain’s alma mater at the 135th Commencement ceremony. Having attended the Commencement ceremony the previous year, I was not surprised by the fact that no graduating students knew the tune to sing along to. Not only that, but I myself didn’t even know the words or tune before Becky e-mailed me a demo.

The problem is that the song surfaces only twice a year: once at opening Convocation when we welcome first-year students, and again at Commencement when we acknowledge students’ completed journey at Champlain.

The tune was first documented in the 1965-66 Champlain College handbook, The Rudder, where the music was credited to a J. Beams. The lyrics were then published in the 1966 yearbook, at a time when the College’s Glee Club would be joined by the rest of the student body and perform the song at major events, and it was inconsistently referenced from there on out.

After spending a morning doing research in the Champlain College Library with archivist Erica Donnis, I learned a lot about the school through the 1960s but did not have much luck identifying J. Beams. I did, however, learn how the College was run, I saw many respected faculty and staff members of the past who have since been honored with residence halls and academic buildings in their name, I was introduced to a student body that was here on the hill for two years (as Champlain was still a junior college at the time), and I got to see a campus much different from the one we stroll through today.

With a failed search in the yearbooks, I turned to the white pages, hoping to find a local of the same name. I stumbled upon a James Beams in Richmond and worked up the courage to give him a call. I wasn’t sure what to expect, until I was left a voicemail in response: “Yes, I did write the Champlain College song, but that must have been a hundred years ago!” This was our guy, the legend, Mr. James Beams.

We invited Beams to campus on Sept. 12, for lunch and a chat. Beams worked at Champlain for a brief stint as the choral director after graduating from the University of Vermont in 1963. Turns out he was in the 1963 yearbook in the Glee Club photograph, but he was mislabeled as A. Beams, his father’s name.

“The lyrics were actually written by two students,” Beams shared. “It had actually been a poem, and I made it the song.” Frank Molinski ’64 and J. Griffin were the authors of the piece of prose that became the College’s alma mater.

While I grumble about the song being performed only twice a year, for decades it went untouched. Until President David Finney arrived in 2006, there was not a formal Convocation ceremony, and the tradition of the alma mater had since been long forgotten. It was resurrected about five years ago, and has been performed with pride semiannually ever since.

“I can’t believe you still sing it. I hadn’t heard anything from Champlain since I left in 1964,” admitted Beams. He hadn’t stepped on campus since, and was thrilled to see the changes and meet the students who populate the hill today.

Beams, a native Vermonter, traveled the world as a child, as his

Meet the Composer of Our Alma Mater

JAMES BEAMS

By Kayla Hedman ’14

Come join in festive song together,
As we sing of old Champlain;
Harken to the joyous chorus
And the sweet, sweet, lingering refrain.

By Kayla Hedman ’14
THE LLEWELLYN COLLECTION
AT CHAMPLAIN COLLEGE

Champlain College honored local resident Lance Llewellyn with a public unveiling of the Llewellyn Collection at Champlain College on Sept. 16. Housed in Roger H. Perry Hall, the Llewellyn Collection is a non-circulating special collection administered by the Champlain College library.

At the event, remarks were given by Provost and Chief Academic Officer Robin Abramson, Senior Vice President of Finance and Administration David Provost, Champlain College Professor David Lustgarten, Fletcher Free Library’s Robert Resnik, and University of Vermont Professor Thomas Visser.

Llewellyn lives in Burlington and is a longtime friend of Champlain College. He graduated from the University of Vermont with degrees in civil engineering in '67 and '72 and later established engineering consulting firms in the Burlington area. His professional work is found throughout Vermont, including numerous projects on the Champlain College campus. An ardent Vermont enthusiast, he has collected Vermont memorabilia throughout much of his life. In 2010, he offered his unique collection to the College, which is dedicated to preserving the spirit and history of Burlington and the Champlain Valley.

The Llewellyn Collection consists of more than 800 books and pamphlets, 200 objects, and 100 linear feet of maps and ephemera related to the state of Vermont, with a focus on the city of Burlington – including more than 2,200 postcards and 80 scores of sheet music, as well as brochures, advertisements, pins and buttons, and other souvenir items.

An online catalog of the collection is available at http://specialcollections.champlain.edu/digital-collections/

Further information about the Llewellyn Collection or the Champlain archives may be obtained by contacting archivist Erica Donnis at edonnis@champlain.edu.

If you have any memorabilia from Champlain College's past that you would like to donate to the Champlain College archives, or if you would like to schedule a research appointment to look through the College's archives, please contact Erica Donnis.
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2013 Alumni Leadership Honors

The Champlain College 2013 Alumni Leadership Awards were co-presented by retiring professor Alan Stracke as his final official act at Champlain. The outstanding alumni leaders with President David F. Finney are, from left,

- The Vermont Alumni Leadership Award: John H. Crabbe, Jr. ’75 and Manon L. O’Connor ’86.
- Roger H. Perry Alumni Leadership Award: Cody Mears standing in for Travis M. Mears ’06.
- C. Bader Brouilette Alumni Leadership Award: Jonathan T. Rajewski G’09.
- President’s Alumni Leadership Award: Cynthia (Cindy) R. Allen ’09.
- A. Gordon Tittemore Legacy Award: Earl Handy ’96 and Alexis Handy ’95.

CLASS NOTES

1960s

Louise A. Sjbeck ’63 was awarded the Community Impact Award by the Vermont Community Foundation at its annual meeting in September 2013.

1970s

Gloria LaCroix Bennett and Jackie Jaques Zeiher, both ’71 graduates of Champlain’s Legal Secretarial curriculum and federal retirees, caught up at lunch this year in Washington, D.C.

David W. MacDonough ’72, a South Burlington police officer, was recently promoted to the rank of detective. MacDonough will be working for the Chittenden Unit for Special Investigations (CUSI) as well as serving as a tactical operator for the Chittenden Advanced Tactical Response (CATR) unit. He is a 15-year veteran, having served with the Chittenden County Sheriff’s Office, Shelburne Police Department, and South Burlington Police Department. He currently lives in North Ferrisburgh, VT with his wife Melissa and son David.

Dolores C. Struckhoff ’74 is heading up the Enfield Shaker Museum as its executive director. It is a very different work environment moving from the corporate world to the nonprofit world. She especially enjoys using her business experience to streamline and improve processes that will ultimately impact the future of the museum in a positive way.

Tim Congdon ’75, president of Congdon Associates Distributing Co. (CADCo), recently hired Frederick Christian Kalweit III ’12, who is in a management training program at CADCo.

1980s

Karen V. Whitby ’81 is now a licensed realtor with Keller Williams Commercial Realty, Green Mountain Properties.

Jill Laurence ’82 has been named the special education department teacher leader for Central High School in Providence, RI, where she has been teaching for the past 10 years. CHS is one of the largest high schools in Providence with a very diverse population of approximately 1,200 students.

Charlotte Irish-Collmar ’85 is living in Orlando, FL, with her husband of 21 years, Joe. Her son Matthew is living in Battle Creek, MI, and daughter Samantha Mae is living in Orlando. Charlotte is a grandmother to Halie, age 8, and Hunter, age 3. She enjoys working in the hospitality field at the Crowne Plaza Resort closest to Universal, as their night audit supervisor.

David J. Lacroix ’87 was recently honored by Vermont Governor Peter Shumlin for his many years of service on Vermont’s Advisory Council on Special Education.

Gina (Racine) Sears ’87 recently started Green Mountain Basement Solutions, LLC, along with her husband and business partner Michael Sears. The company is a basement waterproofing and foundation repair business based out of Colchester, VT, with a shop location in Essex, VT.

Kelly L. Citro ’88 is currently working at Chittenden Central Supervisory Union as the IT assistant.

Patricia A. LaFond ’88 is a servicing/reporting specialist for the Vermont Housing Finance Agency in Burlington, VT.

Katrina Blue ’89 and Chuck Miller were married at their house in Starksboro, VT, on July 7, 2012.

1990s

Kristi L. Barry ’90 launched an online skiwear business in 2008, featuring high-end ski apparel. Learn more about Kristi’s Clothes to Perfection at www.clothestoperfection.com.

Laura D. Dusha ’90 is currently the executive director of a nonprofit wellness center in the small community of Barre, MA.

Kelley E. Allen ’91 was a recipient of the Building Block Award for Outstanding Volunteer Service to VT 211 at the United Way of Chittenden County’s kickoff breakfast in September 2013. In addition, she was recently promoted to senior client manager at Hickok & Boardman HR Intelligence. She has been employed at H&B for 11 years.

Heather A. Moreau ’92 is the firm manager at the new law firm of Maley & Maley PLLC.

Annette Hannah ’95 bought her own business, Champlain Insuring in Swanton, VT, in early 2011. It is a property and casualty insurance agency for home, auto, and business. You can check it out at www.champlaininsuring.com.

Sarah J. Carloff ’96 has been promoted to assistant director of conference services at Lake Lanier Islands Legacy Lodge & Conference Center in Buford, GA.

Sandra (Baker) Foisy ’97, ’95 and Marc Foisy welcomed a daughter, Callie Olivia Foisy, in Georgia, VT, on March 27, 2013.

Misty (Dubuque) Blow ’98 and Michael Blow welcomed a son, Evander Michael Blow, in Essex, VT, on March 15, 2013.

Margaret L. Allen ’98 was recently promoted to quality assurance and compliance officer for Millview TBI, a small for-profit company that provides community-based services to individuals with traumatic brain injuries and other disabilities through two Medicaid waiver
programs in the Albany, NY area. She supervises the Independent Living Skills Training (ILST) department and will continue that with her new role. She is always looking for new providers for the Independent Living Skills department, so if any Champlain OTA graduates are looking for something in the Albany area, they should check in!

**Jenny Lindsey ’99** is the office manager at ServiceNow, located in Kirkland, WA.

**Kimberly (Auger) Peele ’99** recently took a job with Martin Pitt Partnership for Children in Greenville, NC, as the regional infant toddler specialist.

### 2000s

**Abba B. Corliss ’01** has been employed as a legal assistant at Bergeron, Paradis & Fitzpatrick, LLP in Burlington, VT for almost 10 years.

**David Perry ’02 and Rayanna (Mears) Perry ’01** welcomed a daughter, Lily Ida Perry, in Atlanta, GA, on Jan. 29, 2013.

**Robyn M. Carnevale ’03** welcomed a son, Graham Otto Carnevale, on March 8, 2013.

**Stephanie L. McElroy ’03** and Joshua Shover welcomed a son, Marcus James Shover, in Burlington, VT, on Feb. 5, 2013.

**Sarah (Ernest) Jerger ’04, ’03, ’02 and Jay Jerger welcomed a son, Lucas Craige, on March 23, 2013.**

**Meredith (Walker) McCullough ’04 and Joshua McCullough ’05** welcomed a son, Max Daniel McCullough, Aug. 21.

**Amanda O’Neil ’04, ’03** just graduated from Champlain’s Master of Studies in Law (MSL) program in July.

**Ravi G. Parikh ’04, ’03** has been working on the energy services team at Burlington Electric Department. His primary focus is to work with commercial accounts to identify energy efficiency improvements. His work has him engaged with a variety of people within the Champlain community, including HVAC technician Bob Bolin.

**Matthew K. Williams ’04** is the publications officer and backup congressional affairs liaison for the Dept. of the Interior, Office of Natural Resources Revenue under the director’s chief of staff in Washington, D.C. Additionally, he joined a specialized team of presidential fellows as a writer and editor to redesign and update the U.S. government’s online presence, including streamlining, standardizing, and modernizing all agency/bureau websites.

**Nicholas J. Novello ’05** began his new appointment as associate director of financial aid at California State Polytechnic University, Pomona in May 2013.

**Diana S. Bockus ’06, ’04** is owner, writer, and photographer for Down Home Traveler: a travel, food and music blog. She has been invited out to stay and explore various towns, accommodations, and events including GrapeFest (the largest wine festival in the Southwest), and was asked to judge the Texas Steak Cook-off for two years in a row. Bockus consistently receives praise for scenic photography, and recently, she sold Motorola the rights to use a photo of hers in an upcoming marketing campaign.

**April (White) Farnham ’06 and James Farnham welcomed a son, Daniel Orrin Farnham, in Barre, VT, on March 26, 2013.**

**Jodi B. Greene ’06** married DJ Lebrun on Aug. 11, 2012, and welcomed a baby boy, Griffin Daniel, on May 1, 2013. Greene is now a graduate student at Champlain College.

**Danielle P. Laberge ’06** manages a horse farm in Brandon, VT. She currently has 10 horses, including an AQHA mare that she has raised from birth. In the summer, the farm has gymnahas under the lights on Friday nights and a mixture of gymnahas and shows on the weekends.

**Edward L. Manning ’06** After a stint in the advertising field, Manning went to seminary in New Orleans for four years, worked as a minister of music and outreach at a church in southwestern Louisiana, joined the foreign mission field, and is now headed with his wife and two daughters to Burkina Faso, West Africa, to work with a ministry called Shattering Darkness.

**Susanne Terry G’06** was published in the last issue of the Association for Conflict Resolution publication.

**Nicholas W. Blanton ’07** is the founder and CEO of Salt Cases. Salt Cases recently introduced the first ever thermally protective smartphone case that incorporates NASA technology to prevent temperature-related malfunctions. The patent-pending, thermally protective Salt Cases are certified by the Space Foundation. At the completion of a successful Kickstarter campaign, Salt Cases will begin production with a limited batch of iPhone 5 cases. You can learn more at www.saltcases.com.

**Ashley Jewell ’07 and Price Gendron got engaged while on vacation in Aruba in September 2013.**

**Amanda M. Kimel ’07** gave birth to her first child, Seamus Robert Clohessy, on Aug. 24. Mom, dad, and baby recently moved into their new house and are excited about owning their first home. Kimel is now in her sixth year as an x-ray technician at Porter Hospital in Middlebury, VT. She is also certified in CAT scan and is working toward certification in mammograms.

**Melissa J. Saunders ’07, ’06** was married to Canney Hamblett on May 11, 2012 in Montego Bay, Jamaica. Saunders passed her professional human resources exam on June 19, 2013.

**Robert G. Sheldon ’07, ’05** recently began a one-year Mike Mansfield Fellowship Program in Japan, established by Congress in 1994 to build a corps of U.S. government officials with substantial Japan expertise. He has served as senior policy analyst with the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission in Washington, DC, since 2009. Sheldon’s Fellowship year will begin with a seven-week homestay and intensive Japanese language training in Ishikawa Prefecture, to be followed by 10 months of practical experience in a Japanese government agency or ministry, where he will seek to contribute to work that relates to policy development, strategic planning, and interactions with the legislature.

**Eric C. Adamowsky ’08** and a high school classmate, John Ganotis, founded Credit Card Insider, a website that provides consumers with information and reviews on credit cards and publishes articles from experts on responsible credit practices.

**Alberto Aviles ’08, ’06** moved from Vermont where he was an advertising performance analyst at Dealer.com to a new job with Staples as a digital marketing specialist in the greater Chicago area.

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**Accounting Excellence Endowed Scholarship Awards**

**Ashlie Delphia ’14, left, and Jeremy Walla ’15** are the 2013 recipients of the Accounting Excellence Scholarship, a permanently endowed fund. The $2,500 scholarship is given to accomplished Accounting students who have demonstrated great professional promise.

**Kaylan K. Brown ’08** was married to Christopher Coulter ’07 at Merriweather Manor in Leesburg, VA, on May 18, 2013.

**Laurette Cross ’08 and Travis Garrand** were married on Jan. 22, 2012. The couple welcomed a baby girl, Ellie Mae, on April 23, 2012. Cross is a correctional instructor at the Community High School of Vermont.

**Stephen P. Grindle ’08** recently obtained a professional certificate in web development from the Continuing Professional Studies program at Champlain College. He was then able to get a full-time web development job at Norwich University.
HOODING CEREMONY—May 10, 2013

Some 110 students participated in the Commencement and hooding ceremony for master's degree candidates. They were led to the Perry Hall tent by EHS Dean Laurel Bongiorno. Former Vt. Gov. Madeleine M. Kunin (at right), who received a Champlain College honorary degree—Doctor of Public Service—in 2008, gave the keynote speech. The alumni welcome was delivered by C. Sebastian Massey ’12 of Mediation & Applied Conflict Studies. A reception for families followed in the IDX Student Center.  

(Photos by Stephen Mease)
Champlain College’s first outdoor commencement was held on the Edmunds School field next to Skiff Hall on a perfect Saturday morning. Ryan Warner ’13 (top right) may have been the first college graduate to wear Google Glass as he picked up his diploma. Graduates received a carved Champlain Spyglass, sponsored by the SGA and handcrafted by ClearLake Furniture. Top students celebrated with flowers and calls to family, while the students with the highest average in their division or school gathered to carry their banners to the ceremony. Vermont author Chris Bohjalian (below, left) received an Honorary Fine Arts degree and delivered the address to graduates. George Chaffee (not shown) received an honorary Commerce degree. David Winslow ’00 (below right) offered the Alumni Welcome.

Woodbury 30th Reunion

Alumni from Woodbury College and Champlain College’s Mediation & Applied Conflict Studies program gathered to mark 30 years of work in Vermont on Sept. 28. The program, led by Julian Portilla, included a “museum” of mementoes from the past and graduate Dana Caspersen’s workshop, “Conflict and the Body: Experiments for Practitioners.”

Danielle F. Miller ’08 started a new position with Wells Fargo in the Anti Money Laundering (AML) division, dealing with drug and human trafficking and anti-terrorist funding in Charlotte, NC.

Lindsey K. Rodstrom ’08 was married to Jon Hutchins on June 8, 2013, on Peaks Island, ME.

Cynthia R. Allen ’09 recently started a part-time permanent job at New England Biolabs.

Katharine C. Maund ’09 was hired as the digital director at Wildfang in February. Wildfang, an international online retailer of tomboy clothing, just won the Oregon Entrepreneurs Network startup of the year award.

Kristen A. Mercure ’09 moved to the corporate communications and investor relations team at Green Mountain Coffee Roasters as a senior corporate communications specialist. She’s also enrolled as a graduate student in the University of Southern California’s Annenberg School for Communication and Journalism.

Mercedes C. Murray ’09 moved across the country to San Rafael, CA in early 2013 and quickly found employment at CP Shades, a clothing company, in Sausalito, CA, as a production assistant. She’s very happy and proud of her job and hopes to connect with other Champlain alumni or current students who want to make the cross-country move to California.

Alison A. Proctor ’09 is living in New Delhi, India, for five months and organizing HIV prevention workshops and trainings, as part of her master’s degree requirement at the SIT Graduate Institute.

Krysta L. Voskowsky ’09 will be graduating from Emerson College in December 2013 with an MFA in creative writing. She is living in Boston, freelance writing, and blogging for NoshOn It. Her most recent work was published in Spry Literary Journal.

2010s

Gary L. Bertels G’10 was accepted to pursue a M.Ed. in human resource development at the University of Illinois. He is currently a senior manager of human resources with Ipsos, the world’s third-largest market research firm.

Christianna N. Cutler ’10 is owner of Tip of the Tail, a pet care business that provides customized dog walking, pet sitting, and pet taxi. Learn more at www.tipofthetailvt.com.

John DosSantos ’10 is a financial administrator for the State of Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation.

Gregory G. Fullum ’10 is currently working at Perkins Coie in the creative group.

Shayna D. Fontaine ’10 is now an accountant with Precision Plumbing & Heating in Boulder, CO.

Matthew A. Houle ’10 is working as a computer forensic analyst at CACI International in Washington, DC.

Amanda J. Jones ’10 has joined Alchemy and Science as junior graphic designer.

Kate E. Larose ’10 was recently hired as the consulting branch director for Global Learning Partners, an organization that helps clients create profound and lasting change in the world through meaningful personal, professional, and organizational development. Larose and her husband recently celebrated the birth of their son Jaxon.

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Marguerite Dibble ’12 was married to Thatcher Friant on Oct. 5, 2013 in Burlington, VT.

Mark C. Foerster, Jr. G’12,’03,’02 and Susan Foerster welcomed a daughter, Annie Elizabeth Foerster, in Colchester, VT, on Feb. 5, 2013.

Kelly Ann Forkas ’12 is living in Denver, CO, and is applying for her master’s degree in social work at Metropolitan State University.
ALUMNI PROFILE
AMANDA MAHONY ‘12

Leading By Example

Story by Molly Ritvo

It is difficult not to be drawn to Amanda Mahony’s infectious smile and warm personality. But delve a bit deeper and you will discover a story of passionate commitment to service. Amanda Mahony ’12, a digital specialist at Dealer.com, studied Public Relations at Champlain, but soon found herself deeply devoted to volunteerism.

From the moment Mahony set foot on campus, she was as active as she could be. “Besides studying and taking as many extracurricular Marketing classes as I could, I discovered the amazing travel opportunities Champlain offered students,” she explains. “I studied abroad in Dublin, assisted with the startup of the Teach for Tomorrow trips to Africa my freshman year, and returned to Tanzania as a student leader for Teach for Tomorrow my sophomore year.”

In early 2009, Mahony embarked on her first trip to East Africa as a volunteer teacher with a group of other Champlain students. The experience stirred something in her: “I decided that I would do something bigger upon my return home,” she recalls. “I observed African students in the schools we worked with who were dealing with sexual abuse, poverty, malnourishment, and a lack of access to education. I felt frustrated by, and consumed with, a desire to be part of a positive change for the people of Africa, but especially for the lives of women and children.”

Mahony stayed in touch with various organizations she connected with during her teaching opportunities. She witnessed one particular organization called the Global Mental Health Initiatives, become a nonprofit in April 2010. The organization was then asked to attend the World Congress for the World Federation for Mental Health in October 2011 in Cape Town, South Africa. Mahony, who had remained connected with leaders of that nonprofit, was offered the chance to accompany the organization to congress as a community manager. She accepted it.

The Champlain community rallied around Mahony and encouraged her participation. “After I explained the opportunity to travel to Cape Town as a community manager, a mentor and former Marketing professor told me ‘You have to go! This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.’ After that, everyone on campus—from the cafeteria staff to the president of the College—encouraged me,” she says. “With the help of the Champlain College Student Government Association, the Center for Service & Civic Engagement, and the Champlain College trustees, I raised $1,300 in four weeks,” Mahony recalls with enthusiasm. “President Finney and I met multiple times before my departure, and he was one of my chief encouragers along the journey. How many college presidents are so willing to help a student travel to Africa to volunteer?”

And then, suddenly, there she was in Cape Town. The conference was attended by psychologists, psychiatrists, and other “healthcare thinkers” who gather annually to share their research. In 2011, 1,200 delegates from 53 countries were in attendance. The youngest of those delegates was Mahony.

To fulfill her role as the community manager, Mahony conducted interviews with other delegates and posted them on YouTube and tweeted live updates to her Twitter handle (@a_mahony) so supporters of the Global Mental Health Initiative at home could share her excitement. “I interviewed delegates from Finland, Hong Kong, and the United Kingdom,” she remembers. “I learned that the stigma of mental health is an issue across the globe.”

When Mahony returned yet again to Champlain, she integrated her experiences in Africa with her studies, and soon landed a coveted internship in the digital marketing department at EatingWell Media Group. She continued to utilize her social media skills.

“I learned that social media marketing potential can be unlocked with a really efficient digital strategy,” she said. Today, Mahony continues to work in the digital marketing industry as a digital specialist at Dealer.com. “The awesome people I am fortunate to work with every single day, both as clients and colleagues, are why I love my job,” she says, smiling. “Post-grad and 32 job applications later, it worked out!”
Bee Thankful

The Champlain College Apiary, located on the southern side of the Perry Barn, produced its first harvest of honey this fall. The apiary acts as Champlain’s living, learning laboratory on campus. The three hives and beekeeping equipment were the Class of 2013’s gift to the College. A summer bridge program class was the first to experience the bees up close.

CLASS NOTES

Mitchell A. Foster II, G’12 was promoted to second vice president, Travelers Companies, Inc., in June.

Nicholas V. Galante ‘12 is working in New York City as a freelance camera assistant. He has worked for clients such as PayPal, Acura, Walmart, and others, and spent part of the summer as a camera assistant for VH1’s Chrissy and Mr. Jones, and is scheduled to start work on a new VH1 series in November.

Brittny E. Gross ‘12 recently moved to Ashikaga, Tochigi, Japan to be an elementary school teacher.

Ethan Hiley ‘12 is an associate artist at Raven Software in Middleton, WI.

Lorelei M. Jackson ‘12 recently ended her short career as a teacher at a private school and is beginning a new adventure in Lincoln, England. She has started graduate school and will be living there for 18 months.

Frederick Christian Kalweit III ‘12 was recently hired into the management training program at Congdon Associates Distributing Co. (CADCo) of Phillipsburg, NJ. He is learning all phases of the distribution business. CADCo distributes to 350 retail stores throughout New England and the mid-Atlantic states. His experience in his family business and his business degree from Champlain made him an ideal candidate for the position. Tim Congdon ’75 is president of CADCo.

Ross R. Ransom ‘12 is working for RETN in Burlington, VT. The station submitted various projects to the Alliance for Community Media, a nationwide association, for consideration in the 2013 National Hometown Media awards and RETN won in overall excellence for its budget ($350k-600k). Two videos that Ransom produced also won in the Access Center Professional category.

Rachel M. Salois ‘12 was hired as an editorial assistant at the Junior Library Guild.

Melissa Sheketoff ‘12 began a position at Channel 12 News in Connecticut in November. Since graduation she has been a reporter at WCAX-TV, Burlington, where she interned since August 2011.

Carolyn J. Watcke ’12 is executive assistant to the publisher at FreePressMedia in Burlington, VT.

Kaisey A. Arena ‘13 recently moved from Massachusetts to Frisco, CO, to work in Copper Mountain’s marketing department as the social media specialist. She anticipates the US Ski Team’s arrival for Olympic training, along with the Grand Prix qualifiers for the Olympic Freestyle teams.

Nico H. Baker ‘13 is currently working as a marketing and operations assistant at Country Walkers, as a program assistant to Global New Media Lab funded by the Department of State, implemented by PH International and hosted at Champlain College; as program assistant to the Young Entrepreneurship & Innovation Program funded by the Department of State and the US Embassy in Ankara, Turkey, with implementation by PH International; as an international scholarship manager at Wells Mountain Foundation; and as assistant program director of the Champlain College Shanghai Summer Camp with Director Rob Williams.

Eric H. Buhrendorf ’13 is finishing his first term on city council and has been elected to the Rocky Hill, CT, Chamber of Commerce board of directors.

Christine M. Casey ’13 was hired as a digital forensic associate at Stroz Friedber in New York City.

Kris ten Cormier ’13 recently started work at Google in Ann Arbor, MI, as a Techstop connect technician.

Robin R. Guilian G’13, ‘12 has been working with fellow Champlain College grad Kim Harry G’10 to bring Conflict Resolution Month to Vermont. Read more about it at conflictresolutionmonthvt.com. They both worked with Champlain master’s in Mediation alumni, students, professionals, and the community to host and support events through October.

Matthew S. Ide ’13 was hired as a technical content artist at Turbine.

Thomas L. Lyga II ’13 was hired as a project manager at Select Design in Burlington, VT.

Kane A. O’Neill ’13 was offered a position in Bozeman, MT, as the sports director/sports anchor for the NBC station KTVM the day before graduation. Two weeks later, he moved there and is now the head sports anchor Monday-Friday.

Robert R. Olsen G’13,’12 was published in the last issue of the Association for Conflict Resolution publication.

Andrea H. Olson G’13 began a job at Dealer.com as a search implementation specialist with the SEO team.

Isabella S. Panero ’13 is working in the brand design department at Starwood Hotels & Resorts at the corporate headquarters in Stamford, CT.

Nicholas R. Pugliese ’13 recently joined Dealer.com as a designer in ad operations.

Skylar Ridabock ’13 was recently hired as a junior graphic designer at Bottomline Technologies in Portsmouth, NH.

Catherine M. Stamm ’13 recently started a job with Kivu Consulting, a small, San Francisco-based firm that does digital forensics and computer investigations.

Kyle M. Sullivan ’13 recently joined Google in Ann Arbor, MI, as a corporate engineering support technician.

Nikki Tetreault ‘13 is the Director of Marketing and PR at Curiosity Quills Press in Virginia. Since graduation in May, she has been promoted twice and was asked to hire her own interns. Tetreault works remotely from Seattle, WA.
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The Offices of the President and International Education at Champlain College offers a 10-day tour of Dublin and Southwestern Ireland for staff, faculty, alumni, and friends of the college.

The tour, led by the faculty and staff of Champlain College Dublin offers participants an insider understanding of the country, its people, and its culture. The tour also gives a chance to visit the Champlain Abroad Dublin Academic Center and learn more about the study abroad program.

The estimated cost of the tour is $1,650, not including airfare. A $250 supplement will apply to those requesting a single room. Accommodations will be 3 or 4 star quality for overnights outside of Dublin and corporate-style apartments with kitchens while in Dublin. Travel will be by luxury coach.

For more information contact Dr. Stephen Robinson, Dublin Campus srobinson@champlain.edu or Kathy Lynn in the Office of International Education, Burlington Campus lynn@champlain.edu.
IN MEMORIAM

In memory of our fellow alumni and friends who passed on this year. Please keep their families and friends in your thoughts.

- Ivy Wright ’37, Sept. 18, 2013
- Lois T. Thurber ’39, June 15, 2013
- Andrew H. Somers ’42, Sept. 17, 2013
- Ruth T. Barrows ’44, Aug. 11, 2013
- Cathryn C. O’Meara ’44, Jan. 18, 2013
- Cynthia J. Talcott-Mongeon ’47, June 4, 2013
- Mary T. Looney ’50, June 20, 2013
- Romeo N. Lemieux ’61, June 12, 2013
- Marie B. Cole ’66, June 22, 2013
- Donna G. Lawton ’72, June 3, 2013
- Dennis D. Racine ’73, June 18, 2013
- Norma King ’76, June 7, 2013
- Brenda M. Goulet ’77, ’P’04, April 29, 2013
- Patricia A. Perry ’79, June 26, 2013
- Kathleen A. Moore ’79, Sept. 26, 2013
- Grant J. Daley ’86, June 24, 2013
- Penelope L. Plouffe ’87, March 12, 2013
- Michael J. Barry ’93, July 4, 2013
- Timothy J. Bergeron ’02, Winooski, VT, Oct. 10, 2013
- Sarah E. Ramsey ’12, Brooklyn, NY, June 16, 2013
- Eric D. Perron, Trustee Emeritus of Champlain College, April 29, 2013
- John W. Heisse, Jr., Trustee Emeritus of Champlain College, Oct. 3, 2013

A new opportunity to honor departed alumni, staff, faculty and friends of the College is available in the Memorial Garden next to Roger H. Perry Hall. The name, class year and affiliation with the College can now be engraved into the stone benches located in the square just off the southwestern corner of the building. For more information, contact Shelley Richardson, vice president of Advancement, (802) 860-2714 or by email at Shelley.richardson@champlain.edu

Dr. John W. “Jack” Heisse Jr., of Shelburne, Vermont. Caregiver, leader, scholar, teacher, friend—Jack Heisse built a life in which he served in many different roles to address the needs of many different people. He departed this life to join his beloved wife Sandy on Oct. 3, 2013. Jack was born Feb. 9, 1927, in Baltimore, Maryland. While his professional life labeled him “doctor,” he served his community in other valuable capacities as well. He was, for example, a long-term supporter and trustee of Champlain College (1970-80) and a 2012 recipient of an honorary Doctorate in Public Service from Champlain. He was also an active member of the Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE), through which he contributed to the birth and continuing growth of many new businesses in our community. Contributions in his memory may be made to the John W. Heisse Jr. Endowment, Champlain College.

John R. Schillhammer ’60 passed away on Sept. 23, 2013, at the age of 74. John was the oldest son of Richard W. Schillhammer ’34—Trustee Emeritus of Champlain College. John grew up in Burlington, Vermont, joining his family business, Queen City Printers Inc., upon graduation. He is survived by many loving family members, including Champlain graduates father Richard Schillhammer ’34, daughter Shari Verge ’83 and her husband Randy Verge ’83, and former wife Ann Schillhammer ’62.
Champlain College this fall announced a new endowed scholarship fund established in memory of Sarah Elizabeth Ramsey, Class of 2012. The Sarah Ramsey ’12 Strong Scholarship Fund was established by gifts from family and friends of Ramsey. The scholarship will support third- or fourth-year marketing students who have demonstrated strong academic performance and wish to expand their professional and international experiences while attending Champlain College. The scholarship will be awarded annually at the Robert P. Stiller School of Business honors event.

As a Marketing major with a specialization in Integrated Advertising, Ramsey studied abroad in Lima, Peru, during the fall semester of her junior year at Champlain. She embarked on a promising advertising career with internships with Cloud 9 Caterers in Burlington and the Blue Hive Agency in Shanghai, China. Earlier this year, Ramsey died tragically after being struck by a car in Brooklyn, NY.

Friends and family of Ramsey chose to announce the fund at the Oct. 1 Vermont film premiere of Captain Phillips, with all proceeds from the public showing of the Sony Pictures film benefiting the endowed fund. Cloud 9 Caterers and the Hindquarter catering truck were also on campus for Family Weekend in mid-October, with proceeds going to the scholarship fund. “Thanks to the generosity of Sarah’s friends and family, we’re excited to offer this scholarship opportunity to Champlain students,” said the Ramsey family. “Our hope is that scholarship recipients will help honor Sarah’s creative vision and drive by pursuing internship opportunities they otherwise could not take advantage of as part of their college experience. We look forward to learning more about their marketing and advertising career experiences when they return and share them with the Champlain community.”

For more information about the Sarah Ramsey ’12 Strong Fund or the Marketing program at the Stiller School, call or email Elaine Young, (802) 865-5413, eyoung@champlain.edu. To contribute securely online, go to https://secure.champlain.edu/annualfund/

A photo and poetic tribute to Sarah Ramsey from her classmates Hans Bardenheuer ’12 and Erica Viscio ’12.

Have a sporadic dance party.
Catch snowflakes with your tongue.
Play music with strangers.
Make a mess.
Explore new places.
Leave your comfort zone.
Learn new languages (especially the slang).
Fall in love.
Jump off cliffs.
Talk on subways.
Sing on stage.
Dance on tables.
Fall down.
Get right back up again.

Be fearless. Be strong. Live.
2013 INTERNATIONAL PHOTO CONTEST

FIRST PLACE: Barun Otoko (Balloon Man), taken in Asakusa, Tokyo, Japan. A man with a balloon and bike takes a break outside a shrine in Tokyo. Photo by Kate Young ’14. SEE MORE PHOTOS ON PAGE 16