

## Class Notes

**1959**

**Jane Mitton Cardona** writes that she and her husband Ray are well and have 17 grandchildren and five great grandchildren! They still live in their home in Detroit, ME. They are both retired and custodians at Detroit Apostolic Fellowship. All of Jane's children are out of state, and Ray's are in Maine. "Thankful for Erskine."

**1966**

The Class of 1966 had a wonderful 50th Reunion celebration last June with many members returning to campus. Congratulations to **Kitty Truman White**, who has been named Maine's Mother of the Year for 2017 by the Maine Chapter of American Mothers.



Kitty Truman  
White '66

**1993**

**Ryan Nored** married Alycia Laferte of Sanford, ME on the shores of China Lake on August 6, and they enjoyed a wonderful honeymoon in Aruba.



Ryan '93 and Alycia Nored

**1999**

**Brad Stout** is general manager at Couotts Bros., a 53-year-old Randolph, ME construction company that specializes in inspecting and repairing electric lines with 45 employees who work in New York and New England. Brad was interviewed by the *Portland Press Herald* about the company, during which he talked about the company's goal of achieving excellent safety records, its line worker apprenticeship program, and the use of drones to conduct inspections.



Brad Stout '99

**2002**

Congratulations to **Katie Mainville-Nicholls**, who was named to the University of Southern Maine Department of Athletics Husky Hall of Fame as one of the most dominant pitchers in Little East Conference softball history. She helped lead the Huskies to a 105-65-2 record during her career with an individual record of 40-20 in the circle. A two-time National Fastpitch Coaches' Association (NFCA) All-Region selection, Katie's 40 career wins account for nearly 40 percent of USM's wins during that time despite being unable to pitch during her junior year (2005). She earned All-Little East Conference honors in 2003, 2004 and 2006, earning first team status in 2004 and 2006. With numerous career records to her name, Katie's

career numbers are outstanding. With 441.1 innings pitched to her credit, she has the Huskies' top career earned run average at 1.14, holding opponents to an anemic .180 batting average. Katie also holds the school record for strikeouts per seven innings (7.96), fewest hits per seven innings (4.54) and winning percentage. Additionally, her

441.1 innings pitched are fourth overall, while her 502 career strikeouts are second all-time. She also holds the school record for single-season earned run average with an outstanding 0.53 ERA during the 2004 season, and the single-game record for strikeouts fanning 16 Eastern Connecticut State batters (twice) on April 22, 2004 and May 4, 2004. A William B. Wise Scholar Athlete, Katie earned her Bachelor's degree in History from Southern Maine in 2011, and then went on to earn her Master's degree in Education in 2014. She is presently a Social Studies teacher at Oceanside East High School in Rockland, Maine. Active in the community, Katie volunteers her time at the Waldoboro Recreation Department, coaching numerous sports including softball.

**2003**

Military veteran and K9 handler Deputy Sheriff **Sean Dixon** and his four-legged partner Bane recently found a missing six-year-old in the woods in Wilmington, NC. The successful discovery prompted FBI Director James Comey to call the Sheriff to congratulate him on his department's quick work. A news segment about Sean and Bane can be viewed at <http://www.wwaytv3.com/2016/09/16/k9-credited-with-finding-missing-new-hanover-county-girl/>. Sean said the rescue hit particularly close to home because he has children of his own. After the rescue, Sean visited the child in the hospital and brought her a stuffed animal that looks like Bane. Well done, Sean!



**2005**

**Jessica Leitner Gauthier** is married with two children and lives in Albion, ME.

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