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*Alumni Association  
President, Alan Curler*

### A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF YOUR ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

First, I would like to welcome our newest Alumni Association Board Member, Eric Gracie, a 2015 graduate of Diversified Ag and Landscape Design & Sustainable Horticulture. Thank you for joining us, Eric. We are always seeking additional board members, and it is a great way to give back to the college.

Our next board meeting is **Wednesday, January 30, 2019** at the Williston campus. Please let Dwight or me know if you would like to join us. One of the goals this year for the Alumni Association is to seek nominations for Alumni of the Year, with the presentation at Homecoming 2019. The criteria are: the alumnus/alumna has been out of college for a minimum of 10 years, is greatly involved in their community, has given back to the college, and/or greatly involved in their graduate profession. There will be a nomination form in our next newsletter.

In addition to Homecoming and our Knights Scramble Golf Tournament, we are planning some regional pop-up events, a possible summer county picnic, and, of course, our Spirit of Ethan Allen Alumni Dinner Cruise (Saturday, June 22). Please check the Events List on page 15 and mark your calendars! We will send reminders and invitations as we get closer to each event. They are great ways to connect with your classmates, meet new alumni, and celebrate your days at Vermont Tech. If you have an idea for an event, please contact Curtis in the Alumni Affairs office.

Wishing all alumni and their families a Happy Holiday!

*Alan Curler*

## ***"Be the change you wish to see"*** and join your Vermont Tech Alumni Association!

President Patricia Moulton recently asked of graduates, "Please be part of that change that makes this world a better, stronger, and more respectful and tolerant place... We need you to not be just graduates, but great humans!"

You have graduated and can still be a part of the Vermont Tech community by joining and participating in the Alumni Association. In this role, you can impact the college and stay better connected

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with classmates. Attend once-per-quarter meetings in the Allen House Conference Room on the Randolph Center campus for not only a hearty pot luck dinner, but also a chance to ***"be the change"***!

Live far or out of state? That's okay - contribute by phone. Any type of participation is welcome because we need your input! Call Curtis Ostler at (802) 728-1258 with any questions or email your interest to [alumni@vtc.edu](mailto:alumni@vtc.edu).



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

At Vermont Tech, we love to talk about our outcomes - graduates, job placement rates, high earning/low debt ratio after graduation - but I am also proud of the service our students, faculty, staff, and alumni provide for our communities and our nation.

Our classes of '68 and '69 saw a significant percentage of graduates headed to Vietnam. More of our alumni are veterans, like Mark Moyer, Bob Letourneau, and brothers Gene & David Sargent - some of the reasons that Vermont Tech is ranked 11<sup>th</sup> in the nation by Military Times as Best Bets for Vets: Career & Technical Colleges. I am thankful for their service and proud to have them as alumni!

Service also includes community and volunteer work: Professor Emeritus Ken Vandermark tasked our engineering students to design and deliver a sustainable water heater to a poor town in Tanzania; Alumnus Bob Boisvert honors Fallen Heroes and First Responders in the Patriot Guard Riders of New York; and AmeriCorps members Elissa, Zoe, and Kelly.

Make sure to read some of these stories here, and much more, on the following pages. And share your own stories on our alumni page at [vtc.edu](http://vtc.edu).

Small college. Big outcomes. Vermont Tech!

Patricia Moulton  
President





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In June, Professor Emeritus Ken Vandermark took Vermont Tech students to Arusha, Tanzania with a passive solar water heater for LOHADA, a non-profit charity serving impoverished children and the elderly. The Camp Joshua Christian School is located in one of the poorest slums of Arusha; Ken serves on the Board of Directors.

Ken traveled to Tanzania in 2001, inspired by Cal Blessing, Professor Emeritus of Mathematics, who volunteered his time in Kenya with the Maasai. Ken researched what he could do for community service, found a Tanzania trip, and fell in love with the children. His service included repairing bunk beds and even teaching them about Halloween. Babu Ken, Swahili for Grandfather Ken, noticed during his trip that there was no warm water for the children to wash.

Ken tasked senior Vermont Tech Mechanical Engineering students with designing and building a solar hot water tank. Chris Sabatino, Jarek Hammerl, Cory Dalsimer, and Drew Gough spent their spring semester on this capstone project. The heater had to be as durable as possible to minimize future repairs and provide clean, hot water for years to come.

While they were abroad, Ken took the students through the slums to see *"tin roofs with holes during the rainy season...and how there is one bed for five people"* for a perspective of why he was so dedicated to the Tanzania children. *"The whole idea was to get people interested in community service and 'community' as in the whole world."*

Continuing his passion for service here at home, Ken tutors adults as they strive to complete their education. A member of the Randolph Rotary Club and Advisor to the Vermont Tech Rotaract Club, the collegiate arm of Rotary International, Ken works to make lasting change across the world by providing service to others, promoting integrity, and advancing peace. One Rotaract service project is raising money for special books



FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

**KEN VANDERMARK**

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in elementary schools – personalized stories about the children receiving them to make them more excited about reading.

Ken's passion for education, children, and community all over the world is inspiring and admirable.





Jamie Heiam was working in commercial fishing in Homer, Alaska when she encountered the Coast Guard and “it triggered something... I remember vividly thinking, it’s only four years and if I hate it, whatever, I’ll at least get something out of it.”

On a waiting list for aviation, she walked lines at the communication station in Alaska, studied Administration at the Coast Guard Academy in Connecticut, and deployed overseas to Bahrain doing security watch over the Persian Gulf with an M16. There, Jamie felt like a minority, as she was the only woman on her base.

After five years in the Coast Guard, Jamie traveled, hiked mountains, volunteered in Kilimanjaro, then decided to utilize her GI Bill®. Her desire for aviation led her to the Vermont Tech Professional Pilot bachelor’s degree, where she connected with Doug Smith, Assistant Professor and Program Director at the time. They talked about the program, then Doug took her into the air over Burlington that same afternoon. “I was hooked right then!”

Starting school at 27 wasn’t easy, and she was again the gender minority in her field of study. But Vermont Tech made her feel normal. “The mix of people was great.”

Jamie now works for Pipeline Patrol and is landing job offers from Alaskan Airlines to customs and border control to intelligence work.

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JAMIE WITH RETIRED PROGRAM DIRECTOR, DOUG SMITH  
CHECK OUT THE WING BEFORE FLIGHT.



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

**JAMIE HEIAM '16**

Her ultimate goal is to become a firefighting pilot. “The Guardian movie [about a new Coast Guard recruit] was coming out when I started in the Coast Guard, and that’s not reality.” She explained her service was not all action, and you’re not always on the front lines. “The small things may feel insignificant, but it does make a difference and is helping the organization even though you may not see immediate results.” What really made her service years was the people she shared it with. “Going through the same thing they’re going through creates a bond.” She didn’t let being a gender minority stop her from pursuing her passion of wanting to help others. That attitude is readily apparent in Jamie, not only in her aspirations and contributions, but also in the dedication of her service.



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*One of many AmeriCorps VISTAs to serve at Vermont Tech, Elissa Lee graduated from Vermont Tech with a degree in Business Technology & Management in 2016.*

Her VISTA role was to organize efforts and document activities, such as Rosie's Girls STEM Leadership Camp, to increase female in non-traditional majors. She saw how role models *"make a significant difference in the education and careers that young girls pursue."* One camper became so excited meeting a female flight instructor from Vermont Tech, she couldn't wait to start a career in aviation!

Elissa joined AmeriCorps strictly to serve. She wanted to *"extend a hand out to those seeking a better opportunity."* Not only did her service year impact her thoughts about poverty or lack of resources, she saw that it also changed girls' thoughts of STEM. Elissa was thrilled to see girls come back again the next summer for the Advanced Coder Camp.

Elissa is now back at Vermont Tech pursuing a Software Engineering career. *"I really believe in the saying 'be the change you want to see!' so here I am, a women studying and pursuing a career in technology."*



**ELISSA LEE, BUS '16, CSE '19**  
AMERICORPS VISTA 2016-2017



# AMERICORPS

*Zoe McDonald assumed Elissa's role the following year, with the same focus: to increase the percentage of women in STEM careers.*

To her duties, she added positions on two new committees: Speaker Series and Volunteer Committee, part of President Moulton's Culture of Community initiative focusing on multicultural awareness and respect.

The AmeriCorps position appealed to Zoe because of her interest in feminism and an opportunity to experience the inner workings of a college. *"I joined VISTA because its mission combines government support with the strengths of local communities... focus on promoting higher education for socioeconomically disadvantaged students."* She described how

participating in events like the annual *Women Can Do!* Conference, which offers hands-on workshops highlighting skilled trades and STEM career fields to high school girls, emphasizes the importance of promoting education.

During the Rosie's Girls Camp, the mother of a camper explained that her daughter struggled with writing. At the conclusion of the camp, the daughter excitedly told her mom that she wrote a 500-word story in the writing workshop. Moments like this reminded Zoe that positive role models are important.

What she enjoyed most about her service at Vermont Tech, however, was the tight-knit community she experienced. *"The Vermont Tech community runs deep, and it's an honor to be a part of it."*



**ZOE MCDONALD**  
AMERICORPS VISTA 2017-2018

Zoe is now a PhD candidate teaching English at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. She hopes to return to campus for another *Women Can Do!* sometime in the future.





*The AmeriCorps VISTA (Volunteer in Service to America) program is a great opportunity, both for the supporting organization and the VISTA. Vermont Tech gets a valuable, enthusiastic volunteer and the VISTA gains real-world experience to help build a career. VTC is very grateful to AmeriCorps and Campus Compact for the support, and to Elissa, Zoe, and Kelly for their service.*

**PHOTO AT LEFT:** HIGH SCHOOL-AGED GIRLS TRY OUT NEW OPPORTUNITIES AT THE ANNUAL WOMEN CAN DO! CONFERENCE HELD ON THE RANDOLPH CENTER CAMPUS EVERY FALL.

# VISTA



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*Kelly Boulan knows how difficult it can be to find a job, even with a college degree.*

The 24-year old Michigan native graduated with a BA in Sociology from Illinois State University, but lacked the experience and connections for a full-time job. So she applied as an AmeriCorps FEMA volunteer, traveling the country assisting communities impacted by natural disasters. *"Not only did I get to serve my country, but I also got to explore states that I might not have ever gone to. I got to learn different cultures and expand my horizons."* Now, two years later, she is volunteering again, this time in Vermont Tech's Development Office.

Kelly is another Vermont Tech AmeriCorps VISTA with a one-year term as a professional volunteer focused on writing grants and coordinating events to promote the college to low-income

students. VISTAs across the country help non-profits, including colleges and universities, recruit volunteers and raise funds.

Kelly started her service at Vermont Tech in Randolph Center in August, and is already making connections with alumni. *"I would have to say my favorite part of my service year so far has been planning and implementing the 2018 Homecoming Festival."* She enjoyed cutting a 'log cookie' with a four-handed saw and engraving it with a Vermont Tech stencil made by mechanical engineering technology students. However, the highlight of her day was bonding with members of the class of 1968 during their 50th reunion. She's gaining experience in grant writing, networking, and event planning to better her future employment opportunities.



**KELLY BOULAN**  
AMERICORPS VISTA 2018-2019



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The first space for veterans at Vermont Tech was the Vet Center, but the room was too small and not readily accessible, so the Veterans Club wanted a dedicated space. With the help of Vermont Tech faculty and staff, including Steve Belitsos, Greg Hughes, Mary Kathryn Juskiewicz, John O'Donnell, Nancy Guild, Dwight Cross, and more, a Veterans Lounge was created in Conant Hall in 2016.

On April 26, 2017, the new Veterans Lounge was dedicated to three former Vermont Tech students – **Adam Muller**, **Jamie Gray**, and **Kevin Sheehan** – in honor of these three veterans who fell in the line of duty. During the ceremony, President Moulton expressed, *"This space is important because the college has a long history of providing a supportive environment for student veterans... [We are] thrilled to host veterans and to be such a welcoming and warm place."*



# A PLACE OF THEIR OWN

Vermont Tech student Chris Sabatino, President of the Veterans Club, was grateful for the support and the dedication of the plaque and room, which *"makes it an important space, tying past veterans to present ones – it has captured the history here."*

The Veterans Lounge offers a "proper" place for veterans to decompress, have a quiet place to sit, or to talk and see friendly faces. As a veteran himself with six years of active duty service as an infantry officer, Chris uses the lounge for club meetings and a way for veteran students to stay connected. *"Transition between military service, civilian life, and school can be difficult, so this is a place that helps students make that transition."*

During Homecoming 2018, the Veterans Lounge was open for everyone to see, and gave a chance for alumni, employees, and students to check out the space, grab some coffee, and honor the fallen. Each semester, there are orientations in the lounge where current veterans welcome their incoming brothers-and-sisters-in-arms. Events in the lounge are kept to a minimum, however; the space is purposely kept quiet to have a private, familiar area. As Chris said simply, *"A space where a veteran can be a veteran."*



**PHOTO ABOVE TOP:** (L TO R) PAUL GRUNDWALDT, KATHY MUELLER (ADAM'S MOM), AND PROFESSOR STEVE BELITSOS.

**PHOTO ABOVE BOTTOM:** PROFESSOR JOHN O'DONNELL WITH HEATHER SHEEHAN, SPOUSE OF DECEASED ALUM KEVIN SHEEHAN.





Mark Moyer interrupted his college education at Vermont Tech to enlist in the US Army and, in 1991, deployed to the Persian Gulf in support of Operation Desert Shield/Storm to fight Saddam Hussein's Republican Guard in Iraq and Kuwait. *"We were a corps asset and fought alongside many different coalition forces,"* he recalled. After three years of active duty, Mark transitioned into the National Guard for eight years, and used his GI Bill® benefits to return to Vermont Tech to complete his degree in Civil Engineering. In addition to a friend on the same college path, Mark found another familiar face on campus. *"Marc Bilodeau, my RA when I first attended VTC, was a Residence Director in Nutting Hall when I returned."* Mark graduated in 1996 and is now a Construction Quality Assurance Operations Manager for the Weaver Consultants Group in Grand Rapids, Michigan. *"I'm proud that Vermont Tech helped get me to where I am."*

Mark continues to support veterans whenever he can. He and his wife, Lynette, have set up a substantial bequest to provide an endowed scholarship for veterans studying engineering at Vermont Tech in the future, and the couple just recently made a cash donation



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

**MARK MOYER '96**



***"I'm proud that Vermont Tech helped get me to where I am."***

to purchase a new refrigerator and microwave for the VTC Veterans Lounge, as well as Honor Cords in red, white, and blue for our veterans to wear with their caps and gowns at commencement.

Vermont Tech is very grateful for Mark's service to country and for his continued support for veterans who want to continue or complete their higher education with the college.





# ALUMNI HOMECOMING 2018

Perfect fall weather, apple picking, cider pressing, and alumni returning to campus made for a festive Homecoming 2018!

It was a bit of a change for those who have attended regularly: the festivities moved to the south end of campus, and we added pumpkin bowling, miniature golf, WVTC music on the patio, and a log sawing challenge. The day's events ended with the alumni dinner.

Homecoming Weekend began with a celebration of the students and employees on Friday, with a Knighting Ceremony for first-year students, outdoor games, a bonfire, and music: WVTC spinning tunes in the afternoon; Theo Manazir & Eli Robertson on guitar and vocals; and *The Connption Fits* playing late into the evening.

### SATURDAY'S CELEBRATION

Saturday began with the Knights Scramble Golf Tournament in the morning, where alumni, faculty, staff, corporate execs, and students played a scramble at Montague Golf Club.

Parents, families, and friends of our students joined us midday Saturday for lunch, games, and tours in the early afternoon. They were joined by Vermont Tech alumni in





the afternoon for hay rides, basketball teams exhibition, the log saw challenge, and the Alumni Association meeting. The traditional dinner of turkey and all the trimmings for dinner was served in the Morey Hall Dining Room, so the alumni got the true flavor of the student dining experience.

Mark your calendars for next year – **Homecoming 2019 is scheduled for Saturday, September 21**, with our soccer teams at home; tours and games; more hay rides; cow plop bingo; apple picking; and alumni turkey dinner, with a special event planned for the evening.

**SEE YOU HERE NEXT FALL!**





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# CLASS NOTES

**WILLARD GOVE '62**, after graduating from Vermont Tech in Agribusiness Management Technology, and working with a Land Surveyor, Willard became licensed in 1974 and is still active in land surveying in northern Vermont. He married Marites Badilla in 1990 and they have two children. Their son graduated from UVM, majoring in Biology and lives with his wife in Bulgaria. Their daughter is majoring in Computer Science at UVM and graduates this spring; she has an offer of employment with American Express.



**MAURICE HUMPHREY '65**, was part of the Vermont Tech band in 1964 and is still active in music today. On October 30, he and his wife celebrated their 52nd wedding anniversary and danced the night away. Dancing is in their shoes because they met here at VTC during the senior prom in 1965. After retiring from a career in electrical engineering, Maurice wanted to be busy and started writing science fiction in 2013; you can find his published works on Amazon.



**ROBERT WILLIS '65**, and his wife Ruby celebrated their 50th anniversary by traveling to Europe in October for a Viking River Cruise. They spent two days in Paris, eight days on the Moselle and Rhine rivers and two days in Zurich. *"It was a fantastic trip and ended with a cog rail ride up into the Swiss Alps."* They now reside in South Hero at a camp on Lake Champlain in the summer months and a condo in Essex for the winter. Robert graduated from Vermont Tech in the Highway Technology program, and he and their group of VTC classmates still get together every year!



**DOMINIQUE ST. PIERRE '66**, Next summer, America will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the first humans to land on the moon (Apollo XI on July 20, 1969). Dominique was on a team responsible for testing the main components that consisted of oxidizer sensors, fuel sensors, and a display unit in the command module for the astronauts. Dominique was hired by Simmonds Precision right out of Vermont Tech, and Simmonds was awarded a very significant contract on NASA's Apollo program. *"I was fortunate to have been part of the launch team for several of the Apollo missions at the Kennedy Space Center. As I look back on my*

*four decades-plus career, the Apollo experience stands out as one of the more memorable one I was involved with."* Simmonds Precision in Vergennes, Vermont was ultimately acquired by or merged with successor companies Hercules and Goodrich Aerospace, and is now UTC. Dominique worked for all of them until his retirement in 2007.

**ROBERT BOISVERT '71**, an Electromechanical Engineering Technology graduate, retired from IBM in 2013 after 36 years. He is now a member of the NY Patriot Guard Riders, a volunteer group who honor veterans at funerals and other events by standing flag lines and providing escorts at memorial services. By attending funeral services as invited guests of the families, they honor fallen military heroes, first responders, active military personnel, and honorably discharged veterans. Bob continues to enjoy motorcycling and has recently completed a 17-day motorcycle tour of Ireland and Scotland! He also enjoys woodworking and is a member of the Northeastern Woodworkers Association.







## Do you have news to share?

We want to hear from you for the Summer issue. Go to the [vtc.edu/alumni](http://vtc.edu/alumni) page and click on Class Notes, or email your story and photos to [alumni@vtc.edu](mailto:alumni@vtc.edu).

**BERNARD ASONEVICH '73**, is celebrating a new family member born July 21, 2018 – his first grandchild, named Bleu Baily Asonevich! With a degree in Mechanical Engineering Technology, Bob is still employed at Canam Bridges as a Shop Order Technician II in Claremont, New Hampshire.



**GARY SANTY '78**, just celebrated his 40th anniversary with Stantec Consulting Services (formerly Dufresne-Henry/

Webster-Martin) in South Burlington, Vermont. Gary has been a Senior Principal and Office Manager for over 10 years and is a Licensed Professional Engineer in Vermont, New Hampshire, and Maine. As a graduate in Architectural & Building Engineering Technology, he has served on Vermont Tech's Civil Engineering Advisory Board since 1995. He and his wife of 40 years live in Georgia, Vermont and have three children and four grandchildren.

**DON MADORE '79**, died unexpectedly at his home in Helena, Montana due to complications of diabetes. He was 59. Don received an Associate of Science in Engineering, Electrical and Electronic Engineering from Vermont Tech in 1979 and a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Colorado State University in 1989. Don's career embraced many disciplines, including electronic and mechanical drafting, preparation of hospital

operating room surgical kits, operating newspaper preparation machinery, and more. As a young man, his passion was hiking and camping among the tallest peaks of the Appalachian Trail, the Pacific Crest trail, and the Colorado and Montana Rocky Mountains. Later in life, his passion was seeking out old gold mine tailings and developing fine particle gold extraction techniques. He was happiest in the solitude of the mountains and in the company of his immediate family and friends over dinner, game nights, and campfires.

**JULIUS LENDWAY '80**, Even though Julius attended Vermont Tech for only three semesters, he has fond memories of his time in Randolph Center and staying at Old Dorm. Forty years later, he lives in Benson on his family property as the 5th generation and raised his three kids here. Now, he works in transportation and drives an organic milk truck across the east coast. Julius and his wife, Debbie, are happily celebrating their 35th wedding anniversary! And they are new grandparents to a beautiful baby boy!



**BOB LETOURNEAU '82**, retired after 35 years combined service with the USAF and the Vermont Air National Guard. His final duty position was as the Vermont State Command Chief Master Sergeant, advising The Adjutant General on all enlisted matters for over

800 airmen, and representing the organization nationally, while continuing to work for the State of Vermont Military Department as the Engineering Technician for the 158th Civil Engineering Squadron (since 2003). Prior to 2003, Bob was employed by DuBois & King, Inc. for 16 years as a Senior Structural Designer. Bob graduated from Vermont Tech in Architectural & Building Engineering Technology.



**JOHN MORIN '84**, lives in Springfield, Vermont with his wife of 34 years, Sue. They've raised two children, Olivia and Peter, and are proud grandparents of Joel, 5, and Eva, 2. Peter and his wife, Carolyn, are expecting their first child. John's community involvement is participating on the planning committee for the annual Vermont Catholic Men's conference and he is active in the Knights of Columbus. Using his Electrical Engineering Technology degree, John is a Service Technician for Control Technologies in southern Vermont and says that, "we are, indeed, very blessed."



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**WENDY NELSON '88**, can't believe it's been 30 years since she graduated from Vermont Tech! She started her career and is an active practicing Veterinary Technician working at Hanover Veterinary Clinic. Wendy is currently living locally with her husband and 19-year-old daughter.

**CHRISTOPHER WITHINGTON '91**, After graduating Vermont Tech in Civil and Environmental Engineering Technology, Christopher continued on to RIT for a BS in Civil Engineering. He started CD Withington, LLC, an excavation/consulting company in 1999, and began a concurrent career as a firefighter in Willimantic, Connecticut. In 2012, he returned to agriculture, growing corn as a commodity, then soybean and small grains in 2014. In 2016, he began producing feed and grain. Chris Farms, LLC, produces livestock and poultry feeds that are sold throughout southern New England, while its founder still works as a firefighter.

**JASON DURENLEAU '94**, graduated from Vermont Tech in Landscape Design & Sustainable Horticulture, and is now the Landscape Manager for Orange Lake Resort in Kissimmee, Florida, where he oversees 128 acres on the resort. Jason lives in Clermont, Florida with his wife, Sara, and daughter, Skylar.



**SOHAIB HASAN '07**, completed his second Master of Science in Engineering Management in 2018 from Tufts University. (His first was in Systems Engineering in 2012 from WPI.) Now, he is working at BAE Systems as the Senior Principal Reliability Engineer. Previously, he was an engineering lead for the PATRIOT missile at Raytheon.



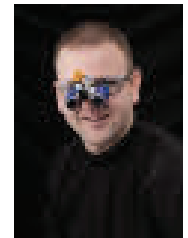
**JULIA (MCKINLEY) MERCON '13 & '14**, graduated with an associate degree in Equine Studies in 2013 and then in Veterinary Technology in 2014. She works at the Danville Animal Hospital as a Certified Veterinary Technician. Not only does she have a job in her field of study, she and her husband, Chris Mercon, a Construction Project Management 2013 graduate, just bought their first home in St. Johnsbury, Vermont!

**ASHLEY (LOCKERBY) TOOF '13**, leveraged her associate degree in Architectural & Building Technology and bachelor's in Construction Management to work in the construction and engineering field in Vermont, joining Public Works in November 2016 as an Engineering Technician. This past November, she accepted a position as a Public Works Engineer, taking



her next step to become one of the next Engineers of Burlington. When she's not immersed in the technical design of projects, you'll find Ashley doing anything adventurous and athletic like snowboarding, soccer, softball, volleyball, and spending time with family.

**ADRIAN FITTS '15**, is a member of Phi Theta Kappa and a Barco Scrub Ambassador. He is certified in Laser Diode Therapy as well as in the use of 3Shape Trios Digital Impression Scanners. His professional philosophy is, *"Take five minutes and just get to know your patients and make them feel valued."*



*As clinicians, we have zero clue as to what someone else is going through."* He was recently featured in Oral DNA Labs' blog regarding Trends in Salivary Diagnostics. Adrian enjoys spending time in the Lakes Region of New Hampshire, including skiing in the wintertime. Home improvements and landscaping fills any other free time, along with his chocolate lab, Latte, and time with his family.





# 2019 ALUMNI EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME	INFO
January 29-31	Vermont Farm Show	Champlain Valley Expo, Essex Junction, VT	All Day	Stop by the Vermont Tech booth for a free alumni gift
April 4	Alumni Pop-Up, Bennington, VT	Madison Brewing Company	6 pm	Cash bar, free appetizers
June 6	Knights Scramble Golf Tournament	Rocky Ridge Golf Club, St. George, VT	9 am	Award ceremony and lunch at end of tournament
June 7	Strolling of the Heifers	Brooks House, Brattleboro, VT	6 pm	Visit the Brattleboro campus and enjoy the Friday Night Street Fair
June 23	Alumni Dinner Cruise on Spirit of Ethan Allen	Burlington, VT	6 pm	Lake Champlain cruise, dinner, and DJ
September 21	Homecoming Weekend	Randolph Campus	Afternoon & Evening	Alumni Day with fall activities
November 12	Alumni Pop-up, Burlington, VT	Growler Garage	6 pm	Cash bar, free appetizers

**STAY IN TOUCH!**

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*On a sunny weekend in May, Vermont Tech graduated 504 students from 32 programs in three ceremonies over two days.*



# NEW BEGINNINGS





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Friday morning, Vermont Tech saw the Professional Pilot, Business Management, Agriculture, Fire Science, Automotive, Diesel, and more cross the stage. In the afternoon, it was time for all the engineering-related degrees. Then, on Saturday morning, the Allied Health students – Nursing, Respiratory Therapy, and Paramedicine – received their degrees. In her address, Commencement speaker Janette Bombardier, a civil engineer, spoke of her years at IBM and GlobalFoundries, and threw out the old idiom ‘ladder of success’ in favor of a more accurate analogy: ***“Success isn’t a ladder, it’s a jungle gym with more than one way to the top.”*** After many years at IBM and Green Mountain Power, Ms. Bombardier is now Chief Technology Officer at Chroma Technology.

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# VERMONT TECH SCHOOLS MODEL

In 2018, the faculty initiated a discussion about reorganizing academic programs into schools. An ad-hoc committee recommended that the college proceed with the model and suggested four schools with a distribution of programs among those schools. A market research study indicated that the schools model might increase net promoter scores,

particularly among guidance counselors. During the summer of 2018, a second committee, comprised primarily of faculty, reviewed the model and recommended a fifth category of school to incorporate general education. The schools model concept was endorsed by the Faculty Assembly and Executive Committee in the fall of 2018.

<b>VERMONT TECH</b> SCHOOL OF NURSING AND HEALTH PROFESSIONS	<b>VERMONT TECH</b> SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE, PLANT, AND ANIMAL SCIENCES
Dental Hygiene (BS) Nursing (CERTIFICATE, AS, BS) Paramedicine (CERTIFICATE) Radiologic Sciences* (AS) Respiratory Therapy (AS) <i>*Pending Trustee &amp; other approvals</i>	Agribusiness Management Technology (AAS) Dairy Farm Management Technology (AAS) Diversified Agriculture (BS) Equine Studies (AAS) Forestry (AAS) Veterinary Technology (AAS)
<b>VERMONT TECH</b> SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING AND COMPUTING	<b>VERMONT TECH</b> SCHOOL OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES AND MANAGEMENT
Advanced Software Development (CERTIFICATE) Architectural Engineering Technology (AAS, BS) Civil & Environmental Engineering Technology (AE) Computer Engineering Technology (AE, BS) Computer Information Technology (AE, BS) Computer Networking (CERTIFICATE) Computer Software Engineering (AS, BS, MS) Cybersecurity (CERTIFICATE) Electrical Engineering Technology (AE, BS) Electromechanical Engineering Technology (BS) Manufacturing Engineering Technology (BS) Mechanical Engineering Technology (AE) Renewable Energy (BS) Software Development (CERTIFICATE) Web Development (CERTIFICATE)	Applied Business Management (BS) Automotive Technology (AAS) Business Technology & Management (AAS, BS) Construction Management (AAS, BS) Diesel Power Technology (CERTIFICATE, AAS) Entrepreneurship (AAS, BS) Fire Science (AAS) Professional Pilot Technology (BS)
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	Undeclared Department of English Department of Mathematics Department of Science



# VERMONT TECH

TOTAL ENROLLMENT

1,621

**BEST PLACE TO LIVE\***

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**BEST COLLEGES**  
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ranking and only VT  
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North Region

STUDENT CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

50+

*Like Astronomy, Aviation, Bowling, Community Service, Fabrication, Multicultural, Ski & Snow Build, and more!*



HIGHEST PERCENT  
EARNING ABOVE A  
HIGH SCHOOL GRAD



~ Vermont, 2018 College Scorecard, U.S. Department of Education data

STUDENT TO  
TEACHER RATIO

12:1



COUNTRIES  
REPRESENTED  
IN STUDENT  
BODY

26



STUDENTS RECEIVE  
FINANCIAL AID

46%

FIRST-  
GENERATION  
STUDENTS

100%

PROGRAMS ARE OFFERED WITH  
HANDS-ON APPLIED LEARNING

CAMPUSES & EXTENDED SITES



*Bennington, Brattleboro, Lyndon, Middlebury, Morrisville, Newport, Randolph, Springfield, St. Albans, White River Junction, Williston*

AVERAGE CLASS SIZE

15



ON-CAMPUS SKIING & SNOWBOARDING AT  
**VERMONT TECH HILL**  
at Randolph Center Campus

VARSITY SPORT TEAMS

**SEVEN**

NEAREST AIRPORT

**BURLINGTON INT'L**

98%

JOB & ADVANCED EDUCATION  
PLACEMENT RATE  
FOR THE CLASS OF 2017

JOB & POSTSECONDARY PLACEMENT\*

All Programs	98%
Bachelor's Degree Programs	95%
Associate Degree Programs	99%
Certificate Programs	100%

\*Class of 2017

STUDENT

**INTRAMURALS**

*In sports like Ultimate Frisbee, Dodge Ball, 5v5 Basketball, Volleyball, Futsal/Indoor Soccer, Bowling, Skiing/Snowboarding, Ice Skating, Racquetball, Floor Hockey, Rock Climbing Wall*

UNIQUE FORMS OF ALTERNATIVE

**TRANSIT**

*Bikes, Cross-Country Skis, Horses, Snowmobiles*



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2.5 HOURS



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## WHO WAS THAT?

He left his post as Principal of the Vermont School of Agriculture to serve in the First World War. As a 2nd Lieutenant without commission, he was Canteen and Motor Transport Secretary attached to the 26th Regiment, Infantry, 1st Division, for a year in France. **Who Was He?**

Email your responses to [alumni@vtc.edu](mailto:alumni@vtc.edu) or mail to Alumni Affairs, PO Box 500, Randolph Center, VT 05061. One winner will be chosen from the correct entries and will receive a new Vermont Tech flannel stadium blanket, made by Vermont Flannel in the new Green Knight plaid.

### Congratulations to Dominique St. Pierre, '66

for correctly identifying last year's photo as the library in Old Dorm. Dominique also believes that he is one of the young men in the picture. Look for a story of Dominique and the Apollo astronauts in Class Notes.

