Do you bleed blue and gold? Come back to campus for Homecoming on Saturday, September 23, and enjoy all the festivities. Golden Bear Blvd. will be at the Pine Grove, close to all the athletics fields where you can cheer on Golden Bear soccer, football, and other teams! Homecoming is family-friendly, with inflatables, pull-up contests, food trucks, and our famous chocolate chip cookies. Register online and view the Homecoming schedule at wne.edu/alumni.

The Golden Graduates Luncheon will be held on Friday, September 22, as will the Downes Athletic Hall of Fame Dinner.

Among the Homecoming athletics contests are a field hockey game on Friday and on Saturday there will be varsity football, women's and men's soccer, volleyball, and women's tennis. Alumni athletics events on Saturday include the following women's reunions: basketball, lacrosse, volleyball, and softball. Also being held on Saturday is the Women's Athletics Alumni Council Wine and Beer Tasting.

Walking tours of our ever-changing campus will also be offered on Saturday. The Saturday festivities continue in the evening with the U&ME/MGA Dinner Dance and a night of comedy, presented by the Campus Activities Board. The men's soccer reunion will take place on Sunday.

Has another year passed you by without catching up with your college friends? Homecoming is the best event to reconnect with your former classmates and favorite professors. Register today!

For more information or to volunteer, contact Kristina Oleksak at kristina.oleksak@wne.edu or 413-782-1557.

ALUMNI OUTLOOK IS GOING DIGITAL!

Alumni Outlook will be moving to a digital-only format! Beginning with the Spring 2018 issue, the semi-annual Alumni Outlook will be available online at wne.edu/alumni, and the digital version will be distributed by email. Please be sure that we have your correct information on file by updating your email address at wne.edu/alumni or send your name, class year, and preferred email address to alumwne@wne.edu.
A Message from the President of the Alumni Association

Greetings Fellow Alumni!

The campus certainly comes alive with energy every autumn, and this year there is extra excitement with the construction of the new Dining Commons. We look forward to seeing everyone at Homecoming on September 23! We have lots of fun events planned this year.

I speak for the entire Alumni Association Board of Directors in saying that we are looking for involvement and feedback regarding our events and programs. We have been hard at work organizing the Board to best serve you, our valued alumni. We are also excited to introduce Katie DeBeer as our new director of alumni engagement. Katie brings with her a wealth of knowledge and experience in the alumni engagement field, with great ideas and lots of energy. We look forward to working with Katie to bring you the best alumni experience!

Please keep in mind there are many opportunities to volunteer at the University and with the Alumni Association. We are always looking for mentors and those who can provide internship opportunities for the students. We hope you will contact us if you can make some time to help out. Please feel welcome to email me at ejl0228@gmail.com with any feedback.

Ed Lavoie ’99
President, Alumni Association

Director of Alumni Engagement
Katie DeBeer

Upcoming Alumni Events

September 2017
22-24 Homecoming Weekend
23 Women’s Athletics Reunions
   basketball, lacrosse, softball, and volleyball
24 Men’s Soccer Reunion
25 Athletics Golf Classic
   12:30 p.m. shotgun
   Twin Hills Country Club
   Longmeadow, MA

October 2017
5 Engineering Mentoring Dinner
24 Blue & Gold Alumni Reception
   in Providence, RI
30 Blue & Gold Alumni Reception
   in San Diego, CA

November 2017
16 Blue & Gold Alumni Reception
   in Albany, NY

April 2018
27 Mark Coffey Memorial Golf Outing

May 2018
25 50th Annual Alumni Golf Tournament

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New Master of Science in Sport Leadership and Coaching Program Welcomes First Students to Summer Residency

The Master of Science in Sport Leadership and Coaching held its first summer residency from July 13-18. The new master’s program offers an innovative cross-disciplinary curriculum focusing on leadership development for sport managers and coaches. The program is taught in the College of Business through a flexible online/on-campus model, but bookended by two 6-day residencies. The inaugural residency included a Live Case Day. Students spent the morning visiting Springfield’s Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame and the evening at a Hartford Yard Goats game at the new Dunkin Donuts Park. The cases focused on sport organization business models and the examination of revenue streams in nonprofit and for-profit sport organizations.

“This intensive residency model provides a great opportunity to bring students from different sport organizations together with the faculty,” says codirector Dr. Sharianne Walker. It fosters engagement in meaningful and dynamic discussions related to both the challenges faced by today’s sport organizations and the best practices employed by sport industry leaders. This approach creates a great learning environment where students can connect with one another and the faculty, and also build strong mentoring and colleague relationships, which will support them throughout the program.”

Read more about the program at wne.edu/mssport.

New Healthy U Lecture Series to Focus on Chemicals and Your Health

Western New England University is a committed partner in promoting health, wellness, and education in our community. With expertise from Pharmacy to Biomedical Engineering, Health Sciences to Business and Law, our outstanding faculty offer valuable knowledge about the intersection of health and the chemicals we encounter in our daily lives. Healthy U, a new free lecture series will address such topics trending in the news.

Spearheaded by Dr. Ronny Priefer, professor of Medicinal Chemistry in the College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, the series will kick off on Tuesday, September 26, with a lecture titled: From Sweeteners to Mercury: Chemicals in Your Daily Life! Dr. Priefer has worked in the pharmaceutical industry and is also the cofounder with Dr. Michael Rust, professor of Biomedical Engineering, of a medical device company in Springfield developing a non-invasive technology for monitoring blood glucose for patients with diabetes.

Future lectures will explore such topics as Opioids and Narcan: Drugs of Abuse; Drugs in the Water: Drugs from Nature; and Medical Marijuana law. Visit wne.edu/healthyu to learn more.

All lectures are held on campus at the Center for the Sciences and Pharmacy from 6:30-7:30 p.m.
2017 Hall of Fame Class

Golden Bear standouts will be inducted into the 19th class of the Downes Athletic Hall of Fame at a ceremony on September 22 at Twin Hills Country Club in Longmeadow, MA.

2007 Men’s Lacrosse Team

The 2007 Western New England University men’s lacrosse team laid the foundation for a program that is now one of the most respected not just in the region, but in all of NCAA Division III. The Golden Bears have captured six Commonwealth Coast Conference (CCC) championships and reached the NCAA Tournament six times since the 2007 squad’s historic campaign.

Lisa ’83/G’90 & Bruce Bachmann ’83/G’90 (contributors)

The Bachmanns have been a driving force behind the establishment of the Women’s Athletic Alumnae Council at Western New England, and have been annual supporters of both the Golden Bear Club and the Athletic Department Golf Tournament. Their leadership, vision, and financial support played an important role in the construction of the Flynn Family Golden Bear Pavilion.

Jackie Shedlock ’05 (softball)

A three-time All-Conference and two-time All-Region performer, Shedlock was one of the most dominant pitchers in the history of Western New England softball. She earned Louisville Slugger/NFCA Division III Northeast Region first team, All-Great Northeast Athletic Conference (GNAC) first team, and GNAC Pitcher of the Year accolades. In 2005, she became Western New England’s first female All-American in any sport with her selection to the Louisville Slugger/NFCA Division III third team.

Justin Walz ’10 (football/baseball)

A two-sport athlete, Walz excelled both as a quarterback and a second baseman for the Golden Bears. He earned All-Conference honors in both sports and was named Western New England’s Coca Cola Co-Male Athlete of the Year in 2008. He received the New England Football Writers Division II/Division III Weekly Gold Helmet Award as a sophomore and earned All-New England Football Conference (NEFC) second team accolades as a junior. Walz was also an integral part of the baseball program as the Golden Bears won the conference title and reached the NCAA Tournament all four years of his career.

For full bios of this year’s inductees, visit the Athletics website at wnegoldenbears.com.
Where Will You Have an Impact?

The University’s second annual community giving event, #WNEGIVES, will begin on Thursday, November 30, and conclude after 1,919 minutes—in honor of the University’s founding year on Friday, December 1. Make a gift in support of the area of the University that is most meaningful to you. A gift every year makes a difference every day: wne.edu/thefund.

CALL FOR ENGINEERING HALL OF FAME NOMINATIONS

Founded in the 2000-01 academic year, the Engineering Hall of Fame at Western New England University recognizes those who have made significant contributions to the engineering field and/or the College of Engineering.

Nominations are due by December 1, 2017.

Please send nominations via mail or email to:
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Our School of Law presents

Four-week Mini-Law School

Tuesdays, October 3, 10, & 24, and Wednesday, November 1, 2017
6:00-8:00 p.m. / $35 for all four sessions
Sleith Hall, Wood Auditorium

Mini-Law School offers non-lawyers an understanding of legal topics that impact their everyday lives. Each class is taught by Western New England School of Law faculty and moderated by Judge Kenneth Neiman (ret.).

Learn more or register at wne.edu/minilawschool.
We’re recruiting for the Golden Bear Kids Club!

Does your child like sports? Here’s his or her opportunity to go from a fan to a member of the Golden Bear Family!

Sign up at the Homecoming athletic tent and receive a special gift.

Membership benefits include:

- Golden Bear Kids Club (GBKC) Pack and access to events
- Golden Bear Kids Club Passport
  Collect passport stamps from each sporting event.
- Free GBKC T-shirt
- Meet and Greets with the Golden Bear Athletes
- Monthly Drawings for Kids Club Special Experiences and Prizes

For ages 12 and under
Annual Membership is $25 for first child, $20 for second.

The official kids fan club of Western New England University Athletics