Yadley Turnier ’19, above, was in full pep rally mode at the Rocky Top Student Center during the pregame reception before the men’s ice hockey team took on Maine Oct. 19 during Alumni Weekend. More than 1,000 alumni and friends enjoyed a picnic on the quad, tailgating with games and music, and affinity group reunions. See other photos on page 53.

The day before, 80 alumni and friends played 18 holes at the New Haven Country Club, followed by a reception. The event was presented by Aegis Wealth Partners, and proceeds benefited the Alumni Endowed Scholarship Fund. For the past two years, alumni have contributed items to the gift bag each participant receives. This year, Michele McHugh, MBA ’91, a co-owner of Hawk Ridge Winery in Watertown, Connecticut, donated a bottle of wine for each golfer. They also received a recipe for mixing that wine into a delicious cocktail from John Ginnetti ’03, the owner of 116 Crown restaurant in New Haven. See the recipe at go.qu.edu/cocktail

Oh, and the winning team was: Jay Rotell ’83, Jessica Rotell ’15, Jason Rotell ’13 and Steve Larkin.
CLASS NOTES

1959 DONALD SANTACROCE is retired and has moved to Corona Del Mar, CA, to be closer to his son.

1971 MICHAEL CARABETTA of North Truro, MA, rode his bicycle from San Diego to St. Augustine, FL, to celebrate his 70th birthday. The 3,000-mile ride took him 54 days and it was his second cross-country bike ride. The first was for his 65th birthday.

1972 JOSEPH CONSORTE JR. of Harwinton, CT, has retired as chief financial officer of Connecticut Community Care.

LENNOX MILLER of Windsor, CT, was elected executive grand auditor of the Independent United Order of Mechanics (Western Hemisphere) at the 15th Triennial International Convention in 2013. The order is a fraternity founded in 1847 that adheres to the tenets of “brotherhood of man” and “fatherhood of God.” Lennox earned his juris doctor (cum laude) from Novus University School of Law in 2017.

1973 ROBERT MITCHELL of Providence, RI, retired as assistant dean for diversity relations at Harvard University in June 2019.

1974 EDWARD ROULHAC of Blue Bell, PA, and his wife recently celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary.

1979 KEVIN KING and his wife KAREN KING ’80 of Wallingford, CT, recently celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary. Kevin is a senior vice president at Ion Bank.

1980 TOM HOBIN of West Kingston, RI, was excited to attend Alumni Weekend in October and watch the Brian Vincent Memorial Soccer Game. The weekend was the 40th anniversary of when Tom, along with four other first-year starters—MITCH GUTTENTAG, DAVID MURPHY, MIKE LAFFERTY and JIM HANSCOMM—all from the Class of 1980, helped the “QC Braves” play in the tournament finals in their senior year.

1983 ROBERT BRUZIK of Charlotte, NC, married Valerie McRae on Sept. 6 in Las Vegas. Robert was a member of the Quinnipiac baseball team that played in the NCAA College World Series and was named the team’s Most Valuable Player. He works as a financial services specialist.

1986 TRACEY GOODSPEED ZINCK ’86, JD ’89, of Saco, ME, recently was elected president of the Independent Claim Association. The ICA is the world’s largest organization of professionals in the life and health insurance industry. She is an assistant vice president of claims at Disability-RMS.

PAMELA GRALNICK MARTINEZ of Milford, CT, is president of the Connecticut Bus Association and chairman of the Bus Industry Safety Council. She is a vice president of human resources and risk management.

1987 KAREN KNIGHT HARDY of Belgrade, ME, is an alcohol and drug addiction counselor in Maine and became a licensed professional clinical counselor in 2015. She started a non-profit group called Friends and Family of those with Addictive Behaviors, which provides scholarships for people to attend wellness retreats at the wellness center she runs with her husband. Karen also published a book, “I Can’t Do This Anymore,” about her experience with a son who has struggled with opiate addiction.


1993 THOMAS JOHNSON of Wrentham, MA, is a partner at EMMA International Consulting Group in Michigan. He has had a career in medical device, pharmaceutical and biotechnology businesses. EMMA provides management consulting services.

1994 BRENDAN HOSEY of Hamden and his wife, Jenn, announce the birth of a son, Declan James, on May 12, 2019. Declan is also the first grandchild of CAROL (ISENSTADT) GUTKIN ’81. Brendan recently retired as a lieutenant from the New Haven Police Department after 20 years of service.

1995 KAREN DAIGLE of Wethersfield, CT, is an adjunct professor at Quinnipiac University in the occupational therapy department.

1996 SEAN GORDON of Hoboken, NJ, is a line producer who recently finished two television projects. One is “The Lost Corvettes” on the History Channel about the Peter Max Corvette collection and the restoration efforts by the Corvette Heroes. The other was “Delicious Miss Brown,” which ran on the Food Network about the well-known Southern cook and caterer, Kardea Brown.

KRISTINE JOHNSON of Waterford, CT, has been named resource coordinator for the recently opened Center for Healthy Aging at Backus Hospital in Norwich. She was formerly the eastern region director for the Alzheimer’s Association Connecticut Chapter.

RICHARD MADONNA of New London, CT, was appointed to the Connecticut Society of Certified Public Accountants advisory council as a member-at-large. He is vice president for finance and administration at Connecticut College.

COREY SPARKS ’96, MBA ’97, of Lambertville, NJ, has started a new role as vice president of finance for Teva Pharmaceuticals.

1997 JAMES BUCKLIN of Frederick, MD, is the owner of Cornerstone Physical Therapy and opened the Christian-based practice in February.

ADAM CONNORS of Hoboken, NJ, is founder and CEO of NetWorkWise, a company that offers a certification that recognizes a person as being an expert in developing world-class relationships.

ROLANDE GAY of Canterbury, CT, announced the birth of her 17th grandchild, Sofia Anna Rose. She also has four great-grandchildren.

1998 JULIE (FOSTER) ANTONELLI of Sterling, VA, has been nominated as one of the top veterinary technicians in the United States.

2001 SCOTT TERRALAVORO of Hopewell Junction, NY, was promoted to senior editor of Fox News, Fox Business and Fox Nation.

2002 ERIC YUTZY of Pembroke Clan notes continue on p. 46

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JESSICA LERAE (SANTANGELO) DAREING and her husband, Ian, of Belton, TX, announce the birth of their first child, daughter Kiernan Maeve, on March 12, 2019.

FRANK DIGangi of Statesville, NC, leads the strategic programs team at Wells Fargo Bank’s digital branch and ATM department. He lives in North Carolina and has two children, Brayden, 9, and Mia, 7.

JONATHAN KROLL of Rosindale, MA, founded the Leadership Trainer Certification Program that prepares people to facilitate leadership development. Jonathan recently became a full-time lecturer in the professional leadership studies program at the University of Rhode Island.

RICHARD BENGEL of New Bern, NC, has announced that he is running for lieutenant governor of North Carolina in 2020. He is the owner of a baseball team and restaurant and serves on the North Carolina Education Lottery Commission.

SUMMER BRANDA and her husband, Dror Goldberg, of Austin, TX, announce the birth of their third child, Declan, in June. Declan was welcomed home by his big sisters, Avalyn and Graclyn.

ADAM CLEMENS of Glastonbury, CT, is a member of the Hartford Business Journal’s 40 Under 40 class for 2019. He is vice president of sales at Century 21 Clemens Group and leads the firm’s luxury real estate division. Adam has listed and sold real estate with a total value of more than $120 million.

JASON MYERSON ’04, MS ’06, of Monroe, CT, and his wife, Justine, announce the birth of their first child, Mikayla Raine, on Aug. 6, 2018. Jason is a physical therapist and director of clinical development for Performance Physical Therapy and Wellness in New York City and Fairfield County, Connecticut. He is also a member of the adjunct faculty in the physical therapy program at Quinnipiac University.

JAMIE GREENHOUSE of New York, NY, and Matthew Harris Ehrlich were married on Aug. 10. Jamie is a senior vice president in the consumer and lifestyle division at DCK, a New York-based public relations firm. She volunteers for the New York chapter of Candlelighters, which helps children and their families fighting cancer.

ELIZABETH (HAMLIN) MCVETY and her husband, BRIAN MCVETY ’06, MAT ’07, of East Longmeadow, ND, announce the birth of their third daughter, Lyla Quinn, on Jan. 17, 2019. She was welcomed home by her big sisters, Nora, 5, and Hadley, 3.

EMILY BLOOMFIELD of Farmington, CT, recently returned to working at Atnea to pursue a lead role in the development and strategy of individual Medicare materials.

MICHAEL GAUTHIER ’06, MS ’12, of Hamden is a licensed home inspector. He owns Bender Inspection Services and performs residential and commercial inspections as well as water and radon testing.

BENJAMIN HANDELMAN was promoted to the position of weekend anchor at WITI-TV in Milwaukee, WI, where he lives. He co-anchors the 4, 6 and 9 p.m. newscasts at WITI-TV (Channel 6). He has worked for the station since 2011.

JOHN O’BRIEN of North Hollywood, CA, was promoted to staff writer for season four of the CBS sitcom “Man with a Plan” starring actor Matt LeBlanc.

SUSAN WATSON of Mendon, MA, announced the birth of a daughter, Mackenzie, on July 7, 2018. She is a financial advisory practice manager.

CHRISTOPHER PICOLLI and DANA (MEISBERGER) PICOLLI of Wayne, NJ, announce the birth of their first child, Joshua Robert, on May 20, 2018.

MARGARET MAGUIRE married Andrew Alfred Bartolucci on May 18, 2019, at the Church of St. Augustine in Larchmont, NY. Margaret is a pediatric intensive care nurse in Valhalla, NY. The couple lives in Ridgefield, CT.

LISA PORCELLI ’08, MAT ’09, MS ’13, of Cheshire, CT, married Jasen Zarcone on Oct. 26, 2018. She works as a mathematics teacher.

POUL AUERBACH of Los Angeles is a first assistant camera operator for television, commercials and movies. He belongs to the International Cinematographers Guild.

DONALD J. BERNAT of Minneapolis, MN, started an APA-accredited internship in pediatric psychology at Fraser, a mental health organization that offers psychiatric services.

KRISTEN GUIDA, MSN ’09, DNP ’14, of Southington, CT, is president-elect of the Connecticut Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Society. She has been an APRN for 10 years and is an acute care nurse practitioner at Hartford Hospital and an adjunct clinical nursing faculty member at the University of Connecticut and Capital Community College.

CORINE CERRITELLI ’10, MBA ’11, of West Haven, CT, is manager of corporate partnerships at Save the Children Federation.

STEPHANIE L’ARGEVEQUE of Dubarton, NH, and her husband, Michael, announce the birth of their second child, Cooper Xavier, on May 30, 2019. Cooper was welcomed home by his big sister, Quinn.

MARLA WATERS of Brookline, MA, and Greg Mercuri were married on May 11, 2019.

ALLYSA FERRAZZA and REDMOND ZMUZDEN of Brighton, MA, were married in July 2019. Allysa works in medical billing.

NATALIE AHO, MS ’12, of Oxford, NC, has been named director of engagement and annual giving at Baptist News Global. She lives in Oxford, NC, with her husband, Chris, and their two sons.

BARBARA (THOMPSON) BELICIA ’12, MAT ’14, of Ansonia, CT, owns WholePerson Therapeutics in Shelton, CT. The business opened in 2018 and specializes in physical health optimization.

BRIDGET CUNNINGHAM of Jersey City, NJ, recently took a position at Professional Services Plans, a leading provider of insurance solutions for lawyers and accountants.

BRIANNA FLANAGAN of Wallingford, CT, has joined Mohawk Valley Health System as the director for patient transportation for Crothall.

BRIANNA GUERRERA of Watertown, CT, and Raymond G. Marquis Jr. were married on Sept. 14, 2018, at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in Waterbury, CT. Brianna is an attorney for Cummings & Lockwood in West Hartford, CT.

EMILY LAGER and MICHAEL SARIN of Nanuet, NY, were married in March 2019.

CHRISTIE NELESON of New York, NY, and Daniel Joseph Mulhall were married on Aug. 9 in Orleans, MA. Christie is a nurse practitioner in the oncology department at New York-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medical Center.

GEOFFREY OLDMIXON of West Roxbury, MA, recently started a new position as an account manager for ANDe Corporation in Waltham, MA.

NATALIE QUAGLIANI of Milford, CT, announces the birth of a daughter, Gianna Rose, on Sept. 2, 2018.

ARIEL RELAFORD ’13, MBA ’14, of Costa Mesa, CA, has taken on a new role as an influencer marketing campaign manager for PopShirts, Inc., a creative marketing agency in Newport Beach, CA.

LAVINIA CRISTESCU of Philadelphia, PA, and JACOB BARNETT ’14 were married on Sept. 29, 2018.

MATTHEW CALVANESE, MS ’14, of New Milford, CT, was named teacher of the year for the Danbury Public School District. Matthew is a fourth-grade math teacher at the district’s Academy of International Studies.
Barbara-anne (Birtwell) Foley ’84 took a leap of faith in her mid-50s with a daring career change, and her husband, John, leapt with her. They hit the ground running as the new innkeepers of the Commodore Inn in West Harwich, Massachusetts, on Cape Cod.

Foley, former executive director of Harwich’s Council on Aging for 18 years, completed her third summer running the inn, just steps from Earle Road Beach. Although the couple’s duties vary from day to day, they say they are living the dream, job-wise.

Foley is the first person guests meet when they check in. Her favorite part is watching guests shed the stress that comes with packing and traveling. “When they go out to our fire pit to relax and enjoy a drink, I see their shoulders go down. Knowing that we facilitated that in our little way is perfect,” she said.

“Vacation means vacating your life, and we try to help people do that,” she added.

The Foleys are truly at home at the inn. They live in an apartment above it with Faith, their friendly, 9-year-old golden retriever. One late August afternoon, a 10-year-old girl ran up to the furry Commodore mascot, gave her a hug, and said, “You remember me from before, don’t you?”

Barbara-Anne Foley ’84 relaxes on the front porch of the Commodore Inn on Cape Cod with her husband, John, and their dog, Faith.

The Foleys have lived on Cape Cod for more than 30 years. Back in 2007, when John was ordained a deacon, he was assigned to the nearby Holy Trinity Church. They’d walk the mile from the church to Earle Road Beach and back on Sundays. “We would pass this gorgeous inn just 230 steps from the beach and we would say, ‘What if the owners retired and hired us to run it for them?’ The Foleys’ son had worked there in high school, so they were familiar with it.

In 2016, while attending a barbecue at the home of neighbors Kelley and Dan McNamara, they shared that dream and mused about how they’d improve the place. “It was fun to imagine. We talked about adding an outdoor gas fire pit to the property, about ways to use the full extent of the liquor license, adding getaway weekends for women and golf or fishing packages—even providing lodging for wedding guests of couples getting married at nearby venues.”

Foley recalls the McNamaras listening and offering some of their retirement ideas as well. The McNamaras returned to their Texas home, where they spend half the year, and the Foleys forgot about the conversation until March 2017, when Dan McNamara called to say they intended to make an offer on the inn, now for sale, and said: “We can’t do that unless you both can run it for us!”

“We were shocked, but simultaneously excited beyond words,” Foley remembers, “and then Dan followed with, ‘We are all about making dreams come true!’”

John Foley, who worked in construction and sales, began at the inn that June, and Barbara-Anne officially retired from the Council on Aging to join him in July. Their first challenge occurred when the antiquated registration system they inherited crashed her third day on the job and had to be rebuilt in the heart of the busy season.

“For John, who’s in charge of maintaining the inn, it was a no-brainer,” she said, noting the job is 100% customer service driven. John also makes hard-boiled eggs and muffins for the complimentary daily breakfast and tends to the pool. Fifteen-hour days are common, he says.

The Foleys got right to work fulfilling their vision with the installation of a gas fire pit by the pool, a new beach bar with a bar bites menu, and fishing and golf packages. They estimate they have lodged more than 35 sets of wedding guests as well as people traveling for rehearsal dinners and clambakes. A getaway weekend for women in late October closed the 2019 season.

Foley, who graduated with a bachelor’s degree in psychology and family counseling, uses the people skills amassed during her previous career to attend to the needs of her guests, who come from around the world. She also supervises the housekeeping staff. Sometimes, she misses the contact with senior citizens, but not the worries and the political issues that kept her up at night.

Before that position, she was a recreational therapist in a nursing home before moving to the Cape in the ’80s to marry John and start a family. They have two grown sons. She recalls that the late professor Joan Bombace’s assignments made her a really good writer, and she enjoyed her days as a tour guide under the leadership of Al Carbone, the retired associate dean of admissions.

“When we walk out the front door of the Inn, we hear the beautiful bells of Holy Trinity Church in our left ears, and the magnificent sound of the crashing waves in our right ears. Life doesn’t get better than this, and life truly is better at the beach, as the saying goes,” she said.
NICOLE FANNING of Lake Carmel, NY, was promoted to program manager at News Corp.

ALEXANDRA GALANTE of Manalapan, NJ, recently graduated from the Tufts University School of Dental Medicine.

MARCUS HARUN ’14, MBA ’15, of Hamden, is working on a team at MSNBC that is launching two political news shows. Marcus has dreamed of working in news at the national level since he was in middle school.

JESSICA RUSIN of Garwood, NJ, and Lenny Palermo were married on April 13 in Basking Ridge, NJ. Among the guests were KACIE MCCREESH, JENNALISE EISWERTH, KRISTIN ENGELKE, MEGHAN MCCCULLOUGH, DANIELLE ALLAN, CATE COLUCCI and CHRISTA FITZPATRICK—all members of the QU 2013 field hockey team that finished with a 14–7 overall record and was the 2013 MAAC Conference champion.

MICHAEL TUFU and LAUREN CHATALIAN ’14 were married on Aug. 24, 2019. Michael is a lawyer.

MICA VITALE ’14, JD ’17, of Wolcott, CT, is an associate at the law firm of Carlton Fields in its Hartford office. She will be part of its labor and employment practice. Previously, Mica was an associate with Boyle Shaughnessy Law in Hartford.

KERRIN WALSH ’14, MOT ’16, of Lake Grove, NY, married Nicholas Cravello on May 25, 2019. Kerrin is an occupational therapist.

ADAM COOPERSMITH ’15, MBA ’16, of Bridgeport, CT, is assistant director of undergraduate admissions at Quinnipiac University.

ANDREW FUTTER ’15, MS ’16 married ANNA ROHMAN ’16 on Sept. 28, 2019, in North Yarmouth, Maine.

ERICA KLEINBAUM of Cortlandt Manor, NY, recently graduated from the Tufts University School of Dental Medicine.

CHELSEA LADEN of Chicago, IL, is attending optometry school and traveled across the country for a new series on the Travel Channel called Destination Fear.

GREG PAYNE of New Bern, NC, is a reporter for KCTV-5 in Kansas City, MO. Before that, Greg was a reporter for television stations in North Carolina and Pennsylvania.

NICOLE BERTAUX started medical school in July and is attending the New England College of Osteopathic Medicine. She lives in Biddeford, ME.

PAIGE FERRERI ’16, MAT ’17, of Kansas City, MO, is a ninth-grade history teacher.

ERICA LARSON of Cheshire, CT, is pursuing a modeling career. She has done photo shoots for various brands and appeared in fashion shows in Miami, including Miami Swim Week in July. She also started a holistic health coaching business.

JODELL MORENCY of Valley Stream, NY, recently started a new position as a solutions engineer.

RYAN KENNEDY, DNP ’17, of Manhattan Beach, CA, is a clinical associate at the Brown ADHD Clinic in Los Angeles.

MEGHAN KEAVENEY of Pequannock, NJ, was named novice nurse of the year at the Chilton Medical Center in New Jersey. Meghan works at a cardiac progressive care unit at the medical center.

JENNIFER KHELIL, MBA ’18, of Medford, NJ, is senior vice president and chief medical officer at Virtua, a health care provider. She previously was Virtua’s vice president of medical affairs.

CHRISTOPHER THORKILSEN of Atlanta recently began working for the Atlanta Hawks Corporate Partnerships department.

Forever Changing Lives for the Better
Tyler Smith ’14, MBA ’19, and his mom, Denise Smith Bryan, have made important, life-changing decisions to include Quinnipiac University in their estate plans.

As Denise explains, “Quinnipiac prepares its students with the professional training and skills that today’s world demands. I feel confident that, with the university’s vision and leadership, a gift to QU is in competent hands, and that it will further the excellence of its programs, staff and graduates.”

Tyler, a vice president with Aegis Wealth Partners, says, “It feels good knowing that after we’re gone, our legacy will live on through students who benefit from our bequests. I hope they will create unique memories like I did, which will forever change their lives for the better.”

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1. Farah Hage-Sleiman, JD ’17, and Derek Roy, Aug. 18, 2018.
4. Cooper Xavier L’Archeveque, born May 30, 2019, son of Stephanie L’Archeveque ‘10 and her husband, Michael.
15. Joshua Robert Piccoli, born May 20, 2018, son of Christopher Piccoli ’08 and Dana (Meisberger) Piccoli ’08.
17. Declan James Hosey, born May 12, 2019, son of Brendan Hosey ’94 and his wife, Jenn. Declan is the grandson of Carol (Isenstadt) Gutkin ’81.
Students describe their medical school experiences in lots of different ways: exhausting, overwhelming, life-changing. How does Dr. John Huston, MD ’17, recall his four years at the Frank H. Netter MD School of Medicine?

“It was like going to summer camp,” he says. “You saw the same people every day, you made great friends, and there were incredible resources. Everything was brand new, and it felt like it was all built for you.”

Huston was part of the Netter School’s inaugural graduating class. His enthusiasm not only powered him through medical school but caught the eye of the top brass at Yale New Haven Hospital, where Huston is a third-year internal medicine resident.

At Netter, he became fascinated with internal medicine. “I just love trying to figure out a diagnosis and then teasing out how we are going to treat a patient,” he says.

Huston recently was tapped to spend an extra fourth year at Yale as one of five chief residents, a highly competitive and prestigious leadership position—chefs are nominated by both faculty and peers. “I’m so excited,” he says. “Sometimes I can’t believe I get to do this for a living.”

Not bad for a guy who admittedly “didn’t have a clue” what he was going to do after college.

Raised in Edison, New Jersey, and Deep River, Connecticut, where he went to high school, Huston said he headed to the University of Massachusetts at Amherst mainly because his twin brother decided to attend UConn. “He is my best friend, but we thought we should go to different schools. My parents didn’t go to college, and it was one of their goals for us to go,” says Huston.

He chose his major—social thought/political economy—mainly because it allowed him to get in-state tuition. “It wasn’t very practical,” he says. “I just knew I wanted to do something helpful.”

After graduating in 2009, he spent a year working as a waiter and a substitute teacher before landing a job at a company in Thailand that made wheelchairs for people in the country’s rural area. Seeing it as an opportunity for adventure and to do good, he planned to spend at least two years overseas, but the opportunity was a bit misrepresented, so he returned home within the year. One day, a rock-climbing buddy who worked at Yale Psychiatric Hospital suggested that he apply to be a “milieu counselor”—basically, someone who helps those with mental illnesses develop healthy behaviors and coping skills. He got the job. “It was my first exposure to the medical field,” he says. “I realized I really liked it.”

It was also a turning point. Huston suddenly wanted to be a physician. “I didn’t know if I could get into medical school,” he says, noting his lackluster undergraduate experience. “I was quite behind, but I was also quite determined.”

He enrolled in a postbaccalaureate program, which would give him the opportunity to take the right classes and raise his GPA. “I knew I’d have to prove myself and I did; I got straight As.”

Netter was the perfect school for him. “QU matched up with my ideals; I like the focus on the biopsychosocial model of medicine, which favors a holistic approach, viewing the patient as a person and not a disease. You are not just telling a patient to take this medicine—and that’s it … you are eliciting more and seeing the whole picture—the impact of disease on their life and their understanding of it,” he says.

Huston plans to pursue a three-year fellowship in pulmonary critical care after his stint as chief resident. He feels that Netter prepared him well for the teaching role that comes with it. “QU made me realize how much I love the teaching side of things because I had such great mentors,” he says, citing professors Dr. Robert Bona, Dr. Todd Cassese and Dr. Barbara R. Pober.

“They nurtured me and built me up. Because of them, I think my dream is to work 50 percent as a professor and 50 percent in a hospital.”

Like all residents, he has rotated throughout the hospital’s departments, maintaining a grueling schedule that leaves little down time. Still, he has recently taken up woodworking. “I’m learning from YouTube videos—and messing up a lot. I’m trying to build a table for my new apartment,” he says. He also enjoys gardening.

But Huston loves going to work. “Someone comes in with a problem and I’m learning how to fix it. I feel like I’m at Hogwarts learning magic. It’s so rewarding.”

Dr. John Huston, MD ’17, examines Walter Wyllie during clinicals at the VA Connecticut Healthcare System, West Haven Campus, while his wife, Gayle, looks on.
GOOD TIMES

1. Alumni and their families came back to Quinnipiac for a fun-filled weekend Oct. 18 and 19. Patricia Stein Caplan ’55 catches up with friends at the Golden Bobcats Heritage Luncheon and 50th Reunion Celebration in the University Club, People’s United Center.

2. From left, Nicole Bersey ’14, and former roommates Angela Romano ’14, Amanda Cianciola ’14, MAT ’15, and Aidan Tatar ’14, MAT ’15, were happy to hang out at the tailgate and make new memories at their fifth-year reunion.

3. Orientation leaders from the last 30 years gathered for a special reunion within the reunion where some of the T-shirts they wore sparked memories of those days making first-year students feel welcome and comfortable.

4. Families enjoyed a picnic and a bounce house on the lawn of the Alumni House and Gardens.

5. Carolyn McKenna, JD ’92, chats with fellow alumni in the Lynne L. Pantalena Law Library during a reception for Quinnipiac Law alumni.