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A portrait of a middle-aged man with brown hair, smiling. He is wearing a dark blue suit jacket, a light blue dress shirt, and an orange tie with a small geometric pattern. The background is a soft, out-of-focus blue.

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### Legacy Brunch



Family connections have long been part of the success of Keystone College and its students. Generations of families have passed on the Keystone tradition to their children, grandchildren, and siblings. Legacy families celebrated their special relationship with Keystone this past spring. Gathering at the event, from left are: Harry "Bob" Sykes, **Maria Sykes '80**, and **Todd Sykes '81**. Todd's mother **Marilyn White Sykes '50** (deceased) attended Keystone, and Todd and Maria's daughter Lauren is a rising sophomore at Keystone.

### Harrisburg Breakfast



Harrisburg area alumni attended a farewell breakfast for President Emeritus and Mrs. Boehm hosted by **Gretchen Zeidler Miller '51** at the Cornerstone Coffeehouse in Camp Hill, Pa. Front row, from left: **Jack Peck '57**, **Sue Chisholm Peck '58**, President Emeritus Dr. Edward G. Boehm, Jr., **Gretchen Zeidler Miller '51**, **Diane Brzowski Davis '65**, and Regina Boehm. Second row, from left: **Brooks Mountcastle '87**, **Zach Morahan '10**, **Chuck Young '56**, **Dick Miller**, **Nancy Witaconis '62**, and **Amanda Chesar '10**.

### Pancake Breakfast and Sugar Shack Tour



Alumni and friends gathered on a crisp spring morning for a pancake breakfast and tour of Keystone's always popular Sugar Shack. Gathering at the Sugar Shack, from left: Professor Howard Jennings, Tom Harris, Brandon Tufano, **Ray Hanley '11**, **Jamie Wassell '11**, **Shane Kleiner '90**, and Brady Seeley.

### Towanda Gathering



Alumni from the Towanda area gathered to bid farewell to President Emeritus Dr. Edward G. Boehm, Jr., and Regina Boehm. From left are: **William Stephenson '13**, **Rae Lynne Stephenson '07/'13**, **Susan Johnson '05**, **CB Miller '10**, President Emeritus Boehm, Regina Boehm, **Cortney Tyler '12**, **Brandon Dickerson '09**, **Irene Melly '11**, **Mary Sarno '03**, and **Michael Mullican '11**.

### Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins Game



Alumni cheered on the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins minor league hockey team in a luxury suite donated by Pennstar Bank. From left: **Richard Mock '72**, **Judy Mock**, **Michael Grey '77**, **Mitchell Rogers '77**, **Kati Kameronski '12**, **Tony Ezman**, **Ashlee Sutton Wrightnour '06**, **Jonathan Summers '06**, **Bre Reynolds '02/'04**, **Kim Ezman '80**, **Jeffrey Owens '09**, and **Aubrey Owens**.

### Classes of '77, '78, and '79 Reunion



Keystone alumni from the classes of '77, '78, and '79 gathered on campus for a tour and barbecue lunch. First row, from left: **Jay Damato '78**, **Julia James '78**, **Karen DeMark Foglia '78**, **Mary Lynn Benfante '78**, **Debra Tylutki Curmaci '78**, and **Debra Ann Maleski '78**. Second row, from left: **Jeff Argentieri '79**, **Bernie Fornicola '76**, **Marty Isaacman '79**, **Jose Jordan '77**, **Ann Doherty Kearney '78**, **Gail Glowinski Porfilio '78**, **Suzanne Sagan Capoccia '78**, **Angelo Curmaci '78**, **Louise Stryjewski Henry '78**, **Jerry O'Donnell '78**, **Midge Reid Kilduff '79**, and **Tom Kilduff '78**. Third row, left to right: **Billy VanKuren '77**, **Kevin VanKuren '79**, **Dan Spalluto '78**, and **Leonard Silvestri, Jr. '77**.

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Dear Friends of Keystone College:

It is with a tremendous sense of pride that I write to you for the first time as President of Keystone College. I am honored to be chosen as Keystone's 10th president and exceedingly grateful to the entire Keystone community for welcoming my family and me to be the leader of an institution whose legacy of excellence in education and focused attention on each student's success has been its hallmark since 1868.

I extend my heartfelt thanks and congratulations to former Keystone President, now President Emeritus, Dr. Edward G. Boehm Jr., and former Keystone First Lady, Regina Boehm. Because of their outstanding leadership, Keystone has become a highly respected baccalaureate institution widely known for the quality of its programs and the dedication and integrity of its people.

As we move forward to face with confidence the future opportunities and challenges open to us, we do so as one community. Our motto, "Progress Through Effort," reminds us and challenges us to be vigilant, enthusiastic, and persistent in achieving our goals. I am grateful to the faculty, staff, administrators, alumni, and all who love and respect this great College and are committed to building an even stronger, more vibrant Keystone College. Your persistent support, contributions and commitment help make the dreams and hard work of our students today, the professional and personal achievements of the leaders of tomorrow.

We will remain focused on the true reason we are here: our students. We will strive every day to prepare them to assume their rightful place as thoughtful, ethical, and engaged citizens working for the common good and personal success in their respective professions and in society. Long after they leave our beautiful campus, they will value learning and leadership for the rest of their lives. By doing so, Keystone graduates will continue to make their inestimable, positive contributions to the world for generations to come.

On behalf of my wife Delia, and my sons Aidan and Thomas, we are delighted to be a part of this exceptional place called Keystone College.

Sincerely,



David L. Coppola, Ph.D.  
President



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## ■ Awards Bestowed

Friends and supporters of Keystone gathered for the College's annual Donor Recognition Reception for an evening of fine food and company. A number of awards were presented at the event, including Presidential Medallions, the Joyce E. Tressler Volunteerism Award, and the David J. Gray '50 Award.

**Photo One:** Richard T. Krebs '96 was named the 2013 recipient of the Joyce Tressler Volunteerism Award. Presented annually, the award recognizes an individual for his or her leadership, spirit, and dedication as an active fund raising volunteer. Pictured, from left: Dr. Edward G. Boehm, Jr. Keystone College president emeritus; Joyce Tressler, Board of Trustees member; **Richard T. Krebs '96**, award recipient; and **Kathleen Krebs '96**.

**Photo Two:** The David J. Gray '50 Award was bestowed upon **Robert L. Kagler '57**. The award honors the memory of former trustee Dr. David J. Gray '50 and is awarded annually to a member of the Keystone community who exemplifies

commitment to higher education. Pictured from left are: Mr. Speicher, award recipient **Robert L. Kagler '57** and President Emeritus Boehm.

**Photo Four:** The Presidential Medallion, which honors commitment to Keystone College, was presented to Ann and Leo Moskovitz, The Hawk Family, and President Emeritus Dr. Edward G. Boehm, Jr. Members of the Hawk Family, including **Elmer '48**, Louise, David, and Ann, were recognized with this honor. Pictured from left are: President Emeritus Boehm, award recipients Ann and David Hawk, and **Tim Speicher '72**.

**Photo Three:** In recognition of his tireless service for the past 18 years, President Emeritus Boehm was honored with a Presidential Medallion. Pictured from left are: **Tim Speicher '72**, President Emeritus Boehm, and Regina Boehm.



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## ■ Run for a Rescue

Keystone College event-planning students put the lessons they learned in the classroom to good use as they organized Run for a Rescue, a successful 5K run/walk. Led by Associate Professor Brenda Lidy, the dedicated group of students coordinated all aspects of the charity event, which raised \$1,000 for local Blue Chip Farms, a local no-kill animal shelter.

"Throughout the planning process for Run for a Rescue, the students experienced first-hand the challenges of organizing a successful event," said Associate Professor Lidy. "From soliciting sponsors, to coordinating publicity, and even dealing with less than ideal weather conditions the day of the event, the students did an outstanding job."

Thanks to the generous support of local organizations, including Sodexo Food Service, Wegman's, National Running Center, Duffy's Coffee House, Canine

Grooming Cottage Spa and Boutique, Advocare representative Catie Festa, and Superior Trophy, students were able to make a much-needed donation to Blue Chip Farms.

"This unique project really showed the students the realities of planning a successful event," said Associate Professor Lidy. "Students gained so much from the experience, I plan to make it an annual project for future event planning classes."



Students in Associate Professor Brenda Lidy's event planning class present a check for \$1,000 to Blue Chip Farms, a no-kill animal shelter. From left: Associate Professor Brenda Lidy; students Alexa Notarianni and Codie Jones; Blue Chip Farms board member Kristin Fino holding Chelsea; and students Katie Jackson, Jordan Harris, Michael Hudock, Maria Pizzo, Reneard Harris, Zach Fedynich, Cody Osif, Matt Corby, and Brianna Kern.

## ■ Holi Festival of Colors



Keystone students celebrated spring with a Holi Festival of Colors, a Hindu tradition that celebrates spring's abundant colors and says farewell to winter. As part of the festival, students threw brightly colored powder into the air.

## ■ Wellness Fair



Students in Dr. Kristel Gallagher's Health Psychology class formed a connection with members of the local community thanks to a Wellness Education Fair they hosted at the Dunmore Senior Center. More than 50 senior citizens learned about the seven dimensions of wellness during interactive student presentations. This class project is yet another example of one of the many ways Keystone faculty incorporates hands-on, real-world learning into the curriculum.

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## ■ Celebration of Service

Members of the campus community gathered to celebrate the contributions and commitment of employees at the President's Celebration of Service. At what has become an annual tradition, four retirees and more than 20 others marking significant milestones in their Keystone College career were recognized.

**Photo One, Length of Service:** A number of employees were recognized for their long-standing dedication to Keystone with length of service awards. Seated, from left are: Charlotte Ravaioli (30 years), President Emeritus and Mrs. Boehm, and Dr. Sherry Strain (25 years). Standing, from left are: Jane Honchell (25 years), **Janet DeAndrea '69** (35 years), Howard Jennings (45 years), Sally Tosti (20 years), Cliff Prokop (40 years), Dr. Lan Shaffmaster (35 years), and Sue Musheno (25 years). Also honored but not pictured are Maria Fanning (30 years), **Sharon Clark '88** (25 years), and Melinda Curis (20 years).

**Photo Two, Retirement:** The campus community celebrated four long-serving faculty members who are retiring. Seated, from left are: President Emeritus and Mrs. Boehm.

Standing, from left are retirees Susan Constantine, Howard Jennings, Dr. David Elliott, and Dr. Lan Shaffmaster.



**Photo Three, Promotion and Tenure:** A number of faculty members were recognized for recent promotion and tenure. Seated, from left are: President Emeritus and Mrs. Boehm. Standing, from left are: Sara White, promotion to assistant professor with tenure; Dave Porter, promotion to

full professor; Jeff Brauer, promotion to full professor; and Drake Gomez, promotion to full professor.

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## ■ Commencement



Keystone College celebrated its 142nd Commencement on beautiful Bailey Field with a ceremony featuring an inspiring keynote address and the final Commencement of President Emeritus Dr. Edward G. Boehm, Jr.

Long-time Keystone College supporter and former chair of the Board of Trustees **William Bender '13** provided an emotional keynote address which shared his unique perspective as he is also a member of the Class of 2013.

Mr. Bender challenged students to never give up on their dreams and to work hard to achieve their goals, as he is proof of this successful approach to life. Fulfilling a promise he made to himself and his mother years ago, Mr. Bender graduated magna cum laude.

**Mark Musumeci '13**, Fulton, N.Y., was selected as the outstanding graduate and also addressed the 315 members of the Class of 2013. Mr. Musumeci, a double major in business and sport and recreation management, will continue his education at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro where he will pursue a master's degree in business administration and with a concentration in finance.

This year's Commencement proved to be extra special, as it marked the final one for Keystone President Emeritus Dr. Edward G. Boehm, Jr. Following his successful 18-year tenure, the longest in Keystone history, Dr. Boehm was succeeded by David L. Coppola, Ph.D., as the tenth president of the College.

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## ■ Parents Association Enhances Campus

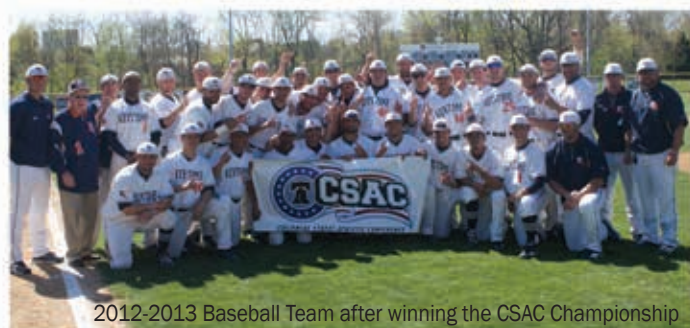
The Keystone College Parents Association and Parents Advisory Council sponsored the second annual Keystone Sweepstakes during the fall 2012 semester. Proceeds from the raffle are used to support student programming on campus. Prizes included a spring 2013 Dining Services meal plan donated by Sodexo Campus Dining Services, a \$300 Follett Campus Shoppe voucher, and a \$150 gas card.

Proceeds totaling \$2,350 were used to purchase three iron mesh picnic tables for student use at the new patio between Tewksbury and Hollinshead residence halls.





## ■ Baseball Team Continues Excellence



2012-2013 Baseball Team after winning the CSAC Championship

Keystone's baseball team enjoyed another outstanding season in 2013 under the guidance of head coach **Jamie Shevchik '07**, as the Giants won their fifth consecutive Colonial States Athletic Conference (CSAC) championship while advancing to the NCAA Regional Tournament for the sixth straight year. Keystone, who finished the season ranked 12th nationally, posted a 37-10 record this past spring and went 17-1 in the CSAC. In the conference tournament, the Giants went a perfect 3-0 to defend their CSAC crown.

Seeded second in a tough Mid-Atlantic Regional bracket in the NCAA Tournament played at PNC Field in nearby Moosic, Pa., Keystone won their first two games before falling to two-time defending regional champion Kean University.

Facing elimination, the Giants earned an exciting, 11-inning walk-off victory over Misericordia University to setup a rematch

with Kean, where Keystone would go on to earn its first-ever victory over the Cougars behind a complete-game one-hitter by senior pitcher Rob Rogers. The two teams met again the following day for a winner-take-all championship game, but Kean ultimately prevailed despite a solid effort by the Giants.

The postseason awards for the Giants quickly piled up as 11 players earned All-CSAC honors including seven First Team selections. Rogers, who was named the CSAC Pitcher of the Year, was also named the Mid-Atlantic Region Pitcher of the Year and would go on to be named First Team All-Region and was a First Team All-American selection while Krebs was a Second Team All-Region honoree after leading pitching staff that finished tops in the nation in ERA.

## ■ Track & Field Championships

KateLynn Strickler became the first female in Keystone history to qualify for the NCAA Division III Track & Field Championships which were hosted by the University of Wisconsin – La Crosse in May. Competing in the javelin throw competition, the junior standout finished 20th in the country. Strickler qualified for the NCAA Championships by setting a school record in the javelin with a throw of 139' 10" at the Muhlenberg College Spring Invitational in April which seeded her 10th out of the 22 competitors who qualified for the National Championships. The junior went on to win an individual conference championship in the event at the Mason-

Dixon Conference Championships in early May and also holds school records in the shot put and hammer throw competitions as well as the indoor program records in the shot put and weight throw competitions.



## ■ Record-Breaking Season for Softball Team

Keystone's softball team enjoyed a record-breaking season under first year head coach Renee Barrows. The Giants posted a school record 24 wins while going 13-9 in conference play to earn the sixth and final seed to the Colonial States Athletic Conference (CSAC) playoffs. Playing as the underdog, Keystone went on a run for the ages in the postseason tournament, defeating the number two, three, and four seeds along the way to

become the first six-seed in conference history to reach the championship game and finished their season as the CSAC runner-up after falling to Neumann University.

Samantha Hartman and Sara Schraden were both named Second Team All-CSAC while teammates Kaitlyn Sawicki and Katie Marro were Honorable Mention All-CSAC selection. Hartman and Abby Cohen provided the senior leadership for the team

and closed outstanding four-year careers for the Giants during which they helped rewrite the school's all-time record books. Cohen finished her career as Keystone's all-time leader in hits, home runs, and RBIs while ranking second in runs scored and hits. Hartman ended her career as the Giants' all-time leader in runs scored, was second in hits, home runs, and RBIs, and third in doubles.



## ■ New Members Elected to Alumni Association Board of Directors

**Rick Kirijan '66**, president of the Alumni Association Board of Directors, has announced the election of five new members.

**Jo Ann Marianelli Finnerty '75**, **Bobby Galella '92**, **Scott Gower '06**, **Zachary Morahan '10**, and **Gina Osif '11** have been elected to serve three-year terms on the board.

**Ms. Finnerty** owns the popular and successful Bella Faccia Personalized Chocolates shop in Scranton. Active in the Keystone community, she offers her expertise as a member of Keystone's culinary arts advisory group and also participates in the Alumni Marketplace. She resides in Old Forge, Pa., with her husband, Tom, and their two children.

**Mr. Galella** has dedicated his career to educating children. He currently serves as the high school principal and curriculum coordinator for Dunmore School District. After his time at Keystone, Mr. Galella continued his education at Bloomsburg University, East Stroudsburg University,

and Wilkes University. He is a dedicated Keystonian, often seen on campus speaking with current education students. Mr. Galella resides in Tunkhannock, Pa., with his wife, Suzanne, and their daughter.

**Mr. Gower** currently serves as the athletic director at Scranton Prep. After graduating with a bachelor's degree in sport and recreation management from Keystone, he continued his education at West Virginia University. Giving back to his alma mater, he most recently participated in the Alumni Career Networking Luncheon. The recipient of the 2012 Young Alumni of the Year Award, Mr. Gower resides in Scranton, Pa., with his fiancé, Kelly Roland.

**Mr. Morahan** graduated from Keystone with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice and recently received his juris doctorate from Penn State Dickinson. He accepted a position at the law firm of Coughlin & Gerhart LLP, Binghamton, N.Y. He has shared his experiences and tips for success with current Keystone students

interested in applying to law school. Mr. Morahan resides in Lake Ariel, Pa., with his fiancé, Amanda Chesar '10.

**Ms. Osif** graduated from Keystone with a bachelor's degree in psychology and is continuing her studies at Marywood University where she is currently a teaching and research assistant in the psychology department. While a student at Keystone, Ms. Osif served on the Alumni Board as a student representative and currently serves as her class correspondent. She resides in Scott Township, Pa.

The Alumni Association Board of Directors represents the alumni association and offers opportunities for Keystone alumni to maintain strong bonds with their *alma mater* and each other.

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

## ■ Alumni Cheer on the Giants



Keystonians came out in full force to cheer on the baseball team at the NCAA Mid-Atlantic Regional Baseball Championships held at PNC Field in nearby Moosic, Pa. Alumni enjoyed the use of two luxury suites donated by FOX56/WOLF-TV and the Lackawanna County Commissioners. Rooting on the Giants, from left: **Roberta Santana '12**, **Nicole Tarchak '10**, **Megan Mancuso '12**, **Samantha Hartman**, **Hope Krolewski '13**, and **Emmanuel Roman '12**.

## ■ Alumni Return to Campus



A group of Keystone College alumni recently returned to campus to share helpful advice with current students during the Alumni Career Networking Luncheon. Pictured from left are: **Jim Mirabelli '05**, Abington Heights School District; **Colette Hughes '06**, C3 Concepts; **Scott Gower '06**, Scranton Prep; **Maggie Calpin Hemak '09**, Nibbles & Bits; **Anthony Pinto '09**, Met Life; **James Silfee '01**, CVS Caremark; **Bernie Fawzon Ross '68**, retired from the Scranton School District; **Jamie Constantine Jennings '03/'06**, ParenteBeard; **Kathleen Gallone Stout '11**, Little Acres Learning Academy; **Nicole Sawicki '08**, ArtWorks/AFA Gallery; **Rob Booth '09**, ESPN; **Trinka Ravaioli '91**, Grapevine Design; **Leigh Mannina Abromavage '06**, Little Acres Learning Academy; **Louise Stryjowski Henry '78**, Northeast Counseling Center; and **Dan Duffy '12**, Lackawanna College.



## ■ Come Back to Campus for Homecoming 2013



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 on October 18-19, 2013. A number of events are planned, including:

- Special events for the Class of 1963 as they celebrate their 50th anniversary as graduates of Keystone, including a champagne brunch and evening dinner.
- Homecoming Parade featuring floats representing student organizations and community groups.

- Presentation of alumni awards to **Mikal Belicove '86**, Keystonean of the Year; **Jim Davis '79**, Distinguished Service to Keystone; and **Maggie Calpin Hemak '09**, Young Alumni of the Year.
- Silver Reunion reception for classes celebrating anniversaries of 25 years or more. Many classes plan to return, including 1968, 1978, and 1988.
- Several casual gatherings including a guided hike of the Woodlands Campus, Gathering at the Ravine Amphitheater, and Young Alumni Gathering at the Backyard Ale House in Scranton.
- Enjoy a meal created by Keystone's talented culinary arts students at the Chef's Table Restaurant, followed by a special performance by bluegrass group, Anthony Hannigan and The Hickory Project.
- Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony honoring outstanding Keystone athletes. The 2013 Keystone College Athletics Hall of Fame: **Bobbie Arvonio Baillie '05**, women's

basketball; Keystone College President Emeritus Dr. Edward G. Boehm, Jr. champion, Keystone Athletics; **Robert K. Keyes '73**, men's basketball; **Lionel I. Stanton '49**, football, volleyball, basketball, track, baseball, and bowling.

- Dedication of the new \$3.4 million Track and Field Complex

Come back and relive the glory days with friends. For the complete Homecoming schedule, visit [www.keystone.edu/homecoming](http://www.keystone.edu/homecoming) or contact the Office of Alumni Outreach at (570) 945-8162 or [alumnirelations@keystone.edu](mailto:alumnirelations@keystone.edu).



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## Matthew Powell '13: Pursuing his Passion for Politics

Matthew Powell, a member of the Keystone College Class of 2013, always knew his future calling was in politics. Now, Matthew is putting his education to good use and pursuing his passion for politics as a staff assistant with Congressman Tom Marino.

With jobs in the nation's Capitol in short supply, Matthew is one of a few to begin his career path in Washington, D.C. so quickly after graduation.

Matthew's connection with Congressman Marino began in 2011. With the help of Keystone Associate Professor Janet Wrightnour, he landed an internship in Congressman Marino's Tunkhannock district office. After a successful first experience, Matthew was then asked to return for summer 2012, and his outstanding work led to the staff assistant position in Washington, D.C.

As a staff assistant with Congressman Marino, Matthew serves on the office's front lines, often communicating with constituents by phone and mail. He also leads constituents and other guests on tours of the Capitol which includes a stop at the always popular Rotunda.

As almost anyone can attest, nearly every industry requires newcomers to "pay their dues" and Capitol Hill is no different. Although Matthew's current job isn't the most glamorous, entry-level jobs in a congressional office can lead to a successful career in politics.

"I've really enjoyed my time here in Congressman Marino's office," said Matthew. "I look forward to moving up the ranks and making a career in politics."

With his social science degree and a minor in political science, Matthew says his time at Keystone prepared him for Washington, D.C. and a life in politics. "Professor Jeff Brauer sparked my interest in politics," said Matthew. "My time at Keystone really provided me with a solid background and helped me understand what is going on in Washington. Thanks to

**Photo One:**  
**Matthew Powell '13**  
stands in  
front of  
the Capitol  
Building.



**Photo Two: Matthew Powell '13**  
meets with his mentor Keystone Professor Jeff Brauer in  
front of Congressman Tom Marino's office in Washington, D.C.

my experiences at Keystone, my transition to Washington has been relatively seamless."

When he's not busy with his fast-paced job on the Hill, the Union Dale, Pa., native unwinds by enjoying bike rides and a few rounds of golf. "It has been really a big adjustment, coming from rural Northeastern Pennsylvania to Washington, D.C.," said Matthew. "I was accustomed to having my nearest neighbor a mile away."

When he does get the rare chance to visit home, Matthew likes to fish and hunt on his family's lake.

Matthew's success isn't a surprise to his former professors. "Matthew has a natural disposition and acumen for politics – he is intelligent, thoughtful, personable, and

respectful," said Keystone Professor Jeff Brauer. "He was a very impressive intern for Congressman Marino which is what landed him this highly sought-after job. We are very proud of Matthew and his work."

While Matthew is looking forward to continuing a successful career in politics for years to come, he is quick to remember his Keystone roots. "I learned so much during my years at Keystone," Matthew said. "I use those lessons both professionally and personally every day."

## Carrying Keystone's Legacy of Excellence Forward



Dr. Coppola with his wife, Delia and their two sons, Aidan and Thomas, in a candy store in Rhode Island.

Although he has only been on campus a few months, Keystone College President Dr. David Coppola is positive of one very important fact. He absolutely loves his new job.

Dr. Coppola officially began his duties on June 3, 2013, when he became the 10th president of Keystone College, succeeding Dr. Edward G. Boehm, Jr. who proudly served as Keystone's president for 18 years and is now President Emeritus.

"Having the opportunity to become president of Keystone is really a dream come true for me," Dr. Coppola said. "This College has so much to be proud of and so much to look forward to. I think the people here – students, faculty, administration, staff, alumni, and friends – are extremely dedicated to making Keystone a great institution. Their enthusiasm and willingness to support each other was evident from the first moment I

came to campus. I feel that spirit and sense of purpose every day."

Dr. Coppola came to Keystone from Sacred Heart University in Fairfield, Conn. where he most recently served as Vice President for Strategic Planning and Administration. He is an education professional with more than 25 years of experience at the secondary and collegiate levels.

At Sacred Heart the past 15 years, he played an integral part in helping the University's rapid growth from a commuter institution of about 600 students granting associate's and bachelor's degrees to a comprehensive university serving 6,200 students, granting bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees.

Dr. Coppola played a major role in developing and implementing the University's strategic plans, master space planning, accreditation, asset and property acquisition, and capital projects and renovations. He was involved in targeted fundraising and had direct oversight of \$24 million of the university's budget.

One of his most significant accomplishments was the development and implementation of a series of five-year strategic plans aimed at incrementally increasing the academic quality while continuing to grow the university.

Dr. Coppola joined Sacred Heart in 1998 as Director of the Center for Christian-Jewish Understanding (CCJU), an academic center aimed at promoting greater understanding through dialogue and education between Jews, Christians and Muslims. His success led to his eventual appointment as Executive Assistant to the President, a Cabinet-level position. With the encouragement and support of the president, he began working in strategic planning and served on numerous committees that played a role in the growth of the institution. Those experiences prepared him for the position of Vice President of Strategic Planning



## meet president coppola

and Administration, where he served on the president's senior leadership group and budget development committee.

"Thanks to the support I received from the president and all of my colleagues, I had an extremely satisfying experience at Sacred Heart," he said. "Most importantly, I will be able to bring my experiences from there to my new role as president of Keystone."

In addition to his career at Sacred Heart, Dr. Coppola has been successful as an educator and administrator on the secondary school level. He obtained a bachelor's of science degree in secondary education from Seton Hall University, with a concentration and teaching certification in English and Music. He also earned bachelor's and master's degrees in Theology from St. Mary's Seminary and University and a doctorate of Philosophy in educational administration from Fordham University.

After teaching at Morris Catholic High School, Denville N.J., Dr. Coppola then served as administrator for 10 years at DePaul High School, Wayne, N.J.

"I think my experience as an educator at the high school level has had tangible benefits when applied to college-level teaching and leadership. When I worked as a teacher or an administrator in a secondary school, it was critical to listen to students and their families and to treat each person as an individual."

"Certainly, those experiences carry over to the college realm, as well. By listening and helping young people plan for their future, we are a part of a transformation for the student, his or her family, and the larger community. That's what impressed me so much about Keystone. It was clear to me from the outset that students are at the center of all that we do here. We are not only focused on offering a solid education but we are also committed to cultivating a community where the holistic transformation of each student into a life-long learner is our hallmark. I think that's essential in building a strong and vibrant college community."

Building and maintaining a strong community that values civility and diversity



**Photo One:** As a cub scout standing with his father, Alfonzo Coppola.



**Photo Two:** One of many unannounced trumpet concerts at the Coppola household beginning in the third grade with youngest brother, Darron, playing along.



**Photo Three:** Playing basketball in high school.

has been one of Dr. Coppola's top priorities for many years. As Director for the Center for Christian-Jewish Understanding at Sacred Heart, Dr. Coppola fostered those very ideals on campus, throughout the nation, and around the world.

During his time as director, he worked with religious leaders of the Abrahamic faiths to foster dialogue and understanding. Dr. Coppola and Rabbi Joseph Ehrenkranz conducted conferences throughout the world aimed at promoting understanding between faiths. They traveled to Argentina, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Mexico, Monaco, Poland, Spain, and Jerusalem, as well as numerous cities in the United States, to encourage and promote religious and cultural dialogue.

"As part of the mission at CCJU, we were able to gather people from all over the world – scholars, religious leaders, and university students – and invite them to talk and work toward trust and understanding. The goal was to listen and learn from each other, which meant that sometimes there was disagreement, sometimes agreement, and other times we had to leave things in tension for others to continue the conversation."



Following the programs or conferences, Dr. Coppola often published articles or books on the experiences and insights to spread the “good word” beyond the conference participants.

Some of those publications included: *To Remember, Repent, Renew, Catholic Education Journal* (1998), *Then and Now: 10 Advances in Christian-Jewish Understanding Since Nostra Aetate* (1999), *With My Last Breath Let Me See Jerusalem: Memoirs of Holocaust Survivor Leo Neuman* (2000), *Religion and Violence, Religion and Peace*, edited with Joseph H. Ehrenkranz (2001), a book review on *Papal Sin: Structures of Deceit* by Gary Wills, in *Catholic Education*

*Journal* (March, 2002), *Religion, Violence and Peace, Continuing Conversations* (2004), *What Do We Want the Other to Teach About Us?* (2006), and *Towards a Theoretical Framework for Participating in Interreligious Dialogue and Education* (2010).

“I believe that by promoting dialogue we can better understand each other’s points of view and find creative solutions to the challenges and problems that confront our time. That’s a formula that can be employed nationally and globally, but also in our communities and college campuses, as well.”

Dr. Coppola takes his knowledge and experience from previous positions as he strives to help Keystone continue to move forward.

“There’s no doubt about it, Keystone has come a long way in a short period of time. Thanks to the efforts of so many people, in particular the leadership of President Boehm, we have gained great respect from our peers as a baccalaureate college.

“Our goal now is to continue that progress on a variety of fronts, particularly in the area of academics and institutional development. I am confident that those objectives are attainable and it is important to craft a strong, viable strategic plan as we move forward. I am looking forward to leading that charge with the assistance of the entire Keystone community.”

Dr. Coppola will put his entire effort into the challenge. From his days growing



**Photo Four:**  
Strumming an Irish  
song on the banjo.

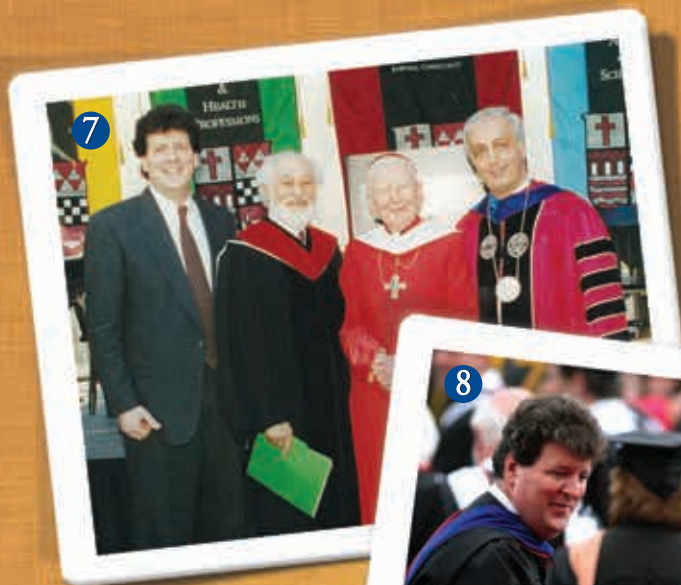


**Photo Six:** Marriage of  
David and Delia in  
July 2002.



**Photo Five:** Leading songs at a high school youth  
festival in New Jersey.





**Photo Seven:** From left: Dr. Coppola, Rabbi Joseph Ehrenkranz, Cardinal Canal Daley, and Sacred Heart University President Anthony Cernera in 1998 honoring Cardinal Daley for his efforts at promoting peace in Ireland.



**Photo Eight:** Sacred Heart University Commencement Ceremony in 2008.



**Photo Nine:** Press conference accepting the appointment of tenth President of Keystone College, 2013.

up in Boonton, N.J., he learned the best way to accomplish anything worthwhile is by having a plan, talking it out with others, and then seeing it through with hard work. That was the message the Coppola children – David, Jacqueline, Michael, and Darron – learned from their parents, Alfonzo and Carole (McCurdy) Coppola.

“We were told from the very beginning to set goals and then work hard to accomplish them. I learned that good things could be accomplished as long as I didn’t worry about getting the credit or recognition. That was a great lesson to learn while I was young because it has stayed with me to this day. And the harder I worked, the more important humor and balance were for me to keep my priorities straight.”

Alfonzo Coppola, who passed away in 2012, was the police chief in Boonton for more than 20 years, so the Coppola family learned the importance of community involvement.

“Although each person has his or her own individual goals, we also learned from our parents about having a sense of community. It’s important to achieve goals that will benefit others as well as yourself. That is one of the many aspects I find so satisfying about being an educational leader and teacher.”

While his new duties at Keystone will certainly be his main focus, they are not his only areas of interest or achievement. An accomplished musician, Dr. Coppola enjoys relaxing to music, playing along with a jazz, rock, or blues disc. He’s also a trained carpenter and a community volunteer, especially with Habitat, MS Walk, and YMCA activities.

“I really enjoy staying active and being involved in a variety of things. I have always worked hard at my job but I also like to take time to enjoy other activities that round me out.”

Of course, the biggest part of Dr. Coppola’s life is his family. His wife, Delia, and their sons, Aidan, 7; and Thomas, 5; are now part of the Keystone community too.

“I know they enjoy being at Keystone College as much as I do. There is something about this place that is so friendly and welcoming and we are honored to carry Keystone’s legacy of excellence forward.”

## Keystone Wins Business Competition

The evening of May 2, 2013 proved to be a tremendous night for Keystone College at the 11th Annual Business Plan Competition at the Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs.

A Keystone team consisting of Keystone senior business major Shawn Whitiak, Jermyn, Pa., and his teammate Michelle Mendez won the prestigious event, competing against top teams from several area colleges and universities. The Business Plan Competition is sponsored by the Great Valley Technology Alliance, a public-private partnership designed to develop a knowledge-based, technology-focused economy in Northeastern Pennsylvania.

The team won the award for their company, Besta, which manufactures environmentally friendly products made from cork, including biodegradable flower containers and stools for children. Judges were impressed with Shawn and Michelle's detailed and effective business plan. The Keystone team was one of three finalists competing with other highly qualified teams from the University of Scranton and King's College. As winners, the team received a \$15,000 cash prize, \$35,000 in funding for business services, one year of free office space at the Scranton Enterprise Center, and free billboard advertising.

The Keystone team was mentored by Associate Professor Dr. Sonji Lee of the Business, Management, and Technology Division. Dr. Lee received the Adviser Award for her superb efforts in preparing the team for the competition.

The evening was capped off with a special honor for Keystone President (now President Emeritus) Dr. Edward G. Boehm Jr. Dr. Boehm, a longtime supporter of the Business Plan Competition, was awarded the Smit Webster Cup, which is presented annually to the winning college.

"It was an honor to represent Keystone in this competition," said Shawn. "I can't describe how much it means that Dr. Sonji Lee won the Adviser Award and President



Gathering at the 11th Annual Great Valley Technology Alliance Business Plan Competition award ceremonies, were, from left, Shawn Whitiak, Keystone College student and first-prize winner; Ellyn Schindler, representing Sanofi Pasteur, a sponsor of the event; Shawn's teammate, Michelle Mendez; and Keystone College President Emeritus Dr. Edward G. Boehm, Jr., who accepted the Smit Webster Cup, presented annually to the winning college.

Boehm won the Webster Cup. It was truly an incredible night for Keystone. I am so lucky that I had such supportive teachers who believed in me."

"This is truly a wonderful night for the entire Keystone College community," Dr. Boehm said. "We offer our heartfelt congratulations to Shawn and Michelle and to Dr. Sonji Lee and all the dedicated faculty members of Keystone's excellent Business, Management, and Technology Division. We also offer special thanks to all students involved in the competition who worked so hard to turn their business dreams into realities."

Historically, Keystone students have fared well in the annual event, which features top competition from the best business students at local colleges. Several Keystone students have won awards for their entries. Keystone graduate **Alex**

**Brunelle '03** took first prize in the competition in 2003.

"Our students really look forward to participating in the annual Business Plan Competition," said Dr. Lee. "It's a challenging environment and they know they must plan and develop a company that can succeed in the real world. This year, we are exceptionally proud of Shawn and Michelle for all their dedication and hard work in creating Besta, a company which I believe has a long and bright future."



## Sarah Langan: Future Veterinarian Loves the Outdoors



There's no doubt about it. Keystone College junior Sarah Langan is a person with a variety of talents and interests. The fact that she majors in wildlife biology and minors in chemistry and art says something about her intelligence and her ability to excel in several academic disciplines.

But when you ask this Dean's List student what she really wants to do with

the rest of her life, she answers without hesitation.

"I love the outdoors and I love animals and I'm very concerned about their welfare. I think it's so unfair the way animals are sometimes treated by humans. That's why I plan to become a veterinarian and work at a zoo or a wildlife refuge. I want to spend my life helping animals and keeping them well."

When she's not in class, you might find the Factoryville, Pa. resident pursuing another main interest – wildlife photography.

"Photography is definitely my favorite art form and when I'm outside photographing animals it obviously makes the experience even more satisfying for me."

Sarah is looking forward to graduating in 2015 and heading off to veterinary school. But for now, she's enjoying life at Keystone. She also enjoyed a great summer conducting environmental research at Brookhaven National Laboratory in Upton, N.Y. as a participant in the U.S. Department of Energy's Student Undergraduate Laboratory Internship Program.

"Keystone has a great wildlife biology program. I can apply what I learn in the classroom to what I experience outdoors. That makes learning new things really interesting. Plus, I know my education is very practical and will help me long after I graduate."

Sarah says Keystone's dedicated faculty make going to class especially enjoyable.

"I have a really good relationship with my professors. I can just stop by and talk to them and they always take an interest in what you have to say."

When she's not in class learning about wildlife, or taking photos of wildlife, Sarah can often be found working on a project with the Ecology Club or Society of Science. If she's not doing that, you might even see her on stage performing with the Keystone Players theater group.

"I like to stay busy and there are a lot of things to do at Keystone to make life really interesting."

## Sounds of Summer Come Alive During the Sixth Annual Keystone College Jazz Institute

Keystone College embraced the smooth sounds of jazz this summer during the sixth annual Keystone College Jazz Institute, presented in partnership with the Pennsylvania Jazz Alliance.

Each summer, the Keystone College Jazz Institute brings students, educators, amateurs and professional musicians on campus for a week of intensive musical theory and performance courses to gain diverse musical experience in a creative environment. The week culminates in a performance during the annual Scranton Jazz Festival.

As one of the few jazz programs offered in the area, participants learn various musical styles, vocal techniques, and the importance of analyzing performance through group and individual instruction.

Well-known local musician and Jazz Institute musical director Marko Marcinko said the program “transmits all the most important musical and stylistic information to the participants through individual private study, class work and ensemble playing.” Some of the top jazz musicians in Northeastern Pennsylvania and New York joined Marko for the week-long course.

Prominent professional jazz musicians Tom Hamilton (saxophone and woodwinds), Jim Buckley (jazz history and theory), Tony Marino (acoustic and electric bass), Bill Washer (jazz guitar), and Eddie Severn (jazz trumpet and brass), make up the faculty at the Institute. The veteran jazz pros taught students courses on jazz theory, harmony, improvisation, ensemble work, and discussed details of their careers as jazz musicians.

At the end of the five-day intensive workshop, the Keystone College Jazz Institute concluded with a performance at the historic Radisson Lackawanna Station Hotel in downtown Scranton during the ninth annual Scranton Jazz Festival. “The performance is a wonderful opportunity

**Photo One:** Marko Marcinko instructs a student practicing at the Keystone College Jazz Institute



**Photo Two:** Jim Buckley directing students at the Scranton Jazz Festival performance



for Keystone College Jazz Institute participants to show the hard work and training to the jazz festival audience and all their family and friends,” said Marko.

A sizable crowd of jazz aficionados gathered at the Scranton Jazz Festival, excited to hear the Jazz Institute students.

Marko opened the concert, introduced the performers and acknowledged his sincere gratitude for Keystone College’s

involvement with the unique musical program. “Keystone has always been so very kind to us in initiating and making things happen for these students,” he said.

As the performance ended, listeners applauded generously and awarded the Keystone College Jazz Institute participants a standing ovation.





Class of 2013

**1940s**

**Ron Frisbie '43** received the President's Medallion from Millersville University President Francine G. McNairy. The medallion recognizes individuals, businesses, or organizations that have demonstrated a commitment to the universal values of higher education.



Ron Frisbie '43 and Dr. Francine McNairy

**Ann Fields Suskind '47** and her husband, Frank, celebrated their 65th anniversary in July. They divide their time between Lexington, Mass., and Boca Raton, Fla. Their grandson, Ryan Green, was married July 2012.

**Lloyd Young '49** retired as an engineering associate after 44 years of service with Corning, Inc.

**1950s**

**Margaret Thomas Buchholz '52** recently published a new book, *Josephine: from Washington Working Girl to Fisherman's Wife: A Memoir 1917-1959*, which is now available digitally on Kindle or Nook.

## class notes

**Ellen Verhulst Eastty '53**

writes to the **Class of 53**: This reunion year is our 60th, October 18 & 19. Can you believe it? Would like to see a grand reunion in the fall for as many of you as can make it back to campus. Please write or call with your plans at (908) 647-4260 or e-mail: [easttymil@juno.com](mailto:easttymil@juno.com).

**Russell Davies '58** and his wife of 53 years, Harriet, are enjoying retirement in Milford, Del. Russ enjoyed an interesting and varied career: 22 years of teaching in Milford, seven years as a Toyota district parts manager, and 12 years running an ice cream shop in Rehoboth Beach, Del. They have two children and four grandchildren. They enjoy traveling, especially to Europe, but have visited such far-flung destinations as Antarctica, South America, China, and the High Arctic.

**Olga Vecsey McGarvey '58** sadly reported that her husband, Pat, passed away in April.



Suzi Ross '63 and Bob '62 Bevan

**1960s**

**Bob '62** and **Suzi Ross '63 Bevan** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 15, 2013. They have three daughters, three sons-in-law, and five grandsons.

**Margaret McGaughey Grainda '65** married her best friend, Joe, in 2005. She retired from psych nursing and is enjoying life!

**Michael McCann '65** and his wife, Linda, retired to Hudson, Fla., in 2011. He enjoys the weather, new friends, and golf.

**Suzanne Fisher Staples '65** recently presented "The Power of Story" at the Dietrich Theater in Tunkhannock, Pa.

**Jill Grabin Gochanour '67** retired after 35 years of public school teaching, mostly kindergarten. She is interested in politics, tabbies and calico cats, cognitive therapy, trees, wildlife, art, land and water conservation, and women's issues. She remembers many wonderful people from her experience at Keystone.

**Ann-Marie Siley '67** is living in Virginia by the Bay. She is semi-retired from community mental health but provides training across the country in an anger management program. Every so often she visits with KJC pals, **Patty Sanctuary LeMay '67**, **Dave LeMay '67**, **Barb Tepp Meighan '67**, and others. She says hi to all her classmates.

**1970s**

**Dave Adomiak '73** is enjoying retirement and doing a lot of PIAA softball umpiring and





**Austin J. Burke '70** was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters degree during All-College Honors Convocation. Mr. Burke, who has served as the president of the Greater Scranton Chamber of Commerce for three decades, provided the keynote address during the annual spring event. Pictured from left are: Dr. Edward G. Boehm, Jr., Keystone College president emeritus; Marianne Burke; Mr. Burke; and Dr. Sherry S. Strain, Keystone professor and chair of Faculty Senate.

looking forward to his second trip to the Women's College World Series in Oklahoma City, Okla. He also enjoys being the public address announcer of the Riverside Vikings for football and basketball.

**Robert Rayner '73** frequently appears as a presenter of consumer electronic products on the QVC television shopping network. He resides in Chester County, Pa.

**Reagan McLane '75** shares he has a new grandson and his wife, Jan, passed away after a battle with ovarian cancer.

**A. Michele Brown Nott '76** retired from teaching middle school math in 2009. She and her husband, Andy, have three grandchildren, Paris, Ryder, and Paityn. Their two children graduated from college and are employed as a teacher and a mental health case worker.

**Denise Griffiths '78** is pursuing her bachelor of science degree in accounting through Everest University online in Tampa, Fla. She is halfway there.

**Class of 1979:** Save the date for Homecoming 2014 to celebrate your 35th Reunion, October 17 & 18, 2014.

**Sandra Hayduk Spott '79** stepped down as Lackawanna Trail's long-time field hockey coach in March, 2013. In 2010, she earned the 300th win of her career with a victory over Abington Heights.

#### 1980s

**Stephen Cheskiewicz '84** successfully defended his dissertation "Student Perceptions of Computer Science and Information and Communications Technology Programs" at Wilkes University and received his doctorate.

**Dan '89 and Lisa Fetterman '87 Kirschner** opened an indoor, year-round dog training and social center in Stroudsburg, Pa.

#### 1990's

**Amy Rutledge Smith '90** reports her oldest son, Zachary, graduated from Keystone this year with a degree in culinary arts. He plans on opening a butcher shop in the area.

**Michael Dox '92** shares his wife of over 15 years, **Denise Duda Dox '92**, passed away on May 27, 2013.



**Warren Richards '92** volunteering at a senior center as an assistant to the director. He has been there for nearly four years.

**Danette Kornikoski Tucker '93** was diagnosed with stage 3C Invasive Ductal Carcinoma on December 19, 2011. After a long, intense battle with cancer, she is currently in remission and looking forward to the future.

**Jennifer Radzwillowicz '94** is the new 2013 President of the Greater Scranton Jaycees. The Jaycees or Junior Chamber is a leadership development organization very active in the greater Scranton community in numerous volunteer and professional development projects.

#### Class Correspondents

The following classes are in need of Class

**Correspondents: 1942, 1944, 1945, 1946, 1947, 1948, 1949, 1950, 1963, 2001, 2010, 2012, and 2013.** Please contact the Alumni Office at 1-877-4COLLEGE option 5, if you are interested in serving as your class correspondent.

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From left: **Ric Krebs '96**, Sophia Burgard, **Kathy Krebs '96**, Andres Burgard, President Emeritus Dr. Edward G. Boehm, Jr., Regina Boehm, Rick Krebs, Anna Krebs, Daniella Burgard, Amelie Burgard.

Keystone College graduate and board of trustees member **Richard Krebs '96** and his wife, **Kathy Krebs '96**, recently hosted several members of the Richard Krebs family from Bischbrunn, Germany during a visit to Keystone. The families gathered at Hedgewood, the president's residence on campus, where they were greeted by Keystone President Emeritus Dr. Edward G. Boehm, Jr., and Regina Boehm.

The American and German Krebs families met through a genealogy search initiated by the American Mr. Krebs. While there is no family relationship, the two men look remarkably similar and have become friends.

**Lisa Hall Zielinski '96/'02** was selected as one of the Top 25 Women in Business by the Northeastern PA Business Journal and National Association of Women Business Owners.

**Adam Diaz '97**, president of Diaz Companies, was awarded the Entrepreneur Impact Award for the Northern Tier Region during the inaugural Governor's ImPAct Awards May, 2013 in Hershey, Pa.

**2000s**

**Cathy Smith '00** and Ronald Ritz, Sr., were married this summer. Ronald is a lumberjack with Aspland Company. They live in Warfordsburg, Pa.

**Melissa Johnson '01** and Frank Borgia are engaged. Melissa is director of activities at St. Mary's Villa, Elmhurst, Pa., and Frank is employed by the U.S. Department of Justice. The

wedding is set for October 26, 2013. They live in Dunmore, Pa.

**Maggie Maturani Wetzel '01** and Jon Wetzel were married September 29, 2012. Maggie is a program specialist at Shared Support, Inc., and recently received her master's degree from Marywood University.

**Mark Gowarty '02**, Keystone College Webmaster, was named the 2013 Administrator of the Year. Congratulating Mark at a special luncheon is President Emeritus and Mrs. Boehm.



From left: Regina Boehm, **Mark Gowarty '02** and President Emeritus Dr. Edward G. Boehm, Jr.

**Rachel Buxbaum '03** recently graduated with her master's degree in social work from Temple University.

**Julia Fenton '05** has been working for Family Enrichment Network in New York for four and a half years as a co-Early Head Start teacher with infants and toddlers. She has 12 nephews and nieces.

**Kristen Gretz '05** and Jeffrey Wincovitch are engaged. Kristen is a teacher in the Scranton School District, and



Jeffrey is a yard tractor operator for Walmart Distribution Center. The wedding was held July 20, 2013.

**Scott Grimes '05** joined LaSalle University as an assistant baseball coach.

**Anne Kinney '05** graduated in July 2012 with a master of science in management from Keuka College. In March, she was promoted to Deputy Director for The SEPP Management Company, Inc. in Binghamton, N.Y., where she had been employed as Director of Human Resources since July 2005.

**Richard Vanderpool '05** recently graduated from The Second City Training Center under its Conservatory program. Notable alumni from the program include: Tina Fey, Steve Carrell, Amy Sedaris, and Stephen Colbert. He was also a featured ensemble player in musical "Rahm Zombie" in 2012 at Donny's Skybox at The Second City Training Center.

**Leigh Mannina Abromavage '06** and Justin Abromavage were married October 13, 2012. Leigh is director and owner of Little Acres Learning Academy. Justin is employed in administration by the Federal Bureau of Prisons at Waymart and is also owner/president of Little Acres Learning Academy. The couple resides in Dunmore, Pa.

**Scott Gower '06** and Kelly Roland are engaged. Scott is athletic director at Scranton Prep.

**Colette Hughes '06** was recently featured in a NEPA Business Journal article celebrating women entrepreneurs. Colette

is owner of C3 Concepts, a cleaning service in Scott Township, Pa., and is a member of the Keystone College President's Advisory Council.

**Eric Koval '06** and Christina Heater were married May 12, 2012. Eric is assistant meat manager for Giant Market, Dickson City, Pa., and Christina is employed in computer operations at First National Community Bank, Dunmore, Pa. The couple resides in Jessup, Pa.

**Jason Smith '06** received his level II certification and teaches K-2 art at Stourbridge Primary Center in the Wayne Highlands School District. He is involved with after-school activities including PALS/school play, where he is the set and art director. Jason is also working on his SAP certification.

**Karissa Scullion Tratthen '06** and John Tratthen, Jr., were married March 17, 2012. Karissa is a paralegal at Pisanchyn Law Firm, Scranton, Pa., and John is self-employed.

**Harold Zech '06** and Joni Fox were married on May 31, 2013. Joni is a Lackawanna County adult probation officer.



From left: Isabelle, Jeremy '06, Jessica '08, and Jacob Pierson.

**Tiffany Case '07** and Nathan Hosie were married in July 2013. Tiffany is a teacher at Mayfield Elementary School and Nathan co-hosts "HeadHunters TV" on Outdoor Channel and is employed by Synergy Outdoors.

**Shane McGuire '07** was recently promoted to Vice President of Finance for United Methodist Homes.

**Michael Shields '07** and Dana Wesnak were married on July 27, 2013. Michael is employed by Minooka Motors and as a youth basketball coach. Dana is a high school history teacher in Dunmore School District.

**Ashley Kuback '08** has been promoted to senior sales manager at the Hilton Scranton and Conference Center.

**Gregory Nasissi '08** completed his master's in sports administration in 2012 from Fairleigh Dickinson University.

**Jeremy '06** and **Jessica West '08 Pierson** welcomed twins, Jacob and Isabelle, on March 12, 2013.

## 1974

**Janet Chambers Farrand**

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**Jeanette Bordi '09** and Jeremy Sokol were married on June 15, 2013. Jeanette is a cook/supervisor at Moses Taylor Commonwealth Health, and Jeremy is an electrician for North End Electric.

**Maggie Calpin Hemak '09** and Jeffrey Hemak were married September 22, 2012. Maggie is the owner of Nibbles & Bits, Scranton, and Jeffrey is the owner of Clear Image Optical, and Tasty Freeze, Eynon, Pa. The couple resides in Jessup, Pa.

**2010s**

**Amanda Chesar '10** accepted a position as judicial law clerk for the Pike County Court of Common Pleas.

**Sara Verboys Conklin '10** opened a daycare center, Creative Crayon's Child Care Center, Hallstead, Pa., in June 2012. She has served 37 children and is in the process of expanding due to need and interest in the area.

**Nina Del Quaglio '10** was sworn into the Oak Grove, Ky., police department. She will serve as a patrol officer.

**Keith Garubba '10** and Dr. Maria Ferraro were married December 15, 2012. Keith is pursuing a master's degree in visual arts and is a graduate associate teacher at Ohio State University, and Maria is a general dentistry resident at Ohio State University. The couple resides in Columbus, Ohio.

**Zach Morahan '10** accepted an offer to join the law firm of Coughlin & Gerhart LLP, Binghamton, N.Y., following his graduation from the Penn State Dickinson School of Law this August.

**Brink Powell '10** played the lead in Actors Circle's season opening production of Bell, Book, and Candle at Providence Playhouse in Scranton, Pa. She recently moved to Old Forge, Pa., with her boyfriend, John McNulty.

**Nicole Jones Przywara '10** and Thomas Przywara were married November 17, 2012. Nicole is employed by Scranton School District and Northeastern Rehabilitation Services, and Thomas is an automotive

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Keystone Alumnae return to cheer on the current softball team. From left: **Carissa Iyob '13**, Samantha Hartman, Jannessa Karwowski, Abby Cohen, **Meagan Cunningham '10**, **Megan Thomas '10**, **Katie Butzer '12**, **Sabrina Johnson '12**, and former Keystone softball coach Juli Greep.



industrial field service technician for Cummins Power Systems, LLC. The couple resides in Old Forge, Pa.

**Laurel Radzieski '10** starred in the play *The Bridegroom of Blowing Rock* at Lazy Brook Park in Tunkhannock, Pa.

**Nicholas Stanavitch '10** and Kristin Hricko were married June 15, 2012. Nicholas is employed through Vision Realty, LLC, and Kristin is a certified school psychologist. The couple resides in Fleetville, Pa.

**Jason Zarnowski '10** was featured as a member of the Coal Town Rounders, a bluegrass band, in *The Scranton Times-Tribune*. Jason plays upright bass and sings vocals.

**Marlene Adams '11** will begin her master's degree in art therapy at George Washington University this fall.

**Antonia Castro '11** recently moved back to Pennsylvania and started a job with the University of Scranton.

**John Moran '11** and Melissa Soloski are engaged. John works in the Keystone College Admissions office as the enrollment data and communications manager.

**Megan McCarthy '12** and Jack Rubano were married July 27, 2013. Megan is a second-grade teacher at Our Lady of Peace School and Jack is a teacher at St. Katherine of Siena School.

**Matthew Powell '12** is working with Congressman Marino in Washington, D.C. (see page 9 for story).

**Kelly Roughgarden '12** is attending graduate school at the University of Scranton. She hopes to graduate in

2014 with her master's degree in rehabilitation counseling and was awarded a graduate assistantship in the counseling department.

**Joseph Croft '13** was accepted into the Professional Apprenticeship Program at The Walnut Street Theatre in Philadelphia, Pa. He will be the Institutional Advancement Apprentice.

**Kathleen Morgan '13** and John Sanders were married July 13, 2013. Kathleen is employed by New Story and John is employed by Williams. The couple resides in Dalton, Pa.

### In Memoriam

'36 Mrs. Ruth Devereaux Lowndes 10/26/2012	'49 Mr. Louis Gentilotti 2/26/2013	'65 Mr. Joel R. Myers 3/6/2013
'37 Mrs. Vita A. Barba Margotta 2/11/2013	'50 Mr. E. Budd Olver 2/2013	'65 Mr. Garret J. Conover 5/14/2013
'39 Mr. Samuel J. Codi 4/15/2013	'50 Mr. William D. Curnow 12/18/2012	'66 Mr. David Golden 2/4/2013
'40 Mr. Jerald E. Ely 2/3/2013	'51 Mr. David Sbur 12/18/2012	'66 Mrs. Mary Beemer Unger 5/10/2013
'41 Mrs. Victoria E. Kosydar Cusick 1/9/2013	'51 Mrs. Marion Decker Inman 12/25/2012	'66 Mr. John B. Manger 12/20/2012
'41 Mr. Jack Lipman 2/26/2013	'54 Captain Russell C. Hazelton 10/25/2012	'67 Mr. John H. Warnken 6/4/2013
'42 Mrs. Dorothy M. Gardner 1/27/2013	'54 Mr. Richard C. Wagner 4/14/2013	'70 Mr. Joseph F. Green 2/21/2013
'43 Mr. Harry A. Kolb 4/1/2013	'54 Mr. George H. Van Wert 5/14/2013	'71 Mr. Barry W. Wojtas 11/23/2012
'44 Mrs. June L. Suzuki Kawamura 2/27/2013	'55 Mrs. Susan R. Hunter Braido 6/6/2013	'73 Ms. Sonya A. Hamulla 11/2/2012
'44 Mrs. Shirley Georgiou 12/16/2012	'56 Mrs. Patricia A. Farrell Captor 2/15/2013	'73 Mr. Ronald L. McConlogue 11/30/2012
'46 Mrs. Marilyn L. Neher Winkler 1/18/2013	'60 Rev. Frederick W. Oleck, Jr. 6/13/2013	'81 Mr. James A. Riley 4/25/2013
'47 Mr. Albert E. Sakavich 11/29/2012	'63 Mr. William H. McDonald, Jr. 1/16/2013	'83 Mr. William Fassett 2/28/2013
'47 Mrs. Winifred Philbin Sloan 1/23/2013	'64 Mr. Edward C. McFeely, Jr. 2/12/2013	'83 Mr. John Thomas 6/14/2013
'48 Mr. Thomas X. Miller 12/31/2012	'64 Mr. Raymond Ardan 11/3/2012	'88 Ms. Virginia W. Brauer 5/29/2013
'48 Mr. Albert A. Haas 2/6/2013	'64 Mr. Robert D. Reidenbach 3/19/2013	'89 Mr. David S. Schrecongost 1/23/2013
'48 Mr. Harry C. Martin 12/12/2012	'65 Mrs. Linda L. Francis Gutshall 1/2/2013	'92 Mrs. Denise L. Duda Dox 5/27/2013
	'65 Colonel John P. Tartella 10/20/2012	'96 Mr. Bartholomew Roani 1/24/2013
		'05 Ms. Kathryn M. Wanyo 4/20/2013



## Dorrance and Susan Belin to be Honored with Cornerstone Award

Dorrance and Susan Belin, long-time Keystone College supporters, have been selected as recipients of the 2013 Cornerstone Award by the Monsignor McGowan Cornerstone committee. The award will be presented during the Monsignor McGowan Cornerstone Awards program on Thurs., Sept. 26, in the Theatre in Brooks on Keystone's campus.

The McGowan Cornerstone Award honors the memory of beloved clergyman, Monsignor Andrew J. McGowan, well known throughout Northeastern Pennsylvania for his outstanding community leadership and support of education. The Cornerstone event continues his legacy by recognizing students and community leaders who reflect his spirit, leadership, and service.

In addition to the Cornerstone Award, seven Monsignor McGowan Cornerstone Scholarships will also be presented to students at schools and institutions where Monsignor McGowan devoted his time and service. The award focuses on students who demonstrate significant commitment and leadership in the local community. Students from Allied Services' dePaul School, Keystone College, King's College, Marywood University, Misericordia University, Mount Saint Mary's University, and the University of Scranton will be honored during the event.

Susan S. Belin was a founder of the Northeast Regional Cancer Institute where she was executive vice president and president. She has received numerous awards, including the Keystone College Presidential Medallion, the Margaretta Belin Chamberlin Award from the Scranton Area Foundation, the Presidential Medal from Marywood University, and the Gold Baton Award from the Northeastern Pennsylvania Philharmonic.

In recognition of her volunteer and professional accomplishments, she



was named a Distinguished Daughter of Pennsylvania and is president of that organization. In addition to Keystone College, she serves on the boards of the Northeast Regional Cancer Institute and Circle 200, an organization of senior executive women. She was a member of the board of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Philharmonic for many years, serving four years as president, and also on the boards of the Medical College of Pennsylvania, the Lackawanna Chapter of the American Red Cross, the Scranton Cultural Center and Waverly Community House.

She is a cum laude graduate of Wheaton College, Mass. She completed graduate work at the University of California, Berkeley, and received her MBA degree from the State University of New York, Binghamton.

Dorrance R. Belin has been an attorney at Oliver, Price and Rhodes for more than 40 years and has served the community in many capacities during that time. A co-founder of the Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter of The Nature Conservancy in 1973, he served as a trustee for 22 years. In 1982 he was honored with The Nature Conservancy's national Oak Leaf Award for his environmental leadership, and in 2011 he received the Thomas P. Shelburne Environmental Leadership Award. He has been a member of the Countryside Conservancy Board for the past 17 years and served as board president.

Atty. Belin has been a director of the Geisinger Health System Foundation Board since 1979 and was a member of the Northeastern Bank Board and subsequently the PNC Bank Board.

In addition, he was a Governor and Chairman of the Board of the Scranton Area Foundation and a member and President of the Waverly Community House Board. He also served on the boards of Johnson College, Pennsylvania Environmental Council, and Scranton Public Library. He is a member of the Pennsylvania and Lackawanna County Bar Associations and the Estate Planning Council and is an accredited estate planner. He graduated from Yale University, served in the U.S. Marine Corps, and received his law degree from the University of Pittsburgh Law School. The Belins reside in Waverly and have three sons and six grandchildren.

The McGowan Cornerstone Awards Committee is comprised of representatives from the following organizations: Allied Services, the Diocese of Scranton, EOTC, Insalaco Development, Keystone College, King's College, Marywood University, Misericordia University, Northeastern Pennsylvania Philharmonic, PNC Bank, Religious Sisters of Mercy, The Luzerne Foundation, and University of Scranton.

Honorary co-chairs for the event are former Keystone College Board of Trustee member, John Atkins and his wife, Pat. All proceeds from the event will benefit the Monsignor McGowan Cornerstone Scholarship Fund, administered by The Luzerne Foundation on behalf of all participating organizations.

Tickets for the event are \$125 per person and \$225 per couple. Varying levels of sponsorship are available and donations are welcome.

For more details, contact Donna Clemens at (570) 945-8155 or [donna.clemens@keystone.edu](mailto:donna.clemens@keystone.edu).

# calendar

## of upcoming events

**Mark your calendars** and be sure to attend one of Keystone College's many free events this academic year. We offer scholarly lectures, concerts, cultural programs, and seasonal activities to the campus community and general public.

### AUGUST

August 28, 2013

Keystone Night at Scranton/  
Wilkes-Barre RailRiders\*

7 p.m., PNC Field, Moosic

### SEPTEMBER

September 10, 2013

Concerts and Lectures Series  
presents The Dream Share  
Project: Discover Your Dream

7 p.m., Brooks Theatre

September 17, 2013

Concerts and Lectures Series  
presents Cleve Jones

7:30 p.m., Brooks Theatre

September 22, 2013

Opening Reception for  
Art Exhibition featuring  
James Harmon

4 p.m., Linder Gallery



September 23, 2013

Concerts and Lectures Series  
presents Cheree Warrick:  
Creating Business Plans that  
Actually Get Financed

7 p.m., Brooks Theatre

### OCTOBER

October 10, 2013

Concerts and Lectures  
Series presents How to  
Get High Naturally

7 p.m., Brooks Theatre

October 18, 2013

Concerts and Lectures  
Series presents  
Anthony Hannigan  
and the Hickory Project

8 p.m., College Green

October 18, 2013

Alumni Night at  
Chef's Table Restaurant\*

5:30 p.m., Fireplace Lounge

October 18-19, 2013

Homecoming\*



### NOVEMBER

November 3, 2013

Opening Reception  
for Art Exhibit  
featuring

Timothy Buckwalter

4 p.m., Linder Gallery

November 5, 2013

Concerts and Lectures Series  
presents Are You Ready for  
the Global Marketplace?

by Stacie Berdan

7 p.m., Brooks Theatre

\*Alumni Events – Make your reservation today online at [www.keystone.edu/alumnierevents](http://www.keystone.edu/alumnierevents) or by contacting the Alumni Office at 1-877-4COLLEGE, option 5 or [christina.fentonmace@keystone.edu](mailto:christina.fentonmace@keystone.edu).

Campus visits are always welcome! Stop by Alumni Hall to learn about upcoming College happenings.



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## Keystone Homecoming



Once upon a time, nestled in the scenic mountains of Northeastern Pennsylvania, there was a wonderful college that provided a great education to help its students fulfill their lifelong dreams and ambitions. The college achieved this goal while instilling values of civility, integrity, curiosity, and life-long learning to all who passed through its doors. Of course, we all know this magical place is Keystone College.

Once a year, the Keystone community comes together to celebrate and reminisce during Homecoming. Alumni and friends gather during this very special time to visit, relive days gone by, and plan for future adventures.



We cordially invite you to join friends and classmates to help make this the best Homecoming ever. Though the paths of your life may have led you away from Keystone, you are always welcome home.



### OCTOBER 18-19, 2013

Get in touch with classmates and ask them to meet you on campus for a walk down memory lane! Register now at [www.kchomecoming2013.eventbrite.com](http://www.kchomecoming2013.eventbrite.com)

### HOMECOMING HIGHLIGHTS:

- Chef's Table Dinner
- Performance by bluegrass group Anthony Hannigan and The Hickory Project
- Homecoming Parade
- Dedication of new \$3.4 million Track and Field Complex
- Milestone Celebrations
- Party at the Ravine
- Hall of Fame Awards and Reception and much more!

