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The College of Our Hearts Always

2021 Alumni Achievement Awards

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Enjoy the 2021 Alumni Achievement Awards ceremony as we honor and celebrate seven individuals and one family for their individual accomplishments and service to others. This year's theme, "*Common Threads*," recognizes the intertwined experience of attending UMaine, "*the college of our hearts always!*"

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00:01

[Music]

00:02

welcome

00:03

to the university of maine alumni

00:05

achievement awards

00:07

honoring first lieutenant christina

00:10

mctigue

00:12

seth albert jean dean

00:16

ernest scheider barbara brown dalton

00:20

dr paul plourde the stimson family

00:25

dr hemet pencey and judge

00:28

george single our thanks to our

00:32

award sponsors
00:37
our media sponsors
00:40
and our event sponsor the jackson
00:43
laboratory
00:45
with more than 2 400 employees working
00:48
toward
00:48
one goal to discover precise genomic
00:51
solutions
00:52
for disease and empower the global
00:54
biomedical community to our shared quest
00:56
to improve human
00:58
health the jackson laboratory
01:01
now your host and a proud member of
01:04
umaine's class of 1994
01:07
j.c monahan
01:11
hi everyone i'm jc monahan your main
01:13
class of 94 and i'm pleased to welcome
01:15
you back to the college of our hearts
01:17
always we have a fun-filled program to
01:19
share with you today along with honoring
01:21
this year's winners we'll be hearing
01:22
from several alums who will be sharing
01:24

fond memories and some common threads

01:26

that lead us back to our time at umaine

01:29

but first christina mctigue is vice

01:31

president of the class of 2012 some of

01:33

you may be familiar with her

01:34

contributions to maine alumni magazine

01:36

but this rising star is doing much more

01:39

to make her alma mater proud

01:46

i'm nate wildes christina mctigue

01:50

graduated with degrees in social work

01:52

and psychology from the university of

01:53

maine in 2012 and hit the ground running

01:56

i met christina in 2015 i was a program

02:00

manager and i was on an interview panel

02:03

for hiring social workers to come on

02:05

board and work with kids in foster care

02:07

i

02:08

remember the interview like it was

02:09

yesterday and was very impressed and

02:11

knew that we would hire her and that she

02:13

would be great as soon as she walked out

02:15

the door

02:15

she is full of compassion and
02:18
understanding
02:19
and strives every day to make
02:22
this world a little bit better for
02:23
everyone that she loves
02:26
working with teach for america in
02:27
charlotte north carolina earning her
02:29
master's in clinical social work with a
02:31
focus in mental health and joining the
02:32
child and family services agency in the
02:34
district of columbia
02:37
some call her christina but to me she's
02:39
known as chrissy i will also tell you
02:42
i call her lbw um little baby wisdom
02:46
because she is one of the um smartest
02:50
people i have met
02:51
who is still figuring out her career
02:56
she feels very passionate about how
02:59
things should be
03:00
for people and so she wants to ensure
03:02
that the contribution
03:04
she's making has a great return for as
03:06

many people as possible
03:08
lindsay nix assistant attorney general
03:10
for the district of columbia worked with
03:12
mctag on complicated and challenging
03:14
medical child abuse cases
03:15
i actually met chrissy because she was
03:18
interested in one of the cases that i
03:20
had at the time
03:22
some people would run from these cases
03:24
and chrissy stepped
03:25
up to handle this case the work that
03:28
chrissy and i did on this case
03:29
set a precedent that future cases in dc
03:33
must consider the ada and that was a win
03:36
when not helping shape law mctag rallied
03:39
fellow umaine alumni at events in our
03:40
nation's capital
03:42
today colleagues at wright-patterson air
03:44
force base call lieutenant christina
03:45
mctigue invaluable
03:47
she can help me navigate the kind of
03:48
questions to ask and just
03:51

getting at some of the things that are
03:52
deeper that the patient might not want
03:54
to talk about at first
03:56
to do what lieutenant mctonic does it
03:58
takes
03:59
the head and the heart to be able to
04:02
cradle somebody baby that just died and
04:05
just be there
04:06
for for the mom that's the type of
04:09
person that
04:10
that she is the person that have heart
04:13
for other people chrissy gets up in the
04:16
morning to help people and i know that
04:19
sounds contrived but it's true
04:21
your work is very meaningful really
04:25
i know that the entire alumni
04:27
association
04:28
is proud of what you've done by the
04:30
support of
04:31
children all around the country the work
04:33
that you've done
04:35
uh and you know the the focus that you
04:37

brought
04:38
uh to mental health and so i applaud the
04:40
university of maine
04:42
for whatever impact they had on christie
04:44
she's a star
04:45
as a person and a social worker
04:47
chrissy's time at the university of
04:49
maine
04:50
very much formed the parts of her that
04:52
all of us
04:53
are so grateful for we need more
04:56
christina mctigue
04:58
in in our world
05:02
christina mctigue a tireless advocate
05:04
and
05:05
a rising star in umaine's 2021 alumni
05:08
achievement awards
05:15
the first memory probably stands out
05:17
most when you're driving up and you see
05:18
the big um
05:20
on the field house beautiful days out in
05:22
the mall people playing frisbee studying
05:24

dogs out there just smiling faces is
05:27
always a beautiful place
05:28
student government was was pretty
05:30
awesome because it gets you involved in
05:32
every element
05:32
of the campus i spent most of my time in
05:35
the student government office
05:37
one of my flattest memories was bum
05:39
stock
05:40
uh because that was a outdoor festival
05:43
that
05:43
with music all day that just sticks in
05:45
my mind as a
05:47
memory of sunny spring day at orono
05:50
i will never forget um my first hockey
05:54
game
05:54
of course um just because uh being from
05:57
argentina hockey is not something that's
05:59
uh
06:00
readily available to us so i remember
06:03
walking into
06:04
into the arena and just looking around
06:06

and seeing

06:07

this crowd and it was a little chilly

06:10

but

06:11

it was comfortable and then seeing the

06:13

the game start and not really

06:15

understanding what was going on but the

06:17

minute that

06:18

humane score the crowd just went crazy

06:22

it was such a feeling that that's

06:25

definitely one of

06:26

one of my my most memorable memories

06:31

stop the presses this black bear has

06:32

been informing readers with his colorful

06:34

black and white writing since we first

06:36

saw his byline in the main campus

06:38

today ernest scheider a member of the

06:40

class of 2006 is receiving this year's

06:42

spirit of maine achievement award

06:44

[Music]

06:47

i'm emily kane there are reporters

06:51

there are journalists and there are

06:53

storytellers

06:54

janine pinio remembers the main campus

06:57

and then

06:57

bangor daily news writer who could be

06:59

all three he would come strolling into

07:01

the newsroom

07:03

and he'd sit down and he'd just get

07:05

started working

07:07

he was so eager to learn and

07:10

to grow as a journalist

07:13

ernie's covered challenging stories the

07:16

penn state abuse scandal

07:17

sandy hook the 2020 presidential

07:20

campaign

07:21

plus energy issues in north dakota you

07:23

know i didn't know

07:24

him before i ran for the senate in 2012

07:28

and all of a sudden we started getting

07:30

calls from reuters of all places

07:32

and it wasn't uh in houston it wasn't uh

07:36

you know in exotic places it was in

07:38

williston north dakota

07:40

so many journalists that i've worked

07:42

with they have the headline
07:44
written they have the lead written and
07:46
they just want you to confirm it
07:48
that wasn't his his mo i never
07:51
worried about quoting any number in his
07:54
news reports
07:56
because i knew they would be right ernie
07:58
scheider's immersive work
07:59
impresses those he covers and his
08:02
colleagues
08:02
he captures the essence of a story
08:05
beyond
08:06
just the facts and a recent example is
08:09
when he was in arizona reporting on the
08:11
uh
08:11
the battle between an indigenous group
08:14
and a mining company
08:15
and then over land rights he will read
08:18
books
08:19
about the topic that he's going to write
08:21
about and this at a wire service is
08:23
remarkable because
08:24

we operate at a fast pace and we get
08:27
stories out quickly
08:28
and it's a testament to the kind of
08:30
journalist that he is when he's not
08:32
running down a story ernie
08:33
is often running at the alzheimer's drug
08:36
discovery foundation
08:38
we consider earning kind of the mayor of
08:41
our marathon team
08:42
ernie became involved with the
08:44
alzheimer's drug discovery foundation
08:46
after he found out his grandfather had
08:48
alzheimer's
08:49
so he decided the way he was going to
08:50
raise money he was going to run
08:52
marathons
08:53
and to date he's raised over twenty
08:55
thousand dollars
08:56
to fund science looking for preventions
09:00
treatments and cures of alzheimer's
09:03
those who know him
09:04
trace his character back to his home
09:06

state
09:07
it's the spirit of maine it's excellence
09:10
the passion
09:11
the optimism the get-to-it-ness kind
09:15
you're empathetic you're incredibly
09:18
intelligent
09:19
and something that we desperately need
09:22
somebody who just
09:23
is so careful about reporting the facts
09:27
ernie scheider a reporter a journalist
09:30
a storyteller and our spirit of maine
09:33
achievement award winner
09:37
[Music]
09:39
my favorite activity was the radio
09:41
station because i was a disc jockey from
09:43
all four years women's club lacrosse
09:46
team
09:47
student government in los
09:52
i love exploring the humane trails i
09:54
know that there are miles and miles of
09:55
trails
09:56
and i've always liked biking and i've
09:59

always liked

10:00

just exploring in the woods i used to

10:02

love to run so

10:04

uh the forest you know the trail system

10:07

at me

10:07

it was really just i think an incredible

10:10

asset for the university still is

10:12

my favorite co-curricular activity has

10:15

to be the student alumni ambassadors

10:17

participated all the years i was there

10:19

on the maine woodsman's team

10:21

i was involved in helping one of the

10:24

students

10:24

become mayor of the campus for a year

10:28

and that was that was kind of fun to do

10:31

we only had memorial gym as a convening

10:34

place

10:35

and concert series so i remember

10:38

distinctly that was where i first saw

10:40

live

10:41

louis armstrong once every four years we

10:44

would go

10:45

to europe for two weeks and sing in some
10:47
of the great cathedrals like notre dame
10:50
and every four years we'd sing in
10:53
carnegie hall in new york city
10:55
with a professional orchestra
11:04
there is one among this year's winners
11:05
who may not be a black bear but for
11:07
years has worked to make umaine an even
11:09
better place advising
11:11
counseling and championing our campus
11:13
and our community
11:14
our champion of umaine award recipient
11:17
is jean
11:18
dean
11:18
[Music]
11:24
i'm dean of the university of maine
11:26
school of law lee
11:28
softly here at the zillman art museum
11:31
we're very fortunate
11:32
we have war halls we have picassos
11:35
and we have gene dean the museum
11:39
combines two of gene's passions
11:42

certainly for the arts she herself is an
11:45
artist
11:45
and of course she's a champion of bangor
11:49
as well
11:50
many have enjoyed free admission to the
11:52
museum
11:53
thanks to gene and soon visitors will
11:56
see
11:56
even more we are building five new
11:59
galleries
12:00
uh upstairs on the main level and we're
12:03
very pleased that we will have a dan
12:05
porter gallery at the museum that people
12:07
would be able to
12:09
to tour and enjoy the yard in that
12:11
gallery she is
12:12
a champion for me because she has spent
12:15
a good deal of time mentoring me
12:17
and helping me along as as i've
12:20
transitioned into owning her her great
12:23
business
12:24
jean handed the reins of her business to
12:26

esther brooke jennifer butler
12:28
and jennifer eastman in 2019.
12:31
don't let looks deceive you jean
12:34
is not very tall but she is
12:38
mighty she is a force to be reckoned
12:40
with on
12:41
many fronts you can't say no to gene
12:44
and you don't want to say no i went to
12:47
my sister's inauguration
12:50
and she grabbed me and said
12:53
you and i have got to do something about
12:55
the law school
12:56
that conversation sparked a rejuvenation
12:59
of the university of maine school of law
13:02
firming up its foundation and some say
13:05
returning it to its rightful place among
13:07
national schools of law
13:09
jeannie's a champion of the law school
13:11
because it basically
13:13
gave her the bedrock of analytical
13:16
skills
13:16
and the thought process and the
13:19

understanding of due process of law
13:21
jean's personality intellect and
13:24
consistent
13:25
unwillingness to settle for anything
13:28
less than
13:28
excellence have made her an outstanding
13:31
advocate for the university
13:33
and the arts she's one of those people
13:37
who understands fully what her civic
13:40
role
13:40
is she might not be a true black bear
13:44
but she has the heart of a black bear
13:46
and jean's heart is shaped like the
13:48
state of maine
13:49
and she just pours her love and
13:51
everything she has
13:53
into this state and so that i mean
13:55
that's why she's a very good ambassador
13:57
for
13:58
both the university itself also for the
14:01
law school and the entire system that
14:03
she's
14:04

she was raised by really congratulations
14:07
gene on winning this award what award is
14:10
this
14:11
she wins so many gene warren and i want
14:15
to congratulate
14:16
you on all you have done for the zillman
14:18
art museum
14:19
on all you have done for bangor and the
14:22
university of maine there are all kinds
14:23
of people that are championing
14:26
the university of maine and that's
14:27
because that's what the university does
14:29
it generates champions
14:31
but boy you're one of the bigger ones
14:34
all of us are so blessed to have gene
14:36
dion
14:37
as our champion genie we have a
14:40
beautiful
14:42
[Music]
14:43
a home marriage a beautiful life
14:47
together
14:49
you are my champion
14:51

[Music]

14:53

jean dean a champion of arts

14:56

and humanities and our champion

14:59

of humane award recipient

15:02

[Music]

15:09

in february the world lost one of the

15:11

influential black bears of all time

15:13

reflecting on this memorable alumnus

15:15

here's the president and ceo of our

15:16

umaine alumni association

15:18

john diamond dr bernard

15:21

lown passed away just a few months short

15:24

of his 100th birthday

15:26

he was many things a renowned

15:28

cardiologist

15:30

the inventor of the heart defibrillator

15:32

the machine that has saved

15:33

countless lives throughout the world the

15:36

co-recipient of the

15:37

1985 nobel peace prize and a 1942

15:42

graduate of the university of maine

15:45

dr lam was born in lithuania but

15:47

emigrated with his family to lewiston
15:49
maine when he was 14.
15:51
after completing his umaine degree he
15:54
earned a medical degree from johns
15:55
hopkins university
15:57
and embarked on a world-changing career
16:01
he devoted his life to the advancement
16:03
of human health
16:05
and nuclear disarmament he saw these
16:08
causes as interrelated
16:10
he explained it this way he said you
16:12
cannot be committed to health
16:14
without being engaged in the social
16:17
struggle
16:17
for health he was proud of his status as
16:21
a humane alumnus
16:22
and humane was and is proud of him
16:26
in 1982 he received an honorary degree
16:29
from the university
16:30
and in 1988 he was the inaugural
16:33
recipient of the alumni association's
16:36
dr bernard lound humanitarian award
16:39

the award is given to humane graduates
16:41
who have been actively engaged
16:43
at the regional national or global level
16:46
in saving lives relieving suffering
16:49
and promoting human dignity a fitting
16:52
tribute
16:53
and legacy for someone whose influence
16:55
on the world is immeasurable
16:58
we are so grateful for his extraordinary
17:00
life
17:02
today hundreds of thousands of people
17:05
are living better lives
17:06
thanks to the work of dr paul plourde
17:10
his medical clinical and scientific
17:12
skills led to breakthroughs in battling
17:15
cancer in young children
17:16
and in women the recipient of this
17:19
year's dr bernard lound humanitarian
17:21
award
17:22
is dr paul cloyd
17:27
i'm dr bruce levitt
17:31
dr paul plourde may be best described as
17:34

a clinical investigator
17:36
with your help we can improve the
17:38
quality of life for american women
17:40
and their families thank you colleagues
17:44
call
17:44
dr plort's contributions to novel
17:46
hormonal treatments of breast cancer
17:48
unparalleled for those who have advanced
17:52
breast cancer incurable you'd like to
17:55
develop therapies to make them
17:58
live longer and better for those
18:02
patients with curative cancer
18:06
you like to develop therapies to
18:08
decrease the likelihood of it ever
18:10
coming back
18:11
and ultimately you like to develop
18:14
therapies from
18:15
for preventing cancer from occurring in
18:18
the first place
18:19
paul's triumphs were in all three
18:23
potential goals for the development of
18:26
an anti-cancer drug for breast cancer
18:28

he was instrumental in developing
18:30
anastrozole when we have new
18:32
possibilities in both medicine and
18:35
medical devices and what we want to do
18:37
is get those to people as quickly as
18:38
possible
18:39
just as the clinton administration
18:41
sought to accelerate fda approval
18:43
of safe and efficacious drugs well dr
18:46
plourde knew about that
18:48
and so when he heard that he submitted
18:50
the application for approval of an
18:52
astrozole
18:54
right away most drugs take at least
18:57
two or three years and the drug was
19:00
approved in 43 days
19:03
and astrozol really became the treatment
19:06
for hormone-dependent
19:07
breast cancer the federal food and drug
19:09
administration recently approved a new
19:11
drug to treat breast cancer
19:13
the new drug is considered a
19:14

breakthrough for women who have advanced

19:16

breast cancer

19:17

that offers quality of life to these

19:19

women which

19:21

in previous years they did not have with

19:23

these drugs so this

19:24

is an advance for women with advanced

19:26

breast cancer

19:27

dr plourde also helped bring a

19:29

life-saving drug to american children

19:31

you know childhood leukemias was was a

19:35

death sentence for young children for a

19:37

long time

19:38

until chemotherapy came around that

19:40

literally converted a

19:42

death sentence to a to a cure

19:46

many children developed an allergy to

19:48

treatment but irwin ozzie

19:50

developed in europe from a different

19:51

microorganism could safely treat

19:53

children with the allergy

19:55

plure joined eusa pharmacy to bring

19:58

aeronautics to the united states one of
20:00
the most attractive things about paul in
20:03
in that interview was how much he cared
20:06
about the idea that this was a
20:10
very important medicine that would
20:12
really
20:13
help children in the us
20:17
eusa launched a program to deliver the
20:20
treatment to patients on a compassionate
20:21
basis
20:22
over the course of about four years we
20:25
treated
20:26
just short of 1400 patients
20:29
that's quite a lot of people to benefit
20:31
isn't it that's kind of
20:33
like one a day um and there aren't many
20:36
doctors who can say that they've
20:38
they've given a life potentially
20:40
life-saving cure to
20:42
one patient a day for every day of four
20:46
years
20:48
ordinarily someone that works for a
20:50

pharmaceutical company
20:53
it's a very much top-down organization
20:56
and there's not a lot of individual
21:01
where an individual with vision can put
21:04
forward
21:05
forward their idea in a large
21:06
organization
21:08
and have that come out and be
21:10
accomplished paul did that
21:12
he has a broad compassion for patients
21:14
and it's
21:15
underpinned by a very scientific brain
21:19
actually
21:20
his scope of impact has been really
21:25
rather dramatic from breast cancer
21:28
and different forms of breast cancer
21:31
to childhood cancers it's been really
21:34
quite dramatic
21:36
over the last 20 years progressive
21:38
stages of treatment have occurred to the
21:41
point
21:42
that women with very early disease are
21:45

being treated and that's very exciting
21:46
because
21:47
a significant number of women now will
21:50
be cured of their disease
21:52
with surgery and with tamoxifen
21:55
[Music]
21:56
dr plourde you don't know me but i know
21:59
you
22:00
my name is jenny lloyd and i'm a breast
22:03
cancer survivor
22:05
my job my joy is to guide women
22:09
and men to the support and care they
22:12
need
22:13
at northern light cancer care
22:17
on behalf of the hundreds and thousands
22:20
of patients living and living better
22:24
lives
22:26
thank you dr paul plourde
22:30
a saver of hundreds of thousands of
22:32
lives and recipient
22:34
of our bernard lown humanitarian award
22:39
native american studies 101 and 102 with
22:41

john bare mitchell

22:42

husband strategy with dr bob strong it's

22:45

probably dynamics

22:47

and or hydrology uh human resource

22:50

management

22:52

and it was taught by sheila pachinski

22:54

journalism law and ethics

22:55

with a professor named bob steele i

22:57

liked anything with roseberry bamford so

22:59

lisa we started every class with a dance

23:01

favorite course that i took was one i

23:04

can't remember the exact title but it

23:05

was communication

23:07

law and i really enjoyed it because it

23:10

helped me to think strategically about

23:12

the way that companies handle pr issues

23:14

comparative anatomy where we looked at

23:17

different

23:18

different you know animals and their

23:21

different anatomies and you know we

23:22

dissected

23:24

you know a shark and a cat and obviously

23:28

became a surgeon later in life so a
23:30
really tough one
23:32
i think i really enjoyed early colonial
23:36
american history with professor riordan
23:38
on campus we're kind of taught this
23:41
idea of what the american revolution was
23:44
from a very pro-american standpoint
23:46
but looking at the american revolution
23:49
from a globalist
23:50
perspective really puts into perspective
23:53
the the global impact of the founding of
23:56
america and our country
23:58
so he did a great job
24:09
stars shine and guide seth alberta third
24:12
generation black bear started shining
24:13
and guiding long before he set foot on
24:15
campus
24:16
today he's vice president of our umaine
24:18
alumni chapter in southern maine and
24:19
he's an alumni association rising star
24:25
i'm jenny desmond seth albert's
24:28
community spirit
24:29

started stirring long ago his mother
24:32
recalls when
24:33
shortly after getting his driver's
24:34
license seth walked out of the house
24:37
hopped in his car and took off down the
24:39
road and so we were watching
24:41
public tv and all of a sudden i
24:44
recognized this voice my son's on tv
24:47
and he was advocating for the school
24:49
budget at 16 years old
24:51
he was really challenging the school
24:53
board and saying you really need to keep
24:54
these programs in place
24:56
seth continues that community spirit
24:58
working with uma csm
25:00
rallying black bears in the university
25:02
of maine alumni chapter of southern
25:04
maine
25:05
seth has been very active with the group
25:07
he has been
25:08
active in a mentor role and he's just
25:11
had a lot of great ideas for the group
25:13

on top of that seth is is very involved
25:16
in humane hockey it's uh it's one of his
25:19
big loves
25:22
he was a member of the naked five a
25:24
couple of times
25:26
he actually met his wife uh at a
25:29
humane hockey trip seth's love for
25:31
umaine hockey
25:33
took him to ireland to watch his team
25:34
compete
25:36
at the end of the day went to a pub met
25:39
his future wife
25:40
who had done the same taken her mother
25:43
and gone to a humane hockey game in
25:45
ireland
25:46
and they are now mr and mrs
25:50
seth congratulations you're a black bear
25:53
through and through
25:54
and we are really lucky to have you help
25:56
steering the ship
25:57
and the future of you maxim congrats
26:00
seth congrats on the rising star award
26:03

from humane
26:04
there are a lot of stars coming out of
26:06
humane and you are certainly one of them
26:08
way to go bud there's a song that i've
26:11
always loved
26:12
and it resonates with me deep and
26:15
it's called humbling kind by tim mcgraw
26:19
and it just describes seth to a t
26:24
seth albert shining guiding
26:27
and receiving the umaine alumni rising
26:29
star award
26:33
i think that may day was one of those
26:34
things that everyone on campus always
26:36
got so excited about
26:38
main day all um all the years um it's
26:41
definitely fun and
26:42
it's a time when you can see the person
26:44
that you kind of forgot about who you
26:45
sat next to your freshman year and all
26:47
of a sudden
26:47
you're talking to them and yeah it's
26:49
just a great
26:50

opportunity to reconnect with people and
26:53
to you know
26:54
hang out with your close friends as well
26:55
the daily main campus
26:57
being involved in that on that staff
26:59
really that was a
27:00
really big part of particularly my
27:02
junior and senior years
27:04
and it gave me practical experience in
27:06
journalism which i turned into my first
27:08
job
27:09
took our freshly minted concrete
27:12
toboggan to henniker new hampshire
27:14
and entered the new england world
27:17
championship downhill concrete toboggan
27:20
race
27:21
my best memories actually come
27:25
from my volunteer work after i graduated
27:29
and i think for example
27:33
i chaired the universe for me and
27:37
foundation a couple of terms
27:39
i served on the
27:42

university and alumni association board

27:45

i

27:46

probably by virtue of the fact that i

27:49

chaired the

27:50

also the president's development council

27:54

[Music]

28:01

a few months ago our umaine alumni

28:02

community lost one of its most active

28:04

volunteers

28:05

here to reflect on her contributions are

28:08

chair of the alumni association's board

28:09

of directors rob frank

28:11

and the board's vice chair kristen

28:13

mcalpine

28:15

suzanne k hart was a member of the class

28:17

of 1968

28:18

and a longtime member and officer of the

28:20

alumni association's board of directors

28:23

in fact she served a total of 17 years

28:26

on the board

28:26

which could be a modern day record

28:29

suzanne was a true leader

28:31

she held the offices of chair vice chair
28:33
and treasurer
28:34
over the course of her board service and
28:37
she never stopped advocating for the
28:38
university
28:39
and the alumni association suzanne
28:42
believed in the value
28:44
and importance of an independent
28:46
self-governing alumni association
28:48
she felt it was the best model for
28:50
serving the interest of black bear
28:52
alumni while also providing meaningful
28:54
third-party support for the university
28:56
itself the alumni association
28:59
was a family affair for suzanne she was
29:02
a third generation umaineen graduate
29:04
and a second generation member of the
29:06
association's board of directors
29:08
in december our board decided to
29:10
posthumously honor suzanne
29:13
we renamed our annual alumni service
29:15
award after her
29:17

what had been known as the pine tree
29:19
emblem alumni service award
29:21
is now called the suzanne k heart alumni
29:24
service award
29:25
it's the top honor we can give to
29:27
someone who dedicates extraordinary time
29:30
and talent on behalf of black bear
29:32
alumni
29:33
it makes perfect sense that such an
29:34
award be named after someone
29:36
who as a volunteer works so
29:39
enthusiastically and diligently
29:41
to promote the university's values and
29:43
tradition
29:44
here's to suzanne and here's to our
29:47
first
29:47
suzanne k hart alumni service award
29:50
winner
29:51
a friend to suzanne and a french humane
29:53
bar brown dalton has been a tireless
29:55
advocate for her community
29:57
her college and the class of 81 and barb
30:00

is far from done

30:02

[Music]

30:07

i'm bill green who better to tell us

30:11

about bob

30:12

brown dalton than her black bear husband

30:14

barb is uh

30:15

quite a woman she's a driven person

30:18

she's pretty sure of herself

30:20

and sure of what i'll do as well

30:23

that's how she rolls she rarely sits

30:26

still

30:27

if she does it's not for more than 15 or

30:30

20 minutes

30:32

and barb's energy is certainly

30:33

infectious you can tell she cares a lot

30:36

about her job

30:37

her her university her husband her dog

30:40

her house

30:41

anything you're talking to barb about

30:44

there's a genuine

30:45

excitement uh passion and love

30:48

barb's passion for all she does is

30:51

easily traced
30:52
to her dad if you look at the passion
30:54
that barb brings
30:56
brings to everything she does it's it's
30:59
no doubt emulating
31:00
that what she learned from her father
31:02
francis brown was a die-hard black bear
31:05
and he instilled that in both of his
31:07
children
31:08
barb and kathy her sister todd saucier
31:11
served on the umaid alumni board with
31:13
barb
31:14
and recalls those early morning meetings
31:18
i don't think there was ever an occasion
31:20
that barb either walked in last
31:22
or perhaps got there just in time but
31:25
always
31:26
always made mention i can't believe we
31:28
start these things before 10 o'clock in
31:29
the morning
31:30
more than a fan barb is a humane fanatic
31:34
barb loves athletics
31:38

we are long time season ticket holders

31:39

to u-maine hockey

31:41

women's basketball and more recently

31:43

men's basketball

31:45

you'd be hard-pressed to find a bigger

31:47

cheerleader for umaine athletics than

31:48

barb

31:50

she's at our games she's a tremendous

31:52

fan

31:53

and then outside of that she's a

31:54

tremendous volunteer and community

31:56

supporter of black bear athletics

31:59

and she certainly supported black bear

32:01

athletics

32:02

super suppers she would spend four

32:05

five six months talking to every client

32:08

she ever had

32:09

anybody that she ever met at a you know

32:11

a black bear athletic event

32:13

anybody that she ever knew and then she

32:14

picked the brains of those of us that

32:16

knew others

32:17

and she was asking unabashedly for
32:20
whatever you had for
32:21
wears or services and those would go
32:24
into these live auctions
32:25
you know and these suppers would raise
32:28
north of
32:29
20 000 because of barb dalton's work
32:33
barb and bill dalton were close friends
32:35
and neighbors to suzanne k
32:37
hart i first met barb when i joined the
32:40
alumni board
32:41
and suzanne hart was the chair i got to
32:43
learn how much that they meant to each
32:44
other
32:45
barbin and suzanne really knitted
32:48
the and completed each other in so many
32:51
ways
32:52
amongst a few others barb was the the
32:55
go-to gal
32:56
for suzanne's care as things became more
32:59
challenging in suzanne's life she
33:01
became her her person
33:04

and i know barb must be very very moved

33:08

to receive this award named after her

33:10

close friend

33:12

suzanne hart barb brown dalton a

33:15

faithful friend

33:16

a faithful fan and the recipient of the

33:19

first

33:19

suzanne k hart alumni service award

33:24

the people you meet at college are your

33:26

friends forever

33:27

my friend meryl mcclellan she and i are

33:30

still really close to this day

33:32

jeff harris was very influential for me

33:35

aaron and david dempsey good friends

33:37

from those first years

33:38

john diamond because uh i learned about

33:42

whit was more important than wisdom i

33:44

don't know what made me think of that

33:45

i have a lot of good friends from the

33:46

university of maine that i met there

33:48

my best friend who i'm still friends

33:49

with she lives in wyndham

33:51

shannon trainor we met the first day of
33:53
field hockey preseason
33:55
we immediately hit it off and we've been
33:57
friends ever since
33:58
a guy named terry philbrook he was an
34:01
r.a
34:02
in my dorm and
34:04
[Music]
34:05
over the years i became close to him and
34:08
his family
34:10
uh he got married after we left college
34:12
he was a year ahead of me
34:14
and his i got to know his children
34:18
and his children are now you know they
34:21
call me uncle
34:22
chuck they're the only people in the
34:24
world who call me chuck
34:26
part of the fun of my job as the
34:28
director of the maine forest products
34:30
council
34:32
is that i get to see old classmates
34:35
and roommates who graduated from may
34:38

and uh majored in forestry or virtually

34:41

any other

34:42

if they're in policy and in state

34:44

government

34:45

or in the industry there's a strong

34:48

network of people that

34:50

stay together and connect and reminisce

34:52

[Music]

35:01

a group of wolves is a pack a group of

35:03

geese is a gaggle a group of bears is a

35:05

sleuth or a sloth

35:06

interesting right did you know well for

35:08

this year's vulgar legacy award we'll

35:10

call this group of you maine black bears

35:12

the stimson family

35:13

helping to share their story is the

35:15

great granddaughter of raymond folger

35:16

himself

35:18

[Music]

35:22

i'm crystal fogler lavigger tracing the

35:26

stimson family

35:27

back to its first black bear takes us

35:29

back about a century

35:31

my grandfather started at umo in the 20s

35:35

and he was clifford leslie stimpson my

35:38

father

35:39

his son also went and he went in 1955

35:42

to the university of maine in orono he

35:45

was a busy man but he loved every minute

35:47

of it

35:48

and he was he was a wonderful teacher

35:50

and

35:51

wonderful speaker don and rita stimpson

35:54

were pleased to see not only daughter

35:55

leslie off to orono

35:57

i went in 1980

36:00

my brother went two years later my

36:03

grandfather went there

36:04

my father went there my father was

36:06

actually a professor there

36:08

and best of all i married a

36:12

black bear today scott and lori

36:15

stimpson's son dylan

36:16

helps represent the family's fourth

36:18

generation at umaine
36:19
i was a black bear long before i
36:21
enrolled at the university of maine
36:23
i was rocking the black bear sweatshirts
36:26
when i was literally a baby
36:27
and my dad would like take us to a black
36:30
bear hockey games
36:31
not only is our son dylan at the
36:33
university in the propane
36:35
our son tyler graduated in psychology
36:38
from there
36:40
dylan a umaine baseball standout says he
36:42
wasn't expected to come to maine
36:44
rather he anticipated it dad didn't
36:47
pressure me to go to maine at all it's
36:48
kind of just something
36:49
that when i got to be that age i was
36:51
like okay this seems like the right
36:53
choice and the right thing to do
36:55
it's almost like i didn't choose you may
36:57
and you really chose me
36:59
i think that's true for me as well
37:02

because the first time i went down to
37:03
see it even though all
37:05
my friends were there if it had been a
37:07
terrible fit i wouldn't have gone
37:09
and it did it picked me i felt the same
37:12
when i went to university of maine as
37:15
did i with uh
37:16
and we made the right decision and
37:18
happier do the simpsons find humane
37:21
today to feel foreign or familiar
37:23
i really haven't been back that much to
37:25
be honest just a few times maybe for a
37:27
few hockey games
37:28
it is familiar i think it's more
37:30
familiar than foreign to me even though
37:32
some of the things have changed
37:34
what i liked most about the university
37:36
maine when i went there was
37:37
bear stand i also remember
37:42
alfond arena because we used to go to
37:43
the blackberry hockey games my dad
37:47
people are so nice and easy to to meet
37:51

and to and and they're kind and i felt
37:54
like it's really a homey aspect
37:56
and i think i really like the outdoors
37:59
aspect i like walking on campus
38:01
and seeing like a type of a type of
38:04
campus that isn't like
38:05
uh any other campus i've been to
38:08
and what of a fifth generation i am
38:11
going to have kids someday
38:13
and hopefully one of my kids will be
38:15
playing baseball at the university of
38:16
maine as well
38:19
music to our ears and speaking of music
38:22
hey is that a piano in dylan's room
38:25
yeah i've been playing the main science
38:27
song i'm sorry
38:29
play one of the what the main stein song
38:32
i don't know that he doesn't know the
38:34
main stein song
38:35
oh the embarrassment i'm very good but i
38:38
don't know that one
38:39
how can you be a black bear and not know
38:42

the stein song
38:43
oh i don't know the stein song but i can
38:46
play some beethoven
38:50
well maybe the fifth generation will
38:52
know it
38:54
maybe
38:57
the stimson family chosen by maine and
38:59
chosen for this year's fogler legacy
39:01
award
39:02
[Music]
39:05
i credit the university of maine with my
39:07
very existence because my parents met
39:10
on campus he actually met at music camp
39:13
maine summer youth music we were both
39:16
teaching at music camp
39:18
with bumstock 1991 um that is
39:21
that's um when we were became officially
39:24
a bear pair
39:25
um all bum stocks were great but that
39:27
one was particularly fun
39:29
nancy fogler strout
39:32
is uh is my wife and uh we met she was a
39:36

forestry major

39:38

and uh we met in at nutting hall

39:41

i met kyle when um

39:44

when we i i him and i were both having

39:46

lunch at the student center at

39:48

the union and uh and one conversation

39:51

just led to a date and

39:53

from then on we uh we've been together

39:55

now for

39:56

over 13 years he was at my door and i

39:59

was down the hall and someone said hey

40:01

carl smith's at your door and so he

40:03

asked me out that night on our first

40:04

date

40:05

and then our first date was on the night

40:08

that i turned 18

40:09

so that was fun um and i remember the

40:12

olympics were on too so we went back and

40:14

watched that

40:15

and now we've been together 26 years

40:19

so i met my wife who it'll be 39 years

40:25

on a blind date at a party that i hosted

40:29

at the frat house

40:30

and had no date so she became my date

40:32

and now we're married 39 years

40:39

[Music]

40:42

the selection criteria to earn our next

40:44

award is rigorous only by meeting the

40:47

university of maine's land grant

40:48

tradition of teaching

40:50

research and public service might one

40:52

earn the distinguished maine professor

40:54

award

40:55

before we meet this year's recipient

40:57

let's learn more about the award

40:59

hello everyone i'm samantha lotthale in

41:03

the early 1960s the late mike roy and

41:06

other members of the class of 1942

41:08

established an endowment fund to

41:10

annually honor

41:11

a member of the umaine faculty mike and

41:14

his classmates did not want this to be

41:16

just

41:16

any award they wanted it to be the most

41:19

prestigious award
41:20
a maine faculty member could receive so
41:23
they created an endowment fund
41:25
and built it up to the point where each
41:27
year
41:28
the distinguished maine professor
41:29
honoree receives a check
41:31
for forty two hundred a nod to the class
41:35
of 42. nine years ago
41:38
mike roy and his remaining classmates
41:41
passed the torch to my class
41:42
the class of 2002 and asked us to take
41:45
responsibility
41:47
for keeping the endowment fund well
41:48
fueled the alumni association has also
41:52
taken a financial interest
41:53
in making sure that the distinguished
41:55
maine professor honorees
41:57
past and present are celebrated for the
42:00
roles they have played in
42:02
elevating the university of maine's
42:04
quality
42:05

value and reputation on behalf
42:08
of the class of 2002 and in honor of the
42:11
class of 1942
42:13
it's my pleasure to congratulate the
42:16
2021
42:17
distinguished maine professor
42:24
[Music]
42:26
i'm senator susan collins students
42:30
colleagues friends and even families say
42:33
that you might not see
42:35
hemet pense's passion when simply
42:38
talking with him
42:40
but it's really strong like there's a
42:42
deep abiding
42:45
care there for the students for the
42:48
university
42:49
and for the larger community as well
42:53
barbara hamilton recalls professor
42:56
pensay as an engaging enlightening
43:00
instructor
43:01
very organized very clear very able to
43:04
communicate these difficult concepts to
43:07

young students i also remember that dr
43:10
penzi is
43:11
has the distinction of giving me my
43:13
first
43:14
b in a college class he is very
43:17
convincing
43:19
as a as a teacher
43:22
he emphasizes the right
43:25
advantages and
43:28
gets the enough excitement
43:31
he has a vision he knows
43:35
what's needed is a great teacher and
43:38
instructor but he's so much more than
43:40
that
43:41
james beaupre admits as many do
43:45
to being at first intimidated by hemet
43:49
he's a mentor he's a guy he's gonna
43:52
challenge students and help them grow
43:53
and form to be things that are greater
43:55
than they could ever even imagine
43:57
to make massive impacts just like he
43:59
does i found out if you get five minutes
44:02

he's a helpful guy
44:03
really friendly really by getting that
44:05
five minutes of stuff to come by
44:07
he's a busy guy but the key is
44:10
if you need him he will make time for
44:12
you he is
44:14
chair of an important department he has
44:16
taken and transformed what was
44:18
really agricultural engineering through
44:21
a complete
44:22
transformation to biomedical engineering
44:24
and he
44:25
runs the forest bioproducts research
44:29
institute
44:30
when hemet is at the forest bioproducts
44:33
research institute
44:34
he is half mad scientist if you will
44:39
and half sales person fbri
44:42
recognizes that oil comes from decayed
44:45
organic material
44:47
buried in the ground for hundreds of
44:49
millions of years
44:51

what hemet has been able to do is to
44:53
take
44:54
out the hundreds of millions of years
44:57
basically
44:57
take that natural organic material and
45:00
turn it
45:01
into things that we as a society
45:03
desperately need
45:04
today hemet and his teams are turning
45:08
wood into
45:09
jet fuel literally shifting paradigms
45:13
and how we power our world it took us
45:17
hundreds of years to get where we are
45:18
now it's going to take
45:20
an extended period of time to get where
45:22
we need to be but dr pence's work
45:24
is key to taking and moving us all in
45:27
this direction
45:28
hemet also moves at the speed of
45:32
business
45:33
businesses often move at a much quicker
45:36
pace than academia that's just a fact
45:39

but hemet knows that in order to talk to

45:41

businesses

45:42

and to work with them and collaborate

45:44

with them he has to move at that speed

45:46

as well and he's

45:47

excellent at that i know that not every

45:50

dad can balance

45:51

work and family but my dad he can

45:54

hemet's daughter

45:55

says his heart is on his family even as

45:58

his mind

45:59

is on his work he always has his work

46:01

iphone he's always

46:03

you know reachable he's always thinking

46:05

about

46:06

work even when we're on vacation or on

46:09

the weekends or at the camp

46:11

i actually have fond memories of going

46:14

to the jeunesse hall barbecues that they

46:16

had

46:17

he's really melded our family with the

46:20

jeunesse hall family and

46:21

it's just something that he's really
46:23
made a priority
46:25
when i think of all the engineers that
46:27
have come from this university
46:29
and all that they've accomplished for
46:31
the community the state
46:33
and this country it's impressive wbrc
46:37
is privileged to sponsor this award for
46:39
hema pence
46:40
let me tell you why many of our
46:42
engineers
46:43
working with hemet on the design of the
46:45
new engineering design center
46:47
were his students hemet doesn't want to
46:51
just make things happen he wants to make
46:53
big things happen
46:54
he's really good at selling the state of
46:56
maine what the university can do
46:58
what our forest economy what our forest
47:01
industry
47:02
in the state can become he
47:05
really wants the world to be a better
47:09

place

47:11

congrats dad on being named the

47:13

distinguished maine professor we're all

47:15

so proud of you

47:16

you have been a great colleague for more

47:18

than three decades

47:19

it has been an honor to work with you

47:22

you're probably

47:23

the best guide and like that we've had

47:26

in a long time in this institution to be

47:28

a leader to be a difference maker to see

47:31

that your efforts and your

47:35

passion has culminated in this award

47:38

um i think is is really awesome it's a

47:41

crowning achievement i'm so happy you

47:43

got it

47:44

and it's so well deserved and i don't

47:48

think distinguished

47:49

even begins to get at what you have

47:52

contributed to

47:53

the university and to the state of maine

47:56

and

47:56

and i forgive you for for giving me a b
47:59
in my first college class
48:06
an inspiring visionary entrepreneur
48:10
and educator and our 2021
48:15
distinguished maine professor
48:19
see dana humphrey and habib dodger it
48:21
was
48:22
dr mcclure for sure dr nicholas earhart
48:24
he was my honors thesis advisor
48:26
dr bill small who was a professor of
48:29
german coach cosgrove was definitely
48:31
instrumental for me in my development i
48:34
was really impressed with the political
48:36
science faculty
48:37
specifically um professor madigan and
48:39
professor of la rochelle
48:41
and how and how they kind of like
48:43
discuss american politics and the blunt
48:45
reality of how they work
48:47
uh professor steele was um he was in
48:50
journalism
48:50
and he tied journalism law and ethics he
48:52

taught senior seminar
48:54
he had practical experience but he also
48:56
was a really thoughtful guy
48:58
and somebody i've been in touch with
49:00
since
49:01
since being at umaine i was a political
49:03
science major
49:05
i would say that ken hayes
49:08
who was one of the fellows who
49:14
who taught state and local government at
49:15
the time made a tremendous difference in
49:18
my life and my career choices
49:20
dr pinto i liked it because he uh
49:23
challenged me
49:24
um i failed one of his first tests that
49:27
i took with him and um
49:29
he uh he really held me accountable for
49:34
um you know to be well respected in his
49:38
[Music]
49:42
classroom
49:47
the alumni career award is the
49:48
association's highest honor it
49:50

acknowledges the life's work of
49:51
graduates who have proven themselves to
49:53
be outstanding
49:54
in areas of professional business civic
49:56
and or public service
49:58
judge george single proves to us that
50:00
with education and dedication
50:02
anyone can achieve most anything in
50:04
america
50:06
i'm npr washington correspondent brian
50:10
naylor
50:13
george singles story begins in lublin
50:15
poland
50:17
his father and mother when the nazis
50:20
invaded poland
50:22
fought in the resistance his father did
50:25
not survive the war
50:27
his mother was pregnant with george
50:30
and after the war she
50:34
took her little daughter by her hand and
50:36
somehow
50:37
through courage and perseverance found
50:40

her way
50:41
a thousand miles through central europe
50:45
over the italian elves into a refugee
50:48
camp
50:48
where she gave birth to george george's
50:51
mother
50:52
his sister and he as a baby
50:56
emigrated the united states they had
50:59
nothing
51:00
spoke little or no english came to
51:03
bangor maine
51:05
george learned early on the value of
51:09
education
51:10
the value of community
51:13
and the value of hard work
51:15
[Music]
51:17
he might have learned the value of luck
51:19
when meeting the love of his life
51:21
i met george at camp lounge in oakland
51:24
maine
51:25
i was in my cabin and i was attacked by
51:28
a bat
51:29

this huge huge thing came flying at me i
51:33
ran
51:33
running out and he said i'll get
51:36
whatever it
51:37
is he comes in he finds a broom he goes
51:40
bang bang bang bang he comes out holding
51:42
this little thing
51:43
and i say that's not what i saw
51:47
single earned his bachelor of arts
51:49
degree from the university of maine in
51:51
1967
51:52
his juris doctor from harvard in 1970
51:56
and then began private practice in
51:58
bangor every case that george took on
52:01
no matter what it involved was
52:04
became a passion of george's not just
52:07
represent
52:08
the client but the knowledge base itself
52:13
single soon became a lawyer's lawyer and
52:16
the proof of that
52:17
is that when lawyers got into legal
52:20
trouble
52:21

when they were sued for malpractice who

52:23

did they go to

52:25

they went to george singleton in 2000

52:27

president clinton nominated single to

52:30

fill the post left by the passing of u.s

52:32

district judge morton brody he was a

52:35

favorite selection

52:36

for the court supported by me and many

52:39

of his colleagues our calling

52:42

i think he had a quiet ambition to be

52:46

a judge and he didn't go out and seek it

52:49

actively

52:50

but he was delighted to have the

52:53

appointment

52:54

and it's certainly true that he has

52:57

served

52:57

the court very well when he goes on the

53:00

bench

53:01

to consider a case he's known among his

53:04

colleagues

53:05

to be thoroughly prepared to know the

53:07

ins and outs of the case

53:09

to know the facts that gave rise to the
53:11
case
53:12
and to understand fully what the policy
53:16
ramifications are of his decisions
53:19
chief justice john roberts appointed
53:21
single to the united states foreign
53:23
intelligence surveillance court in
53:25
2019 for many of us concepts
53:29
of due process separation of powers
53:34
freedom of speech are theoretical
53:37
concepts
53:39
for george they are secular
53:43
commandments they
53:46
are concrete
53:49
single would often share his
53:51
inspirational story when naturalizing
53:54
citizens
53:55
i wish everybody could observe
53:58
judge single preside over a
54:01
naturalization ceremony
54:03
he shares with them in part some of his
54:06
personal history
54:07

and he inspires each and every one of
54:10
those new citizens
54:12
to achieve whatever they want he does
54:15
not tire
54:17
of telling his story to new citizens to
54:20
prove
54:21
to them that in this country anybody
54:24
can be anything that they would hope
54:29
george is a talented cook who can tell a
54:32
perfect
54:33
joke he can recite episodes of seinfeld
54:37
and the godfather perfectly
54:40
and he always gets to the airport at
54:43
least
54:44
an hour ahead of when he needs to be
54:47
punctual in getting to an appointment
54:50
and
54:50
sitting for a portrait one day i walked
54:53
into
54:54
judge singles chambers and he looked at
54:57
me
54:58
and he said what are you going to do
55:00

about your portrait

55:02

and i said i don't know i'm not quite

55:05

ready for it he said

55:06

you've got to do it now do it before

55:09

your face

55:09

sags

55:13

i called the artist that afternoon

55:18

george is more than george george is a

55:21

patriot

55:22

and he's somebody that it's a delight to

55:25

know

55:25

george you're not a person who seeks

55:28

recognition

55:30

who seeks publicity

55:34

by nature you are a quiet reserved man

55:38

i am so happy for you and your family

55:41

george

55:42

on behalf of me and patty and our family

55:46

we want to congratulate you and tell you

55:49

how

55:49

very very proud we are of you my friend

55:53

my colleague my mentor

55:56

the university of maine has recognized
56:00
your sustained excellence as a lawyer
56:04
as a judge and as a human being on
56:07
behalf of
56:07
all of the law clerks who've been lucky
56:09
enough to work with you during your more
56:11
than 20 years on the bench
56:13
we just want to thank you for your
56:15
example we've learned how to be students
56:17
of the law
56:18
while teaching others to appreciate the
56:20
rule of law
56:21
congratulations grandpa jake olivia zach
56:23
and i are so proud of you
56:25
we're always here cheering you on and we
56:27
can't wait to see what you accomplish
56:29
next we love you
56:30
i've grown up with you i've raised our
56:33
family together with you
56:34
and now i'm growing older with you
56:38
i am so proud of you today and always
56:41
our entire
56:42

family congratulates you on having
56:45
received the 2021 university
56:48
alumni career award it's so well
56:50
deserved and especially so
56:52
since i know how much the university has
56:54
meant to you
56:58
judge george single the 2021
57:01
alumni career award honoree
57:05
so ends our umaine alumni association
57:07
achievement awards to this year's
57:08
winners
57:10
our rising stars our dedicated
57:13
storyteller
57:14
our champion of the arts and humanities
57:18
a saver of lives a faithful fan and
57:21
friend
57:23
a family chosen by maine
57:27
a visionary educator
57:29
[Music]
57:31
and judge george single congratulations
57:34
i'm jc monahan from the college of our
57:36
hearts always thank you for watching and
57:38

for supporting you may good night till

57:45

the rafters

57:54

[Music]

58:06

the college

58:09

[Music]

58:20

please

58:25

[Music]

58:34

once again

58:38

[Music]

58:46

dream to make

58:52

[Music]

59:02

always

59:07

you

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