

This relationship inspired the students to write a play about Sendler's life and work. "Life in a Jar: The Irena Sendler Project" continues to be performed in Uniontown, KS, and has been preformed across the U.S. and in Europe. Fortunately, this project brought Sendler much overdue national attention in Poland, and in 2007 Sendler was nominated for a Nobel Peace Prize. In 2008, Irena Sendler passed away at age 98.

The Lowell Milken Center continues to pursue those often missed in history books and to promote cross-cultural understanding in the world. It is an honor to represent the Lowell Milken Center in the United States Senate, and I commend their efforts to promote the unsung heroes who changed the world through the 2012 National Projects Kick-off.●

TRIBUTE TO KRISTEN MCGONIGLE

● Mrs. SHAHEEN. Mr. President, today I wish to honor a remarkable citizen, Kristen McGonigle of Concord, NH. On June 9, 2012, Kristen saved the life of a fellow runner during a local road race.

Every June, Portsmouth, NH hosts a 10K road race in conjunction with Market Square Day, an annual celebration honoring the renovation of one of the historic city's vibrant downtown areas. Kristen was participating in the race when she noticed another runner, Steve Whitney, showing signs of a significant heart attack.

As a cardiac care nurse at Concord Hospital with more than 16 years of experience, Kristen immediately recognized Steve's symptoms and took swift action to save his life. Kristen possessed the skills necessary to keep Steve alive until paramedics arrived. In fact, Kristen continued to perform chest compressions even after the arrival of emergency medical technicians. Her quick action ensured that Steve safely reached the qualified health care providers at Portsmouth Regional Hospital.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, heart disease is the leading cause of death in the United States. Sadly, nearly every American knows an individual impacted by heart disease, and all too many people suffer a catastrophic cardiac event similar to the one Steve Whitney experienced.

Nursing professionals dedicate their working lives to caring for those in need, providing the comforts and necessities required for their patients to regain strength and recover good health. The frequent acts of heroism performed by these men and women often go unnoticed, but it is impossible to overvalue the work they perform. The daily efforts of nurses for the betterment of others serve as an invaluable bridge to care between doctor and patient.

I applaud and thank Kristen for her devotion to those in need. She has spent her career helping others while also caring for her family, including

her husband Kirk and her two children, Camden and Ally. Her exemplary behavior gives her family, her workplace, her community, and the State of New Hampshire great pride.

I wish to thank Kristen McGonigle for her service and her actions on June 9, 2012, and commend her kindness, compassion, and dedication to her field and her fellow citizens.●

RECOGNIZING YALE CORDAGE

● Ms. SNOWE. Mr. President, it is no secret that my home State of Maine boasts an expansive coastline, unmatched in beauty. With its numerous bays and inlets, this coastline provides endless opportunities for the many industries that have come to be known as quintessentially Maine, including commercial fishing, shipbuilding, and pleasure boating. One excellent example is Yale Cordage of Saco, ME, a small business dedicated to manufacturing quality products used by industries throughout Maine and the world.

Founded in 1950 by O. Sherman Yale, Yale Cordage introduced synthetic fiber to the commercial fishing industry when it began manufacturing ropes. For 20 years its focus remained on commercial fishing; however, it expanded its product line to provide ropes for the pleasure marine marketplace when Yale's son Tom, an avid sailor, joined the company. From there, Yale Cordage began building its reputation as a leader in the pleasure marine industry by introducing technologically innovative products and, through Tom's leadership as President of the Cordage Institute, influencing industry standards. Moreover, in 1983 *Australia II* won the America's Cup for yacht sailing using all Yale Cordage rigging. But Yale Cordage's desire to seek new markets did not stop there.

Recognizing certain limitations of the pleasure marine market, Yale Cordage sought new ways to use its products in different industries. Now, Yale Cordage's products are not only found on boats but throughout the world and in a variety of capacities. For example, Central Maine Power uses Yale Cordage's products to string new power lines while Bath Iron Works uses them in the destroyer class of naval warships. You can find Yale Cordage products in the ocean for use with offshore oil rigs, beneath the Earth's surface in the Sudbury Neutrino Observatory, in the sky on the Hood Blimp, at the tops of trees with arborist climbers, and recently at Niagara Falls when Yale Cordage rope was used in the hoisting and securing process for the world's first tightrope walk directly over the falls. The National Data Buoy Center trusts Yale Cordage products to moor weather buoys critical in the tracking of storms, including the recent hurricanes in the Gulf of Mexico. Even our armed services have taken advantage of Yale Cordage's quality products: the U.S. Army uses Yale Cordage ropes to remove tanks from

ditches in Afghanistan, and the Navy SEALs use it when rappelling from helicopters.

Through hard work, ingenuity, and determination, Yale Cordage has evolved from a commercial fishing rope supplier to a \$20 million company that manufactures rope for a wide range of industries. It now operates a state-of-the-art facility, and provides jobs for 75 people in my home State. Yale Cordage is a shining example of the entrepreneurial spirit of Maine. I am proud to commend everyone at Yale Cordage on their success and offer my best wishes for the future.●

TRIBUTE TO PETER J. FOS

● Mr. VITTER. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize Dr. Peter J. Fos. In January, Dr. Fos was named the sixth leader and first president of the University of New Orleans. A New Orleans native and graduate of UNO, Dr. Fos received his degree in biological sciences and a doctor of dental surgery from LSU Health Sciences Center. He also earned his masters of public health and doctor of philosophy in health care decision analysis from Tulane University.

Prior to being selected as president, Dr. Fos served as a professor and program director of health policy and systems management at LSU Health Sciences Center where he oversaw curriculum development and assessment and student and faculty professional development.

He also served as provost and executive vice president for 3 years at the University of Texas at Tyler and spent 4 years as dean of the College of Health at the University of Southern Mississippi. Dr. Fos has also held positions at the Mississippi State Department of Health, the University of Nevada, Las Vegas School of Dental Medicine, Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine, and Tulane University Department of Health Systems Management.

In addition to increasing enrollment under new admissions standards, Dr. Fos also has both short and long-term goals which include improving communication both on and off campus and reconnecting UNO to the local business community.

At a time when Louisiana's higher education system is being asked to do more with less, it is important that those tasked with guiding our universities into the future do so in ways that will not compromise the educational value provided to Louisiana's students. With his long career educating our youth, I am pleased for Dr. Fos that he has been selected to lead UNO, and I congratulate him on this great honor.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Pate, one of his secretaries.