Her turn at the Top.
A Message from Jacqueline Moloney ’75, ’92

One of the best things about being chancellor is that I get to meet so many inspiring people. From our family to our alumni—the UMass Lowell community is truly remarkable.

I spent much of the first 90 days of my new role meeting with many of our talented faculty, staff and students, thanking them for their hard work and celebrating their accomplishments. My team visited dozens of offices, classrooms and labs across campus, and I left energized and excited about the transformation underway at the university.

But none of it would be possible without you, our alumni and friends.

During inaugural and homecoming events, I heard so many of you speak about your love for the university and your commitment to our success. Loyal supporters like you not only expressed your dedication, but also donated a total of $1.5 million to endow a new scholarship fund in my honor. At my inauguration, we were able to award the first Chancellor Jacqueline F. Moloney Scholarships to seven students, one from each of our colleges—the first of many recipients who will benefit from your generosity.

As you’ll read in the cover story, my top priority is making a first-rate education accessible to deserving students regardless of their finances. This generation of young men and women will be responsible for bridging the gap between research and solutions that change lives—and we want to make sure they’re prepared.

Getting to our goal of being one of the top universities in the nation won’t be simple. There will, of course, be challenges. But we have many reasons to be excited about our future, and you can read about some of them in this issue of the magazine.

I feel grateful to be UMass Lowell’s third chancellor—and excited about all the university has ahead of it. Thank you for joining me on the ride.

Sincerely,
Jacqueline Moloney ’75, ’92

Cover Story
Her turn at the Top.

She was a student here—twice. Then a staff member. A professor, a dean and a top administrator. And now Jacqueline Moloney ’75, ’92 is the first woman leader of the university in its 121-year history. Her intimate knowledge of UMass Lowell has lessened the learning curve, and as a result Moloney is already leaving her mark on the campus. As she said, “I hit the ground running and don’t think I’ve slowed to a jog yet.” Read about how she got to where she is today—and where she plans to take the university tomorrow—on Page 28.

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DAWN PATROL
Mechanical engineering senior and Moscow native Iakov Stolbov '16 has found a second home on the Merrimack River, where he spends plenty of time as a member of the university's club rowing team. He took this shot of the UMass Lowell Bellegarde Boathouse after an early morning practice this fall.
OUR REGIONAL IMPACT = $854 MILLION

UMass Lowell’s economic impact on the region has climbed to $854 million a year and supports more than 7,000 jobs in Massachusetts and New Hampshire, according to the UMass Donahue Institute. Since 2010, UMass Lowell’s annual regional economic impact has increased by $364 million.

Research activity is one of the major drivers of the economic impact. Since 2007, UMass Lowell has grown research expenditures through a mix of grants, private funding and university investment to $65 million from $36 million annually. The economic impact of that research was $104 million last year and supported 529 jobs.

An offshoot of UMass Lowell’s research activities, the Massachusetts Medical Device Development Center (M2D2) delivers more than $75 million in economic impact on its own. A joint effort of the UMass campuses in Lowell and Worcester, M2D2 supports 370 jobs, including those associated with the startups based in its two business incubators in Lowell where client companies have flourished.

MR. PRESIDENT

Former UMass Lowell Chancellor Marty Meehan ’78 was inaugurated Nov. 12 as the 27th president of the University of Massachusetts. The ceremony at the Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the United States Senate on the campus of UMass Boston drew more than 400, including Gov. Charlie Baker and Meehan’s wife, Ellen, and two sons, pictured at right. “My firm belief is UMass is the most important institution in Massachusetts in critical areas of social mobility and economic growth,” Meehan said in his remarks.

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In something of a civic love affair, the City of Lowell and the university have taken several steps toward reinforcing the Mill City as a college town. The university has offered incentives for faculty and staff to live in the city and is encouraging students to become engaged in the civic, business and cultural organizations in Lowell. Already, students, faculty and staff dedicate an average of 168,000 of service to the community annually.

A joint marketing campaign between the city, university and business community is spreading the word across the region that there is a lot to like about Lowell. Businesses are offering student discounts, and the city and campus collaborated to shorten the travel time from campus to downtown, adding a downtown shuttle stop from campus.

On a Thursday in October, students arrived one elevator-full at a time, stepping onto the fourth floor of Mill No. 5 on Jackson Street, a renovated former cotton mill that houses small retail spaces, a café, yoga studio and independent movie theater. It was the culmination of Welcome Back Night, an evening designed to showcase the breadth of Lowell’s downtown offerings.

Earlier, students took walking tours of Mill City, adding a downtown shuttle stop from campus. The road to radio began when Canovas overslept. Rather than take the time to dress, he grabbed a bathrobe and ran from Eames Hall to the WUML station in the basement of Lydon Library.

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What’s in a name? When that name is the William J. and John F. Kennedy College of Sciences, plenty.

This fall, when UMass Lowell officially renamed the College of Sciences in honor of the Kennedy brothers, it was to recognize John’s long record of philanthropy at the university, including a major commitment to the college. He and his older brother, William, who passed away in 1994, both graduated from programs in the College of Sciences. The brothers bear no relation to the Massachusetts political dynasty that produced President John F. Kennedy and Sen. Edward Kennedy.

According to Mark Hines, acting dean of the Kennedy College of Sciences, the renaming also recognizes John Kennedy’s unstinting support for science students and faculty. “John’s philanthropy is notable,” says Hines, “but his passion for students and excellence in education and his willingness and ability to provide advice and guidance to the campus has been invaluable. We would be hard pressed to find someone who shares our values as closely as John does.”

Chancellor Jacquie Moloney ’75, ’92 shares that assessment. “We are extremely proud to honor the Kennedy brothers, who credited the education they received here with changing the course of their lives,” she said at the Oct. 8 naming ceremony. “John’s gift will enable us to provide those same kinds of life-changing opportunities to science students for years to come.”

William Kennedy graduated from Lowell Technological Institute, one of UMass Lowell’s predecessor institutions, in 1954 with a B.S. in textile chemistry. John graduated from Lowell Tech in 1970 with a B.S. in mathematics, and later earned his M.S. in accounting from UMass Amherst.

William rose to become a vice president of research and development at Velcro; John went on to a highly successful, 30-year career in the tech sector and retired as the chairman of research and development at Nova Analytics and Nova Technologies in 2007. “I truly believe I wouldn’t be where I am today without the education I received here and at Amherst,” Kennedy told several hundred science students and faculty who attended the ceremony. “If you’re going to change the world, you do it one person at a time, and education is the best way to do that.”

In addition to his support for the Kennedy College of Sciences, Kennedy has endowed multiple scholarships at UMass Lowell, underwritten the university’s Nanotechnology Research & Development Center in his brother’s memory and funded the Kennedy Family Basketball Court at the UMass Lowell Tsongas Center.

The Kennedy College of Sciences traces its origins to the Lowell Textile School, which was founded by James T. Smith in 1895 to educate textile engineers and managers and explore new technologies. Since then, science and technology have become pillars of the university, which now offers undergraduate and graduate degrees in Biological Sciences, Chemistry, Computer Science, Environment, Earth and Atmospheric Sciences, Mathematics, and Physics and Applied Physics. “These programs have grown to be major players in scientific research and education,” says Dean Hines, “and are recognized worldwide.”

HOLLY YANCO: UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR

Prof. Holly Yanco of the Computer Science Department was named University Professor, the highest distinction bestowed on faculty members. Yanco, a leading researcher and authority on robotics, will serve from September 2015 through August 2018.

“Holly Yanco is a passionate teacher who cares deeply about student learning. She co-developed the robotics minor at UMass Lowell in 2010 and has worked to build a community among the undergraduates from different departments while providing information about research and job opportunities,” says Mark Hines, acting dean of the Kennedy College of Sciences.

Yanco has obtained more than $7 million in external grants from agencies like the National Science Foundation, the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency and the Army Research Office. She has also published widely, authoring more than 120 research papers. In 2013 she was named one of Mass High Tech’s “Women to Watch.”

As founder and director of the New England Robotics Validation and Experimentation (NERVE) Center, Yanco is a nationally recognized leader in her field. She is currently focused on building the next generation of robots. In one project, she is partnering with physical therapy faculty to study ways people move in hopes of improving the development of humanoid robots and robot-assistants.
Keepsakes and items that belonged to “On the Road” author and Lowell native Jack Kerouac from his last home are on display on campus in the exhibit “Kerouac Retrieved: Items from the John Sampas Collection.” The exhibit offers a glimpse into the author’s domestic side, which is seemingly at odds with his public persona as a cultural rebel. Kerouac died in October 1969 at age 47. The items, says English professor and Kerouac expert Todd Tietchen, help “contextualize Kerouac as more than just a famous Beat writer” and include some of the expected—the writer’s desk and chair, and unexpected—three rudimentary cat carriers constructed by Kerouac and marked with each favorite feline’s name (Timmy, Pitou and Dobie).

Michael Millner, like Tietchen an English professor and Kerouac expert, shared his experience traveling with Tietchen to mine for exhibit items in Kerouac’s former Florida home. “I didn’t know what to expect,” Millner said. “Upon entering the home, I saw the desk. It looked like any writer’s desk, strewn with papers and pencils and drafts. Sort of like my own, only neater.”

Then he got to the cat carriers. “I picked them up carefully and walked them across the room, and then it hit me: Jack Kerouac had done the same thing—walked these carriers, maybe taking the exact same steps.”

Other items included in the exhibit are jazz records, a variety of mementos, remarkably well-preserved articles of Lowell Tech-branded clothing and a large crucifix, a nod to his French-American Catholicism. —SE

“Kerouac Retrieved” is free and open to the public. For information, visit www.jackkerouac.com.
That open area, in the McMurdo Dry Valleys, is where a team of UMass Lowell researchers is spending a couple of months. “It’s a polar desert where only microbes, moss and lichen grow,” says Asst. Prof. Kate Swanger of the Department of Environmental, Earth and Atmospheric Sciences. “That alone makes it an interesting place, one that has attracted all sorts of extremophile biologists. We are not researching the biology of the dry valleys, though, but rather the ice.”

Ice is everywhere in the McMurdo Dry Valleys, she says, adding that “it’s sometimes hidden below ground.”

“In the bitter aridity of the McMurdo Dry Valleys, ice withdraws away,” Swanger says. “It sublimates, turning to water vapor without the chance to melt. So, if ice is left exposed to the elements for long enough, it eventually disappears. But underground, ice is at least partially protected and can survive for much longer. And its shape and composition holds a record of how and when it formed.”

The team, whose research is funded by a $331,000 grant from the National Science Foundation, is interested in how and when that ice formed—and what it can tell us about climate change.

Swanger is joined by UMass Lowell undergraduate and graduate students, along with a Ph.D. student from the University of Pennsylvania, a research scientist from Brown University and a ground-penetrating radar expert from Alaska.

“I was on a research cruise last year that got close enough to the Antarctic coast to see an ice shelf,” says UMass Lowell postdoctoral researcher Kelsey Winsor. “I’m eager to get into the field to see the landforms that I’ve been staring at in satellite photos.”

Most of Antarctica is a great white mass of ice, but there is some open ground in the mountainous region south of New Zealand.
By David Perry

The Battle for Benefits

Student team creates web app to help veterans get the support they deserve.

On his 18th birthday, David Tetreault got his orders: You’re headed to Afghanistan.

He spent a year in Afghanistan’s western Farah Province with Charlie Company, a Massachusetts National Guard unit assigned to provide security for those working to restore infrastructure.

Now a senior in the Manning School of Business, he’s using the university’s DifferenceMaker entrepreneurship program to help the flood of returning veterans cut through red tape and confusion.

Tetreault and his team (for now known as QRT, as in Quick Response Team, a military term) are designing a web platform to help veterans get the benefits they need from the Veterans Administration.

His teammates include another active guardsman and criminal justice major, Brian Holt, Terry Fox-Koor (plastics engineering), business major Maria Gottshall and Ann McGill, a professor of English as a second language.

Their final product will be designed to help veterans apply for disability benefits by asking a few clear, concise questions.

“It’s awful,” says Tetreault, scrolling through the current online application. “I don’t even know all the acronyms. This is what needs fixing. It’s just lip-service.”

Politicians and candidates talk about the problem and acronyms. This is what needs fixing.

All the time you hear about the flood of returning veterans, it doesn’t sound outrageous when his guidance counselor suggested it.

“I always loved the image of the tough guy, the hero,” he says.

Tetreault has been doing his “own disability dance for over a year now,” he says, seeking help for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder. He traces his issues back to an explosion that shook his convoy as it protected U.S. workers in Afghanistan.

“I was in the first truck, and an IED blew up under the one behind us,” he says. “Luckily, no one was killed. But I struggled with not seeing it coming, and not calling out before it happened.”

Crowds can bring stress and anxiety. There is physical pain. He has a hard time sitting still.

“I went through three years of school, always thinking, what am I going to do with my life? And then I heard Manning School professor Ralph Jordan say during a DifferenceMaker event, ‘If you know of a problem, bring it forward.’”

“And I thought, there are so many veterans coming back, not getting their disability benefits in a timely way. I had seen it through a roommate who waited one and a half years to even get an evaluation.”

“David is an amazing guy,” Wert says. “He was deployed at 18, has been in leadership positions with his unit, has been president of our Student Veterans Organization, and is vice president now. He’s worked in our office for three years, diligently. He’s a good leader and follows through on things.”

Wert helps returning vets with a multitude of issues, and follows through on things.

Ourworld
UMass Lowell’s rocket scientists—Prof. Supriya Chakrabarti and Asst. Prof. Timothy Cook of the Department of Physics and Applied Physics—launched a rocket-borne experiment called PICTURE-B to take direct images of the disk of dust surrounding a nearby Sun-like star. The launch took place in the evening of Nov. 24 from the Army’s White Sands Missile Range in New Mexico.

“Our goal was to use a NASA sounding rocket to launch PICTURE-B to the very edge of the atmosphere so we could observe Epsilon Eridani in infrared and visible light,” says Chakrabarti.

Epsilon Eridani—an orange dwarf star that is younger, fainter and slightly cooler and less massive than the Sun—is located 10 light-years away in the constellation Eridanus. It is the nearest planetary system to Earth, harboring one (or possibly two) planets as well as a pair of asteroid belts and a dust disk.

The project’s ultimate goal is to discover Earth-like planets capable of supporting life.

“Extra-solar planets are one of the most exciting endeavors of modern science,” says Chakrabarti. “PICTURE-B will demonstrate that routine imaging of exoplanets can be accomplished at modest cost. This will have a profound impact on exoplanet research and can lead to a better understanding of the formation of planetary systems as well as our place in the universe.”

NASA awarded the team a five-year grant worth nearly $5.6 million for the project. —EA

INNOVATION GETS A BOOST AT 110 CANAL STREET

With two snips of ceremonial scissors, UMass Lowell’s quest to spark entrepreneur-ship and innovation came closer to being ful-ly realized. In October, the university unveiled two floors made for folks who are inventing the future in the up-and-coming Hamilton Canal District in Lowell.

Officials cut the first ribbon on the fourth floor of the 110 Canal building, home to ex-panded space of the Massachusetts Medical Device Development Center (M2D2), a joint venture between UMass Lowell and UMass Medical School. The new location adds to M2D2’s existing space in Wannalancit Business Center, which opened in 2011 and now houses 15 companies.

Technicians prepare the scientific payload housing the instrument at the Army’s White Sands Missile Range in New Mexico. The payload was mated to a Black Brant IX, a two-stage NASA sounding rocket that flew it to an altitude of 150 miles.

Each space in the renovated mill building has 11,000 square feet of workspace.

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For two decades UMass Lowell has been sending students to The Washing-ton Center for Internships and Academic Seminars, a nonprofit that combines hands-on professional experience with classroom learning.

In recognition of its commitment to the program, the university recently received the orga-nization’s “Public Institu-tion of the Year Award.”

The more than 150 UMass Lowell students who’ve participated earned academic credit for taking intensive seminars with policy experts, media professionals and elected leaders and completing internships on Capitol Hill and around the city.

Nicholas Imperillo, a senior majoring in homeland security studies, spent summer 2015 at the centers. He interned at Wash-ington’s Metropolitan Police Department, one of the 10 largest local law enforcement agencies in the country. Working for an assistant chief in the Strategic Services Bureau, his assignments included helping refine lesson plans for the police academ-y and assisting with the startup of a community engagement project that brought citizens and law enforcement officers together.

“I got to work with all levels of leadership. It was eye-opening,” says Im-perillo, a member of the Honors College who has been accepted into the Criminal Justice master’s program. —JS
G is for GOREY

UMASS LOWELL’S Department of Art & Design hosted “E is for Elephants, The Etchings of Edward Gorey” this fall in the University Gallery. Gorey, a world-renowned author and illustrator, created over 100 published titles, including “The Gashlycrumb Tinies” and “The Wuggly Ump.” He illustrated books by authors from Charles Dickens to Samuel Beckett and John Updike to Virginia Woolf, as well as thousands of illustrations for publications including The New Yorker and The New York Times. He also designed Tony Award-winning sets and costumes for theater productions, and his animated credits for the PBS Mystery series introduced him to millions of TV viewers.
Artifacts Discovered in City Hall Attic Tell Story of Portuguese Laborers in Lowell

Shortly before Prof. Frank Sousa arrived at the university to direct the Stash-Peceress Center for Portuguese Culture and Research in 2013, a collection of historic records were uncovered in the attic of Lowell City Hall.

“It was serendipity,” says Sousa of the discovery of letters, passports, photographs and visas, which detail the lives of thousands of Portuguese laborers who arrived in Massachusetts more than 100 years ago. The immigrants, many of whom originally traveled to Massachusetts to work in the whaling industry, toiled alongside many other groups in the Lowell mills.

Over the next year and a half, an exhibit showcasing the history and influence of the Portuguese community in Lowell took shape. “The Lane of the Spindle: The Portuguese in Early 20th Century Lowell”—a partnership between the university’s Center for Lowell History and Lowell National Historical Park—was on display in the Boott Cotton Mills Museum for several months in 2015.

Before graduating in May, history alumni Mark Gozzo ’15 scanned and researched many of the unmarked documents for his History, Writing and Community class during his internship with the Center for Lowell History. He used genealogical records and other sources to write a research paper about the Portuguese community in Lowell over time, which informed pieces of the exhibit.

“It was a good experience for me in using history skills and getting a concrete reward,” Gozzo says. “It feels good to be part of something that so many people obviously feel strongly about.”—JKX

His future’s so (Ful)bright

Prof. Martin Margala of the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering was awarded the Fulbright-Czech Technical University (CTU) Distinguished Chair in Electrical Engineering. Margala’s one-year fellowship in Prague started in September.

Each academic year, the Fulbright international educational exchange program chooses approximately 40 awardees from all over the world as distinguished chairs to teach and/or conduct research in North America, South America, Europe, Asia and Australia. They are considered among the most prestigious appointments in the Fulbright Scholar Program.

“The award is definitely humbling and I feel very privileged,” says Margala, who serves as department chair of the Francis College of Engineering. “I’m glad our work is attracting international attention.”

This is the first time the Czech Technical University is offering the chairmanship. While in Prague, Margala will teach one advanced undergraduate and one graduate course (both in English), advise Ph.D. students and conduct research. He will also counsel the dean and the rector on various aspects of higher education, assist the department with curriculum development and help identify funding opportunities.

Researchers Target Pesticides in Global Farming

The National Institutes of Health awarded UMass Lowell and Mahidol University in Thailand a $3 million grant to conduct research that aims to improve agricultural health in Southeast Asia.

“Our first project is to see whether some widely-used pesticides used in Southeast Asia agricultural act as endocrine disrupters, leading to diabetes, stroke and coronary diseases, all on the rise in Thailand,” says Prof. Susan Woskie of the Department of Work Environment in the Division of Public Health.

More than 60 percent of the world’s agricultural workers live in developing countries, with the majority in the Asia Pacific region. Within Thailand, more than 40 percent of the working population is in agriculture. —KA
Conservation Project Reveals Cast of Characters

BY JULIA GAVIN

Students in Prof. Marie Frank's American Art class not only read about iconic art, they also helped clean and conserve several casts of historic sculptures as part of their coursework.

The students helped bring new life to six plaster casts that stood watch over campus, most recently in Coburn Hall's room 205, for more than a century. Ten casts, made by the noted Caproni Brothers firm, Boston-based makers of plaster reproductions of classical statues, were made from direct molds of the frieze at the Parthenon and from 15th century Italian sculptor Luca della Robbia's Cantoria panels. Over the years, the casts suffered the effects of time and were covered with layers of coal dust from the building's former heating system.

"I saw the casts on the wall for years, but didn't know exactly what they were or their history," says Frank, who noticed damage to one piece when they were mistakenly removed from the wall in the summer of 2014. "When I saw the Caproni brothers' stamp on one, I knew we had a part of art history on campus. We had to preserve them."

In the early 20th century, many colleges and universities, including Harvard, Yale and Cornell, bought the Capronis' plaster casts of masterworks to teach art history. Lowell Normal School, a teaching college predecessor institution of UMass Lowell that was based at Coburn Hall, acquired the casts around 1911, according to Frank. The once-common casts have become a rare find. While the pieces originally cost about $6 each, similar casts have sold for thousands of dollars at auction in recent years.

The six Parthenon casts show men on horseback and the four Cantoria panels depict a singing choir. The pieces vary in size, between roughly 4 feet by 2 feet and 4 feet by 6 feet. The class project focused on the Parthenon casts.

Using cotton swabs and diluted solvents, students carefully removed decades of dust, conserving the casts for generations to come.

Frank used grant money to hire Christine Thomson, an objects conservator, to meet with students, plan for the casts' cleaning and lead the process. Thomson also repaired a few damaged areas of the fragile casts, showing students the art and science of her work.

"This new component helped students experience art as something they can touch rather than as an image in a PowerPoint presentation," says Frank, who also assigned research projects related to the artwork.

"Students took pride in providing real service to the university community and became part of the history of the murals and casts—and our campus—by helping preserve our art for the future."

Conservator Christine Thompson (third photo from left, above) works with students to clean historic casts (remaining photos, above) that have hung in Coburn Hall for more than a century.
**SIRI, DO I HAVE TB?**

**SMARTPHONES TO IMPROVE DIAGNOSIS**

UMass Lowell researchers are using smartphone technology to help improve the diagnosis of people afflicted with tuberculosis. The chronic and infectious disease, if not treated properly, can allow the bacteria to spread to other parts of the body such as the kidney, spine or brain.

The disease disproportionately affects poor and marginalized communities. Last year, 9.6 million people globally became sick with TB, and 1.5 million died of related complications, according to a report by the World Health Organization.

“Tuberculosis is one of the highest TB incidence rates in Latin America. The goal of the project is to provide a smartphone or tablet tool for workers at remote TB clinics to capture, process and analyze images of films that X-rays brought by the patients,” says Assoc. Prof. Benyuan Liu and Asst. Prof. Maria Julia Brunette of the College of Health Sciences’ Department of Work Environment.

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“We realized we have an obligation as a company, as a large employer, as a role model in our community and in the Greater Lowell area, to give people opportunities,” says Kronos Chief Executive Officer Aron Ain. “We strongly believe as a leadership team that we need to create opportunities for the next generation of people coming into the workforce to experience what it’s like to work for a real company.”

With that in mind, Kronos hired its first nine interns in the summer of 2009. Two years later, Keri Vadala ’04 formalized the company’s Global Summer Intern Program, doubling its size. The program has mushroomed since then and this year Kronos spent $3,050,000 to hire 84 interns—including 13 from UMass Lowell.

“I think with an amazing school like UMass Lowell being right in our backyard, it’s just a natural partnership,” says Vadala, who earned a degree from the Manning School of Business and is now manager of college relations for Kronos. She is among the 100-plus UMass Lowell alumni working at Kronos, which employs more than 1,100 people in Massachusetts and another 2,700 throughout the country.

“We’ve been working a lot on the back and to strengthen our relationship with the university,” Vadala adds, “and as we looked at the big picture we said, ‘Let’s make this more than just Kronos is an employer of choice at UMass Lowell; let’s make this a formalized program.’”

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“I want to thank all the students who have been here for helping us do something that’s very important to us,” Ain told the diverse group of students, whose majors included management information systems, management, marketing, computer science and chemical engineering. “And I want to thank UMass Lowell for giving us the brightest students you have for our co-op program.”

According to Barbara Vlacich, vice president of admissions at Kronos, there are two things that set UMass Lowell students apart: the ability to work on cross-disciplinary projects and excellent communication skills.

“You’ll see a marketing major working with an MIS major, for instance, and I can’t say enough of how much that needs to be done. It’s really unique to UMass Lowell,” Vlacich says. “And there is a confidence. They’re not afraid to get up in front of the room.”

Vlacich credited Assistant Dean of Student Affairs for Career Development Greg Denon and Assistant Director of Cooperative Education for the Manning School Kerry Willard Bray for helping build the program, which will continue with a fresh crop of co-ops in January 2016. They met every month with Kronos managers to see how students were doing and brainstormed new ways to engage them in their roles.

“We haven’t done this before, and all the management here figured it out as we went along,” says Vlacich, who adds that based on the initial popularity of the program, she can see it expanding to a year-round rotation in the coming years. “I think we’d feel comfortable expanding it. People want more.”

After seeing how the co-op experience transformed students, Manning School interim dean Scott Latham is also in favor of growing the program.

“This is a relationship that UMass Lowell values immensely, and we hope we can deepen it in the coming years,” Latham says.

Ashley DaFreitas, a senior majoring in business administration, says her co-op in Kronos’ professional services department gave her a newfound confidence.

“When I first looked at the job posting I was a little intimidated, but when I went into my role my managers and coworkers were so helpful that I felt confident with any task that I was given,” says DaFreitas, who is continuing part-time at Kronos during her senior year. “Everyone here is welcoming and friendly. It’s one of the best cultures I’ve seen.”
When Jacquie Moloney was a high school junior, she was told not to bother taking college-prep courses. “The guidance counselor told me, ‘That’s not for you,’ ” she recalls. Moloney disagreed, but didn’t have much support. Her father, a foreman at Charlestown Navy Yard, hadn’t attended college. Nor had her mother; nor would any of seven sisters: “The attitude was that college was for girls who came from money,” she says. “‘Why would a girl want to pay to go to college? What was the sense of that?’”

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If there is any piece of her history that illuminates the course Jacquie Moloney has taken with her life, it may be this one. Circumstances told her to be a secretary, to dream small. She rejects small dreams—for herself, and everyone else.

Her first real job out of college was with the Lowell Association for Retarded Citizens (today the Arc of Greater Lowell), where she was an advocate for mentally disabled mothers, coaching them on life skills and standing in for them when needed. After that she directed the city’s Indo-Chinese Refugees Foundation.

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“Lowell in those days had become a haven for Southeast Asian refugees,” Moloney says. “Most of them had been through terrible things—lost families, persecution, genocides—and there were almost no services to help them. We did what we could to teach them English, give them lessons on culture and daily living. It was a life-changing experience for me.”

By now, barely out of her 20s, she was a wife—she’d met her husband, Ed Moloney, in her senior year at the university—and the mother of two daughters, Emily and Margaret. After the birth of the latter, she retreated for a time to be a full-time mother.

She wasn’t gone long. In 1985, Moloney returned to her alma mater, but to teach psychology, then to take over the fledging College Prep program. Under her guidance, the program took on its signature project: a partnership with Lawrence High School, where many students were immigrants, mired in the worst sort of urban poverty. The goal was to keep them in school, bring them level with their peers, then, whenever possible, to bring college within reach.

The initiative, a success from its first days, would widen over time. By 2007, nearly 220 Lawrence students every year were spending half of their summers on the UMass Lowell campus or in local internships. They attended classes and eating and sleeping in the dorms. Many are alumni today.

“The idea was to create opportunity,” Moloney says, “to give them the chance to succeed. And I think we did that. I think we changed some lives.”

Any more lives would be changed. The price would be irregular, sometimes almost hectic. (“I wasn’t a straight path,” she says, “looking back, ‘I didn’t plan it out.’”) But nearly always, it seemed, the bottom line was the same: someone was disadvantaged, out of range of the price just beyond them, and needed to be lifted up.

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Her doubts faded over time. “I was a skeptic,” says Julie Chen, the university’s vice president for academic affairs, “He had a real way of looking to the future, of picking up on trends.”

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The plan is exhaustive, complex and multi-tiered. There’s not much that hasn’t already been said about the advances made by UMass Lowell since 2007, the year Marty Meehan took over as chancellor. The enrollments, the honors, the dollars, the national publicity—not least the campus itself—tell a story of growth that were unimaginable eight years ago.

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UMass President Marty Meehan confers the chancellorship on Jacquie Moloney (photos 1 and 3) as her family reacts on right (photo 1). From left, husband Edward Moloney and daughters, Margaret Hansberry and Emily Smith. UMass Senior Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs and International Relations Marcelle Williams (photo 4) spoke at the ceremony, as did UMass Lowell Marching Band playing the school fight song, “River Hawk Pride.”

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Through sponsorships, private donations and gala ticket sales, the inauguration raised $1.5 million, which includes a portion of the $1 million gift by UMass Lowell alumnus Charles Hoff ’66 made in honor of the inaugurations of Moloney as chancellor and Marty Meehan as president of the UMass system.

The newly established Chancellor Jacqueline F. Moloney Scholarship Fund awarded its first scholarships during the ceremony to one student representing each of UMass Lowell’s seven schools and colleges.
or a boy growing up in Boston's North End in the 1970s, there weren't a lot of options. "You finished high school, then you went to work, usually as a cop or an electrician," says Mark Forziati '78. "That was the way it worked for most of the families I knew. College wasn't an option."

His father worked as a cokiller for the Coast Guard; his mother worked nights at Mass General. His grandfather, who had come over from Italy just prior to the Depression, was a watchmaker at the NCL. There wasn't much money. But the family was close, and the North End in those days, if you were Italian, was like a family itself. "You never locked your doors; everybody knew everybody," Forziati says. "Sunday dinner at my grandmother's was a three-man meal—il padre, la madre, and my grandmother!—that was family time. There was no Little League, no soccer practice, no walking out to the mall. It was a wonderful place to grow up." Most of that is gone now, he says; "The neighborhood then was 90 percent Italian American; I think it's about 25 percent today. You can still buy the prosciutto and the Italian bread in the markets, but that's about all that's the same."

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THE RIVERA TWINS:
DETERMINATION WINS

The identical twins have spent their lives fending off the effects of Lupus. They were, for a period, homeless. With little direction, the Riveras steered toward education. It made all the difference.

Last May, each 28 years old, they walked across the Tsongas Center stage, cited as Outstanding Graduates of the class of 2015. With degrees in psychology, they became the first in their family to graduate from college.

They did it to prove that their disease can’t beat them, that fates can be flipped. They did it for their sisters. They did it for their mom.

“Oh, those boys,” Luz Sanchez, their mother, says through tears. “They have been through a lot. There are times I wish I wasn’t so hard on them, so strict. I was tough on them. But they are the sort who don’t understand if you don’t live it.”

She would do anything for her kids. In September, she gave her ailing oldest child, Cyndia, a kidney. Today, the Riveras are graduate Fellows, on a two-year quest for master’s degrees in educational administration with a higher education focus. Arnaldo is the operations manager of University Crossing, while Hector works for the Office of Student Activities & Leadership.

They are driven to make the most of their situations. When the Riveras spent the fall 2014 semester in the study abroad program in Barcelona, they taught English to pay their way.

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“You learn to live everyday. You don’t sweat the small things. We’ve both been close to death, both had kidney failure.”

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They were born in Puerto Rico. They moved to the East Coast at age 3 when their mother fled their abusive father. He followed. They returned to Puerto Rico. He followed. They returned to the mainland for a second time.

The twins don’t know much of their father other than he had eight children. And that he was violent, according to Hector.

“He was a tyrant. Abusive. When my mother was pregnant with our sister, he punched her in the face.”

The family settled in Jamaica Plain. Arnaldo says there was a rough period when they were living in a shelter. They eventually moved to Methuen, where the twins graduated high school in 2005.

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Their health struggles revolve around the autoimmune disease Lupus, which causes the body to attack its own healthy tissue. Chemotherapy is sometimes used to slow the disease. The twins were diagnosed when they were 7, and while Arnaldo is in remission, Hector is not. Their older sister also has the disease.

Lupus and a blood disorder the boys share made it nearly impossible for their mother to hold a job.

“They would call during work all the time from the doctor’s office or the hospital,” she says. “It would be, the blood work is back and it’s not right. You have to come down here. So that was really hard.”

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“It was beautiful,” says Hector. “We shared an apartment with two German students. I mean, Spain.”

They worked like devils to get there. Arnaldo delivered pizzas 50 hours a week.

“We had thought study abroad was for students with means greater than ours,” says Arnaldo. But the people at the university told them it was possible.

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“We are sorry,” the doctors told his mother, “but we don’t think your son is going to make it.”

“Pray,” they said. Pray for a miracle.

“There were so many people in the room,” Hector says, “friends, relatives. My mom was crying next to my bed. Everybody prayed.”

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“There was so much momentum. I had been dreaming of UMass Lowell, and I had my life back together. Then, my health just … went off the tracks.”

But he didn’t quit. Arnaldo logged his laptop up to Holy Family Hospital and they studied and read together.

“I felt like crap,” says Hector. “I spent half that semester in the hospital. But my brother helped and I kept in touch with my teachers.”

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In June, Tom Garvey ’54 and Nancy Geary Garvey ’55 celebrated the 60th anniversary of their graduation from Lowell Tech and of their wedding. Both chemistry majors, they have fond memories of lectures in Southwick Hall and chemistry card quizzes at 8 a.m., as well as the Players, Phi Psi fraternity, WJUL and the Pickout. Nancy worked in the library while in school and Tom for the Research Foundation, which served both well in their post-graduate careers at DuPont.

Reading the Financial Tea Leaves

In February, as a guest on CNBC, he predicted a sizable increase in U.S. wages. In May, he told institutional investor that economic and corporate expansion are “likely to be slower, on average, that they’ve been since World War II.” In July, he appeared on a business webinar with the Treasury Department’s chief econo-mist to discuss the direction of the U.S. economy. Just as often, his views and predictions—an stark, commendable—have been called into the U.S. dollar—have been aired in Barron’s, The Wall Street Journal, Market Watch, the Washington Post and a host of other forums.

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Steve Drum'm is regional manager of highway projects throughout the East Coast for KCI Technologies. He is also project manager for a Laurel Mission trip to West Virginia, leading adults and young adults to help those less fortunate in the mountain area. In addition, his wife and husband have devoted their time to Boy Scout Troop 238.

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Arthur Rubin says he is “reading himself” for retirement. “This is not how to come to it, couldn’t have done it without UMass Lowell,” he said. “It’s a great experience that I’ve had a lot of talented and patient professors, who he owes so much.

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FATHER KNOWS BEST

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All About That Bass

PAWEL IZDEBSKI came to the University of Lowell to play tennis. By the time he graduated with a bachelor’s degree in voice performance, he had left the tennis courts behind—but his opera career has taken him on some of the best-known stages around the world.

Izdebski volunteered to come back to campus to offer some perspective, leading two days of master classes for music performance students. He put about two dozen students from lecturer Joshua Millard’s performance class in tune with the life of a working musician.

“I came here on a tennis scholarship,” he told students. “Four hours a day, practice. Rain or shine. It is the same thing with the performance class in tune with the life of a working musician.

“Hey, it’s one of those wonderful alumni who says, ‘I’ve had such an incredible career and it all started for me at UMass Lowell. So is there anything I can do to give back?’” he says.

Izdebski is working with the college to create a summer performance program that takes students abroad to study and perform in Germany, where he now lives with his wife and two children. He also hopes to work with the Music and Sound Recording Technology departments to present a concert and make a new recording here.—DP
How do you counter the narrative that’s drawing all these young people to ISIS? How do you find the bad guy in a sea of people?

Was there something you could have spotted about those two brothers, before the bombings, that didn’t seem quite right?

These are the sorts of questions that drive the workday of Roger Cressey ’87. There are no sure answers to any of them. But if there are answers to be had anywhere, he is certain at least of where to begin looking.

“Education is the foundation,” he says. “Educating people. That’s where it’s got to start.”

Whether you’re talking about a suicide bomber, a cyber terrorist or a mentally ill misfit with a grudge, “an informed people is always the first line of protection,” says Cressey, today a partner in an Arlington, Va., private risk-management firm and a frequent on-air analyst on the Today Show, NBC Nightly News, CNBC and elsewhere. Before his turn to the private sector, he served as a counterterrorism adviser to both the Clinton and George W. Bush White Houses.

In the case of ISIS’s online recruitment of Western youth, he says: “We’ve got to counter the message they’re putting out there, the romantic allure of joining the group. We’ve got to show them how that’s not real—show them the examples of kids who got [seduced], went over there and came back, and reported how horrible and vicious it was. That’s our challenge: to come up with a counter-narrative, an ongoing message online: that this is the wrong way to go.”

When it comes to lone-wolf attackers like the Tsarnaev brothers, says Cressey, the best defense, again, is education—this time in the form of people talking to people:

“I think of it as community-based policing—family members, community members, local religious leaders, all working with law enforcement at the neighborhood level to isolate these guys, to separate the wheat from the chaff.”

Cressey, originally from Gloucester, was drawn to ULowell in the mid-1980s because of its reputation as a Division II power in track and field (his specialty was the half-mile), but was soon drawn away from the track, he says, by his growing interest in international relations—“which in those days usually meant U.S.-Soviet relations”—especially as taught by Prof. (today Prof. Emeritus) Dean Bergeron. “Plus, I wasn’t all that good in the half-mile.”

He left ULowell in 1987 with a bachelor’s degree in political science. By then, with the Soviet influence waning, Cressey’s focus had shifted to national security. By the time he’d earned his master’s in security policy studies at George Washington University in 1991, the era of state-sponsored terrorism was underway.

A job with the Department of State, then Defense, would soon follow. In November 1999 he was appointed as deputy for counterterrorism on the National Security Council staff. From there, he was responsible for coordinating U.S. counterterrorism policy, which would soon include responses to attacks on the USS Cole in October 2000 and the World Trade Center eleven months later.

Today, as a partner with Liberty Group Ventures LLC, which manages risk for private clients, his focus has had to widen yet again.

“A lot of the work we do today is in cyber risk. It’s a growing threat, and it’s not going to go away anytime soon. As we grow more dependent on the Web, and as everything becomes more interconnected—companies, cars, appliances, the so-called Internet of Everything—and life becomes ever more convenient, it also becomes more dangerous. Because the more stuff we’re connected to, the more vulnerable we’re going to be.”

Anytime you look at a data breach and trace it backward to its source, he says — whether of individuals, private companies like Target or Anthem, or the U.S. military — “there’s always a human element involved, always human behavior at the root.” Much of the time, he claims, it comes down to someone not abiding by the simplest of tenets: “Assume nothing is truly secure when you’re out in cyber space.”

You’re not going to eliminate the threat, he says — “breaches are going to happen” — so the best you can do is to try to manage it, to develop a plan in advance to minimize the impact.

“That’s a lot of what we try to do: apply the same principles we used in government to the private-sector firms we work with—to help educate, train and develop policy around technology.”

“Because terrorism is continually evolving. All we can really do is to try to stay a step ahead.”

The Attacker Has the Advantage—But Doesn’t Have to Win, Says Alumnus
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Michael Madigan is professor at Central Texas College and mentor instruc- tor for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

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Hans M. Kool of U.S. provides assis- tance and full support in ac- ademic teach- ing, research and curriculum development relevant to work environment policy and is always looking to keep connections with fellow classmates.

Michael Maldert, of Thompson, Conn., was recently promoted to executive vice president in Homeowners Bank in Oxford. He has management responsibility for commercial and residen- tial lending, including sales, service, credit administration, collections and workout. He is also a top producer at the bank.

2000

Anthony Gauthier recently returned campus to catch up with former professors. He wishes to thank all the faculty and staff who helped him throughout his four years at the university.

2002

Chad Breton ’02 and Staci Portyal Breton ’01 met at Camelot Gym; Staci was a volleyball player and Chad a former of his own engineering company, Fieldstone Land Consultants, in Milford, N.H. Staci is a social worker at Security.

2003

Dennis Quinn was recent- ly promoted to lieutenant colonel of the Massachusetts State Police. He oversees investigative services, which is composed of approximately 600 detectives.

2005

Jeff Belasik has been promoted to partner at EKS & E, a certified public accounting firm.

2006

Kristopher Langen, a real estate sales professional in Fullerton, joined the Keller Williams North Central Marketing Center in Leominster.

2008

Lauren Dalis is assistant vice president and more of the Home HealthCare, Hospice & Community Services in Keene, N.H., and an assistant volleyball coach at Keene State College. They have been married for 13 years and are proud parents of 13-year-old Connor and 8-year-old Sharde.

2010

Matthew Beyravand ’03, who received a doctorate in mathematics and science education, is the coordinator of K-12 mathematics at the Chelmsford Public Schools. He launched a successful “Math with Matthew” pro- gram on local cable television, which engages students and informs parents.

2013

Brian K. Green became owner- and vice president of Bill Firearms, LLC, in July 2014, and was selected as warrant officer pilot candidates for A.N. Army National Guard in October 2014.
A Man of Beer and Chips

By David Perry

The UMass Lowell alumnus strides the seemingly disparate worlds of computer chips and craft beer.

Tom Clark ’91 is president and CEO of Santa Clara Valley Brewing, a San Jose-based craft brewer drawing raves for its Paratac TooL, Electric Power India Pale Ale and Imperial Red Ale.

Santa Clara Valley Brewing is one of 431 craft breweries in the state, which has more than anywhere in the nation, according to the U.S. National Brewer’s Association. California is also first in economic impact, with its brewers rendering 3.4 million barrels per year.

Clark, who manages an engineering team at Apple when he’s not at the brewery, began to appreciate the brewing process during his time at the University of Lowell.

“I worked in computer services when I was a student, which was based in Warbomac,” he says. “And, of course, the beer works was right next door. Like any college student, I had a healthy appreciation for beer. But I also loved the process. The craft craze was just starting and there are just so many ways to make beer.”

What led him to Lowell was more ominous. At 20, the Connecticut resident was involved in a diving accident that left him permanently confined to a wheelchair.

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“When I wanted to go back to school, Massachusetts offered me the best assistance,” he says. “And what was called University of Lowell at the time was a great place to go to study computers. I’d had a lot of time after the accident. It wasn’t like I was out riding a bike. So I had an Apple III and loved it. I was always a little technical. And if you’re going to make a living in something non-physical, you need to know your interests.”

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Stephan Killett is a practicing physical therapist at Milford Regional Medical Center Outpatient Rehab in Franklin, Mass. The evidence-based approach gained at UMass Lowell has helped him make the transition to working in the private sector.

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Clark’s love of beer never faded, and that Boston girlfriend (long since married) bought him a home brewer’s kit two decades ago.

“I guess over 20 years, you get a little better at it,” he says. He met Steve Donohue, an area brew master with four consecutive Great American Beer Festival medals under his belt. They clicked like fine malt and hops, and by December 2012, they’d leased space to house the brewery, says Clark.

“Now, they serve nine beers in their taproom business. By the following April, they’d begun to brew their inaugural IPA.

“In September, the Woburn School Committee appoint- ed Matthew T. Crowley as assistant superintendent for curriculum of the Woburn Public School Department. Crowley is currently one of four headmasters at Brockton High School, the largest public school in Massachusetts.

Katherine Cervino-Potenza is an assistant professor at Fitchburg State University. She will be working under the direction of another alumnus, Annette Sulton ’07, dean of education at FSC, and with two other GSE alumni, Nancy Murray ’09 and Joanna Nicolle ’10.

Michelle Gligic, of Newtown, recently joined the audit staff at accounting firm Sullivan Bille, P.C., where she’s been for four years, beginning as a co-op student in the tax and audit departments. She is working toward a master’s degree at the university, she says.
Richard Aronson hadn’t been back on campus in almost 25 years, and it looks so different today that he almost got lost on his way to Costello Athletic Center—the place where he spent nearly two decades building one of the top Division II men’s gymnastics programs in the country.

“We didn’t have many new buildings when I was here,” says Aronson, who wore the hats of coach, athletic director, phs ed teacher and professor at various points from 1967 to 1990, “but now I don’t recognize the place. It’s gotten really big. This is wonderful.”

Inside Costello’s main hall on a sweltering summer morning, Aronson and his wife of exactly 58 years and one day, Ruth, scan the trophy cases, looking for familiar names and faces from his coaching days with Lowell Tech and the University of Lowell.

“Something had to be done to save non-revenue Olympic sports like wrestling, gymnastics and swimming because they were all getting hit,” says Aronson, who promises Ruth he’ll retire from the CGA in 2016. “The global concentration of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere has reached a milestone of 400 parts per million for the first time in recorded history, reminding us about the importance and urgency of developing neutral-carbon technologies,” says Pereyra Boué, a renewable energy engineer.

In 2013, she was named a Fulbright Scholar while at UMass Lowell. This past spring, she was awarded a master’s degree in energy engineering.

Previously, Pereyra Boué—a native of Buenos Aires, Argentina—worked as a teaching and research assistant at her alma mater, the Universidad Tecnológica Nacio- nal, served as technical adviser to the country’s National Congress and completed an internship at Tomás Bata University in Zlín, Czech Republic. She also worked for large global companies like Shell and Skanska.

These days she works as an international applications engineer at Solecitra, a manufacturer of grid-connected photovoltaic inverters in Lawrence, Mass., where she assists clients, investors and private solar field owners in incorporating the company’s products into their solar projects in Latin America and Asia.

Pereyra Boué credits the strong link between her professors and the Massachusetts solar industry for her success. “I believe this direct interaction with industry—the internship, job offers, lectures by industry leaders and site visits—is what enriched my experience,” she says.

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— Jacquie Moloney ’75, ’92, Chancellor of UMass Lowell

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Richard Donahue ’91(H): A Life of Great Richness, a Legacy that will Endure

As a student at Dartmouth College in the late 1940s, Dick Donahue was known, perhaps more than anything else, for his skills of persuasion. The winner of several oratory contests at that college, he had a voice and a presence that was noticed by those who valued public speaking. After joining the navy, he continued to be the college’s quota on Jews. “I got mixed feelings,” he later said. “I was lucky to have just resigned.”

When it came to what he believed was right, Donahue, whom he’d met while attending law school, and who later became a special assistant to the president, with wife Nancy and seven of their children. Donahue, who had resigned his White House post just a week before to return to his family’s Lowell law practice, was having lunch at the Tonick Club (today Cobblerston's restaurant) when the news came over the TV.

“I was lucky to have just resigned,” he told a reporter later. “I had the luxury of weeping by myself and with my family.

He was long married to Nancy, along with the president, wife Nancy and seven of

The couple would raise 11 children together—eight for Kennedy’s fledgling senate campaign. For the 1963 election, “Great Horse” (a nickname for John Kennedy) was magnificent.”

Donahue’s departure from the White House didn’t mark the end of his association with the Kennedy family. In 1980, he took on the leadership role for Teddy Kennedy’s upset win over Jimmy Carter in New York’s Democratic primary four years later; he was a founding board member of the John F. Kennedy Library Foundation, on which he would serve as vice chairman for 29 years; in 1989, he helped launch the prestigious John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Award, and would serve as first chairman of its award committee.

Ten years ago, after conferring on him the annually bestowed title of Irishman of the Year from the Friends of the Kennedy Library, John Kennedy’s closest friends Caroline, the president, asked the question: “What does it mean to be an American?”

“Getting to know you has been one of the best ways of learning about [my father],” she explained, “and understanding the meaning of friendship that crosses the generations. I want you to know that, for me, when I think of an Irishman of the Year, you are the Irishman of all time.”

A full listing of Donahue’s résumé would take several paragraphs. In the early 1990s, he was president and CEO of Niko, on whose board he served for more than 30 years. He is also a former president of the Massachusetts Bar Association and of the New England Bar Association, co-founder of the Greater Lowell Community Foundation, a former director of the Jaya Foundation in Chicago—and he once served with a young Barack Obama.

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During one of these, he faced off against Dartmouth President John O’Keefe over what was said to be the college’s quota on Jews. “I got mixed feelings,” he later said. “I was lucky to have just resigned.”

“The greatest speech I ever heard him give … It would be hard to overstate the contributions of Richard Donahue to this university,” says Chancellor Jacque Moloney. “He has been an invaluable time supporter, guiding us through times of great change and growth—and over the years, an especially valued adviser to all the chancellors, including myself. We will miss him greatly, and will always be grateful for his leadership and generosity.”—GD
A special thanks goes out to our entire 2015 Homecoming Alumni Host Committee. From left: Patty Talty ’78, Mary Gail Jaggers ’76, ’84, John Cogan ’86, Kusal Bhagat ’15, Pat Russell Gardner ’76, Adam Dahanar ’11, Kristen Giacone ’04, Gianni Falzone ’13, Sara Hodgens ’04 and Executive Director of Alumni Relations Heather Makrez ’06, ’08.

1975 Lowell State Class Officers make a $10,000 university gift presentation to Chancellor Jacquie Moloney ’75, ’92 in commemoration of their 40th reunion. From left: Peter Carbone ’75, Susan J. Pasquale ’75, Chancellor Jacquie Moloney ’75, ’92, and Allen Jussaume ’75, ’11.

The Class of 1990 celebrates its 25th reunion thanks to a great class committee. From left: Timothy ’89 and Anna Chicoine, Chancellor Jacquie Moloney ’75, ’92, Volunteer Nicholas Lyster Haskel ’00 and Joseph Haskel.

From left, Adriana De Sousa, Renold Qamnna ’99, Andreas Giosannio ’10, and Leen Aker ’09, all had smiles at the Fifth Reunion celebration during Homecoming weekend.

Emmanuel Lamour ’05 and Janelle Wokes ’05 catch up at their 10th Reunion during Homecoming weekend.

Associate Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Larry Segal greets reunion guests Eric Ramstrom ’92, along with Dean of Enrollment and Student Success Tom Taylor and Associate Dean of Student Affairs Mary Connolly.

Students, alumni and friends enjoy Hawkey Way outside the Tsongas Center.

Country musician Jilly Martin ’08 performed on Hawkey Way.

Students and alumni were thrilled when former New England Patriot Tedy Bruschi stopped by Hawkey Way.
Alumni On Campus

[1] Shown at the 2015 Celebration of Scholarship Luncheon with Joy Tong ’14 (H) and John Pulichino ’67, ’64 (H), center, are, from left: scholarship recipients Bernice Yeboah ’17, Casey Davies ’19, Breanny Morris ’17, Edwin Nazaryo ’17, Joshua Maine ’18, and Gregory Ponce ’19.

[2] Alumni shared their career expertise with students during the annual Biology Life Sciences Night. From left: Maria Giovino-Doherty ’89, Andrew Sanginario ’14, Chris Ianelli ’89, Heather Merhi ’13, Bob Corcoran ’93, Lisa Thurston ’96, Martin Sanders and Rachel Paparrino ’74.

[3] Associate Dean Dennis Murphy ’80, ’84 speaks to Rachel Silk, business student; Jessica Dion, exercise physiology student; and Daniel Schmith, business student from DifferenceMaker team “Lever of the Game.” The goal of this Idea Challenge is to engage UMass Lowell students in creative and innovative problem solving around major issues that affect our region and our future.


[5] The Student Alumni Ambassadors hosted a young alumni panel during which recent graduates talked to current students about their professional insights and experiences. Panelists included, from left: David Koffman ’10, Emmanuel Lamour ’05, Reynaldo Santana ’12 and Kristin Suryaa ’19.

[6] Men’s soccer alumni return to campus to play in their annual alumni game on Cushing Field.

[7] Alumni, faculty and staff join friends and family of Prof. Emeritus Joyce Denning and Prof. Emeritus Dean Bergeron to celebrate the life and legacy of Joyce.

[8] River Hawk Baseball alumni are welcomed back and honored on-field before a game at LeLacheur Park.

[9] Alumni from Boston University, Northeastern and UMass Lowell employed by Philips North America in Andover took the field in a cornhole tournament. Shown are Michelle Amantes ’06 and Michael Pape ’82.


Class of 1965: 50th Reunion Weekend

[1] Class of 1965 alumni from Lowell State board the bus to see their former stomping grounds on South Campus.

[2] During the reunion tour, Plastics Engineering Prof. Steve Driscoll provides commentary on points of interest on North Campus and all the developments that have taken place in the last 50 years.

[3] Stu Mandell '11 (H), left, presents Ronald Lynch '58 with a UMass Lowell degree certificate acknowledging 50 years since he received his degree in industrial management.

[4] Anne Wisheberg Puffer '65, left, and Judith '65 and Daniel Brophy share one more laugh as the evening comes to an end.

Alumni in the Community

A beautiful day for a golf tournament at Four Oaks Country Club in Dracut, Mass. From left: Ben Thibault, Head Coach Norm Bazin '94, '99, David Gatti '92 and Assistant Coach Cam Ellsworth.

Enjoying a UMass Lowell alumni and student reception at Kronos in Chelmsford are, from left, co-op students Danielle Ringer, Christina Pappas, Sphinx's Chamber, Jamie Thierer and Daniel Peters, who walk with Joseph Hamman, dean of the Francis College of Engineering, and Kronos CEO Aron Ain.

The Sacred Heart Endowment had another successful fundraiser in August featuring “A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum.” From left, Brian Shoban '79, Jim Norey '77, '80, Pam McCafferty, vice chancellor of university relations; Ken O’Neill '85, Eddie Mekas, actor; Ray Crowe '80; Matt McCafferty '79, '85, and John O’Donnell '81.

Alumni across the Nation

Alumni events

T "Plastics Hot Runners"—made up of plastics engineering faculty, alumni, students and friends—ran the "Reach the Beach" relay race from the Bretton Woods ski area to Hampton Beach state park in September. The team dedicated its run to Amber Zapata '11, a plastics engineering alumna who died in a motorcycle accident a month before the race. Left to right: Prof. Meg Sobkowsky-Kline, Prof. Robert Malloy '79, Stephanie Dubay '55, Rolls Duncan '12, Mary Stiles '55, Jim Wakefield '83, Phillip Dubay '77, Melissa Egan '83, Jessica Matar '16, Nick Riley '12, Bill Stroes '25 and Maryann Weiner of the Society of Plastics Engineers.

Alumni and friends gather at Comerica Park in Detroit for a reception and Boston Red Sox vs. Detroit Tigers. From left: William "Bill" Knight '80, Gilmar Campano '85, Director of Development Phil Cunningham and Robert Hady '85.
Lowell Textile Institute’s annual Textile Show in 1939 featured a Textile Players performance of “The Haunted House,” followed by a ball. According to a report in The Text student newspaper at the time, the campus was “extremely fortunate in having secured the famous Fenton Brothers Orchestra … without a doubt the top-notch New England outfit.” The Rex Ballroom, where the ball was held, burned down in 1960, but was on the site of what is currently Middlesex Community College’s Lowell campus. Attendees danced the rhumba, swing and waltz until 2 a.m.—for only $1.50 a person.

Alumni across the Nation (continued)

[1] Tom Clark ’91 (not pictured), owner of Santa Clara Valley Brewing Co., gave alumni Ted Dudziak ’73, ’76, William Crites ’78 and Mike Murray ’08 a behind-the-scenes look at his brewery.


[3] Kate ’99 and Mohamed ’00 Awad, left, and Stephanie and Greg ’05 Mason meet for the first time at an alumni reception in Irvine, Calif.

[4] Hillary and David ’37 Hanson enjoy a seafood dinner at the New England Lobster Co. and tour the facility with many other alumni in Burlington, Calif.

[5] Albers and Michael ’90 Migliori, along with alumni, family and friends in the DMV area enjoy a night of fun and baseball.

[6] Karen ’81 and Arthur ’81 Perrington, left, and Dave ’84 and Tom ’77 ’77. Albers enjoy a cabana reception before watching the Rockies game with fellow River Hawk Colorado residents.

[7-8] Paul ’51 and Frances Cassidy, left, meet alumni reception host Cathy Zografos and Senior Director of Development Steven Rogers (stehen 7) at the home of George ’76 and Cathy Zografos (photo 8, center) in East Sandwich, Mass.

[9] New York City alumni met with UMass President Marty Meehan ’78 and Roy Zuckerberg ’58. From left: Brian Mulley ’01, Pascha McTyson ’03, ’09, Rose Foley ’92, Marilyn Allen, Paul Leary, ’90, Hadda Laska, Bonnie Combsley ’81, Steve Lane, Anne Lanzer ’74, Steve Gordiner ’77. (Not pictured: Bill Liberis ’75, ’77)
Now...

These days, students forego the fancy duds and 12-piece orchestra in favor of casual garb and a DJ. At the “UC Disco After Dark” event during Opening Week each fall, dancers don wireless headphones to hear the MC’s tunes—and were a passerby to wander into Moloney Hall, she would enter to near silence.
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