



**On Belay! News from the HLD Alumni Association
To connect, serve, learn, and advise**

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2012 - 2013**

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- David Robie
- Anita Ruff
- Peter Sirois

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- Kolawole Bankole
- Steve Keegan
- Evelyn Kieltyka
- Julie Osgood
- Kate Perkins

HLD III

- Valli Geiger
- Judiann Smith
- Angela Westhoff
- Bob Williams

**Call for HLD Alumni Association
Board of Directors Nominations**

Enrich and expand your Hanley experience by becoming a part of the HLD Alumni Association Board of Directors! You can reconnect with classmates and meet colleagues that have shared all that is HLD, while shaping the events and activities to continue improving the health and health care of Maine through leadership.

With the program nearing 200 participants, the HLD Alumni Association Board provides you with an opportunity to be intimately involved with our growing network of nearly 200 talented, driven and dedicated peers from across the State.

The Board meets once a month via teleconference for an hour. We also have a half day annual retreat in the Augusta area.

If you are interested in continuing to remain engaged - and would like to represent your class - then this is an opportunity you do not want to miss out on!

For more information, or to send your completed application, contact [Chris Muffett](#). You can download the application by [clicking here](#).

All applications must be in by **May 1st** to allow for elections in June.

HLD IV

Mary Ann Amrich
Arabella Perez
Dennis Roy
Suzanne Spruce

HLD V

Catherine Chicester
Brenda Czado
Chris Muffett
Lorrie Potvin
Jana Purrell

Annual Alumni Dinner and On Belay! Policy Day a Success!

On March 14, HLD II hosted the annual alumni dinner as a part of their scholarship fundraising efforts. It was a great time with plenty of chances to meet new people and get updated with classmates. We even enjoyed an unexpected fireworks display over the Kennebec River!

On March 15th, alumni from all classes gathered together to re-connect with each other and to learn about and discuss how the partisan divide is impacting health care policy in Maine. The keynote speaker was Clarine Riddle from [No Labels](#), a growing citizens' movement of Democrats, Republicans, and independents dedicated to promoting a new politics of problem solving.

U.S. Senator Angus King, while unable to attend in person, shared his thoughts on the challenges and opportunities for legislators to work across the aisle.



Senator King Speaks to the Daniel Hanley
Center for Health Leadership

We had an engaging panel discussion on the current level of partisanship with current and former legislators. An afternoon panel of legislators who work in health care, including our own, **Linda Sanborn** (HLD V), was informative. We concluded the day with a point/counter-point on Maine politics with Phil Harriman and Ethan Strimling, both former legislators. We also had a remembrance of **Dave Robie** (HLD I). To see highlights of the day, watch the video below.



Hanley Policy Day 2013

All in all, it was another fantastic alumni event! Thank you to everyone who is involved in planning, and we look forward to our fall alumni gathering.

Upcoming Regional Alumni Meetings

Bangor Regional Meeting -- Hooray!

Thursday, May 2nd at 5:00pm

The Reverend Noble Pub

10 Broad Street, Bangor

No RSVP needed -- just show up!

Central Maine Regional Meeting

Thursday, May 16th at 8:00am

Fran's Place

1485 Lisbon St., Lewiston

RSVP to [Lorrie Potvin](#)

Greater Portland Regional Meeting

Wednesday, June 5th at 12:00 - 1:00pm

Location TBD

RSVP to [Anita Ruff](#)

This group meets quarterly on the first Wednesday in March, June, September, and December, alternating between breakfast and lunch.

Save the 2013 dates: June 5th, September 4th, and December 4th.

Alumni News

HLD I

We mourn the passing of **David Robie** on February 8th. Dave was a founding member of the HLD Alumni Association and was active in the Board of Directors. He was smart, funny, kind, and exactly the kind of person you would want to be on belay with you. A celebration of Dave's life will be held on July 20th in Madrid. To learn more about Dave, [click here](#).



Anita Ruff's article, [A Community Outreach and Education Model for Early Identification of Mental Illness in Young People](#),

was nominated by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation as one of the most influential research articles on [rwjf.org](#) and was among the top 20 articles published in 2012 that comprise the RWJF Year in Research poll.



HLD II

Terri Bellmore has just accepted a new job as the Director of Accountable Care Consulting Services with Lumeris, an organization specializing in enabling technology & services for accountable care transformation.



Tom Dahlborg has had a job promotion. He's now Chief Financial Officer & Vice President of Strategy, still at NICHQ.

HLD III

Deqa Dhalac recently joined the Board of Directors for Avesta Housing. Avesta's mission is to promote and provide housing opportunities primarily for Southern Maine people in need.



HLD IV

Congratulations to **Holly Gartmayer-DeYoung**, who received the Individual



Quality Improvement Leader Award from Maine Quality Counts!

Larry Henry was promoted to the Chief Operating Officer for Martin's Point Health Care. Previously, Larry served as the Vice President for Medicare at Martin's Point.



Way to go, **Craig Piper!** Craig is the lead architect for designing the new MaineGeneral Hospital. A hearty thank you, for taking HLD VI and alumni on a tour of the new facility.

Congratulations to **Suzanne Spruce!** Suzanne was recently promoted to Chief



Communications Officer at Eastern Maine Health System. In her new role, Suzanne will lead the strategic communications and public relations efforts for Maine's 2nd largest healthcare system as it expands its presence across the state.



HLD V

Barbara Blackstone is now president of the Maine Athletic Trainers Association.

HLD VI



Poppy Alford was recognized for her work in patient advocacy, having received the Patient Partnership Award from Maine Quality Counts.



Congratulations to **Cory LaPlante!** Cory recently received the University of Maine Presque Isle's 2013 Distinguished Recent Alumni Award. Cory has also been awarded the winner of the U.S. Small

Business Administration's Young Entrepreneur Award. To learn more about Cory's work, [click here](#).



Congratulations to **Michelle Probert** on the arrival of her second child, Finnegan!

HLD Alumni Lead Town Hall Meetings on *Escape Fire*

On March 4th, the Hanley Center, in collaboration with Maine Quality Counts and the Maine Association of Area Agencies on Aging sponsored town hall meetings and a showing at six locations around the state of the new documentary, *Escape Fire: The Fight to Rescue American Healthcare*. Four HLD alumni co-facilitated the town hall meeting discussion: **Kathy Vezina (I)**, **Valli Geiger (III)**, **Holly Gartmayer DeYoung (IV)** and **Sarah Dubay (IV)**.

HLD Alumni Prominent at the Maine Quality Counts Meeting!

With 800 people in attendance this year, the QC 2013 Conference at the Augusta Civic Center on April 3, 2013 was a great success, and HLD alumni featured strongly in multiple parts of the day.

A highlight of the day was the Recognition Awards Ceremony where **Holly Gartmeyer-DeYoung (IV)**, CEO of Eastport Health Center was awarded the Maine Quality Counts Individual Quality Improvement Leader Award. **Poppy Arford (VI)**, Consumer Advocate Extraordinaire, was recognized with the Maine Quality Counts Patient Partnership Award. Congratulations to BOTH of our most distinguished members of the HLD Community!

HLD alumni were interspersed throughout the morning

and afternoon Breakout Sessions at QC 2013.

Elizabeth Fowlie Mock, MD, MPH (III), Academic Detailer for the Maine Independent Clinical Information Service and evening hospitalist at EMMC and **Erika Pierce, PA-C (VI)**, Academic Detailer for MICIS and President of the Downeast Association of Physician Assistants led small group discussions on the *Maine Independent Clinical Information Service* at all three Breakout Session times.

Bethany Picker, MD (IV), Medical Director at the Central Maine Medical Center Family Practice Residency Program presented on '*Choosing Wisely: Improving Care and Controlling Costs through Better Patient-Provider Conversations.*'

Poppy Arford (VI) of the QC Consumer Advisory Council was a lead speaker in the '*Consumer Engagement Solutions: Stories of Authentic Engagement to Accelerate Attainment of the Triple Aim Goals*' session.

Anita Ruff (I), Director of the Community Education Program at MaineHealth spoke in the break out session - '*Strategies to Achieve the Triple Aim Goals: Addressing Health Literacy Challenges and Employing Effective Communication Techniques.*'

Finally, several **HLD Health Disparities Ambassadors** presented on their Ambassador projects as a part of the breakout session: *Hidden Disparities: The Identification and Management of Systemic and Individual Implicit Bias*. Presenting Ambassadors included **Mike Lambke, MD (III)**, Skowhegan Family Medicine and Medical Director for Reddington-Fairview General Hospital, **Jessica Loney (III)**, Community Health Improvement RN Coordinator at MidCoast Hospital, **MaryAnn Amrich (IV)**, **Kolawole Bankole, MD, MS (II)**, Manager Minority Health Program & Access Project Director for the Public Health Division, City of Portland, **Ralph Johnson (II)**, CHCIO, Chief Information Officer at Franklin Community Health Network, and **Becca Matusovich (II)**, Cumberland District Public Health Liaison.

Key support for the HLD Ambassadors project has come from the Harvard Pilgrim Health Care Foundation's Culture InSight program, the Maine Department of Health & Human Services, CDC's Office of Health Equity, and the Maine Community Foundation's People of Color Fund. Also presenting as a part of this breakout were **Fela Alvarado (III)**, Senior Program Manager, Harvard Pilgrim Health Care Foundation's Culture InSight and **Kathy Vezina, MSN, RN, JD, Esq, CPHQ, (I)**, Associate Executive Director at the Hanley Center.

The QC 2013 Conference was replete with members of every class from the HLD Community. Blue dots on HLD nametags made for a great opportunity for people to connect, re-connect, and network with HLD classmates and other HLD Alumni!

HLD Alumni Needed to Host Summer Interns

The Hanley Center has been working with a dozen Maine colleges and universities to organize a statewide Undergraduate Health Leadership Initiative, an internship program designed to match impressive undergraduates heading toward careers in health and healthcare with summer employment in agencies and organizations throughout our HLD Alumni network.



We had great success in a pilot program we did last summer at InterMed, Maine Medical Center, and Sweetser. Clinicians and administrators at those sites were very impressed with the caliber of these young people and the work that they produced.

This year, we will have two rounds of the job posting/application process. In the first round, under review at this writing, we have seven paid internships, with 23 student applications. Click [here](#) to review current and future offerings and [here](#) for a program fact sheet.

Led by a Hanley Center volunteer, Jim Parmentier, Associate Professor, University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (retired), representatives from a dozen colleges and universities are currently reviewing student applications and matching each internship position with at least two candidates who will be forwarded for interviews and consideration by the host organization.

We are very thankful for the work of this group, as well as to our first group of 2013 host sites: InterMed, Maine Center for Disease Control/Medical Care Development, Maine Orthopaedics, Maine Veterans' Home, and Sweetser.

Round two is shaping up nicely with confirmed internship opportunities at Maine Medical Center/Maine Medical Partners, the MMC Neuroscience Institute, and Mingle Analytics. **It is not too late for you to participate!** Let us know ASAP if you are interested.

None of this works without YOU!

For more information, please contact [Kara Ohlund](#) or call (207) 491-4525.



The Hanley Center Has Moved!

The Hanley Center office has recently moved to [217 Commercial Street, Suite 201](#). If you find yourself in the Old Port, stop by and say hello! You can also reach them at their new number 207-553-9851.