

ALUMNI NOTES

1950s

Carol (Montgomery) Bush '57 writes: "In July 1957 I moved to Albuquerque and have been here since then. I taught first grade for two years. In October 1958 I married Dan Bush, and we had five children (four boys and one girl). I was a stay-at-home mom and loved it. I keep in touch with several classmates. Don passed away Oct. 12, 2017 — two days after our 59th Anniversary. Our family takes good care of me in our home. 'Hi!' to all my classmates — small classes were great!"

Phyllis (Fogil) Aaron '58 graduated from Windham High School and attended Central for one year before transferring to Eastern where "I met so many nice friends." In 1956 she married Truman Elwood (Woody) Aaron, and they moved to Champaign, IL. "As a result, I graduated from Willimantic State Teachers College in 1958 instead of with my class in 1957." She taught school for five years in Connecticut and 15 years in Illinois. Woody passed away in 2017 after 61 years of marriage. She has three children, Kevin, Kimberly, and Kendall and three grandchildren, Andrew, Austin and Savannah.

Audrey (Davis) Smith '59 writes, "My experiences over 60 years ago, both academically and socially, were enriching for my life."

1960s



Bert Nussbaum '63 continues to serve ex-officio on the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute Boca Raton Board of Advisors and was recently profiled in the organization's newsletter. Bert's 53-year career in education included work as a teacher, guidance counselor and principal for various New Jersey school systems. He and his wife, Judi, moved to South Florida in 2010. Shortly after arriving in Florida, he took a position at Florida Atlantic University as a developing teacher supervisor before retiring in 2016.

Jean-Henry Mathurin '64 retired in August 2014 as the media coordinator for Fairfield University after 34 years of service. After graduating from Eastern, he served as a hospital corpsman in the U.S. Navy/Fleet Marine Force for four years until his discharge, when he began his teaching career. He taught secondary mathematics at Marianapolis Preparatory School in Thompson and later at Madison High School. In 1973 he accepted a position as math editor for the Center of Humanities in White Plains, NY, and in 1974 he earned his M.A. from Fairfield University.

Elaine Dugas Shea '66 ▶ finds lovely frosted beach glass near her home in Montana at Flathead Lake; her travel writing and photos were recently featured in *Beachcombing* magazine. Elaine has two published poetry collections and enjoys exploring with her husband, Bill, and three grandchildren.



Bob Brewster '68 was named top producer for the Central Florida Region at Workers Realty Corp. Bob and his wife, Ruth, recently returned from a cruise to Alaska. They both sing with their church Praise Team for church services.

Tamara (Szreders) Rich '69 writes, "I am a happy retired wife, mother and grandmother. Eastern launched my career as a lifelong educator/learner and activist."

1970s

Alan Turner '70 ▶ has written "Novel Ideas," a brief collection of memories, anecdotes, unique projects and sound advice collected from his many years of teaching in Plainfield and New Britain. "I was feeling as though I accomplished everything that I had set out to do," he explained, "when my son (also a teacher and an Eastern alumnus) suggested I write about the ideas I employed in the classroom to facilitate learning."



After graduating from high school with honors and actively serving in the U.S. Navy for two years, **Bob Valerio '72** completed his Associate of Science degree at Manchester Community College after marrying his high school sweetheart at age 19. He transferred to Eastern to continue his education while supporting his family and proudly earned his bachelor's degree. He received a Golden Diploma in fall 2022, honoring 50 years since his graduation from Eastern. He spends most of his time with his wife, Pauline.

Almyra (Tefft) Hornberber '72 taught in schools in California, Connecticut and Kentucky before retiring with her husband to Sullivan, ME. Almyra has been a long-time volunteer with the Frenchman's Bay Library. She served as chairperson of the library board of directors for 10 years, during which time she led a major renovation of the building. Almyra and her husband, John, are the parents of a daughter living in Halifax, NS, a son living in Washington, DC, and proud grandparents to Daniella, age 7.

Ron Pires '76 coached E.O. Smith boys basketball for 44 years and earned 590 wins. He walked the sidelines for one last game on Feb. 17, 2023, against Bolton. Pires, 74, had missed the season following surgery but returned for his team's final home game. He was inducted into Eastern's Hall of Fame in 1988.

John Shishmanian '77 retired after a 43-year career as a photojournalist with the *Norwich Bulletin*. In addition to photographing Presidents Ford, Carter, Reagan, Bush #41, Clinton and Bush #43, John also captured images of Frank Sinatra, Tony Bennett, Elton John, Mickey Mantle, Andy Pettitte and Walter Cronkite. (See full story, pgs. 24 and 25)

Anthony Zaccaro '79 ▶ launched a YouTube Channel called "The Forgotten Golfer," an instructional site targeting adaptive golfers, beginners or anyone wanting no-nonsense golf instruction. "By turning to expensive equipment and technical devices, golf has left behind those of us in our 50s and 60s and older folks. This channel is for us!" Check it out at <https://www.youtube.com/@TheForgottenGolfer>.



1980s

Raymond Hill Jr. '83, adjunct professor of operations research in the Air Force Institute of Technology's (AFIT) Graduate School of Engineering and Management, was the 2022 recipient of the J. Steinhardt Prize for outstanding contributions to military operations research. After earning his master's degree in operations research in 1987 from AFIT, he served as an Air Force operations research analyst until 2002. During that time, he served as a logistics, weapons and tactics analyst, and AFIT faculty member.

Derby, CT, has named **David Marcarelli '84** as the town's new fire marshal. He recently retired after 30 years with the North Haven Fire Department, most recently as deputy fire chief/deputy fire marshal.

After a career as a reading teacher, **Andrea (Fatse) Brosnan '87** became a realtor in the Newtown, CT, area, and now educates her clients on the processes involved with listing properties. She loves helping sellers stage and showcase their properties, and

helping buyers locate their dream home. According to Andrea, "It's the best job ever!"

Marie Stone '87 earned an M.S. from Trinity College of Vermont in 1999.

Michael Madow '89 was recently named to the board of directors of Thomaston Savings Bank after serving as a corporator for the past five years. Michael has served as president of Ramco Recovery, Inc. for the past 20 years, managing daily business operations and project management. He serves as an officer of the Rotary Club of Thomaston and is a member of the Economic Development Commission in Thomaston as well as the Thomaston Town Center Planning Committee. Michael resides in Thomaston with his wife, **Heidi (Stone) Madow '89**, and their son.

Missy (Bonsall) Meyers '89 has been named CEO of Generations Family Health Center in Willimantic. Missy has worked for Generations since 1995 when she was hired as a medical case manager, was named director of operations in 2001, and chief operating officer in 2010. Missy led the design and construction of Generations facilities in Willimantic and Putnam, and has been

recognized as one of the leaders for the health center during the pandemic. She earned a master's degree in health administration in 2007 from A.T. Still University in Missouri.

In addition to being the founder/president of Pitch Perfect Consulting LLC, **Catherine Poulin '89** is manager of U.S. public relations for Highclere Castle Spirits, one of the fastest growing luxury gin brands.

1990s

Amy (Keane) Steed '90 is assistant girls soccer coach at Rockville High School. The head coach is her daughter, **Hannah Steed '18**, who is in her first season. Amy was part of three state champion soccer teams at Tolland High School under coach **Beth Regan '79, M'89**. Amy was inducted into the Eastern Athletics Hall of Fame in 2011. She is the curriculum liaison at Tolland High School.

After more than a decade with CNA Insurance in Chicago, **Shannon (Niezelski) Benjamin '91** was recently named vice president, equipment breakdown

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for Travelers BoilerRe. Prior to moving to Chicago, Shannon was with HSB in Hartford for more than 20 years, where she began as an intern through a cooperative work experience program at Eastern. She resides in Chicago with her husband, Richard.

Dawn (Walmsley) Brolin '92, M'05, CPA, CFE received a Top Presenter Award for 2022 from CPAAcademy.org.

Wendy Jason '99 is the founder and director of the Justice Arts Coalition (JAC), a national network and resource for those creating art in and around the criminal legal system. Headquartered in the Washington, DC, area, the JAC unites teaching artists, arts advocates, artists who are or have been incarcerated and their allies, harnessing the transformative power of the arts to reimagine justice.

2000s

Fulfilling a dream she first had at age 19, **Melissa (Lombardi) Kelly '00** founded Mind, Body & Soul, LLC in 2007 “to provide support and services that promote overall health and wellness for individuals, couples and families.”

Mansfield Public Schools named **Larry Barlow '01** as principal of Mansfield Middle School, where he had served as assistant principal for eight years. Prior to his work in administration, Larry was a social studies teacher for 12 years at Lebanon Middle School, and was named Teacher of the Year there in 2008.



Alexis Bivens '01 is the new vice president of strategic initiatives at the Connecticut Council for Philanthropy, where she will work to advance the council's strategic priorities to achieve a more equitable Connecticut. She will also assume the role of managing director of the Supporting Organizing Work (SOW-CT) funders collaborative, a project supported by the council, where she will lead a philanthropic effort

to build and strengthen a community organizing infrastructure statewide.

Andrew Stedman '01 was recently profiled in TheUnion.com in Grass Valley, CA. Following careers in sports massage therapy and as a recreation supervisor for a Level 5 maximum security prison, Andrew moved to California where he spent time as a recreation manager for the U.S. Department of Labor Job Corps. Since 2016 he has been director of community operations at Lake Wildwood, CA, where he helps manage all five parks surrounding the lake, the community center and tennis courts.

Michael Taylor '01 is competitive intelligence and market insights lead for financial wellness outcomes practice at Prudential Financial.

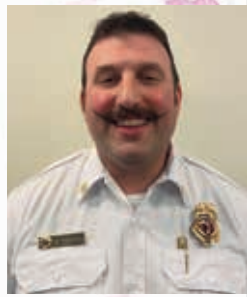
Edwin Villanueva '01 is the new lieutenant with Eastern's Police Department. He returns to Eastern after a 30-year career in law enforcement, beginning with the Connecticut Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, followed by 27 years with the Manchester Police Department.

Katie Berube '03 is the director of global partnerships at Oak View Group, whose mission is to develop and deliver the best entertainment venues and experiences. Oak View has been opening arenas in major markets since 2015. This past fall, Katie spoke to students in Professor Charlie Chatterton's Sports Marketing class.

Premier Rugby Sevens has added **Alexis Frappier '03** as director of event marketing and sales. She is a 20-year veteran of the live event industry and has been responsible for marketing campaigns for Feld Entertainment, Live Nation and other event companies. In her new role, Alexis will help grow the sport of rugby sevens into more markets with more franchises.

◀ **Jim Wolf '03** has released “Monster in My Head,” a three-song EP and music video. The EP is available on Spotify and Apple Music/iTunes, and the video is available on YouTube.

▶ **Frederick M. Gordon '04** was promoted to lieutenant in charge of the Geographical Section of the Fire Prevention Division at the District of Columbia Fire and EMS Department.



David Jones '04 has been named chief diversity officer at the New Jersey Institute of Technology. He held a similar position at William Paterson University after serving as director of the Paul Robeson Cultural Center at Rutgers. At NJIT, David will be responsible for helping the university deepen diversity, foster belonging for students, faculty and staff, and earn the federal designation of being a Hispanic-serving institution, all of which are initiatives of NJIT's strategic plan.

▶ **Olayinka (Yinka) Kuye-Romelus '04** has been named director of operations at The Peabody Companies, a group of property management and real estate firms. She will provide leadership, guidance and development to her direct reports and assigned portfolio of clients.



Julie Rumrill '04 has written and published a memoir “Finding Mary,” the true story of one sister's journey through unresolved grief toward forgiveness and understanding. “Finding Mary” invites the reader to reexamine forgotten promises, old secrets and the complicated ways families cope with traumatic loss. Julie has been promoting the book through speaking engagements in Connecticut, Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

Milton Jackson '05 participated in the #BeMore2022 Festival organized by adplist.org. His presentation was titled “Basketball and Lessons I Learned in Design Leadership,” and included how to represent your team, how to focus on diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging, finding balance, and how to build productive relationships.

▶ **Colin Osborn '05**, a career advisor for the Burke School of Public Service and Education at Post University, was named to the “100 Men of Color” for 2022. He served as an alderman for the City of New Britain for two years, and helped to create Power Muzic Radio, where the station plays “Southern Soul, Ole’ School, Adult Contemporary, Neo-Soul, Nu-R&B/Ambient, Quiet Storm and incorporates Jazz, House and Hip-Hop music.”



Dwayne Robertson '05 has been promoted to senior manager for diversity and inclusion at Young President's Organization (YPO). YPO is a global leadership community of chief executives, with approximately 29,000 members in more than 130 countries.

Matthew Solak '05 is a lieutenant with the Willimantic Police Department. He is one of several Eastern alumni and faculty to appear in articles featuring Eastern's new Social Work Law Enforcement (SWLE) Project in which social workers are paired with police officers to assist with nonviolent 911 calls. Matt was credited with playing a key role in the development of the SWLE Project, working with professors at Eastern and the University of St. Joseph to develop the training.

Daniela de Sousa '06 came to the United States in 1999 from Brazil and earned her B.A. in Visual Art. She is a ceramic artist, sculptor and a lecturer in Eastern's Department of Art and Art History. She made a presentation in the Art Gallery about her work that was featured in the 2022 Sculpture and Ceramic Faculty Exhibition.

Andrew Simmons '06 received Fourth Degree Honors exemplification in the Knights of Columbus during a recent ceremony in Suffern, NY. He serves as treasurer at the Knights of Columbus, St. Lawrence O'Toole Council 1495. Members of the fourth degree have the special honor of holding the title "Sir Knight" and participating in color and honor guards with organizing programs that promote Catholic citizenship.

Kim (Toledo) Ambrose '07 has joined the board of directors of The Bridge Family Center. She is also the recipient of the center's 2022 Build No Fences Award, presented to an individual who sees no boundaries and works collaboratively with child advocates to support young people and families. Kim is the interim principal at Braeburn Elementary School and resides in West Hartford.

Jonathan Hunt '07 has been promoted to segment marketing lead analyst, individual and family plans at Cigna.

Drawings and paintings by **Frietha Lawrence '07** were exhibited at the Top Shelf Gallery in Hampton, CT, earlier this year. After four decades working as a nurse, Frietha earned her degree in studio art, and opened Count It All Joy, her studio in Ashford. During the pandemic, she wrote and illustrated a children's book, "The Owl Watchman."

Marianne (Toomey) Legassey M'07 is the executive director of UConn Child Labs. Marianne earned her master's degree in early childhood education at Eastern while on the professional teaching staff at UConn, first in the infant program and then as a master teacher in the preschool program at the Child Labs, where she focused on community and relationship building.

Marianna (Capomolla) Linnehan '07 was named the new head coach of girls volleyball at Greenwich High School, where she also teaches health and physical education. She was an assistant coach at Eastern and Manhattan College for one season each, before moving to Westhill High School in Stamford, where she coached for 10 seasons.

Adam Wurtzel '07 is the senior producer at Bahakel Entertainment and co-host of "Hollywood's Greatest Game Shows" live stage tour with Bob Eubanks.

Rick Bruneau '08 is the new director of finance for the City of San José, CA, the 10th largest city in the United States. He began his career with the U.S. Department of Defense as a financial auditor, worked briefly as a financial analyst for a private company, then joined the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco to lead the strategic finance function for the National Cash Business Line. In 2018, he joined the City of San José's Finance Department as a deputy director of the Revenue Management, Banking, and Administration Division.



◀ Fiondella, Milone & LaSaracina has promoted **James Goldkamp '08**, CPA to director of tax services. James began his career at FML in 2008 as a generalist in

the tax department, and now manages engagements for the firm's state and local tax practice with a focus on income tax, sales tax, and federal and state credits and incentive services. James earned a master's degree in taxation from the University of Hartford.

Philip Trostler '08, drama teacher and director of the NFA Playshop, was named Norwich Free Academy Teacher of the Year. Philip studied acting in New York and London, and pursued an acting career in Los Angeles. He was a contestant on a pilot game show, "Trust Me" which never aired, winning the game's \$50,000 grand prize. He was an

extra in the movie "The Social Network," appeared in commercials and cooking shows, and landed a small role in "How I Met Your Mother."

2010s

Katherine Patnaude '10 has been promoted to partner at PKF O'Connor Davies as an audit partner in the Wethersfield, CT, office.

Amanda (Pierlioni) Fontaine '11 was inducted into the Plainville Sports Hall of Fame. In her basketball career at Plainville, she was named to the All-Conference team three times and to the Class M All-State team twice.

Alicia McKenzie '11 was recently hired as director of institutional diversity, equity and inclusion at Bryant University.

Jim Schult '11 led the East Hartford Jets to a third consecutive championship of the Greater Hartford Twilight Baseball League. In the championship game, he pitched 4 1/3 innings of relief, allowing two runs on four hits, striking out seven and walking one. At the plate, he had two hits, two RBIs, and a run scored. Jim is senior associate at RSM US LLP.

Maiyah Gamble-Rivers '12 ▶ is assistant director of student affairs at the School of the Museum of Fine Arts at Tufts University. She recently returned to Eastern, visiting the Art Gallery to moderate "Women at War: Preserving History and Truth," a panel discussion focusing on gender, resistance and displacement.



Women's Wear Daily took note of Mary J. Blige celebrating her 52nd birthday in a silver sequin minidress with a plunging neckline custom designed by **Matthew Reisman '12**. Matthew's designs have been featured in several fashion publications and worn by Issa Rae, Lizzo, Kalen Allen, Wendy Williams, Bebe Rexha and Tess Holliday.

▶ **Ariana White '12** was named to PRWeek's "40 Under 40." She is senior director of publicity at Atlantic Records.

Tandi (Rossman) Carignan M'13 has been named the new gymnastics coach at Norwich Free Academy. She guided the Wildcats to a spot in the Class LL state championship last season.



Elaine Hill '17 receives Milken Educator Award

By Noel Tetter

Eastern alumna **Elaine Hill '17** received one of the nation's most prestigious education awards, the Milken Educator Award, on Jan. 12 in a surprise assembly at her elementary school in Waterbury. The award includes \$25,000 to spend however she chooses.

Hill is a fourth-grade teacher at the Academic Academy, a school-within-a-school for gifted students in fourth through eighth grade at Michael F. Wallace Middle School in Waterbury.

Up to 40 elementary school educators nationwide will receive the award during the 2022-23 school year. Hill will also have the opportunity to join the national Milken Educator Network, which includes more than 2,900 exceptional K-12 teachers and leaders. Honorees receive an all-expenses-paid trip to Los Angeles for the Milken Educator Awards Forum this April.

"One of the primary qualities of a Milken Educator is excellence in the classroom, and as a founding member of the Academic Academy with wraparound support, Elaine Hill's challenging programming and high expectations have helped students reach their greatest potential," said Jane Foley, a 1994 Indiana Milken Educator and the Milken Educator Awards senior vice president.

Lt. Gov. Susan Bysiewicz and Connecticut Commissioner of Education Charlene Russell-Tucker presented Hill with the prestigious award. "I was in complete shock when the announcement was made," said Hill. "The staff, students and I were not aware of the purpose of the assembly or what would be announced."

Hill, a founding member of the Gifted Student Program at the academy, believes in laying an educational foundation



conducive to student growth. "I approach teaching elementary school with the belief that all students must be supported, believed in, respected and held to the highest standards in order for them to reach their full potential," she said.

Scott Petit '13 recently became the vice president of sales at Don Petit's Store of Floors after a nine-year career with the Connecticut Judicial Branch with the rank of Sergeant Judicial Marshal.



Rachel (Junga) Bieniek '14 has been promoted to a new position as engagement manager, executive search, global technology and services practice at Heidrick & Struggles.

Schuylar Whiting '14 lives in Guangzhou, China, and is teaching fourth grade at the Canadian International School of Guangzhou. Last year he earned the school's Primary Teacher of the Year award. The school is an Alberta-accredited institution and also

is an IB PYP Candidate school. Schuylar and his wife Lili have two sons, Huang Huang (Nathan) and Bin Bin (Fabio).

Dane Paracuelles '15 is the associate director of residence education for community engagement at San Diego State University.

◀ **Nicolai Soendergaard '15**, omni enablement leader at Newell Brands, visited Professor Emiliano Villanueva's International Business class during the fall semester. Nicolai came to Eastern from Denmark and majored in business administration. He is pursuing his professional career in the United States, working for such multinational companies as LEGO, Kellogg's, Bain and now Newell Brands, an American manufacturer, marketer and distributor of consumer and commercial products.

Andrew Way '15 is a mid-level industrial security specialist with Boeing.

Jennifer DuBois '16 is Coventry's first-ever Teacher of the Year for 2023. She is a first-grade teacher at Coventry Grammar School, where she also served as a student-teacher. Jennifer said her favorite part about being a teacher is being able to foster relationships with her students and colleagues. "Getting to know each student individually is what every teacher strives for," she said. Jennifer earned her B.S. in elementary education/mathematics at Eastern, and her M.S. in special education from

Central Connecticut State University in 2019.

The Common Council of Norwalk, CT, has appointed **Kendrick Constant '18** to the Board of Estimate and Taxation. The board formulates the city's operating budget, reviewing all department budget requests. Kendrick earned a B.S. in finance and minored in accounting and business information systems. He was a risk assurance associate at PricewaterhouseCoopers before taking a position as an experience assurance associate at RSM US LLP in 2021.

Morgan Cunningham '18 has launched a new talk show on WTIC News/Talk 1080 and WTIC.com. On Saturdays at 2 p.m., "Spotlight Connecticut with Morgan Cunningham" embraces what's fun about Connecticut through a weekly breakdown of stories, attractions and people from across the Nutmeg State. Morgan is also the morning drive news anchor at WTIC.

The Yale Alumni Association has promoted **Stephanie Hartnett '18** to assistant director of Yale College Classes. She will be working with the classes of 1988-1977 and planning the 35th, 40th and 45th reunions. She was hired at Yale as program coordinator for young alumni annual giving, and moved to the YAA as senior administrative assistant for Yale College Classes. At Eastern, Stephanie majored in communication, and worked in the Office of Alumni

Affairs. Stephanie earned an M.Ed. in higher education/higher education administration from Louisiana State University in 2022.

Hannah Steed '18 is the new head coach of girls soccer and assistant girls indoor and outdoor track coach at Rockville High School. Hannah earned her bachelor's degree in physical education from Eastern in 2018, and her master's degree in special education from the University of Saint Joseph in 2022. She is a physical education teacher at Center Road School in Vernon. Her assistant coach is her mom, **Amy (Keane) Steed '90**.

2020s

◀ Music program alumna **Adella Carlson '20** returned to the Fine Arts Instructional Center's Concert Hall to present, "Rise Up," a recital of contemporary works for clarinet. After earning her B.A. in Music, Adella enrolled at the University of North Carolina Greensboro, where she is in her second year of the Master of Music program.

Francelis Gonzalez Perez '20 is an intern with the Norwich Police Department as she pursues her M.S.W. from the University of Saint Joseph. She is one of several Eastern alumni and faculty to appear in articles featuring Eastern's new Social Work and Law Enforcement Project in which social workers are paired with police officers to assist with nonviolent 911 calls.

Brian McKenna Jr. '20 is a financial systems analyst at Northeastern University. Brian was a computer science major at Eastern.

As the coordinator of ad integration and strategy at ESPN, **Jack Petrucci '20** was the perfect candidate to speak to Professor Charlie Chatterton's Sports Marketing class. Petrucci graduated from Eastern with a degree in communication and media studies, and a concentration in television/sports production.

Marissa Starkel '20 is digital communications coordinator at The Fund for American Studies in Washington, DC. She earned a B.S. in communication from Eastern, and served as a social media intern in the Office of Alumni Affairs.

Cyera Williams '20 has joined the FOX43 News Team at WPMT in York, PA, where she will be an anchor/report-

er. She had previously been the weekend evening anchor at WKTV NewsChannel2 in Utica, NY. Cyera graduated with her B.S. in communication from Eastern and her M.A. in broadcast digital journalism from the Newhouse School of Public Communication at Syracuse University.

Meg Campbell '21 is pursuing her M.F.A. in screenwriting at the University of Southern California. While at Eastern, Meg was an Honors Scholar majoring in new media studies. Last fall she virtually met with students majoring in theater and performance media as well as students minoring in film studies to talk about applying for graduate school as well as her experience in the screenwriting program at USC.

Emily Constantino '21 is a social worker with the Willimantic Police Department. She is one of several Eastern alumni and faculty to appear in articles featuring Eastern's new Social Work and Law Enforcement Project in which social workers are paired with police officers to assist with nonviolent 911 calls. Emily earned her B.A. in Social Work from Eastern and her M.S.W. from the University of Saint Joseph.

Lizzy Cretella '21 is one of the founders of the Connecticut Women's Basketball League, consisting of 10 teams and 100 players. For more information about the CWBL, visit <https://playpass.com/cwbl>.

Kyle Gray '21 started a new position as law clerk at Pellegrini, Seeley, Ryan & Blakesley, P.C. in Springfield, MA.

Keira Integlia '21 is a lead member service attendant at Yale University while she pursues an M.S. from the University of New Haven in sports management, concentrating in collegiate athletic administration.

The Springfield Thunderbirds have hired ▼ **Nate Lynch '21** as an account executive in ticket sales. Nate joins the Thunderbirds full time after serving as an intern in the team's ticket sales department. Nate earned a B.S. in sport and leisure management at Eastern.

▶ **Cami Makula '21** met virtually with Professor Charlie Chatterton's Entrepreneurship, Marketing and Communications in Sports class. As an account executive for the New York Islanders, Cami provided students with useful insights into the world of business and sports.

Safiya Palmer '21 is a CSG recruiting consultant with Barton Associates, Inc., a national health care staffing company.

Originally from Ocho Rios, Jamaica, **Kemrodge Bell '22** is a research assistant in the UConn School of Public Policy's Institute for Municipal and Regional Policy. His goal is to become an attorney and believes that pursuing a master's degree in public administration will help him meet his goals.

Nathan Fontaine '22 is community standards graduate associate at Springfield College, where he is pursuing a master's degree in higher education and student affairs administration. He earned his B.A. in history at Eastern.

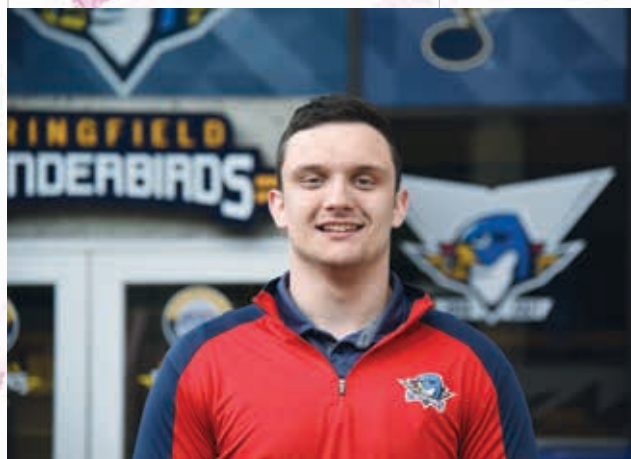
The Glastonbury Police Department has hired **Richard Freebairn '22** as a public safety dispatcher. He also serves in the Connecticut Army National Guard.

Emily Kesilewski '22 is the new head girls lacrosse coach at Lyman Hall High School. She is a former player and team captain at Lyman Hall, and played lacrosse four years at Eastern.

Amanda Ouk '22 is a recruiting consultant with Barton Associates, Inc., a national health care staffing company.

Tessa Slesinski '22 is the orientation and onboarding coordinator at Middlesex Community College.

Jonathan Wilson '22 interned with the Boston Celtics following his graduation from Eastern. He is pursuing a graduate degree in sports leadership at Northeastern University.



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Dorothy (Shedd) Krause '39
Barkhamsted, CT • Aug. 9, 2022

Madelyn (Plouffe) Briggs '47
Redding, CT • Nov. 24, 2021

Patricia Howard '49
Niantic, CT • Feb. 17, 2022

Marvin Edelman '52
Chaplin, CT • Oct. 31, 2022

Harrilyn (Greenleaf) Sottile '52
Mystic, CT • Oct. 22, 2022

Jean (Browne) Wolfe '53
Denver, CO • June 29, 2022

Edward Volle '53
Hobe Sound, FL • Dec. 1, 2022

Janet (Smith) Selavka '54
Belchertown, MA • Oct. 8, 2022

Helen MacPherson '55
Albany, NY • Feb. 19, 2021

Victoria LaCara '56
Wethersfield, CT • Aug. 13, 2022

Gladys (Krigsman) Tucker '56
Avon, CT • July 29, 2021

Nancy (Pierce) Woolf '56
Grafton, MA • April 15, 2021

Rose (Rothen) Days '57
Quaker Hill, CT • Jan. 23, 2022

Carol (Mesick) Ouillette '58
Jewett City, CT • Oct. 25, 2022

Dorothy (Hannon) Shea '59
Colchester, CT • Dec. 20, 2022

Helen Anderson '61
Waterbury, CT • Aug. 3, 2021

George Dargati '61
Tolland, CT • July 20, 2022

Roslyn (Pacifci) Haney '61
Venice, FL • Nov. 9, 2022

Lawrence Forrest '62
Tolland, CT • Feb. 28, 2023

William Kotrba '62
Windham, CT • Oct. 14, 2022

Joyce (Racine) Ricci '63
Dayville, CT • July 21, 2022

Theodore Blanchette '64
Dayville, CT • Dec. 14, 2021

John Sunmark '67
Storrs Mansfield, CT • Sept. 20, 2022

Jessie (Lathrop) Hovey '68
Manchester, CT • Sept. 25, 2022

Margaret Shea '69
Willimantic, CT • Nov. 5, 2022

Susan (Fitzgerald) Bucklin '70
Willimantic, CT • Aug. 30, 2022

April (Cobb) Campbell '70
Madison, AL • Aug. 18, 2022

Elizabeth Reheiser '70
Tumwater, WA • Sept. 30, 2022

Robert Haddad '70
Rocky Hill, CT • Feb. 22, 2023

Loretta (Topping) Manning M'71
Jewett City, CT • Dec. 2, 2021

Benjamin Blake '72
Griswold, CT • June 18, 2022

Diane (Lubik) Gigliotti '73
Grand Junction, CO • Dec. 30, 2022

Ann Sheedy '73
Lebanon, CT • Dec. 3, 2022

Catherine Sonstrom '75
Middletown, CT • Jan. 19, 2021

Phyllis Dawe '75
Middletown, CT • March 9, 2022

Denise (Fontanella) Kaczorowski '75
Marlborough, CT • Dec. 29, 2022

Andrew Carey '75
South Windham, CT • Dec. 31, 2022

David Acquaootta '75
Lakewood, CO • Sept. 5, 2022

George Brown '75
East Woodstock, CT • July 21, 2022

Claire Connelly '76
South Windham, CT • Aug. 14, 2021

Pierre Drouin '78
Saint Petersburg, FL • April 28, 2022

James Moore '79
Binghamton, NY • June 22, 2022

Carol (Meikle) Moulton '79
Mansfield Center, CT • Nov. 23, 2022

Susan (Sweet) MacLachlan '80
Jewett City, CT • Jan. 5, 2023

Linda (Tyler) Collins '83
Newington, CT • Dec. 24, 2022

Jerry Collins '84
Alameda, CA • Aug. 12, 2022

David Walsh '85
Midlothian, VA • Dec. 26, 2022
Patricia (Backus) Beckenhaupt M'87
Teaticket, MA • Jan. 26, 2022

Gail Robinson '88
Willimantic, CT • Sept. 20, 2022

Cindy (Brown) Fahmestock '89
Waterford, CT • Dec. 27, 2022

Claudia Fridinger '91
Pawcatuck, CT • Aug. 14, 2022

Julia Byron-Sycz '92
South Windsor, CT • Sept. 26, 2022

Diane (Doyon) Estes '93
Charlotte, NC • June 10, 2022

Anne Yarusewicz '93
Vernon Rockville, CT • Nov. 28, 2022

Shelley Gardner '93
Mystic, CT • Sept. 29, 2022

Tina (Boucher) Miner '95
West Townsend, MA • Oct. 13, 2022

Rachel Morganson '01
Plantsville, CT • Oct. 6, 2023

Laurel Kohl '01
Dayville, CT • June 10, 2022

Kevin Gallagher '05
Plainville, CT • Feb. 3, 2023

Justin Williamson '12
Derby, CT • Dec. 28, 2022

*Bernard Mulligan • Former Faculty
Tolland, CT • Nov. 17, 2022*

*Geri Langlois • Former Faculty
Windham, CT • Sept. 18, 2022*

*James Brown • Former Staff
Willimantic, CT • May 13, 2022*

*David Edens • Former Faculty
Storrs Mansfield, CT • June 20, 2022*

*Daniel Thompson • Former Staff
Brooklyn, CT • Feb. 5, 2023*

*Anne Smith • Friend
Storrs Mansfield, CT • Oct. 9, 2022*

*Margaret McCaw • Former Staff
Lebanon, CT • Oct. 30, 2022*

“Edmond Chibeau could have a conversation with anyone, on any topic. From postmodernist art to his car breaking down, he could spin a tale that engaged you, that made you think, that opened new doors in your perception.”

*Terri Toles-Patkin
communication professor*

“Edmond loved offbeat anything — theatre, music, poetry, fiction, playwriting, journalism, fashion, video, television, radio, film, political cartoons, free speech, sound, light, noise, theory, philosophy and criticism. He had a great beret, a Ph.D. and a beat-up leather briefcase.”

*Andrew Utterback
communication professor*

“Dr. Edmond Chibeau was my very first advisor, and through the years he insisted on following along and knowing my life, even after college. He always took a huge interest in his students, and as an



In Memory of Edmond Chibeau

Edmond Chibeau, professor emeritus in the Communication Department, passed away on Jan. 23, 2023. During his Eastern tenure, Professor Chibeau taught courses in mass communication, scriptwriting, journalism, social media and many other topics.

Upon his retirement in May 2022, Dr. Chibeau said: “In 25 years in Eastern’s Communication Department, I believe I have learned as much from my students as I have taught. Education is in your head the way your fist is in your hand. The most important thing you can learn in college is how to think for yourself. I hope I have made some small contribution to my students and to the school as a whole.”



international student, I truly felt welcome in his office or just talking about random, weird things in the hallway. He was definitely special.”

Charlie Sibbesen '11

“Some of my first short plays in NYC were developed in his classes, and even after I graduated, he continued to support me by appearing on my old podcast and voting for my play in the Broadway World Off-Broadway Awards. I will always be thankful for the role he played in my life.”

Anthony J. Piccione '16

“He was knowledgeable, inspiring and had this crazy way of teaching that kept you on the edge of the seat, laughing and engaged. He definitely made you think in a unique and different way. He didn’t want to just teach, he wanted to learn, and he knew he could learn from anyone.”

Austin Darley '15