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Sununu defeats Feltes to secure third term as N.H. governor



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By Ben MacKillop
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Late Tuesday night, the Chris Sununu campaign declared a decisive victory over Democratic opponent Dan Feltes, winning Sununu his third term as governor of New Hampshire.

“Tomorrow, we come together as neighbors, in our communities, understanding we still have a lot of challenges ahead,” Sununu said in a statement. “But we’ve done it before. We have a model of success.”

The optimism that Sununu has delivered through the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and his promise for a continuation of his adminis-

tration’s success has been his main pitch to voters throughout the campaign. Sununu also put a heavy focus on Feltes’ role as state Senator, calling him the “income tax architect,” due to his sponsoring of a controversial paid family leave bill which Sununu claims would be funded through a de facto income tax.

Feltes was optimistic on Election Day, telling The New Hampshire that he “feels strong about our chances.” Feltes put a large amount of his campaign’s focus on linking Sununu with Trump and focusing on some of Sununu’s less popular positions such as opposition to raising the minimum wage, and support for additional social programs

that would require an increased tax burden.

“We got to move forward to protect our basic rights. It’s time to turn the page on Trump and Sununu,” Feltes told The New Hampshire on Election Day.

On election night, Feltes turned his focus to the future, encouraging his supporters that “campaigns don’t end on Election Day, regardless of who wins. The campaigns on the issues and values we all care about, in many ways they begin after Election Day,” Feltes said in a statement. “We have to work together to move those issues and values forward for one another.”

As of early Wednesday afternoon, NHPR reported that

Sununu had secured 64.9% of the vote to Feltes’ 33.7% with 88% of districts reported for a 31-point margin of victory. A large amount of Sununu’s widespread support seems to come from ticket splitting among voters who supported Joe Biden for president, Jeanne Shaheen for senate, and Chris Pappas for congress.

This is very evident among Durham voters where 78% of voters picked Biden (21% Trump), 77% voted for Shaheen (21% Messner) and 77% voted for Pappas (22% Mowers), yet 40% voted for Sununu compared to 59% for Feltes. This emphasizes just how much widespread support Sununu has gained through the pandemic, especially com-

pared to his 2018 reelection race against Democrat Molly Kelly where Sununu won by a 7-point margin, and received 25% of votes in Durham.

Since being elected as the youngest active governor in the country in 2016 at 41, Sununu has consistently been one of the most popular governors in the country. He is currently ranked fifth in the nation with a 59% approval rating in 2020. The Sununu administration has also been consistently ranked in top five approval ratings for states handling of the coronavirus pandemic.

Libertarian Darryl Perry also ran in the governor election receiving 1.4% of the vote statewide.

Durham votes blue across the board; total voters drop from 2016

By Evan Edmonds
STAFF WRITER

The town of Durham, N.H. reported an overwhelming sweep for the Democratic Party, with Democratic candidates winning in every position in the town, following Tuesday’s general election.

According to the Associated Press (AP) Durham’s town results are as follows: Joe Biden received 76% of the votes (5,970) against incumbent President Donald Trump’s 21.9% (1,712). The closest race

was for Governor, with Dan Feltes edging out incumbent Gov. Chris Sununu at 57.8% to 40.2% respectively. Incumbent Sen. Jeanne Shaheen beat Corky Messner for the Senate position with 70% of the votes to his 20%. For the U.S. House of Representatives in District 1, incumbent Rep. Chris Pappas had 64% to Matt Mowers’ 33%. Cinde Warmington won the position of Executive Council over Jim Beard with 72% of the votes against 28%. The N.H. State Senate for District 21 went to Rebecca Perkins-Kwoka who had

73.7%, while Sue Polidura had 26.4%. For N.H. State Representatives, Durham elected all five incumbent Democratic candidates - Judith Spang, Marjorie Smith, Janet Wall, Cam Kenney and Timothy Horrigan. The Republican candidate votes received less than 6% of the total votes. Mark Brave received 5,008 votes for Strafford County Sheriff over Paul Callaghan with 1,752 votes.

While the nation awaits the final result of the presidential race, AP announced Tuesday night that Biden won N.H. 52.8% to Trump’s 45.6%. Chris

Sununu won the N.H. race for Governor in contrast to Durham’s results, while Jeanne Shaheen won the Senate position and Chris Pappas won the U.S. House seat, similar to the results in Durham.

The position of County Attorney was filled by Thomas P. Velardi who won 6438 votes. Pamela J. Arnold was elected County Treasurer with 6383. Catherine Berube was elected Register of Deeds with 6347 votes, while Luz Bay was elected Register of Probate with 5439 votes. The elected County Commissioners were

Deanna Rollo with 5873 votes, Robert J. Watson with 5873 votes and George Maglaras 6059 votes.

The fully Democratic result was no surprise to Dan Bristol, New Hampshire and Vermont Press Secretary for NextGen America, who said Durham is typically a blue (Democratic) area, and the presence of the University of New Hampshire (UNH) helps because college campuses are typically left leaning.

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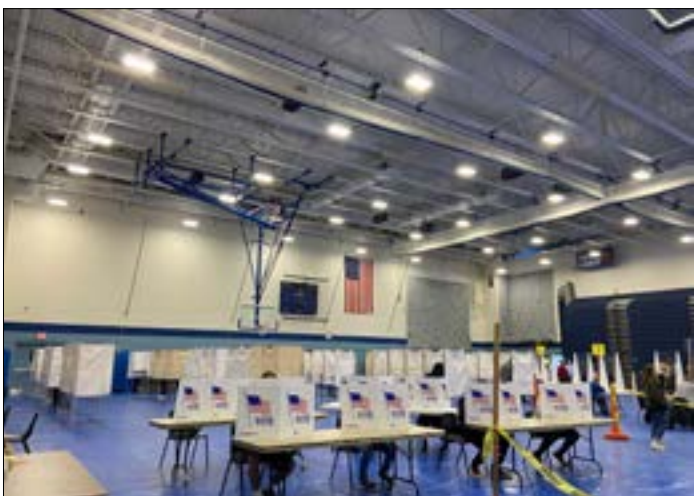
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Bristol said he felt the students' efforts to vote and encourage their peers to vote was successful in this particular election, citing "great stories," of how organizing votes between peers helps the cause. NextGen America's N.H. State Director captured the story to turn out the last voter in Durham, involving students contacting a friend and arriving at the polls with ten minutes to spare, in a Twitter thread.

The outlier that Bristol

mentioned was the closeness of the Feltes and Sununu race in Durham (4,332 for Feltes, 3,020 for Sununu). He said it's an example of why "you can never really predict New Hampshire," and that the state is full of individuals willing to vote across the aisle.

Durham Town Administrator Todd Selig said that the election went very smoothly, and that pulling off an election is a big deal in Durham, especially in the midst of a pandemic.

The results aligned with his

expectations, he said, because Durham and the university are typically left-leaning. Selig said Sununu's reception in Durham was an indicator for him that he would most likely win the state, considering so many of the Democratic population in Durham decided to vote for the Republican candidate. Sununu won the election in New Hampshire 65% to 33%, with the candidates splitting votes 509,985 to 261,238, according to AP.

He said there was still a lot of good feelings and togetherness between students at the

polls, but some of that was most likely dampened by the pandemic.

"Students were being smart, exercising good physical distancing practices, [at the polls]," Selig said. He also said he felt that generally students have been more responsible exercising their right to vote for this election doing more than just waking up and going to the polls on Election Day, in line with what both UNH and the town of Durham have been encouraging in the months leading up to this past Tuesday. There were two voting ma-

chines used at Oyster River High School on Tuesday, one for the in-person ballots and one for the absentee ballots. Selig said they noticed a trend that the absentee ballots were vastly slanted towards the Democratic votes rather than Republican votes.

On the topic of waiting for the presidential result, Bristol said it's a good sign that votes are still being counted. If they take the time, he said, it's better than having the quick results on election night, because every vote counts.

Shaheen secures third term as N.H. senator in convincing fashion

By Anna Kate Munsey
MANAGING EDITOR

"6 more years! 6 more years!"

Family and supporters chanted for veteran New Hampshire politician Sen. Jeanne Shaheen (D) as she gave her victory speech early Tuesday evening. Shaheen beat Republican challenger Bryant "Corky" Messner in the U.S. Senate Race in New Hampshire. The race was called very soon after the closure of all polls in the state by 8 p.m.

"I am so grateful for all of your support. Thank you for making the calls, for holding the signs, for texting your friends. It was a campaign like no other. But it worked... Corky Messner just call me to congratulate me on winning reelection. I want to thank him and his supporters for a spirited campaign. I have always fought for New Hampshire, and I always will. That means working with Democrats, Republicans, or anyone to make a difference for the people of this state," Shaheen said in a Facebook livestream following her win.

Shaheen thanked her family, campaign staff, Senate staff, volunteers and candidates up and down the ballot.

Businessman, attorney and veteran Messner had hoped to turn New Hampshire's available Senate seat red, but fell short by over 100,000 votes.

With 97.7% of precincts in New Hampshire reporting,



Photo courtesy of New Hampshire Public Radio

the Associated Press estimates 56.7% of the votes - 445,937 - will go to Shaheen, with 41.0% - 322,426 - going to Messner.

Libertarian U.S. Senate candidate Justin O'Donnell received 18,505 total votes - or 2.35%.

"I am humble and grateful for the support I've received over this campaign. Traveling the state for the past 14 months, I have been inspired by my fellow Granite Staters, who faced incredible challenges these last few months and have shown great resilience and courage. This

campaign has been an amazing journey and I am grateful for the experience. And now, we must come together to meet the many challenges we face. We need to restore our economy, address the issues that divide us, and ensure that we emerge from this pandemic stronger as a nation and as a people. I will continue to be involved in Republican politics and will work to preserve our individual liberty and economic freedom," Messner said in a statement.

In her victory speech, Shaheen outlined some of her objectives for this third term

including student debt, health care, and the coronavirus (COVID-19.)

Shaheen was the first woman elected to the U.S. Senate from New Hampshire. Prior to her first term in 2008, Shaheen had served as the first female governor of New Hampshire from 1997 to 2003 and in the state senate from 1992 to 1996.

Some have pointed to Shaheen's well-known record and experience in New Hampshire politics as an advantage, compared to Messner's fairly recent arrival to the state and its political world.

Shaheen was among several prominent New Hampshire incumbents who gained reelection - including Republican Gov. Chris Sununu and Democratic Reps. Chris Pappas and Annie Kuster.

New Hampshire's other seat in the U.S. Senate, currently occupied by Sen. Maggie Hassan (D), is up for election in the 2022 midterms.

"Tomorrow it's time to get back to work. But tonight, let's celebrate," Shaheen said.



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U.S. Rep. Chris Pappas wins N.H. 1st Congressional District

By Katie Hoppler
NEWS EDITOR

The Associated Press (AP) projects that U.S. Rep. Chris Pappas will defeat Republican challenger Matt Mowers in the race for N.H.'s 1st Congressional District. It is the first time a congressional representative from either party from the district has won consecutive terms in over 10 years.

AP called the race at 12:40 a.m. on Wednesday. As of 12:23 p.m. on Wednesday, AP reported Pappas earning 51.43% of the vote with 97.44% of precincts reporting. Mowers received 46.17% of the votes, and Libertarian candidate Zachary Dumont received 2.4%.

Shortly after the AP announcement, Pappas declared victory outside of the Puritan Backroom in Manchester. "The people of New Hampshire deserve leaders who will put the interests of New Hampshire first," said Pappas Tuesday night.

Mowers commented on the race early Wednesday morning. "I want to congratulate Congressman Pappas on a hard-fought victory and wish him well as he serves our nation and state... Thank you to every person on the campaign trail I met, I'll never forget you," Mowers said in a statement. Mowers previously worked as a senior White House adviser in the State Department. According to his campaign website, he ran to "usher in a new generation of leadership in



Courtesy of Chris Pappas

Washington that supports our law enforcement community, holds China accountable and will always fight for lower taxes."

Pappas voted in Manchester early on Tuesday, and spent the rest of the days visiting polling places throughout the district. Pappas said in an interview with The New Hampshire that

he was happy with the turnout he was seeing in the state, "ensuring people know how to vote has been really crucial for our campaign especially during a pandemic, and it has paid off as you can see here today."

Pappas first won his seat during the 2018 mid-term elections. During his time in Congress, Pappas worked

to confront the coronavirus (COVID-19) by enhancing unemployment benefits, establishing the Paycheck Protection program, expanding tax credits for small businesses, and expanding federal tax deductions for charitable donations.

"I'm running for re-election to do all I can to ensure New Hampshire weathers these cri-

ses and thrives in the future," said Pappas in a previous interview with TNH.

Pappas's victory is one of many Democratic congressional wins across the country. Tuesday night, the AP projected the Democrats will continue to keep their majority in the U.S. House of Representatives.



Courtesy of Matt Mowers



Courtesy of Chris Pappas

First openly LGBTQ woman elected to N.H. Senate

By Josh Morrill
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After a long 12 hours of Southeastern Granite State voters streaming in and out of polling centers, Democrat Rebecca Perkins-Kwoka defeated Republican Sue Polidura in a decisive fashion to capture New Hampshire's District 21 Senate seat.

Perkins-Kwoka, the first openly LGBTQ woman to be elected to the N.H. Senate, took to Twitter just after 11 p.m. on election night to proclaim victory.

"With unofficial results reported out of each precinct, we are proud to declare a strong victory," Perkins-Kwoka said. "I am humbled to become the next state Senator from District 21, and grateful to the residents of Portsmouth, Durham, Madbury, Lee, Newington, Newfields, and Newmarket for electing me."

After receiving 21,705 of the 32,436 total votes in the 21st district according to the Associated Press (AP), she replaces Martha Fuller Clark who held the position since 2012 and represented the 24th district from 2004 to 2010.

Perkins-Kwoka grew up

in Stratham, N.H., and later attended Dartmouth College and Cornell Law School. She supported policies that push a greener environment, lower health care costs, higher education funding and affordable housing.

"I ran for elected office, originally on the issue of affordable and workforce housing," Perkins-Kwoka said. "That's something I've been working on for a decade, and I was part of drafting two pieces of legislation related to state level solutions on housing last year. So, I hope that those will come back this year, and in the legislature, I certainly will be pushing for that."

The Portsmouth resident believes that the first order of business that should be handled in N.H. is helping the community recover from the effects of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

"I do think that protecting people's jobs and protecting people's homes is unfortunately just going to be top priority," Perkins-Kwoka said. "We've been able to keep a lot of people employed here in New Hampshire through a combination of state and federal aid, but we're going into the winter, where unemployment benefits

that were passed at the federal level was a lot of what kept people in their homes all summer last year."

She continued by saying that she hopes to make progress in terms of clean energy, as she believes it is a huge priority for N.H. counties, especially with the recent drought. Along with her environmental efforts, she wants to prioritize higher education funding and feels like regardless of the political makeup of the state legislature, it needs to be taken into account.

"I feel somewhat disappointed that we couldn't maintain more balance at the state level because I do think it would be great to make sure that we're making progress on a lot of issues that really affect people's everyday lives...like education funding, but I think we can continue to do that work regardless of the makeup of the legislature," Perkins-Kwoka said.

Currently, according to the AP, 14 of N.H.'s 24 districts have a GOP candidate that is leading or has claimed victory. Perkins-Kwoka's District 21 opponent, Polidura, hoped to provide "a different voice to the office." On her campaign website she states that she

"believes in strengthening New Hampshire's legacy of a government that does not needlessly intrude on the rights of its citizens."

Despite not getting the result she wanted, Polidura is still

happy about the overall voter turnout in N.H. and is content with the current state of the state senate race.



Democratic State Reps. reelected in Strafford District 6

By Hannah Donahue
CONTENT EDITOR

The five incumbent Democratic State Representative candidates of Strafford District 6 were reelected late Tuesday night by a wide margin of votes.

Rep. Janet Wall and Rep. Timothy Horrigan braved the cold at Durham's polling place at Oyster River High School as their final campaigning effort, holding totem signs and asking for the votes of Durham residents as they headed in to cast their ballot.

Confident in the turnout, Rep. Wall said in an interview with The New Hampshire, "I'm very excited about the race, I can't wait to hear the good news tonight and hope that great things will happen for our country and bring us back to

where we need to be and move us forward. This has been a very contentious time and it is time for things to settle down and have some normalcy and have some optimism and have some good health."

Rep. Horrigan felt the turnout was looking good at the polls, and, like Rep. Wall, was feeling great. "A good turnout is good for us Democrats, although it's hard to tell with lots of people voting who have never voted before. We don't really know what they're going to do, we think they're going to trend Democratic."

While the polls in Durham looked different Tuesday due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, it did not stop residents from coming to cast their ballot in a historic election.

"Voters seem to be very relaxed, they come in and no one is stressed because of

long lines, no one is stressed because too many questions were asked to register, it's been a very productive day," said Rep. Wall.

Their confidence was proven to be founded, as the town of Durham website's unofficial totals came to 4,769 votes for Rep. Wall and 4,717 votes for Rep. Horrigan, reelecting them both for Strafford District 6.

Rep. Horrigan was pleased with the results, calling it a "free, fair and spirited election." Being over 3,000 votes ahead of the highest ranked Republican candidate Bonnie McDermott, who received an unofficial count of 1,833 votes in Durham, Rep. Horrigan said, "This tells me that the people of Durham and Madbury appreciate our hard work and our pragmatic progressive leadership."

The remaining unofficial

count of votes for Republican candidates for State Rep. in Strafford District 6 is Cheryl A. Lamoureux with 1,775, Mark F. Racic with 1,688, Cliff Zetterstrom with 1,612 and James C. Ziegler with 1,515 votes.

Incumbent Democratic State Rep. Cam Kenney was reelected and received an unofficial total of 4,769 votes.

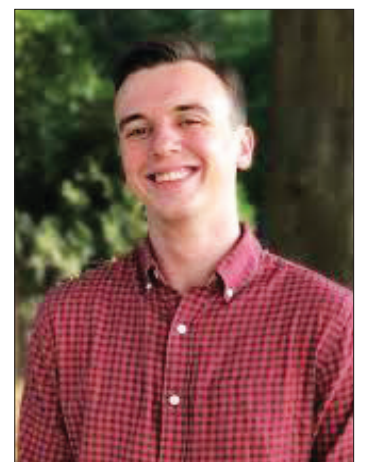
"I am so excited to be elected to my second term in the N.H. House of Representatives. Now more than ever, Young people need a voice to fight for the progressive policies that will lead us into a future that works for all of us. Thank you to the people of Durham and Madbury, including the students," said Rep. Kenney in a statement to The New Hampshire.

Incumbent State Rep. Marjorie Smith was "honored

by the support of Durham and Madbury voters who voted to send me back to the New Hampshire House" after receiving an unofficial total of 4,786 votes.

"The challenges we face are enormous. The pandemic heads the list, as a health issue and a funding issue. But it also will interfere with how the legislature will function. Education funding, civil rights and liberties, climate change, diversity, equity and inclusion, all of these issues present opportunities to improve the lives of our citizens. I will strive to do my best," said Rep. Smith in a statement to The New Hampshire.

Incumbent Rep. Judith Spang was unable to comment on her win of 4,789 votes due to being hospitalized with a broken leg.



Warmington wins N.H. Executive Council District 2

By Ciarra Annis
ARTS EDITOR

Democrat Cinde Warmington won the race against Republican James “Jim” Beard to represent District 2 on New Hampshire’s Executive Council and is currently the sole Democrat to be elected to the council this election cycle, as Districts 1 and 5 have not been called yet.

“[It’s been] as fun as anything I’ve ever done in my life, but busy,” said Warmington during a phone interview, speaking on the months leading up to Election Day. “We were so focused on getting my message out, we didn’t stop.”

Warmington ran as a health care advocate, having a combined 40 years of experience within health care - 20 as a health attorney at Shaheen and Gordon and 20 in laboratory medicine and hospitals.

District 2 spans New Hampshire horizontally, reaching both the Maine and Vermont borders. It encompasses 49 towns including the capital city of Concord, Keene, Dover and Rochester. She won 26 of the towns and cities within the district. She carried 54.92% of the vote when the election was called, accounting for 78,074 voters. The seat was previously occupied by Andru Volinsky, who ran in the Democrat’s gubernatorial primary election earlier this year.

“[I’m] disappointed but grateful,” said Beard. “I’m grateful for having had the chance to get my name out there and I’m grateful for the people and friends that I’ve



Courtesy of Cinde Warmington

met. The size of the district made it hard to meet each community.”

The Executive Council works alongside and serves as a check to the governor, primarily overseeing the state’s budget and state department funds and gifts as well as nominating judicial officers and the

attorney general. The four other districts that were up for grabs this election cycle were won by the Republican candidates. This session’s executive council will be in charge of drawing the new district lines.

Warmington’s priorities for her role on the Executive Council include expanding ac-

cess to affordable health care, safeguarding Planned Parenthood, demanding action on climate change and protecting public education.

“This campaign has been an incredible journey, and I can’t express enough gratitude for the countless people who supported us with their votes,

their time, their treasure, their outreach to their networks, and so much more.” said Warmington in a statement on Twitter. “Tomorrow and in the days and weeks to come, we’ll see the direction our country will head in. I believe that optimism, hope, and decency will prevail.”



Courtesy of Cinde Warmington



Courtesy of James Beard

UNH students share their Election Day experience



Aqeel Hisham / TNH Staff

By Aqeel Hisham & Brackett Lyons
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University of New Hampshire (UNH) students flocked to the polls on Election Day. Oyster River High School (ORHS) was bustling with voters and electioneers. Faces were covered with masks, but spirits remained high. Coffee was served and buses shuttled students back and forth from campus to the polls.

Katie Carr, a sophomore at UNH, said she was expecting long lines to cast her ballot but ended up not waiting at all. That seemed to be the case for most voters, which included approximately 1,300 same-day registration balloters, who decided to vote in person. People trickled in and out of ORHS's gymnasium. Many proudly flaunted an "I Voted" sticker.

Carr and her friend, UNH sophomore Parker Botsch, said

that while they had no trouble when it came to casting ballots, they were still worried it might not matter who they voted for. "I'm definitely worried for the aftermath of this election," said Botsch. One of the reasons Carr and Botsch voted in person was because they think that absentee ballots may not be counted at all. The two have concerns that President Donald Trump will claim that most absentee ballots are fraudulent, and they will be cast aside. "It's a little bit scary," said Botsch.

Botsch's weariness was not shared by all students, however. Lela Jones, a sophomore at UNH, thinks that there will be a peaceful transition of power if her preferred candidate, Joe Biden, wins. Jones is more concerned with how long it might take to have an official winner. "I wouldn't be surprised if there were some lawsuits," she said. Jones noted that the increase in absentee ballots could draw out

the election even further.

Carr echoed Jones' sentiment, saying, "I think it will take several days. I know people who were still mailing in their ballots yesterday."

Nationwide, the number of absentee ballots has reached nearly 100 million, according to the New York Times, due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. Jones said that she wanted to vote in person because so many people couldn't. "That's kind of why I came to vote in person today. Luckily, I have the privilege of coming to vote in person. I know some UNH students don't have that ability." Jones wants to see a change in Washington D.C. and said that was her main motivation for voting.

Jared Jasseman said that he voted because he wanted to make an impact. "I feel like I can't just sit on my couch and complain about something if I don't have a say in it," he said. Jasseman did

not know what to expect at the polls because it was his first-time voting. "I had to wait a little bit in line, but I feel that's mostly because of COVID-19 that the line seemed longer than it is," he said. Overall, the UNH student had a good experience at the poll. "I'm very glad to be in a peaceful place like [Durham] where people can say and believe what they want and it's totally okay and not have to board up windows," he added.

Hustling through the strong winds at ORHS's parking lot was UNH student Julian Maduro, who believes that voting is always important. "I think especially with this election we're kind of on a pivotal turning point. People are unhappy and I think during unrest is the best time to make a change," she added. The experienced voter was pleased with how her voting experience went for this election. "They did it very quickly and they did it very efficiently, so it met my expectations," she said.

When asked about future expectations of the outcome of this election, Maduro believed that there will be "a lot of unrest and unhappiness" regardless of the result. "I think it's going to be really weird because of all the mail-in voting, so I know a lot of people that don't even know when we're going to have the final result," she explained.

Regardless, the Joe Biden supporter felt "privileged" to be living in a place such as Durham and not elsewhere during this time of the year. "People are scared to go vote or even leave the house after [the election]. I'm just really glad we don't have to deal with that here," said Maduro.

Durham Town Administrator Todd Selig was impressed with the student turnout overall, but he thinks that many potential young voters cast absentee ballots from their home addresses, which lessened the attendance.

UNH seniors bring students to polls in "vote-mobile"

By Katie Hoppler
NEWS EDITOR

University of New Hampshire (UNH) senior sociology and justice studies major Laura Clancy voted early in the day on Nov. 3. Her classmate, recreation management and policy and event management major Caroline Wilson voted absentee. But the students' Election Day did not end once they cast their votes. In the morning, Wilson and Clancy took a picture in front of a minivan that they dubbed "The Vote Mobile" or "The Bald Eagle" on social media, offering free rides to the polls.

Clancy and Wilson drove both students and community members to the Durham polls located at Oyster River High School until 7 p.m. yesterday. "We know the University is providing trans-

portation, but we thought it might be nice for first time voters to see a friendly and familiar face. We want to encourage our friends to vote and they might be more apt to go if we drive them rather than going by themselves," said Wilson in an interview with The New Hampshire.

The two ensured they were taking proper precautions regarding the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. "We asked people to wear masks, we brought hand sanitizer, we had extra masks, and we had wipes," said Wilson.

"We felt like this was a pretty easy and fun way for us to spend the day together and still feel like we were contributing somehow," said Clancy who was looking for ways to help with the election after she voted in the morning.

Clancy and Wilson both feel that this election is very important

and wanted to ensure that young people's votes were counted. "This election is so critical because the options are so stark from one another. There's a big difference between the two ways this can turn out, and students and other people our age have such a stake in the future, so it is important that our voices are still heard," said Clancy.

Both students have been encouraging students to vote long before the final election day. For example, Wilson and her mom sold "vote-totes" and donated all the proceeds to the non-profit Rock the Vote. Wilson said, "We have our vote totes, our vote masks, our vote shirts. We really think voting is an important thing and we wanted to make a way for people to have easy access to voting."



Photo courtesy of Caroline Wilson

Absentee ballots' effects on the 2020 presidential election

By Isabelle Curtis
STAFF WRITER

The coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic shifted the functionality of politics to create an unprecedented 2020 presidential election cycle. Chief among these changes has been the increased use of absentee ballots, which has many voters wondering how the influx of ballots will affect election results.

92.1 million absentee ballots were requested or sent to voters in 50 states and the District of Columbia, according to the New York Times. In New Hampshire, voters were allowed to cite COVID-19 as a reason to vote absentee, officially categorized as a "Religious Observance/Physical Disability," with officials sending absentee ballots as soon as applications were received. New Hampshire received over 225,000 ballot requests.

The town of Durham also saw a large increase in absentee voters with 3,734 absentee ballots being cast compared to 770 during the 2016 election, according to the town's website. However, there was a decrease in overall voter turnout with 7,756 people voting this year, an almost 2,000 decrease from the previous presi-

dential election.

Nevertheless, current estimates indicate that the 2020 presidential election had the highest turnout rate in 120 years, according to the United States Elections Project. 160 million people voted in Tuesday's election, resulting in a turnout rate of 66.9%. The highest turnout previously occurred in 1900, with a 73.7% turnout.

However, University of New Hampshire (UNH) Political Science Professor Dante Scala in a previous interview with The New Hampshire said that it is difficult to connect voter turnout with the increased use of absentee ballots due to the larger political landscape.

"I think the President himself, for better or for worse, drives a lot of people to the polls," explained Scala.

The increased use of absentee ballots also has raised concerns over how long it will take for election results to be finalized. 46 states allow absentee ballots to be preprocessed before Election Day. The regulations on the start date for preprocessing vary by state, with New Hampshire beginning the process on Oct. 29, according to the New York Times.

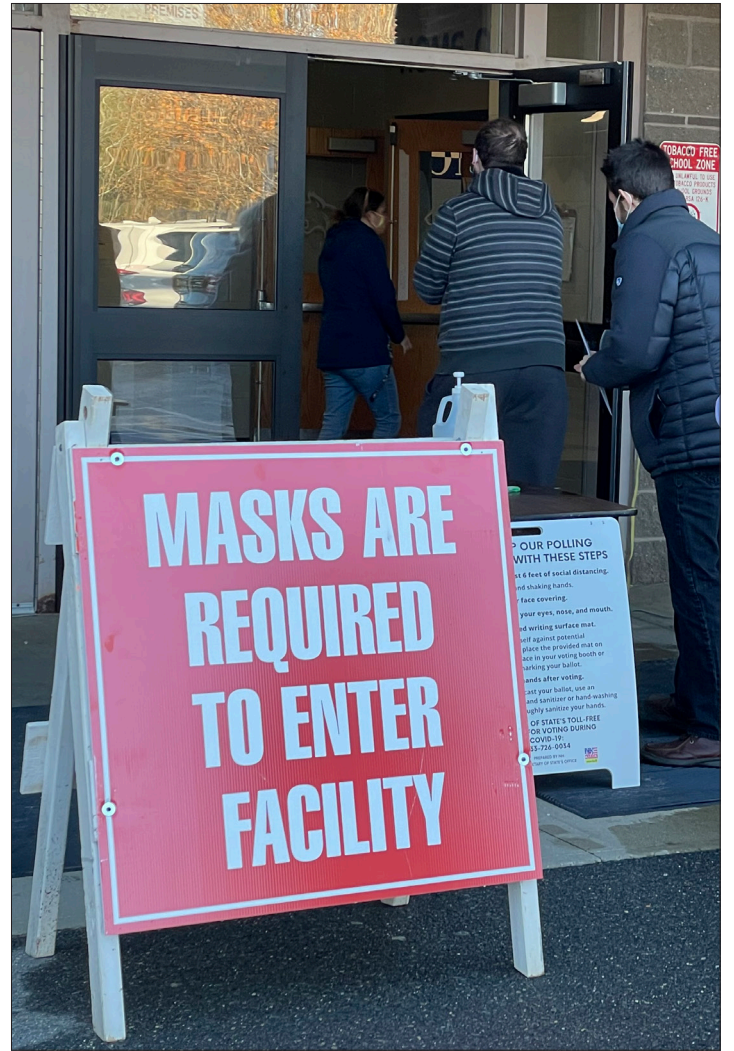
Durham held its own partial processing session on Oct. 31,

according to the town's website. However, Pennsylvania—a critical swing state—does not allow absentee ballots to be processed until Election Day. This means that they may take longer to have results.

The New York Times also found that the majority of voters voting absentee ballots were Democrats which means that results will likely favor Republican candidates until the absentee ballots are processed.

Scala believes election results will be finalized in a few days rather than a few weeks. The "nightmare scenario" would be several close elections in key states, similar to what happened in Florida during the 2000 election between Al Gore and former President George Bush. However, he hopes that positives come from the increased use of absentee voting, such as convincing more casual voters to participate in elections and persuading Congress to standardize voting laws across the country.

"I'm hoping, one way or another, we have a clear decisive verdict that isn't all that close. [That way] it's pretty clear to the loser and, to the loser's political party more importantly, that they, in fact, have lost," said Scala.



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Mental health resources available for election stress



Anna Kate Munsey / TNH Staff

By Anna Kate Munsey
MANAGING EDITOR

This year has been chaotic, overwhelming, stressful, and uncertain. As we encounter one of the most contentious and divided Election Days our country has ever seen, it's completely valid to be feeling anxious or stressed about what comes next.

Maintaining good mental health throughout Election Day, election night, and the weeks that follow is incredibly important. As you may know, we still do not have the results of the presidential election. Additionally, tensions may be high among friends and family, on social media and at school and work.

What is the best way to navigate these times? How can we de-stress during one of the

most stressful weeks of the year? Keep reading for some advice and tricks.

Mental Health Resources

Elisa Bolton, interim director at the University of New Hampshire's (UNH) Psychological and Counseling Services (PACS), shared some resources for students. Bolton suggested this study, Eight Questions That Can Help You Survive Election Stress, from the Greater Good Magazine. It outlines questions to ask of ourselves, ways to check in about our mental health and well-being. Some examples are "Am I getting enough good news?" and "In light of this election, what are some new ways I can use my special skills or talents to make a difference in the broader world?" and "What's happening in my body and mind today?"

The university is providing

several support resources as well. "We have increased the number of urgent appointments that we are able to provide each day. We are providing staff support for post-election processing space being held for marginalized communities hosted by the Beaugard Center and we have created virtual care packages to share with students who feel impacted by the stress and uncertainty of the times," said Bolton in an email with The New Hampshire.

WellTrack, "a self-guided and interactive resource to support your mental health and well-being," is a mental health resource accessible both through the PACS website and through the Health & Wellness website. "It provides information on ways to manage anxiety, stress, and depression," said Bolton.

In addition to their typical

services, PACS offers crisis counseling and urgent consultation for mental health emergencies in the evenings and weekends by calling 603-862-2090. If students call after hours, all they need to do is press "0" to be connected to a licensed crisis counselor.

Tips & Tricks

1. Social media is a constantly evolving realm of content, people, opinions and information. Especially on days like these, you may find yourself overwhelmed by what you read and see on social media but still feel unable to pull yourself away. The constant flow of race calls and updates, comments, and conflicting information will seem un-put-downable, but it's important that you take a break. The news and social media content will still be there after you allow yourself a quick brain refresh.

2. Be proactive about seeking positive news. Politically-charged, partisan times like these can foster negativity, and the 24-loop of pundits spouting their spin of information on cable news can make your head spin. There will undoubtedly be some positive stories to come out of today - a cookie bakery that has predicted the past three elections, for example.

3. Know that everything will be okay. This country has been through some very dark times, and we have always come out on the other side. No matter what you believe and who you voted for, we are all human beings and at the end of the day, we have to be kind, patient, and caring with each other.

Voter turnout in Durham lower than expected

By **Chloe Camelio**
STAFF WRITER

The New Hampshire general election ran smoothly yesterday and had a high turnout of voters, despite the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. The number of votes cast and same-day registrations in Durham, were down from the election in 2016, but the town saw a massive increase in absentee ballots.

In 2016, there were 9,633 votes cast in Durham and over 3,000 voters registered to vote that day, but there were only 770 absentee ballots. On Tuesday, there were 7,776 votes cast and 1,322 same-day registrations, but there were 3,734 absentee ballots. The longest wait time to register at the polls was about 30 minutes.

Durham town officials anticipated that the polls at Oyster River High School were going to hit the 10,000 mark yesterday, but fell short. Town Administrator Todd Selig explained why they thought there would be a larger turnout yesterday, saying “We knew 2016 was our biggest election yet. We could see the excitement and the energy around the election at this cycle, so I was just thinking I’ve been here for all these elections and this is the most exciting thing I’ve seen so we are going to beat 2016 but a few things happened. We encouraged people to use absentee ballots as a method of voting.”

Across the state of New Hampshire, people utilized absentee ballots with 235,834 absentee ballots returned, up from 75,305 in 2016.

Selig believes that COVID-19 was the reason why there wasn’t as big of a turnout yesterday, but also because there are less students on campus. “My hypothesis is that a lot of people voted by absentee ballot as you can see, but we also have a lot of students telecommuting to participate in classes, and both votes casted and same day registration are both down by about 2,000 people, my bet is that students voted from their parents’ home where they are doing classes from or they voted absentee from where they are from as well,” he said.

Overall, Selig thought that it was a good day on Tuesday, despite the numbers being down and not being as busy as they had thought.

It was clear to the workers at the polls by 4:30 p.m. that they were not going to hit the 9,600 mark like they had hoped but at the high point in the day they had a half hour wait for same-day registration. After the first rush they did not see another and the rest of the day was slow and steady.

The Democrats swept every race on Tuesday in Durham, including the Presidential,

Governor, Congress, and both State and U.S. Senator, which Selig said he expected.

Selig also said he didn’t see students showing up in groups to the polls like in the 2016 election because of the pandemic. “Usually we’d see big groups of 20 or 30 coming down together in a UNH bus and it was just steady and you’d see the kids patting each other on the back and excited and close together and there wasn’t a lot of that. I think that was the students being smart. They were exercising good social distancing practices. It makes it harder to get together with other like-minded people to rally for your candidate.”

Selig explained the final reason why he believes there were more absentee ballots rather than in person voters, saying “I think people were definitely scared. We’ve had many Durham residents call us to express that they were fearful for their safety at the polls. They were fearful that there might be efforts by some groups to intimate them or that there would be some kind of violence.”

There were five police officers at the polls yesterday ensuring people’s safety by directing traffic and walking through the building, as well as making sure voters and volunteers were following COVID-19 guidelines.

Masks were required at the polls, but there was a booth outside for people who did not want to wear one. There were about four people who did not want to wear a mask, but Selig said they were compliant and voted outside.



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Trump claims false victory in early hours Wednesday morning



Photo courtesy of The Guardian

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President Donald Trump falsely claimed he won the 2020 presidential election, even though many key states have not counted all of their votes yet. He made this statement when he appeared in front of cameras in the East Room at the White House shortly before 2:30 a.m. on Wednesday Nov. 4. While the presidential race remains close, it is not over until all ballots have been counted.

Trump said, “This is a fraud on the American public. This is

an embarrassment to our country. We were getting ready to win this election. Frankly, we did win this election.”

An hour earlier, Democratic presidential nominee Joe Biden said, at a small rally in his hometown of Wilmington Del., that he believed he was going to win the election and was optimistic about the election results. Biden said, “We’re feeling good about where we are.” He said that everyone needs to have patience and wait till the votes are all counted. Biden said, “We can know the results as early as tomorrow morning, but it

may take a little longer.”

During Trump’s address in the East Room, where many of his family and supporters were present, Trump threatened to go directly to the Supreme Court and claim voter fraud.

Over an hour after the final U.S. polls closed in Alaska, Trump said, “We’ll be going to the U.S. Supreme Court, we want all voting to stop.”

Biden’s campaign manager Jen O’Malley Dillon said in a statement, “The president’s statement tonight about trying to shut down the counting of duly cast

ballots was outrageous, unprecedented, and incorrect.”

For months Trump has tried to sow doubt about the validity of mail-in ballots. He told his supporters, “I think mail-in voting is horrible. It’s corrupt.” He claimed that Democrats would try to steal the election from him by mail-in ballots, which were projected to take longer to count than in-person voting ballots.

Some states where the President’s lawyers have gone to court to try to prevent the expansion of mail-in voting are Pennsylvania, Michigan, Georgia and Nevada among others.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) said that he supported the courts deciding the election result. He said, “Going to court is the way we resolve uncertainty.” He said that it would not be uncommon to have both sides decide in court, he stated, “It’s the American way.”

Before Trump’s false announcement of winning, he posted on Twitter at 12:45 a.m. about his possible win. “I will be making a statement tonight. A big WIN!” A few minutes later he posted, “We are up BIG, but they are trying to STEAL the Election. We will never let them do it. Votes cannot be cast after the Polls are closed!” These votes he spoke of were mail-in ballots that were not cast after the polls closed and have simply not been counted yet in some states.

Conservative political commentator Ben Shapiro posted to Twitter, “No, Trump has not already won the election, and it is deeply irresponsible for him to say he has.” Shapiro tweeted this statement on Twitter at 2:31 a.m. on Nov. 4 after Trump claimed a false victory.

Certain states, like Pennsylvania, have still not fully counted ballots. The Pennsylvania Secretary of State Kathy Boockvar said that “there are still millions of ballots left to be counted,” on Wednesday.

At 11:55 a.m. Trump tweeted, “They are finding Biden votes all over the place — in Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, and Michigan. So bad for our Country!” This tweet was in response to news that Biden was leading in Wisconsin and Michigan and news that Pennsylvania still had many ballots left to count. Many of Trump’s tweets since the early morning of Nov. 4. have been censored by Twitter as they contain false or misleading information about the election.

Trump tweeted at 1:52 p.m. on Nov. 4. that he was winning Pennsylvania. He said, “we are winning Pennsylvania big, but the Pa. Secretary of State just announced that there are ‘Millions of ballots left to be counted.’”

He then falsely claimed he had won Pennsylvania a few hours later on Twitter. “We have claimed, for Electoral Vote purposes, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (which won’t allow legal observers) the State of Georgia, and the State of North Carolina, each one of which has a BIG Trump lead. Additionally, we hereby claim the State of Michigan,” he said.

He continued in another tweet censored by Twitter for being disputed and possibly being misleading about an election or other civic process, “there was a large number of secretly dumped ballots as has been widely reported!” This is something Trump has been claiming despite having no evidence to back up this claim.

Misinformation spreads about Wisconsin election results

By **Julia Stinneford**
NEWS EDITOR

Amid election uncertainty across the country, misinformation is spreading online about Wisconsin. The state’s race was called in former Vice President Joe Biden’s favor by the Associated Press (AP) at approximately 2 p.m. EST, and some Republicans believe the election was stolen.

One such rumor was that there were more votes cast in the state than there were registered voters, which was said to indicate fraud. According to Snopes, the rumor was first perpetuated by Twitter user Mike Coudrey, a right-wing investor, and spread around multiple social media sites.

This has been debunked by multiple sources, including Snopes and PolitiFact. The number of registered voters that is being used in these claims is outdated, pulled from the state’s records of the 2018 midterms. Additionally, Wisconsin is one of the states that allows for same-day voter registration - indicating that statistical discrepancies, if they did exist, would not point to fraud.

Other claims surrounding Wisconsin’s vote tally include allegations that Wisconsin vote counting stopped briefly before reporting a “sudden” 100 thousand vote lead for Biden, along with the similar claim that Wisconsin officials “found” 100 thousand ballots for Biden at about 4 a.m. The same rumors are being spread about other swing states, notably Michigan and Pennsylvania.

This has also been debunked by PolitiFact despite being widely circulated on Twitter, including President Trump. The jump in voting totals for Biden was expected, as mail-in ballots were projected to be tallied after in-person ballots and mail-in ballots were heavily projected by all parties to lean Democratic.

The Trump campaign announced its plans to call for a recount in Wisconsin, citing “reports of irregularities in several counties,” according to the AP. The AP also reports Biden’s margin at approximately 20,000 votes, and says that previous recounts in the state have historically yielded only a few hundred changing votes.



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First-time, Gen Z voters share election thoughts

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Generation Z (Gen. Z) feels united after many voted in their first presidential election last Tuesday, Nov. 3. These young voters emerged as a significant presence in this election after not being eligible to vote in 2016.

University of New Hampshire (UNH) student Emily Vadeboncoeur said that voting for the first time made her feel euphoric. “There’s so much on the line for so many Americans and I know my vote is an extremely important part of the bigger picture.”

Pew Research Center predicted that roughly 24 million members of Gen. Z—usually described as people born after 1996—will have had the opportunity to cast a ballot in this election.

“This was a very interesting first election to be a part of,” said Abbey Stark, another

student at UNH.

“It’s definitely nice to see more younger people voting,” said Eli Vannata, a senior at Oyster River High School. Vannata said that his first voting experience on Wednesday was easy, accompanied by friendly and helpful people.

Stark said that the pandemic caused a lot of stress surrounding how she was going to vote. Stark filled out an absentee ballot. “I wanted to make sure that my vote counted and [that] it was in ahead of time.”

More than seven million young members of Gen. Z voted early or absentee, according to the Tufts University Center for Information & Research on Civic Learning and Engagement.

“Even with the stress [of voting absentee], it was exciting to finally be able to participate in an election, especially such an important one,” said Stark.

The young voter turnout this year will absolutely be different from previous years,

according to Dr. James Ramsay, UNH professor, coordinator of the Homeland Security program, and founding Chair of the Department of Security Studies.

In 2016, only 39.4% of voters were 18 to 24-years-old, according to the United States Census Bureau.

Voters aged 18 to 29-years-old are voting in record numbers this year, according to the Center for Information & Research on Civic Learning and Engagement at Tufts University.

“So many young people I know are energized to vote,” said Vadeboncoeur, noting that the youth vote is a significant demographic.

In the 2020 Harvard Youth Poll from Harvard Kennedy School’s Institute of Politics, 63% of young respondents said they would “definitely be voting” compared with only 47% in 2016.

Stark said she feels personally involved in this year’s results.

“I really felt like I was a part of the movement of our generation to avenge the 2016 decision,” Vadeboncoeur said. “It was so painful in the 2016 election to stand by and not be able to do anything, and then to see our country decline over the last four years.”

Stark noted that many young voters often have more progressive views, “Gen. Z has a unique perspective on politics.”

A survey in January from Pew Research Center found that 77% of registered voters ages 18 to 23-years-old disapproved of how Donald Trump has handled his job as president. Of these respondents, 61% said they were definitely or probably going to vote for the Democratic candidate for president in the 2020 election.

Vannata hopes that young voters will have a significant impact on the results, noting that it is important for the President of the United States to represent Americans of all age groups.

“I think we have become increasingly more vocal about politics during this election,” said Stark. “I believe Gen. Z will have a more established reputation after this election.”

“The energy we have as the younger generation is palpable,” said Vadeboncoeur. “The stakes are so high with the issues we’re facing today and Gen. Z has to establish themselves as the generation that will fix it.”

As a member of Gen. Z, Stark she feels like she is connected to something greater.

The strength of young voter participation depends on a commitment to uplifting youth voices and investing in infrastructure supporting youth engagement, said the Information & Research on Civic Learning and Engagement at Tufts University.

“Young people hold the future of our nation,” said Dr. Ramsay. “The only choice they have is to significantly and consistently engage in the political system.”

UNH students discuss voting experience



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University of New Hampshire (UNH) voters arrived at Oyster River High School in dozens to cast their vote for the 2020 election.

Lines fluctuated from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., and poll workers kept things moving.

When arriving to the polls, voters who were already registered were sent straight to the table corresponding with the first letter of their last name. They then presented their ID

to the worker at the stand and were given their ballot inside of an envelope.

Voters then waited in the line to fill out their ballots and submitted it into the ballot box before exiting.

Poll worker and UNH student Lauren Hellman said her experience on Election Day was stressful but worth it.

“There were a lot less people in-person than I expected. It was a lot less hectic than I expected. There was also a very big young voter turnout compared to other years which was wonderful,” Hellman said.

Pre-registered in Durham,

Hellman cast her vote in between shifts.

“My own voting process only took about five minutes. It was very quick,” she said.

UNH student and unregistered voter, Olivia Frost, said the process for unregistered voters took longer than the process for pre-registered voters.

“I got there [Oyster River High School] around noon and I did same day registration, so I had to wait in a fairly long line. I met a girl who was very nervous because she lost her phone and had no way of proving her domicile,” said Frost.

Voters registering in person

need a photo ID and proof of age, citizenship and domicile, according to the Durham Clerk’s Office.

“I didn’t have two forms of ID so I had to fill out a special form,” said Frost.

A voter who does not have an approved photo ID may obtain a free affidavit in order to vote on Election Day, according to the Voter ID Law for the 2012 Explanatory Document for the Durham Clerk’s Office.

“I was guided by different workers at different stations on where to go to cast my vote. Once I got to the voting booth, I realized I didn’t do any re-

search on local government so I left everything blank except my vote for the president,” said Frost.

Pre-registered UNH student, Allison Mozzicato, said she walked 1.5 miles to and from the polls in only a sweatshirt. Mozzicato said she doesn’t have a winter jacket with her on campus.

“Voting is extremely important to me and I’d rather be cold than not vote,” said Mozzicato.

Brave elected first Black sheriff in N.H.

The races for County Attorney, Treasurer, Commissioners, and Registers of Deeds and Probate were unopposed

By Cam Beall
SPORTS EDITOR

Mark Brave, a Democrat from Dover, defeated Republican Paul Callaghan of Rochester in Tuesday's general election for the position of Strafford County Sheriff. Brave has now become the first Black sheriff in New Hampshire's history.

In a comment following his victory, Brave expressed his gratitude to the voters and his feelings towards being the first Black man to be elected to the position.

"It hasn't really sunk in yet that I will be the first Black Sheriff in New Hampshire's history. It's something I feel should have happened a long time ago, but I'm honored that I will be the person to pave the way," said Brave. "And I will be a Law Enforcement leader for all residents of Strafford County regardless of their party affiliation."

Brave is 35 years-old and is a current lieutenant in the Sheriff's Office. The Dover resident has worked in law enforcement for over 10 years and will assume his new position on Jan. 1. Brave's platform of community-centered law enforcement was something that he cited when asked why he was running the morning of the election.

"I spent a lot of time coming home venting to my kids about the injustices in law enforcement and trying to get the community more involved," he explained.

Callaghan, 56, ran as the Republican nominee for the position and each candidate had nothing but kind words for the other. Brave respected the way his opposition operated a fair campaign.

"We ran a clean race and we showed you can still get your point across in a respectable manner without any mud-slinging," he noted.

Callaghan is a current lieutenant and prosecutor for the Strafford County Sheriff Office (SCSO). He's worked in law enforcement for upwards of 30 years.

Callaghan felt confident in the work he had put into his election prior to the votes being counted. On Tuesday afternoon he noted that he thought the voter turnout was "fantastic" and explained that he felt he had done all he could do to win.

"I feel good about what I've

done. I'm confident that the voters will take a good look and compare our records and achievements, and they will support me," said Callaghan.

The Republican nominee conceded the race to Brave on Wednesday morning after the unofficial results showed a deficit of more than 7,000 votes. Brave held a lead of 36,857 to 29,611 over Callaghan.

In other Strafford County races, many candidates ran unopposed.

Thomas P. Velardi was re-elected as the Strafford County Attorney as he ran unopposed in the Nov. 3 election. Velardi has been in the position since 2008.

Pamela J. Arnold ran unopposed and was elected to another term to be the Strafford County Treasurer.

Catherine A. Berube will be remaining in the same position that she has held for the past six years. She will be serving her fourth term after running unopposed for the position of Register of Deeds.

Luz Bay was elected to the position of Register of Probate, also running unopposed on Tuesday.

The three County Commissioners elected included Deanna Rollo, Robert J. Watson and George Maglaras – each ran unopposed and will serve a two-year term.



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Town of Durham Unofficial Election Results

According to the town of Durham

President and Vice President:

Joseph R. Biden (D) - 5970
Kamala Harris

Donald J. Trump (R) - 1712
Michael R. Pence

Jo Jorgensen (L) - 128
Jeremy Cohen

For Governor:

Dan Feltes (D) - 4332
Chris Sununu (R) - 3020
Darryl W. Perry (L) - 143

For U.S. Senator:

Jeanne Shaheen (D) - 5839
Corky Messner (R) - 1525
Justin O'Donnell (L) - 216

For Representative in Congress:

Chris Pappas (D) - 5656
Matt Mowers (R) - 1661
Zachary S. Dumont (L) - 179

For Executive Councilor:

Cinde Warmington (D) - 5058
Jim Beard (R) - 1962

For State Senator:

Rebecca Perkins Kwoka (D) - 5213
Sue Polidura (R) - 1865

For State Representative:

Timothy Horrigan (D) - 4717
Cam Kenney (D) - 4769
Marjorie K. Smith (D) - 4786
Judith Spang (D) - 4789
Janet G. Wall (D) - 4769
Cheryl A. Lamoureux (R) - 1775
Bonnie McDermott (R) - 1833
Mark F. Racic (R) - 1688
Cliff Zetterstrom (R) - 1612
James C. Ziegra (R) - 1515

For Sheriff:

Mark Brave (D) - 5008
Paul Callaghan (R) - 1752

For County Attorney:

Thomas P. Velardi - 6438

For County Treasurer:

Pamela J. Arnold - 6383

For Register of Deeds:

Catherine A. Berube - 6347

For Register of Probate:

Luz Bay - 5439

For County Commissioners:

Deanna Rollo - 5927
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Litigating the 2020 election

As the 2020 election stands on Nov. 5, President Donald Trump trails former Vice President Joe Biden 264 electoral votes to 214, according to the Associated Press (AP).

The only states that have not been decisively won (as of 1 a.m. on Nov. 5) are Nevada, Pennsylvania, Georgia and North Carolina. To win the election and get to the desired 270 electoral votes, Trump must win all four states, while Biden only has to secure one.

This comes as a surprise to the Trump campaign, as they had decisive early leads in Michigan and Wisconsin, which they won in 2016, but eventually lost this time around. Those results were concluded after Trump stated that he "did win this election" early Wednesday morning at a White House gathering.

In response to the non-favorable results, Trump's campaign has already filed lawsuits against Pennsylvania, Michigan and Georgia. These filings are requesting more campaign observer access to the locations at which ballots are being processed. They also plan to intervene in the Pennsylvania case at the Supreme Court that deals with ballots being received up to three days after the election.

Before the election started, Trump laid the groundwork for an insuing legal strategy to contest a potential loss to Biden.

Pennsylvania Secretary of State Kathy Boockvar, who is a

Democrat, instructed election officials in her state to accept late-arriving ballots, and eventually count them. The Supreme Court refused to rule on this issue before the election, but will likely have to after Trump's litigation plans ensue. He said that it was a "terrible decision" for the higher court to not rule and that they will be "going in with [their] lawyers."

It is pretty evident that Trump will not let Biden take his spot in the White House without a legal fight, but the question is whether it will make a difference.

The short answer is that it won't.

Trump's best case for legal victory is in Pennsylvania where the three-day counting of the absentee ballots could very easily be deemed unconstitutional.

His campaign's motion stated that "the vote in Pennsylvania may very well determine the next President of the United States." They later said that the Supreme Court should do the ruling instead of the state's higher court, due to the 20 electoral vote swing.

However, even with a favorable ruling, the Supreme Court would likely instruct the Keystone State to have a recount, but that would most certainly include the votes in question.

With this being the case, Trump would have to widen his legal fight to various other states to hold his position.

The most feasible state is Wisconsin where Trump lost by a measly 20,000 votes. He would

benefit from a recount, but this wouldn't be likely for a couple reasons. The biggest damper being that the Democrats lost a case concerning late-arriving ballots in 2016, which set a precedent on the issue.

With those two states being compromised in terms of legal possibilities for the Trump campaign, their push in the courts seems to hold little weight.

Along with these mitigating factors, the Supreme Court ruled that witnesses didn't need to sign absentee ballots for them to count in the election, which favored the Republican outlook on the issue.

The ruling included a minor stipulation that said voters who already submitted their ballots without a witness' signature wouldn't be penalized for it and their vote would count. Also, they allowed for a two-day grace period from their decision to allow those unwitnessed ballots to reach election officials.

The Supreme Court allowing this does not help Trump's case for legal action, recounts and eventual reelection, as he will have to overcome a lot of standing precedential measures.

Despite who wins, the 2020 presidential election will be resolved, and if Trump doesn't win initially, his legal action won't influence the outcome.

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Sports world mourns the loss of Travis Roy



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Travis Roy sitting in his wheelchair at center ice at the Agganis Arena in 2015 where the Boston University Terriers play their home hockey games.

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The hockey world – New England specifically – mourned the tragic death of Travis Roy, former BU hockey player who became paralyzed in his first game with the team in 1995. His story of courage and perseverance is known by millions as he left an everlasting memory with everyone he met.

Just a week and 25 years after he was paralyzed, Roy died of complications from his paralysis at the age of 45. He went in for surgery due to

complications from being a quadriplegic. He had dealt with his hockey injuries in the public eye, but this battle was one he wanted to handle with his family and his closest friends. He didn't want the community who had supported him for so long to worry, especially the paralyzed people and their families he had helped.

Roy was a first-year forward finally living his dream playing college hockey with BU in 1995 when he was paralyzed only 11 seconds into his first shift as a Terrier. The injury oc-

curred while attempting to hit a University of North Dakota player on the forecheck. After hitting the boards that night, Roy started his newfound dream of helping others.

Roy responded in an extraordinary way returning to BU within a year. He also established the Travis Roy Foundation to help those with spinal cord injuries when he was just 21. He helped raise more than of \$9 million over the year all while traveling as a motivational speaker.

Wherever he went, whether

it be a school, hockey rink or a big city, he always brought his happy-go-lucky attitude. He always was willing to share his story, meet kids and answer all sorts of questions they had as he tried to give them a little perspective on life.

Losing Roy heavily weighed on the sports world, and tributes to the former Terrier began to pour in on social media as the word spread.

"It is with heavy hearts that we mourn the passing of Travis Roy. His story is the epitome of inspiration and courage, and he was a role model and a hero to

so many people. Travis' work and dedication towards helping fellow spinal cord-injury survivors is nothing short of amazing," said BU in a statement.

BU also added, "his legacy will last forever, not just within the Boston University community, but with the countless lives he has impacted across the country. Our sincere thoughts are with his wonderful family as well as his vast support group of friends and colleague."

Patriots fall short in divisional matchup at Buffalo

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BUFFALO, NY – The New England Patriots lost their fourth straight game by a final of 24-21 on Sunday. The Buffalo Bills escaped with a win thanks to a late

Cam Newton fumble in the red zone. It looked like the Patriots might at least tie the game and get to overtime toward the end of the fourth quarter when Newton had the ball punched out by Justin Zimmer.

Bill Belichick's game plan seemed to be to stay

within striking distance of the Bills and then seize any opportunities made available. This plan worked for most of the afternoon.

After a touchdown drive by the Bills to start the scoring, the Patriots responded with a field goal.

The Bills were driving

on the ensuing possession before Josh Allen threw the only interception of the game to JC Jackson. Jackson returned the ball 25 yards to the Buffalo 49-yard line.

Newton then led his offense to the Bills 15-yard line to set up another Nick Folk field goal with eight

seconds to go in the half. After a lackluster performance against the 49ers, a 7-6 halftime deficit to the division-leading Bills seemed manageable.

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America East announces 2020-21 basketball schedule

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After the postponement of fall sports, UNH and conferences across the nation are preparing for their first taste of college sports this academic year. Men's and women's basketball will be among the first teams to return to action at UNH as America East has released a tentative schedule which is set to start at the beginning of next month.

A Monday morning press release from America East highlighted the details of the schedule which will only feature teams within the conference. The conference prioritized the health and safety of

players, coaches and all other parties involved when constructing the schedule.

In order to execute these measures, the schedule includes weekend series similar to how college hockey teams have their games formatted in years past. A team will play host on back-to-back days over the same weekend in order to reduce travel from both teams involved.

America East Commissioner Amy Huchthausen noted in the press release that the conference is confident in the measures put in place to have a successful 2020-21 season.

"We acknowledge this will be a unique season with many variables both within and outside of our control but believe

this format along with our health and safety protocols will best position each institution and the conference for basketball competition," explained Huchthausen. "By prioritizing conference play, reducing travel and preserving flexibility, this schedule will give us the best opportunity to successfully navigate this season in the safest way possible."

Both the UNH men's and women's teams will feature near identical schedules with one being on the road at all times. They will give a warm welcome to the conference's newest member, New Jersey Institute of Technology, in the opening weekend, followed by Hartford, Maine, UMBC, Stony Brook, UAlbany, Bing-

hamton, Vermont and UMass Lowell.

The preseason polls and all-conference teams are expected to be announced later in the week.

A season ago the men's team improved by 10 wins when they finished 15-15 on the season. The team was in position to host a home playoff game but a loss in the regular season finale at UMass Lowell sent them to UMBC for the first round of the playoffs where they got bounced by the retrievers.

The team lost a pair of seniors but will retain most of their core heading into 2020. They will be led by senior point guard Sean Sutherlin who led the conference in rebound-

ing in 2019, and junior forward Nick Guadarrama.

The women's team finished 2019 with a 10-19 record but was still able to sneak into the conference tournament. They lost at the hands of Binghamton by a final of 42-51, ending their season.

The team lost a handful of seniors a year ago but will look to find their identity and improve upon their 10 wins behind the play of senior guard Amanda Torres.

Both teams are set to kick off on Dec. 12 as the men's team will make the trip to New Jersey and the women will welcome the conference's newest member.

UNH Men's and Women's Basketball Schedules



Dec. 12-13



Dec. 27-28



Jan. 2-3



Jan. 9-10



Jan. 16-17



Jan. 23-24



Jan. 30-31



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The Bills offense responded to start the third quarter with a touchdown drive to extend the lead to 14-6. The Bills found success running the ball, exposing a New England run defense that has looked shaky to this point in the season.

The two teams then traded punts with neither offense finding a rhythm and several penalties plaguing New England.

Patriots running back Damien Harris found his stride late in the third quarter. The second-year back broke through Buf-

falo's defense for a critical 22-yard score. The Patriots kept the momentum going and converted a two-point conversion with a pass to Jakobi Meyers.

Meyers has emerged as Newton's go-to target with Julian Edelman and N'Keal Harry sidelined with an injury. The undrafted free agent finished the game with six receptions for 58 yards.

With the game tied 14-14, Belichick tried to get the upper hand with a surprise onside kick. This attempt failed and the Bills were set up at the New England 45-yard line. Buffalo took this chance and marched in for another touchdown. The

Patriots run defense was once again on the hook for an easy score.

When asked what went into the decision to attempt the onside kick Belichick was blunt in his response.

"We were trying to make a positive play."

Harris helped the Patriots offense respond. The third-round pick had four runs for 39 yards on the drive. The sequence was capped off by a one-yard rush from Newton into the end zone. The game now tied 21-21 with nine minutes to play.

Allen and the Bills offense methodically made their way down to the Patri-

ots 15-yard line. Like many times this year, the Patriots defense managed to hold with its back against the wall. Allen failed to convert on third-and-5 and the Bills settled for a field goal.

Down 24-21 with 4:06 left to play, Newton got to work. The New England offense steadily picked up yards. On a crucial third-and-4 Newton found Meyers for an eight-yard gain. The Patriots seemed destined for a score the way the drive was heading.

On a second-and-10, Newton kept the ball on a designed run. He picked up five yards and was look-

ing for more when Zimmer punched the ball loose out of Newton's right arm. Dean Marlow recovered the fumble to ice the game.

Newton once again shouldered the blame on the final play, as he has at other points this season.

"It's unacceptable," said Newton. "I've got to protect the ball better."

The Patriots hope to get back on track this coming Monday when they take on the 0-8 New York Jets on ESPN for Monday Night Football.