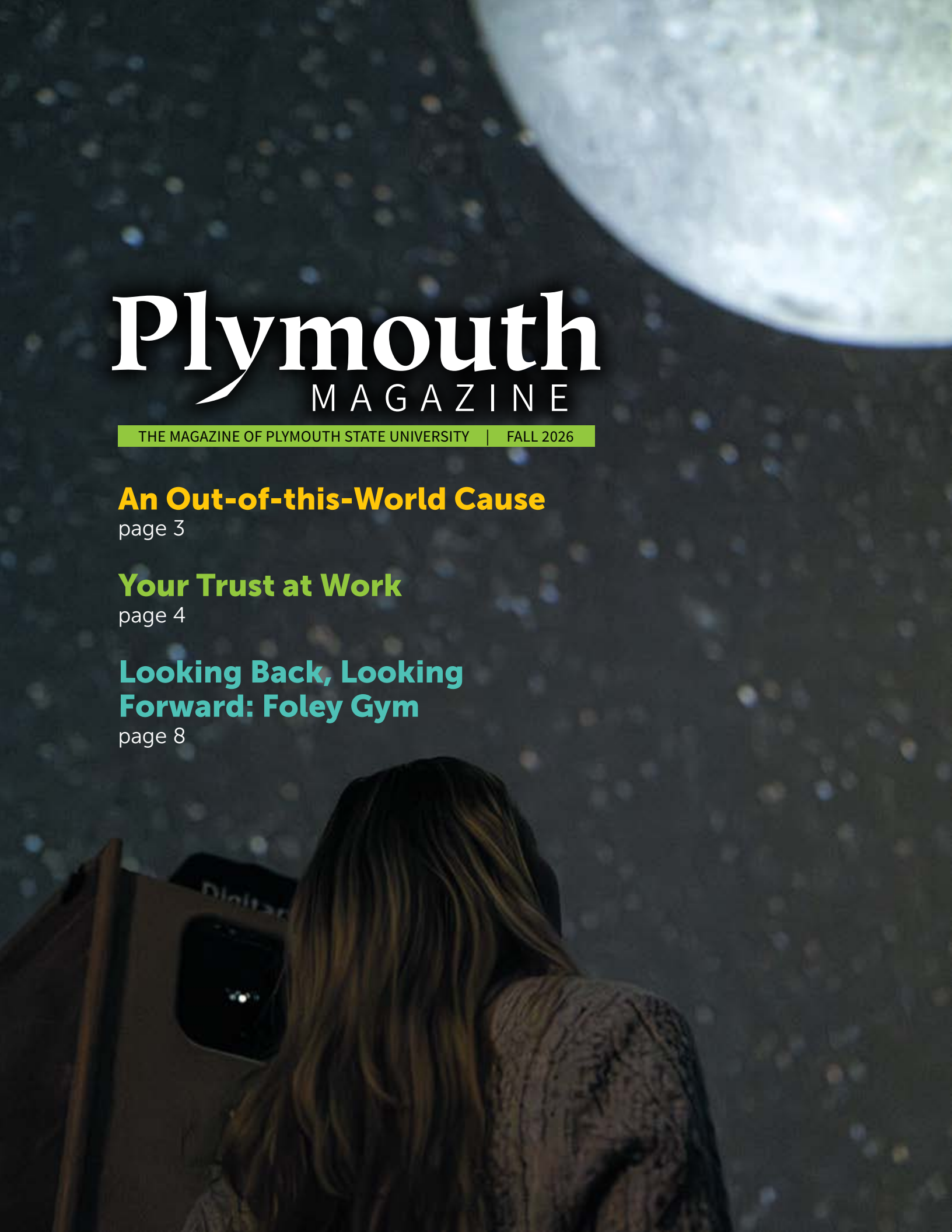


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Your impact, at a glance

Every statistic on this page represents lives changed, opportunities created and futures strengthened through generosity.

Together, our community of alumni, parents, friends, faculty, staff and students invested in Plymouth State's mission.

Together, we helped ensure Panthers have the resources they need to succeed.

Thank you for being part of the story.

2,545
DONORS
supported Plymouth State in the last fiscal year

$1.6
MILLION
total dollars raised



Supporting Students



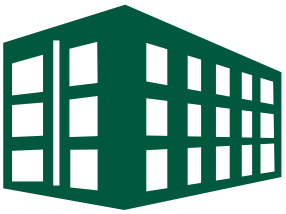
More than **90%** *of students receive financial aid*

33% *first generation students on campus*





$8,087 *raised for Senior Class Gift – a new record!*



Transforming Campus

- *Hyde Hall*
- *Foley Gym*
- *Nursing Lab*
- *Planetarium*
- *Scholarships*



Strong Athletics

25 *varsity teams*





$312,000 *dollars raised*



3.38 *average GPA for student athletes, winning the LEC President's Cup*

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Plymouth Magazine *has always been about sharing the stories that connect our alumni and friends to Plymouth State. As the publication evolves, that will remain at its heart. You'll continue to find alumni news and milestones, campus stories and events, along with more stories that show the impact of philanthropy. While the format may look a little different, we're pleased to continue sharing these stories with you as* Plymouth Magazine.

Looking Up

Senior Class Gift Supports An Out-of-this-World Cause

Each year, the graduating class leaves behind more than memories. For the Class of 2026, their legacy shines a little brighter than most.

Led by the Future Alumni Board (FAB), this year's Senior Class Gift campaign in support of the Mark T. Sylvestre Planetarium saw 240+ donors contribute over $8,000 – the most raised for a Senior Class Gift in history.

The campus planetarium, run by professor Dr. Brad Moser, has long been a hub for hands-on learning—welcoming students, local schools and community members to explore and experience space in an immersive way.

The brand new, state-of-the-art Digitarium Mu 2 digital projector and the software it runs on are leaps and bounds ahead of what came before. It can present vibrant visualizations and outlines of constellations, Earth from a bird's eye view in real-time and upwards of 50 unique shows in 4k resolution.

With this much-needed upgrade, the planetarium's reach and impact will continue to expand, creating new opportunities for education and inspiration.

One particular gift helped elevate the campaign and inspire others to give back. Sam O'Hara '25, who helmed the Astronomy Club during his time as a student, made a remarkably generous contribution.

Driven by a desire to support something that would directly benefit students and the community, he chose to direct his gift towards FAB's efforts.

"The planetarium is a special place. Built in the '60s during the Space Age, it has served students well for over 50 years. I hope my donation helps modernize and preserve this facility, so that students can continue to enjoy it like I have," said O'Hara.

The overwhelming success of this Senior Class Gift reflects FAB's dedication to engaging their peers, while also building excitement around philanthropy. Their efforts culminated at Pints with PSU in April, an annual event that celebrates seniors and their connection to the university, faculty and staff.



ABOVE: Director of Astronomy Programming, Dr. Brad Moser, outside of the planetarium with FAB members (L to R) Lauren Bartnicki '26, Taylor Smith '26, Quinn Hagerty '27 and Jacob Garside '26.

> *"The planetarium is a special place. Built in the '60s during the Space Age, it has served students well for over 50 years."*

Their commitment to raising the bar was recognized during the annual Giving Tree Ceremony, held on the morning of Commencement. During this tradition, the graduating class is honored with a commemorative paver at the Giving Tree on Alumni Green.

For their extraordinary achievement, a special paw print emblem was added to this year's paver to celebrate the most successful Senior Class Gift campaign yet.

This year's gift is also rooted in a greater legacy of generosity – the philanthropy of the Machnik family.

"Dr. Dennis Machnik fostered a strong sense of community around the planetarium, as he frequently welcomed local schoolchildren to campus to delight in its wonders," remarked Moser.

Support for the Mark T. Sylvestre Planetarium in memory of the late Dr. Machnik (and in honor of his career as a professor of physics and past overseer of the planetarium), has been an ongoing priority.

Looking ahead, Dr. Moser envisions expanding the planetarium's reach even further.

"Part of my vision is to open the space to the public so that groups can come to campus, explore, and help build awareness throughout the region."

As far as the physical space goes, he is hoping to raise a bit more money towards the purchase of auditorium chairs for guests to sit in, which allow for a more comfortable experience. ■

If you would like to make a gift to the Mark T. Sylvestre Planetarium, please visit www.plymouth.edu/giving.



The newly upgraded Nursing Simulation Center at Plymouth, 2026

Your Trust at Work

The Fund for Plymouth State

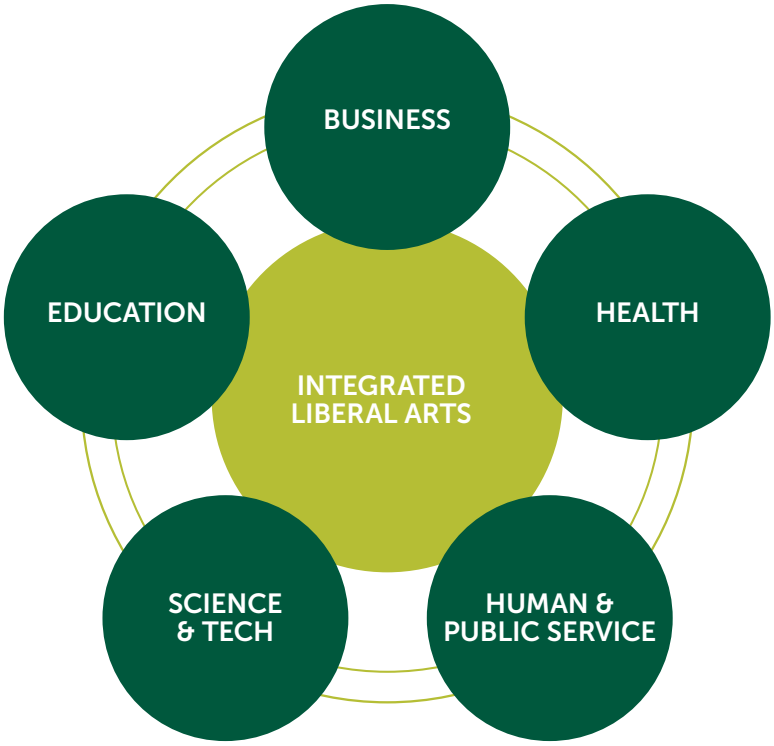
At a time when public support for higher education continues to decline and families are questioning the value of a college degree, your philanthropy has given us the flexibility to lead during a period of transformational change.

Because of your generosity, we have accelerated academic innovation, expanded high demand programs and strengthened student success initiatives—ensuring that a Plymouth State education remains affordable, relevant and accessible to all.

LAUNCHING A NEW SIX SCHOOL ACADEMIC STRUCTURE

Donors helped advance PSU's transition to a six school academic structure, clarifying pathways for students while strengthening interdisciplinary learning across campus.

Gifts to the Fund for Plymouth State allowed us to move quickly, supporting faculty collaboration, curriculum alignment and operational adjustments not covered by state or grant funding.



The new structure improves academic clarity and advising, collaboration across disciplines and alignment with workforce and civic needs.

Donor support contributed to the launch of General Education as Applied Skill Pathways, transforming general education from a set of requirements into a powerful career preparation engine.

Students now complete two interdisciplinary pathways—such as Professional Communication, Ethics & Civic Leadership, or Environmental Sustainability—earning tangible skills and certificates alongside their major.

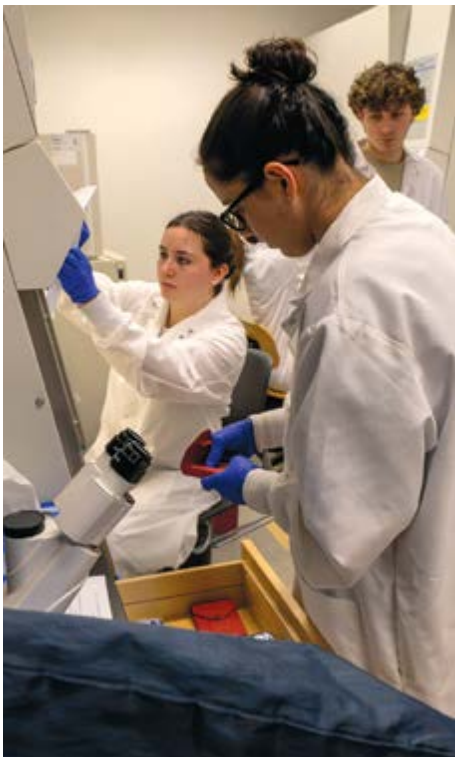
RESPONDING TO WORKFORCE DEMAND

Philanthropy played a vital role in the expansion of PSU's nursing program from fewer than 50 students to more than 100 enrolled learners.

While federal workforce development funds supported major renovations, unrestricted gifts filled crucial gaps, covering program transition and start up costs, instructional and operational needs and student learning resources not eligible for grant support.

Plymouth State is graduating more nurses prepared to meet New Hampshire's urgent healthcare workforce needs. PSU is the top-rated nursing program in the state due to its 100% first-time pass rate on the licensure examination – six years running!

The *Fund for Plymouth State* supports merit-based scholarships, including the Presidential Scholarship for students with a high school GPA of 3.75 or greater, and the Dean's Scholarship for students with a GPA between 3.25 and 3.74, helping us attract and retain well-prepared, hard-working students.



Cell Biology Lab, April 2026

Alumni and friends have mobilized our ability to cultivate business and organizational partnerships, creating more opportunities for internships, open laboratories and applied capstone projects. The outcomes of many of these opportunities are presented and shared each spring at the annual Student Showcase of Research and Engagement.

These partnerships ensure that students graduate with real experience—and that regional employers gain access to career-ready talent.

HELPING STUDENTS CROSS THE FINISH LINE

In partnership with a grant from the Davis Educational Foundation, support from the Fund for Plymouth State has strengthened retention efforts for students who need additional support to succeed.

These efforts require sustained, flexible funding to respond to individual student needs—support that cannot wait for restricted or one time grants. Unrestricted giving empowers Plymouth State to act quickly in a changing environment, leverage public and private grants, and invest where student impact is greatest.

Donor trust through the Fund for Plymouth State allows us to direct resources where they are needed most—maximizing impact and accountability.

LOOKING AHEAD

With continued support for the Fund for Plymouth State, we will invest in merit-based scholarships to attract the best and brightest, expand high demand academic programs, deepen employer and community partnerships, strengthen student success and career readiness and continue serving as a national model for innovation in public higher education.

Thank you for believing in the power of flexible, trust-based philanthropy—and for making transformation possible. No matter what area you support, thank you for believing in Plymouth State students.



First day of classes, September 2026

What's Your Why? Alumni on PSU and Beyond

Six alums, six professional paths, one why: to ensure students have their own unique Plymouth experience.



BRIAN GOODE '82
CEO, ENLIVEN HOME HEALTH

"I've often been asked why I choose to give back to Plymouth State University. My answer is simple: the education I received there, particularly in accounting, provided the foundation for my career and was a significant steppingstone in my development as a business executive.

I truly enjoyed my time at Plymouth, and I believe it is important to support the university as it continues to grow and prepare future generations of students. The changes Plymouth is making reflect the evolving needs of today's students while preserving the strong educational values that have always been at its core.

I was grateful for the opportunity to make a gift to The Fund for Plymouth State, and I look forward to continuing to support the university in the years ahead.

MITCH SHORTELL '11
GLOBAL PROJECT CONTROLS MANAGER, META

"Plymouth State is where I fell in love with the mountains and the outdoors, and while I don't live in New Hampshire anymore, my time there shaped who I am and what I prioritize. More than anything, Plymouth gave me opportunities — an education, a network, and doors that opened both personally and professionally in ways I couldn't have anticipated at the time. Giving back is a small way to acknowledge that."





THERESA TABOR ’91
CFO, FAMILY HEALTH WEST

“The personal attention I received at Plymouth State inspired the way I lead today—building organizations where people are known, valued, and supported. I began my career in my hometown of Lebanon, New Hampshire, and have since had the privilege of serving four hospitals. Today, I serve as Chief Financial Officer of a Critical Access Hospital in Western Colorado, where I continue to believe that the best organizations are those that feel like family—places where people know one another, support one another, and work together toward a shared purpose. That philosophy traces directly back to my experience at Plymouth State.

Although my career has taken me across the country, the values I gained at Plymouth have remained constant: the importance of community, personal connections, and creating environments where people feel they truly belong.”



BRIGID MCGOVERN ’94
VP AND GENERAL MANAGER, THE COCA COLA COMPANY

“Plymouth State shaped who I am through meaningful education, hands-on experiences at the CUB and PACE offices, and lifelong friendships that continue to enrich my life. I’m deeply grateful for the foundation PSU gave me and I’m proud to support a community that invested so much in me.”



KEITH TETLEY ’86
DISTRICT SALES MANAGER, FEDEX

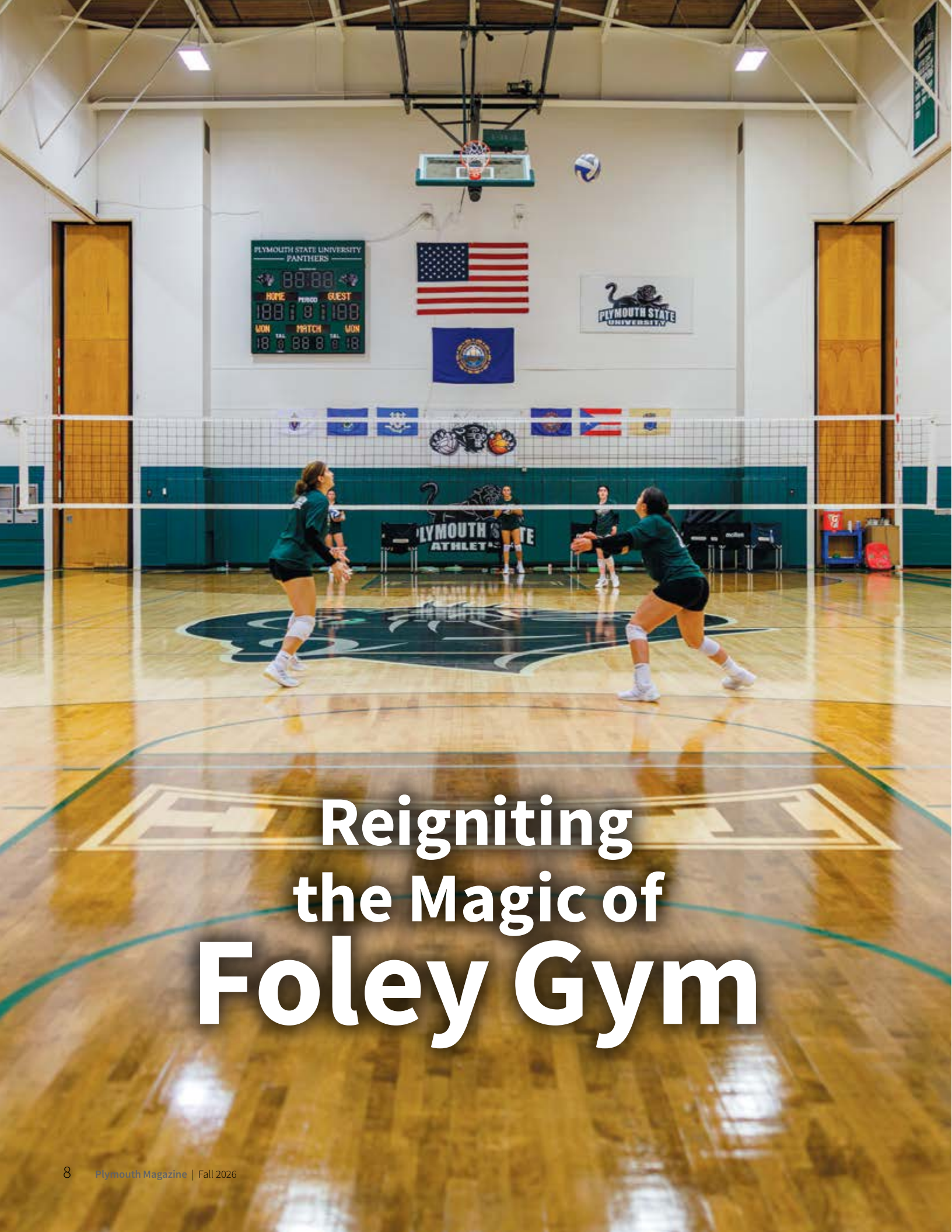
“I’m incredibly proud to be a Plymouth State alumnus. The education and experiences I gained were foundational in preparing me for a successful leadership career in the transportation industry. As I entered the business world, it didn’t take long to realize Plymouth was absolutely the best decision I’ve ever made. I’ve always tried to give back every year and support students who made the same wise decision.

As a sales leader at FedEx, I’ve been proudly watching PSU build an incredible Professional Sales Institute and earning national recognition! If you’re competitive, Plymouth State University is your best bet for a program with a proven, repeated track record. I’m committed to building a bridge between FedEx and the students dedicated to their profession. Great friends, great mountains and great life!”

MARK POTTER ’87
SALES AND MARKETING EXECUTIVE, CISCO SYSTEMS



“My Plymouth State business degree really prepared me to have a successful career in the high-tech world of Silicon Valley. My professors shared their real-life work experiences and cared deeply about preparing students for the business world. The community was a special place, in an awesome location for recreation. It’s a priority for me to give back to my alma mater for the knowledge and foundation it provided me.” ■



Reigniting the Magic of Foley Gym

For nearly six decades, Foley Gymnasium has been more than a facility on campus—it has been the heartbeat of Plymouth State.

Since opening in 1968, the space has hosted generations of student-athletes, unforgettable competitions and countless memorable moments. The exciting moments in question? A Celtics exhibition game in 1970, and various concerts ranging from the Allman Brothers to Aerosmith.

Athlete or not, Foley Gym is integral to the greater campus community.

GETTING THE BALL ROLLING

Alumni Joan Forge '77, '00G and Peter S. Cofran '74, '88G feel a deep, personal connection to Foley.

"It's more than a gym; it's a symbol of pride, tradition and community," shares Joan, who is the coach for the Women's Volleyball team. "And it deserves to reflect the competitive spirit of Plymouth State."

Peter echoes that sentiment, reflecting on the legacy left by thousands of student-athletes:

"Many teams—basketball, volleyball, wrestling—have made their mark here. Now is the time for us to pay it back and say thank you."

Their commitment to the cause goes beyond just their words.

Joan and her husband, Rick, as well as Peter, made leadership level gifts of $10,000 to the Reignite the Magic of Foley Gym campaign.

ALUMNI CONNECTION ABOUND

The impact of Foley Gym extends far beyond wins and losses.

Ryley McNeeley '24, '25G, now a Maine Celtics Hype Team Member and In-Arena Host, credits her volleyball coach with helping her develop the confidence and determination to pursue her athletic, and ultimately personal, goals.

"Coach Forge taught me positivity, hard work, and hustle. I can't thank her enough for everything she's done for me. She helped me become a better person and encouraged me to pursue my dreams. I did exactly that because she always believed I could."

Courtney (OC) O'Clair '04, '08G, women's basketball alumna and PSU's Associate Director of Athletics, sees Foley as a bridge between her past and her present.

"It feels like home for so many of us. It's where we competed, built lifelong friendships, found a launching point for our careers. Every time I walk in, memories of incredible moments come rushing back, reminding me how proud I am to be a Panther. Foley isn't just a part of who we were—it's a part of who we are."





Alumni Joan Forge '77 and Peter S. Cofran '74 are proud to be leadership level contributors to the Foley Gym project.

> *"It feels like home for so many of us. It's where we competed, built lifelong friendships, (and) found a launching point for our careers."*

Along with Peter and Joan, OC helped push the first phase of the campaign over the finish line.

MORE THAN JUST ATHLETICS

Foley Gym is also a vital academic space where Health and Human Performance students (in majors such as Exercise & Sport Physiology and Physical Education) learn and grow.

Professor Emerita Irene Cucina, who taught in the program for nearly 30 years, has witnessed that impact firsthand:

"It's essential for students to apply teaching methods, coaching techniques, assessment practices, and leadership skills through hands-on experiences. Continued investment in Foley is an investment in the preparation of future professionals who will positively impact schools, communities and the field of health and physical education for years to come."

Professor Emerita Lynn Johnson agrees and points to Foley's integral nature:

"Teaching lab experiences and activity courses in Foley Gym allow us to have the Health and Human Performance program that we do. Without Foley, that level of quality education simply wouldn't exist."

A SHARED DEDICATION

A growing group of dedicated alumni is carrying the second phase of the Reignite the Magic of Foley Gym project forward.

Paul Hogan '79, '88G and his peers are actively spreading the word, sharing their memories of time spent in Foley and rallying their fellow Panthers to invest in its future.

Their collective energy reflects something deeper than a renovation project— a shared dedication that ensures excellence is expected and celebrated.

Together, they are ensuring that Foley Gym continues to bring alumni back, inspire student-athletes and strengthen the Panther community for years to come.

HELP US REIGNITE THE MAGIC!

But the work is not yet finished.

The first phase focused on restoring what makes Foley special—refinishing the iconic competition floor, refreshing the interior paint, and modernizing the sound system to elevate both academic and athletic experiences.

The first phase is complete, the next step is on the horizon: re-imagining the bleachers to improve comfort, accessibility and the guest experience for everyone who comes out to support. ■

Join us in shaping the next chapter of Foley Gym! Make your gift today to help complete the second phase of Reigniting the Magic of Foley Gym: www.plymouth.edu/giving.

CLASS NOTES


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Stephen Clark '66 has published five books on Amazon since 2013.

Phyllis 'Deanie' (Dupuis) Correia '70 currently resides in Florida. She makes frequent trips to Trinidad & Tobago with a life partner and is the proud grandmother of four granddaughters. Barbara Webb '65, her former roommate, now lives in the same community—a most convenient arrangement.

Bernie McCarthy '71, '74G has been elected Vice Commodore of the Smyrna Yacht Club.

1 Patty (LaSalle) Whitney '72 and **David E. Whitney '71** spent forty-four wonderful years in Pennsylvania, where they owned and operated a successful ski and bike business. They have one daughter, Amelia Whitney '09. Patty and David retired to Holderness, where they now enjoy skiing, hiking, and embracing the natural beauty of the Granite State.

Mark Haynes '72 was elected to his fifth term on the Laconia City Council. He is currently serving his fourth term as Mayor Pro Tem.

2 Bev Widger '73 and **Lorraine Meyette '82** were involved in organizing interviews for New Hampshire PBS's Our Hometown: Plainfield, highlighting their shared hometown. The NHPBS film crew filmed at the Plainfield Town Hall and Meriden Town Library. In total, 48 resident interviews were recorded.

Richard-Gerald Badger '74 is retired from his career in sales. He is deep into genealogy, as his research led him to membership in the Mayflower Society. He volunteers every year at the NH Highland Games with his wife, **Nancy Lee (Beegle) '75**.

3 Ron Blankenstein '74, '78G and **Peter Cofran '74, '88G** met for lunch and reminisced about their time at PSC. Ron and Peter were roommates in Grafton Hall and both went on to become dormitory supervisors early in their careers. Fun fact: Peter later became godfather to Ron's daughter, Heather!

Lynn Miller '74 spent 35 years coaching collegiate tennis, primarily at Wheaton College. After retiring to New Hampshire, she coached at Kearsarge Regional High School and Colby-Sawyer College, earning 2025 NH Division III Co-Coach of the Year honors. A former top-ranked senior amateur tennis player, Lynn now competes in candlepin bowling and won her age group at the NH Senior Games.

Pamela Brown '76 and her husband, David Wheel, have returned to the Newfound Lake area after a few years in FL.

Ingrid (Nelson) Stefl '79 credits Plymouth State with preparing her for graduate school and a fulfilling career as a clinical social worker and psychotherapist. She lives in the Detroit area with her husband, has 2 grown kids, and continues to work part-time. Ingrid enjoys traveling to historic sites and even played on an over-30 rec soccer team throughout her 40s and 50s.

Tony Introcaso '80 pursued his MBA at Plymouth State College. As a Public Defender and sole practitioner, Tony had the opportunity to represent clients facing a wide range of serious criminal charges. He married and raised several accomplished daughters and now enjoys semi-retirement in Goffstown. Tony is deeply grateful to his professors at Plymouth State for providing the extraordinary foundation that allowed him to serve others throughout his career.

4 Lynda Kuhne '82 happily retired in June 2022 after 32 years in healthcare.

5 Michael P. Nolin, Jr. '84, has been named president and CEO of The Concord Group. Nolin began his career with the company in 1984 as an underwriter and advanced through several leadership positions. He is also a member of the board of directors.

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WEDDINGS & BIRTHS

6 **Taylor Huntley '10** and wife Anna Carpenter welcomed son Otis Breck Carpenter Huntley.

7 **Riley Smith '20, '21G** married **Kyle Smith '20**

8 Wedding of **Don Jennings '99.** 14 Plymouth baseball players, Coach and 7 Plymouth ladies. 22 Plymouth alumni together at Burke Mountain, VT.

9 Wedding of **Julia Redman and Andy Reichl,** May 24, 2025. *Pictured (left to right): Daniel Farrelly '12, Guy Wisinski '85, Charlotte Farrelly '12, Louise Brown '83, Rick Brown '81, Eliza Roy-Webb '12, Jessica Hart '83, Allie Gundler '12, Michael White '12, Ang Labroad '12, Julia Redman Reichl '12, Rachel Burgard '14, Melissa Poltrino '83, Brittany White '12, Ruth McQuade '83, Katherine Leaman '12, Linda Weiwel '83, Courtney Sellar '12, '13G, Jeannie Tellier '83, Gary Phillips '81, Renee Phillips '83, Gi Indoccio '83, Carrie Egan '81*



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10 Wedding of **Madeline Kabasakalian '20 and David Carlson '20,** December 13, 2025. They met at PSU. She was a member of the field hockey and ice hockey teams, and he played on the football team. David is currently the Assistant Football Coach at Plymouth State. Most people in the photo are athletes, along with a few non-athletes and her parents, who also attended PSU.


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11 **Karleigh (O'Brien) Dwyer '17** married Brian Dwyer '16. They have been together since their freshman and sophomore years after they met in the dining hall. They have been married for 3 years and have a 5-year-old daughter and a 2-year-old son. *Pictured: Brian Dwyer '16 and Karleigh O'Brien Dwyer with their two children, Bailey and Colby.*

THE GREEN


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1 Jeffrey Rocke '84 brought home the jersey of his friend and Plymouth State teammate, Lance Brown, to Brown's home country of Bermuda on a recent trip. Brown became a well-known footballer in Bermuda after his short time at Plymouth State and passed away at the young age of 36.

Susan Higgins '87 is currently the Senior Copywriter at PDI Technologies, Inc, writing marketing and UX copy for the GasBuddy app and convenience retail loyalty programs. She is also working on a collection of fiction writing. Susan bought her first home three years ago and enjoys the DIY.

Scott Reynolds '89, a Meteorology Teaching Lecturer at PSU, retired from the National Weather Service in April 2025 after nearly 37 years. Scott and his wife Andrea (married almost 33 years) live in Nashua and plan on staying put.

David Carpentiere '90 retired after working 34 years in Residential Life & Dining at PSU. He is looking forward to more free time for life and adventures.

Debbie (Manus) Love '90 is a published poet and author. She is an active participant on the Greek Alumni Reunion Planning Board, a member of the Tau Omega sorority, and co-chair of the Tau Omega Alumni Association. After a 24-year career in public health, she is now working as a Contracts Administrator at BAE Systems in Merrimack.

2 Carmelle (Harrington) Ryan '90 celebrated her retirement with fellow Plymouth State alumni after more than 35 years of teaching.

Shelby (Linton) Carney '92 is a 5th grade teacher in Fitchburg, MA.

Michael Drouin '93 is currently the principal of Fuller Meadow School in Middleton, MA. He was also the Head Football Coach at North Shore Tech and Sanborn Regional High Schools.

4 Brian Duchesne '99 and his family relocated from New Hampshire to Pennsylvania after his wife's new military assignment in Hershey. He is currently employed by the UPMC hospital system, where he serves as a program coordinator for the Freedom House 2.0 program. When time allows, the family enjoys visiting the many historical sites in the area.

3 Andrew Tuccio '00 graduated from Boston College with his doctorate in Education.

5 Jeff Nadeau '01, DAT, MS, ATC, recently earned his Doctor of Athletic Training degree from A.T. Still University, building on the foundation of his Plymouth State athletic training education. Now Head Athletic Trainer at St. George's School in Rhode Island, he also serves as chair of the NEPSAC Sports Medicine Advisory Committee and President of the Rhode Island Athletic Training Association.

6 Richard Scheinblum '03G has been appointed the next President and CEO of Monadnock Community Hospital. He previously served as Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer. He has played a key role in strengthening the hospital's financial performance, expanding services and supporting long-term planning.

Pamela Shea '05 graduated in December 2025 with her Doctor of Education in Educational Practice and Leadership from the University of North Dakota. She lives in Grand Forks with her partner and two children. She currently is the Director of Admissions & Records for

the University of North Dakota School of Law.

Joshua Connors '06 currently serves as a Deputy with the Sarasota County Sheriff's Office. He is a U.S. Coast Guard veteran and Reservist at the Coast Guard Station in Cortez, FL.

Jim Wilson '06 built a career in marketing and advertising with Turner Broadcasting, NBC Universal, and Robb Report. He lives in Austin, Texas, with his wife and two children. Jim has served as Publisher of LUXE's Austin + San Antonio edition for 11 years and recently added oversight of the Southeast edition. Jim remains grateful for the education and experiences Plymouth State provided.

8 Gary Zirpolo '19 was recognized with MLB's HOME RUN Service Award by the New Hampshire Fisher Cats in 2025 for outstanding fan service. Gary also serves on the security team at Gillette Stadium and has previously worked with the Boston Red Sox and Maine Mariners. He credits Plymouth State professors and colleagues for helping shape his career and passion for creating meaningful fan experiences.

Mitchell Sytulek '21 gained experience working with the San Antonio Spurs and is now building his career with the Fisher Cats while also working at Market Basket. He's narrowing in on his professional path—still enjoying a good beer along the way. Cheers!

7 Aleaha Fowler '23 went on to further her education at the University of New England, where she completed a Master of Public Health with a concentration in Epidemiology. Aleaha is currently an Infection Prevention Specialist at Southern New Hampshire uHealth. She also serves as the Program Co-Chair for the New Hampshire Infection Control and Epidemiology Professionals, helping to advance infection prevention efforts throughout the state.

9 Samantha Melchin '23 returned to Plymouth State to complete her Social Science degree after transferring in credits earned while working in higher education. She went on to study marketing at Boston University and joined the Pardee School of Global Studies. Samantha is Digital Media Manager for the City of Boston, managing digital communications for Boston Centers for Youth & Families. She still dreams about Biederman's sandwiches and lives near Fenway Park with her tuxedo cat.

Griffin Spinney '24 has continued to build his professional sailing career since graduating, competing in elite inshore and offshore racing programs around the world. Griffin sailed in the 2025 Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race on Lucky, an 88-foot carbon fiber race yacht. The 628-nautical-mile offshore classic is considered one of the most challenging ocean races in the world. Lucky finished 4th in Line Honours and 2nd in class and was the first American boat to cross the finish line. Griffin continues to sail professionally, inshore and offshore, on race boats throughout the world. ■


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Questions? Contact Director of Development & Alumni Relations Rodney Ekstrom '09G, at (603) 535-2217 or raekstrom@plymouth.edu.

IN MEMORIAM

1940s
Patricia Harlow ’44

1950s
Marjorie Lee ’50
Helen (LaPlante) Duchesne ’51
Margaret (Cauley) Shannon ’51
Steve Tassey ’52
Priscilla (Wynott) Fernald ’54
Charles Hemphill ’54
Frances (Kelley) Kimball ’54
Janet (Stewart) Knowles ’54
Elwin Bourey ’55
Gloria (Dorman) Bunnell ’55
Laura (Love) MacNeill Gross ’55
Ruth (Dietzel) Rudolph ’55
Eileen (Phippard) Mayhew ’56
Samuel Towle ’56
Shirley (Croteau) Brown ’57
Ruth (Healy) Dalton ’57
John Stewart ’58
Elizabeth (MacDonald) Derby ’59
Donald Dimick Sr. ’59, ’68G
Frank Finley ’59
William Hagner ’59
Neil Eric Potter ’59
Jane (Leavitt) Quimby ’59
Lee (DeMoulpied) Reischer ’59

1960s
David Walker ’60
Barbara Ashley ’61
Dawn (Thurston) Corriveau ’61
Edward O’Sullivan ’61
Bruce Barnard ’62
John Fahey ’62
Phyllis (Houle) Hanley ’62
Virginia (Gordon) Dennis ’65
Patricia (Dalton) Edgecomb ’65
Mary Ellen (Riley) Hawkinson ’65
John MacDonald ’65, ’68G
Robert Paul ’65
Webster Van Buren Slack ’65
Elaine Bodie ’66
Darlene (MacLeod) Page ’66
Diane (Davis) Picardi ’66
Joyce (Young) Slayton ’66
Ronald Voveris ’66
Madeline (Cancian) Zimmerman ’66
Charles Ryan ’67
Joan (Rivard) Sheehan ’67, ’91G
Lorilee Fish ’68
Peter Gibson ’68
Edgar Melanson ’68
Donna (Patterson) Richard ’68
Emile Poisson ’69
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1970s
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Marilyn Scrizzi ’94G
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Matthew Fletcher ’06
Conor Cannon ’07
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Ryley McNeeley '24, '25G is taking what she learned on and off the court to the next level. Courtesy photo

Bump, Set, Hype

When **Ryley McNeeley** '24, '25G arrived at Plymouth State University in 2020, she made it a point to say "yes" to every opportunity.

A former captain of the PSU volleyball team, Ryley studied Communication and Media Studies before earning her Master's degree in Organizational Leadership. Beyond the classroom, she immersed herself in campus life—working in Athletic Communications, broadcasting Panther athletic events, interviewing coaches and student-athletes, serving as a brand ambassador for Plymouth State and a Pemi Ambassador for the Office of Student Advocacy and Wellbeing, and performing in multiple musical theatre productions.

Those experiences gave her the confidence and skills to blend performance, public speaking and storytelling—talents she now puts to work as a Maine Celtics Hype Team Member and In-Arena Host, energizing crowds and engaging fans throughout the game experience.

Ryley credits much of her success to the support and mentorship she received at Plymouth State, particularly from legendary volleyball coach Joan Forge '77, '00G.

Looking ahead, Ryley hopes to continue building a career in sports entertainment, broadcasting and hosting. Her advice to current students echoes the lessons that shaped her own journey:

"Even if you're nervous, put yourself out there and take advantage of every opportunity PSU gives you." ■

Watch Ryley's alumni spotlight video and see her in action with the Maine Celtics, captured by recent PSU alumnus Jake Beaton '25.

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