

# — 25 —

## *years of service*

**Gail A. Anderson**  
1980–2008



**DANIEL M. ASQUINO**  
1987–2017 | President

As President of Mount Wachusett Community College for the past 26 years, I have been fortunate to lead the charge of the community college mission and have experienced the many faces of transformation and growth at “The Mount.” Without question, we have evolved over the past 50 years from a barely known small college office space in downtown Gardner to a comprehensive community college, offering affordable and accessible education for all, and recognized as a national leader in renewable energy and civic engagement.

How lucky I am to be President of such a fine educational institution. I love Mount Wachusett Community College and believe we are the true reality of hope and opportunity to attain the American dream. What a privilege it has been to work with so many wonderful people within our communities, on our campuses, across the state, and throughout our nation. I have enjoyed leading MWCC’s growth to over 12,000 credit and noncredit students and ensuring that we serve as a major economic engine for the north central region with over 1,000 employees across 4 campuses.

Like any “long-timer,” I cherish the good ole days and have learned much from my past experiences. Nonetheless, change is evident over time, and we learn much from new perspectives. I am always encouraged by the MWCC family with their willingness to embrace change, try new things, and move forward. I am excited about who we are and who we may become. I welcome with open arms continued opportunity, growth, and progress at Mount Wachusett Community College.



**JOHN T. AWDYCKI**  
1966–2004 | Professor of Business Administration  
Building Committee for Green Street Campus

Jack Leamy and I were assigned to the development of the physical education building.

Baseball coach for many years.

I enjoyed teaching accounting and working with the many good people I met at the Mount for 38 years.

It was great to be a part of the growth of the Community College system in Massachusetts and especially significant to me as the Mount is located in my hometown of Gardner.



### **JOSEPH S. BALDYGA**

**1970–1995 | Professor of Marketing, Economics and Management**

I came to the Mount after an interesting career in Technical Sales/Marketing Management and over the 25 year period, was able to teach many different courses in those areas.

It was a pleasure for me to participate in preparing many young students for rewarding and fulfilling careers in business and non-profit organizations as well. Years later, I am still astonished at the breadth of the education and opportunities our students had available to them.



### **LINDA A. BOLDUC**

**1983–2019 | Professor**

In my 30 years of service to MWCC, I held the position of College Registrar for 4 years and Professor of Accounting/Business Department for the past 26 years.

One big highlight of my career is being the advisor of Alpha Beta Gamma Business Honors Society. I get to work with the very best Business students every semester.

The quote that best sums up what working at MWCC means to me is “Choose a job you love, and you’ll never have to work a day in your life”-Confucius. I love my job.

### **Walter E. Ballou**

**1968–1993**

### **Daniel J. Bosworth**

**1986–2017**

### **Susan M. Budd**

**1974–2003**



### **RONALD A. BURBA**

**1970–2004 | Professor of Physics and Mathematics**

One of my goals at Mount Wachusett Community College was to take difficult concepts in physics and mathematics and simplify them so that my students could visualize and understand them.

My joy was complete in facing a lecture hall, class, or individual and knowing my influence would help them continue on in pursuit of their educational goals. In the classroom, time went by too quickly as did my years at MWCC.



### **GENE A. CAUTHEN**

**1971–2005 | Professor of Art, Sculpture, also taught drawing.  
Served as East Wing Gallery Director and Chair of Art Department**

My years of teaching in the Art Department, in a close collaboration with my fellow teachers, was a most memorable aspect. I was pleased to have set up and developed a bronze casting facility for the sculpture department. The level of the students who went through the art program and beyond made it the rich experience it was.



### **RAYMOND V. COLEMAN**

**1966–2007 (full time) | 2007–2013 (adjunct)**

**Chairman, Human Services Department | Director of International Education**

I've been connected with MWCC for 47 of the 50 years of the college's existence in the capacity of both a full and part-time instructor. I enjoyed teaching courses in the behavioral sciences, history, and geography not only at the main campus in Gardner, but at the Fort Devens Extension, Leominster Campus, Prison Program, Digital Computers, and Online Continuing Education. These various settings were challenging, and I estimate I had contact with over 17,000 students over the span of years. I organized trips to various European countries, including England, France, Switzerland, Spain, Italy, Greece, as a cross-cultural experience for students, most of whom were never previously out of their native land, and these foreign ventures enhanced the participants' international education.



### **LOIS K. COX**

**1971–2018 | Executive Assistant**

Lois, then Lois Piano, graduated from MWCC's Business Technology program in 1971. Lois has served as an administrative assistant to the Dean of Science and Technology, Vice President of Academic Affairs, and as the president's Executive Assistant.

"For the past 43 years, MWCC has been a part of my life. When I think of the thousands of students that I have come in contact with through the years, I am constantly struck with how MWCC reaches and impacts in some way, shape or form almost everyone in the college's service area."



### **EDWARD R. "Bob" CRONIN**

**1969–2006 | Professor of English**

I started teaching at the Mount in 1969—the Vietnam War was raging, my son was six months old, and faculty and students shuttled—until 1974—between three old campus buildings. During my career, I have been Chair of the Faculty and Chair of the Academic Affairs Committee and as such, I played a part in the establishment of a new College constitution (still in effect, I hope.)

I'm proud of the new courses I enjoyed developing and teaching: Mystery Fiction, Science Fiction, and, above all, Shakespeare, which I taught for three years as the honors English component in the Honor's Program. I have happy memories also of over twenty years of teaching Film Appreciation as the course always changed, and the technology moved from reel-to-reel, video tapes, laser discs, and DVDs. (Digital projection may be next?)

During the past five decades, over 27,500 employees have worked at Mount Wachusett Community College. Currently, seventy-five of these individuals served the college and the citizens of Central Massachusetts for 25 years of full-time service or longer. These pages recognize their service and will be updated as more employees achieve that milestone.



## **RUTH C. DAHIR**

**1964–1991 | Secretary to Dr. Arthur Haley  
Staff Assistant to Dr. Daniel Asquino**

My career at MWCC began in a humble setting – in a one-room office in City Hall. It was here that President Arthur Haley and a staff of 5 employees began the work of building a college. Faculty and students were located in the Armory on East Broadway where classes were being conducted. This was not quite the vision that any of us had a college.

Soon, though, there were signs of growth and time to move to the “old” Elm Street School. Elm Street was not quite ready for us. However, we moved in. There were many days when we wore boots, coats and sometimes gloves, to keep warm. But we didn’t mind, we were now a family and finally all together in one big building.

After a number of years at Elm Street the construction of our new building on Route 140 was complete and it was time to move in. We were anxious and you could feel the excitement. We were ready to settle in. What was once an idea and a dream was now a reality – a beautiful structure and campus – a College we were all proud to be a part of.

These are a few of my memories of MWCC and I treasure them!

## **PAULA M. DAVIDSON**

**1987–Present**

Graduated from MWCC’s Data Processing (now Computer Information Systems) program in 1987.

My many jobs in the Information Technology Department have been Cobol Programmer, Oracle DBA, Unix Administrator, and Telecommunications Administrator.

In the past 25 years at MWCC, I have had the opportunity to work with many dedicated Mount Wachusett Community College employees, many who have become my close friends.



## **PAULA K. D'ENTREMONT**

**1973–2001 | Professor of Nursing**

I had the privilege of joining the MWCC faculty when the nursing program was in its infancy. The first nursing class was entering their second year in the program when I was recruited as a member of the second year faculty along with George Frazee and Sara Kajel. It was a new adventure for me as associate degree nursing was new and unfamiliar to many in the area. As a result, I found myself a public relations person of sorts attempting to convince the public and especially nurses that yes indeed we can educate a competent nurse in two years. Having taught in a diploma as well as a practical nursing program, I soon became aware of a new challenge for me. I learned that these students were different than those whom I had taught previously.

Not only were they confronted with a challenging curriculum, they often were juggling families and jobs. Many struggled to find the time to meet all their obligations, but they were highly motivated. I am proud to have met these men and women who worked so diligently to achieve their goal of becoming a registered nurse.

The nursing program at the Mount has added many competent nurses to the workforce as well as allowing many to achieve a goal which they could not have done without this program. As I meet many of these graduates in health care settings as well as out in the public, it is rewarding to learn of their accomplishments. I am humbled to know that I was a member of the nursing faculty of MWCC who helped them achieve their goal.



## **DANIEL J. DONOVAN**

**1973–Present | Professor, Computer Science Department**

When thinking back to my arrival on campus in 1973, I'm amazed at the progression of computer instruction over the course of my teaching career at the Mount. Back then the college had one IBM 1130 computer in its inventory. It featured a black and white monitor and typewriter on an elaborate command console that appeared to belong on a spaceship. Featuring 8 kilobytes of memory, computer operations were a skilled task and often the job entry point for many of our Computer Science graduates. Amazingly, this one machine, running three shifts, handled all the instructional and administrative needs of the college for many years. Students would write programming commands on coding sheets in the classroom and then go to the

basement to key their code onto paper cards for input to the computer.

Over the past 50 years, we all know the transitions from main frame computers to the PC, then the Internet, and now mobile computing. Change is increasing at an increasing rate and we're all scrambling to keep up.

## **Alfred C. Ducharme**

**1974–2000**



## **THEODORE D. FILTEAU**

**1967–2000 | Professor of Biology and department chairman**

I came to the college, fresh out of Graduate school in 1967, the year of the first graduating class. Those first years of the college were a very exciting time for students and faculty. The collegiality that developed made for a stimulating academic environment. The unique opportunity to contribute to the development of a new college was recognized by all the participants. A Curriculum development grant enabled a unique auto tutorial biology program to be developed. The planning of the Biology laboratories for the new campus was heavily influenced by this program.

The Biology Club (Darwinian Society) was very active during the 70s and students took advantage of the woodlands on campus to develop a magnificent nature trail. This trail was used for enjoyment as well as a laboratory. Many weekend field trips were a part of the Darwinian experience. During this time another curriculum development grant for the biological sciences (written by myself and Professor Trincherro), allowed release time for members of the biology department to pursue further graduate studies, develop new curricula, and build a laboratory greenhouse.

Unfortunately, college tuition was rising steadily during the eighties and nineties and students were unable to continue participation in extracurricular activities like the Darwinian society. In order to continue to provide field experiences, an interdisciplinary course on the Biology, History and Culture of the Caribbean which included a field trip to one of the Islands was developed. It was an opportunity for students to integrate learning from several disciplines as well as a field experience. During this time, adjunct faculty played a larger role in teaching some of the biology course. Curriculum coordination became more difficult and some innovative instructional practices were abandoned for more traditional methods of instruction. However, no matter what the method, teaching was always exciting to me and I look back on my 33 years at the college with great satisfaction.



## CATHERINE L. "KITTY" FOLEY

1972–1999 | Staff Assistant

I started as "Miss Information" in the kiosk on Elm Street in what is now the Helen Mae Sauter School.

Mentors for me came in the form of co-workers who helped me transition to Admissions and finally to Planning and Development.

My fondest memories are of students who came to Admissions haltingly but left two years later proudly with their diplomas.



## RICHARD A. FRIBERG

1982–2017 | Maintenance 2

"I have enjoyed working here and watching the college grow both in size and enrollment. I particularly enjoy meeting new students, and always enjoy seeing them when they come back years later. My co-workers here are the best, always willing to help with any problem work or personal. The Teachers always greet me with a smile and warm hello. I have enjoyed the cheerful atmosphere here; I hope it will never change."

– Rich



## HERMAN GELBWASSER

1965–2010 | Professor of Chemistry

During the 2010 Commencement Ceremony, Herman Gelbwasser was honored for his years of service by being appointed to Professor Emeritus Status. The May 20, 2010 Resolution appears below.

***BE IT RESOLVED** by those present that the following resolution has been recommended by the Executive Council, the President, the Faculty, and has been acted upon by the College's Board of Trustees.*

***WHEREAS**, we honor Professor Herman Gelbwasser for his dedication to the teaching and learning profession; and*

***WHEREAS**, during his forty-five years of service as Professor of Mathematics and Chemistry at Mount Wachusett Community College, he has earned the admiration and respect of students, friends, and colleagues; and*

***WHEREAS**, we recognize Herman Gelbwasser's contribution to the College through his work on the College's Academic Affairs Committee, Mathematics and Chemistry departments and numerous NEASC Accreditation Committees; and*

***WHEREAS**, we pay tribute to Herman Gelbwasser for his long-time service to his students and his ability to meet new challenges with enthusiasm; and*

***WHEREAS**, we acknowledge that Herman Gelbwasser will be remembered as one of the finest and longest serving mathematics and chemistry instructors in the history of Mount Wachusett Community College; and*

***WHEREAS**, Mount Wachusett Community College extends to Herman Gelbwasser its best wishes for many years of happiness during his future endeavors; and*

***BE IT THEREFORE FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Professor Herman Gelbwasser be appointed Professor Emeritus of Mathematics and Chemistry at Mount Wachusett Community College with all rights, privileges, and responsibilities attendant to his appointment.*



## **ROBERT H. GILMAN**

**1970–1997**

Robert “Bob” Gilman served as the College’s Director of Financial Aid and later as the Director of Advising Services.



## **ANN DENNETT GREENE**

**1969-2003 | Professor of Sociology**

I loved teaching Sociology, Social Problems and Drug abuse at the Mount. Many of my students were Criminal Justice and Human Service majors, who have worked successfully in their chosen fields in the Worcester County area. It is rewarding to meet former students and see what they have accomplished in life.

I thoroughly enjoyed the educational challenges and rewards of my 34+ years at the Mount, and although I cannot remember all the names of the thousands of students I met in my classrooms, I am proud of any impact I had on their lives.



## **HARRY E. HALL**

**1970–1996 | Maintenance Working Foreman**

Harry “Eddie” Hall served MWCC as an institutional maintenance foreman and campus police officer.



## **JOSEPH W. HALLOWELL**

**1984–2010 | Carpenter II**

I was the carpenter at the college for over 25 years and found the job to be very interesting. I did a little bit of everything. Building offices, making special desks for students in classrooms, fixing anything and everything that needed fixing in the buildings. I was proud of the work that I did in helping students, staff and faculty take pride in their college.



## **NANCY A. HAWKINS**

1967–2010 | 42 years total (few years were part-time)

### **Positions held:**

- Secretary to Registrar/Office Supervisor 1967–1981
- Acting Registrar 1981–1982
- Secretary to Transfer Officer 1983–1988
- Clerk in Division of Institutional Advancement 1988–2005
- Assistant Grant Researcher 2006–2007
- Staff Assistant for Center for Democracy & Humanity 2007–2008
- Staff Assistant at MWCC Leominster Campus 2009–2010

Working at MWCC all my life was an extremely rewarding experience. I had the privilege of watching the college grow from a tiny campus on Elm St. to the state-of-the-art campus MWCC has today.

Fond memories go back to the days when we hand-made students' schedule in the conference "green" room, working as late as midnight for the entire month before classes began, to the days when key-punched cards were handed out to students for their desired classes. Then came the day when computers finally made the students schedules, and now today when students have the means to create their own schedules and make changes online.

What makes me most proud of saying that I was a long-time employee of MWCC is the top-notch education and cultural experience the college provides for students and the entire community. When I read the newspapers, I rejoice every time I read about all the newest happenings that MWCC spearheads. I continue in my retirement to "plug" the Mount as one of the greatest colleges around.



## **FRANK K. HIRONS**

1973–1991 | Assistant to President

*From tribute plaque located at the Frank K. Hirons Multi Media Complex  
– Rooms 125 & 127.*

Prior to his retirement in 1991, Frank K. Hirons served as Assistant to the President for Public Relations at Mount Wachusett Community College for nearly twenty years. However, his service and commitment to the college extends back to the time when the idea of a community college in North Central Massachusetts was conceived. Frank Hirons was a member of the Site Selection Committee and was instrumental in the purchase of the property where the college was ultimately built. He also was appointed as the Chairman of the first Advisory Board where he served for five years assisting President Arthur Haley in developing policy, selecting temporary sites for the college and securing an appropriation to build a permanent college. Frank Hirons also was a member of the committee to select a name for the college.

Mr. Hirons graduated from Boston University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Visual Arts and Motion Pictures and earned a Master of Arts degree in College Administration from the University of Massachusetts. His military career spanned 36 years in the Air Force, Air Force Reserve and the Air National Guard, from which he retired as a Colonel. He was also a member of many committees and commissions in the City of Gardner.

Frank K. Hirons deserves the title, "Mr. Mount Wachusett Community College."



### **VINCENT S. IALENTI**

**1970–2018 | Dean, Academic and Institutional Technology**

As a faculty member at MWCC for 33 years and then more recently in my role as a manager, I have been fortunate that the field I am in and the areas that I now manage are ever-changing.

Change requires constant upgrading of my skill sets and knowledge which can sometimes be overwhelming, but I have often said to myself, “This is a great job... I get paid to learn.”

The climate at MWCC has always been encouraging to try new things and move in new directions. There has never been a day as an instructor or administrator that I have not looked forward to going to work. Guess that is why I have been here for so long.

I treasure the good old days with my past colleagues, and I find the current generation of MWCC employees to be exciting and forward thinking. I am glad that they still ask the “old guy” for advice.

My long tenure gives me a perspective on the college’s past and where it is heading. It was exciting to move into the new campus, and it is just as exciting to face today’s opportunities and challenges facing higher education.



### **DOUGLAS G. KALLIO**

**1974–2010 | Mail clerk II**

I worked at MWCC for 35 1/2 years retiring in 2010. Thirteen years as a maintainer and 22 1/2 years as a mail clerk.



### **PETER L. KAUFMANN**

**1979–Present | Professor of Automotive Technology, and Department Chair**

When I started the Automotive Technology Program in 1979 the automotive industry was evolving with new technology and demands. I have enjoyed over the years growing the program to try and keep pace with the still constantly changing industry. It is with great pleasure that I see students that I had owning their own business, being part of our advisory board and now even teaching the program with me.

MWCC has been an very supportive over the years with allowing me the opportunity to grow professionally by attending conferences, willing to support equipment needs to follow industry standards, spending the time to become NATEF certified, and most importantly the opportunity to stand in front of a classroom full of people interested in learning the automotive industry.

**25 YEARS**  
— of service



**DONALD E. KNOWER**  
1980–2019 | Supervisor, MWCC Printing Services

My first experience with “The Mount” was as a part-time evening student in 1976. In 1978, I enrolled full-time and graduated in 1980 from the Public Communications program (Broadcasting & Electronic Media today). In the fall of 1980 I was offered a full-time position in the Printing & Graphics department. And as they say “the rest is history.”

Mount Wachusett has been my extended family for more than 32 years and it has been a pleasure to work with so many great people. I have seen the positive impact the Mount has had on so many students, faculty, staff, and the community and believe it will continue for another 50 years. – Don Knower

**JAMES P. LARRABEE**  
1978–2012 | Head of Grounds Service Section | Facilities Management

I came to work at MWCC in 1978 and stayed for 34 years, because I actually had fun and enjoyed my job. Keeping the grounds clean and manicured was my primary goal. Assisting and helping the students was satisfying. President Asquino enjoyed making the college available for community activities, which made my job more rewarding. For instance the annual Cancer Walk, Chamber of Commerce Fireworks, Chamber Lobster Bake, and various sports activities; soccer, legion baseball, track, and cross country events made my day! Thank-you MWCC!



**MARGARET E. LATTRELL**  
1976–2012 | Administrative Assistant I

Margaret Lattrell worked at Mount Wachusett Community College from December 1976 to February 2012. She began as a switchboard operator and was later hired to be secretary for the Division of Social Sciences. The division was restructured several times, with a variety of faculty and functions over the years. Her most recent position was administrative assistant for the Practical Nursing Program. Margaret loves a challenge and there were many opportunities to learn and grow and adapt to the many changes. What a great place to work! Thanks for the fond memories!



**PAUL J. LAVERTY**  
1977–2015 | Professor of Mathematics

I began my career at the Mount as a reading tutor in a grant-funded adult education program. Then I taught Reading and Study Skills for a decade or so, before transferring to the Math Department, where I’ve been happily calculating away ever since.

I have many fond memories of great students, hardworking colleagues, and a supportive administration, all working together to provide a wonderful education for anyone willing to earn it. I’ve also had the privilege of being involved in the school’s last two NEASC accreditations, and I have really enjoyed the opportunity and the challenges of helping to guide the continued improvement of our fine institution. I’m confident that the Mount’s next fifty years will be as creative and productive as these first fifty years.



**John H. Leamy, Jr.**  
1966–1997 | Professor of English

During the 1997 Commencement Ceremony, John "Jack" Leamy, Jr. was honored for his years of service by being appointed to Professor Emeritus Status. The May 22, 1997 Resolution appears below.

***BE IT RESOLVED** by those present that the following resolution has been recommended by the Executive Council, the President, the Faculty, and has been acted upon by the College's Board of Trustees.*

***WHEREAS**, we honor Professor John H. Leamy, long-time teacher, highly respected by his colleagues for his knowledge of literature, admired by his students for his passion and his concerns about their progress and his willingness to help; and*

***WHEREAS**, we pay tribute to Professor Leamy for thirty-two years of service, always committed to excellence in teaching and willingness to perform tasks that go beyond what could reasonably be expected; and*

***WHEREAS**, Professor Leamy served with distinction as Professor English, Director of the first dramatic production in the College's theater, founder of the College's first Learning Center, and Director of the Division of Continuing Education's first Summer programs; and*

***WHEREAS**, we acknowledge that Professor Leamy has served as an inspiration and mentor to faculty and students; and*

***WHEREAS**, Professor Leamy has distinguished himself by his keen interest, commitment, and loyalty to his students and colleagues, and the mission of Mount Wachusett Community College;*

***BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED**, that Professor John H. Leamy, Jr. be appointed Professor Emeritus of English at Mount Wachusett Community College with all rights, privileges, and responsibilities attendant to his appointment.*



**PHILIP A. LEASURE**  
1967–2005 | Professor

Fiftieth anniversaries are special occasions for all concerned for they evoke memories of the people, places, events, and individual experiences that were part of those times and, of course, for the hopes and dreams that we have for the future. My small part in the first fifty years of the Mount began in the Fall of 1967 as an Instructor in Human Relations and ended in the Spring of 2005 as Professor Emeritus in Sociology. In between, I had the privilege of several thousand students attending my classes in Human Relations, Sociology, Social Problems, Gerontology, and Marriage and the

Family. That privilege included faculty and committee meetings, graduations, special events, taking students on field trips to Puerto Rico, and sponsoring the MWCC Chess Club.

What stands out in my memory are the many fine people that I met along the way; administrators, faculty, community leaders, and especially the students who came to my classes full of expectancy and, in some cases, dread for they were coming into a "science" class. But, through it all, they and I persevered, and most walked across that graduation stage.

When I came to the Mount, we met in the former Gardner High School building, a venerable, but not very large building. I remember we had to walk through the library to get to our Social Science Division offices. When I retired the faculty had fine offices in our new campus on Green Street, though by 2005 when I left the College the campus was not so new. As the years went by we added many new curricula and courses and dropped some. The administration, faculty, and staff grew as did our student body. We went from one to four campuses. The "information/media age" came in earnest, and the Mount transformed to meet it.

Higher Education in America in the 21st Century has many challenges. The Mount has risen to meet those challenges in an ever changing world.



### **THOMAS A. MALLOY III**

**1970–2003 | Professor of History | Director of the MWCC Honors Program**

I enjoyed teaching history, and get a great satisfaction from meeting former students that still remember lectures and issues that were discussed in class. Glad it made an impact on them.

I am particularly proud of my role in setting up the college’s Honors Program. MWCC became a state wide leader in this area, and we were the first college in Massachusetts public higher education to earn Board of Higher Education approval for this initiative.

### **Kenneth G. Marisseau** **1966–1993**



### **ARTHUR E. MARLEY**

**1969–2003 | Professor of English**

During the 2003 Commencement Ceremony, Arthur E. Marley was honored for his years of service by being appointed to Professor Emeritus Status. The May 22, 2003 Resolution appears below.

***BE IT RESOLVED** by those present that the following resolution has been recommended by the Executive Council, the President, the Faculty, and has been acted upon by the College’s Board of Trustees.*

***WHEREAS**, we honor Professor Arthur E. Marley, long-time teacher, highly respected by his colleagues for his superior knowledge of Literature and Rhetoric; and*

***WHEREAS**, we pay tribute to Professor Arthur E. Marley for thirty-four and one-half years of service, always committed to excellence in teaching and willingness to perform tasks that go beyond what could reasonably be expected; and*

***WHEREAS**, Professor Arthur E. Marley is acknowledged by his students for his requirement that they excel with high standards and for his sincere concerns about their progress; and*

***WHEREAS**, Professor Arthur E. Marley served with distinction in the English Department and introduced many new courses in the Humanities as well as advised the College’s literary magazine for thirty years; and*

***WHEREAS**, Professor Arthur E. Marley has exhibited a true dedication to Mount Wachusett Community College’s mission and commitment to the highest principles of a Liberal Arts education.*

***BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED**, that Professor Arthur E. Marley be appointed Professor Emeritus of English at Mount Wachusett Community College with all rights, privileges, and responsibilities attendant to his appointment.*



### **ANN S. MCDONALD**

**1986–2017 | Executive Vice President**

“I began my career at the College as a Job Developer for the Cooperative Education, Career Planning and Placement Office. Through the years, I’ve worked in Student Life, Transfer, Enrollment Management and Student Services operations.

Having grown up in Gardner, I know how the College has always served as a central location for educational and cultural opportunities in this local region. I’m glad that I have had the opportunity to become part of the fabric that is the College – students, faculty and staff learning and growing together. I hope that I’ve contributed to the educational experience for our students over the years. My greatest reward is to welcome students as they cross the stage at graduation, knowing that they have grown personally and professionally through their experience at Mount Wachusett Community College.”



## **FRANCES SMITH STROTHER MCFAUL**

**1981–2007 | Professor**

What I cherish the most as I reflect on service to Mount Wachusett Community College is my time in the classroom and in clinical areas. I am proud of the accomplishments of the nursing graduates and hope that in small some way I contributed to their success.



## **JOHN O. MCLAUGHLIN**

**1966–2004 | Professor of History and Government**

**Positions Held:**

- **1967–68 Acting Chairman of the Social Sciences Division**
- **1967–68 Chairman of the Accreditation Committee**
- **1967–68 Soccer Coach – (the only soccer coach to win a game)**
- **1967–69 Member of the new campus planning committee responsible for selecting the desks and chairs in the classrooms and lecture halls of the new college as well as the furniture in the faculty offices (with the help of Carl Lugbauer of the Heywood Wakefield Company)**
- **1971–80 Chairman (Assoc. Dean) of the Social Sciences Division – one of the largest divisions of the College with its diverse programs in Criminal Justice, Human Services and Broadcasting and Telecommunications**
- **1981–2004 Professor of History and Government – responsible for creating new and diverse history courses**

My two greatest accomplishments at the College were producing the College's first accreditation report. In those early days at the College there were few guidelines or formats to follow with very little professional secretarial support or reproductive machines to do the work (no ZEROX in those days). I had to gather all the data and put it into a workable format so it could get approved by the NEASC (my wife provided the secretarial support for the project and the College outsourced its reproduction). We were successful on our first try and were one of the first Community Colleges to win a 10 year award. My format became the basic model for other Accreditation Committees to follow.

My second greatest accomplishment was holding together and supporting a diverse division during the early years of rapid growth and development. I had great faculty to work with and in the early days when we were a small band of brothers and sisters there was great coordinators like Profs Ialenti, Willhauck and Trainor, it made my job easier. The support services from the Registrar's office and Don Knowler in the reproduction services department also made my job easier. They were a great gang to work with and I miss them all today.

I enjoyed teaching and performing in the classroom where it became my great stage of theater. I was very pleased that many of my students went on to senior colleges and universities which led them to successful careers on their part.



## **DANIEL P. MCMILLEON**

**1986–Present | Maintenance Equipment Operator I**

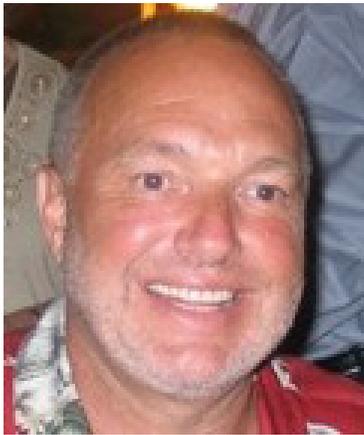
“The last 27 years working at Mount Wachusett Community College have been a wonderful experience for me.”

**John F. McNally**

1978–2015

**Dennis C. Morrill**

1970–2003



**WILLIAM L. NUTTING**

1972–2018 | Professor

I'm known simply as Bill. I student-taught at MWCC in the fall of 1972 under the tutelage of Professors Peter Trincherro and Theodore Filteau. Both of them were fresh out of grad school, exciting, extremely knowledgeable in their respective fields, and inspiring beyond belief. They were my mentors and “turned me on” to my future career, though I didn't know it at the time. I graduated spring 1973 from Fitchburg State College (now Fitchburg State University) with a BS in Secondary Science Education.

I was offered a job at MWCC in 1973 as a part-time lab technician for the Science Department. I took the job as it offered me an opportunity to apply my college degree to my work. I left for a while to work in construction since the MWCC lab technician job was only part time. Later in 1974, I was asked if I'd like the full-time position as lab tech for the science department at MWCC. I did not hesitate to take the position, especially knowing the fabulous professors I'd be working with. So, I became the full-time lab technician for the MWCC Science Department in September of 1974. This was the fall that the new campus was opening up; it was an exciting time.

In 1979, MWCC received a National Science Foundation Cause Grant and with some of the money, we were able to build the current greenhouse and attached potting room and animal-care rooms. For 19 years I ran the greenhouse; part of my job of being lab technician. In 1990 I had the good fortune to participate in the NASA Space Exposed Experiment Developed for Students. This was and is to date, the largest and longest lasting radiation exposure experiment.

As time marched on, I decided to work on my master's degree. I graduated from Worcester State College (now Worcester State University) in 1989 with a Master's in Biology. The next year I started the transition from lab tech to instructor and worked on having my thesis published. While still working as a lab technician, I started teaching science courses in the evenings. Shortly thereafter, I was published and a fellow professor retired from the department. I applied for the position and was successful in filling that position. This is the position I continue to fulfill to this day, that of professor within the Science Department of MWCC.

I was Chairman of the Natural Science Department from 1999-2001 and then came back as Chairman of the Science Department from 2009 until the present.

During my long tenure at MWCC, I have been blessed in many ways. I get to work with incredibly talented and dedicated individuals every day. I also get to instruct, assist, and help some wonderful students, from a variety of backgrounds, with varied goals, from all over the world, with a host of “other life events” that are impinging upon their ability to succeed. It is my pleasure and honor to serve these students. THEY are why I am here; THEY are everything!

We currently are in the process of designing a new science building. It is extremely gratifying to be part of the planning of the future of STEM courses and programs here at MWCC.

To sum it up, MWCC has not only given me the possibility to become who I am but the possibility to serve an ever diverse student body and help them to achieve their dreams and goals. I am truly blessed.



## **LINDA R. OLDACH**

1969–2011

### **Positions held:**

- **Assistant Librarian, 1969–1983**
- **Assistant Dean of Library and Information Services, 1983–2011**

I was very fortunate to have been part of the MWCC community during an era when technology increasingly enhanced library services, and library instruction became a core component of coursework. I enjoyed working with the dedicated staff and faculty and saw firsthand how many students benefitted from the use of library resources and the assistance of the library staff. MWCC is a vital resource in the north central MA region, and my long association led to a truly rewarding career.



## **SAMUEL J. O'NEILL**

1967–1996

### **Positions held:**

- **Dean of Academic Affairs; Chairman, Division of Humanities;**
- **Professor of Humanities/Computer Science; Ph.D.; CAPT, USNR (Ret.)**

As a member of the MWCC Faculty/Administration from the early years of its history, I became well aware that the typical community college student should be afforded every opportunity to find success in accordance with her/his talents and means. These same principles were applicable during my thirty-seven years of active and reserve naval service. I paid close attention to organizational detail and always attempted to be thorough in carrying out my assigned tasks. I extended these classroom and administrative qualities to many lectures and conferences which I gave to local clubs and organizations. I am most grateful for having had the opportunity to participate in the education of students whose family backgrounds were very similar to my own.



## **JOHN L. PACHECO**

1980–2015

### **Artist Statement**

On my very first day as an adjunct drawing teacher at the Mount in 1980, the then Dean of Humanities, Aspasia Anastos, informed me that the full-time painting teacher had not shown up to teach his classes and that I should take over his duties. President Halley interviewed me and approved my “field promotion.” Thirty-two years later I’m still the painting teacher. My life at the Mount has provided me with the opportunity to raise a family of six children, continue my career as an artist and work at a job that is ever stimulating and always rewarding. I consider my years at Mount Wachusett Community College the richest of blessings, and the wonderful colleagues and students I’ve met a gift from God.



**DAVID J. PATTERSON**  
1982–2019 | Professor of English

I came to MWCC in 1982 to start my 15th year of teaching English. I attained the rank of Professor of English (for the second time in my career), and along the way, I served at various times as Chairman of the Developmental Education department, the Academic Affairs Committee, and the English Department. My priority and my greatest pleasure have been my students. I have always believed wholeheartedly in the ideal of the community college: an open door policy, a striking diversity among students in ages, genders, sexual orientations, races, and cultures, and colleagues deeply committed to the same ideal. I have always worked best in discussions and one-on-one with writers, and getting to know my students has been a joy. (My wife Melanie and I were married by one of them!) I also pride myself in having logged the most motorcycle-commuter miles of anyone on the staff over the past thirty years (an undocumented but as yet uncontested claim). It may seem quirky, but riding to MWCC on a clear morning through beautiful New England wooded landscapes to work with students usually sacrificing to earn their educations has often given me a feeling of being blessed.

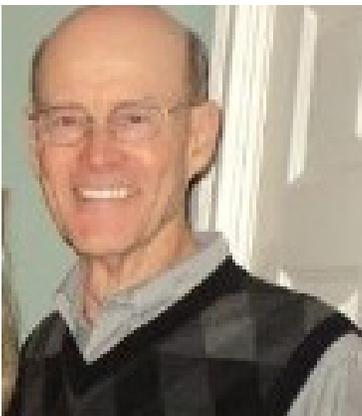


**PAULA A. PITKIEWICZ**  
1982–Present | Professor

I am a proud graduate of MWCC's Class of 1976. After earning my master's degree, I began working at my alma mater in 1982 in the Learning Center, a department dedicated to the needs of the non-traditional student. For thirty years I have been dedicated to working with academically challenged students to help them achieve their dreams. For several years I also taught the Mystery Fiction course for students in the Honors Program, and enjoy teaching Women's Literature.

Through the years I have been involved on MWCC's Outcomes, Academic Affairs and Constitution Committees. I particularly enjoyed my participation in the college's Beyond Nine to Five college re-entry program for women that helped many students to transfer to prestigious institutions. The success of my students and the friendship of my colleagues have made my time at MWCC rewarding.

**Mary E. Plummer**  
1980–2019



**RAYMOND C. ROGERS**  
1970–2003 | Professor

During the time I was at The Mount, we went from being in a converted supermarket to the new campus. The challenging aspect of being a faculty member in the Computer Department was keeping up with the continuing changes.

I appreciate the opportunity of being a faculty member and a Division Chairperson. The best part was working with students of such varied backgrounds and helping them reach their goals.

Remembering those Days of Old: "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness."



**ALLAN P. RUSSELL, ED.D**  
**1982–2007 | Vertebrate Paleontologist**

I was employed at MWCC full time from August 1982 to July 2007.

I was originally hired as Director of Medical Laboratory Technician Program and worked in that capacity for 11 years.

I was Director of the Industrial Pollution Control Program while that program was associated with the college through a grant program.

During my years at MWCC, I was a member of the Biology Department for 25 years and I developed the Earth Sciences section and worked in the Earth Sciences for 14 years. I taught Biology, Zoology, Anatomy and Physiology, Human Sexuality,

Introduction to Medical Laboratory Technology, Hematology, Seminar in Medical Technology, Historical Geology, and Physical Geology and Dinosaurs.

Being employed at MWCC allowed me to fulfill a life-long dream to teach college students the wonders of the Scientific Universe. I was able to attend many professional meetings and seminars in Medical Laboratory Technology and Vertebrate Paleontology and was able to pass the most current information in my field to my students. The congenial workplace my colleagues and I developed allowed for the exchanging of ideas in our fields and the general field of education. Techniques for aiding students in learning difficult concepts helped all of us, faculty and students, to become better able to succeed in achieving our goals. I was able to begin a collection of minerals and Dinosaur reproductions for the Biology Department that is still being used to the enjoyment of the college community. I was pleased to donate a large slab of Dinosaur tracks which is located at the front entrance on the walkway. This slab was one of several self-collected specimens. There is also a slab located at Worcester State University, located near the library.

In the years before being employed at MWCC, I was a Supervising Laboratory Technologist, and in that capacity, I assisted at many autopsies which helped me in my teaching of Anatomy and Physiology to nursing students. I published several scientific journal articles and a textbook on Hematology.



**JOSEPH B. RUTH, JR.**  
**1966–1995 | Professor of Business and Management**

During the 1995 Commencement Ceremony, Joseph B. Ruth, Jr. was honored for his years of service by being appointed to Professor Emeritus Status. The June 1, 1995 Resolution appears below.

***BE IT RESOLVED** by those present that the following resolution has been recommended by the Executive Council, the President, the Faculty, and has been acted upon by the College's Board of Trustees.*

***WHEREAS**, we honor Professor Joseph B. Ruth, Jr., long-time teacher, highly regarded by his contemporaries, loved by his students for his concerns about their progress and his constant availability for extra assistance; and*

***WHEREAS**, we pay tribute to Professor Ruth for three decades of service, always available for additional duties including committees, college service, and commitments of time far beyond what could reasonably be expected, and*

***WHEREAS**, we acknowledge that Professor Ruth has served as an inspiration to administrators, faculty, and students,*

***BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED**, that Professor Joseph B. Ruth, Jr. be appointed Professor Emeritus of Business and Management at Mount Wachusett Community College with all rights, privileges, and responsibilities attendant to his appointment.*



**NOLA A. SAPIENZA**  
1978–2012 | Professor

1989 – helped to develop core program and implemented required Fitness and Wellness program.

1999 – helped to develop new curriculum Liberal Arts and Sciences concentration Fitness Leadership and Exercise Science with an articulation to transfer to Fitchburg State College— Fitness Management Program.

1999 – 2011 served as Department Chairperson for the LAX program. Served and chaired college committees.

1978 – 1988 coached MWCC Volleyball and Softball Teams winning four state championships for softball. Also, 2-time softball runner-up for Region XXI. I also served on the NJCAA Region XXI volleyball and softball committees.

“Education for a changing world” was the slogan written by one of the committees that I was a part of a few years ago, and I think that is certainly MWCC-something for everyone. I have found that to be the exciting part of my job. Thank you to my colleagues and those students who have been in my classes for making this a job I loved. I always wanted to be a teacher and was fortunate to get to do this job!



**RICHARD A. SHINE, Ph.D.**  
1976–2009 | Dean, Humanities, Fine Arts, & Developmental Learning  
English Professor

For thirty-three years, I deeply enjoyed teaching and advising students and working closely with MWCC faculty and staff from all departments at the college. Working productively with these many individuals on a daily basis made working at MWCC a wonderful, exceptional experience. It is through these many memories that my life at MWCC endures.

I am most proud of my leadership role in the development of the Honors Program, the Computer Graphic Design Program, and the Teaching & Learning Conference as well as my services on numerous statewide executive committees and governance boards including the Council of Academic Division Administrators, the Developmental Education Committee, and the 100% Math Initiative Institute. Lastly, my greatest personal satisfaction working at the college was derived from my mentoring and assisting numerous MWCC students transfer on full scholarship to a number of selective colleges.



**GAIL M. STEELE**  
1977–Present | Professor | Director of Theatre at the Mount

It has been a blessing to be able to wear two very different hats during my tenure at the Mount. While wearing my “Professor” hat I have been gratified to observe students developing confidence and poise in public speaking – a vital skill for success in today’s world. While wearing my “Director of Theatre at the Mount” hat I have had the privilege of bringing high quality live theatre to Gardner and the surrounding communities. Who wouldn’t love a job that involves tap dancing and sequins?



## **EDWARD H. STEVENS**

1966–2017

**Professor of Electronic Technology, Mathematics, Physical Geology, Physical Science, and Physics**

For over 46 years I have enjoyed teaching a wide variety of subjects. Each class seems to have its own personality, some are quiet; others are very inquisitive about the subject matter.

In the Electronic Technology career program, it was very gratifying to see students leave with their degree and an excellent job. Several have gone on to get a four-year engineering degree; one started and sold a successful business in electronics. Many worked as Engineers with only the Associate degree.

In teaching Physics, Physical Science, and Physical Geology I try to show the students how these subjects are applicable in their everyday lives.



## **KATHLEEN F. SUCHOCKI**

1985–2020 | Clerk V

I have been truly fortunate to be employed at Mount Wachusett Community College for 27 years. The following is a list of offices I have worked in as an administrative assistant: the Learning Center, the Social Sciences Division, the Center for Advisement, Assessment and Career Planning, the Business, Science and Technology Division, the Practical Nursing Program and, presently, the Enrollment Center/Admissions Office.

I have had the great pleasure working with many professional and caring faculty and staff members along the way. I always tried to treat all of the students as if they were my own. The satisfaction I receive from helping others is the best gift I have received from the Mount.

## **Jacqueline A. Suhoski**

1987–2019

## **Charlene A. Sundstrom**

1982–Present



## **KENNETH A. TAKVORIAN**

1970–2019 | Professor of Mathematics and Electronics

As a young man, MWCC found me engaged as a director of a YMCA travel camp of 45 young boys traveling across America.

Initially, I taught Calculus and College Math for 10 years. As the Electronics program was expanding I was called into service teaching for the Electronics Technician program on campus and for Simplex /Tyco employees for over 20 years. My present schedule involves teaching a variety of math courses with the development of the Emporium

Math Classroom with Mastery Learning.

MWCC has been a large part of my life from involvement as advisor to the Auto Club, Travel Club and the Ski Club to teaching at all campuses. My 3 children (my 1st born at 2 weeks attended Theater at the Mount) and my wife have shared the many wonderful opportunities that MWCC offers.

I am proud of the many accomplishments and the successes my students have obtained through their persistence and effort. It is great to hear about their many achievements. When past students stop me on the street and say “thanks for believing in me,” I know I have made a difference in their lives. MWCC fulfills dreams and I am very proud my part.



**CARL F. TAMMI**  
1967–1997 | Professor of Computer Science

During the 1997 Commencement Ceremony, Carl F. Tammi was honored for his years of service by being appointed to Professor Emeritus Status. The May 22, 1997 Resolution appears below.

***BE IT RESOLVED** by those present that the following resolution has been recommended by the Executive Council, the President, the Faculty, and has been acted upon by the College's Board of Trustees.*

***WHEREAS**, we honor Professor Carl F. Tammi, long-time teacher, highly respected by his colleagues for his knowledge, honesty, and good humor; admired by his students for his concerns about their progress and his availability for extra assistance; and*

***WHEREAS**, we pay tribute to Professor Tammi for thirty years of service, always available for additional duties and commitments of time far beyond what could reasonably be expected; and*

***WHEREAS**, Professor Tammi served with distinction as Department Chair and Professor of Computer Sciences; and*

***WHEREAS**, Professor Tammi has distinguished himself by his keen interest, commitment, and loyalty to his students and colleagues, and the mission of Mount Wachusett Community College;*

***BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED**, that Professor Carl F. Tammi be appointed Professor Emeritus of Computer Science at Mount Wachusett Community College with all rights, privileges, and responsibilities attendant to his appointment.*



**JEAN C. TANDY**  
1968–1998 | Professor of Art  
Department Chair of the MWCC Art Department

In 1970 I co-authored with Dr. Samuel O'Neill a Title IX Federal Grant as the foundation for the MWCC Art Curriculum; to design the Art Studios, Art Gallery and Theater. I can't imagine a more challenging and satisfying way to spend 30 years of my life than having the opportunity to build/and teach in a two year Art program, working with gifted artists, both faculty and students, as well as invited Professional Artists; with the best contemporary studios and equipment available . And a beautiful Gallery to show both our student works, as well as area high school art in our High School Invitational and works by National artists exhibiting on MWCC's Gallery walls. To top it off a living, gorgeous Theater, right across from studios, to complete a full living place for The Arts in MWCC. Our students were/are unforgettable.

College Administrators including Drs. Arthur Haley, Samuel O'Neill, Aspasia Anastos, Richard Shine and later in my time, Dr. Daniel Asquino, gave the Art Department their trust and backing throughout my service years. They supported our continuing innovations for extending art into not only Worcester County schools and communities, but beyond, into Southern New Hampshire and Southern Vermont. My MWCC experience has been unforgettable and forever rewarding.

*Upon Jean's retirement a plaque was placed in the Art Wing in recognition of her contribution to MWCC.*

*JEAN TANDY  
POTTER, PAINTER, TEACHER, FOUNDER  
OF MOUNT WACHUSETTS FIRST  
ART CURRICULUM AND ITS PRINCIPAL  
GUIDE FOR THE FIRST THIRTY YEARS  
OF ITS EXISTENCE  
HER DEVOTION TO THE IDEA OF  
INDIVIDUAL WORTH AND ITS  
ENRICHMENT THROUGH THE  
VISUAL ARTS REMAINS ROOTED IN  
THE LIVES OF THOSE WHOSE PASSION  
FOR ART SHE SHARED  
TO HER, ART IS A LANGUAGE  
WHOSE VOCABULARY OF SHAPES AND  
COLORS CARRIES A CORE OF FELT  
EXPERIENCE WHICH COMMUNICATES  
ITSELF DIRECTLY WITHOUT ARTIFICE  
IS UNDERSTANDABLE ON DIFFERENT  
LEVELS SIMULTANEOUSLY AND NEEDS  
NO JUSTIFICATION BEYOND ITSELF*



**NORMAN E. TANDY**  
1966–1992 | Professor

Upon receiving his retirement notice, President Asquino wrote the following note to Pete on March 11, 1992.

“I wish to thank you for your 26 years of service to Mount Wachusett Community College. You have contributed immensely to the academic integrity of this College and to the lives of thousands of students. You were one of the first faculty members to welcome me to his classroom upon my arrival. I remember what a wonderful experience that was for me. You are a truly great teacher. I hope that you will consider returning to the College on a part-time basis as you enjoy what I'm sure will be an action-packed retirement.”

**Bonnie L. Toothaker**  
1978–2012

**25 YEARS**  
————— of service



## **PETER J. TRAINOR**

**1969–2002 | Interim Vice President, 2003–2008**

Peter “Pete” J. Trainor served MWCC for 39 years. After his “first” retirement in 2002, Pete returned to the college to serve as the Acting Vice President of Academic Affairs until 2008. During the May 23, 2002 Commencement Ceremony, Pete was appointed to Dean Emeritus Status. The Resolution appears below. In 2008 Pete received an Honorary Doctorate from the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education to honor his many years of service.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by those present that the following resolution has been recommended by the Executive Council, the President, the Faculty, and has been acted upon by the

College’s Board of Trustees.

**WHEREAS**, Peter J. Trainor has served in the capacity of Dean of Student Services since 1995; and

**WHEREAS**, Peter J. Trainor additionally served as full-time Professor of Psychology at this college from 1969 to 1995; and

**WHEREAS**, during his entire career spanning over thirty-five years at Mount Wachusett community College he has distinguished himself as a leader and a person of high integrity and professionalism; and

**WHEREAS**, Peter J. Trainor has further served on many community agencies and Boards and extends his involvement to youth sports; and

**WHEREAS**, Peter J. Trainor’s leadership has resulted in the most successful Annual Girls’ Basketball Tournament at Mount Wachusett Community College.

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED**, that Peter J. Trainor be appointed Dean Emeritus at Mount Wachusett Community College with all the rights, privileges, and responsibilities attendant to his appointment.

## **PETER J. TRINCHERO**



**Peter J. Trincherro, 1971–2003**

**Positions Held:**

- Curriculum Development for Biology, A&P, Microbiology, Natural Resources Program
- Co-creator/Director Natural Resources Program
- Assistant Director of Continuing Education
- taught General Biology, A&P, Microbiology, Zoology and other courses.

**MEANING/COLLEGE SERVICE-** Always about the students, joy/challenge to realize the infinite potential presented at the first meeting of a class.

Coauthored/directed participated in several grants that provided funds, personal time for the Biology Faculty to develop programs, teaching materials, and creative problem-solving experiences. Two examples: NSF Cause Grant that funded the construction of the Life Studies Center, greenhouse/2 adjacent labs/garden with 3 years of Biology Faculty development, and A&P Curriculum Development Grant that funded creation of clinical scenarios to develop A&P problem-solving skills.

International Education- Co created team taught Caribbean Studies Courses including fieldwork in Jamaica and Puerto Rico.



## **GUY TURCOTTE**

**1967–2002 | Professor of English**

I began my teaching career at MWCC in Sept. of 1967, hired as an instructor at a salary of \$6,200 per annum. When I retired in 2002 after thirty-five years of service to the College, I was a “Full” Professor [though what I was full of varied, depending on who was asked] and earning considerably more than I was in 1967.

I’m daily grateful for having been given the opportunity to teach, for it’s a truism beyond contradiction that if one desires to learn something, one should try to teach it; however, when I arrived at the old Elm St. campus that September, I was twenty-eight, had never taught and was scared to death of making a complete fool of myself.

Someone once said that teaching is like making love: no one teaches you how to do it, but when the time comes, you’re expected to know how to perform. Well...it’s a learning process in both instances. I gradually did learn how to teach, primarily through a careful self-monitoring and by listening closely to my students. I remember making a conscious decision to try to be a better teacher than any I had ever had myself. It was never easy. Teaching is hard intellectual and physical work [35 years of correcting papers and exams and countless hours of studying and preparing lectures in one’s discipline...] and anyone who disagrees is either dishonest or a slacker—or both.

I was hired to teach English...and I did for all of those 35 years. In the main, I taught English Composition I and II [the latter comprising an introduction to literature]. I also taught: Speech, Survey of American Literature, I and II, and Honors English. Additionally, I created and taught Survey of English Literature, The 19th Century American Novel, The 20th Century American Novel, Short Story I and II, and Survey of Greek Art [after earning a Master’s Degree in Art History in 1989].

But perhaps the courses I’m most proud of having created [with Yoav Elinevsky] are The Holocaust and an Honors seminar on Genocide in the 20th Century, courses I’m most disappointed to see have been dropped from the curriculum.

For twenty-six years I also taught courses in the Division of Continuing Education every semester, and at least one course every summer; I taught these courses in Gardner and at the following MWCC satellite campuses: Ft. Devens [before and after the Army left], Athol High School, Digital Equipment Corp. in Westminster, and at the middle school in Leominster.

In retirement I reflect from time to time on all those years and on the thousands of interesting people who came into and out of my life. I sometimes find myself in those moments doubting my efficacy as a teacher; perhaps that is only natural, a human desire to believe that my lifework was worthy and effective—that whatever influence I had in their lives is positive and enduring.

But a teacher cannot dwell for long in such a region of uncertainty and must find his peace in the knowledge that he tried his best, cared deeply about his students’ progress, and was passionate about the power of language to lead us to self-knowledge and to empathy.

I don’t dwell for long on these things, however, for they are a part of the past...as am I. Moreover, since I retired from teaching, I’ve discovered that I, too, have other lives to live.



**DARIO VALDES**

**1968–1999 | Professor of Spanish and Business Math**

While teaching at MWCC I had the opportunity to become a friend to many of my students and advisees. I had a great satisfaction when some of them, after graduating from MWCC, came back to say that thanks to some of their professors for helping them to continue their education and do well.

In one occasion, an advisee complained about a professor for being demanding. She called him a nice name. I told her that he was an excellent and dedicated professor. Three years later she came back to visit the campus and she visited me and asked

me if a remembered what she said about professor ...? Yes, I do, was my answer. Then she said “because of him I was able to graduate at.... There, they are really bastards.

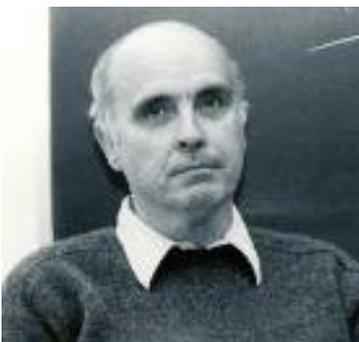
After retiring we moved to Leominster, Mass. but we spent winters in Boqueron, Panama, a town near the Costa Rican border.



**CHARLES E. WEITZE**

**1972–2010 | Dean**

I can remember 1972 walking into MWCC, an old vintage 1880 building. First, as a faculty member in biology, I worked alongside great people. That continued after stepping into multiple management positions in the early 1980s including dean of the science and tech division (and its variations) and two stints as dean of academic affairs. These years were both challenging and rewarding. The friendships and experiences remain. Yet life after retirement has been even more rewarding as my wife and I continue to enjoy spectacular new adventures such as this one in the Galapagos Islands just last month.



**WILLIAM L. WELCH**

**1972–2018 | Professor**

I have enjoyed my 41 years of teaching at the Mount among colleagues and friends and watching so many students from diverse backgrounds realize their potentials. It is rewarding to know I can help make a difference in young lives. An added pleasure has been maintaining contact with students in years past, sharing fond memories of the “good old days.”



**ROBERT N. WILLHAUCK, Ph. D.**

**1971–1998 | Chairman of the Criminal Justice Department**

**Professor Emeritus awarded 1998**

As I reflect upon my time at the “Mount” I can’t help but be impressed by the quality of the students I have taught over the years and the accomplishments they have achieved since graduation. I take pride in the fact that the college has prepared these fine men and women for the challenges that face them as they perform their duties.

I am fortunate that I see many of our Criminal Justice graduates on a regular basis, and they have always told me how well prepared they felt and how they had grown personally while at the Mount, and how the college holds a special place in their hearts. That to me is most rewarding.