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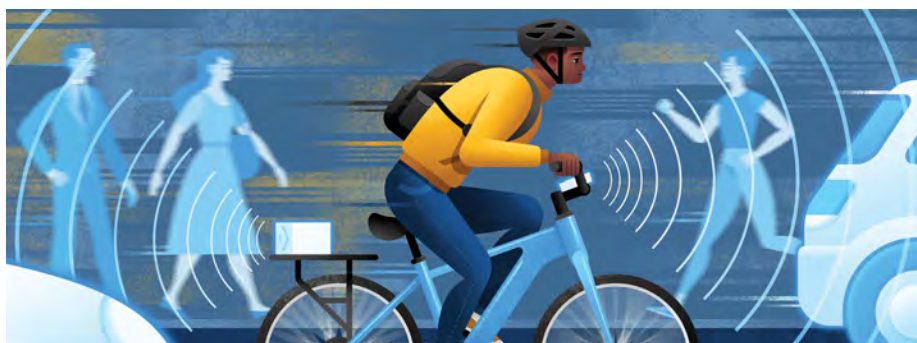
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A University Rising With Pride — Ready to Shape What's Next



In my first few months at Quinnipiac, what's captured both my attention and my heart is the sense of pride across our community. You hear it in the cheers echoing through the Bobcat Tunnel as new students arrive. You see it in the way faculty, staff and students help our new students move in. You experience it during any number of alumni conversations and interactions.

The fact is, we have a lot to be proud of. In the last three years, we've opened four new buildings — most recently, The SITE and our new School of Business. These newest additions — along with our Recreation and Wellness Center and The Grove — feature vibrant, state-of-the-art spaces that elevate student experiences across wellness, residential life and learning.

And we're not only expanding our physical footprint—we're expanding our academic offerings, too. This year, we're launching a new sports communications major and a master's degree in informatics. These programs show we're not only abreast of trends, but we're building programs to leverage them.

These are just a few of the many examples that point to the pride we share in both our community and our progress. That pride is reflected not only in the strides we see on campus but in the growing recognition we're receiving. This fall, for the second year in a row, The Wall Street Journal ranked Quinnipiac among the top 100 universities in the country, moving us up 40 spots from 91 last year to 51 this year. It's a powerful indication of the momentum we're building as we write our next chapter.

That sense of pride will also be important as we embark on our Strategic Visioning Initiative. We're asking bold questions like: What values define us? What goals will guide us? How will we build on our strengths to meet the needs of a changing world? I know many of you added your voices to this effort, filling out the survey that was sent to alumni, faculty, students and staff in August.

As we shape our future together, we also take pride in our alumni who are shaping the future of the next generation. An example is the *One Million Reasons* Scholarship, launched through a \$5 million matching gift from Bill and Barbara Weldon '71. One recipient is Jenny J. Lizarraga, MD '27. Raised in rural Arizona by a single mother, she saw firsthand the devastating effects of limited healthcare access. She dreamed of becoming a physician, but financial barriers loomed large. Jenny is now pursuing that dream as a Quinnipiac medical student and thanks to Bill and Barbara's vision, the scholarship not only helped to relieve financial stress — it enabled her to focus fully on learning medicine.

Everywhere I look, I see a university taking pride in who we are today and who we can become in the future. As we write our next great chapter together, I invite you to stay connected, share your ideas and help shape what comes next.

Marie Hardin
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A New Look for a New Era



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Welcome to the Fall 2025 edition of Quinnipiac Magazine — a fresh take on our stories, our accomplishments and our memories. We're excited to bring this special issue to you. It reflects the innovation, imagination and excellence we all share as part of the Quinnipiac community.

As we began planning this magazine last spring, we knew it had to represent Quinnipiac in memorable, even surprising ways. It had to honor the past while highlighting the present and charting the future.

You'll notice this theme throughout the magazine, from stories about our new president, Marie Hardin, PhD, and the new South Quad with its dynamic learning opportunities, to a photo gallery stretching from the 1960s to the 2020s with a custom Spotify playlist, and a tribute to Quinnipiac's 1998 move to Division I, the top tier of college athletics.

As we look forward to our centennial in 2029, Quinnipiac's trajectory continues to point ever upward. But how do you portray that in an alumni magazine?

For Laura Ziegler, our associate creative director, the challenge started with a brainstorm. It ended with a handcrafted miniature diorama representing Quinnipiac's three campuses, all featured in a three-dimensional "Q" on the cover.

The common thread Ziegler manifested was our shared momentum. Whether you walked across the Quad when it was still moist with mud or last May when it rolled out an emerald carpet for Commencement, you left your mark here.

"The idea took shape around a single, powerful theme: momentum. Quinnipiac is evolving — boldly, ambitiously and with intention — with new leadership, new spaces and a vision unfolding in real time," Ziegler said, "while remaining deeply rooted in the traditions, values and community that define us."

The next step was finding someone who could bring the "Q" and that inspiration to life.

Stefanie Correia, a California-based miniature artist, spent nearly 89 hours creating the buildings and landmarks inside the bird's-eye "Q" on our cover. From Arnold Bernhard Library and Commons Bridge to the North Haven Campus and the Frank H. Netter MD School of Medicine, Quinnipiac continues to grow and build upon the footing of its past.

This whimsical rendering will soon be displayed in Undergraduate Admissions. See it for yourself the next time you visit campus. But why wait? Scan the QR code on the back cover to watch our video, "From Concept to Creation," and go behind the scenes to see how this handcrafted "Q" was created.

We hope you'll spend some time reading how Quinnipiac continues to thrive as a leading institution in the 21st century. Thank you to everyone who helped us get here, including you.

Enjoy the magazine,

Brian Koonz, MS '20
Editor

FROM HAMDEN TO HOLLYWOOD

BY BRIAN KOONZ, MS '20





s a kid growing up in Ramsey, New Jersey, Russell Anderson '04 loved tinkering with technology. After his dad bought him some old video equipment at a garage sale, Anderson became the neighborhood kid running around with a huge Betacam camera perched on his shoulder. Back then, a glowing red lightcycle was the furthest thing from his imagination.

Until it wasn't.

For nearly two years, Anderson worked as a first assistant editor on "TRON: Ares," the Walt Disney Studios blockbuster released in October. The third film in Disney's "TRON" series accelerates a clash between humans and artificial intelligence beings.

Anderson worked under contract for Walt Disney Studios in a vintage editorial cutting building on the Disney Studios lot in Burbank, California, not too far from Los Angeles.

"One of the fun things about working on films in LA is you get to go to all the different lots," said Anderson, who has also worked at Sony Pictures Studios (formerly MGM Studios) where "The Wizard of Oz" was shot.

"It's really amazing. There's just so much history here," Anderson said. "I was taking a walk through the Disney lot and I was like, 'Oh, they shot 'Mary Poppins' on that stage.' The funny thing is, I was just watching 'Mary Poppins' with my daughter."

Anderson and his wife, Sasha Huff, have a 3-year-old daughter, Eila. Anderson's brother, Dane, also works in the "family business" as a TV writer.

This interview has been edited for brevity and clarity.

Did you always love movies?

You watch movies as a kid, and you're like, "I want to do that." You get so influenced by the things you watch and see as a kid. That definitely got me excited about movies. But there's also the technical side. There's the magic of being able to manipulate reality. Stop motion was the best early example of that for me. You're hitting stop-start really fast on a consumer camera. You're breaking the laws of physics, and you're seeing a toy animate. It's just incredible.

What does a first assistant editor do?

A first assistant editor is both a technical editor role and a management role. The editor runs the department and supports the director. The two of them work together in real time. When the work starts to overload the editor, or if they want to try something new, that comes to me. I distribute the work to the other assistants, and we do whatever is needed. Maybe we need to add sound design. Maybe we need to comp in temporary assets for a big visual effects scene. It could be almost anything.

What were the most valuable skills you learned at Quinnipiac while you were studying media production and interactive digital design?

I melded the two degrees together. I was doing a lot of different things in school. I wrote Java code. I did After Effects and 3D modeling. I was managing edits. I was cutting short films. I was working on the editorial side with graphics. I used 3D Maya for 3D modeling. There was so much going on, but I was really into letting the program be what it needed to be.

How has moviemaking changed during your career?

So there was this film, "O Brother, Where Art Thou?" It came out in 2000. It's credited as the first DI (digital intermediate) movie. It was the first time film was ingested into an intermediary format, graded and then spit back out as a print. About four years later, digital cinema cameras started to come out. But the industry moves so slowly. They were like, "Let's just make it work like film. Make it appear indistinguishable from film." Today, most movies are shot digitally. Film is still in use, but it's nothing like it once was.

"Jaws" marked its 50th anniversary this summer. What does that mean to you as someone who works in the film industry?

I would say "Jaws" and "Star Wars" inarguably marked the largest pivotal moment in cinema history — maybe since the talkies. It was that transformative for the industry in the '70s. Those two movies marked the birth of the blockbuster as we know it today. They changed everything with big budgets and special effects.

What's next for you?

I'm grateful for the opportunities I've had with Disney, Sony, Netflix and all my other projects. I have a lot of friends in the business. I've found once you have your network of people, you tend to return to that same group, which is always nice. **Q**



Beans. Business. Blue-eyed Dogs.

Former QU hockey player launches coffee company to benefit animal shelters

BY CHRIS BRODEUR, MS '25

In addition to recording 58 points across 170 career games for the men's ice hockey team, TJ Friedmann '22, MBA '23, was the Bobcats' go-to barista.

"I don't want to say I was *the* coffee guy, but I would step in if somebody didn't know how to brew it," the St. Louis native said.

Coffee became a favorite accessory for a group of battle-tested, business-minded hockey players who arrived at arenas looking just as ready for Wall Street as the Frozen Four. But Friedmann's appreciation for quality java went deeper than most, inspiring him to launch his own label, Charlie Bleu Coffee Company, in the fall of 2024.

Named for Friedmann's dog, Charlie, a blue-eyed American Staffordshire Terrier mix adopted from a shelter in Woodbury, Connecticut, Charlie Bleu sources premium Colombian beans locally in St. Louis and sells them online through the company's website, [CharlieBleuCoffee.com](https://charliebleucoffee.com).

"This cup's for the pups" is more than a tagline; 15% of the proceeds are donated to animal shelters.

Friedmann, who also holds a finance degree from Quinnipiac, has continued to pursue his dream of playing professional hockey, suiting up most recently for the Adirondack Thunder of the East Coast Hockey League. Quinnipiac Magazine caught up with him to discuss everything from chance encounters with beloved sitcom characters to the grind (pun very much intended) of running a startup.



This interview has been edited for brevity and clarity.

You were one of several members of the men's ice hockey team who studied business. When did your interest in business start?

My grandpa, Jim Friedmann, ran his own business, Inventory Sales Company. It was a family business from the very start. I had aunts and uncles who worked there. My dad and his sister were still involved up until they sold it. So I definitely grew up running around the office, being a little troublemaker in the warehouse. I always knew business was something I wanted to study.

Charlie Bleu Coffee gets its name from your dog. Can you share his adoption story?

I had my eye on a few different dogs at the shelter where I got Charlie. I was checking on him too. And then one day I remember pulling up his page and it said, "Adoption fee waived." I thought, I have to call and see what's going on. Did someone already place a down payment? He had been there for a long time. He was very high energy. They dropped the adoption fee to try to spark interest, but unfortunately, he was scheduled to be put down. They asked if I was available for a visit. I showed up, played with him for 10 minutes, and it was just like, all right, he's coming home with me.

What's your coffee order?

I just like hot coffee, black. And it needs to be strong enough. The big brands are usually too watered down or have a burnt taste.

How often do you still connect with your Quinnipiac teammates? Is there a big group chat?

There are multiple group chats scattered around and then there is one big chat with all of us. It's a tight-knit group. A lot of us still get together each year, hang out and spend time together. I'd say we keep in touch if not daily, then at least weekly. I grew up with three sisters. No brothers. But I found my brothers.

And your coach, Rand Pecknold, is sort of like having a bonus dad?

I got to build a really fun relationship with him — especially coming back for that fifth year where it was basically like we got an extra year with him. It's always awesome to see him. He's an unbelievable person. He cares about you not just as a player but as a human. He wants to make sure you're doing well, your family's doing well. I can't say enough positive things about him.

You once posed for a photo with the actor who portrayed Phyllis on "The Office" (real name: Phyllis Smith). Do you have a favorite quote or episode from the series?

As a hockey guy, it's hard not to pick Michael Scott using that Wayne Gretzky quote for motivation: "You miss 100% of the shots you don't take." But I always loved the dynamic between Jim and Dwight, all the pranks and everything. So I'll go with Jim impersonating Dwight and saying "Bears, beets, Battlestar Galactica." **Q**



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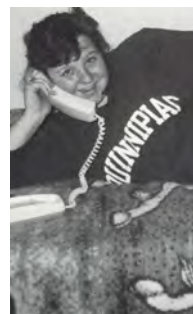
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Wait, that was
how long ago?



1989



1995



2000



2010



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2018



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From the Rathskeller to the Rec and Wellness Center, the Quinnipiac campus has certainly changed over the years. But what hasn't changed are the friendships and the memories that were made here — and the photos that captured them forever. Be sure to check out our online photo gallery, too. All images were contributed by the Quinnipiac University Archives.



Visit magazine.qu.edu/spotify to listen to our custom Spotify playlist. All 10 songs have a connection to Quinnipiac from the 1960s to today!



WHEELS AND MINDS IN MOTION

ENGINEERING TRIO DELIVERS WINNING PITCH WITH E-BIKE SAFETY SYSTEM

BY CHRIS BRODEUR, MS '25

With electric bike ridership on the rise, a growing demand for safety presented three mechanical engineering students with an opportunity to combine their technical expertise and their business acumen earlier this year.

Ian Van Riper '25, Jonathan Gold '25 and Evan Jones '25 joined forces on a yearlong capstone project that doubled as a winning ticket to the Spring Pitch Competition, a pressure-packed gauntlet witnessed by a standing-room-only crowd in the Student Center Piazza on April 16. Their product, a front- and rear-mounted e-bike

safety system designed to protect both riders and pedestrians, was developed on behalf of an external client, The Devil's Gear Bike Shop in New Haven, and could eventually be marketed on a global scale.

But beyond pocketing \$5,000 in prize money and gaining invaluable, resume-boosting experience, the three students scored an impressive victory for a university that has always championed business innovation. To outpace 23 other teams, many of which consisted of fellow engineering students, Van Riper, Gold and Jones had

to blend vision and craftsmanship with problem solving and storytelling.

And they needed to win over a panel of expert judges with an eloquent five-minute pitch.

"The pitch competition really embodies all the best elements of a Quinnipiac education," Provost Debra Liebowitz said. "It's a culmination of a lot of work, helping students think about their ideas, refine their ideas and put together a cross-disciplinary team to solve a problem. And it's an opportunity to help a small business, one with an idea, one who sees a need, but doesn't

necessarily have the mechanical know-how to execute it. So they partner with us to make their vision a reality.”

Indeed, great ideas — in the age of “Shark Tank” and other business-centric competition shows — need to be properly packaged and sold to avoid dying on the vine. This is the story of how a great idea germinates in Quinpiac’s uncommonly fertile ecosystem.

THE PROBLEM

While e-bikes are ideal for commuting, delivering food or touring a big city, riders have always sought more safety features. Consider that from 2017-22, the rate of injuries related to e-bike travel doubled every year, per a study by the University of California-San Francisco. “One of the issues that we saw in the research is that pedestrians don’t recognize an e-bike’s ability to accelerate — it doesn’t really look like the rider is pedaling,” said Gold. And without those visual cues, nasty collisions can occur without warning.

Standard bicycle safety features fall short, especially in a bustling urban setting.

“Mirrors are only really good if you’re looking at them, and you have to take your eyes off the road to check them,” added Jones. “You can add a horn or a bell to a bike, but if I’m 20 feet away from you and it’s a busy street, I’m not going to hear that little ‘ding ding.’”

THE SOLUTION

The Devil’s Gear had expressed a desire to create “the Volvo of e-bikes,” pairing sleek design with best-in-class safety features. And so, after exhaustively researching the market, the team of Gold, Jones and Van Riper landed on haptic sensor technology.

Rather than diverting the rider’s attention from the road with visual feedback, a haptic system uses tactile sensations to create awareness of obstacles. It’s similar to video game controllers that rumble and shake; a pulsating handlebar can alert the rider about traffic on all sides.

Utilizing a 3D printer and other state-of-the-art resources available in the School of Computing & Engineering’s Maker Space, a designated space within the School of Business’ Innovation Hub, the team developed multiple prototypes to bring the bike shop’s vision to life. Aside from “a couple wires that got too hot, too fast,” Jones said, there weren’t too many “catastrophes” to navigate.



LEFT TO RIGHT: Van Riper, Jones and Gold present at the 2025 Spring Pitch Competition.

LIGHTS... CAMERA... PITCH!

The team felt confident in its business case. Competing products were either too niche or too conceptual to achieve the kind of broad impact an effective e-bike safety system could have. But even with a sound business strategy and a sophisticated prototype, there was still the small matter of performing the pitch live.

Enter John Reap, professor of mechanical engineering and the team’s assigned faculty adviser. Reap said he deliberately acted as a tougher customer than The Devil’s Gear, challenging the students to prepare for every possible question the client or a judge might pose.

Reap praised Gold for his technical prowess and professionalism, Van Riper for his charisma and public speaking chops and Jones for straddling the line between both worlds. By the time the three students pitched to the judges in the final round, their presentation had been through several iterations and trial runs. Each member of the team had his own script to follow.

“I’ve done a lot scarier things,” Jones said. “I’m not necessarily a public speaker. I do get nervous. But the entire time before we were up there, I wasn’t even watching the competition. I was just sort of doing my pitch to a brick wall.”

Facing your fear in the name of progress is the kind of thing that would make Quinpiac’s founders proud, Reap said.

“We need engineers with an entrepreneurial will,” said Reap. “Not only to found businesses, but to serve as opportunity identifiers and problem solvers in existing enterprises. That’s how you contribute the greatest value to society.” **Q**

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QU EXPERTS WEIGH IN: E-BIKING’S REVITALIZING EFFECT

INTERVIEWS BY MEGHAN JONES

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It’s [one of] the first physical activities we learn to do as humans. We walk, and then for many of us, we learn to ride a bike as a kid. As a senior, being able to get back on a bike and go up a hill? That’s huge.

— Tami Reilly, *fitness & well-being director and master Spinning® instructor*

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For people who are getting older and have always been very active, the idea of slowing down physically is hard. Baby boomers have been a particularly active generation, and they want options to continue that activity later in life.

— Catherine Richards Solomon, *sociology & anthropology department chair*

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For the average older adult, it could be a great thing, because we want to keep people moving — as long as it’s not doing 100 percent of the work for them. It’s also a great way to keep them connected to community and social activities.

— Nicole Fidanza, *occupational therapy doctorate program director*

THE DIGITAL RECKONING

BY ANDREA McCAFFREY





Some truths are buried in the fine print. Fortunately, Wayne Unger, JD, is reading every word. As his career unfolded from the buzz of Silicon Valley to the rush of launching a startup, Unger recalls seeing a disturbing reality taking shape: the unchecked mining of user data. Hidden online in cookies and click-to-accept policies was the silent, often unconscious surrender of our most sensitive information.

"In my early career, I observed the sheer amount of buying and selling of personal information happening daily. And not just basic info like names and addresses — there's a lot more," said Unger. "To me, it exposed worrisome behavior in an industry that wasn't yet being addressed in our laws."

Today, Unger combines his legal expertise and communication skills to advocate for reform in the digital space and mentor the next generation of lawyers to meet the ethical trials of a data-driven world. As a Quinnipiac associate professor of law and host of his own podcast, "Discourse," he breaks down complex issues, from online privacy to constitutional shifts, helping others connect the dots often overlooked.

Because, he believes, understanding our rights shouldn't require a law degree.

A WAKE-UP CALL IN SILICON VALLEY

During his 20s and fresh out of college, Unger eagerly dove into Silicon Valley's open exchange culture. His work began with managing multi-million-dollar transformation initiatives at Cisco Systems and quickly moved into the launch of two startups.

But beneath the bold "change the world" rhetoric of his peers, he saw troubling patterns: Profit often took precedence over privacy and equity. He realized that if he truly wanted to create the kind of change preached about in big tech circles, he'd have to leave them behind.

"You don't notice it until you leave, but the irony in that world is unmatched," he said. "Looking back, I want to shake people and say, 'You're not actually changing the world just because you say you are.'"

Data protection, he said, shouldn't be exploited by boardrooms — it should be protected by law.

He quickly pivoted to a legal career with a focus on cyber, constitutional and business law, all areas that aligned with his tech experience and sense of responsibility.

SHAPING CHANGE THROUGH EDUCATION

After earning his Juris Doctor from Arizona State University's Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law, Unger founded his own practice, The Unger Firm LLC, handling business, tech and cybersecurity matters.

"The need for stronger privacy protections in this space is urgent, given the sensitivity and intimacy of the information collected. It's a conversation we should have had decades ago," said Unger. "But, in the back of my mind, I always thought about teaching. I believe if you really want to change the world, you should start with education."

That belief ultimately led him to the classroom. As a Quinnipiac law professor, Unger reinforces lessons with stories and analogies and even shares his beloved dog, Arlo, who has become a law school celebrity among students. In a world of disconnected technology and rigid legal systems, he is using his voice and engaging spirit to restore something deeply human: connection, empathy and trust.

It's a perspective he embraces as host of his podcast, "Discourse," recently recognized as a Top-30 News Commentary on Apple Podcasts. It's also why he was honored with a School of Law Faculty Scholarship Award for his student-centered approach and groundbreaking work on the constitutional challenges posed by brain-computer interfaces.

THE NEXT FRONTIER: NEUROTECH AND PRIVACY

As a legal scholar, Unger's research dives into some of the most ethically troubled corners of technology, including neurotechnology and brain-computer interfaces from companies such as Neuralink and Synchron. These devices, whether implanted or external, read brain signals revealing mood and personality traits and may even influence dream experiences.

As technology continues to evolve, Unger said lawyers are essential to guiding its ethical use. They help set limits on AI and emerging tools, solve problems through the courts, and ensure human judgment remains central when ethics and nuance are involved.

He is a leading voice in addressing these issues as the author of "Data Privacy & Security Law," a casebook published by West Academic, and his scholarship has appeared in top law journals, including Columbia's Science & Technology Law Review and the Washington & Lee Law Review. His public writing for The Conversation has been internationally syndicated, and he's a frequent guest commentator for USA Today, Forbes, Newsweek, Reuters and NPR.

In a future shaped by data and algorithms, Unger sees the ability to break down complex issues into ethical, understandable terms as the foundation for reclaiming control over private information. After all, he's seen firsthand that technology won't wait for the laws to catch up.

"Neurotechnology is progressing so quickly that in 40 years, some form of mind reading may no longer be science fiction," he said. "The need for privacy protection in this space is urgent. Laws need to be addressed now, before the technology is further developed. Before something as personal as our dreams can be bought and sold." **Q**

THE SOUND OF SCIENCE

BY ANDREA MCCAFFREY

When she's not inspiring students in Quinnipiac's physics classes or analyzing active galaxies for collaborative research with NASA/JPL scientists, Nicole Granucci is thundering basslines and fronting the rock cover band Mixtape Era. With inked arms, a star-bound intellect and a gift for making science sing, this professor bridges two worlds ... and rocks them both.

"Music is a great introduction into physics, especially for non-science majors," said Granucci. "Science didn't come naturally to me. I had to work hard. I translate that experience into my classes. Physics and math are like instruments. You may not get them the first time. You just have to keep practicing."

Granucci has been studying the skies over Quinnipiac since 2015 as a faculty member. Her celestial curiosity fuels research with students through NITARP — the NASA/IPAC Teacher Archive Research Program — with presentations at the American Astronomical Society. She also advises the Astronomy Club.

She designed her newest class, Physics of Music, to explore sound, instruments and technology through the lens of physics and math.

"This course draws students into science through the common ground of music," said Granucci. "I like to say I 'trick' them into doing science. By the end, they've completed high-level physics, but they don't see it that way."

The class breaks down the science of sound waves and how amplitude and pitch shape what we hear. Granucci uses instruments to show how vibration creates rhythm and how string length changes pitch. Students also explore why certain lyrics resonate deeply.

A self-taught musician, she also plays piano, string bass, electric bass, clarinet and trumpet. More recently, she's been training her voice as the band's lead singer. Onstage, if she's not belting out songs by artists ranging from the Red Hot Chili Peppers to Miley Cyrus at Odie's Place and Side Street Grille, you'll find her on string bass with the Southern Connecticut Symphonic Band.

She's also mother to Sophia (10) and Jason (6), and married to David, an environmental engineer and the band's guitarist.

"I'm like Clark Kent and Superman," said Granucci. "In class, I'm all professional scientist. And then at night, I'm on stage, rocking it out."

Some students show up just to see her perform. Others arrive shocked to find their professor behind the mic.

"Either way, it sends a message," she said. "No matter your age or what you're into — music, astrophysics or both — you can do it. If you work hard and love what you do, you don't have to choose one identity to be the best version of yourself. And that's probably one of the most important lessons I can teach." **Q**



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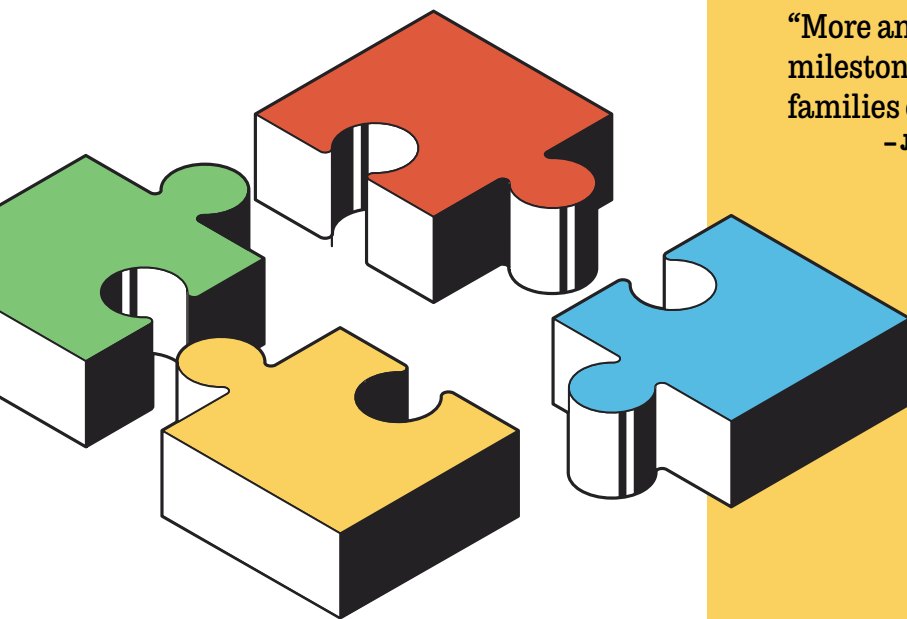
BY BRIAN KOONZ, MS '20

The gasps of joy never happen after one visit. It might take weeks. Months. Maybe longer.

So when kids swing all the way across the monkey bars in a sensory gym — or adults get out of a chair by themselves for the first time after a hip fracture — those gasps, audible wins really, deliver a most precious commodity.

Hope.

This summer, nearly a dozen occupational therapists met at OT-Kids in Stamford while others gathered in Fairfield to share stories about their time at Quinnipiac, the work they love and an uncompromising commitment to their patients.



“I’ve been taking fieldwork students from Quinnipiac for 20 years. I never have any reservations taking them. They’re more prepared. They’re more professional. Quinnipiac students come in and they’re ready to go.”

– Kristi Nguyen '02, owner and executive director, OT-Kids

“In my own work in pediatric occupational therapy, I see how supporting children with sensory processing, feeding and motor development not only changes their daily lives, but also strengthens families and communities. Looking ahead, I believe our field will keep expanding into new areas of wellness, prevention and holistic care, meeting people wherever they are to help them thrive.”

– Tara Buckman '07, MOT '09, occupational therapist, OT-Kids

“You find a lot of your fellow alumni at Hartford HealthCare. At the hospital, at special needs, at the outpatient sites – if you’re in OT, there’s a good chance at least one or two or 10 Quinnipiac alumni will be there. If you’re interviewing for a job, people will say, ‘Oh, you went to Quinnipiac.’ It’s check, check, check. You check all the boxes.”

– Christian Alvarez '11, MOT '13, regional director of rehabilitation, Hartford HealthCare

“Quinnipiac gave me an excellent education and an excellent foundation. That hasn’t changed. From what I’ve seen over my career, Quinnipiac students are still well prepared and ready to begin their careers.”

– Laurie Wallace '83, occupational therapy coordinator, Greenwich Hospital

“More and more kids are falling behind in their developmental milestones, and it is going to be so important to educate families on advocacy for their children as they grow.”

– Julia Schiavone '20, MOT '21, occupational therapist, OT-Kids

“Occupational therapy is a dynamic and evolving profession, grounded in the belief that participation in meaningful daily activities is essential to health and well-being. As we look toward the future, technological advancements – including artificial intelligence, innovative research tools, and digital platforms for communication and education – are poised to significantly enhance the way we deliver care.”

– Michelle Simiola '12, MOT '14, occupational therapist, Hartford HealthCare

LEFT TO THEIR OWN DEVICES

BY BRIAN KOONZ, MS '20 &
CHRIS BRODEUR, MS '25



The images of children lost in their screens — phones, tablets, laptops, gaming systems, televisions — have become ubiquitous. From toddlers to teens, devices are here to stay.

But what impact are they having on our children?

We asked five Quinnipiac experts to discuss their views on devices and how screens can support or suppress child development.

Pediatric Medicine

Dr. Evan Hack, a pediatrician for 37 years, is the associate clerkship director for pediatrics at the Frank H. Netter MD School of Medicine. He is also co-founder of Candlewood Valley Pediatrics in New Milford, Connecticut.

While it was long thought that total screen time was the primary risk factor for children, the latest research published in the Journal of the American Medical Association and elsewhere suggests that addictive behaviors may present an even greater risk.

“We can’t close our eyes to the issue because then we’re doing our kids a disservice,” Hack said. “We need to learn as much as we can, and parents need to be a part of their child’s media life to make sure they have a healthy relationship with it. If you start having media involvement with your child from the beginning, you’re more likely to have kids with a healthy relationship with media.”

Classroom Education

Jennifer Dauphinais, MAT ’10, is an assistant professor of education in the School of Education and coordinator of the Social and Emotional Learning and School Climate certificate program. She holds a doctorate in education from Columbia University.

While classrooms are increasingly impacted by technology, Dauphinais said Chromebooks and tablets serve as a tool, not a replacement, for teachers. Children need the humanity of a trained educator who can help nurture their academic development.

“What we hear from our teachers is that there’s a requirement in their district to use tablets and Chromebooks for a certain number of hours every week regardless ... and that takes time away from hands-on instruction,” Dauphinais said. “Districts pay for the technology and subscriptions for rote learning memorization programs. The gamification piece comes in direct competition with the hands-on human teacher piece.”

Video Games

Elena Bertozzi is a professor of game design and development, the director of the GDD program and chair of visual and performing arts in the College of Arts & Sciences. She earned her PhD in media and communications from The European Graduate School.

Over the years, especially after a school shooting, Bertozzi has been asked by reporters, “Do violent video games cause gun violence?” Her answer is always the same. There is no evidence of a causal relationship. Peer-reviewed research in the U.S. and abroad supports Bertozzi’s view that first-person shooter games such as Call of Duty don’t indoctrinate players to commit gun violence.

“For boys, in particular, video games are a primary way for them to socialize. It’s how they interact with each other,” Bertozzi explained. “Even when they play a game like Call of Duty, it’s not real violence. ... It’s important to understand that distinction and how important games are for young people to create communities of socialization.”

Child Psychology

Erica Gelven is a part-time faculty member at Quinnipiac who teaches child and adolescent psychology, among other courses. She also has worked as a research associate at Connecticut Children’s Medical Center. Gelven earned her PhD in developmental psychology from The George Washington University.

When it comes to children and devices, Gelven often thinks about car radios when you hit the scan button. Sometimes, the radio just keeps scanning in search of the next station, or in the case of children, the next stimulus.

“When kids have repeated exposure to social media platforms and gaming platforms, it triggers the dopamine loops in the brain to fire more quickly,” Gelven said. “You’re artificially rewiring the brain’s ability to fire because it’s waiting for a faster and faster reinforcement cycle than you would normally see. It reaches a point where it’s almost unattainable.”

Children’s Television

Since May 2024, Mackenzie Campbell ’19 has served as a community manager for “Bluey,” the children’s animated series about a family of dogs in suburban Australia. As the most-streamed show in the U.S. for the first half of 2025 — with over 25 billion minutes on the Disney Plus platform — families will often watch “Bluey” together.

As a result, parents can talk to their children about what happened in the episode. What did they learn? How did it make them feel? And, with a runtime of about eight minutes, the episodes are engineered for fleeting attention spans. At least for kids.

“One of the comments I get the most is parents saying, ‘It’s two hours later, my kids are in bed and I’m still watching,’” said Campbell, who studied journalism at Quinnipiac. “It just reminds people of the good in life. It reminds them to be present with their families.” **Q**

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Dr. Evan Hack



Jennifer Dauphinais



Elena Bertozzi



Erica Gelven



Mackenzie Campbell

— FIVE QUINNIPIAC EXPERTS WEIGH IN ON HOW SCREENS SHAPE KIDS’ LIVES —

The Class with a Client Roster: Inside The Agency

BY ANDREA MCCAFFREY

At Quinnipiac's award-winning, student-run, interdisciplinary communications agency, there's no safety net, no mock briefs and no made-up clients. It's not pretend. It's the real thing.

Welcome to The Agency, a full-service firm where young professionals step into the roles of strategists, creators and account leads on communications campaigns for real clients with real-world expectations.

Since 2018, students interested in advertising, public relations, video production and design compete each semester for approximately 15 openings at The Agency, honing their skills in social media, graphic design, copywriting and multimedia production, all while building a professional portfolio. Their hard work culminates in a professional client presentation at the end of each semester, where students deliver sophisticated solutions to real-world marketing and communications challenges.

For advertising and public relations graduate Grace Sablich '22, MS '23, the experience became a foundation for her career as a social strategist with a top global communications firm.

"I joined The Agency for two semesters because I loved it so much," said Sablich, associate social strategist at Boston-based Digitas. "Working in teams, building strategy and presenting to clients — that experience led me to where I am now."

Her journey is exactly the kind of transformation John Powers, faculty adviser, witnesses every semester — and the part he finds most rewarding.

"A lot of people come in and see the presentations at the end," said Powers, director of the interactive media and communications graduate program. "But being there from the beginning when they first meet with clients and watching that evolution at the end is incredible. They're so confident, and they know what they're talking about. It's awesome to see."

Connecticut Innovations, a state-backed venture capital firm and long-time Agency partner, connects student teams with startups each semester. Impressed by their work, the organization will become a direct client this fall. The Agency is promoting its Tour de Connecticut, a 200-mile bike ride celebrating innovation statewide.

"We've worked with The Agency for several years and receive excellent feedback from our clients, every single time," said Lauren Carmody '03, MBA '05, chief marketing officer. "Now, we're stepping into the role as a

client ourselves. As a QU alum, it feels like a full-circle moment for me."

The Agency's client list also includes nationally recognized brands like Athletic Brewing, GoodSAM and LEGO as well as local organizations such as Hamden's fire and police departments, Connecticut Greyhound Adoption and The Devil's Gear Bike Shop. The Agency also selects a campus client each semester to support with branding, event promotion and engagement strategy.

Graphic designer Sean Formantes '24, MS '25, contributed to Quinnipiac's "Defend the Den" campaign, an experience that helped build the skills and confidence he needed to pursue a career in content creation.

"At most schools, you wouldn't get that kind of real-world experience two years into your program," said Formantes. "But at Quinnipiac, I was already designing for actual clients as a sophomore."

For Hilary Fussell Sisco, one of the founders of The Agency and faculty adviser, the mission has always been clear: This is no dress rehearsal. It's about immersing students in realistic challenges and high-stakes creative problem solving.





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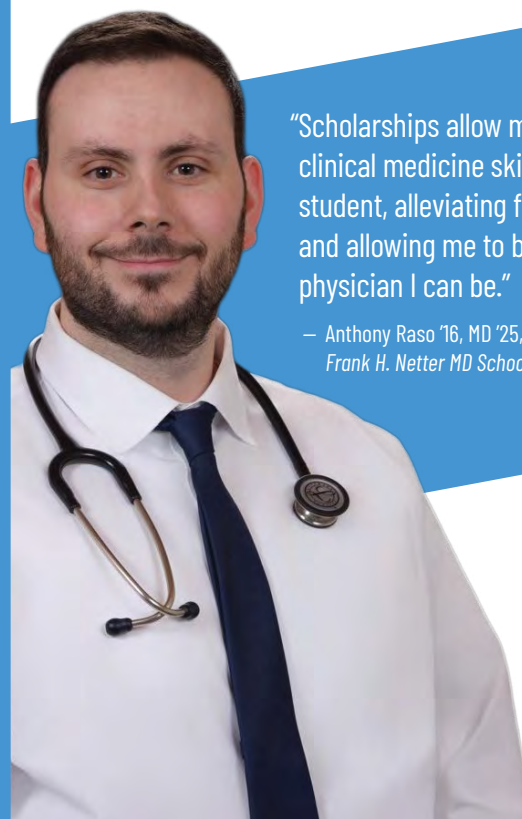
"That authenticity is what sets The Agency apart and prepares our students to lead with confidence the moment they graduate," said Sisco, professor of public relations. "We didn't set out to build a simulation. We built the real thing."

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— Anthony Raso '16, MD '25,
Frank H. Netter MD School of Medicine

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A Leader for Quinnipiac's Next Century?

*MARIE HARDIN, OUR 10TH PRESIDENT,
HITS THE GROUND RUNNING*



BY BRIAN KOONZ, MS '20



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a teenager in Oak Ridge North, Texas, a sleepy subdivision about 35 miles north of Houston, Marie Hardin never hid from hard work. While the world whizzed by on Interstate 45, Hardin cleaned houses and small businesses to make extra money.

It was easy to wonder where all those cars and trucks were going, of course. Maybe too easy. Still, Hardin always dreamed of going to college — the first in her family — every time she turned out the lights with 3,000 of her friends and neighbors.

“Oftentimes, young people are motivated to go to college because they aspire. But I would also tell you there’s a motivation to escape — mine was a bit of both,” Hardin said. “I was in a world that felt very confined. If I stayed in this environment, my options would be limited. I needed to escape and aspire at the same time.”

And, just maybe, grow up to be president one day.

For Dr. Marie Hardin, the 10th president of Quinnipiac University, the journey isn’t so much about the past as it is the future. A teenager’s myopia has become a leader’s foresight, the clarity to guide QU into its next century with an inclusive vision of transformation, shared values and success.

“Quinnipiac has always impressed me as a community that has the energy, imagination and adaptability to meet its promise to every learner who joins this great university,” Hardin said. “As a Texan, I can summarize that in one word: grit. It’s a place that takes its commitment to students seriously and is fearless in meeting the challenges to its mission.”

After a storied career as a journalist, scholar, professor and administrator, most recently as dean of the Donald P. Bellisario College of Communications at Penn State from 2014-25, Hardin is already building the same bold, collaborative relationships at Quinnipiac that have heralded her as a proven leader and a driver of success.

After just a few months at Quinnipiac, Hardin is well on her way to meeting as many students, faculty, staff, alumni, parents and friends as she can. On most days, Hardin is impeccably and inescapably dressed in blue or gold — sometimes, both — the perfect attire for a senior staff meeting or a selfie with students on the Quad.

Hardin’s fabulous smile and generous greetings — undoubtedly with a “Y’all” mixed in there somewhere — are authentic and infectious. They’ve become her secret sauce, a recipe built from equal parts warmth and wonder. And don’t forget her videos, reels and posts on social media. “Go Bobcats!” quickly became Hardin’s favorite catchphrase this summer.

On Labor Day, Hardin posted a photo of herself biting a half-marathon medal at the Faxon Law New Haven Road Race. She made no mention of finishing third in her age group, but made sure to point at the Quinnipiac logo on her ball cap. Everywhere Hardin goes now, she represents.

She is, after all, one of us.

And yet, even as she continues to listen, learn and lead in her new role, Hardin marvels at the opportunity she’s earned from the Board of Trustees and the Quinnipiac community.

“One thing I really admire about Quinnipiac is that it gets things done at every level,” she said. “It takes its mission very seriously — not just the investment we’re making in our students, but the investment we’re making all across the university. This is all going to pay off tremendously, not just for the institution, but also for society.”



Trust the Process

In August 2024, Dr. Judy Olian, the university’s ninth president, announced she was stepping down at the end of the 2024-25 academic calendar. During her seven-year tenure, Olian led Quinnipiac through a global pandemic and drove consequential growth, including the South Quad expansion and construction of the Recreation and Wellness Center. She also advanced strategic partnerships with Hartford HealthCare, M&T Bank, Travelers, PepsiCo and others.

Quinnipiac was in a great place with sound footing and a bright future.

The Board of Trustees acutely understood that this vacancy — a career-defining role to become Quinnipiac’s next president — would draw widespread, even feverish interest.

For Board of Trustees chairman Chuck Saia ’91, MBA ’94, who chaired the search committee, the job description was both resolute and absolute.

“We wanted someone who could continue to elevate the Quinnipiac brand and connect with all of our stakeholders, including our students, their parents, our alumni, our faculty and staff, our strategic partners — really everyone in our community,” Saia said. “That was essential. That was very, very important to us.”

So when hundreds of applications flooded Spencer Stuart, the global executive search firm in charge of finding Quinnipiac’s next president, the review process began in earnest. As the close of 2024 neared, Hardin was declared a finalist — and more.

“Pretty quickly, Marie rose to the top. She checked all of our boxes,” Saia said. “It was clear she wasn’t just the right choice. She was the only choice.”

Hardin’s leadership, seeded all those years ago with college scholarships from the Lions Club and the Rotary Club, is built on a bedrock of integrity, courage, excellence and accountability. After a robust candidate search, Hardin emerged well positioned to deliver on the promise of a vibrant institution with a proud history.

“I feel strongly that every leader is building on the work of the previous leader,” Hardin said. “I’m coming in the door with a great deal of regard for Judy, but I bring a different ethos. I’ll continue to serve this campus and this community, but in a different way.”

After being introduced to Quinnipiac on Jan. 30 in the Mount Carmel Auditorium, Hardin began her tenure as president on July 1. In October, she was inaugurated as Quinnipiac’s 10th president at M&T Bank Arena in a joyous celebration attended by family, friends, faculty, staff, alumni and students.

“I expected very big things from her, and so far, she’s exceeded my expectations. And remember, she was taking over from a luminary in the industry,” said Saia, who speaks with Hardin every Monday. “Clearly, she’s very visible on campus. She almost makes it seem effortless, which it’s not, of course. We’re very, very happy with what she’s doing.”



Driving a Dream

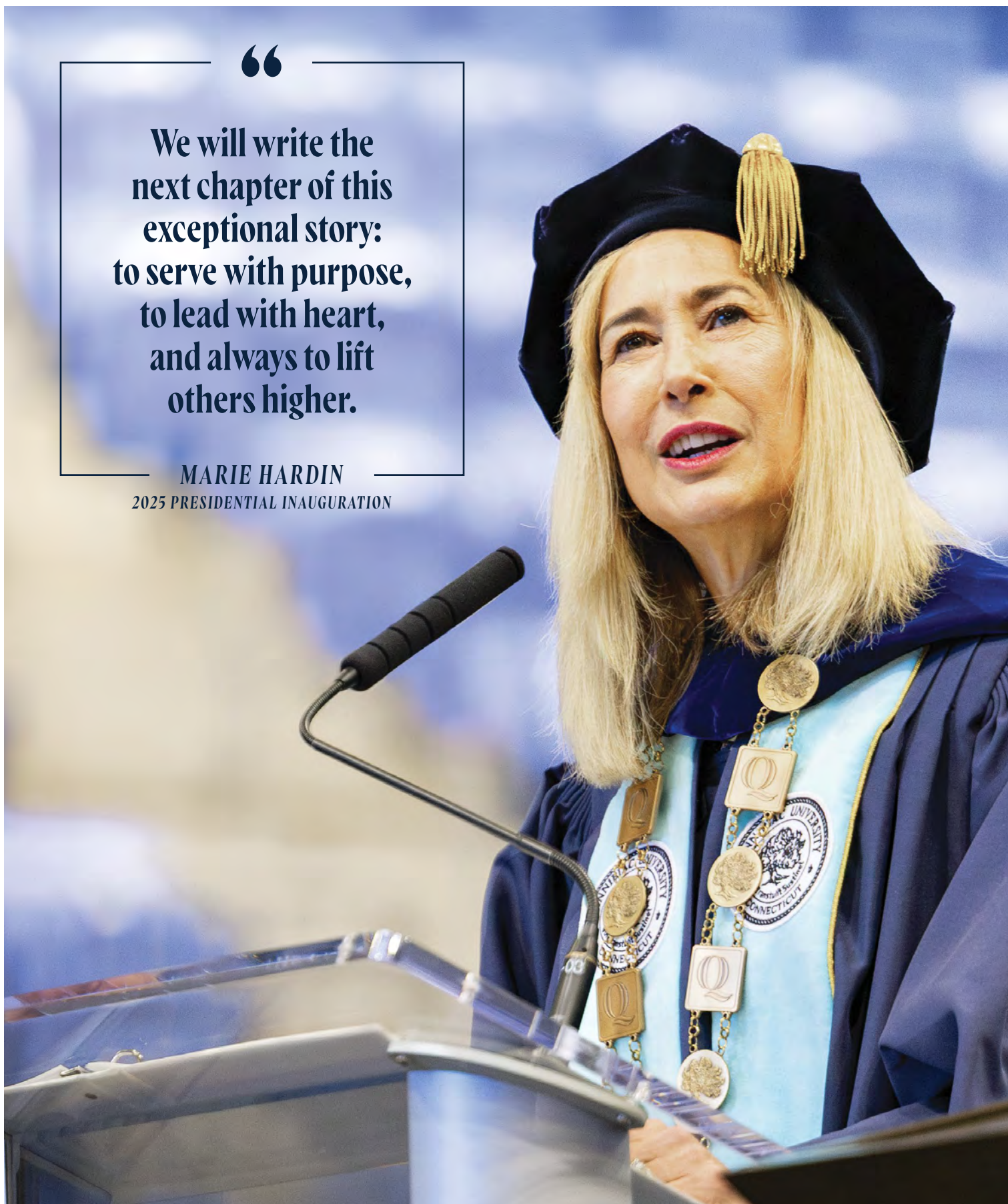
Hardin and her husband, Jerry Kammer, a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and former Nieman

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We will write the
next chapter of this
exceptional story:
to serve with purpose,
to lead with heart,
and always to lift
others higher.

MARIE HARDIN

2025 PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION



Fellow at Harvard University, have been married for 18 years. On the day they visited Connecticut for Hardin's in-person interview, Kammer took the wheel for the six-hour drive from Penn State to Quinnipiac.

Saia understood the nuances immediately. Kammer's actions, his demeanor, it all mattered.

"We were excited Jerry drove Marie to the interview because that's significant. Why? Well, they were driving from Penn State, which is not exactly close," Saia said. "For us, it was more of an indication he was just as invested in this as Marie, which was important to us."

This wasn't just her dream, you see. It was their dream.

"Marie really wanted an opportunity like this. I'm so glad she found it. The faculty, staff and students here, you can feel the spirit of affection they have for each other and the institution," Kammer said. "It fits perfectly into her skillset. She's so talented. There are times when I just watch her. I love her. I admire her intelli-

gence, her values, her self-confidence, her sense of humor, everything."

Kammer said Hardin has a particular gift when it comes to connecting with students, especially when they're struggling. Maybe they're homesick. Maybe they're still adjusting to college. Or maybe, they too have watched the world whizz by in a small town.

"The genuine affection she feels for students is remarkable," Kammer said. "I think it all goes back to when she was young and had to work a couple of jobs. She was just trying to find her way in the world. She really identifies with students who need help. She knows what it's like. She wants to help them energize their dreams. That's the kind of person she is."

Susan Leonard, one of Hardin's very best friends, might've seen this moment at Quinnipiac before anyone. They met 27 years ago at a weeklong seminar at Indiana University to help relatively new journalism instructors become better teachers.

Hardin was an assistant professor at Florida Southern College in Lakeland, Florida, while Leonard, a former reporter at The Arizona Republic, was a visiting endowed professor at Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas.

"After the seminar ended, Marie and I stayed in touch and saw each other again several months later when I went to visit my now-husband, who was living in Florida at the time," Leonard said via email. "We had a leisurely lunch and then went for a long walk on the beach and while we were walking, I asked Marie what she'd ultimately like to do in her career.

"Much to my surprise, she said that she'd like to be a dean of a college of mass communications at a large university," Leonard said. "I didn't doubt that she was capable of doing that, but at the same time, I was caught off guard because I didn't know any assistant professors who dreamed or reached that high."

A few years later, Leonard and her now-husband, Eric Miller, moved to suburban



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT President Hardin and Provost Liebowitz share a moment at Hardin's introduction. / Hardin is a favorite among QU students for her active social media presence. / Students chat with Hardin in the new School of Business. / Hardin is shown with her husband, Jerry Kammer, and longtime friends Eric Miller and Susan Leonard. / Quinnipiac's No. 1 hockey fan is presented with her own jersey in January.

Washington, D.C. When Hardin came to visit them, Leonard and Miller introduced her to Kammer, who had worked with them at The Arizona Republic. About nine months later, the scene repeated itself, only this time, it was dinner for four in Virginia.

“Both times, our friend didn’t seem to realize I was trying to set Marie and him up, and I felt like a total failure as a matchmaker,” Leonard said, seemingly grinning through her correspondence.

Eventually, Hardin and Kammer met at a conference — of course, he remembered her name when she asked — and as Leonard described the starry alignment, “They went on to marry after a whirlwind romance. Apparently, Eric and I just needed to get out of the way and let Marie and Jerry connect on their own.”

Leonard and Miller were among the first friends to visit Hardin and Kammer at Quinnipiac in August. The two couples shared stories, laughs and pizza from New Haven. It was wonderful.



The Right Leader at the Right Time

Hardin’s ability to connect deeply, almost viscerally, with others has served her well over the years. She is a lifelong student of people and their stories. She listens with great interest, great curiosity and, if you’ve ever been a party to one of those conversations, great eye contact.

Shaheen Pasha, an associate teaching professor in the Bellisario College of Communications at Penn State, misses those moments in Hardin’s orbit. She knows firsthand the difference Hardin can make over coffee or a lifetime, often both.

Pasha came to State College in 2018 to interview for one faculty position, but Hardin had other ideas. That day, Hardin was Pasha’s last meeting in several rounds of interviews. They talked about communications and teaching and students. But when Pasha spoke about her work with prison journalism at UMass, Hardin quickly latched onto the sound of her voice — the energy, the empathy, the commitment, all of it.

“I didn’t get the job I applied for, but a few days later, Marie called me and said, ‘Why don’t you come to Penn State and teach the media and mass incarceration you talked about so passionately and bring that passion to our students?’ I couldn’t believe it,” Pasha said, still shaking her head and beaming over Zoom.

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JERRY KAMMER

“She literally created a new position for me. She argued for it. She advocated for it — all so I could do this work,” said Pasha, who later co-founded the Prison Journalism Project. “Marie showed me that real leaders — the people in power, the people like her — will fight for things they believe in. That’s what Marie did for me. She’s the leader I want to be.”

Hardin brought that same galvanizing leadership to Quinnipiac. She is unafraid of challenges and unwavering in her beliefs. At the same time, Hardin understands that higher education is squarely at a crossroads in 2025.

Quinnipiac, like every other institution, isn’t immune to the headwinds of enrollment challenges, the rising cost of a college degree and the student loan debt that comes with it, the politicization of academia, and the erosion of a well-traveled pathway to a stronger community and a brighter future.

“We need to make wise and smart decisions about our direction and investments in the future,” Hardin said. “This will most certainly test us. But our track record tells us that we know how to look ahead and to exercise the discernment, focus and the courage to be competitive.”

The shared DNA of the Connecticut College of Commerce, the Junior College of Commerce, Larson College, Quinnipiac College and Quinnipiac University — a wondrous double helix nearly a century in the making — connects every member of this community.

“It’s very important that we understand our roots and where we came from. Those who came before us are part of who we are now,” Hardin said. “We can tap into that shared strength and grit. We might not be able to control what confronts us down the road, but we can absolutely control how we respond to it.”

Provost Debra Liebowitz, PhD, is ready to help deliver that outcome.

“Marie is incredibly thoughtful in her approach to learning about Quinnipiac in a very strategic way to help us chart what we know are uncharted waters,” Liebowitz said. “We know one of the key strengths of Quinnipiac has been our external focus, thinking about what’s happening in the world and how we can best adapt to meet those challenges.

“Marie’s ethos, her way of thinking about the things that are important to her, is very much aligned with being nimble and looking ahead to see how we can best support our students and help them be successful tomorrow, over the next 10 years and well after that,” Liebowitz said.

As one of her initiatives this fall, Hardin and her team introduced Strategic Visioning, a way to encourage a community conversation about the institution’s values, identity and purpose. The yearlong process will serve as a roadmap to Quinnipiac’s next strategic plan.

“Strategic Visioning isn’t just an exercise. It’s also a moment of shared authorship,” Hardin said. “It’s a chance for us to ask: Who are we right now? What do we stand for? What are the values that will carry us? And what do we want our future to be?”

This mandate requires the Quinnipiac community to see beyond the present, to conceive the opportunities that await those who come next. The mandate is clear. So is the choice.

Marie Hardin is the right leader at the right time. **Q**

Check out President Hardin’s conversation with Joel Vanner ’19 on this episode of “Who Are You?”





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Human

Code

AI that serves people first

BY ANDREA McCAFFREY

At Quinnipiac University, innovation in artificial intelligence doesn't start with a code. It starts with a question: Who will this benefit?

For computer science associate professor and associate chair of computing Chetan Jaiswal, PhD, and his students, AI advancements aren't measured by novelty, but by their power to restore agency, break down barriers and foster greater independence.

That philosophy came into focus during an occupational therapy event when Jaiswal noticed a young boy struggling to steer his wheelchair while trying to talk to his mother. His independence was compromised by the very tools meant to empower him.

"It was a moment where I thought, 'We can do better,'" said Jaiswal. "To me, meaningful development means solutions that improve lives. Not just inventing for innovation's sake."

That experience sparked the creation of AccessiMove™, a hands-free mobility tool powered by facial gestures and artificial intelligence. It also marked a milestone as the university's first technology accepted for a U.S. patent.

"I'm especially passionate about helping

communities where technology has lagged — people with disabilities or limited mobility," said Jaiswal. "It's about building to restore dignity, expand access and help people live more fully."

That belief resonates strongly at a time when public concern about AI is rising. In fact, a Quinnipiac University Poll measuring opinions on artificial intelligence in April 2025 found that 83% of adults are either very or somewhat concerned about AI's impact on the youngest generation and their ability to think for themselves.

Since joining Quinnipiac in 2022, Jaiswal has promoted a research culture that spans majors and departments, where students lead the development of AI-powered prototypes ranging from real-time language translation to hands-free computing for users with motor impairments.

"I believe students should be at the forefront of research," he said. "Projects can start with faculty guidance, but students should lead the way."

That philosophy earned him a Quinnipiac Faculty Scholarship and Creative Works Impact Fund grant and has been supported through

student-faculty collaborations, community partnerships and national exposure through professional events like the World AI IoT Congress in Seattle.

Whether developing new tools for mobility, language access or education, every one of Jaiswal's research initiatives is driven by student collaboration — from ideation to implementation.

And the impact could reach even further. His work has the potential to inspire new academic courses and research directions in human-computer interaction and assistive technology.

"Empowerment, dignity and equal access ... that's what I'm concentrating on with my research," said Jaiswal. "Computing has this ability to reach into spaces no other research can and make a real difference. But if your work doesn't have a real-world impact, ask yourself why you're doing it."

Because, for Jaiswal and his students, the real breakthroughs come not in code, but in connection.

One vision, many breakthroughs: How Chetan Jaiswal and his students are redefining AI innovation

AccessiMove™: Patent pending, people first

Sometimes, the most powerful movements begin with the smallest gesture.

That's the promise behind AccessiMove™, a groundbreaking Quinnipiac project that turns a simple head tilt or facial motion into freedom of movement and a new kind of independence.

Developed with affordability, dignity and real-world usability in mind, AccessiMove™ is the university's first U.S. patent-pending technology that controls a computer or hardware. The technology culminated in the team's design of a "proof of concept" child-sized wheelchair prototype powered by facial gestures and AI.

It requires no expensive hardware or caregiver assistance — just a standard webcam and "nose-bridge tracking" software that translates head and face movements into digital commands. Users can operate a wheelchair, control a computer cursor or navigate digital environments, all hands-free.

"We filed a patent not to keep it for ourselves, but to protect the idea from being commercialized in a way that makes it inaccessible or unaffordable," said Jaiswal. "We're not doing this for profit. We're doing it to make a difference."

The project was a collaboration between Jaiswal's student design team and Karen Majeski, associate professor of occupational therapy, who helped refine the design based on her experience with assistive technology and patient needs.

"As an occupational therapist, I see how traditional eye-tracking tools can often fail users," said Majeski. "If someone has eye tremors, eye-tracking systems become unreliable. AccessiMove™ tracks the bridge of the nose instead, which greatly reduces eye fatigue and increases precision."

The team's goal was to create a fully embedded, open-source accessibility tool requiring no extra setup. Its potential extends far beyond wheelchairs enabling mobility, communication and digital access through facial gestures alone. It was even showcased at IBM's Watson Research Center, home to some of the world's most advanced AI and quantum technologies.

"One of my most memorable moments was

seeing the wheelchair prototype move for the first time with just the turn of a head," Majeski recalled. "It was like watching independence come to life."

QVMedSim: AI-assisted virtual reality medical training

What if medical students could walk into a fully equipped emergency room — anytime, anywhere — and start training immediately?

That vision is now a virtual reality.

Developed in collaboration with Hartford HealthCare's Center for Education, Simulation and Innovation (CESI) and led by computer science graduate Harika Sirandass, MS '25, QVMedSim is an immersive VR platform that transforms medical training by eliminating the constraints of traditional simulation labs, making instruction more accessible, interactive and effective.

"If one student wants to work on a manikin, everyone else has to wait their turn," said Jaiswal. "But in VR, you can train anytime. No expensive equipment or proctor required."

Using photorealistic 3D scans from CESI, Sirandass recreated a detailed emergency room environment complete with interactive tools like a ZOLL defibrillator, oximeter and manikin.

"I'm most proud of the equipment fidelity," she said. "With the headset, you see and interact with defibrillator buttons. The sounds, the display — all the small details matter when training."

Built as her master's thesis and presented at the World AI IoT Congress, QVMedSim includes an AI assistant that guides users

through procedures like a virtual instructor, offering tips, answering questions and correcting mistakes in real time.

In early testing with 10 medical professionals, QVMedSim users showed 84% knowledge retention compared to 64% using traditional methods, representing a 19% improvement.

"This is the perfect intersection of cutting-edge technology and real healthcare needs," Sirandass said. "Every tester asked for more scenarios."

CESI Educational Specialist Mary Sukumar, MD, saw the ripple effect immediately.

"It's been exciting working with Harika and seeing how her work has inspired other projects on our team," she said. "It kind of cascaded unexpectedly. We're learning from these students just as much as they're learning from us."

Sirandass says QVMedSim wouldn't have been possible without the support she received from CESI and Quinnipiac.

"Dr. Jaiswal didn't just advise me. He connected me with real-world opportunities and encouraged me to think big," said Sirandass. "That's the kind of mentorship that transforms students into researchers and innovators."

AirBoard: A whiteboard you can command in midair
Brian Wanamaker '25 thought he was signing up for a capstone project. He didn't expect to build a national demo, publish a paper and help develop a breakthrough in accessible teaching.

The idea was bold: a virtual whiteboard powered entirely by AI and midair gestures.

With guidance from Jaiswal, Wanamaker

"It's about building to restore dignity, expand access and help people live more fully."

helped create AirBoard, a hands-free, AI-powered whiteboard that lets users draw, write, highlight, erase and even solve math problems using only hand gestures. No touch screen, stylus or special hardware required.

“When Dr. J. had the idea, we realized there was nothing else quite like it,” said Wanamaker. “He gave us the spark and the freedom to take it in any direction we wanted.”

Jaiswal said the inspiration for a hands-free whiteboard came from a simple but powerful moment.

“I saw a professor in a wheelchair struggling to pull the whiteboard down in his class,” he recalled. “I knew I wanted to create something that would give instructors full control in a classroom, without standing or reaching.”

The student team developed 18 custom gestures that control everything on the board. AirBoard also integrates with AI tools like Google Gemini to recognize handwriting, convert it to text and export notes as PDFs to share through learning platforms like Blackboard or Canvas.

“If a teacher has shaky hands or mobility issues and can’t hold a marker, they could use AirBoard instead,” said Wanamaker. “We even added handwriting-to-text conversion for easier sharing.”

AirBoard was presented at the IEEE conference in Seattle and is already drawing attention for its accessibility potential.

Sara Rzeszutek, director of faculty advancement in teaching excellence and a mentor through Quinnipiac Innovations in Learning and Teaching (QILT), worked closely with the team throughout the year. She believes AirBoard has significant potential for accessibility beyond a traditional classroom.

“It’s intuitive, innovative and could really impact online teaching,” said Rzeszutek. “But even more importantly, it opens doors for anyone

who faces barriers with traditional tools. And that’s exactly what accessibility should look like.”

Let’s Talk: Bridging language and ASL barriers

What if language, spoken or signed, was never a barrier to being understood?

That’s the promise behind Let’s Talk, a multilingual translation app developed by Quinnipiac students to connect people across languages and abilities in real time.

For Peter Zegarek ’25, Let’s Talk started as a chance to dive into applied research. But it quickly became something more: a breakthrough app that bridges language gaps in real time, including American Sign Language.

Zegarek led the early development of the app, layering languages through an application programming interface (API) that enables seamless spoken translation in real time.

“You can start speaking, and the translation is immediate — no typing, no pausing,” he said. “That was a breakthrough moment. It showed me that AI’s future isn’t just in large language models like ChatGPT. A tool can be groundbreaking if it solves a real problem. It showed me the kind of impact tech can have when it’s built for people, not just products.”

The app, presented at the 2024 Consortium for Computing Sciences in College conference, won second place in research.

As it evolved, graduate student Koushik Bhupathiraju, MS ’26, joined the project, bringing a new layer of accessibility: AI-powered American Sign Language (ASL) translation through a computer vision webcam.

“I was excited by the idea of converting sign language into spoken English,” he said. “Just like spoken languages have different accents, sign language varies in how people express gestures, and not every sign is made perfectly. We had to train the system to recognize each gesture accurately, even when it wasn’t made perfectly.”

Using MediaPipe and OpenCV, he taught the program to detect finger positions and hand orientations, translating signs like the alphabet, numbers and basic commands.

Jaiswal envisions even broader applications: “My hope is the end result will bring people together beyond the barrier of languages and disabilities.” **Q**

Public concern mirrors urgency of Jaiswal’s mission

Quinnipiac University National Poll,
April 16, 2025

As artificial intelligence accelerates, so do the questions surrounding its impact. A 2025 national Quinnipiac University Poll on “The Age of Artificial Intelligence” makes it clear: The American public has concerns.

Key findings from the April 3-7 poll of 1,562 adults:

44%

believe AI will do more harm than good in their daily lives

73%

say businesses are not doing enough to be transparent about their use of AI

69%

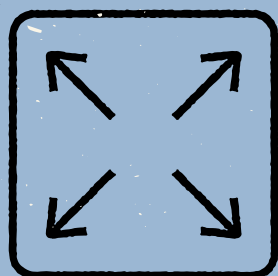
think the government isn’t doing enough to regulate the use of AI

“This moment calls for cross-sector collaboration — educators, tech builders, students, policymakers and storytellers — to shape how AI serves society, not the other way around,” said Chetan Jaiswal, PhD, who contributed to the poll’s development. “Let’s not wait for disruption. Let’s design for equity, trust and long-term impact.”

That call for a thoughtful approach is echoed in the work of Quinnipiac’s Wayne Unger, JD, associate professor of law. Unger’s research dives into the legal and ethical dangers of unchecked technology, from consumer data exploitation to the rise of brain-computer interfaces.

Together, Jaiswal and Unger represent Quinnipiac’s cross-disciplinary approach to one of the most urgent issues of our time: ensuring that AI’s next chapter is human-centered and responsibly built.

Explore more in this issue:
“The Digital Reckoning,” page 12.



DESIGNED FOR CONNECTION. BUILT FOR ALL.

Introducing the new South Quad

BY ANDREA McCAFFREY



The Grove

The SITE



School of Business

Collaboration needs more than inspiration. It needs a place to grow. So we gave it an additional 327,000 square feet of opportunity.

Imagine ... a future marketer and a psychology major working side by side in the User Experience & Behavioral Insights Lab as they decode how the brain responds to an ad, down to the millisecond.

In the Analytics & Applied AI Lab upstairs, game design and healthcare students use VR/AR technology to build an educational escape room that blends imagination and learning. Next door, on the rooftop greenhouse, a biology student and a business strategist chart a funding strategy for their biotech project.

These moments of collaboration and creativity aren't happening in isolation. They reflect a larger vision for Quinnipiac's new South Quad, where thoughtful design and purposeful spaces invite students and faculty to connect, experiment and push ideas forward.

Shaped by input from students and faculty, the South Quad is now complete with the new School of Business and The Science, Innovation, Technology and Exploration (The SITE) academic buildings debuting this fall, joining The Grove residence hall, which opened in 2024.

From windows framing the silhouette of Sleeping Giant to spaces that echo the beauty of the surrounding landscape, the South Quad blends tranquility with the vibrant energy of collaboration, a philosophy woven into both its architecture and landscape design. The new addition to the Mount Carmel Campus goes far beyond classrooms, creating built-in moments for connection with wide, lounge-lined corridors outside faculty offices and dynamic common areas where branches of learning naturally intersect.

Here, curiosity connects, ideas take root and answers grow into bold solutions as knowledge crosses fields to tackle real-world challenges with emerging technology, industry partnerships and fearless imagination.

It's that same spirit of connection that also inspired the new campus-wide "Common Hour" integrated into the Mount Carmel academic schedule, with every Tuesday and Thursday from 12:30 to 1:45 p.m. as a dedicated time for events and activities to explore and discover.

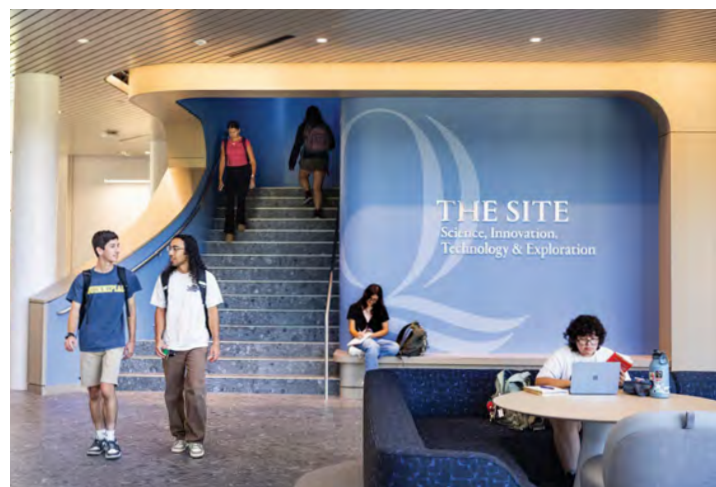
By breaking down traditional academic silos, the South Quad fosters collaboration across disciplines and strengthens the professional networks students will carry into their careers. Designed to address the needs of an evolving job market and guided by a renewed commitment to community, the South Quad equips Quinnipiac students and faculty with spaces and opportunities to thrive in a connected world.



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These are stunning, state-of-the-art, future-proof learning spaces. And they are reminders of our ability to imagine, to collaborate, and then to act – hallmarks of the bold leadership of former President Judy Olian. Great things will happen here.

– President Marie Hardin, PhD
2025 Convocation



“Every single one of our students will go through classes, have experiences that are in the South Quad ... It gives us so many more, bigger and flexible community spaces. It will be transformational for every single one of our students.”

– Debra Liebowitz, PhD, Provost

“These spaces are a powerful statement of Quinnipiac’s values. Faculty, students and staff were engaged under the provost’s leadership in shaping the design and purpose of these spaces. Through that collaboration, the vision evolved into something richer: a dynamic ecosystem that reflects the diverse needs and aspirations of our community.”

– Tom Ellett, PhD, Chief Experience Officer

A SPACE FOR WHAT'S NEXT

From rendering to reality

“
You can tell that each building
and section was thoughtfully
built and created for students
and by students.”

— Elijah Loucks '28
Film, television & media arts major



ORIGINAL ARCHITECTURAL RENDERING



The Grove

Opened in Fall 2024, the 111,000-square-foot residence hall for 415 first-year students and undergraduate mentors is a modern, sustainable home designed to spark comfort and connection while fostering self-discovery, exploration and growth.





School of Business

Anchoring the southwestern edge of the South Quad, the 79,000-square-foot new home for the School of Business is open to all majors and blends tradition and innovation in a dynamic, light-filled space built for connection and student success.



The SITE

Bridging the South Quad with the wider campus, The SITE is Quinnipiac's 137,000-square-foot space for hands-on learning, big ideas and unexpected collaborations across every field of study, while also serving as the main Mount Carmel hub for the College of Arts & Sciences, School of Health Sciences and School of Nursing.*



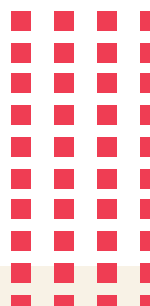
**The primary spaces for the deans of the Schools of Health Sciences and Nursing will remain on the North Haven Campus.*



READY. SET. LAUNCH.

Alumni entrepreneurs preserve founders' spirit,
build flourishing businesses across industries

BY CHRIS BRODEUR, MS '25





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PHOTO: Students collaborate with Mostafa Analoui, PhD, inside the new Innovation Hub at the School of Business. The space is open to all students, regardless of major, to spark creativity and innovation.

Nearly a century after 11 students each contributed \$100 in seed money to found the business school that would become Quinnipiac University, their pioneering spirit continues to inspire.

“Innovation and entrepreneurship are more than strategic priorities — they are foundational to who we are,” said Mostafa Analoui, PhD, director of the M&T Bank Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship, and the Carlton Highsmith Endowed Chair of Innovation and Entrepreneurship at Quinnipiac.

“Honoring this ethos means reaffirming our commitment to bold thinking, creative problem solving and the belief that knowledge should be applied to make a meaningful impact,” he added. “We prepare students not just to succeed in existing systems, but to challenge and reinvent them.”

Guided by those tenets, Quinnipiac graduates are building successful businesses across a diverse array of industries. They are visionaries and changemakers. They push limits and defy convention. And they are molded into the founders of tomorrow by a cutting-edge curriculum; students can major or minor in entrepreneurship and innovation — a rare opportunity for undergraduates and a point of

distinction for Quinnipiac’s nationally recognized School of Business.

“We offer budding entrepreneurs unique access to maker spaces and other state-of-the-art resources, as well as a vast interdisciplinary network of expertise across campus,” said School of Business Dean Holly J. Raider, PhD. “Students from different fields of study can combine their skills to develop new businesses or products that present solutions to real-world problems.” Additionally, thriving student-run ventures such as On the Rocks Pub & Grill on the York Hill Campus, Shake Smart in the Recreation and Wellness Center and the Café in the new School of Business reinforce those principles and give students their first taste of business leadership before they receive their diplomas.

Today, a growing network of alumni entrepreneurs are positioned to uphold the legacy of the founders while providing a blueprint for future business owners to follow. Quinnipiac Magazine caught up with a cross-section of them to discuss their career journeys and the wisdom they would share with anyone looking to forge their own purpose-driven and prosperous path.



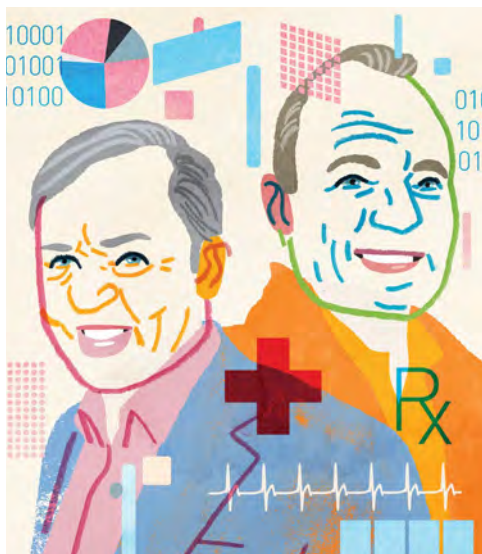


YVONNE ALSTON

*Founder, Chief Culture Architect & CEO,
Indelible Impressions Consulting*

Yvonne Alston '98 was mourning her late father when the pressures of corporate culture led her to make a decision that would alter the trajectory of her career. Citing the “transactional environment” that so often forces employees to forgo healthy boundaries in pursuit of career advancement, she flew to a work event shortly after his funeral to ensure a project would be completed. It made her feel complicit in a widespread issue but also opened her eyes to the impact she could have by advocating for and helping to build truly inclusive and empathetic workplace cultures. Since its founding in late 2019, her company, Indelible Impressions Consulting, has helped businesses big and small transform their culture through comprehensive surveys, workshops, coaching and other services designed to educate and inspire change. “The name was born out of the idea of making that indelible mark, that fingerprint in the hearts and minds of individuals that goes beyond the workplace,” Alston said. “This goes with you everywhere. Take it into your neighborhoods and your communities. This is how we create meaningful social change.”

“Align your passion with purpose. That will motivate you differently than just, ‘Hey, I’ve got this great idea.’ I understand trying to fill a marketplace opportunity. But you fire on all cylinders when you align your passion with purpose. Let that be part of your compass for what you build. When you can tell your story with earnestness and authenticity, you will be amazed at the opportunities that come your way.”



HANK AND ALAN BALAVENDER

*Independent Board Member, PT Practice Solutions
President & Owner, Physical Therapy & Sports
Medicine Centers*

Small business was a way of life in the Balavender household. Hank Balavender '74 and Alan Balavender '86 were the oldest and youngest of five boys born to Doris, the owner of Regal Real Estate, and Ray, a World War II veteran who owned and operated Regal Auto Service in New Britain, Connecticut. “We used to call it Regal University,” Hank said of their upbringing. “There was the right way, the wrong way and the Regal way.” Of course, everybody needs an outlet. “We had to work for them when we weren’t playing sports, so all of us played a lot of sports,” joked Alan. Sure enough, athletics helped steer Hank, Alan and their brother and fellow Quinnipiac graduate, Paul, toward careers in physical therapy, a field in which they followed their parents’ example to become trailblazing business owners. The Balavender brothers have built sprawling, world-class practices and implemented revolutionary business measures that yielded staggering growth.

“I don’t think you can overstate the importance of finding a great mentor, somebody who’s kind of been there, done that. I know there’s been a great emphasis in professional circles to create networks and peer groups. You don’t necessarily have to feel like you’re taking it all on by yourself. Maybe the financial risk is yours. But there are a lot of people and resources — certainly within the Quinnipiac community — who will support you and invest in your success.”
(Alan Balavender)



MCKENNA HAZ

Founder & CEO, Seaav

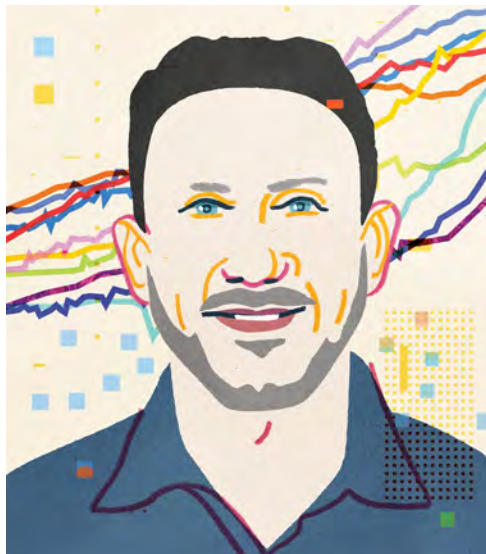
Hidden within the name of athletic wear brand Seaav is the business philosophy of its founder, Mckenna Haz '21: Sea a Vision. From high school, Haz had the foresight and determination to make her business dreams a reality. This vision, combined with her passion for ocean conservation, led her to create a sustainably sourced brand where every garment is made with at least 80% upcycled plastic. Each purchase diverts one pound of ocean-bound plastic from shorelines, and the company donates 1% of its profits to fund coral reef restoration. A former Quinnipiac rugby player, Haz credits her trademark grit to her athletic background and her business acumen to her mother, Kristie, a successful land developer. While still an undergraduate, she was a finalist in the annual pitch competition sponsored by the M&T Bank Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship. Haz applied the skills she honed majoring in advertising and integrated communications and minoring in entrepreneurship and small business management to present the business plan she developed for Seaav in her dorm room.

“Don’t doubt yourself. You don’t need to have it all figured out. As an entrepreneur, there are a lot of highs and lows. The highs are better because of the lows. Without them, the success wouldn’t be as meaningful.”



TOM BARTON

Founder & CEO, Exposure



BOBBY EMAMIAN

Co-Founder & Managing Partner, Debut Capital



JAY BISOGNANO

Founder & CEO, Torrington Properties

Tom Barton '95 had just graduated from Quinnipiac with a finance degree when a fateful trip to Romania rerouted his career plans. A classmate was starting a real estate company in his home country and needed help devising a business plan. Barton assisted with the planning, gaining valuable experience. After a year abroad, he returned to the States and founded the company that would become Exposure, a full-service digital marketing and development agency that represents some of Connecticut's most vibrant brands. He was able to harness the networking power of the internet at a time when that was still a novel concept. But Barton credits Quinnipiac's entrepreneurial DNA with shaping him into the thoughtful business leader he is today. "It was just such a part of the culture," Barton said. "I didn't necessarily aspire to start a business, but the passion and the spirit of my classmates in the School of Business made an impression on me. I try to bring that same energy into my relationships with clients. I love seeing them succeed."

“In the next 10 years, there's going to be a lot of creativity and energy devoted to solving problems using artificial intelligence and other emerging technologies. And it's going to create tremendous opportunities for those willing to follow their passion. Whether you're the one starting a company or you're just looking to get involved with a startup, you won't regret it. It's going to be a lot of fun.”

Bobby Emamian '09 isn't sure if it was persistence or naivete that compelled him to try out for every position on the Quinnipiac baseball team as an undergraduate, but it paid off in the form of a full-time roster spot as the bullpen catcher. He took the same approach to his studies in the entrepreneurship program, building apps and websites, and pursuing investment opportunities with an abiding try-everything attitude. "My learning style is a lot more hands-on," Emamian said. "That's what made the entrepreneurship such a great fit. You get your hands dirty." His company, Debut Capital, is an early-stage venture capital fund focused on investing in Black, Latinx and Indigenous founders. He previously owned and operated Prolific Interactive, an award-winning mobile product agency whose clients included SoulCycle, Saks, Gap and American Express. Ever the jack of all trades, Emamian said the artificial intelligence boom is a business frontier on par with the advent of the iPhone. He's eager to keep exploring uncharted territory.

“Be curious. Keep learning. Try everything. And trust yourself as you go about this process. Your instincts will lead you to the right place. You really just have to stay curious and try to learn as much as you can.”

Torrington Properties is named for the street where Jay Bisognano '07 grew up, in Acton, Massachusetts. That's where he first dreamed of being a business owner and real estate developer, so it's a fitting title for the place where he gets to live out those dreams. Now with locations in Boston and Durham, New Hampshire, the firm specializes in transforming undermanaged and underutilized properties, such as shopping centers and apartment buildings, into modern, mixed-use destinations. From a young age, Bisognano was enamored with development — "seeing things being built or being renovated was just the coolest thing in the world to me, and still is," he said. At Quinnipiac, where he majored in entrepreneurship and small business management, Bisognano's ambitious career path began to crystallize. "They would invite entrepreneurs to speak to us in the Business School, and I was just over the moon," he said. "I was asking all the questions and taking so many notes. I just had this fascination with how people created businesses and I wanted to know everything."

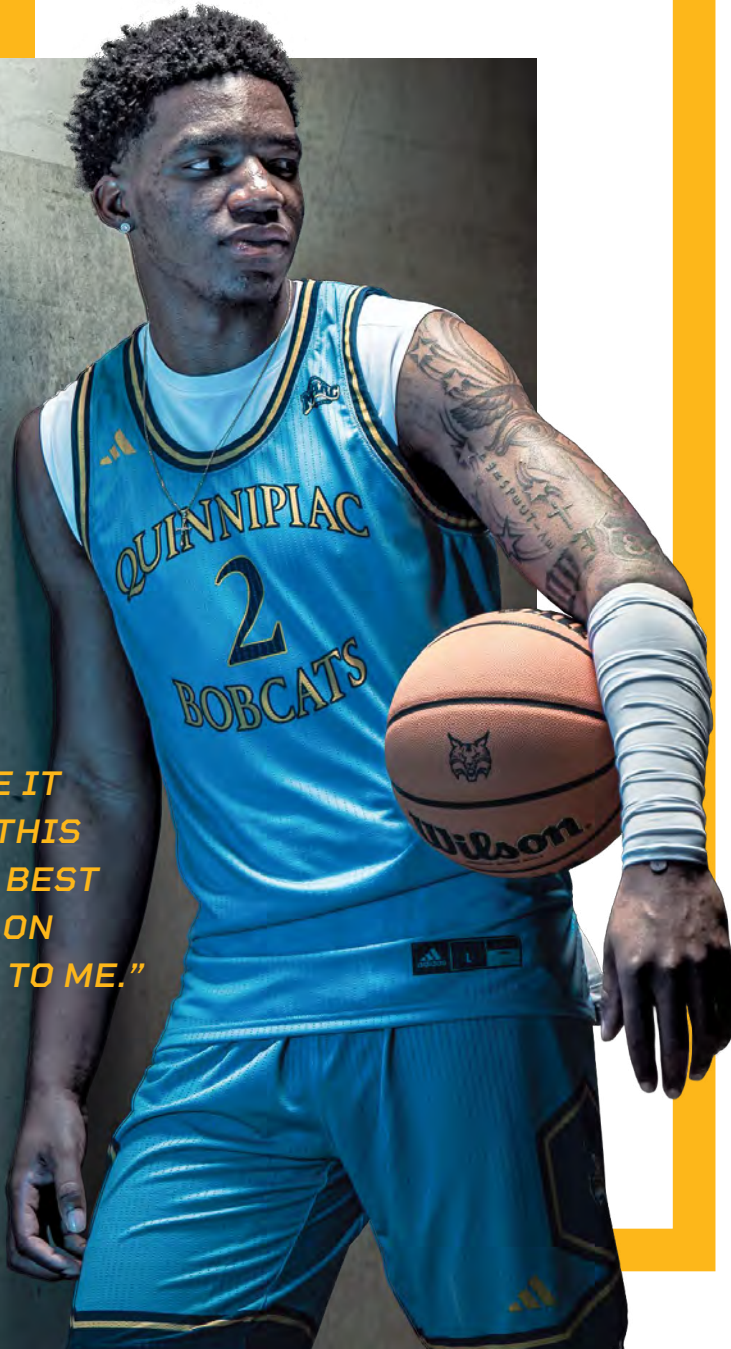
“First is, you've got to be willing to ask questions. Curiosity is definitely a driver. You have to have a dream. You have to want to do something for the right reasons. And in my opinion, it can't be for money. It has to be because that's what you love to do. And then lastly, you have to be willing to work. Nothing comes easy.”

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

HAMDEN IS STILL HOME
FOR AMARRI MONROE +
ELENA GIACOMINI

BY CHRIS BRODEUR, MS '25

**"I LOVE IT
HERE. THIS
IS THE BEST
PLACE ON
EARTH TO ME."**



Last spring, as he contemplated a basketball future outside of Hamden, Amarri Monroe '26 was steered by more than his heart.

"My GPS on Apple CarPlay, as soon as I get in the car, has this programmed as 'home,'" Monroe said from his residence hall in mid-August. "I love it here. This is the best place on earth to me."

After considering lucrative NIL deals from the likes of UConn, Kansas, Miami and other Power 5 suitors, Monroe — who transferred to Quinnipiac in 2023 following a rocky first year at Wofford College in South Carolina — ultimately decided he couldn't put the Bobcats in his rearview mirror.

Not after rediscovering his joy for basketball and blossoming into a leader in front of friends and family from nearby New York.

"I think he learned a great lesson about how happiness is more important than anything, including a certain amount of money," Bobcats coach Tom Pecora said. "Some of these coaches promise the world. Then when the player gets there, they're not getting half of what they were promised and they're not getting on the court. These are supposed to be the best four years of your life up to this point."

Last year left a sour taste. Monroe, a sturdy, 6-foot-7 forward with guard skills, emerged as the premier player on the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference's best team. The Bobcats won 20 games, but a stumble against Iona in the MAAC semifinals snuffed out the program's hopes of earning its first NCAA Tournament berth.

Scoring 13 of his game-high 25 points in the second half to rally the team from a sizable deficit, Monroe poured every ounce of himself into an inspired performance that left his nose bloodied and his heart broken. Questions about his future started to swirl before he could process the loss. But after testing the transfer portal and doing plenty of soul-searching, the answer was clear.

"There's definitely more I can do here, and that starts with winning a MAAC championship," Monroe said. "And I just love being part of this community. The coaches, the staff, my teammates — it's just the best support system I've ever had."

Monroe's decision was a relief to young Bobcats fans, many of whom saw a different side of him as "Coach Amarri" at the team's summer youth clinic. Whether he's playfully sparring with campers, giving away a pair of game-worn sneakers or obliging an endless stream of postgame autograph-seekers, Monroe has fully embraced his stardom.

"I love giving back and I love seeing smiles on kids' faces because I was those kids," said Monroe, an unabashed SpongeBob SquarePants viewer. "I think back to times when I would meet a player and maybe he wasn't the nicest. I never want to be that."

Elena Giacomini, MBA '25, MS '26, returned to the Quinnipiac women's volleyball team for another graduate season after a stellar debut in which she excelled on the court and in the classroom while bringing the Bobcats to the brink of the NCAA Tournament.

A native of San Felice, Italy, Giacomini led the team in points (565), kills (486) and digs (366) en route to Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference Player of the Year honors and an honorable mention on the American Volleyball Coaches Association All-America team.

Of course, spikes are the result of skillful bumping and setting and positioning. Giacomini considers her personal accolades to be a reflection of team success, and said she would trade all that hardware for the one piece that eluded the Bobcats in 2024: a MAAC title.

"That's the beauty of volleyball," Giacomini said. "There's nothing that can be achieved without everyone being 100% committed and connected with one another. The sport is about connection."

Now in pursuit of her second advanced business degree — a master's in applied AI and business analytics — Giacomini's academic performance mirrors the drive and determination she brings to the court.

"I think the greatest testament to her success is that she's really good and she doesn't ever quit trying to get better," said Kyle Robinson, the Bobcats' seventh-year coach. "International students can be a little more polished as recruits, so as their coach you worry about what you can teach them. But [Elena] came in right away with an attitude of, 'I want to learn, I want to get better, I want to be more than just what I am.' She's a great teammate. She doesn't balk at anything. She's just committed to the whole process of what it takes to win championships."

Giacomini dreams of playing professionally in her home country and beyond, but the Bobcats' four-set loss to top-seeded Fairfield in the MAAC final last November made the decision to come back an easy one.

"I'm kind of superstitious, but I also think that if you have a goal, you have to say it to make it real," Giacomini said. "We came up just short of our goal last year. I want to win a championship."

The reunion of player and program is especially gratifying for Robinson, who's drawn upon a wealth of international playing and coaching experience to become the winningest coach in school history.

"I think Quinnipiac is an amazing place to not only get an education and to live but also to do great things in sport," Robinson said. "So it means the world to me when a player of [Elena's] caliber wants to come back and stay committed to what we're doing here." **Q**

AMARRI MONROE

Hometown: Newburgh, NY
Height: 6-foot-7
Position: Forward

2025
MAAC Preseason
Player of the Year

19.1
Points per game

2024
MAAC Player
of the Year

9.1
Rebounds

ELENA GIACOMINI

Hometown: San Felice, Italy
Height: 6 feet
Position: Opposite Hitter

2025
MAAC Preseason
Player of the Year

486
Kills

2024
MAAC Player
of the Year

565
Points



"WE CAME UP JUST SHORT OF OUR GOAL LAST YEAR. I WANT TO WIN A CHAMPIONSHIP."



Quinnipiac commits to Division I program

Changes set 1998-99; DeSantis named coach

By Brian Dohn
Register Staff

HAMDEN — The announcement was expected, just not this soon.

Quinnipiac President Dr. John L. Lahey dropped a bombshell that the school will upgrade the athletic program from NCAA Division II to Division I.

Lahey made the declaration Monday at the Athletic Center during what was supposed to be a press conference to introduce (as reported in the Register on Saturday) ex-Fairfield University standout and assistant coach Joe DeSantis as Quinnipiac's men's basketball coach.

But there's no question the news of DeSantis took a back seat

the announcement because the timing was right.

"It's been in the works for the years," Lahey said. "It really was an athletic decision than it was an academic decision. Quinnipiac, speaking, is very highly regarded. Quinnipiac is essentially a tuition except for the athletic program."

In order to meet the standard of 14 varsity sports (seven women), the school will add lacrosse and field hockey programs, Lahey said. Quinnipiac also has eight men's (baseball, basketball, ice hockey, golf, tennis) and eight women's (basketball, cross country, soccer, softball, volleyball).



The Risk
That Changed
Everything



A View From the Top

As beautiful as it is unique, the TD Banknorth Sports Center is the latest — and possibly the most significant — statement that Quinnipiac athletics has arrived.

By Frank Campailla

Students at Quinnipiac University's TD Banknorth Sports Center can do something they never could while watching a basketball game in the recreation center at the Mount Carmel Campus or a hockey game at Northford Ice Pavilion — lean back in an individual seat. No more benches. All 3,570 seats in the basketball arena and all 3,286 seats in the hockey arena have seatbacks with cup holders.

Fans will relish this amenity, but Quinnipiac University seniors Matthew Janik and Kevin Sokolski don't care. They wouldn't mind if the arenas didn't even have seats. "We hope they are the nicest seats students don't sit in," Janik said. "We want fans standing the whole time."

Standing during games and wearing school colors are hallmarks of students passionate for their college's sports teams.

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BY CHRIS BRODEUR, MS '25



he year was 1998. Quinnipiac College President John Lahey had outlined a vision for complementing exceptional academics with Division I athletics. Athletic director Jack McDonald, a culture-building dynamo who had overseen a similar transition at the University of Denver, was tapped to spearhead the move. And plucky part-time coaches were elevated to full-time positions and empowered to pursue a new caliber of recruit.

That left a cohort of about 250 student-athletes to rep the blue and gold during a transformative, if a bit turbulent, period. Lopsided results on the scoreboard would pave the way for banners in the rafters. But the York Hill Campus was still years away from rising out of the rolling hills of Sherman Avenue. There were no state-of-the-art facilities, no pristine turf fields.

Instead, scraggly patches of grass ill-suited for high school teams served as a battleground for forging a bold new identity.

"It's yours and you need to defend it," Billy Mecca recalled telling those players. Now a senior associate athletic director with five decades of experience, Mecca left his post as men's basketball coach in 1996 to focus on administrative duties — a role he relishes for its lasting relationships.

"Those kids fought hard," Mecca said. "That's the beauty of where my seat is now. Anybody from that era who comes back to visit, I could just feel everything they went through. That's a tangible bond. I take pride in it."

A quarter century later, the bonds endure, as do the stories about trekking through the woods to retrieve game balls and suiting up in hallways before locker rooms could be constructed.

Nate Pondexter '00 transferred from a junior college in Manchester, New Hampshire, to become a prolific scorer on coach Joe DeSantis' men's basketball team. His first Division I defensive assignment? Future NBA lottery pick Richard Hamilton, whose UConn Huskies posted a 102-60 victory en route to a 34-2 campaign and a national championship.

The headline on page D3 of the November 16, 1998, edition of *The New York Times* read, "UConn gives Quinnipiac a Division I hello."

The team doubled its win total during Pondexter's senior season but was ineligible for postseason play. Still, Pondexter said, the players could sense momentum that wasn't necessarily visible in stat sheets.

"The atmosphere on campus was pretty exciting," said Pondexter, a two-time All-Northeast Conference selection who was inducted into the Quinnipiac Athletics Hall of Fame in 2012. "It was just so new for everybody. The administrators were learning as they went. As players, all of a sudden we were on TV, in the newspaper every day. It was a special time."

Stephanie (Smith) Boggs '99, MS '01, was a senior defender on the women's soccer team that finished 9-7-2 in its first season at the highest

level of collegiate competition, laying the foundation for the team that in 2000 won the conference crown to earn the school's first NCAA Tournament berth in any sport.

Squaring off against teams with superior resources stoked Quinnipiac's competitive fire, Boggs said.

"I don't remember the wins and losses. The fact that our record was 9-7-2 was a bonus," Boggs said. "You play for the passion of soccer. We played with grit and determination and that deep sense of pride of wearing that Quinnipiac jersey and knowing we were building something."

Men's ice hockey coach Rand Pecknold and women's basketball coach Tricia Fabbri remain as pillars from that era, program architects whose success on the national stage propelled Quinnipiac to new heights.

They also took turns occupying an office in the old recreation center that Fabbri fondly remembers as a "broom closet."

"It was literally a desk, a chair, another chair and a landline in a 4-by-4 box," joked Fabbri, who became the department's first full-time female hire in 1995. Her teams have made five NCAA Tournament appearances, including a trip to the Sweet 16 in 2017.

Before Pecknold could establish a championship culture, he had to endure "a little bit of chaos and a lot of unknown" while the men's hockey team was still renting its home ice and dividing two scholarships among 28 players.

A road trip to Maine, home of the reigning Division I champions, on a December night in 1999 registered as a 7-4 loss in the record books. But it was a pivotal moment for a program that would clinch three Frozen Four berths in the span of a decade, culminating in 2023's national championship triumph.

"That was an eye-opener," said Pecknold. "We were beating them 4-3 going into the third period, and they scored four goals on us to win the game. It was a sold-out rink, 5,000-plus seats. And we hung in there for a while against the national champs."

By 2000, Quinnipiac College was ready for a new title: Quinnipiac University. An untamed new mascot, the Bobcat, was introduced in 2002. And in 2023, just 13 years after the completion of the \$360 million York Hill addition, M&T Bank Center raised its first national championship banner.

"It was a calculated risk to make athletics the front porch for branding our academic reputation and building upon it," Fabbri said. "To end up in the crown jewel of an arena that we have, and to see all the collective success we've had — it's extraordinary."

On the ice and on the court and on the field, the Bobcats now regularly compete against the best programs in the country. But a big bet on Division I athletics never would have paid off without a brave group of athletes and coaches who were willing to bear the bruises of a bold dream. **Q**

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HIGHLIGHTS FROM ALUMNI EVENTS: 2024-2025



1. **NOVEMBER 22, 2024**
Quinnipiac School of Law Alumni
Awards and Reception | *North Haven, CT*
2. **NOVEMBER 9, 2024**
Quinnipiac Men's Basketball vs. St. John's
Alumni Pregame Reception | *Queens, NY*
3. **JULY 11, 2025**
Yankee Game | *Bronx, NY*



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4. MARCH 28, 2025

Quinnipiac vs. UConn NCAA Regionals
Pregame Reception and Game Watch Party
Allentown, PA

5. OCTOBER 18, 2025

Quinnipiac Bobcat Weekend
Hamden & North Haven, CT

6. MARCH 6, 2025

Alumni Social | *Los Angeles, CA*

7. JANUARY 6, 2025

Faculty & Staff Alumni Happy Hour
Hamden, CT

8. MARCH 25, 2025

Nursing Alumni Cocktail Party
New York, NY

9. MARCH 13, 2025

Alumni Reception | *Tampa, FL*

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FOR THE AMBITIOUS

A Campaign for the Next Century

BY ANDREA MCCAFFREY

THE POWER OF A GIFT

At Quinnipiac, every story begins with ambition — it's in our students, faculty and throughout a community that believes in what we do. But ambition alone isn't enough. It takes opportunity. It takes support.

Through *For the Ambitious*, our first comprehensive campaign in university history, we're boldly dreaming and building the foundation for the next 100 years. Every gift, no matter the size, creates a lasting impact that goes far beyond its value. Because when you support someone's ambition, you help shape the future.

EXPLORE
OUR IMPACT



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VETERAN'S AMBITION FOUND A PATH THROUGH GIVING

A former combat medic and current National Guard officer, Elena Hernandez '25 balanced military service and hospital work while pursuing Quinnipiac's accelerated nursing program. When financial gaps threatened her path, our Veterans Memorial Endowed Scholarship kept her on course to earn her degree.



It's hard going to school and being in the Army at the same time. There's so much you need to figure out — classes, studying, finances. I'm extremely grateful for all the people who have helped me.



SCHOLARSHIP GAVE THIS ATHLETE ROOM TO GROW

Yasha Laskin '24, MBA '25, came to Quinnipiac with both ambition and uncertainty. Scholarship support, our campaign's top priority, gave him the freedom to compete on the men's tennis team, lead in the Accounting Club and earn Beta Gamma Sigma honors. Today, he's prepared for a future where he can give back and follow the example of donor support that encouraged him.



Knowing that there are donors who believe in my future is a big inspiration for me to complete my goals. I am grateful to focus on my success without financial limitations.



HOW GENEROSITY EXPANDED ONE STUDENT'S WORLDVIEW

Quinnipiac's Study Abroad Fund allowed Emily Farley '24 to spend 10 days in Guatemala — hiking a cloud forest, making tortillas by hand and engaging deeply with another culture. Those moments, and the people she met, will continue to influence her perspective and shape her life for years to come.



Donor generosity not only enriched my education but also inspired me to give back to communities. I will carry forward the lessons gained from this trip for the rest of my life.



FIRST IN FAMILY, LIFTED BY DONOR SUPPORT

Raised by a single mother in rural Arizona, Jenny J. Lizarraga, MD '27, is the first in her family to attend college and now medical school. The lack of healthcare available for her grandparents and community inspired her to help underserved populations. Through the Frank H. Netter MD School of Medicine's *One Million Reasons* Scholarship, she can focus fully on her studies.



Most students who get into medicine have had a lot of support, whether that's financial or [from] systems that champion their success. I didn't have that. Removing that financial burden allowed me to enter the world as the resource my community needs.

FORGING THE NEXT CENTURY OF IMPACT

As we approach 100 years of shaping lives, Quinnipiac's next century will be defined by bold action — breaking down barriers, launching transformative programs and serving as a model of what higher education can achieve in a rapidly changing world.

CAMPAIGN GOAL: \$160 MILLION

LAUNCHED IN OCTOBER 2024, *FOR THE AMBITIOUS* HAS ALREADY PASSED THE HALFWAY MARK TOWARD ITS GOAL.

THE SPIRIT OF OUR CAMPAIGN IS GUIDED BY FOUR PRIORITIES.



\$55 MILLION

**TO MAKE EDUCATION
MORE ACCESSIBLE**

**SO THAT ALL STUDENTS CAN
PURSUE LIVES OF PURPOSE.**



\$50 MILLION

**TO ADVANCE
ACADEMIC OFFERINGS**

**THE WORLD IS EVOLVING.
WE ARE, TOO.**



\$30 MILLION

**TO SUPPORT FACULTY
BECAUSE EXCEPTIONAL
TEACHING INSPIRES
BREAKTHROUGH THINKING.**



\$25 MILLION

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LEARNING SPACES**

**SO THAT ALL VOICES ARE HEARD
AND CURIOSITY THRIVES.**

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Strongest engagement ever

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Raised in 24 hours by
1,205 donors

A CULTURE OF GIVING AWAKENS ON CAMPUS:

New Faculty & Staff 2025 Campaign marks the first internal campaign in years while the Student Philanthropy Council engages 900 students — including 422 seniors making gifts — in a growing student-led tradition.



Through the Student Philanthropy Council, I developed both personally and professionally. I got to see the value Quinnipiac had to offer more clearly after learning that so many people contribute to what makes Bobcat Nation so special.

— Haley Wynne '25, SPC founding member



A week doesn't go by where a Quinnipiac student doesn't reach out to me. Any interaction that I've ever given, I've gotten it back 10 times more.

— Brett Amendola '91, Board of Trustees member
and campaign committee chair

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Milestones & Memories



↑ Alex Rigazio '15, DPT '18, and Alexis (Smith) Rigazio '16, MOT '18, met at Quinnipiac and were married in September 2020. The couple's son, Ryan, was born on Aug. 2, 2024, and already loves all things QU, his parents said. The family lives in New Hampshire.



↑ Alex (Larsen) Hull '17 was married on June 10, 2023, at the historic Philander Chase Knox Estate at Valley Forge National Park in Malvern, PA. She and her husband, Ned, live in her home state of Pennsylvania. Since the wedding, they have added a four-legged golden retriever "fur baby," named June, to the family.

← Liana (Avgeris) Quiery '17 and her husband, Mike Quiery, were married in Athens, Greece, in 2022. Liana is a school psychologist, and Mike is a special education teacher. They live on Long Island with their daughter, Melina.



← Lauren (Stalzer) Smith '17 → and her husband, Patrick Smith, were married on April 20, 2024, in Dover Plains, NY, at the Preston Barn.



↑ Alex Leafer '13 met his wife, Kendall, 18 years ago at a film program. After 11 years of friendship, they started dating in 2018 and were married on Sept. 6, 2025, on a mountain in Park City, Utah.



← Emily (Su) Van Fleet '16 and her husband, Kevin, are shown with their daughter, Kaia, and big brother Theo.



↑ **Justin Schussler '10, MS '15**, and his wife, Cristina, happily welcomed their son, Jonah Frederick, on Sept. 10, 2025. Jonah is lovingly embraced by his big sisters, Eloise and Nora.



↑ **Julia (Gonsalves) Mann '16** and her husband, Chris Mann, are shown with their daughters, Blake and Willow Mann.



Collins Quinn Yatauro was → born on Aug. 3, 2025, to **Keith Yatauro '13, DPT '15** and **Erica Yatauro '14, MBA '15, BSN '16**. Collins joins siblings Liam and Hayden. Collins' middle name is in honor of Quinnipiac, his parents note.



Asia (Skyers) Sumner '16 → married Bryan Sumner of Raleigh, NC, on May 25, 2024, in Prospect, CT. The couple met in law school at North Carolina Central University and has been inseparable ever since.



← **Ephemia Nicolakis '23, MBA '24**, married Loukas Agoris on June 21, 2025. She is a marketing specialist at Yale University, and he is a seminarian at a Greek Orthodox School of Theology.



← **Larisa (Madison) Vivolo '14** and **Vincent Vivolo '14** met at Quinnipiac in 2010 and started dating as first-year students. They have been together ever since. They were married in March 2021, welcomed their daughter in January 2023 and their son in May 2025.



← **Laura Savage '13** and **Andrew Czuchra '13** were married on April 26, 2025. Although they both graduated from the School of Business and shared mutual friends, their paths did not cross until after graduating from Quinnipiac.



← **Savanna Reilly '16** and **Jake O'Brien** were married on Sept. 13, 2025, before a wonderful gathering of family and friends at the Henry House in North Bennington, VT.

Class Notes

1970s

- **Doug Haas '70**, of Alpharetta, GA, has been a retired accounting professional since 2005 after enjoying a more than 30-year career at Saab Cars USA in Orange, CT.
- **Mark Bockstein '71**, of Plantation, FL, is an attorney and founder of Mark P. Bockstein Attorney at Law.
- **Richard Prince '71**, of Eustis, FL, is retired, and formerly worked as a district sales manager.
- **Edward Roulhac '74**, of Blue Bell, PA, is CEO of his own firm.
- **Diana (Dilger) Hunt '75**, of Mahwah, NJ, is an occupational therapist at Northern Valley Regional School District.
- **Robert Siegel '75**, of Reno, NV, is a mobile notary in Nevada and retired from the Oregon Department of Transportation.
- **Donna (Timmons) Anderson '76**, of Monona, WI, is retired from physical therapy.
- **Elizabeth Veverka '76**, of Middletown, NJ, is retired from a career in computer and information systems.
- **Carol Nagorka '77**, of Wynnewood, PA, works in nursing.
- **Susan (Prunka) Polaski '77**, of Bethel, CT, is retired after working as an administrative coordinator from Greenwich Hospital.
- **Armand Minutillo '79**, of Farmington, CT, is retired from Hartford Insurance Group.
- **Joyce Wiswell '79**, of Hancock, MI, works as a freelance writer, editor and proofreader.

1980s

- **Lenny Capobianco '81**, of Fuquay-Varina, NC, is retired after working as a systems engineer at IBM and a senior network planning manager at AT&T.
- **Patricia (Healey) Sullivan '81**, of Dover, NJ, is director of claims and risk management at Risk Strategies.
- **Angela (Mancuso) Damico '82**, of Fort Myers, FL, is retired after a career in computer/information systems.
- **Howard Ives '82**, of Laurens, SC, is vice president at PNC Bank.

- **Dori Palcovich '83**, of Honolulu, HI, is an economic development specialist for the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism in Hawaii. She also earned her MBA from Quinnipiac in 1992.
- **Maureen (Dunn) Hinds '84**, of Kodak, TN, is retired after a career in accounting.
- **Susan Thomas '86** is an environmental biologist. She previously worked in environmental conservation before switching to a veterinary diagnostic company. She and her husband live in central MA and have three sons: a pilot, a mechanical engineer and a college freshman in environmental science.
- **Greta (Gilbert) Edelman '87**, of Cheshire, CT, is an administrative associate in lab medicine at Yale New Haven Hospital.
- **Tera (Sadovsky) Gordon '89**, of Monson, MA, is senior vice president at LeadGenie senior living. Her husband is **Steve Gordon '89**.

1990s

- **Stephen Reiss '91**, of Lyndhurst, NJ, is a director at DBI.
- **Stephanie Van Albert '91**, of Fairfield, CT, was recently promoted from senior associate advisor to lead advisor at MONECO Advisors. She was honored with the "Emerging Leader Award" in the Fairfield Chamber of Commerce's inaugural Women in Business Awards. She actively contributes to the Financial Planning Association (FPA) and Fairfield Emerging Leaders Organization (FELO).
- **Paula (Hill) Sagarino '92**, of East Hampton, CT, is manager for health affairs initiatives/paralegal manager at the University of Central Florida. Her husband is **Donald Sagarino '92**.
- **Melissa (Shapiro) Shortell '92**, of Glastonbury, CT, is a suite attendant at Oakview Group Hospitality.
- **Scott Clark, JD '93**, of Scarsdale, NY, is senior counsel at Potomac Law Group, PLLC.
- **Dawn (Stollman) Mininberg '93**, of Easton, CT, is a corporate accountant at Yankee Metals LLC.
- **Kimberly (Barnes) Prins '93**, of Weston, VT, is a psychologist and real estate professional.
- **Eugenia (Wood) Welch '93**, of Encinitas, CA, is president & CEO of Alzheimer's San Diego.
- **Michele (Baksa) Antoch '94** works at Crown Veterinary Specialists.
- **Brian Hamburger '94**, of Miami, FL, is the president & CEO of MarketCounsel, Hamburger Law.
- **John Pavano '94**, of Avon, CT, is counsel at The Flood Law Firm.
- **Robyn Swanson '94**, of Cromwell, CT, is senior vice president at EllaFi Federal Credit Union (formerly Seasons FCU), the first financial institution in Connecticut designed to serve women and their allies. She was recently honored with the Award of Excellence at the Hartford Business Journal's 2025 Women in Business Awards.
- **AnnMarie (Wantroba) Lacobelle '94**, of Oxford, CT, is a research associate at Yale University.
- **Jennifer Mullane '96**, of North Stonington, CT, is a physical therapist at Yale New Haven Health.
- **Matt Coleman '98**, of Southington, CT, is executive director of media software engineering at Disney/ESPN. He and his wife, **Jamie (Gordon) Coleman '99**, live in the Plantsville section of Southington.
- **Elaine (Ghidini) Nyholt '98**, of Wallingford, CT, is a procurement specialist at Burns & McDonnell Engineering.
- **Amy (Rodia) Smith '98**, of Cheshire, CT, teaches Spanish at Cheshire Public Schools.
- **Regina (Cousens) Cleveland, JD '99**, works at Diageo North America.
- **Sarah (Ur) David '99**, of Rockaway, NJ, is an administrator at Saint Clare's Health.
- **Jeane McKenna '99**, of Kennett Square, PA, works in occupational therapy at Powerback Rehab.
- **Nirav Shukla '99**, of Scotch Plains, NJ, works at Hackensack Meridian Health.
- **Nichole (Marshall) Twohill '99**, of Wallingford, CT, is a postpartum doula.
- **Catherine Weiss '99**, of Ocala, FL, is a fiscal administrative officer at Tunxis Community College.

2000s

- **Sean Fisher, JD '00**, has joined Littler Mendelson P.C. as special counsel in the New Haven office.
- **Devon (McMahon) Corvasce '00** is a senior PR manager at Amazon.



- **Tanya A. Bovée, JD '01**, of nationwide employment law firm Jackson Lewis, P.C., has been named a Trailblazer Honoree by the Korean

American Lawyers Association of Greater New York (KALAGNY). She is a principal in the firm's Hartford office and has more than 20 years of experience representing management across industries including life sciences, retail, automotive, manufacturing and hospitality.

- **Alescia Ford '02**, of Simsbury, CT, is an occupational therapist at Adapt and Learn, LLC.

- **Luretha McClendon Tolson, JD '02**, of Prospect, CT, has joined Halloran Sage in New Haven, CT, as a partner and experienced litigation attorney.

- **Mark Papendick Jr. '02**, of Stanhope, NJ, is an operations manager with Lindenmeyr Munroe. He is married to **Lauren Papendick '01**.

- **Lauren (Fries) Viggiano '02**, of Wantagh, NY, is a lead chiropractor at CLINCUBE.

- **Marlena Burghardt '03**, of Wallingford, CT, teaches English learners at New London Public Schools.

- **Jeremiah Cottle, JD '03**, recently graduated from the National Defense University's College of International Security Affairs with an MA in strategic security studies, irregular warfare concentration. He also earned Joint Professional Military Education Phase II certification. He continues his career with the U.S. Secret Service.

- **Kristi (Carlson) Cretella '03**, of North Haven, CT, works at the Yale University School of Medicine.

- **Heather (Ventrella) Gagliardo '03**, of Fairfield, CT, is a BCBA at Cultivate Behavioral Health.

- **Audrey Medd, JD '03**, is treasurer of the Connecticut Bar Association and a senior associate at Wilson Elser Moskowitz Edelman & Dicker, LLP. She also serves as a secretary on the board of OCD CT, the state affiliate of the International OCD Foundation.

- **Michele (Smith) McAvoy '03, MAT '07**, of Franklin, MA, is a teacher at St. Benedict Classical Academy.

- **Katherine (Hopkins) Spaner '03, MAT '04**, of Meriden, CT, works for New Haven Public Schools. She and her husband, Seth Spaner, live in Meriden.

- **Gina (DiSanti) Reynolds '03**, of Fairfield, CT, has worked at Condensed Curriculum Int. since 2003.

- **Erin (McDonough) Rogers '03**, of Norfolk, MA, works for the Alzheimer's Association.

- **Andrea (Borsini) Taylor '03, MPT '04**, of Bellingham, MA, is a special education assistant.

- **Nancy Macuirzynski '04**, of Oxford, CT, is a respiratory therapist at Nuvance.

- **Trevor O'Connell '04**, of Orlando, FL, is an entertainment maintenance lead technician at Universal Studios Resorts and Destinations.

- **Paul Testa '04, JD '07**, of Milford, CT, has been named a partner in the labor and employment practice group at Berchem Moses, P.C.

- **Valerie Bussiere '05**, of Ridgefield, CT, works with Hint Water. She is married to **Steven Bussiere '01**.

- **Melissa Nappi '05**, of Rockville Centre, NY, is executive assistant at TBWA\Chiat\Day New York.

- **Courtney Nebons '05**, of Avon Lake, OH, is M&A content manager at Smart Business Network.

- **Andrea (Szymona) Quinzel '05**, of Morris Plains, NJ, is a teacher at Morris Plains School District.

- **Bethany (Dionne) Allen '06**, of Mansfield, CT, was recently promoted to chief advancement officer at Sherrill House, Inc., where she has worked for more than three years. She is the first woman to serve on the organization's C-suite. She and her husband, Scott Allen, live in Mansfield.



- **Holly LaPrade '06**, of North Haven, CT, was recently selected as the recipient of the Andy Thiede HR Certification Scholarship. The scholarship was created by Andrea (Andy) Thiede, a human resources professional from Berlin, CT, with a passion for helping others in the HR field. LaPrade is a human resources manager with the Banton Construction Company.

- **Matthew Lesmeister '06**, of Wilmington, NC, is COO at flyExclusive.

- **Sean McGuinness '06, JD '09**, of Long Island City, NY, is a prosecutor at the State of Connecticut Division of Criminal Justice.

- **Gregory Tarca '06**, of Old Greenwich, CT, is an executive director at Morgan Stanley.

- **Lauren (Picarde) Tamplin '07**, of Fort Lauderdale, FL, is a nurse practitioner at the University of Miami. She and her husband, Giles Tamplin, live in Florida.

- **Steven Bain '08, MBA '09**, of East Northport, NY, works in computer/information systems at Bimbo Bakeries USA.

- **Jennifer Berlin '06, MPT '08**, of Wallingford, CT, is a physical therapist with Hartford HealthCare.

- **Brett Lee '08**, of Hackettstown, NJ, is a claims specialist at MetLife.

- **Seth Rothman '08**, of Port Chester, NY, is graphics coordinator at the YES Network, overseeing statistics and graphics for New York Yankees baseball on YES and Prime Video.

- **Nicole Young '08**, of Delmar, NY, is a Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker.

- **Kendra Butters '09**, of Weymouth, MA, is VP of marketing, communications and external relations at New England Conservatory.

- **Janelle Driscoll '09**, of Boston, MA, is publisher at Modern Luxury (Boston Common Magazine). Her husband is David Grillk.

- **Andrew Mayer '09**, of Atlanta, GA, is human resources director at Smurfit Westrock.

- **Gemma McFarland '09**, of East Boston, MA, is founder of Gemma C. McFarland Consulting.

2010s

- **Brian Dilibero '10**, of Hoboken, NJ, works in talent acquisition at Amsive.

- **Amanda (Denges) McFadden '10, MAT '11**, of Egg Harbor Township, NJ, is a math teacher at Chartertech High School for the Performing Arts.

- **Ralph Michielli '10**, of Jersey City, NJ, is regional sales director at DiaSorin Inc.

- **Alyssa Nastro '10**, of Rockville Centre, NY, is a pediatrician at Happy and Healthy Pediatrics. She and her husband, Cameron Sweeney, live in Rockville Centre.

- **Kevin Nunes '10**, of West Caldwell, NJ, is vice president of human resources at Kuehne + Nagel.
- **Krista (Rappoccio) Phillip '10**, of Plano, TX, is a senior learning designer at Google.
- **Justin Wilcox '10**, of Glastonbury, CT, is a partner at FML, an accounting and advisory firm. He was named to Forbes' inaugural Best-In-State CPAs 2025 list. FML is the only firm in Connecticut to have three CPAs receive this honor.
- **Nicholas Costa '11**, of Bethany, CT, is analyst relations manager at Appian.
- **Pamela Rizzo '11**, of Chicago, IL, is self-employed and works in computers, web design and content.
- **Cornelius Spillane '11**, of Portland, ME, is the founder of Upwave Labs.
- **Briana Ardolino '12, MOT '13**, of Port Jefferson Station, NY, is an OT/CHT at Northwell Health.
- **David Bernardo '12**, of Cranston, RI, is a research and education librarian at Providence College.
- **Andre Granger '12**, of Lincoln, NE, is a pathologists' assistant at Bryan Health.
- **Adam Hoffman '12**, of New York, is an assistant professor of psychology at Cornell University.
- **Mary O'Sullivan '12**, of Kingston, RI, is an executive coach. She and her husband, Michael O'Sullivan, live in Kingston.
- **Brian Reilly '12**, of Stratford, CT, is a senior associate producer at NBC Sports.
- **Kali Ryan '12**, of Boston, MA, is a senior administrative assistant at Vertex Pharmaceuticals.
- **Russell Santiago '12**, of Thornton, CO, is senior director of accounting at Rezolute Inc.
- **Elizabeth Scozzari '12**, of Lewisburg, PA, released her debut psychological thriller, *The Faces She Sees*, on Sept. 30, 2025. She credits the Quinnipiac English department for its encouragement and is ecstatic to share this dream come true.
- **Edwin Hernandez Garcia, JD '13**, of New York, has been named counsel in U.S. business, employment and family immigration attorney with Tarter Krinsky & Drogin LLP, where he previously served as associate attorney.
- **David Kalkanoff '13**, of Tampa, FL, works at E.W. Scripps.
- **Jenna Ordway, JD '13**, of Saint John, NB, Canada, is an attorney with experience in a boutique business and employment litigation firm.
- **Sarah Campbell '14**, of Boston, MA, works at Fidelity Investments.
- **Nicholas Serrano '14**, of Morristown, NJ, is the director of customer development at Power Home Remodeling.
- **Jenn Strashnick '14**, of Brooklyn, NY, works for Covenant House.
- **Shayna (O'Donohue) Kirk '15**, of Santa Rosa, CA, is a graduate student at University of San Francisco.
- **Patrick Gartrelle '15**, of Jamaica, works at Southwest Airlines.
- **Matthew Glennon, JD '15**, of Milford, CT, was promoted from associate to member with Pullman & Comley, LLC, specializing in business organizations and finance practice. He was also named a 40 Under Forty honoree for Fairfield County in 2024 and a Connecticut Super Lawyers Rising Star in 2024. He currently serves on the board of the Milford Regional Chamber of Commerce.
- **Soren Jonzzon '15, MS '17**, is a neurosurgery resident physician at Vanderbilt University Medical Center.
- **Erica Kleinbaum '15** is excited to announce the opening of her new periodontal practice, GUMDOC MA, serving the south shore and south coast of Massachusetts with offices in Brockton and Taunton.
- **John-Raphael Pichardo, JD '15**, has been chosen as a Fellow for the 2025 Class of the Leadership Council on Legal Diversity (LCLD). Pichardo is senior counsel at National Grid.
- **Danielle (Radossi) Walker '15**, of Little Silver, NJ, is the founder of Scala Merchandising.
- **Samantha (Fanelli) Castella '16** is a physical therapist. She recently published a children's book, *Minty's Scoop on School!*
- **Helen Henglein '16**, of Rockaway Park, NY, is director of rehabilitation at NY Therapy and Wellness.
- **Kiana Orozco '16**, of Houston, TX, is an occupational therapist at the University of Texas Medical Branch.
- **Jennifer Peraza '16**, of Harmony, FL, is a case worker at BI Inc.
- **Jacquelyn Santiago '16**, of Wethersfield, CT, is CEO of COMPASS Youth Collaborative.
- **Corey Theriault '16**, of North Kingstown, RI, is COO at Noble Metal Services.
- **Nicholas Ciolek '17, DPT '20**, of Bernardsville, NJ, is a physical therapist at Bridgeway Senior Healthcare.
- **Shelanda Duncan '17**, of Indianapolis, IN, is assistant director of academic and membership affairs at NCAA.
- **Debra Grimm, DNP '17**, of Holbrook, CT, is retired and previously worked in nursing.
- **John Kaczynski '17**, of Marietta, GA, works at BeSpoke.
- **Ashley Korn '17**, of North Bellmore, NY, is a senior financial analyst at The Estée Lauder Companies.
- **Jordan Rosenberg '17**, of New York, is president at JBR Luxury Inc.
- **Chris Truehl '17, MBA '18**, of Littleton, CO, is global manager of programs and technical solutions at Google.
- **Erin (Kane) Hall '18, MBA '19**, of Middletown, CT, is quality engineer manager at Pratt & Whitney.
- **Janine Jay '18**, of Boston, MA, is a software engineer at Liberty Mutual.
- **Bradford Boulay '19**, of Killingworth, CT, works at Sotheby's International Realty.
- **Victoria Courtney '19**, of Greenvale, NY, is a financial advisor at Morgan Stanley.
- **Taylor Dawson '19**, of Shelton, CT, is a Spanish teacher at Hamden Public Schools.
- **Randy Del Valle '19**, of Boston, is a news producer at NBC 10 Boston.
- **Cassandra (Sgro) Sedelmaier '19**, of Wallingford, CT, is a faculty lecturer at the University of New Haven.
- **Ashley (Kelly) Quirk '19**, of Lexington, SC, is the associate director of SAVIP at the University of South Carolina.

2020s

→ **Nicholas Carrozza '20**, of Massapequa, NY, works on the ice crew for the New York Islanders.

→ **Julia Johnson '20**, of Milton, VT, is a registered hematology/oncology nurse at UVMMC Cancer Center.

→ **Joshua Salgado '20**, of Milford, CT, is an investment counselor at David Lerner Associates.



→ **Christina Vittas '20**, senior social media manager at Sesame Workshop, appeared on the 29th episode of Quinnipiac's "Who Are You?" podcast this fall with host **Joel Vanner '19**. In it, Vittas discusses how she manages the online personas of Elmo, Cookie Monster, Big Bird and more.

Check it out at magazine.qu.edu/cvpodcast

→ **Liz Flynn '20, MS '21**, of Williston Park, NY, is a team photographer for the New York Mets.

→ **Hunter Olson '21**, of West Hartford, CT, works in financial services at Ares Management.

→ **Samantha O'Connor '21** of Stoughton, MA, works in human resources at CRJ.



→ **Morgan Pastir '21, BSN '23**, appeared on the 26th episode of Quinnipiac's "Who Are You?" podcast this fall with host **Joel Vanner '19**. In it, Pastir discusses how an adviser helped her create a path from psychology to healthcare and why she pursued Quinnipiac's accelerated nursing program.

Check it out at magazine.qu.edu/mppodcast

→ **Olivia Powers '21**, of Nashville, TN, is a graduate student at Vanderbilt University.

→ **Brendan Dakin, JD '22**, has joined Rivkin Radler as an associate in the firm's commercial litigation and construction practice groups.

→ **Jonah Wilson, MBA '22**, of New York, is an events and marketing manager at 3 West Club.

→ **Jerry Mirra '23**, of Pound Ridge, NY, is a pharmacy technician at Medical Centre Pharmacy.

→ **Ephemia Nicolakis '23, MBA '24**, married Loukas Agoris on June 21, 2025. She is a marketing specialist at Yale University, and he is a seminarian at a Greek Orthodox School of Theology.

→ **Karen Asermely Fattouh '23**, of West Hartford, CT, is a graduate student in pharmacology.

→ **Lynda Lounsbury '24**, of North Haven, CT, is a registered nurse at Hartford HealthCare.

→ **Kayleigh Harris '24, MAT '25**, of Rockland, MA, works in education as a teacher.

→ **Lauren Roeger '24**, of Germantown, MD, is a structural designer at H&H.

→ **Tyler Wilson-Menting, JD '24**, clerked for Judge Kevin M. Shanahan of the New Jersey Superior Court for the 2024-25 term. At present, he is clerking for **Judge Michael V. Cresitello Jr., JD '94**, in the New Jersey Superior Court.

→ **Jasmin Alicea '25**, of Hamden, CT, is an account manager in real estate.

→ **Urani (Naci) Elmasllari '25**, of Manchester, CT, is a patient safety coordinator at NY Presbyterian.

→ **Marialba Gonzalez '25**, of Jamaica, NY, is a retail associate at Primark.

→ **Kevin Tremblay '25**, of West Boylston, MA, works in nursing.

→ **Zoe McLaughlin '25** is a political science PhD student at the University at Buffalo.

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Couples

1970s

Bob Passero '70 is married to **Debbie Passero (Middlemas) '70**.
Edward Roulhac '74 is married to **Sandra Roulhac '75**.
Michael McKenna '75 is married to **Cynthia McKenna (Herr) '75**.
Jean (Wallace) McLaughlin '76 is married to **Martin McLaughlin '75**.
Susan (Prunka) Polaski '77 is married to **David Polaski '77**.

1980s

Tina (Knell) Saller '83 is married to **Tim Saller '86**.

1990s

Kristin George '96 is married to **Brice George '96**.
Shannon Albanese '98 is married to **Stephen Albanese '98**.
Elaine (Ghidini) Nyholt '98 is married to **Michael Nyholt '98**.
Colleen Stinton (Murphy) '99 is married to **Brian Stinton '98**.

2000s

Abdul Staten '01 is married to **Jessica Staten (Greenberg) '03**.
Mark Papendick Jr. '02 is married to **Lauren Papendick '01**.
Jason Klein '02 is married to **Alyssa (Zottoli) Klein '02, '03 MPT**.
Michelle (Nagle) Wormley '02, '04, is married to **Nick Wormley '00**.
Erica (Pelkowski) Magarian '03, '04, is married to **Dennis Magarian '04**.
Erin (McDonough) Rogers '03 is married to **Patrick Rogers '03**.
Mara (Johnson) Almada '05 is married to **Joe Almada '03**.
Valerie Bussiere '05 is married to **Steven Bussiere '01**.

2010s

Mike Laramie '10 is married to **Sarah (Moler) Laramie '11, MAT '12**.
Jillian Brew '10 is married to **Kenny Brew '10**.
Krista (Rappoccio) Phillip '10 is married to **Everald Phillip '10**.
Brian Dilibero '10 is married to **Danelle Dilibero '11**.
Nicole (Pellows) Fischer '11 is married to **Charlie Fischer '09**.
Nicholas Costa '11 is married to **Ashley Costa '13**.
Emily (Lager) Sarin '12 is married to **Michael Sarin '12**.
Chelsea Alfano '12, '13 is married to **Alexander Alfano '12**.
Siobhan Stellato '13 is married to **Adam Colon '13**.
Bridget (O'Connor) Adrian '14 is married to **Miles Adrian '15**.
Shauncey Malin '14, '16 is married to **Gregory Malin '14, '17**.
Matt Heskins '15 is married to **Brianna Barry '15**.
Mark Spillane '15 is married to **Michele Spillane '14**.
Michael Podias '16 is married to **Erika (Daigle) Podias '17**.
Kenisha McFadden Mendez '16 is married to **Stephen Mendez '17**.
Nicholas Ciolek '17, DPT '20 is married to **Aynsley Ciolek '17, DPT '20**.
Taylor Parenti '17 is married to **Matthew Coopersmith '17, '19**.
Kelly (Meenan) Taylor '17, '19 is married to **Brendan Taylor '17**.
Lindsey (Hanes) Parisi '17 is married to **Joe Parisi '17**.
Paul Caracciolo '18, MS '19 is married to **Meredith (Vanags) Caracciolo '17, DPT '20**.
David Rivera '18 is married to **Danielle Sarnelli '17**.
Alana LaPreziosa '18 is married to **Bryan Hargrove '18**.
Cassidy (Healey) Mahabee '18, '19 is married to **Andrew Mahabee '18**.
Sarah Schuppert '18, '19 is married to **Robin Schuppert '13**.
Julia (DeLutrie) Gardner '19 is married to **Gregory Gardner '19**.
Brianne Miller '19, DPT '22 is married to **Anthony Galler '20**.
Eileen O'Connor '19 is married to **Justin Wrynn '19**.

2020s

Meghan (Donnelly) Aikens-Kinney '20, MBA '21 and **Connor Aikens-Kinney '19** were married April 5, 2025, in Prospect, CT, by **Justin Kile**, professor of industrial engineering and director of the industrial engineering program in the School of Computing & Engineering. The ceremony was attended by several QU alumni.
Julia Johnson '20 is married to **Matthew Corso '19**.
Kirsten Koedding '20 is engaged to **Logan Reardon '20**.
Caitlyn Musano '20 is married to **Nicholas Noto '20**.
Olivia Schueller '21 is married to **Chris Dacey '20**.
Jake Kolb '21 is married to **Hannah Lukas '22**.
Conor Carignan '21 is married to **Traci Duff '21**.
Symone Foster '21, '22 is married to **Abdulai Bundu '19**.
Cameron Davignon '23 is married to **Karenn Downs '23**.

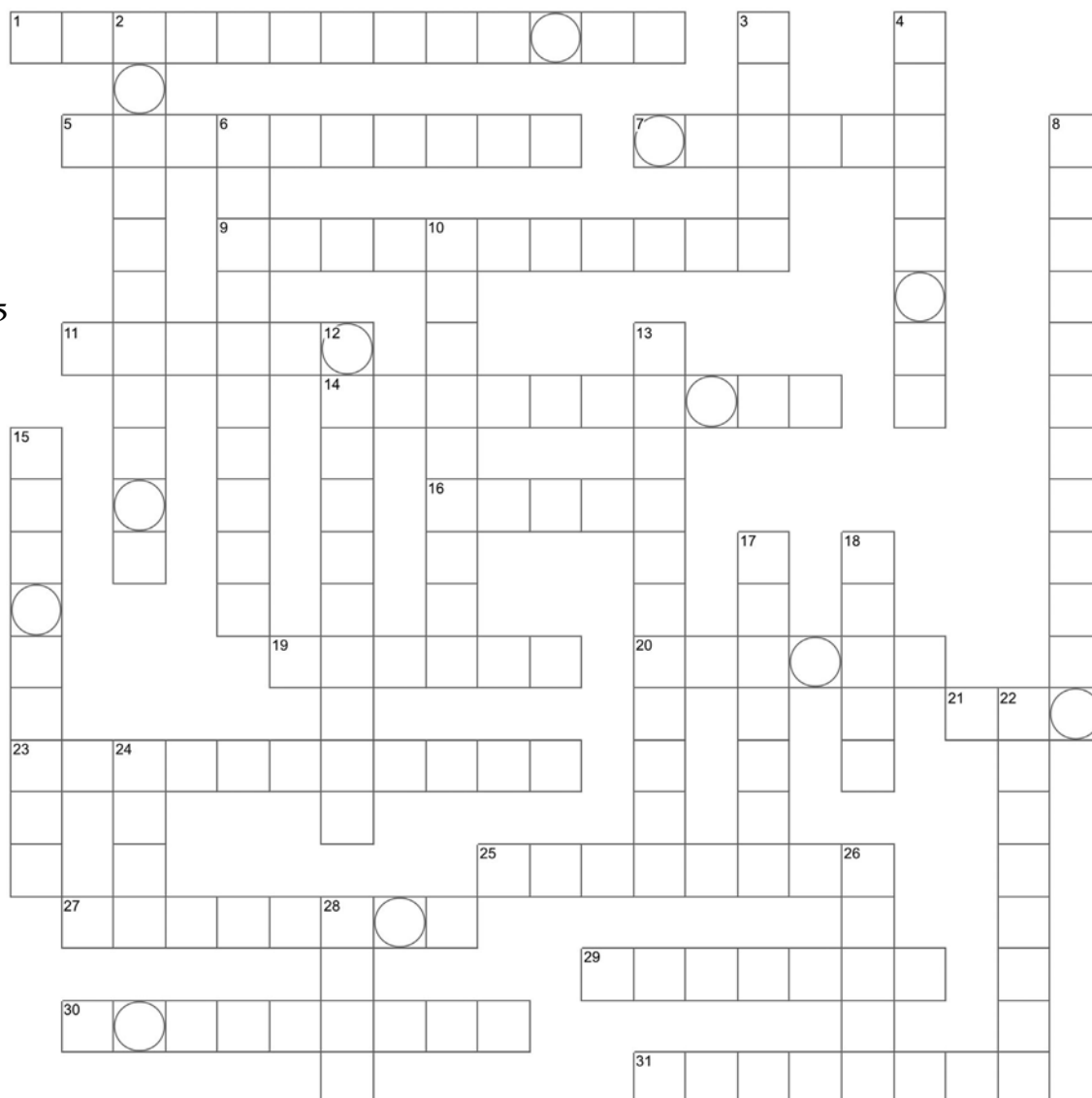


Q's Clues

BY ANDREA McCAFFREY
& CHRIS BRODEUR, MS '25

Ready to put your Quinnipiac knowledge to the test? This custom crossword is packed with clues drawn from Bobcat history, traditions and even stories featured in this very issue.*

When you're all done,
rearrange the circled letters
to find your school spirit!



ACROSS

- 1 Nap-loving namesake of nearby state park
- 5 Flashback band name that rewinds to the days of Walkmans*
- 7 Formal name of Quinnipiac's spirited sideline prowler
- 9 It set Quinnipiac's first patent wheels in motion*
- 11 Hamden institution that became QU
- 14 Some drinks, or a mountainous terrain
- 16 Long-running fundraising event
- 19 Southern Connecticut home of giants and Bobcats

- 20 Student-run class with deadlines and deliverables, The ___*
- 21 Former Bobcat Den name, before it scurried off campus in 2003
- 23 The pup behind great cups*
- 25 Autumnal campus celebration
- 27 Craggy peak on the York Hill Campus
- 29 Clawed competitors representing Quinnipiac
- 30 Student-run conference that attracts key Wall Street players
- 31 A bold new leader for Quinnipiac's next century

DOWN

- 2 Winning pitch addressed this*
- 3 Leafy name for QU's newest student digs
- 4 QU's hilltop hub for hoops, housing and hockey
- 6 Music hotspot near Quinnipiac with a hop of history
- 8 Rock the campus with this annual concert
- 10 New kid on QU's campus block*
- 12 Where future lawyers, docs and teachers haven't stopped learning
- 13 Quinnipiac's butterscotch campus
- 15 University paper of record
- 17 Where science meets innovation at QU*
- 18 Former men's basketball coach turned administrator*
- 22 Unleashed in every Bobcat
- 24 Wayne Unger's loyal law partner*
- 26 Study here ... or take him for a walk*
- 28 Futuristic franchise that got a boost from a Bobcat*



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