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Fall 2016, In Case You Missed It

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Henry Herndon, a Master of Science degree student in COLSA's natural resources graduate program, was recently awarded a Switzer Environmental Fellowship to support his work studying how states like New Hampshire and Massachusetts and countries like Germany create and implement energy policy for a modern, sustainable world.

http://www.unh.edu/unhtoday/2016/09/stars-their-fields
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In June, UNH student Megan (Maggie) Savoie ’17 visited Cuba as part of an intensive two-week summer course offered through the University of Florida. While there, she developed a hands-on understanding of the marine and coastal ecosystems, explored the impacts of development on ecological communities and learned about Cuban history and culture.

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Salt left behind from ocean spray is causing salinization of prime agricultural land in Africa. This spring, Louis Tisa, a researcher with the NH Agricultural Experiment Station and professor of molecular, cellular and biomedical sciences at COLSA, welcomed Nathalie Diagne of Senegal, an international scholar working on solutions to the issue. Diagne spent three months at UNH after being named a 2015 Borlaug Fellow.
You might think that Joe Lugalla would have wanted to relax after retiring from his 22 years as an anthropology professor at UNH. Instead, he hit the ground running on a new career path: assuming the directorship of the Institute for Educational Development in East Africa, located at Agakhan University in Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania. The institute’s goal is to improve the quality of education in the region.

This spring, five New Hampshire students were awarded B. Thomas Trout Scholarships from COLA to support their study abroad experiences in the current academic year. The scholarship recipients were Jessica Gero, an English teaching and classics double major; Jess Hesse, a German major; Andrew Jablonski, a French major; RoseAlaina Leone, a psychology and anthropology double major; and Carlos Martens, an English journalism major.

The Arghakhanchi District of Nepal is a mountainous region west of Kathmandu that is covered with fields of corn and rice as well as lush, forested valleys. “It’s probably the most beautiful place I’ve ever seen,” says Andrew Phinney, a 2014 UNH graduate who is stationed there on a 27-month stint as a food security volunteer for the Peace Corps. The decision to serve in the Peace Corps, he says, was sealed during a summer trip to Uganda as a UNH medical microbiology student.

Madison Wood, a sophomore chemical engineering student, was selected to participate in the US-UK Fulbright Commission to study in a Fulbright Summer Institute at the University of Exeter on one of the most prestigious and selective summer scholarship programs.
Four recent engineering graduates recently laid the groundwork for a sustainable aquaponics system expected to produce fresh vegetables and fish for a community in Costa Rica. They hope the system they designed in the classroom will serve as a model for communities across the globe.

http://www.unh.edu/unhtoday/2016/02/engineering-oasis

The Department of Energy awarded nearly $1 million to three CEPS faculty members to study improved data storage and converting sunlight into energy-rich fuels.


When Sid Nigam ’16 was leaving India to attend college in the United States, at the airport his mother told him: “Son, sometimes 10 seconds of courage is all it takes.” With that advice in mind, Nigam entered UNH and quickly got involved in nearly every way possible. Four years and a plethora of experiences later, Nigam is headed to graduate school at UC Boulder. Watch the video:

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