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Alumni Newsletter

Faculty and Staff News

We are excited to welcome a new faculty member as of August 2023—Dr. Jennie Dapice.

Read more about our current faculty team here:

www.une.edu/wchp/ot/people

UNE Homecoming 2023

Are you ready for Homecoming?! We have some wonderful events planned and hope to see you there!

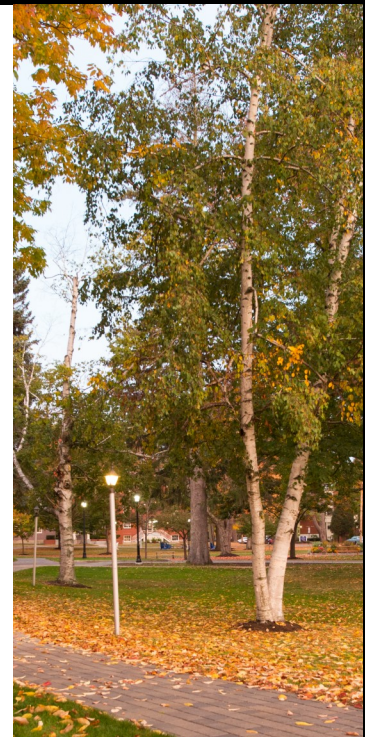
- **Friday, September 22nd, 4-5:30pm: Happy Hour!**

[Rising Tide, 10 Fox Street, Portland, Maine](#)

Please register (<https://redcap.link/alumniweekend>) and come share some bites (complimentary) and beverages (cash bar for both non- and alcoholic beverages).

- **Saturday, September 23rd, 11am: Tailgating!**

Come tailgate with us at the UNE Football Game against Rochester (game starts at 1pm) as UNE kicks off the Capital Campaign “[Doing Our Part](#)”.



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ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENTS

Do you have news to share? Did you get a new job? A promotion? Get married? Expand your family? Go backpacking through the Himalayas? We'd love to share your news, photos, etc. Please provide your class year and your info and we will happily share it in our next newsletter. Please email your news to Dr. Elizabeth Crampsey (ecrampsey@une.edu) to have it included in our next newsletter.

PROGRAM UPDATES

UNE MSOT has been very busy, check out our latest news stories at the bottom of the page <https://www.une.edu/wchp/ot>

We have been working in collaboration with Health, Wellness, and Occupational Studies (HWOS) to develop a 3+2 program for an undergraduate pathway to a MSOT degree. This will be implemented in the near future.

With the Center for Excellence in Aging and Health (CEAH), all MSOT Second Year Students participated in home safety assessments with over 20 Westbrook Housing Authority (WHA) residents. Students also had the opportunity to participate interprofessional in two wellness fairs with residents and during Vital Signs Day. Professors Jess Walton and Elise Ostensson have been championing these experiences.

UNE MSOT will be supporting our first international Level-II Fieldwork placement this year.

Class of 2023 graduate Rob Motley participated in the competitive AOTA Institute for Future Scientists Program earlier in April.

Students from the graduated class of 2023 received three national scholarships over the past year.

“It’s not enough to give a patient something to do with their hands. You must reach for the heart as well as the hands. It’s the heart that really does the healing.” -Ora Ruggles

*“You treat a disease: you win, you lose. You treat a person; I guarantee you win no matter what the outcome.”
-Patch Adams*

DO YOU EMPLOY UNEMSOT ALUMNI?

We’d love to hear from you! Please take this brief Workforce Survey.

As part of our accreditation tracking, we are seeking input from those who employ graduates of the UNEMSOT program. Linked below is a very brief survey (less than 10 minutes to complete). Your participation will provide our program data and insight as to how our graduates are entering the workforce and their preparedness. We use this data for part of our accreditation requirements and will be seeking input throughout this Fall. We sincerely value your feedback!

If you or someone you know employs graduates from the UNEMSOT Program, please consider responding to and sharing the link below.

<https://recap.link/employersurvey2023>

CLASS NOTES

Class of 2017

Congratulations to Chelsea Hockman on her wedding in July 2023!

Class of 2018

Congratulations to Shauna (Cox) Le on welcoming a new addition to their family in July 2023!

Congratulations to Sidney (Bast) Weldner on welcoming a new addition to their family in July 2023!

Class of 2019

An update from Abigail (Abby) Zizva: "I opened my own practice! It's called 'We gOT This Therapy' and I work with the pediatric population in the home setting. I love it SO much already and am really excited for the company to grow."

Congratulations to Tina Bhakta (MSOT '19) and Peter Chow (MSOT '18) on the new addition to their family in September 2023!

Class of 2021

Congratulations to Claire (Michael) Lugg on her wedding in August 2023!

Class of 2022

Congratulations to Anna (Holmblad) Laflamme on her wedding in August 2023!

Congratulations to Kolby (Woods) LeBlanc on her wedding in September 2023!

Congratulations to Lydia (Farmer) Waite on her wedding in September 2023!

Congratulations to Sarah Bonica on her wedding in September 2023!

Class of 2023

Congratulations to Patrick Boscherini on the addition to this family in September 2023!



ALUMNI CONNECTIONS

Stay in touch. Ready to take a Fieldwork student? Are you a local to campus? Are you a leader or advocate for your clients? Are you interested in sharing something you are doing through a guest lecture or lunch and learn opportunity in person or virtually? Be involved. Be in touch. Be part of the UNE Community.

ARE YOU AN EVERYDAY LEADER AND/OR ADVOCATE?

Please reach out to join a virtual panel on Monday 11/20 from 10:30-11:50am EST for OTR650-Leadership and Advocacy in the US Healthcare System. We are looking for geographic, practice, and other diverse practice setting representation. Come share your everyday leadership and advocacy experiences. Please contact Dr. Liz Crampsey at ecrampsey@une.edu

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