College and Community Welcome President Galligan and His Family

The Colby-Sawyer College community welcomed Thomas C. Galligan Jr. this summer as the college’s eighth president. President Galligan took office on Aug. 1, following the departure of President Anne Ponder, who became chancellor of the University of North Carolina at Asheville after a decade of extraordinary leadership here. Former Trustee Philip H. Jordan Jr. served with distinction as interim president during the 2005-2006 academic year.

President Galligan, a nationally recognized legal scholar, professor, and author, was formerly the dean of the University of Tennessee’s College of Law. He has written or co-written 12 books on a variety of legal issues and has received numerous awards for his scholarship and excellence in teaching.

President Galligan has a new four-year-old daughter, Patrick, Sarah, Aisling and Jennifer, arrived in New London in late July. They will reside in the President’s House across from the college on Main Street.

Since his arrival, President Galligan has been getting to know the college and local communities. He has begun the process of meeting with every department and office on campus, has dined with several alumni and friends in the area and looks forward to greeting the incoming class of 2010 when they arrive on Friday, Sept. 8. He will also preside over Convocation that day, which marks the ceremonial opening of the 2006-2007 academic year.

President Galligan has also addressed New London’s Rotary Club and the Adventures in Learning program members, and he and Susan were invited by the New London Historical Society to ride in a horse-drawn wagon in the Hospital Days Parade. In coming weeks, he will meet with local community groups such as the Lake Sunapee Protective Association, the Barn Playhouse staff and players, and the League of Women Voters and the Country Squares.

“I feel welcomed and am eager to meet more people in the community,” he says. “I’m enthusiastic about continuing the college’s strong collaborative relationship with the community and am very willing to speak to other clubs, groups and organizations in the area.”

In keeping with a decade-long tradition established by President Ponder, President Galligan will lead a college-community participatory event this fall. In place of the Tour de Countryside biking event, he will launch a new noncompetitive fun run/walk for people of all ages. He will lead the Colby-Sawyer College/Community 5K Dash and Stroll on Saturday, Sept. 16. The route for both runners and walkers begins at the Lethbridge Lodge on the college’s New London campus and winds through downtown and residential areas. All members of the college and surrounding communities are invited to participate. An avid runner, President Galligan’s goal is to establish a new tradition that celebrates the close collaboration between the college and its neighbors.

Participants are encouraged to register for the event by contacting the College Communications Office at (603) 526-3728; by e-mailing Edward Germar at egermar@colby-sawyer.edu; or by registering online at colby-sawyer.edu/stroll.html through Wednesday, Sept. 13. Registration continues through Oct. 7.

New President Invites Community To Participate in 5K Fun Run/Walk

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Mugar Art Gallery Hosts Renowned Studio Potter Collection

Works by some of America’s most important ceramic artists will be on display in the upcoming exhibition of “The Studio Potter Collection.” The show opens Thursday, Sept. 7, at the Marianne Graves Mugar Art Gallery.

Presented by the Department of Fine and Performing Arts, The Studio Potter Collection will be the public’s first opportunity since 1992 to see selections from the exceptional New Hampshire-based ceramics collection.

The opening reception will take place a week later, on Thursday, Sept. 14, from 7 to 9 p.m. in the gallery. Master Potter Gerry Williams will give a gallery talk at 7:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served, and admission is free.

Among the artists represented are Beatrice Wood (1893-1998), a “California Treasure” and world-renowned potter of Ojai California; prominent African-American ceramic artist Sana Musasama, and Don Reitz, leading member of the Abstract Expressionist clay movement.

The exhibition is co-organized by Professor of Fine and Performing Arts Jon Keenan and Gerry Williams, New Hampshire’s first Artist Laureate and the founding editor emeritus and executive director of The Studio Potter. Starting with teapots, platters and other useful pieces and ranging to expressionistic vessels and monumental wall plaques, the selection of some 30 works will display the full variety of the styles, ceramic techniques and expressions explored by contemporaneous artists in clay. The exhibition continues through October 7.

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Calendar of Events

Thursday, Sept. 7
“The Studio Potter Collection” Marianne Graves Mugar Art Gallery

Works by some of America’s leading ceramic artists are on view in this exhibition, drawn from the legendary Studio Potter Collection. Organized by Gerry Williams, Studio Potter founder and first New Hampshire Artist Laureate, and Jon Keenan, professor of Fine and Performing Arts. Exhibition continues through Oct. 7.

Friday, Sept. 8
Convocation

2 p.m. - The College’s Front Lawn

In the ceremonial opening of the 2006-2007 academic year, the college community welcomes and witnesses the matriculation of the class of 2010.

Thursday, Sept. 14
Opening Reception - 7 to 9 p.m. “The Studio Potter Collection” Marianne Graves Mugar Art Gallery

The college hosts an opening reception for this major exhibition of American ceramic artists. Co-curator and master potter Gerry Williams will give a gallery talk at 7:30 p.m. Exhibition continues through Oct. 7. Admission is free.

Saturday, Sept. 16
The Colby-Sawyer College Community 5K Dash & Stroll

A noncompetitive run/walk event. Participants can register by contacting (603) 526-3728 or egermar@colby-sawyer.edu until Sept. 13. Registration on the event day begins at 9 a.m. at Lethbridge Lodge, with a start time for walkers at 9:45 a.m. and for runners at 10 a.m.

The first 100 registered participants will receive a complimentary event T-shirt. No registration fee is required to participate. Light refreshments will be available at the Lethbridge Lodge for event participants.

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