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THE SIXTH PRESIDENT OF BAY PATH UNIVERSITY
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Greetings alumni and friends of Bay Path!

I am so pleased to share this latest issue of the Bay Pathway with you. After a hiatus of two years, our University magazine has returned to print and found its way into your mailbox with the latest and greatest news of Bay Path.

In these last few months, we have celebrated at in-person events, many covered within these pages, reminding us of the joy and energy that fills a room or a space when we come together. Whether a gathering was big or small, I heard the same refrain: “It’s so good to be back with one another again.”

And in the coming days and weeks, I look forward to welcoming and meeting members of our Bay Path alumni community back to campus. As we salute the 125th anniversary of our founding, there will be a wealth of opportunities for you to connect and engage with your University, including our 10th annual Cybersecurity Summit featuring the chief security officer of TikTok, our reunion on October 15th, honoring the classes of 2012, 1997 and 1972, and the biennial Innovative Thinking & Entrepreneurship Lecture, among others. There is so much happening at Bay Path, and you can take great pride in your alma mater.

Finally, at the core of what we do and what drives our mission are our students. Our 125th Commencement on May 15th awarded degrees to over 800 associate, bachelor’s, master’s, and doctoral graduates. Congratulations, new alumni!

Our continual focus on student success is also part of a broader set of commitments described in our Building One Bay Path strategic plan, the highlights which are included in this issue. Our planning teams have been mindful custodians of the legacy you have created, and they have built on the past while looking at the needs of the present to ensure the future success of students and this institution.

With sincere appreciation for all you do for Bay Path, and in the spirit that guides us all: Carpe Diem!

Sandra J. Doran, J.D.
President
Carpe Diem
From President Doran’s Desk.

Building One Bay Path
The University’s Strategic Plan for 2022-2024.

Happy Birthday to Us!
This year Bay Path turned 125 years young.

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It Was a Night to Remember. It Was a Night to be Proud.
The 125th Celebration Ball was the perfect ending for a day that began with the inauguration of President Sandra Doran.

The Women’s Leadership Conference, REimagined.
Bay Path salutes 25 years of this signature event.

The Building of a Bay Path Dean.
An interview with the new Dean of Students Dinah Moore G’19.

People in the News
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Bay Path alumni are back on campus. Find out what they have been up to!

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We want to hear from you!
Comments and correspondence should be sent to communications@baypath.edu
In January 2021, the Bay Path community embarked on an ambitious process to develop a new blueprint for our future, **BUILDING ONE BAY PATH: THE 2022-2024 STRATEGIC PLAN**. Many months of information gathering, analysis, and dialogue ensued with the commitment of community members from across all areas of the University. Their energy and enthusiasm became the driving force in shaping the strategic directions of the plan that will uplift our learners to meet and exceed their potential.

The timing of this strategic plan could not be more appropriate. During 2021 through 2022, we are celebrating the 125th anniversary of our founding. **BUILDING ONE BAY PATH** holds firm to our history and values while embracing the spirit of innovation and creativity that are the hallmarks of our University. Buoyed by our past and present, we look to our future with boldness and audacity.

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**Carpe Diem**

**The Four Strategic Directions**

During Phase I of the strategic planning process, the bold aspirations in support of our vision drove the formulation of four strategic directions which anchor **BUILDING ONE BAY PATH**. These directions lay out in clear terms how we will move forward guided by the overarching question: *How best can we serve our learners?*

**DIRECTION #1**

**Our Promise: Bay Path Learners Will Achieve and Succeed**

Provide an inclusive educational experience for our students that bridges the gap between dreams and opportunities, assuring not only access to higher education, but persistence and degree attainment as well.

* The new **STUDENT SUCCESS CENTER** will bring together a suite of robust tools, services and human resources to engage learners through experience-driven, customized learning environments that support diverse learning styles, deepen content learning, and develop critical thinking and communications skills.

* Serving as the educational hub of the University, the **CENTER FOR INNOVATIVE TEACHING AND LEARNING** will explore and facilitate experimentation, innovation and adoption of advanced teaching tools and strategies to more effectively deliver on academic excellence.

* The development of a **COMPREHENSIVE CAREER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM** that supports the needs of all student populations, and includes guaranteed paid internships, will increase student satisfaction, persistence, retention, employability, and advancement.
DIRECTION #2

Growth through Academic Programs that Drive Career Opportunity

Meet every learner’s aspiration for a better career by delivering academic programs that reflect workforce trends and opportunities.

- Building on our founding mission to provide innovative, career-focused programs, Bay Path will partner with employers to shape educational pathways that will fully prepare graduates for a dynamic workforce.
- Ever mindful of the need for healthcare practitioners, we will expand and deepen our commitment to educate learners in the Health Sciences through the development of new and integrated programs, direct entry pathways, and work-based learning.

DIRECTION #3

Strategic Collaborations that Strengthen Our Mission

Expand academic opportunities for learners with targeted partnerships and collaborations.

- Leveraging our nationally recognized digitally-enhanced and data-driven learning model, Bay Path will seek out and engage strategic collaborations to further our commitment to the advancement of women.
- Bay Path will work in partnership with employers to attract and retain their workforce by providing degree and non-degree offerings, which will in turn create paths of opportunity for a better life and future for their employees.

DIRECTION #4

Managing Our Resources for Growth and Learner Success

Steward our resources to support the goals of our learners and the financial sustainability of the institution.

- Recognizing that people are our most valuable asset, we will execute a people-centric strategic talent management plan to recruit, support, educate, and retain employees.
- In support of a thriving ONE BAY PATH, we will continue to refine our financial model by effectively allocating our resources, creatively leveraging our assets, and designing more efficient processes and systems across the institution to support learner success.
- Ever mindful of the needs of our learners, we will implement a comprehensive fundraising strategy to support our vision and goals while making a Bay Path education financially accessible.

Carpe Futurum

BUILDING ONE BAY PATH challenges every member of our community to work collaboratively, creatively, and with purpose in support of our vision.

At the core of our community is a firm commitment to diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging—the wellspring for innovation and growth. By actively seeking and embracing different perspectives and ideas, we are ensuring that our work is relevant to the needs of students, employers, and lifelong learners.

This Plan will allow us to differentiate ourselves and ultimately have the greatest impact by doing what we do best: Serving, educating, and preparing every learner for a better career, a richer life, and a brighter future.
HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO US!

This year, Bay Path turned 125 years old. Looking back at our earliest days as a business institute, located on the corner of State and Dwight streets in downtown Springfield, and tracing our ongoing evolution into a residential and online university, educating students throughout the country at bachelor’s, master’s and doctorate levels, this anniversary presented an amazing opportunity to tell a story of epic transformation.

Inspired by a trove of vintage archival photos, we looked to today’s Bay Path students—their fashions, personalities, goals and experiences—to celebrate the ways Bay Path has changed our students’ lives and the ways our students’ lives have changed Bay Path.
In 1948, “Senior Executives” from the Bay Path Secretarial School boarded a New York City-bound train, putting their best stocking-clad feet forward in hopes of working for Manhattan’s top executives. At the time, courses in bookkeeping, typing and stenography were rounded out with literature, languages and consumer economics classes, along with instruction on fashion, etiquette and entertaining.

Today, our trips give students broader access to and a deeper understanding of culture, politics, social movements and community in America and beyond. Annual One America and Capitals of the World excursions have allowed our students to immerse themselves in the historical movements and diverse perspectives that shape contemporary life. This year, students traveled to Washington, D.C., to get an up-close view of government, politics and activism.

In 1961, the Bay Path custom of selecting a queen and her court was an annual rite, replete with ceremonial pageantry, parade festivities and elaborate choreography. A 1997 booklet published to commemorate Bay Path’s centennial quipped, “As queens were giving way to jeans in the late sixties, Bay Path crowned her last queen in 1970.”

Two years after the last queen took the throne, the passage of Title IX gave women athletes the right to equal opportunity in sports at educational institutions that receive federal funds—from elementary schools to colleges and universities.
Participating in student government has always offered Bay Path students a means to directly affect student life, while gaining valuable opportunities for practicing leadership, collaboration and communication skills. Over 125 years, students have challenged—and changed—policies such as dress codes and have helped create clubs and activities that connect action to impact.
STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math)

From training medical secretaries in the ‘50s and ‘60s to building the STEM-centric workforce of tomorrow, Bay Path’s science programs have evolved with advances in knowledge, technology and, of course, opportunity.

Today, an increasing number of our students are majoring in health science degrees. In science programs that include neurobiology, forensic science and biochemistry, they conduct research and take part in hands-on lessons in Carr Hall, with access to tools and facilities that enable them to analyze DNA, track the behavior of viruses and study irregular properties in tissue samples. Worth noting: Students at women’s colleges are one and a half times more likely to pursue STEM careers than those attending coed institutions.

Bay Path Students

When the Bay Path Institute opened its doors in 1897, we educated men and women from Springfield and the surrounding region. In the 125 years since, our school has undergone a remarkable transformation—in what we teach, where we teach, how we teach and who we teach, moving from Springfield to Longmeadow to everywhere and anywhere, thanks to online learning. Throughout this history, we’ve not only kept pace, but set the pace, in recognizing what new skills and occupations will shape a dynamic, growing, changing workforce, while building programs, connecting to grants and scholarships, and investing in technology that enables more students to access the education that underlies those skills and the prosperous jobs to which they lead. Over 42 percent of students at Bay Path are students of color and 52 percent are first-generation students.

Today, so-called “traditional” college students are 18-23 years old and represent 60 percent of the national undergraduate population. At Bay Path, 44 percent of our undergraduates are 24 years old or older, and we created a specific program to serve them more than 20 years ago, first in our One Day Saturday program and, today, through The American Women’s College.
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The event was unlike any other Bay Path inauguration, taking place many months after President Doran began her tenure at the University in July of 2020. Delayed by the global pandemic, it was all the more special as the Bay Path community, friends, and family were finally able to gather to be part of this memorable moment in time.

President Doran’s official inauguration took place in Springfield Symphony Hall, only a block away from the corner of State and Dwight streets, where Bay Path Institute first opened its doors to students. The historical significance was incredibly profound, as in 2022 Bay Path University celebrates its 125th anniversary.

As the inauguration acknowledged the past and traditions, it was also a testament to the enduring legacy of Bay Path, while looking to the future under President Doran. Our University motto captured the spirit of the day: *Carpe Diem*. And in the words of President Doran: “*Carpe Futurum*.“
VISIT [WWW.BAYPATH.EDU/INAUGURATION](http://WWW.BAYPATH.EDU/INAUGURATION) TO VIEW THE COMPLETE INAUGURATION, HIGHLIGHTS, PHOTO GALLERY OF THE DAY, AND MORE.

Clockwise from above: before the inauguration, Bay Path trustees take a selfie for history in the robing room: from left: Brian Tuohey, Rodger Metzger, Mary Ann Spencer, and Michelle Wirth: Over 30 representatives from colleges and universities joined the academic parade including, from left: Howard Horton, executive director of Cambridge College Global; Dr. Harry Dumay, president of Our Lady of the Elms; and Bay Path trustee Wayne Webster; President Sandra Doran and Jonathan F. Besse, chair of the Bay Path Board of Trustees; The Expandable Brass Band, a second line New Orleans-style jazz group, added to the celebratory atmosphere; Mayor Domenic Sarno provided welcome remarks from the City of Springfield.
Clockwise from top left: The Honorable Richard Neal, U.S. Congressman from the First Congressional District of Massachusetts, offers congratulations to President Doran; the inaugural address was given by Margaret McKenna, J.D., president emerita, Lesley University; Julia Dudek ’23, president of the Student Government Association, represented the Traditional Undergraduate College; Nikki Burnett ’18, G’21, G’24, offered words of welcome from the Graduate College; Alumni Association President Stephanie O’Leary ’05, G’16, G’17, provided words of welcome on behalf of the more than 16,000 alumni; Dr. Thomas Mennella, chair of the faculty, offered greetings.
Clockwise from right: Christina Carpenter ’23 spoke on behalf of The American Women’s College; Bay Path faculty take a group selfie as they don their academic regalia for the procession; Suzanne Parker, executive director of Girls Inc. of the Valley, spoke of the shared mission of educating girls and women; Ashley Pereira G’19, G’21, senior human resources operations manager, brought greetings from the staff at Bay Path. Bottom: Chair Jonathan Besse presents the oath and symbols of office to President Doran who is joined by Dr. Carol Leary, president emerita of Bay Path University, Stephen Doran, the presidential spouse.

“At Bay Path, every learner’s dreams of a better career, a richer life and a brighter future will be realized. This is our shared vision. As president of Bay Path, I promise you my unwavering commitment and tireless effort in fulfillment of this vision. Acting on this vision is our responsibility and our joy. Let us move forward together with the courage to do what is right, even when it is not easy; with faith in ourselves, each other and our future; and with unbridled hope and joy for ourselves, our communities and our students.”

BAY PATH PRESIDENT SANDRA J. DORAN, J.D.
The 125th Celebration Ball was the perfect ending for a day that began with the inauguration of President Sandra Doran followed by the Inaugural Luncheon.

With over 400 guests in attendance at the MassMutual Center, the Ball was both a celebration and a fundraising event for student support and internships. The event opened with a pre-dinner presentation by Ruth Carter, Springfield native and Academy Award winning costume designer. Drawing from her own background, Carter spoke of the importance of mentoring and internships in helping students reach their own career goals.

The impact of such experiences was brought home by the moving story of Bay Path trustee Pia Kumar and Bay Path intern Kahila Albury ‘20, who now works at Kumar’s company, Universal Plastics Corporation. Roger Crandall, chairman, president and CEO of MassMutual, inspired the room to act while reflecting on the long relationship between the Fortune 100 company and Bay Path.

Throughout the evening, our very own Bay Path students were front and center, performing and sharing their stories with the audience. By the end of the evening, the 125th Celebration Ball had met its goal: It raised over $290,000 for student support and internships. Bravo!

125th CELEBRATION BALL CHAIR  Lori Roop ’79

125th CELEBRATION BALL HONORARY CHAIRS
The Honorable Richard E. Neal, U.S. Representative of Massachusetts’ First Congressional District
Roger W. Crandall, Chairman, president and CEO of MassMutual
Ruth E. Carter, Costume designer and 2019 Academy Award winner in Costume Design
Charlene H. D. Mazér ’67, Trustee Emerita, Bay Path University

HONORARY COMMUNITY CHAIRS
Domenic J. Sarno, Mayor of Springfield
Dr. Judith A. Matt, President, Spirit of Springfield
Lyn N. Simmons, Town Manager, Town of Longmeadow
Above left: Jill Keenan and Daniel Keenan, vice president of advocacy and government relations for Trinity Health of New England; above center: Michael Matty, former Bay Path trustee, and Patricia Matty, former Business Leadership Council member, both of St. Germain Investments; above right: Sharon and Matthew Bannister, senior vice president, marketing and corporate responsibility, PeoplesBank. Below left: President Sandra Doran’s family was on hand to celebrate. From left: President Doran; her mother, Sally Goodman; and President Doran’s sister Christie Spencer and husband, Joe Spencer; below center, from left: Marsha Vacirca ’09, the fashion designer who created President Doran’s gown for the evening, President Doran, and costume designer Ruth Carter; below right: Bay Path Trustee Emerita Pat Pierce, CFA, a dedicated supporter of women’s education, enjoys the evening.

Above, from left: Roger Crandall, chairman, president and CEO of MassMutual, Premier Sponsor of the event, speaks to the crowd; Master of Ceremony Kevin Barlowski, director of theatre and performance studies at Bay Path University, added a spark to the evening; Lori Venberg Roop ’79, event chair of the 125th Celebration Ball; Mayor Domenic Sarno offered greetings from the City of Springfield. Below left, from left: President Sandra Doran, Jay Kumar, Augusto Bairos, and Pia Kumar; below right, from left: Jane Rome and Gary Rome, President, Gary Rome Auto Group, Gary Rome Hyundai and Gary Rome Kia, with Bay Path trustee Michelle Wirth and Peter Wirth, owners, Mercedes-Benz of Springfield.
Above: President Doran with Bay Path Mission Moment student speakers. During the evening, students were each assigned a table at which they shared their experiences and career dreams. Below left: the evening ended with guests dancing the night away; below right: Alumni Association Council President and Bay Path trustee Stephanie O'Leary '05 G'16 G'17 poses with Thea Katsounakis '70, former Bay Path trustee and Alumni Association Council president. Bottom left: Bay Path trustee Mary Angus Bushnell '74 and David Bushnell; bottom right: Khalia Albury '20 shares her internship experience and how it led to hiring and securing her dream job as a financial analyst at Universal Plastics Corporation.
Above: Open Your Heart Moment emcees Michelle and Peter Wirth celebrate the magic moment when the evening’s fundraising goal was reached; below, from left: friend and donor David Woods, Bay Path Trustee Emerita Roberta Bolduc, and Bay Path trustee Hamline “Ham” Wilson.

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After being on hiatus for two years too long, Bay Path University’s Women’s Leadership Conference (WLC) came back full speed on Friday, April 1. With 1,200 attendees, 60 vendors, four focus session speakers, three keynote speakers and one surprise ice cream treat—a special sampling of Tyra Banks’ new SMiZE Cream—the 25th WLC was more of a reunion for the women and men of western New England—many glad to see familiar faces.

The day was spent laughing, learning and, as many attendees shared, feeling empowered to REimagine what comes next for them in both their professional and personal lives. Speakers included business mogul, faculty member and model Tyra Banks; visionary disrupter and founder of Girls Auto Clinic and the #sheCANic movement Patrice Banks; and author and humorous motivational speaker Christine Cashen. Focus session speakers brought relevant workplace topics to life, including Managing Complexity and Extreme Risk, The Power of Meaning, Staying Sane with Disruptive Personalities in the Workplace, and Thrive at Work.

The celebration of empowering women continued with the inauguration of two new inductees into the 20th Century Women’s Leadership Hall of Fame: our speaker Patrice Banks and Susan Jaye-Kaplan, president and co-founder at Link to Libraries.
This page, clockwise from top left: morning keynote speaker Christine Cashen kicked the day off with laughter and life lessons; luncheon keynote speaker Patrice Banks; afternoon keynote speaker Tyra Banks answers questions from the audience; a WLC tradition: MassMutual attendees gather for a company photo; luncheon keynote speaker Patrice Banks signs books after her session; President Doran interviews Tyra Banks for the afternoon keynote session

Opposite, top: President Doran welcomes attendees to the 25th WLC

Opposite, bottom, from left: students prepared to welcome attendees to the conference; WLC keynote speakers brought insight and laughter to the audience; attendees shopped and mingled in between sessions.

SAVE THE DATE FOR NEXT YEAR’S WOMEN’S LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE:

APRIL 7, 2023

Special thank you to our 25th Anniversary Sponsors: MassMutual, PeoplesBank and Aramark.
THE BUILDING OF A BAY PATH DEAN

How Dinah Moore’s career became the building blocks of her role as Bay Path’s new Dean of Students

If the old adage “It takes one to know one” is true, then Dinah Moore is well primed to assume her position as Bay Path’s new dean of students. A 2019 graduate of Bay Path’s online Master of Science in Higher Education Administration program, Dean Moore has a personal understanding of the complexities that many of our graduate students and those enrolled in The American Women’s College (TAWC) face returning and learning in an online classroom. “As a graduate student, mother and wife, I had to learn how to balance my time,” Moore shared. “I realized adult learners may need to relearn things from high school or in their first years of college in order to be successful students. To do so, they need intentional and impactful support and programming that fits both their schedules, needs and interests.”

Her initial reaction to online classes is relatable for many students, too. “I received a postcard with information on the master’s in higher education program, and my first thought was, ‘Online? Oh gosh. I’m not sure if I can do that,’” she shared. “But I decided to do what I always push myself to do. I said ‘Yes,’ to the opportunity, embraced it and committed to figuring it out.”

Embracing new challenges has been a mainstay in Moore’s career, with each piece of her career puzzle preparing her for her role as dean. “After I graduated with my undergraduate degree in economics, I went to work for The Hartford as a manager, and I learned about investments,” she shared. “I thought my entire career would be in a corporate environment.” When she was given the chance to work for The Hartford as a manager, and I learned about investments,” she shared. “I thought my entire career would be in a corporate environment.” When she was given the chance to work in the corporate training division, she jumped at the opportunity to assist employees in becoming more successful and productive. Eventually, she moved on to MassMutual in a similar division, but was asked, every now and then, to provide career development training to

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MassMutual college scholarship recipients. “That’s what eventually led me to love the college population. I enjoyed working with college students, which is why I decided to pursue an advanced degree in higher education.

That decision to return to college came after being laid off in February of 2016. “The first thing I thought of after realizing I needed to adapt to this new reality was, ‘Okay, I get to decide what I want to do with my life now. Do I want to continue to work in the corporate world or not?’ I viewed this setback as an opportunity to help find my passion and purpose.” While Moore may have been surprised by her pull to higher education, those closest to her saw it as a natural progression. “I called my sister, who is a faculty member at a college in New York, and told her of my plans. Her response? ‘I could always see you in higher ed!’ But it never crossed my mind until now. Taking a step back allowed me the chance to analyze what I loved most about my job. It was those once-in-a-while opportunities that I was given to help college students prepare for the workforce.”

Following her path to work with students, Moore was able to secure a position as the Program Director of The Urban League of Springfield’s High School STEM Program. She was able to establish and facilitate career development and life skill courses, while coordinating STEM programming at several college campuses around Western Massachusetts. While at the Urban League and as a graduate student, Moore completed an internship with the Springfield Technical Community College, working in its Career Center. “I was so empowered by my internship supervisor to not only work with such a diverse group of students on resume building, cover letters, career transitions and more, but I was also able to lead initiatives, such as job fairs, that allowed me to work and collaborate with other university stakeholders.” That internship helped pave the way for what came next for Moore: Serving at the University of Massachusetts (UMass) as assistant director of Career Services. While there, Moore worked closely with students within the UMass College of Computer Science on career development and worked with department staff on strategic planning and departmental initiatives.

She quickly realized the importance and impact of advising, focusing her Bay Path Capstone project on success coaching. After completing her Capstone, Moore was then met with another opportunity to embrace the unknown and say ‘Yes.’ “I’ll never say no to giving a presentation, so when I was invited to do so as a graduate student at Bay Path’s annual Academic Achievement Day in 2019, I said, ‘Yes.’”

The listeners were so impressed by her presentation that it led to Moore being hired in 2019 as the director of Bay Path’s signature WELL (Women as Empowered Learners and Leaders) program. Moore’s role has included her oversight of advising for Bay Path’s traditional undergraduate students as well as her being appointed as Bay Path’s Title IX Coordinator in 2021. In the spring of 2022, Moore was promoted to dean.

Her belief in a holistic approach to student care remains as strong as ever in her new role. “For students, if you’re not okay at home, it all spills into how you perform academically,” Moore shared. “We need to understand every obstacle standing in the way of our students’ success. How do we make it better? How do we enhance their time here? What more can we do to enrich their experience?”

Moore’s experience as an online graduate student, fueled by her passion for working with traditional college students, has driven her to expand her role as dean to fully encompass students from Bay Path’s three populations: The traditional residential and commuter college, The American Women’s College (TAWC), and Graduate School. “We serve all Bay Path students, and I want our team to be known for those services. Not just the traditional side of the house, but for graduate and TAWC students to be completely and uniquely supported, too.”

“Whether it’s your first time starting college or your fifth, it’s a lot of pressure coming into college,” Moore stated. “Every experience is a building block. Just because you’re at one block doesn’t mean it’s your final destination. I believe that as long as you can keep that authenticity, say yes to opportunities, even if you’re a little scared and nervous, that’s healthy. Work hard, and go into the experience humble with your sleeves rolled up. You might not know it, or know how, but you’ll see that everything will fall into place, just one block at a time.”
A Changing of the Guard

Bay Path University Board of Trustees Announces Change of Leadership and a Retirement

On June 30, Jonathan F. Besse, managing director of Slalom Consulting, will be stepping down as chair of the Bay Path University Board of Trustees, having fulfilled his term. He carried out his duties with equanimity and enthusiasm and was an inspirational cheerleader for the University community. During his tenure, the University underwent a nationwide presidential search and selected Sandra J. Doran; successfully met the challenges of the pandemic; and shepherded Building One Bay Path: The 2022-2024 Strategic Plan, among other initiatives. With this transition, the University is proud to welcome Carrie Burr ’86, who will serve as board chair from 2022 to 2025. She has been the vice chair for three years and has actively served on all board committees.

A Bay Path Trustee since 2014, Burr is only the second alumna to take the leadership reins as chair of the board. A committed supporter of Bay Path, she and her husband, Tim, have provided funding for Academic Learners & Leaders Initiative (ALLI,) a program that transitions high school students to the college experience at Bay Path, and they are members of the Millennium Society. Burr and her husband were the honorary chairs for the third Presidential Gala, and, most recently, Burr served on the Presidential Inauguration Committee for President Doran. Burr’s seat as vice chair will be filled by Wayne Webster, a trustee since 2018. Webster is the vice president of commercial lending at Westfield Bank.

“It has been an honor to work closely with Jonathan to advance our University’s mission,” states President Sandra J. Doran. “His sound advice and his belief in our vision and, most importantly, in the potential of Bay Path students, has been critical in ensuring our legacy of career-focused education. On behalf of the University, I want to extend our sincere gratitude and appreciation to Jonathan, and we pledge to continue the work we have begun with Carrie and Wayne.”

A Fond Farewell

After 15 years, Angie Strople McGinnis will be finishing her term with the Board of Trustees.

A former resident of Longmeadow, McGinnis grew up down the road from Bay Path. Her family homestead included the land of the present-day South Campus / Ryan athletic fields. Once the town of Longmeadow’s first little league baseball field, in 1998 the Strople family reached an agreement that Bay Path would purchase the property. Over the years, the Ryan Field has been host for a number of activities and events, and, of course, the Bay Path softball and soccer teams.

“After many years of volunteering in different ways at the University, I was honored to become a member of Bay Path’s Board of Trustees. The University has been part of our family for some time, and I can proudly say that my daughter, Patience, is a 1994 graduate. I will miss the wonderful friendships I have made with so many of the administrators and the other board members, and the difference we have all made in this University.”

The University will be forever grateful to McGinnis, and we thank her for her tireless support of Bay Path students and for her generosity over the years.

Carpe Diem!
2022 Faculty Awards

This annual event was held at the Philip H. Ryan Health Science Center on May 16.

Bay Path University honors and recognizes faculty excellence in teaching and scholarship annually with an awards ceremony. These awards commend the efforts of individual faculty members to help build and sustain a community in which the teacher-learner academic experience is valued and prized.

The Estelle Leavitt Award for Teaching Excellence
The Estelle Leavitt Award for Teaching Excellence was established in honor of emerita faculty member Estelle Leavitt, who served on our faculty for 20 years, including as chair of the Education Department for 12 of those years. Leavitt was known for her deep commitment to students and her passion for preparing educators who bring both skill and soul to their classrooms.

2022 recipient: Assistant Professor Jane Weyant, Chair, Mathematics Department

The Faculty Outstanding Research, Scholarly Activity, and Creative Works Prize
The Richard J. Briotta Outstanding Faculty Research, Scholarly Activity and Creative Works Prize is given to a faculty member in recognition of his or her extraordinary research and publication activity, as well as their contributions in fostering serious academic research within the Bay Path community.

2022 recipient: Dr. Kristen Lech, Graduate Program Director, Special Education and English as a Second Language

Vana Nespor Award for Teaching Innovation at The American Women’s College
This award is intended to recognize an academic director at The American Women’s College who is dedicated to the promotion of learner success for adult women through curricular advancement with the integration or development of digitally enhanced, data-driven, innovative or cost-effective learning experiences in our accelerated undergraduate model.

2022 recipient: Gretchen Heaton, Associate Dean of Career and Leadership Development

One Bay Path Award
The One Bay Path Award recognizes a faculty member or program director who embodies the following values in his or her work: a collaborative spirit that brings our community together; adaptability and resourcefulness; creates conditions that empower each Bay Path learner to achieve success; and fosters partnerships that open new pathways for learners.

2022 recipient: Megan Piccus, Senior Director, Business Programs, The American Women’s College

Other Faculty Were Recognized for Their Contributions
With the Following Teacher Awards:

Distinguished Teaching Award / Traditional Undergraduate Program
Sandi Sherry-Pitzer

Distinguished Teaching Award / The American Women’s College
Dr. Yashira Oropeza-Diaz

Distinguished Teaching Award / School for Arts, Science, and Management
Professor Dawn Reed

Distinguished Teaching Award / School for Education, Health, and Human Services
Dr. George Bowers

Congratulations to our award winners!
New Name, Stronger Mission

For years, the University has offered a way for individuals outside the Bay Path community to have a role and an impact on students and the mission through membership on the Advisory Council. Comprised of business owners and community leaders, this 23-member group has been in existence for almost five decades.

In 2022, the Advisory Council decided to re-examine its purpose within the University community. A rebranding effort resulted in a name change from Advisory Council to Business Leadership Council and a new mission with a stronger focus on our students.

The council’s new mission is as follows: The purpose of the Business Leadership Council is to serve as a liaison to the local communities and corporate sector and to support the president and the Board of Trustees in the institution’s growth and success. Business Leadership Council members will expand Bay Path’s ties to the community by sharing their resources, expertise and talents. Our focus is to have a positive impact on the student experience throughout their journey from students to alumni and beyond.

Bringing Bay Path Values to Life

As part of the University’s ongoing commitment to diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging, a Values Task Force was formed to define and articulate those principles that guide and direct the Bay Path culture. The task force undertook a comprehensive process, which included input from across the Bay Path community. The work resulted in our eight Core Values—beliefs that provide the internal framework and a moral compass for how we work and interact with each other.

Our Learners Come First. When our learners succeed, we succeed. Being student-centered is our mission, our passion. So we champion them to achieve extraordinary things. The decisions we make, the data we analyze, the priorities we follow... we must always ask “how does this further our vision for learner success?”

Diversity Makes Us Stronger. The beauty and potential of our learners lies in their diversity. We respect, value, and celebrate differences in race, ethnicity, religion, gender, sexual orientation, abilities, backgrounds, and experiences, as well as perspectives and opinions. As a community, we strive to be reflective and representative of the learners we so proudly serve. It is through rich diversity that we will together achieve greatness.

We Are Committed to Equity. We share honest acknowledgement that pervasive, enduring, and corrosive structural inequities have caused BIPOC communities to suffer. Too, we recognize the uncomfortable and incontrovertible truth that ours is a world of imbalanced access to opportunities and resources. We are committed to leveling the playing field for those who are disproportionately impacted by unfair systems and pledge to create a community where all members participate justly, fairly, and fully.

We Pledge to Foster Inclusion and Belonging. We value the work of being anti-racist and truly accessible to our diverse population of learners, faculty, and staff, where every voice is encouraged, heard, and respected, and authentic selves are valued. In so doing, we strive to create an environment of not just mere inclusion but true belonging.

We Treat Others with Respect and Compassion. We treat others the way we all want to be treated: with respect, dignity, and professionalism. We value the expertise and contributions brought by all our university community members and strive to understand one another, listen generously, and act with kindness, compassion, and patience.
Innovation and Excellence Drive Us. Fulfilling our learners’ dreams requires a relentless commitment to innovation and a passion for excellence in all we do. We value creativity and nimbleness in innovating on behalf of our students, and we strive for the highest standards of integrity by making responsible decisions, acting with uncompromising honesty, and taking genuine pride in our work.

We Work Best as a Community that Collaborates. Working collaboratively is where we function best. In solving problems across silos, communicating transparently, embracing challenge together, and inspiring each other, we strengthen our community and, in turn, fulfill our mission. Collectively, we take pride in our work and celebrate our success.

Health and Well-Being Matter. As a community, we take a holistic view of our learners and employees that transcends education to include safety, mental health, and physical and spiritual well-being. We encourage our learners and ourselves to take advantage of every opportunity to gain knowledge, to seek out and learn from new adventures, and to be open to new and diverse ways of thinking. We recognize that laughing and finding joy in every day matters, too.

Bay Path University Celebrates the Class of 2022 with a Return to In-person Commencements

Honorary degree recipients include The Honorable Richard E. Neal, Dr. Lynn Pasquerella, Ruth E. Carter and Noel R. Leary

More than 800 Bay Path students from the class of 2022, joined by members of the classes of 2020 and 2021, were able to experience the pomp and circumstance of Bay Path’s 125th traditional commencement exercise as they donned caps and gowns, walked to receive their diplomas, shared moments with their classmates and relished the celebratory cheers of their families and friends. Ruth Carter and Noel Leary were unable to attend and were awarded their honorary degrees in absentia. We wish them all our sincere congratulations.

In the days leading up to the main graduation ceremony, smaller events, including the doctoral hooding and Rose Ceremony, among others, took place across campus, further adding to the excitement and joy experienced by all the Bay Path graduates for a job well done! Carpe Diem!

Thousands of families and friends attended the in-person event at the MassMutual Center in Springfield on Sunday, May 15.
Clockwise left: The Honorable Richard E. Neal is presented with his honorary degree; Dr. Lynn Pasquerella, president of the American Association of Colleges and Universities, receiving her honorary degree; The Eagle Award is presented to a traditional undergraduate student who demonstrates leadership in campus activities and athletics while maintaining a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or higher. Lydia Clifford ’22 received the award, presented by Trustee Carrie Burr ’86 and President Sandra Doran; The Pathfinder Award is presented to a graduate from The American Women’s College Online who achieves academic excellence while balancing her family life, career and community service responsibilities. This year’s recipient was Paula Geary ’22, shown here with Trustee Jeanette Weldon on her right and President Sandra Doran.

The Vana Nespor Traditional Rose Ceremony for The American Women’s College

Held on Saturday, May 14 in Mills Theatre on the Longmeadow campus.

An important and emotional highlight of the Rose Ceremony comes when graduates dedicate their roses to those who have inspired and supported them in their academic journey.

Below, from left: University Essay Winner Taylor MacFeat ’22, received her award from Dr. Maura Devlin, dean of Institutional Effectiveness and Accreditation; Angelica Jackson Simon ’22; Paula Geary ’22;
The Doctoral Hooding Ceremony

Bay Path was honored to celebrate the achievements of our doctoral degree recipients and their faculty mentors. The special event was held on campus on Saturday, May 14 with hundreds of families and friends in attendance.

Clockwise from right: Graduates in the EdD in Higher Education Leadership and Organizational Studies Program; graduates from the class of 2022 Doctor of Nursing Practice pose with their doctoral hoods and gowns; members of the Post-Professional Occupational Therapy class of 2022 joined by Assistant Professor Rae Ann Smith.

Physician Assistant Program Celebration Ceremony

Members of Bay Path’s Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies program were honored during their commencement ceremony on May 6. The 28 graduates of the class of 2022 gathered on campus in person to celebrate their achievements.
Alumni from near and far have finally been able to gather again this year as the Bay Path community salutes its 125th anniversary. Events such as Winterfest, the Women’s Leadership Conference, Inauguration, Commencement, and the musical review: REunited/REignited, helped alumni reconnect to celebrate Bay Path’s rich history—and each other.

We had a great time at Winterfest! Thank you to all of our alumni who attended the reception and the show.

Musical Revue

Our REunited / REignited musical revue truly shined the spotlight on the rich history of the Bay Path University Performing Arts Department. We thank everyone who made the night so memorable, including our incredible alumni who brought their talents to the performance and those in attendance!

Steam Team

In-person commencement was back, and so was our Steam Team! From left: Miranda Dal Zovo ’10 G’15, Thea Katsounakis ’70, Jen Horn ’00, Lynn Pellerano ’11 G’13, Adam Zinkievich G’12, Norma Nunnally ’01, Julia Dudek ’23, Tori Gomez ’12, Bianca Romero ’18, Courtney Whalen ’00 G’09, and Meg Morrill G’23, Associate Director of Alumni Relations & Donor Engagement.
Banner Carriers

Six Bay Path alumni led the procession for Bay Path’s 125th Commencement. Representing the 50th Reunion Class of 1972 were Crystal Diamond and Joan Moiger; representing the 25th Reunion Class of 1997 were Lynn Tillotson-Cadorette and Jessica Kelly; and representing the 10th Reunion Class of 2012 were Victoria Gomez and Melissa Welch. Each of our banner carriers reflect the University’s incredible legacy and pride that our more than 16,000 alumni have in their University.

WLC25

Our Alumni Relations & Institutional Advancement Office loved reconnecting with many alumni and friends who attended the 25th Women’s Leadership Conference!

Virginia Alumni

Virginia area alumni attended a gathering at the home of alumna and Trustee Lori Roop ’79 this past February. Back row, left to right: President Sandra Doran, Mary Dickinson Vincitore ’87, Melissa Chabot ’01, ’03, Amy McNary Bontrager G’12, Jacqueline Williams Rocco ’15, Cris Caruso ’93, Lori Roop ’79; Front row, left to right: Aleksandra (Sasha) Chernyak ’15, Barbara Grabon Juszczyk ’64, Lorraine Singleton Sequera ’85, Kathy Cotnoir, director of advancement and leadership giving.

Oral History

Thank you to over 200 alumni who shared their Bay Path stories for a special 125th Anniversary In Our Words: Oral History Project book. If you’re interested in purchasing a digital copy, please contact PCI at 1-800-982-1590.
Family Ties, Family Giving

For as long as Peter Wender can remember, Bay Path has been part of his family. If you ask him to start from the beginning, he can share memories of former President Thomas Carr and his wife, Mollie Carr, and others who made a profound impact on the newly-established Longmeadow campus.

Two of the people who were pivotal in contributing to the reputation of Bay Path were Wender’s parents, Klara Kalista Wender ’31 and Joseph Wender. Both had been longtime friends of the Carr family. His father had been hired by Tom Carr to be the head of campus building and grounds, while Wender’s mother Klara assumed the role of bookkeeper in 1956.

Klara Wender’s connection to Bay Path and her story would prove to be the tie that links Peter’s continued support of the University mission.
A 1931 graduate of the Bay Path Institute, Klara grew up in the Hungry Hill neighborhood in Springfield. After earning her degree, she moved to Queens, New York, where she taught bookkeeping. Eventually she came back to Springfield, and after being employed and entering motherhood, she came full circle in life and returned to work at Bay Path.

During her 20 years at the then-Bay Path Junior College, Klara rose from bookkeeper to assistant treasurer to treasurer. In so many ways, her story mirrors those of countless other women who also have leveraged their education to have productive and successful lives.

“My mother was a proud Bay Path graduate and even in retirement treasured the friendships she had made along the way. She valued learning and education and instilled that same appreciation in me.” He took those values to heart and went to MIT for undergraduate and graduate degrees.

To honor his mother’s legacy, Wender established the Wender Family Endowed Scholarship, which provides financial assistance to traditional undergraduate students in the sciences.

“As an engineer and a scientist, I recognize the need to have women in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM). When I toured Bay Path’s science facilities and spoke with the faculty, I saw how they were preparing students to fill key professional positions and instilling in them a practical understanding of how to run a lab and how to be a great colleague. I was very impressed.”

In honor of Bay Path’s 100th anniversary, Baroness Margaret Thatcher, former Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, presented an official address to mark the occasion. Pictured above, Peter and Klara Wender joined by Baroness Thatcher.

The opportunity to honor his mother while helping Bay Path students resonated with Wender’s own personal attitude to philanthropy.

“I believe that people who are capable of having careers should have those careers. In the tradition of the American ethos of pulling oneself up from their bootstraps, it’s important that students who are motivated should have access to education regardless of their background. We have to help them move forward. It’s fundamental, and it’s a good investment for their and our future.”

A member of the Millennium Society, Peter Wender graduated from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and after a 40-year-plus career at Draper Laboratory, he is now pursuing another of his life passions—music.

If you would like more information on planned giving, please contact Crystal Neuhauser, vice president of advancement, at cneuhauser@baypath.edu, or visit www.baypath.giftlegacy.com
CLASSNOTES

Service to the People
Amy Bontrager G’12

For much of her career, Amy Bontrager G’12 found her purpose and greatest satisfaction came from creating opportunities and supporting people on their career journeys. A military spouse, she also understood the value and cost of serving our nation. Bontrager works at the White House and volunteers for nonprofits tied to the military family community. Her husband is a member of The Old Guard, overseeing the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery.

“I think what I have learned in my life can be summed up in these words: There is no prescribed pathway to success. Who I am today and how I am as a leader has been a result of the journey. I didn’t have a 10-year or even a five-year plan. I leaned into the spirit of being adaptable and identifying opportunities to make an impact.”

As a military spouse, Bontrager has been stationed at bases across the country, moving from Iowa to North Carolina, Georgia to Louisiana, and now to Washington, D.C. In the midst of these transitions, and while having her first child, she enrolled in Bay Path’s Master of Science in Nonprofit Management and Philanthropy program.

Since earning her degree from Bay Path, Bontrager has built a career around leadership development and workforce policy. For the last several years, she served as the director of the White House Leadership Development Program. She recently was asked to join the U.S. Digital Service at the White House, where she is now focusing on developing civic technology workforce across government.

“My degree in nonprofit management gave me the foundation of many skills I still use today. I learned about budgeting, how to lead and motivate people. It gave me a foundation of how to show up in the workplace. There is a value when we humanize those we work with and serve. I give credit to my time at Bay Path for grasping our ability to make an impact for good.”

Bontrager and her husband, Nathan, are a team, serving our country. After seven deployments, he now is a First Sergeant in The Old Guard. They live in Northern Virginia with their three children.

The Bontragers support our country in different ways, but they are both passionate to be of service to their community and our nation.

ENGAGEMENTS

Ashley Martinez ’10 to Hunter Omar
Sofia Nardi ’18 to Marina Rhodes ’15
Elizabeth Boulanger Demerski ’18 to Zach Bednarczyk.

WEDDINGS

Aubrey Frost ’10 G’18 and John Maciejko, April 23, 2022
Sandra Widmer ’09 G’10 and Rob Friederichs, May 14, 2022
Stephanie Zeiser ’09 and Mark Johnson, October 30, 2021

ARRIVALS

Benson Francis Armata was born to Sarah Gates Armata ’10 G’11 on January 22, 2022. He was 9 lbs. 1 oz. and 22” long.

Jennifer (Miarecki) Lopata ’08 and husband Nick welcomed Nolan James on August 6, 2021.

Danielle Silvia Marshall ’14 G’16 and husband Timothy welcomed baby boy, John Louis, on September 15, 2021. John joined the party to the beat of “Ice Ice Baby” at 4:53 pm!
**AND MORE**

Carleen Flanagan ’12 and Tiffany Gould Flanagan ’12 were married in 2021. They live in Whitman, MA. Carleen and Tiffany welcomed their first child, Nathan, on April 3, 2022.

Flanagan family

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Natalie Yale ’11 was engaged to Mark Marcum December 25, 2020. They welcomed a baby boy, Sylas Aurelius Marcum, on May 13, 2021.

IN MEMORIAM

Anna E. Krysin Ripley ’39
May 22, 2022

Helen Sadie Hatch Burnap ’46
January 23, 2022

Ada Spahl Pizarro ’47
November 7, 2021

Dorothy Kallin ’49
December 31, 2021

Mary Kelley Coswell ’50
July 6, 2021

Carol Jane Spinney Hewitt ’50
July 30, 2021

Lois Hubbard Donahue ’54
July 27, 2021

Carol Beal Flood ’56
September 27, 2021

Pauline L. Belanger Bilodeau ’57
June 19, 2021

Patricia (Pat) Morton Lyon ’58
February 19, 2022

Patricia (Pat) Lamont Macmillan ’58
May 22, 2022

Joan L. Stadnicki Bajgier ’59
August 12, 2021

Shirley Thomas Baldwin ’61
February 21, 2022

Elaine Fother Barstow Gale ’64
November 22, 2020

Kathleen F. Wright ’65
April 22, 2022

Bette Jane (BJ) Clark Urban ’66
June 28, 2021

Colleen F. Tangredi Paton ’68
April 26, 2022

Carol Ann Stevens ’68
May 23, 2022

Deborah (Debbie) Halladay-Pierce ’76
July 1, 2022

Susan Elaine Fox ’78
December 2021

James T. Hultgren G’04
August 20, 2021

Gina Marie Maynard Williams ’08
March 20, 2022

Sarah Lucia Davis ’16
February 1, 2022

Adriana “Nana Ama” Mends G’19
January 15, 2022

Ruth Hickson Barchard
April 3, 2022

Dianne Beach Little
April 7, 2022

Frances Jarvis Trzasko
April 28, 2022

Marion Codding Hastings ’42 seen below with daughter Joan, turned 100 in October 2021! Marion was Student of the Year in 1942. Barbara Grabon Juszczak ’64 was chosen as the winner of the “Herald Angel” unsung volunteer award by the Catholic Herald. She was nominated by a fellow parishioner at the Basilica of St. Mary in Alexandria, who wrote eloquently about observing the love and care Barbara puts into her work with the parish senior group, especially through the difficult COVID-19 pandemic. Congratulations, Barbara! Latino Scholarship Fund of Western Massachusetts announced that Lieutenant Maria Segura Pelchár ’90 of the Holyoke Fire Department is the recipient of the Carlos Vega Community Champion Award, given to an individual whose actions have benefited the Latino community. Aundrea Paulk-Lopez ’07 was chosen for BusinessWest’s 2022 40 Under Forty. Talia Landry ’09, a litigation associate at Doherty, Wallace, Pillsbury & Murphy, P.C., received the 2021 Ascending Alumni Award on November 5th from Western New England University School of Law. Honorees have shown leadership in their chosen fields and/or in the community. Caring Health Center of Springfield announced that its president and CEO, Tania Barber G’10, received the prestigious Outstanding Massachusetts Community Health Center Executive Director/CEO Award presented by the Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers. Veronica Santana ’13 was chosen for BusinessWest’s 2022 40 Under Forty. Ysabel Peralta Garcia ’18 G’21, was chosen for BusinessWest’s 2022 40 Under Forty.

CLASS NOTES

1962

60th Reunion

Carolyn Andrews Nagy ’62 and her husband Frank have been married for 26 years and celebrated with a trip to a nearby castle. Fully vaccinated, they both survived COVID-19, and had much to celebrate. They are retired and are active in their church and community.

1966

Nancy Coffey Deane ’66 Class Agent
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From Nancy: Greetings to all my Bay Path friends! Since becoming our new class agent, I have made friends with the Alumni Office personnel and am surprised and delighted to learn about the new direction Bay Path University is taking. After a wonderful secretarial career and moving to our North Shore home, my husband Stu and I have celebrated 50 years of marriage, raised two successful sons, enjoyed two golden
retrivers, and now adore our four delightful grandchildren. I would love to hear stories from all of you for our next Bay Pathway.

Nancy Coffey Dean ’66 and husband of 50 years, Stu, then, and now.

EllenMarie Keith ’94 ’96 works as a history and social justice teacher at Phoenix Charter Academy in Springfield, MA. She recently brought some of her students to Bay Path, and two of her students are enrolled for fall 2022. EllenMarie would like to thank Alison and the admissions team who provided great information and a campus tour. She would also like to thank Elizabeth Cardona, who not only discussed the multicultural program with the students, but translated as well.

1996

At left, students from the Phoenix Charter Academy class of EllenMarie Keith ’94 ’96 outside D’Amour Hall during campus visit.

1971

After a long career in the financial services and publishing industries, Sylvia “Toni” Orellana Smit ’71 retired from Harvard Business Publishing. Toni and her husband Rob are the very proud parents of four, and the grandparents of 11 (ages 10 to 26). Travel, camping, and family keeps them busy. Post Bay Path Keynotes, Toni continued singing and is blessed to have a pianist husband!

1988

Heidi Trehwella Joseph ’88 has started as the chief operations officer at First Choice Health Center in East Hartford, CT.**

1990

Tina D’Agostino ’90 has launched Blooms Flower Truck, a mobile florist offering delivery, flower subscriptions, retail pop up, and floral designs for special events as well as residential and commercial customers. Look for the Blooms truck around Western Mass and be sure to follow them on Facebook and Instagram. Blooms also has studio space at The Mill at Crane Pond in Westfield.

1998

Erin Morran Cowlies ’98 G’05 was elected chair of the Southington (CT) Democratic Town Committee. She looks forward to working with the team to make a better future. Congrats, Erin! Jennifer Ferrara Remillard ’98 ’13 G’16 joined the South County Senior Center as the director in January. The center serves residents in Deerfield, Whately, and Sunderland. Jennifer is focused on continuing programs, adding new activities, applying for grants, and planning for a new Senior Center to be built. Way to go, Jennifer! Kiernan Cone Rushford ’98 ’00 was promoted to project manager at Farm Credit Financial Partners Inc.’

2000

H. J. Russell & Company (Russell) announced the promotion of Yasmine S. Murray ’00, Esq., a member of its senior leadership team, to chief operating officer. Murray will continue working side-by-side with CEO Michael B. Russell, Sr., to set the company’s strategic direction and develop and execute the company’s goals and policies. Congrats, Yasmine!

2003

Michelle Smith Cotto ’03 is now chief legal and human resources officer at InterCommunity. Deliso Financial & Insurance Services announced that Nicole Figovsky Stuart ’03 G’08 has joined the firm as practice coordinator. A 20-year resident of East Longmeadow, Nicole attended Bay Path University where she received her MBA in Entrepreneurship and Innovative Practices. She brings over 20 years of professional experience in finance, banking and bookkeeping.

2004

Stefanie Gilbert Sanchez ’04 G’10 began a new role as the associate dean for academic affairs in the College of Education, Nursing and Health Professions at the University of Hartford in March 2021. She is also serving as a visiting instructor in UHart’s Ed.D. in Educational Leadership program.

2005

Stacy Czarnowski Duffany ’05 was a member of one of the first forensic science classes at Bay Path. She returned as an adjunct faculty member for forensic science several years ago. Stacy’s professional career has changed significantly and she has become an entrepreneur, starting Sola Sister Co. in 2019, a wholesale wood flower distribution company. Check out her website at woodflowerflorists.com. Tammy Thomas Nuccio ’05 G’06 is in her first term as a Connecticut State Representative and has announced she is running for a second term.

2006

Allison Clayton ’06 G’14 has started a new role at New York-Presbyterian Hospital. After more than twelve years working for the Department of Infection Prevention & Control in both staff education and data analytics roles—and working almost daily through the height of the pandemic—Allison has accepted the position of project lead for Tri-Institutional Analytics. She is happy to continue to grow her career at NYP! Robyn Foss ’06 has been a travel agent for over 20 years. In March, she started a dream job as an international travel coordinator at the State Department in Washington, D.C.. Robyn earned an Advanced Paralegal Studies degree in the One Day A Week College. Krystal Jackson ’06 is a licensed mental health counselor and is now the owner of a group private practice in Connecticut. She is a speaker on self-care, mindset tools, and mental wellness. Krystal has published a workbook about self-care called Getting Real About Self-Care. Jennifer Corey LeFort ’06 started a new job as a launch success manager at Workhuman last summer. She learned about the job opening from Janna Chapdelaine Millette ’06."

2006

Robyn Foss ’06
2007 15th Reunion

Kaleena Hardy ’07 is now an interior designer at Marcia Fletcher Interior Design I. C. Dr. Vana Nespor-G’07 G’20 was commissioned to write and direct a new musical, *These Months of Our Lives*, based on interviews with 30 residents of a small town in West Virginia. Vana wrote the lyrics and worked with four local composers to create 17 original songs. Learn more about the musical at thesemonthsofourlives.com. Vana is also a partner at Bellastoria Press, where she interned. Two recent MFA interns have since become paid associates at the company. Janet Gerry G’21 and Christine Richardson G’22.

2008

Amy Moreau Stack G’08 was honored to be recognized in Plastics News’ “2021 Women Breaking the Mold.” “Words can’t express the amount of gratitude I have for being afforded this opportunity... I am fortunate to work for North America’s leading independent producer of highly engineered film solutions, Charter Next Generation!”

2009

Allison Paloski ’09 G’11 is now working at Astro Chemicals in cybersecurity. Kristin Whalen ’09 and her husband launched their own business this past year. Cape Home Kitchen & Bath provides all things cabinetry and home design with a showroom in Catumet, MA. Visit capehomekitchen.com.

2010

Elizabeth Kos Beaudry ’10 joined New Valley Bank & Trust in 2018 and is now vice president/senior credit officer at the bank.**

2011

Melanie Decker Blanden ’11 started a position as a professor at Syracuse University teaching biochemistry and biotechnology.** Samantha Case Y’11 now works at Crossroads in Portland, ME, overseeing their Back Cove Program for gender responsive eating disorder and substance use disorder treatment. Amanda Boileau Galloway ’11 G’14 has started a new journey as a NICU PA at Saint Francis Hospital. This position has been her dream, which she has worked toward her whole career. Amanda would like to thank everyone who has stood by and supported her along the way. Congrats, Amanda!

2012 10th Reunion

Samalid Madonado Hogan G’12 was appointed in June to the Springfield Technical Community College Board of Trustees. Samalid serves as regional director for the Massachusetts Small Business Development Center in Springfield; she founded CoWork Springfield to meet the need for professional and affordable office space for small business owners. Elena Hovagimian G’12 has been promoted to director of Agriculture at the Eastern States Exposition after a 25-year career spanning agriculture and education, IT, and retail sales management at the West Springfield fair and trade-show facility. Elena oversees all agriculturally based events year-round as well as the hundreds of animals entered in shows and contests, educational presentations, the Creative Arts department, the Fiber Festival of New England, the Gold Medal Wine and Cheese competitions, and retail sales for the Farmers Market, Storrowton Village Museum Gift Shop, and Christmas Shop. Amanda Thibedeau ’12 G’19, a firefighter and EMT, became a certified fire marshal in the State of Connecticut in January 2021. Last spring, Amanda was sworn in as a fire inspector with her hometown fire department, where she recently celebrated 17 years of service as a firefighter. Amanda is also a Deputy Fire Marshal/Deputy Emergency Management Director for the Town of East Granby, where she has worked for 14 years. She has also served five years as the Local IAFF’s Secretary. She feels incredibly blessed and busy. Congratulations, Amanda!

2013

Attorney Tabitha (Tabi) Vianna Ayer ‘13 recently joined the law firm of Pullman & Comley as an associate in their real estate practice. She is based in the firm’s Hartford office. Tabitha represents lenders and borrowers of all types in commercial real estate and financing transactions.

2014

Colleen O’Mara De Vecchio G’14 launched Maxaday, a training and coaching business. Check it out at maxaday.com.

2016

City Year recruits young adults to serve a year as tutors, mentors and role models for at-risk students in urban schools. The nonprofit’s new executive director, Allisha Edmonds Bauman ’16, leads the 100-person City Year Jacksonville team as they help at-risk third- through 10th-grade students stay on track to graduate. Allisha is a vice president of City Year Inc., the Boston-based national organization, and member of its executive leadership group. Congratulations to Kevin Brandriff G’16 on his appointment as the executive director for Windmore Foundation for the Arts in Culpeper, VA. His primary functions will be fundraising, grant writing and assisting with programs as needed. Brandriff has worked in the nonprofit sector for 20 years. Anne Pinkerton G’16 recently signed a book contract. Her memoir about navigating the loss of her older brother, *Were You Close?*, that she began as her Bay Path thesis, will be published by Vine Leaves Press in early 2023. While we’re waiting for publication, we can read Anne’s essay, “Hugger,” in the anthology *Pandemic Midlife Crisis: Gen X Women on the Brink.*

2017 5th Reunion

Audra Camp ’17 G’21, MSPAS, PA-C has a new role. After nearly seven years of schooling, several months of searching for the perfect job, and 100+ days of waiting on credentials, she started at the Hospital of Central Connecticut as a physician assistant in general and trauma surgery. Congrats, Audra! Like many of you, Jatnna (Meribeth) Medina Jordan ’17 ’19 attended the One Day A Week College at Bay Path with two small children at home. She received an associate degree and a bachelor’s degree in legal studies. Meribeth is now studying for the LSAT with the dream of attending law school.

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She is proud that she has worked hard to get where she is. We believe in you, Meribeth! Delmarina Lopez, J.D. ‘17 has been appointed by the Chicopee City Council to serve as a commissioner to represent Ward 3 on Chicopee’s Charter Review Commission. Delmarina is also an adjunct professor at Bay Path as part of the Justice Studies program. And on a personal note: Delmarina is engaged! She is excited to become Delmarina Lopez-Williams in 2022. Meredith O’Brien G’17 has joined our MFA faculty and is now teaching our mentorship lab sequence. Meredith’s fifth book, Uncomfortably Numb, about living with multiple sclerosis was published by Wyatt-Mackenzie Publishing in the spring of 2020, prompting Meredith to form a group of Lockdown Authors to support and cross-promote their work. Heidi Fettig Parton G’17 is a contributing editor to an anthology this year. Her essay, “Exorcism of the Exhausted Mother” is featured in Her Path Forward: 21 Stories of Transformation and Inspiration, published by PublishHer. Jessica Golo Rooseth ’17 recently graduated with a master’s degree in Health Science Informatics from the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine.

2018

Kristin Lewis Haight G’18 was named executive director of the Kennebunkport Historical Society. Kim MacQueen G’18 has a book coming out in fall 2022. She describes her forthcoming book as a “family memoir,” but tells us the title is still under wraps. It’s scheduled for release by Feral House/Process Media. Aprell May Munford ’18 G’21 recently started working as a reporter at the Springfield Republican Newspaper Company and MassLive. Aprell is a curator at the Springfield Library and Museum for an upcoming exhibit, and is on the Board of Directors at the Art for the Soul Gallery. She is also in collaboration to work on a theater project at OSV with another Bay Path alum, Kahntapaht Suksmati Wilson G’18 has recently taken over as owner of the family business, Mr. G’s Sauce and Marinade. She expanded sales all over western Massachusetts to Geisler’s, Arnold’s Meat, and Atkins Farm, and is now expanding in Boston.”

2019

Wren Bellavance-Grace G’19 published “Hunger,” an essay she drafted in one of her Bay Path classes, in Farresher. “Not Living But Dying” appeared in Carousal, a gorgeous journal created and edited by her classmate. Kate Benson G’19 G’21. Christine Brooks G’19 released her debut book, The Cigar Box Poems, in February 2020 from Clare Songbirds Publishing. Her second edition of poetry, beyond the paneling, was released in April 2021 by Finishing Line Press.” Aeishya Jackson ’19 G’22 is now Board of Trustees Vice President at Martin Luther King, Jr. Family Services. She has previously held positions as the chair, finance committee and executive committee board of trustee. Aeishya is a business manager for the City of Springfield’s library department and has more than 15-years of financial services experience.

2020

Loree Griffin Burns G’20 is teaching two courses at Montserrat College of Art, including “Observing the Natural World,” a course she developed. She also is on the MFA faculty at the Vermont College of Fine Arts in their Writing for Children & Young Adults program. Adding to Loree’s growing collection of books for children on environmental issues and the natural world, her newest, Honeybee Rescue, will be published by Charlesbridge in Spring 2022. Kim Livingston G’20 has recently signed a contract with TouchPoint Press to publish Walks Like a Duck: A Family Brain Memoir in 2023. Through stories of a psychologist father, schizophrenic brother, obsessive husband, and absent-minded mother, Livingston explores nature vs. nurture as the source of her own brain maladies. Rebecca Day Whitten ’20 is working on her master’s degree in Couples and Family Counseling at Antioch University New England. She was recently hired as a counselor at Recovery Connection of America, a MAT suboxone clinic.

2021

Megan Griffin ’21, former editor of Bay Path’s own NetworkNews, is attending Bridgewater State University working towards a master of arts in English. She also had her first piece of creative writing, entitled “Survivor of Suicide Loss,” published in Months to Years. Lee-Ann Liles G’21 is releasing a book of poetry, This is What We Call Home, and The Hunger, about her writing practice. Jasmin Rivas G’21 is the director of diversity, equity, accessibility, and inclusion at Old Sturbridge Village, a living history museum focused on rural 17th-century New England daily life. Along with enhancing DEIRK initiatives for staff and visitors, Jasmin is working with museum curators to enlarge the lens of history, bringing to light the stories of women, African Americans, and Native Americans during this complex, often whitewashed, and seemingly male-dominated period in New England’s history.” Jennifer Trovato G’22 is the permanent human resources manager for the Town of Hadley. Although it is her first time working in municipal government, Jennifer has many years of experience in HR, including 15 years in general and operations management, hiring and coaching, and restaurant management. Congrats, Jennifer!

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Lauren Chapple-Love '07

CONNECTING THE “WHY” WITH “HOW CAN I HELP?”

As a 16-year-old, growing up in Northern Illinois surrounded by stacks of true crime books, Lauren Chapple-Love '07 had more than just an inkling that a career in forensic psychology was her calling. “My mother was an avid reader of true crime series and it made me ask the questions: ‘Why? What makes a person engage in something violent toward someone else?’” After earning her degree in forensic psychology at Bay Path, Dr. Chapple-Love went on to graduate school at The Chicago School of Professional Psychology, and earned a PhD in counseling psychology at the University of North Dakota. Her studies and the professional opportunities have given her a vast and varied perspective on criminal behavior, substance abuse, incarceration and rehabilitation. Today, Dr. Chapple-Love serves as president of the Nevada Psychological Association, where she focuses on providing community mental healthcare, while advocating for systemic changes to the ways mental healthcare is accessed and experienced. To find out more on how Dr. Lauren Chapple-Love is making a difference go to Bay Pathway Online.

Dottie McGovern ’56 and daughter Kathy McGovern Lawson ’99

BAY PATH PROUD

“We were cleaning out my parents’ house, and lo and behold, there was this jacket in the attic,” says Kathy Lawson ’99, daughter of Dottie McGovern ’56. “For her entire life, my mother was extremely involved in Bay Path, and she said, ‘I want to keep that.’ So, the jacket went to assisted living with my parents, and then when they moved out of assisted living and into an apartment with 24/7 care, the jacket went with them again. Since then, Mom’s had to move to a nursing home, and it just didn’t make sense to bring the jacket. I talked to my brothers and sisters and suggested we donate it to Bay Path, and they said, ‘absolutely.’”

After graduating from Bay Path, Dottie McGovern raised four children and enjoyed a long career as a secretary before retiring from the Enfield school district. She is a grandmother of 11, a great-grandmother of four and has one great-great grandchild. A fervent, consistent supporter of Bay Path, McGovern regularly attended alumni events and Bay Path plays and served on the Board of Trustees. McGovern still resides in Enfield, Connecticut. Lawson graduated from Bay Path in 1999 as valedictorian of the first class of Bay Path’s One Day program.
FOR THE LOVE OF LIBRARIES

Mike Moran, former director of library and information services at the Hatch Learning Commons, retired from Bay Path in 2018. At the end of his tenure, he worked with the advancement department at Bay Path to establish the Friends of Hatch group. He still gives his time and talent through the Friends to ensure Hatch provides access to information services for the entire Bay Path community. If you have been a student, or a member of the Bay Path faculty or staff from 2008 to 2018, chances are that you have met or talked with Mike Moran. “When I visit campus, I am so proud to see the Hatch Learning Commons. It is part of my legacy to Bay Path, as well as the Friends of Hatch. I so believe in the power of libraries—they are so vital in our pursuit of knowledge and are the cornerstone of opportunities for not just our students, but for all of us.” To learn more about Moran and what he is doing today and how you can become a member of the Friends of Hatch, visit Bay Pathway Online.

YES, WE CANNABIS

“We say that cannabis is safer than lettuce,” explains Tiffany Cutting Madru G’11. Cutting Madru and her husband, Ted Madru, own and operate Analytics Labs, a Holyoke-based cannabis testing facility, where they analyze marijuana samples from over 50 operators across the commonwealth to ensure products meet the state’s rigorous safety standards. The couple opened the business eight months ago, applying their collective years of experience and a pair of Bay Path MBA degrees to be a part of the green rush—the economic boom brought on by the legalization of cannabis. As the legalization movement expanded toward Massachusetts, the pair recognized the opportunities the cannabis industry brought, as well as the practical experience and work ethic they brought to the cannabis industry. “We said, ‘How can we become a part of it?’” And today they are. To read the complete story on how the Madrus are on the forefront of the cannabis industry go to Bay Pathway Online.

CHAMPIONING CHILDFREE BY CHOICE

Since 1998, the year Kelly Hawkins graduated from Bay Path, the number of American women having children has steadily decreased. “I felt like I was on my own island. It’s something that’s not so openly talked about, and I was compelled to share my story and my reasons on being childfree,” she explains. Hawkins’ book, 50 Things to Know About Being Childfree by Choice, fulfilled the need to frankly articulate her choice but also to support and inspire women who, despite having no regrets about the choices they’ve made, feel pressured by society to explain them. A former English teacher, Hawkins has now made a shift in her career. Find out what she is doing now by going to the Bay Pathway Online.
Your Bay Pathway

Each issue of the Bay Pathway reminds us that although our paths before and after Bay Path are diverse, we all have a shared intersection at Bay Path. For many of us, our paths have returned to Bay Path again and again, through multiple degree programs, alumni events and more.

One important way to return to Bay Path is through your financial support. Your Bay Pathway appeal generosity will benefit our Carpe Diem Fund. This incredibly important fund helps with scholarship assistance, our career services and other university priorities.

A PAGE OUT OF BAY PATHWAY’S ANNUAL FUND HISTORY

In the May 1965 issue of the Bay Pathway, the first page proudly announces the launch of the New Alumnae Fund Campaign. In place of the $5 dues for the Alumnae Association, an appeal was made for a tax-exempt contribution of five dollars or more. As noted at the time, “To the 30% of the Alumnae Association who paid dues this year: WE STILL NEED YOUR SUPPORT! To the other 70%: Your college NEEDS YOU MORE THAN EVER!”

Fifty-seven years later, your support is needed more than ever, and we continue our tradition of providing an envelope designed for your use in sharing your contribution and your latest news. You can also give online at give.baypath.edu/baypathway.

As a member of our Alumni Association, please allow your path to return to Bay Path by making a gift in honor of our 125th Anniversary. Your support, and the support of alumni who have come before you and will come after you, make this milestone possible.

You are appreciated. Thank you, and Carpe Diem!
REUNION

October 15, 2022

Celebrating grad years ending in 2 and 7

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www.baypath.edu/alumni/reunion/

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