alumni gatherings

Pancake Breakfast and Sugar Shack Tour


NEPA Happy Hour at the Hilton Scranton

Alumni recently enjoyed a happy hour and the chance to catch up at the Hilton Scranton. From left: Stacey Donahue ’91, Kevin DeChamplain, Jamie Constantine ’03/’06, Laura Hughes ’09, Mary Smirne ’72, Michael Smirne ’72, Glae Cutt ’11, Wendy Kramer ’06, Bre Reynolds ’02/’04, and Lisa Hall ’96/’02.

From left: William Abda ’69, Gregory Farbanish, Trudi Black ’72, Janet Romaine, and Brad Foley ’75.

Hershey Gardens

A group of Keystoneans recently enjoyed a luncheon at Hershey Gardens. Front row from left: Marilyn Griffin; Charlie Griffin ’62; Al Wolfe ’61; Julie Wolfe; Marilyn Gillern; Gretchen Zeihler Miller ’51; Amanda Chesar ’10; Dr. Edward G. Boehm, Jr., Keystone College president; Regina Boehm, Keystone College first lady; Sue Chisholm Peck ’58; and Willie Miller ’57. Back row, from left: Carol Haggerty Barstow ’63, Jim Gillern ’70, Jack Peck ’57, Zach Morahan ’10, Dick Miller, Brooks Mountcastle ’87, and Becky Thoroughgood.

Soccer Reunion

Keystone College soccer alumni returned to campus for a game against the current squad and a gathering with former teammates. Front row, from left: Keystone soccer players Justin Turano, Bowan Bushnell, Adam Werkheiser, Jonathan Pineda, Tyler Michlik, Anthony Michlik, Chris Hughes, Ryan Erhardt, and Dennis Owusu ’09. Second row, from left: Keystone soccer players Mateus DeFaria, Julio Pertuz, Carlos Forero, Bruce Young, Zach Bell, and Scott Bensinger ’11. Back row, from left: Keith Moore, head soccer coach; Jose Jordan ’77; Steve Gettle ’87; Dary O’Rourke; Michael Wells; Jared Root ’08; James Sekela ’86; Sunday Nah ’07; Brandon Shadle ’07; Matt Franklin ’09; Josh Hummel ’09; Alex Boirand ’11; Ryan Gilloy ’10; James Bell ’12; and Shawn Jones ’11.

To see more alumni events, visit www.keystone.edu/alumnievents
Vanessa Race '00 with students in Thailand.
Dear Friends of Keystone College:

We take great pride in the fact that Keystone College continues to make a profound impact on the lives of others.

This past year, our students performed over 17,000 hours of community service, lending their time and talents to offer assistance at senior centers, animal shelters, food pantries, neighborhood centers, schools, parks, and many other venues. Those good works were recognized nationally as Keystone was again included in the prestigious President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll.

Keystone’s impact goes beyond the friendly confines of our beautiful campus, taking on a national and even international scope.

As you will read in this issue of The Keystonian, our alumni continue to excel in their own professions, and even more importantly, in making the world a better place for others. For example, Suzanne Fisher Staples ’65, through her work as an international journalist and author, provides people worldwide with information and insights that enhance cultural awareness and focus attention on common values rather than our differences. Cognitive learning expert Vanessa Race ’00, founder of the Vanessa School and the Ocean of Wisdom Foundation, introduces educators in Thailand to new perspectives on how children learn.

The individuals featured in this publication are but a few of the many Keystone College alumni who have made their mark on a professional or personal level. We always enjoy learning about the achievements of our alumni, whether they take place here in Northeast Pennsylvania, across the nation, or around the world. Please share your stories with us.

I thank you too for helping to make an impact right here on our campus through your ongoing and generous financial support. Keystone owes its success to generations of alumni, parents, and friends who have made the College a philanthropic priority. Your investment in Keystone College, individually and collectively, allows us to provide the excellent academic programs, outstanding faculty, necessary financial assistance, and supportive learning environment which enable our students to excel in all that they do.

In addition to taking pride in your personal accomplishments, we are also very proud that you share our commitment to provide our students with an exceptional educational experience that not only teaches them how to make a living but how to make a difference. As always, thank you for all you do, and will continue to do, for Keystone College.

Sincerely,

Dr. Edward G. Boehm, Jr.
President
### Veterans Memorial Installation

The black granite memorial features the logos of the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, and Coast Guard, as well as the symbol that honors soldiers who have served as prisoners of war or are missing in action. The inscription on the memorial reads “Honoring All Who Have Proudly Served Our Great Nation.”

KCAFC plans an official dedication of the memorial during the College’s annual Veterans Day Luncheon in November, 2012.

Keystone College is highly respected throughout our region, state, and nation for its long-time commitment to our nation’s military. The College has been honored in several national publications, including *G.I. Jobs* magazine and *Advanced Military Education* magazine.

### Parents Association Supports Students

Members of the Parents Advisory Council recently gathered in the newly created student lounge area following a meeting. Seated, from left are: Roseanne Gheraldi, Parents Association member; Wendy Kramer ’06, Keystone College director of commuter living/Act 101; and Louise Stryjewski Henry ’78, Parents Association member. Standing, from left: Parents Association members Jerry Pohlig, Jeff Gheraldi, Jeff Henry, Sean Hanahue, Barry Faulkner, Bob Intartaglio, and Mike Baldi; Kathryn Reilly, Keystone College director of admissions, and Dr. Robert Perkins, Keystone College vice president of student affairs and dean of students.

The Keystone College Parents Association raised $4,400 from its first-ever Keystone Sweepstakes, a raffle in support of student needs. Thanks to the fundraising efforts, the Parents Association created a student lounge on the third floor of the Hibbard Campus Center. Prizes included a free meal plan, a $500 gift certificate to the Campus Shoppe and a $250 gas card.

### Green Vendor Fair

A Keystone student chats with Kim Scandale of Found Bliss at the College’s Green Vendor Fair.

Keystone College demonstrated its commitment to the environment by hosting its annual Green Vendor Fair during Earth Week activities this past spring. The event featured a variety of vendors who sell or make jewelry, clothing, arts and crafts, and household products all with a “green” theme. All items sold were organic, fair trade, eco-friendly, locally based, or made from recycled material.

Keystone has long been recognized for its dedication to the environment. For the third consecutive year, Keystone was named one of the most environmentally responsible institutions of higher learning in “The Princeton Review’s Guide to 322 Green Colleges.” The guide profiles higher education institutions that demonstrate notable commitments to sustainability in their academic offerings, campus infrastructure, activities, and student career preparation. Keystone was praised for its ongoing sustainability and environmental accomplishments.

To read more about Keystone’s commitment to the environment, visit [http://www.keystone.edu/about_us/keystonecampus/greenkc/](http://www.keystone.edu/about_us/keystonecampus/greenkc/).
Senior Class Gift

Thanks to the generosity of the Class of 2012, Keystonians now have a new outdoor lounge area for relaxation and study in front of the Hibbard Campus Center. Wrought iron table and chair sets now adorn the blue stone patio near the Hibbard Campus Center atrium entrance for students to enjoy between classes. Funds were raised through a number of events and gifts by the senior class in honor of their class year ($20,12).

As a special thank you to the student donors, a champagne toast was held at Hedgewood, where students were able to visit with President and Mrs. Boehm.

Members of the Class of 2012 who were instrumental in coordinating this year’s senior class gift program, include, from left: Kendra Bianchi ‘12, Bobby Griffin ‘12, and Larry Clark ‘12. Keith Brice, not pictured, was also involved with the class gift program.

The Gathering

For the sixth consecutive summer, a group of the most talented authors and poets in the nation visited Keystone College for a unique three-day literature conference and workshop, The Gathering.

The theme for this year’s Gathering, held at Keystone from July 19-22, was “Believing, Unbelieving, and the Moral Compass.” The conference featured workshops, lectures, readings, panel discussions, and conversations. Speakers included Sharon Olds, award-winning poet; M.T. Anderson, National Book Award recipient; Donna Freitas, novelist and religion professor at Hofstra University; Susan Jacoby, independent scholar who focuses on American cultural history; and Monsignor Joseph G. Quinn, vice president for Mission and Ministry at Fordham University.

Awards Bestowed at Donor Dinner

Friends of Keystone gathered recently at the College’s annual Donor Recognition Dinner for an evening of fine food and company. Award recipients, from left are: Jeanne Bovard, David J. Gray ’50 Progress Through Effort Award recipient; Alex Fried, Joyce Tressler Volunteerism Award recipient; Carol Mueller, William Tersteeg, Albert Mueller, Harry E. Dowling ’69, and Dorothy DeWitt Mackie ’52, Presidential Medallion recipients; First Lady Regina Boehm; and Dr. Edward G. Boehm, Jr., Keystone president.

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Congratulations to the Keystone College class of 2012! You now join the Keystone alumni family with more than 15,000 members. Stay connected through the alumni facebook page at www.facebook.com/KeystoneCollegeAlumni.
Within her office of the Association for Experiential Education, she had a big sheet of paper on the wall that contained the following four statements: 1. Show up; 2. Be present/listen; 3. Speak your truth; and 4. Let go of the outcome.

Most powerful for Mikal was “let go of the outcome.” He suggests that when you focus all your attention on specific outcomes defined by yourself or others, you deny yourself much greater opportunities. When focused on outcomes and expectations, you work under the premise of fear of failure; when outcomes aren’t met, it leads to disappointment. However, focusing on opportunities empowers you to take control of how you think and act and opens up countless pathways to success.

He shared, “What I believe in very deeply is that when we think about our lives, we shouldn’t be limited by other people’s ideas about us. Instead, we should be motivated by our own sense of possibility . . . by what we believe we may become. Too often people deny themselves the opportunity to be great. They become so concerned with what other people think of them that they never show their true selves . . . true talents, ideas or abilities.”

Mikal also stressed the importance of “setting and correcting a course and honoring those who helped along the way.” He shared a personal tale of how he opted not to attend his own graduation from Keystone Junior College in 1986, in part to continue a façade of a lifestyle he portrayed to his classmates. This decision led to long-time regret for denying his mother, who sacrificed all to send him to college, the opportunity to see her son wear a cap and gown at commencement and celebrate all that she worked so hard to make possible. In an emotional moment within his speech, he put his own advice into action when he introduced his mother and welcomed her to the stage. Wearing a cap and gown, not as a graduate but as the keynote commencement speaker, he warmly embraced his mother, telling her, “Mom, I love you. Thank you, from the bottom of my heart, for everything!”

Twenty-six years after Mikal skipped his own graduation, Glenda Belicove finally had the opportunity to proudly witness her son being presented with a degree from Keystone College on the stage at a commencement ceremony as President Boehm awarded Mikal an honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters. This was met with a standing ovation from those in attendance and hugs and tears shared between a mother and a son.

As an inspiration to students to forge their own path and be as entrepreneurial as possible, a free copy of Entrepreneur magazine was tucked beneath the seat of each graduate. Mikal challenged the graduates to take the first step to putting knowledge to work and made a very generous offer to back it up. For each student who returns the enclosed subscription card directly to him, he committed to purchase each a full-year subscription of the magazine.

In closing, Mikal told the Class of 2012, “I look forward to seeing what you make of your future, and I hope I have the chance to write about you. If you show up, be present and listen, speak your truth, and let go of your outcome – and if you give yourself time to make your dream happen . . . I have no doubt--that future is going to be extraordinary.”

Watch Mikal’s Commencement address on youtube.com/keystonecollegeedu
Keystone Baseball: Help Us Pave the Way

Over the past eight years, Keystone baseball has been recognized as one of the best Division III programs in the country. The team has won eight conference championships, five straight NCAA Regional appearances, earned a trip to the NCAA World Series, and many players have been selected in the Major League Baseball draft.

Thanks to recent enhancements at Christy Mathewson Field, home of Giants baseball, the opportunity is now available for friends to leave a permanent testament of ongoing support by purchasing a personalized brick which will be used to create a new walkway adjacent to the field.

For gifts starting at $150, bricks will be engraved according to your specification and will permanently be on display. Many options are available for engraving, including a family name, student or alumni name and class year, or even in honor or memory of someone special.

Proceeds will support renovations at Christy Mathewson Field and help provide student athletes with improved equipment. To leave your mark on Keystone baseball, contact Jamie Shevchik ’07, head baseball coach, at (570) 945-8234.

Keystone Student Competes in Outdoor Track & Field Championships

Keystone College can now claim its first qualifier to the NCAA Division III Outdoor Track and Field Championships as rising senior Mark Cruver competed in the javelin.

Held May 24-26 in Claremont, Calif., Mark finished in 20th place overall. He threw the javelin a distance of 168-10, the best of his three attempts at the championships, which were hosted by Claremont Mudd Scripps College.

Mark qualified into the championships during the last regular season meet of the year with a toss of 195-11. Following the competition, Mark shares he’s looking forward to next year and getting back on the runway in hopes of improving his outcome.

For the latest Giants news, visit www.gokcgiants.com
Alumni Association Board of Directors Update

The Alumni Association Board of Directors recently elected new leadership positions including, from left: Bernie Fawson Ross ’68, secretary; W. Rick Kirijan ’66, president; Barb McNally ’04, treasurer; and Shane McGuire ’07, vice-president.

A new president recently took the helm of Keystone’s Alumni Association Board of Directors. W. Rick Kirijan ’66, Horsham, Pa., will lead the Alumni Association, taking over for Ric Krebs ’96.

Mr. Kirijan is looking forward to leading the board, stating “I am thrilled to serve as the new president of the Alumni Association. Our board offers a strong base of alumni support for Keystone and is a wonderful way to stay connected to the College.”

Four new board members were also appointed at the meeting, Brenda Bistocchi ’71, Jon Cadman ’81, Tara Gwilliam ’12, John Hart ’89, and Brianne O’Farrell Smith ’99. The new board members offer diverse and varied backgrounds to the Alumni Association, and the skills each of them bring to the board will benefit alumni.

Ms. Bistocchi, Dunmore, Pa., graduated from Keystone in 1971. She is the former owner of Angelo Bistocchi’s Restaurant. Active in her community, Ms. Bistocchi volunteers her time and talents with a number of local organizations. She also serves as an adjunct faculty member at Keystone.

Mr. Cadman, Clarks Summit, Pa., graduated from Keystone in 1981 and currently serves as general manager at Fox56/WOLF-TV. He has offered internship opportunities to many Keystone students and is also a member of the President’s Advisory Council at Keystone. Mr. Cadman and his wife Jeanne have three children.

Ms. Gwilliam, Harveys Lake, Pa., has the honor of being the youngest member of the board, having graduated this past spring with a degree in special education. She recently fulfilled her long-time dream of being a full-time staff member at Cori’s Place, a non-profit organization which assists people with disabilities.

Mr. Hart, Scranton, graduated from Keystone in 1989 and continued his education at Alfred University and Bloomsburg University. He is currently an art teacher at West Scranton High School.

Ms. Smith graduated from Keystone in 1999 and continued her education at American University. She currently serves as an intelligence officer in imagery with the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency. Ms. Smith resides in Fairfax, Va., with her husband and two children.

Additional leadership changes on the board include the naming of Shane McGuire ’07 as vice president, Barb McNally ’04 as treasurer, and Bernie Fawson Ross ’68 as secretary.

For more information on the Alumni Association and the Board of Directors, including a complete list of board members, visit http://www.keystone.edu/alumni/getinvolved/alumniasociation/boardofdirectors.dot

Alumni Benefit Offers Discount on Auto and Home Insurance

The Keystone College Alumni Association has partnered with Liberty Mutual, the nation’s fifth-largest auto and home insurer.

Through Liberty Mutual’s Group Savings Plus® program, Keystone graduates may save up to 20 percent on their auto insurance and 10 percent on their home, condo, or renter’s insurance.* That can be hundreds of dollars back in your pocket. Plus Liberty Mutual offers their customers who have both auto and home policies an attractive added multi-policy discount.

In addition to discounts, Group Savings Plus® offers Keystone Alumni:

- The freedom to purchase insurance the way you want: through a personal sales representative at more than 400 offices countrywide, a toll-free telesales center, or online.
- Convenient payment by automatic checking account deduction or direct billing to your home
- 24-hour toll-free claims service
- 24-hour emergency roadside assistance
- 24-hour homeowner emergency repair service
- Outstanding customer service from a local office, or from Liberty Mutual’s J.D. Powers and Associates-certified call centers.

To find out how much you can save, call 1-800-310-6764 or visit www.libertymutual.com/ln/keystone for an immediate, no-obligation quote.

*Discounts are available where state law and regulations allow, and may vary by state.
Mini Grant Program Supports Keystone Projects

For the third straight year, several innovative projects will take place at Keystone College thanks to the Alumni Association Mini Grant Program. Mini grants provide financial support for projects that enhance the quality of life at Keystone and the surrounding community. Projects supported include:

- **Keystone College Bicycle Program:** As part of Keystone’s sustainability efforts, a number of bicycles are available to students for everyday use. Mini Grant funds will support the maintenance and upkeep of the bicycles.

- **Earth Global Simulation Workshop:** Presented as part of the College’s Interdependence Day celebration, this workshop features an exciting, innovative and interactive game that builds critical skills, social bonds, and global awareness.

- **Keystone College Lab Olympics:** This event provides a fun and exciting way for students to learn and master necessary lab skills for employment in the science field, all while competing for prizes.

- **Online Art Gallery:** Many Keystone students produce beautiful art which is often showcased on campus. While some students market their art independently, few have access to adequate marketing resources. The online art gallery will promote art developed by Keystone students, while offering practical experience to students in the arts and business disciplines.

- **Mathematics Conference:** Mini Grant funds will support students enrolled in MATH 305: Communication in Mathematics to attend a mathematics conference. The conference allows students to interact with professionals and also see what they’ve learned being put into practice.

- **Glass Cutting Systems:** Keystone’s new glass concentration has proved to be very popular and as a result, new glass cutting systems are needed. The Mini Grant will support the purchase of new cutting systems that will enable students to explore design possibilities while creating stained glass artwork. The equipment will also be enjoyed by future Keystoneans.

The Mini Grant Program is supported by proceeds generated from the alumni affinity programs including the Keystone Alumni Capital One credit card, Liberty Mutual Insurance Program, and Viridian Energy. Since its inception in 2009, the program has doubled in size. To find out how you can help support the mini grant program by participating in one of these affinity programs, visit [http://www.keystone.edu/alumnibenefits](http://www.keystone.edu/alumnibenefits).

Thanks to a campus sustainability initiative, members of the campus community have access to bicycles daily. Gathering on the College Green from left are: Mark Musumeci; Lucas Taylor ’11, assistant director of student activities; Heather Bixby; Chris Boehme ’12; Dr. Edward G. Boehm, Jr., president; Alex Atanassov ’12; Jason Geadrities, coordinator of intramural sports and recreation; Michael Cargulia; and Mark Cruver.
Return to Campus for Homecoming 2012

Autumn is a beautiful time of the year at Keystone College, and there is no better time to enjoy our scenic campus than during Homecoming. Alumni and friends are invited to return to rekindle old friendships and reminisce about the good old days during Homecoming on October 12-13, 2012. A number of events are planned for Friday evening and all day on Saturday:

- A Chef’s Table dinner and night sky viewing at the Thomas G. Cupillari ’61 Observatory for those arriving on campus on Friday evening
- Special events for the Class of 1962 as they celebrate their 50th anniversary as graduates of Keystone, including a champagne brunch and evening reception
- Homecoming Parade featuring floats representing student organizations and community groups
- Presentation of alumni awards to Suzanne Fisher Staples ’65, Keystone of the Year; J. Frederick Friden ’51, Distinguished Service to Keystone; and Scott Gower ’06, Young Alumni of the Year
- Several casual get togethers including a guided hike of the Woodlands Campus, Gathering at the Ravine Amphitheater, Silver Reunion Reception, and Young Alumni Gathering at Kildare’s in Scranton
- Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony honoring outstanding Keystone athletes

For the complete Homecoming schedule, visit www.keystone.edu/homecoming or contact the Office of Alumni Outreach at (570) 945-8162 or alumnirelations@keystone.edu.

Alumni Marketplace

Keystone College’s Alumni Marketplace is a valuable resource that helps alumni promote their business, while offering some great discounts to fellow alumni.

By participating in this service, alumni can reach over 15,000 potential new customers through a free advertising listing on Keystone’s Alumni Marketplace webpage. Marketplace businesses are also featured from time to time through other Keystone communications such as the Keystonian, the e-newsletter, or our alumni Facebook page.

It’s free and easy! Create your listing today by visiting http://www.keystone.edu/alumnimarketplace.

A few of our newly added businesses are featured below:

- **Nibbles and Bits – Owned by Maggie Calpin ’09** Offering customized gourmet baskets and gifts for special occasions. 1427 Ash Street, Scranton, Pa. 18510, (570) 344-1955
  - E-mail: baskets@nibblesbits.com
  - www.nibblesbits.com
  - Discount: 15% off entire purchase

- **Sprint Print – Owned by Bill Stevens ’85** Providing professional printing, copying and design services.
  - (570) 586-5947
  - E-mail: orders@sprintprintusa.com
  - www.sprintprintusa.com
  - Discount: 15% off during August, September, and October 2012

- **The Color Girl – Owned by Nikki Moser ’85** Need help picking out the perfect wall color? Moving the furniture around? Let The Color Girl help! Offering interior design services from one color to the whole house.
  - (570) 840-2323
  - E-mail: sugarjones@mac.com
  - Discount: 50% discount off the second hour of service

Homecoming: Mark your calendars for Homecoming 2012, October 12-13. Hope to see you back on campus!
Excellent Work Highlights Undergraduate Research and Creativity Celebration

The Keystone College Annual Spring Undergraduate Research and Creativity Celebration has rapidly become one of the major highlights of the academic year.

Keystone conducted its fourth annual Undergraduate Research and Creativity Celebration on April 25, 2012 in the Theatre in Brooks. The impressive exhibits were viewed by hundreds of students, parents, faculty, staff, trustees, and community guests.

These projects, representing all of the College’s academic divisions, featured key research in science, medicine, technology, art, business, education, and communications.

Research projects are coordinated by the Office of Undergraduate Research, which assists Keystone students and faculty by awarding college-supported grants to help in the completion of research projects. Keystone is actively seeking public and private financial support to make research grants available to more students.

“Undergraduate research encompasses both traditional research and creative endeavors. It is an opportunity for students to work closely with faculty members while exploring their original ideas,” said Vicki Stanavitch ’92, Keystone biology and chemistry instructor and faculty coordinator for undergraduate research.

Besides demonstrating their work to members of the Keystone community and the public, the event adds to the overall academic experiences of those who participate.

“They obtain hands-on experience using the tools of their chosen profession – whether a spectrometer, an advanced surveying technique, or a pottery wheel. The experience also provides participants with a competitive edge when seeking employment or applying to graduate school.

“This event was really a tremendous opportunity for everyone who participated” said senior art education major Brackney Brotzman, who chose the topic ‘Reducing Prejudice: Starting with Education.’ “I chose the topic of reducing prejudice in education because, as a future educator, I feel it is very important to do so. Our children are our future and therefore must be exposed to a positive environment that promotes quality and enriches their minds and other cultural views.”

Brackney’s project was just one example of the excellent work on display.

“The work that culminates in this celebration will translate into further opportunities and pave the way toward successful careers for our students,” said Dr. Thea Harrington, vice president of academic affairs and dean of the College. “In addition, the high quality and diversity of the research represented at this year’s celebration reflects the excellent work of our students and the commitment of our faculty as mentors and professors.”

Student Research Celebrated

A Keystone student who is creating an innovative cognitive enhancement center called “didguno?” (did you know) was named the recipient of the second annual Keystone Innovation Award at the Spring Undergraduate Research and Creativity Celebration. Neil Elms ’12, from Forty Fort, Pa., created the concept to provide individuals with autism, traumatic brain injury and Alzheimer’s disease with a low-cost approach to sensory and cognitive enhancement therapy.
The world, it is often noted, has become a much smaller place for all of us. Advancements in travel, communication, and technology have forever linked us in a way which our ancestors could never have fathomed.

In more recent years, the instantaneous nature of the Internet makes it clearer than ever that we share common goals and desires to make the planet a better place for ourselves and our families.

While Keystone College may be located in a rural community, surrounded by the natural sounds of flowing streams and rustling leaves, our reach goes well beyond our pristine campus.

Throughout the years, Keystone alumni have not only achieved recognition across the United States but are known for their accomplishments around the world. Business professionals, writers, educators, and many other graduates in numerous occupations have proven that the value of a Keystone education is indeed a recipe for success around the nation and around the world.

In this issue of the Keystonian, we profile four special individuals who have shown that Keystonians have made, and will continue to make, a global impact.

Suzanne Fisher Staples ’65

For the last several years, Suzanne Fisher Staples ’65 has been a familiar face around the Keystone College campus. Well known as Keystone’s Scholar in Residence and co-founder of the internationally acclaimed literature conference, “The Gathering,” many people may not realize the true impact Suzanne has made in her life as a journalist and author.

Author of several novels, including “Shabanu, Daughter of the Wind,” “Haveli,” “The House of Djinn,” “Shiva’s Fire,” “Under the Persimmon Tree,” “Dangerous Skies,” and the “Green Dog,” Suzanne is widely respected for helping millions of readers look at the world in a different light.

As one national literary reviewer explained, “Staples takes readers to places they are unlikely to have visited on their own and teaches them to see the world in all its amazing complexity.”

Suzanne Fisher Staples ’65 and her bodyguards in the Khyber Pass, a mountain passage connecting Afghanistan and Pakistan, circa 1990.
While she may have grown up in rural Northeastern Pennsylvania -- not far from Keystone -- her storytelling talents are based on her years living abroad.

After receiving an associate degree from Keystone in 1965, Suzanne obtained a bachelor’s degree in English literature and political science from Cedar Crest College.

She began her writing career as a news reporter and spent ten years as an editor for United Press International in India, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Nepal, Sri Lanka, and Hong Kong.

Suzanne later worked as a foreign news editor for the Washington Post and returned to Pakistan in 1985 to assess the lives of poor rural women on assignment for the United States Agency for International Development.

“I’d lived outside North America for nearly 20 years and upon returning to New York and Washington, I realized Americans have a limited understanding of other cultures,” Suzanne said. “I was lucky to have lived, worked and grown to love several places that were becoming of primary importance to the Western world.”

Her novels, based on real-life experiences, have won numerous awards, including the prestigious Newbery Honor, the American Library Association Best Books for Young Adults, IRA Notable Books for a Global Society, and Publisher’s Weekly Best Children’s Books of the Year. She has also written two screenplays based on her novels and is working on a third.

Throughout her entire career of writing and living internationally, Suzanne has learned that most people, whatever their nationality, religion or homeland, have more common values and less competing interests than is often portrayed in popular culture and the news media.

For example, while American news reports often portray Muslims as seeking to destroy the United States and other Western nations, Suzanne explains that most people living in nations such as Pakistan and Afghanistan want to live in peace, just like most others in the world.

“I think it’s important that we all learn to think more globally and not succumb to fears and assumptions about other people. It’s very important that we learn to keep an open mind.”

**James Tiger ’04**

James Tiger could have easily enjoyed a successful career working in the construction industry. But as he approached his early 40s, he decided he wanted more out of his life than a job building highways and bridges.

A native of New Jersey, James moved to Northeastern Pennsylvania after getting married. He attended the Keystone College Weekender program, graduating in 2004 with a degree in business administration and human resource management.

He accepted a job as a human resource manager for a trucking firm and began to tutor children as a volunteer with the Scranton Council of Literacy Advance (SCOLA).

He enjoyed his job, but the father of two adult children knew he wanted something different.

“I found myself in my 40s with a college degree and my children grown up. I wanted something more than just a 9-5 job,” he recalled. “In my own way, I wanted to make a difference, an impact, on the lives of others.”

That’s when he began to consider the Peace Corps. The more he learned, the more he realized that’s what he wanted — or needed — to do.
He began the rigorous Peace Corps application process and sold his house in Carbondale, Pa. In June of 2011, he accepted his Peace Corps assignment to the tiny eastern European nation of Moldova, a poverty-stricken country located between Romania and the Ukraine, with a population of about 3.5 million people.

After spending a year teaching English and living with a Moldovan family in Cojusna, a tiny village of about 7,000 residents, he returned home to take care of some personal business. He recently returned to Moldova for a second year in the Peace Corps.

James’ activities in Moldova include coaching a youth softball team for which the Keystone College softball team proudly donated equipment, including bats, softballs, uniforms, and helmets.

While it’s true he has given up a lot in terms of monetary gain and career advancement, James said he’s gained even more in return.

“The satisfaction you receive back is 10-fold. The kids in school and the family I live with have become my family. Moldova is the poorest country in Europe, but the people – especially the kids – are incredible. You look into their eyes and see hope, and that’s the greatest feeling of all.”

The experience has changed the way James looks at his own life as well.

“It’s given me a whole new perspective. I love my country, and I’m proud to be an American. But now I realize how much we sometimes take things for granted. It would be great if everyone could take some time to experience the things I have in just one year.”

He also credits his Keystone College education with providing the foundation necessary for his experiences.

“If it weren’t for Keystone, I wouldn’t be doing what I’m doing today. Going to school there opened up a whole host of opportunities.”

James isn’t sure what he’ll do when he leaves the Peace Corps, but he’s positive it will be something productive.

“I may get a master’s degree or a law degree. I really haven’t decided. But I do know that when it comes to accomplishing positive things in your life, there are no such things as limitations.”

Vanessa Race ‘00

When Vanessa Race graduated from Keystone College in 2000 with an associate degree in early childhood education, she knew that one day she would return to her native Thailand to make a positive impact on the lives of others.

Before doing that, she obtained a bachelor’s degree in family studies from the University of Maryland and a master’s degree in education from Harvard University.

Twelve years after graduating from Keystone, the positive impact she hoped to achieve has indeed become reality. Vanessa now owns and operates The Vanessa School, a highly respected primary school near Bangkok which serves 250 children, ages 18 months to 12 years.

But Vanessa Race means much more to Thailand. She has become one of the nation’s most respected educators and authors and is an expert in brain development as it relates to learning.

Articles written by Ms. Race, and feature articles about her, have been published in numerous Thai publications including Readers Digest, Bangkok Business News, and the Post Today. She writes for The Secret magazine about a variety of educational and social issues.

In addition, she hosts “The Teacher,” a popular Thai radio show, and has hosted and appeared on many other Thai television and radio programs. In
charitable foundation which seeks to provide scholarships to Thai children who otherwise would not have that opportunity to attend school. More recently, she has started her own consulting company and educational publishing firm.

Even more rewarding than her individual success is the fact that she has helped so many people in her native country.

"The most satisfying experience is having a positive impact on someone’s life. It’s the most rewarding feeling of all," she said.

As her professional career continues to evolve, Vanessa said her dreams of success began during her Keystone career.

"Keystone made me confident in my abilities. My time with Shirley Michaels, Dr. Fran Langan, and Carol Fontana is my most treasured memory. They have taken me into their lives like their own daughter, and they will be people I will treasure deeply forever. They are like my family in the United States."


Ms. Race has won numerous awards including the Independent Woman Award for successful business enterprises, the International Award in Science, and the Mental Health Award from the Thai Ministry of Public Health. She was the principal speaker at Keystone’s 2010 commencement ceremonies.

In 2008, in partnership with her sister, Melissa Race, Vanessa developed the Ocean of Wisdom Foundation, a charitable foundation which seeks to provide scholarships to Thai children who otherwise would not have that opportunity to attend school. More recently, she has started her own consulting company and educational publishing firm.

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Yuichi Nakamura ’91

At first glance, the tiny fishing village of Funakoshi, Japan, has little in common with Keystone College.

But when he decided he wanted to come to the United States to obtain his college degree, Yuichi Nakamura found his hometown and Keystone shared one important characteristic: their size.

“I decided to come to Keystone College because it is small and located in a more rural location. I thought that Keystone would have more in common with the way I grew up,” he said. “Plus, I knew it would be easier to live and study in a small town than a large city.”

Yuichi spent two years at Keystone, graduating in 1991 with an associate degree in liberal arts.

“Keystone was the perfect place, to begin my education. It prepared me for my next step, which was to study international relations at Boston University.”

Yuichi returned to Japan to begin his own career, taking up the family trade as an expert in the pearl business. Today, his company, PJ Nakamura International, is one of Japan’s leading pearl exporters. Yuichi says he is proud to carry his family’s tradition.

“Dealing with pearls has been my family’s business. My grandfather was a pearl farmer, and my father was a pearl retailer. I founded my company about eight years ago for the import and export of pearls,” Yuichi said. “Customers for our pearls are everywhere. So people from Keystone may be wearing pearl jewelry which I sold to the United States.”

While traveling and meeting new people is exciting, Yuichi admits the pearl business can be stressful.

“The rise and fall of the economy is dramatic. The Lehman Brothers (financial crisis) several years ago and the current Euro crisis have given me a difficult time, and Japan’s great earthquake hit our industry really hard. I find ways to survive and succeed, but I must be on top of things all the time,” he said.

When he’s not selling pearls, Yuichi writes articles for two pearl industry magazines. The Tokyo resident also enjoys spending time with his wife and kids, fishing, and watching baseball games.

“Of course, I love keeping up with my friends from Keystone on Facebook!”

Yuichi said gaining the fundamental skills at Keystone prepared him for the successes and challenges he faces everyday.

“I know I wouldn’t be the same person without Keystone.”
Study Abroad Program Provides Global Perspective

For Keystone College senior art major Megan Duffy, the opportunity to travel to Cyprus during the 2011 fall semester was simply “the trip of a lifetime.”

Megan is one of many Keystone students in recent years who have expanded their educational horizons through Keystone’s Study Abroad Program. In addition to her main destination of Cyprus, where she took classes in math and Greek, Megan also had a chance to spend time in Greece, Italy, and Spain.

“It was amazing. I loved every minute of it. In addition to the opportunity to take classes in Cyprus, I was able to see so many things and meet different people. It’s something I always wanted to do, and now I can’t wait to travel again,” she said.

Megan’s reaction is typical for students who decide to participate in Keystone’s Study Abroad Program.

“Students return home and say their trip was a life-changing experience. They have the opportunity to obtain a completely different educational and cultural experience and realize the importance of global citizenship,” said program coordinator Shirley Michaels.

Studying abroad is widely recognized for the tremendous value it brings to undergraduate education. Keystone’s program supports the College’s commitment to provide students with a global perspective by providing them with access to courses and programs beyond those available on campus.

Besides earning academic credits, students increase their international knowledge base, learn to interact with people from other cultures, improve their foreign language skills, and acquire personal skills that will help their careers.

While some students such as Megan choose to take individual trips, others participate in trips led by faculty members. Keystone students have studied math in China, health in Puerto Rico, art in Italy, geology in Costa Rica, and much more. For example, Keystone Biology Professor Dr. Jerry Skinner hosted a trip during the second semester spring break to the Central American nation of Belize, where the group conducted extensive research on the migratory patterns of hummingbirds under the guidance of internationally renowned expert Bill Hilton.

Keystone students making the trip under the supervision of Dr. Skinner and Lab Assistant Christine Parise were: Natalie Bonitz, Cassandra Bostjancic, Justin Clarke, Cassandra Fogle, Nicholas McDonald, Daniel Owens, Emily Rinaldi, Jared Root, Amanda Rosenberger, and Linda Tucker.

“Our trip was a great experience from a variety of perspectives,” said Dr. Skinner. “Bill Hilton, one of the leading experts in hummingbird research, was extremely impressed with the knowledge and dedication of our students. In addition to doing some very meaningful research, we also had the opportunity to explore the cultural and historical landmarks of Belize. We’re definitely planning on a return visit next year.”

Sodexo, the international company which manages Keystone’s facilities and dining services, also offers international internships. In the past five years, participating students have traveled to England, Thailand, Australia, Hong Kong, and Paris.

Some Keystone students, such as senior Eric Hinkel, have taken advantage of the international “Semester at Sea” program, a fully accredited educational program sponsored by the University of Virginia. During his time abroad in the 2012 spring semester, Eric visited 11 different countries in the Caribbean, South America, Africa, and Southeast Asia.

“My goal is to obtain a management position in the tourism industry or in international education. The ability to travel has been a really beneficial experience,” Eric said. “I highly recommend that every student study abroad for at least one semester during their college career.”

“Traveling abroad is a great experience for anyone, especially college students. It helps them develop a more global perspective, and it is also a great asset when they apply for jobs or graduate schools,” said Shirley. “Our students who study abroad gain appreciation of many different cultures, create friendships, and experience the amazing learning opportunities that exist outside the classroom.”
International Soccer Players Find ‘Home Away from Home’ at Keystone

For Dany O’Rourke, Julio Pertuz and Carlos Forero, the chance to attend college and play soccer in another country has been a tremendous experience. The fact they chose to attend Keystone College has made the opportunity that much more special.

Dany discovered Keystone while working at a soccer camp in York, Pa. with former Keystone soccer player and graduate Alex Boirand ’11.

“Coming to Keystone has been a really great experience for me,” said Dany, a sophomore sport and recreation management major from Dublin, Ireland. “The best thing is that people at Keystone have been so friendly. I hardly have had a chance to get homesick!”

Julio, a freshman from Caracas, Venezuela, who has also lived in Spain and England, said he jumped at the chance to come to Keystone to go to school and play soccer.

“I really enjoy playing for Coach Moore (Keystone Soccer coach Keith Moore). He’s such a great person,” said Julio. “I also love being a part of Keystone. Our school is really growing and I love being a part of it.”

Carlos, a native of Bogota, Columbia recently transferred to Keystone from a much larger university in Columbia. While he won’t play his first game as a Giant until the fall, he already feels right at home as a business major at Keystone.

“I like the fact the professors here know your name and want to know something about you as a person. The school I went to in Columbia was not like that at all. Now, I can’t wait for the soccer season to start,” he said.

Because soccer is played internationally, Coach Moore said many colleges try to recruit players from abroad to help bolster their teams’ talent levels. In addition to individual skills, international players offer leadership, character, and diversity to campus life.

“Their skill level is often very high and that benefits our team. Also, student-athletes who come to this country from other nations are often high achievers,” said Keith. “They’re willing to leave their friends and families to pursue their dreams. They want to be successful athletically and academically. Certainly, those are the type of young people we always seek to attract to Keystone and we’re very glad to have Dany, Julio and Carlos as part of our program.”
Recent Keystone graduate Joe Carlin is off to a great start as a successful entrepreneur.

Joe, a visual arts major from Clarks Summit, Pa., and a member of the Class of 2012, recently competed as a finalist in the annual Great Valley Technology Alliance (GVTA) Business Plan competition. GVTA is a regional public-private partnership which seeks to develop a knowledge-based, technology-focused economy in Northeastern Pennsylvania.

Joe and his business plan competition partner, Wilkes University senior business major Brandon Kuhar, finished fourth in the prestigious competition, which encourages undergraduate and graduate students to develop business plans for their entrepreneurial ideas.

Joe and Brandon reached the finals for their idea, “Cont@cts,” an iPhone application that allows users to create, update, and share their own personal and business profiles.

“Our idea is basically to create an iPhone application that serves as a social network for contact information,” Joe said. “Even though we didn’t win the competition, we are going to continue to develop our plan into a viable business venture, and we are very confident we’ll be successful.”

Joe and Brandon first met while working as part-time sales associates at a local retail business. Their partnership combines Joe’s visual arts and creative skills with Brandon’s business background.

The idea to enter the GVTA Business Plan competition began when Joe mentioned the iPhone project to Keystone Associate Art Professor Dave Porter, who suggested that Joe share the idea with Associate Business Professor Brenda Lidy. Impressed with the idea, Brenda then set up a meeting between Joe and Associate Business Professor Dr. Sonji Lee, who coordinates Keystone’s entries in the GVTA competition.

Joe and Brandon refined their idea and developed their presentation for the competition. After being named a finalist, Joe and Brandon were honored at a recent GVTA awards ceremony.

“Joe did a wonderful job developing the project and preparing it for the competition,” Brenda said. “He certainly has a bright future ahead of him.”

Joe wasn’t the only Keystone student who competed in the GVTA event. Keystone sophomore science major James Feryusis and his brother, Stefanos Feryusis, developed plans for a protective eyewear product for medical and non-medical applications. Business majors Kilder Ramos and Josimel De La Cruz developed a business plan for physical fitness application for smart phones. While these students did not make it to the final round of competition, their proposals reflected their own initiative and the critical thinking and entrepreneurial skills they developed at Keystone.

“The GVTA Business Plan competition is very beneficial for all students who participate because it provides them with a sense of perspective regarding what they will face during their business and entrepreneurial careers,” said Sonji. “Our students really work hard to develop and refine their ideas.”

“I want to thank all my professors at Keystone who helped me get this project off the ground,” said Joe. “Their expertise and faith helped make our project a success. I’m really looking forward to what the future brings.”
Kati Kameroski, an art education major, was selected as Keystone’s outstanding graduate. In addition to being recognized as one of Keystone’s best students, Kati received the Everhart Choice Award and Silver and Gold Key Scholastic Art Awards. She has also been recognized with the prestigious Clyde McGearly Fellows Scholar Award by the Pennsylvania Art Education Association.

As outstanding graduate, Kati addressed the Class of 2012 at Commencement. She reminded her fellow graduates that sometimes they must risk failure in order to succeed.

“The only way to truly succeed is to be willing to take risks, push yourself, and fail gloriously,” Kati said.

Kati was born in Columbus, Ohio, and raised in Scranton, Pa., by her parents Peter and Rebecca Kameroski. Involved in art since she was a young child, Kati attended Keystone’s Mini-Arts Program and the Northeastern Educational Intermediate Unit’s Arts Alive summer program. After graduating from Scranton High School, she attended the Art Academy of Cincinnati for two years.

Enrolling at Keystone as a full-time student in 2009, Kati took advantage of Keystone’s many study abroad opportunities. She studied glazing methods in Italy and even sold her car to fund a trip to Haiti. While in Haiti, she delivered donations to schools and worked with Haitian students, teachers, artists, families, and community leaders, all driven to rebuild their country following the earthquake. Inspired by her Haitian experience, Kati coordinated an arts collaboration/exchange between American and Haitian students.

Active in the Keystone community, Kati served as president of the Pennsylvania Art Education Association/National Art Education Association student chapter and was also involved with the Keystone Art Society and Eco-Club. She also volunteers in the local community, serving as a teacher at the Everhart Museum and helping at-risk children through art education with the Equal Opportunity Training Center and Arts Engage.

In addition to studying art and science, Kati likes to read, canoe, cook, and bakes the “best guava-cheesecake...outside of the Caribbean.” Raising her daughters Evelyn and Rebecca serves as her greatest source of inspiration, joy, and accomplishment.

Following graduation, Kati will continue pursuing her passion for fostering community as an artist and educator.
Keystone's Senior Exhibits Showcase Talents, Teach Students the Business Behind the Art

Twenty-four seniors taking part in Keystone’s four-year visual arts programs showcased their artwork in dual exhibits as part of First Friday Scranton, a popular community attraction which brings people from near and far to downtown Scranton to enjoy exhibits at various galleries and businesses.

The students hosted simultaneous openings at Scranton’s Afa Gallery and ArtWorks Gallery. The exhibits featured a wide array of diverse media including sculptures, ceramics, photography, graphic design, book arts, and digital media, among others. The receptions were catered by the Keystone College Chef’s Table Restaurant.

Keystone students have opened exhibits in varied locations across the area for many years; however, 2011 marked the first time that students’ work was exhibited in dual openings and included in the First Friday venue. This year’s event featured the largest number of Keystone artists to date.

The senior exhibit is part of the professional practices curriculum, which provides students with hands-on practical skills that help them transition from students to artists, whatever their aspiration. In addition to learning the ins and outs of exhibit installation, students learn about legal issues, tax filing, business practices, promotion, funding opportunities, professional organizations, and more. While participating in the exhibit is a graduation requirement, Keystone students view it much more as a celebration of four years of learning artistic techniques, experimenting with new mediums, finding their passions, mastering their skills, and preparing for professional careers.

Through this experience, Keystone students quickly discover that putting together a successful exhibit takes a great deal of effort, and creating distinctive artwork is just one part of the equation.

“Students are responsible for every facet of the exhibit,” explains Ward Roe, chair of Keystone’s fine arts division. “It’s an integral part of our academic program. The whole experience is designed to give them a taste of what it’s like to try to pull this off and prepare them for success when they are flying solo.”

Alex Seeley ’12, a May visual arts graduate who took part in the exhibition, shares these insights regarding the behind-the-scenes work involved.

“Many know what a joy it is to walk into a gallery on the opening night of an exhibition. Energy fills the air as great artwork fuels good conversation accompanied by light food and drink. Few, however, are able to realize the great extent of work that goes into preparing and installing an exhibition. After the artwork, insurance lists, and promoting is taken care of, the artist’s work can eventually be brought into the gallery. This task alone is a rigorous process, whether the work is hung on a wall or placed on a pedestal. An artist’s work must be displayed in accordance with specific standards often regulated by the gallery. Finally, the work can be lit via special studio lights. The entire installation process may take the majority of the day to complete. Even with all the long hours and hard work invested in the process, it becomes clear how worthwhile the installation procedure is on the opening night of an exhibition.”

The exhibits were met with rave reviews from the nearly 1,000 people who attended. Some of the students officially began their professional careers by selling the artwork that was on display. Perhaps most important to the students, though, was the opinion of their instructors who over the past four years became mentors, friends, advocates, and who always encouraged them to be the best they can be. Professor Roe sums up their collective opinion by noting, “The Keystone art students really rose to the occasion. They created a very impressive and professional body of work of which we are all extremely proud.”
Joseph Domnick ’47 celebrated his 90th birthday on April 30, 2012 with his wife, Ruby, son, Nicholas, daughters, Susan, Kathryn, and Jennifer as well as six grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Life is beautiful!

Lloyd G. Young ’49 received a Paul Harris Fellow Award from the Rotary.

Cliff Ness ’50 reports even though he has been retired for 20 years, he is still actively attempting to change the way we build submarines. Two of his U.S. patents recommend building pressure hull in clusters of spherical segments.

Ellen Eastty ’53 reports only one year and a few months until we celebrate our 60th anniversary. Please send her any new addresses and phone numbers. Many of us plan to celebrate with the Class of 52 this fall; join us if you can. On a sad note, we lost a class member this year, Nancy Rokey Green ’53. Condolences to her family.

Robert McGurrin ’54 received a certificate of recognition from the U.S. Secretary of Defense for his service during the period of the Cold War in promoting peace and stability for the nation. He taught science to children of U.S. servicemen and women from 1962 to 1998 at Fontainebleau, France; Tokyo, Japan; and Upper Heyford, England.

Elizabeth Nicholas Santomen ’56 had a special surprise last summer when the German AFS student she hosted for a year in 1983-84 and her three children joined them on vacation in the Adirondack Mountains. It was a wonderful reunion and the first in 20-plus years.

Jeanette Folley Barnes ’57 is living near the beach in Venice, Fla. with her cat, Puffs, who had puffed to twenty pounds, is now on a diet, and will soon be her svelte self once again… thank goodness for kitty treadmills! She tells us that a nephew by marriage has been accepted by Keystone and will be attending in the fall.

Willie Miller ’57, Jack Peck ’57, and Sue Chisholm Peck ’58 recently got together at the Alumni Luncheon at the Hershey Gardens.

Four cats are allowing Willie Miller ’57 to share her home with them. Included in this family are Tangles, a 15-year-old given to her several years ago by Jeanette Folley Barnes ’57; Kantu, a kitten rescued by police and school administrators from a student’s backpack when she was 10 weeks old; and Sable and Inky, two coal-black
Sue Davis Reese '57 has taken on the role of president of the trustees at her church in Florida. This kept her busy all winter and will continue to occupy her time even though she has returned to Pennsylvania for the summer months.

David G. Evans '58 and his wife, Christine Nole Evans, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in June 2012. Dave retired from Bethlehem Steel (Bethlehem, Pa. plant) in 1996. Their two sons, their wives, and five grandchildren all currently reside in Pennsylvania.


Harry Sharpe '59 reports that at age 73 he is still playing baseball (as he did at Keystone). He recently took part in the Phillies Phantasy Camp in Clearwater, Fla. where he had two hits with an RBI and then ran into some bad calls by the umpire! He had a wonderful time and called it a great experience.

Rev. Frederick Oleck '60 and his wife, Jane, have moved to Heritage Hill Senior Community in Weatherly, Pa. due to health problems and are selling their home.

Frances Vauter Tarkett '59 and Joseph Tarkett '60 celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on March 3, 2012. Their three wonderful daughters, Laura, Lisa, and Donna, planned a beautiful, memorable celebration, attended by loving friends and family. Joe and Fran feel truly blessed!

Gary Lee Koemer '62 shares his daughter, Jacqueline, is married, living in Vienna, Va., and is expecting a girl. He continues to visit Scranton and Keystone to enjoy the good times and see friends! He encourages classmates to stop by for good talk and coffee and to support Keystone’s radio station WKCV!

Ann Marie Wolfe Phillips '65 retired from Pinnacle Health Systems in 2007 after over a 25 year successful career as a cytotechnologist. She and her husband live in Harrisburg, Pa., and have two wonderful sons and three grandchildren. She enjoys playing the oboe, working in their gardens, reading, and knitting.

Robert Shemonsky '65 spent most of his working career in the pharmaceutical industry and is currently semi-retired and consulting in the industry. He and his wife live in the suburbs west of Philadelphia.

Bob Harrison '67 retired in October 2011 and is enjoying it to the fullest. He recently bought a motorcycle and loves what he is doing. Bob invites anyone in the Chicago area to stop in and say hello.

Jerry Jones '70 retired from the Scranton School District June 2008 after 35 years of service. He is now working full-time at Sun Buick GMC. His oldest son, Jerry, is a senior business major at Keystone; middle son Tucker, is a sophomore architecture major at Temple; and youngest son, Cory, is a junior at Dunmore High School.

Linda Politi Spagnoli '70 retired from teaching and is currently volunteering on the Long Term Community Recovery Steering Committee in Athens, Pa. The community suffered great damage in the September 2011 flooding.
Sue Miller McDonnell '71 was honored with the prestigious 2011 George Stubbs Award by the American Association of Equine Practitioners (AAEP). The award is presented to non-veterinarians who have contributed to the equine veterinary profession through research, advocacy, and education.

Marjorie Phillips Paradise '79 earned her doctorate in May 2010 from Immaculata University. She currently works at Hempfield School District as a school psychologist.

1980s
Patti Chamney Davis '80 received a doctorate in post secondary and adult education from Capella University. She just completed her 27th year of teaching at Keystone College and is currently a professor and curriculum coordinator of accounting.

Debra Koval '81 "Koval Grippo" had her artwork exhibited at the Hope Horn Gallery, University of Scranton during an art show entitled Sacred Birch: Paintings by Koval Grippo.

Dan Hanson '86 received a Silver CUPPIE Award from CUPRAP, The Association for Communicators in Education, for an article titled "Sour Notes" published in the February 2011 issue of Currents magazine.

1990s
Jennie Barrese '94 had an exhibit of her digital photographs at The Linder Gallery at Keystone College.

From left: First Lady Regina Boehm; Dr. Edward G. Boehm, Jr., president; Jennie Barrese '94; and Drake Gomez, professor of art, gather during Jennie's exhibit on campus.


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Clay Taylor ’77 recently authored his second novel “Flying in Circles.” His inspiration was born during the many hours he spent piloting wide-body airliners over the Pacific Ocean.

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2000s

David James, Jr. ‘01 and Kristine Hubert were married June 2, 2012. David is employed by The Green Scene, Inc.

Joseph Cetta ‘02 was married at Caesar’s Palace in Las Vegas, Nev. on December 9, 2011 to Sarah Ruskiewicz, originally from Bainbridge, N.Y. It is the first marriage for both, and they happily cohabitate in Chicago’s Streeterville neighborhood along with their two Muppets, Muppet Sarah and Muppet Joe.

Mark Gowarty ‘02 celebrated 10 years of service in the Keystone College Information Technology Department as college webmaster.

Crystal Wagner ‘02 recently had a showing of her artwork, “Bio-Dome,” at the Goldring Riverview Gallery in New Orleans.

Sean Wintermantel ‘04 and Taryn Wzorek are engaged. Sean is a systems analyst at McLane Co. and Taryn is a learning support teacher at Pocono Mountain School District. The wedding is set for July 2012 in Jamaica.

Julia Fenton ‘05 works for the Family Enrichment Network as a co-teacher in their Early Head Start program in Binghamton, N.Y. She has been working there for four years.

Lamont Carolina ‘07 has been working in North Carolina as the director of voter registration for Organizing America, President Obama’s grassroots campaign. Who would have guessed he would have taken a job working in a state with his namesake?

Annmarie Ciccarelli ‘07 and Heather Martyak ‘08 had their artwork featured at the AFA Gallery in March 2012.

Marc DiFrancesco ‘07 and Jessica Gardner were married October 1, 2011. Marc is a supervisor at ABM Facilities and Jessica is employed by Becket and Lee law firm, Malvern, Pa.

Dan Hiller ‘07 and Heather Nelson ‘07 are engaged to be married on September 1, 2012. Heather is a juvenile probation officer and Dan works in plumbing and heating. They reside in Honesdale, Pa. with their daughter, Abigail, and son, Daniel, Jr.

Shane McGuire ‘07 was recently promoted to director of finance at United Methodist Homes.

Bryan Miller ‘07 was promoted to the director of educational technology at Pine Crest School for the Fort Lauderdale and Boca Raton, Fla. campuses in his first year. Pine Crest School is a private preparatory school teaching grades Pre-K through 12 and is the second largest independent private K-12 school in the country.

Lyndsay Birmelin ‘08 was promoted from workforce coordinator to director of workforce initiatives at Workforce Wayne in Honesdale, Pa.

Stacey Covage ‘08 and Thomas Carroll were married May 26, 2012. Stacey is a teacher in the Scranton School District and employed in the office of Dr. Kenneth Lilik. Thomas is a teacher in the Scranton School District.

Amanda Huston ‘08 and Michael Silva were married. Amanda is employed by Family Enrichment Center and Dr. Frank Collura. Michael is employed in the office of Dr. Kenneth Lilik. Thomas is a teacher in the Scranton School District.

Carolyn Baldi ‘09 and Michael Catalano were married June 9, 2012. Carolyn is a preschool teacher for Chesterbrook Academy, West Chester, Pa.
and Michael is regional director for Fox Rehabilitation.

Robert Brenne ’09 was recently featured in The Sunday Times for his business, Artistic Amplifications, in which he turns ordinary objects into amplifiers for guitars and MP3 players.

Maggie Calpin ’09 was named young entrepreneur of eastern Pennsylvania by the U.S. Small Business Administration. She is owner of Nibbles and Bits in Scranton, Pa.

Jacqueline Kirby ’09 is the assistant cross country/track and field coach at Mount Olive College in North Carolina. The men’s cross country team placed second in the Southeast Region and earned a trip to the NCAA DII National Championships held in Spokane, Wash. A member of the women’s team qualified individually by placing fifth in the Southeast Region race.

Pat McGowan ’09 had his artwork featured at Midpoint, an exhibition featuring the work of current second year MFA candidates at the University of Maryland College Park, at the Stamp Gallery.

Tina Stidham ’09 received certification from the International Association of Investigators.

2010s
Alumni enjoying the Keystone Giants baseball, below from left are: Emily Kain ’09, Braden Luke Cunningham, Meagan Cunningham ’10, Megan Thomas ’10, and Kelly Iovienio ’10.

Mark Demuth ’10 and Laura Zawicki were married September 23, 2011. The couple is employed in the retail industry and resides in Bradenton, Fla.

Casey Flynn ’10 is engaged to be married in September 2012.

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Debbie Hameza ’10 enjoyed her time at Keystone and misses the many great people she met here. She is substituting in various elementary classrooms and hopes to start working towards her master’s degree soon.

Zach Morahan ’10 was recently appointed to editor-in-chief of The Yearbook on Arbitration and Mediation. The Yearbook on Arbitration and Mediation is a peer-reviewed scholarly journal with a law review format. It covers domestic and international developments in arbitration and mediation by publishing scholarly and professional articles, thorough summaries of leading cases, legislative analysis, and other assessments.

Kathy Wadolowska Garing ’11 and Jon Garing ’11 are college sweethearts and were married June 18, 2011 at Skytop Lodge. Soon after their honeymoon, they moved to Long Island, N.Y. to pursue their dreams. Jon is currently attending NYIT University for his physician’s assistant degree.

Mallory Pencek Griggs ’11 was married May 14, 2011 (one day after finishing student teaching)! They welcomed their first child in May 2012. She still lives in Factoryville and coaches freshman girls’ basketball at Tunkhannock High School.

Gina Osif ’11 is attending Marywood University for a master’s in psychology.

Gina Osif ’11 and Brink Powell ’11 had their study “The Sexual Activity of College Students: Factors That Influence Decisions to be Sexually Active” published in The Proceedings of the National Conference on Undergraduate Research. The study was initially presented at the Spring Undergraduate Research and Creativity Celebration in 2011.

Brink Powell ’11 completed a human resource management certification at Keystone in January 2012. She was the stage manager of the Keystone Players spring production of “The Odd Couple” and accepted a full time clerical/customer service position at the Jerry Donahue Insurance Agency, Inc.

Lauren Nicole Sieg ’11 has been accepted to Bloomsburg University’s early childhood education graduate program.

She will begin classes in fall 2012!

Jamie Wassell ’11 was promoted to assistant park manager for the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) at Nockamixon State Park near Quakertown, Pa.

Christine Bedene ’11

Lisa Kossuth ’12 will attend Marywood University this fall. She was awarded a graduate assistantship and will be working as a research assistant in the Human Information Processing Lab, as well as an administrative assistant for the Aviation Management Program.

In Memoriam

’40 Ruth Weber Leverich, 3/9/2012
’40 Hazel C. Spencer Longo, 2/27/2012
’47 Marilyn Coleman Bonfeld, 3/7/2012
’51 Martha Petrus Cencetti, 1/19/2012
’53 Nancy Rokey Green, 1/29/2012
’61 Jerry W. McCoy, 2/17/2012
’61 Jane Smith Case, 4/12/2012
’68 David J. Cherrochak, 1/16/2012
’72 Louis R. Ciuferri, 1/22/2012
’73 Douglas D. Wilson, 2/25/2012
’80 Glenn A. Gerek, 2/21/2012
’86 Georgia A. Schiavone, 2/17/2012
’00 Ernest W. Kosydar, 3/13/2012
’08 Sarah Keen, 3/7/2012
’08 Nikki Moser, 4/12/2012
’09 Matt Mroz, 5/14/2011
’09 Michael Peterson, 7/19/2011
’09 Paul Nielsen, 7/22/2011
’09 Shamus Cadden, student; Jim Gallagher ’09

Keystone alumni reunite with faculty to take part in the Keystone Iron Works Arts Engage Iron Pour, a showcase event of the annual Arts on Fire Festival held in June at the Scranton Iron Furnaces. Seated, from left: Nicole Sawbik ’08, Sarah Keen ’11 and Nikki Moser ’08; instructor and project coordinator: Standing, from left: Cliff Prokop, professor; Pat McGowan ’09, project coordinator; Paul Nelsen ’89; Shamus Cadden, student; Jim Gallagher ’09; Matt Mroz ’11; Michael Peterson ’07; Mark Chuck ’06; and Michael Swanson ’06.


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### Calendar of Upcoming Events

Re-connect with Keystone and enjoy one of these great upcoming events!

#### August
- **August 9, 2012**
  - **Alumni Night at Lancaster Barnstormers**
  - 7 p.m., Clipper Magazine Stadium, Lancaster, Pa.
- **August 10-11, 2012**
  - **Christy Mathewson Days**
  - Keystone College Campus and Factoryville, Pa.
- **August 15, 2012**
  - **Keystone Open**
  - 11 a.m., Glen Oak Country Club, Clarks Summit, Pa.
- **August 30, 2012**
  - **Alumni Night at the Lehigh Valley Iron Pigs**
  - 7 p.m., Coca-Cola Park, Allentown, Pa.

#### September
- **September 13, 2012**
  - **Concerts and Lectures Series presents The Accidental Activity: A Personal and Political Journey, Candace Gingrich**
  - 7 p.m., Brooks Theatre
- **September 21-23, 2012**
  - **Family Weekend**
  - Keystone College Campus
- **September 26, 2012**
  - **Concerts and Lectures Series presents Citizen Scientists: Explore the Universe! By Mike Castelaz, Astronomer**
  - 7 p.m., Evans Hall

#### October
- **October 2, 2012**
  - **Concerts and Lectures Series presents Beer, Booze, and Books: A Sober Look at Higher Education**
  - 7 p.m., Brooks Theatre
- **October 11, 2012**
  - **Concerts and Lectures Series presents Singer/Songwriter Randi Driscoll**
  - 7 p.m., Evans Hall
- **October 12-13, 2012**
  - **Homecoming**
  - Keystone College Campus

#### November
- **November 8, 2012**
  - **Concerts and Lectures Series presents 198th Army Band**
  - 7 p.m., Brooks Theatre

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Campus visits are always welcome! Stop by Alumni Hall to learn about recent College happenings.
Get in touch with classmates and ask them to meet you on campus for a walk down memory lane!

Register now at www.kchomecoming2012.eventbrite.com

- Chef’s Table Dinner
- Night sky viewing at Thomas G. Cupillari ’61 Observatory
- Homecoming Parade
- Milestone Celebrations
- Party in the Ravine
- Hall of Fame Awards and Reception and more

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