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Keystone Now Offering Master's Degrees

Keystone College has received state and federal approval to begin offering master's degrees for the first time in its history.

The College has been approved by the United States Department of Education and the Pennsylvania Department of Education to offer master's level programs in accounting and in early childhood education leadership.

Keystone received permission to offer the new degrees earlier this year from its accrediting body, the Middle States Commission on Higher Education. Before the College could move officially forward, the federal and state education departments needed to approve, as well.

Classes for both master's programs will be offered in the 2014-2015 spring semester beginning in January. The accounting degree will be offered online, and the early childhood education leadership degree will be offered in a hybrid format, featuring both online and classroom instruction.

"Our new master's programs will offer students opportunities to expand their professional horizons by obtaining a top-quality, graduate level education," said Keystone College Provost and Dean Dr. Thea Harrington. "We welcome inquiries by those who have already obtained their bachelor's degrees and may be working professionally as well as from current students who would like to continue their education on a graduate level."

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 at the Kostige family
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Keystone College will transform lives by inspiring and empowering a community where learning flourishes.

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Dear Friends of Keystone College:

“The Times They Are A-Changin.” Many people are probably familiar with that 1964 classic folk ballad by iconic singer-songwriter, Bob Dylan. At Keystone College, we are thrilled to say that times are indeed changing for the better, thanks to several pieces of great news.

As many of you now know, Keystone was the recipient of three major state financial awards. On October 17, 2014, we had the privilege of receiving a \$290,850 grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Community Development to establish the new Regional Center for Excellence in 3-D Design, Innovation, Education, and Manufacturing.

The Center, which will be located in Brooks Hall and operated by our distinguished School of Fine Arts, will serve as a vital regional resource to provide support and training on the emerging technology of 3-D Printing and Additive Manufacturing. In addition to training our students, the Center will provide training for individuals and companies, serving as a catalyst for economic development throughout Northeastern Pennsylvania.

Less than two weeks later, we received word that Keystone would receive a \$1.2 million grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) for major improvements to our campus entrance and for new street lighting, landscaping and sidewalks along College Avenue. The project includes realigning the main entrance to campus as it connects to Highway 6 and 11 which runs adjacent to campus.

Incredibly, the following week, Keystone received a \$756,000 PennDOT grant for major improvements to a 1.2 mile hiking trail on our scenic Woodlands Campus. In addition to beautifying our campus, the trail will serve as a critical link to a planned 14-mile Trolley Trail, a public hiking and biking trail running along the abandoned Northern Electric Railway corridor from Clarks Summit to Lake Winola, Pa. The trail system will be a tremendous resource for Northeastern Pennsylvania and we are immensely proud to play an important role in its development.

A few weeks prior to receiving the news about the grants, we received official notification from the U.S. Department of Education and the Pennsylvania Department of Education that, for the first time in our history, we could begin offering master's level programs in accounting and in early childhood educational leadership. Classes for both programs begin in January, 2015.

As you can see, Keystone College is really on the move. But, as we all realize, progress is meaningless if we lose sight of those values and traditions that make us strong in the first place. As we continue to grow and progress as a College, we will always remember the commitment to community, civility, integrity, and a personalized approach to education that makes Keystone truly special. So yes, the times are indeed changing, but the values that make us unique as a leading liberal arts and sciences college will remain forever strong.

Sincerely,



David L. Coppola, Ph.D.
President



■ Keystone Open Supports Scholarships

An enthusiastic group of 116 golfers enjoyed a day on the links during the 24th annual Keystone College Open Golf Tournament at Clark Summit's Glen Oak Country Club. The annual tournament proved to be a huge success, as 29 teams raised approximately \$20,000 for Alumni Association scholarships at Keystone. Keystone College **President Emeritus Dr. Edward G. Boehm Jr., '13H** and his wife **Regina Boehm '13H** served as honorary co-chairs of the event. Winning team members **Rick Lochen**, **Alex Altier**, **Ryne Luce '08**, and **Mike McConkey '08**, are congratulated by honorary tournament co-chairs Regina and Edward G. Boehm, Jr., and Keystone College President **David L. Coppola, Ph.D.**



■ Family Weekend



Keystone students gather during Family Weekend: Kristi Cook, Sunshine Allen and Brianna Muir.

Family and friends of Keystone students had a chance to experience campus life during Family Weekend in September. More than 200 guests enjoyed a variety of events and activities and even sampled some freshly pressed apple juice from Keystone's very own apple orchard.

■ Students Visit with Legendary Conservationist



This group of lucky Keystone students had a chance to meet Jane Goodall, world-renowned primatologist, humanitarian, and conservationist, following a recent lecture at Bucknell University. Led by Keystone Professor

Jerry Skinner, Ph.D., the group learned about her groundbreaking chimpanzee behavioral research, the current threats facing the planet, and her reasons for hope in these complex times.



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■ Campus Accolades

National accolades keep coming in for Keystone College as a number of national publications and organizations have cited Keystone for excellence.

For the eighth consecutive year, Keystone has been ranked as one of the nation's best colleges in *U.S. News and*

World Report. Keystone finished in the top tier and ranked 38th in the North in the magazine's Regional Colleges category.

Keystone has also been included on a national list of Military Friendly Schools, ranking among the top 20 percent of colleges, universities, and trade

schools in the nation that are doing the most to recruit and retain students with military experience. This marks the fifth consecutive year Keystone has been included on the list released by *G.I. Jobs Magazine*.

■ Keystone Chosen for New Regional Additive Manufacturing/3-D Printing Center

Keystone College has been chosen as the site for a new regional Additive Manufacturing/3-D Printing Center. The Regional Center for Excellence in 3-D Design, Innovation, Education, and Manufacturing will be located in Brooks Hall on campus and will be operated by Keystone's School of Fine Arts.

"Pennsylvania is the keystone of American manufacturing, and to remain competitive we must ensure our innovative policies meet the demands of the 21st century," Gov. Tom Corbett said. "Addressing one of the 15 key recommendations of the Governor's Manufacturing Advisory Council and building on investments in similar university-led collaborations, our support of Keystone College's initiative will

strengthen our position as a leader in technology and additive manufacturing."

The creation of the new center has been made possible by a \$290,850 grant awarded by Gov. Corbett's Discovered in PA—Developed in PA (D2PA) program, funded by the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development, and represents a partnership between Keystone College, Ben Franklin Technology Partners, the Greater Scranton Chamber of Commerce, Skills in Scranton, and the Northeastern Pennsylvania Industrial Resource Center. Discovered in PA – Developed in PA (D2PA) is the Corbett administration's flagship economic development, technology, and job training initiative.

Read about former Keystone student Billy LaPierre and his 3-D printing business on page 16.

From left: Austin Burke '70, retired president, Greater Scranton Chamber of Commerce; William Schoen, director of the Chamber of Commerce's Skills in Scranton program; Professor Ward Roe, chair of Keystone College's School of Fine Arts; Eric Esoda, executive director/CEO, Northeastern Pennsylvania Industrial Resource Center; Susan Belin, chair of the Keystone College Board of Trustees; Dr. David L. Coppola, president of Keystone College; Elizabeth Ratchford, director of grants, Keystone College; and Ken Okrepkie, regional manager, Ben Franklin Technology Partners.



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Members of the campus community had a few surprise visitors on a crisp, late October morning. Two hot air balloons used the area near Keystone's new Athletic Field and Track Complex as a launch pad.

■ Christy Mathewson Days



Members of the Keystone community joined forces with Factoryville Borough to celebrate Christy Mathewson Days this summer. Held annually each August, the festivities honor Keystone alumnus, baseball Hall of Fame pitcher, and Factoryville native, Christy Mathewson. The festivities featured a special gathering at a Scranton/Wilkes-Barre RailRiders baseball game, a race, parade, family activities, and fireworks.

Photo One: Keystone College President David L. Coppola, Ph.D., gets ready to throw a strike for the first pitch prior to a Scranton/Wilkes-Barre RailRiders game.

Photo Two: Delia Coppola sings a beautiful rendition of "God Bless America" during the seventh inning stretch of a Scranton/Wilkes-Barre RailRiders game.

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■ Keystone Celebrates Inauguration of David L. Coppola, Ph.D.



Susan S. Belin, Chair of the Board of Trustees applauds as President Emeritus Dr. Edward G. Boehm, Jr., '13H congratulates President David L. Coppola, Ph.D., during his installation as Keystone College's 10th president and 19th leader.

Keystone College officially inaugurated David L. Coppola, Ph.D., as its 10th president and 19th leader on Thursday, August 28, 2014, in a stirring ceremony marked by academic pageantry and a promising outlook of innovation and advancement for the College. The theme for the event was, "Carrying Our Legacy of Excellence Forward."

Dr. Coppola invited Keystone students to ponder great questions of history and of modern times, and

he suggested that a Keystone College education can help individuals reflect upon and become prepared to answer those questions.

"The times and people change, but from our very beginning, Keystone College has been dedicated to engaging the important questions of the times while our heart's compass has remained: civility in pursuit of the common good, commitment to student success, and integrity in all our dealings," he said.

He encouraged students and all in attendance to follow their dreams as they accomplish important goals for themselves, their communities, the nation, and the world.

"Let your heart be your compass! Live the questions now and you will never be alone in pursuing your dreams," he said.

More than 1,000 people, including distinguished guests from the local community and representatives from

colleges and universities throughout the nation, gathered on the newly refurbished College Green to commemorate the milestone event in Keystone's proud 146-year history. Dr. Coppola recently completed his first year as president of Keystone, succeeding Dr. Edward G. Boehm, Jr., '13H who served as Keystone President from 1995-2013 and is now President Emeritus.

"The entire Keystone community was elated to honor Dr. Coppola as our new president," said Susan S. Belin, Chair of the Keystone College Board of Trustees.

"The day provided an opportunity to celebrate Keystone's continuing progress as one of Northeastern Pennsylvania's leading educational institutions."

Later that evening, more than 250 guests enjoyed a reception on campus. The evening featured remarks from Keystone Board of Trustees Chair Susan Belin, alumnus Austin Burke '70, current student Jaclyn Nat '15, title sponsor Sodexo representative Gail Hoins, and President Coppola's mentor, Dr. John Elias. Music was provided by the Keystone College student choir, Voices, and local

jazz band, Music for Models. A highlight of the evening was a surprise performance of "Come Together Right Now for KC" by Keystone College First Lady Delia Coppola, a rendition of the Beatles' song "Come Together."

Since taking the helm at Keystone, President Coppola has put students first, emphasizing the importance of a holistic student experience. With that in mind, more than \$50,000 was raised in support of the President's Fund for Student Scholarships.

Keystone student Breana Liebowitz McDaniel and Voices perform during an evening reception.



Read or listen to President Coppola's speech at www.keystone.edu/inaugurationspeech

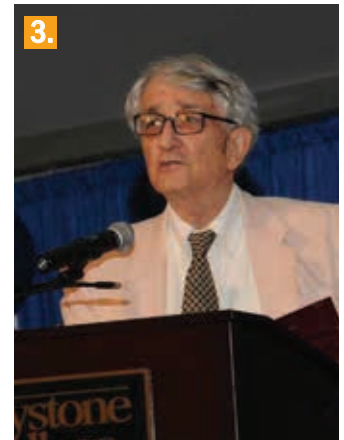


Photo One: Austin Burke '70 speaks during the evening reception.

Photo Two: President David L. Coppola, Ph.D., takes a moment during the inauguration celebration to speak with a student.

Photo Three: Dr. Coppola's mentor Dr. John Elias offers remarks.

Photo Four: Delia Coppola sings "Come Together Right Now for KC."

Keystone College student and poet **Macaulay Glynn '15** created the following poem in celebration of President Coppola's inauguration. Macaulay shared this during the Benediction of the Installation Ceremony.

We Are Here to Build

By Macaulay Glynn '15

We are here to build. We wake early,
 Early, early,
 As the sun makes folds of the fog
 Hustling under lumber and copper and
 wire and iron beams. Our hammers ring out
 against the bright dawn. We will cleave smiles
 in the bitter with our unrelenting kindness.

We are wedded to progress. We are
 your temple of worship, my brother's freckles,
 the girl smiling to herself on the morning train.
 Gather your tools now. We are building houses.
 We are filling lakes and planting your mother's favorite flowers.

Open the windows. Love is a building and we are building.
 What can stop us now.

■ Athletic Hall of Fame



Members of the Class of 2014 Athletic Hall of Fame and guests gather following the induction. **Bernie Formicola '76**, inductee **Dennis Coffinberger '68**, Dennis Mishko, inductee **Todd Keith '86**, inductee **Christopher L. Homer '01**, **Jamie Shevchik '07**, **Angelo Curmaci '78**, inductee **Debra Tylutki Curmaci '78**, inductee **Nicholas Scandale '48** and **Robert Pettinato '58**.

The Keystone College Athletic Hall of Fame inducted its tenth class during Homecoming. The Class of 2014 included **Dennis Coffinberger '68**, **Debra Tylutki Curmaci '78**, **Christopher L. Homer '01**, **Todd Keith '86**, and **Nicholas C. Scandale, Jr., '48**.

The Keystone College Athletic Hall of Fame was established in 2005 to celebrate, recognize, and honor the accomplishments of individuals who have made significant contributions as student-athletes or coaches to the rich tradition of the Keystone College athletic program.

Dennis Coffinberger '68 was recognized for his outstanding accomplishments as part of the Keystone Junior College wrestling team. Over his two-year career, he posted an impressive 14-2 overall record, qualified for nationals, and led his squad to a Pennsylvania Junior College Athletic Association wrestling championship. Mr. Coffinberger continued his wrestling career at Millersville State College, where he received a bachelor's degree. He shared his wrestling knowledge and love for the sport during his career at Millville Area School District, where he served as wrestling coach and industrial arts teacher until retirement.

Debra Tylutki Curmaci '78 was inducted for her remarkable achievements as a member of both the Keystone

Junior College field hockey and women's basketball teams. An All-American and field hockey player, she led the Giants to a perfect 10-0 season in 1977 and the 1978 squad to a regional championship. On the basketball court, Ms. Curmaci was named to the All-Region team. She has remained active in local field hockey, serving as an official for over 25 years, and has also enjoyed a career in education with the Lackawanna Trail School District.

Christopher L. Homer '01 was recognized for an outstanding baseball career that has come full-circle. In two seasons with the Giants, he enjoyed a remarkable career as a Keystone pitcher. Mr. Homer recorded a 1.63 earned run average for his career, the all-time lowest in program history. He continued playing baseball on a full scholarship at Marist University and was drafted by the Detroit Tigers in the 2003 Major League Baseball Draft. After injuries cut short his baseball career, he returned to Keystone as the Giants pitching coach.

Todd Keith '86 was honored for a remarkable career as a member of the Keystone Junior College men's soccer team as goalkeeper. Over two seasons, Mr. Keith led Keystone to 19 wins while posting eight shutouts. A team captain, he was selected as a National Soccer Coaches Association of America First Team All-American. To

this day, Mr. Keith is the last Keystone men's soccer player to earn All-American honors. Following his time at Keystone, he played internationally for the United States in the 1987 United States-European-Soviet Soccer Tour and earned a bachelor's degree from Long Island University. He has enjoyed a 20-plus year career in the insurance industry.

Nicholas C. Scandale, Jr., '48 was honored for his outstanding athletic career at Keystone Junior College, where he excelled as a member of the football and basketball teams. A two-year football standout, he was a member of Keystone's last football team and helped lead the team to three wins during the season. On the basketball court, Mr. Scandale is known for scoring the first-ever basket in Brooks Gym (now Brooks Theatre) on a layup. Following his time at Keystone, Mr. Scandale continued his education at Penn State University and also played in two football exhibition games. He founded the Scandale Construction Company and continues to serve as president.

Nominations for the Class of 2015 are now being accepted. To nominate a Keystonean or to learn more about previous Hall of Fame classes, visit <http://www.gokcgiants.com/hof.aspx>.

For the latest athletics news visit: www.gokcgiants.com



■ Homecoming Highlights

Campus was alive with excitement during Homecoming in October as hundreds of alumni and friends gathered to rekindle old friendships and enjoy Keystone. Mark your calendars for October 16-17, Homecoming 2015.



Photo One: The Keystone College cheerleaders perform during the annual Homecoming Parade.

Photo Two: The Keystone College Alumni Association honored a group of distinguished alumni for their outstanding achievements. From left: **The Honorable Sandra Major '74**, Keystonean of the Year; **Ali Wilson Dowling '09**, Young Alumna of the Year; and **Bernie Fornicola '76**, Distinguished Service to Keystone.

Photo Three: Alumni enjoyed a delicious meal prepared by **Sara Trauger McCully '01**, during a special event at the Chef's Table Restaurant. Seated: Mariellen Rinaldi, Jennifer Zelno, and Brittany White. Standing: Lenny Wesolowski, **Tara Slusser '10**, **Jeffrey Zelno '07**, **Donna Mead McElroy '09**, and **Shane McGuire '07**.



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Photo Four: Members of the **Class of 1964** returned to campus to celebrate their 50th reunion. First row, from left: **Bruce Skivington** and **Becky Carros Swift**. Second row, from left: **Curt Stevens** and **Pat Riley**. Third row, from left: **John Addyman**, **Kathy Hazen Cevasco**, **Jay Stanton**, **Marie Giovanoni Zancosky**, **Janet Schumacher-Graves**, **Doug Kile**, and **Tom Duetsch**.



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Photo Five Enjoying the always popular Gathering at the Ravine, seated from left are: **Teresa Welby '79**, **Karen Demark Foglia '78**, and **Dan Spalluto '78**. Standing, same order: **James Tomcho '77** and **Louise Stryjewski Henry '78**.

Photo Six: At the Athletics Hall of Fame reception, from left: **Jamie Shevchik '07**, **Drew Boandl '10**, and **Ryan Smyth '11**.

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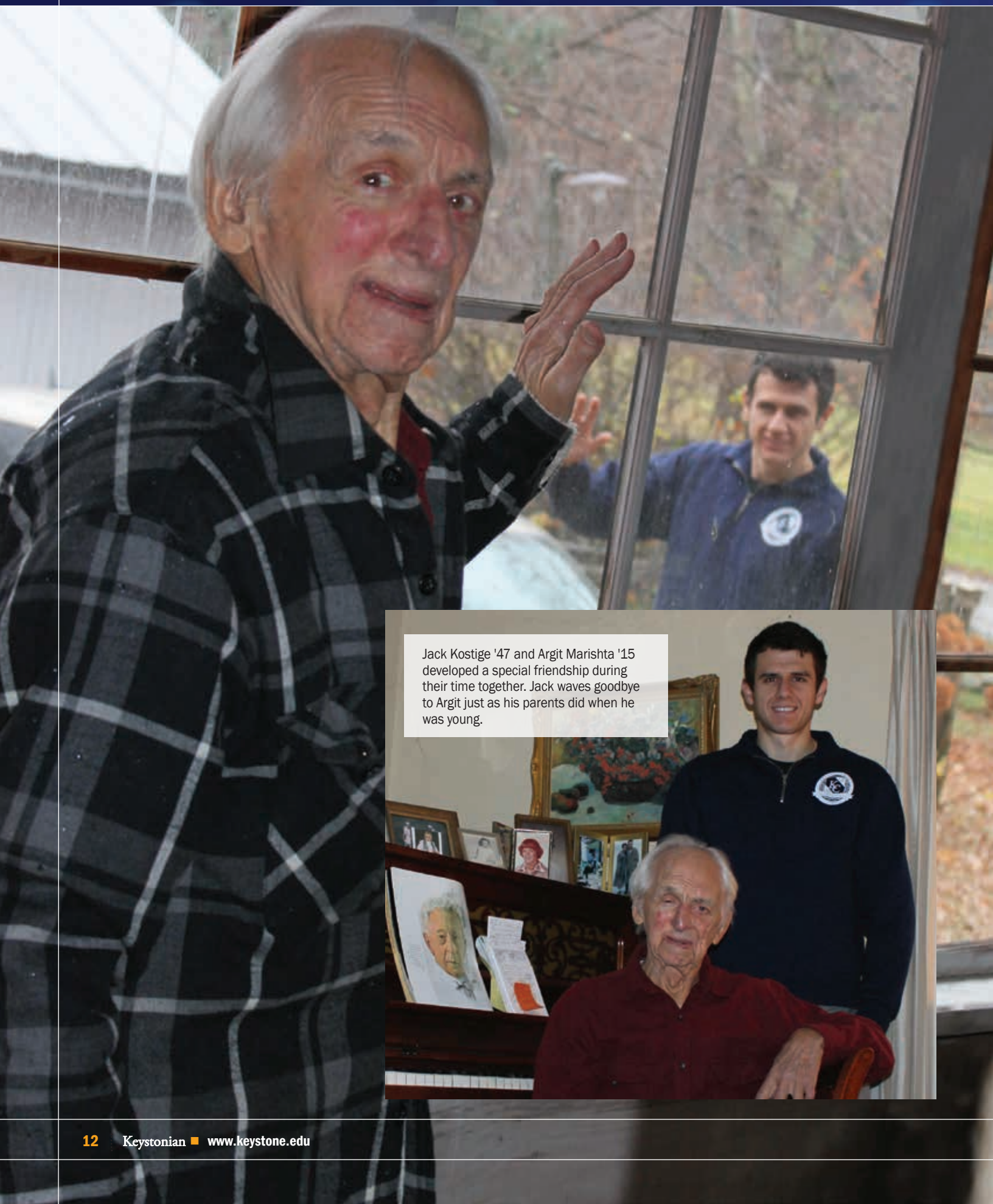
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Jack Kostige '47 and Argjit Marishta '15 developed a special friendship during their time together. Jack waves goodbye to Argjit just as his parents did when he was young.



Giving Back: Keystone Alumni

Finding Unique Ways to Give Back

Giving Back. It's something Keystone College alumni have always been willing to do. One can argue it's more than just tradition for Keystone graduates to support the growth of their alma mater; it's a way of life.

Each year, Keystone alumni spend hundreds of hours and give thousands of dollars helping Keystone fulfill its mission of educating students and preparing them to become successful and productive members of society. Whether it's making contributions to the annual fund, creating a scholarship, or donating their time and expertise to a particular project or event, Keystone alumni always find a way to give back.

"Our alumni are tremendously dedicated to the success of Keystone College," said Alumni Director Mariellen Rinaldi. "They remember their own experiences at Keystone and they are eager to help current students take advantage of their college experience."

Unique Ways of Giving

While all Keystone alumni are eager to contribute in some manner, graduates Jack Kostige '47 and Suzanne Fisher Staples '65 are sharing their particular gifts in special ways. Their individual stories of giving back exemplify the true Keystone spirit.

Argit and Jack

At first glance, Argit Marishta and Jack Kostige '47 have virtually nothing in common.

Argit is a Keystone senior from Tirana, Albania, majoring in biology and public health. An honors student, Argit plans on attending medical school after graduating in May, 2015.

Jack is a senior citizen who has a great love for all things Keystone. After

graduating in 1947, he received his bachelor's and master's degrees from New York University. Fulfilled in his family life, he pursued a distinguished career as a high school math and science educator, and a science consultant for a private company, before retiring to his family's homestead in nearby Nicholson, Pennsylvania.

While it seems unlikely their paths would ever cross, the lasting friendship that has developed between these two men is truly remarkable.

Jack and Argit first met in 2011 at the Keystone College Scholarship Luncheon, an annual event during which students have a chance to meet those individuals who endow their scholarships.

After a brief conversation, Jack – always a good judge of character and intelligence – was intrigued with Argit.

"This young man was so impressive," Jack said. "He was humble and respectful, and at the same time, expressed himself so well. His entire personality just resonated with me."

Argit was equally impressed with Jack.

"I enjoyed speaking with him," Argit remembered. "He had so much to offer from an educational standpoint. He had interests in some of the same things I did. It was clear he had a lot of valuable advice and experience."

Jack asked Argit to keep in touch, and Argit did exactly that. Because Jack is not an avid Internet user, the two began to correspond the old fashioned way – by writing letters.

"I was at a point in my life where I wanted to discuss things in a little more depth, and Jack was a perfect person for that type of conversation," Argit said. "Sure, I had my friends on campus, but Jack offered a different perspective. My

family is a long way away, and I enjoy talking to him very much."

Eventually, Jack, who lives alone, invited Argit for dinner, and the friendship continued to flourish. During his time at Keystone, Argit has lived in residence halls on campus and has been a resident assistant at Keystone off-campus housing in Factoryville. As he continued with his studies and realized medical school was his ultimate goal, Argit thought a slower-paced life might be more suitable.

"I needed more time to study and more time to prepare for my life after Keystone," he said. "Living in student housing was great for several years, but it was time to move on to other things."

In true Keystone spirit, Jack sensed he might be able to help. In the summer of 2013, Argit remained in Northeastern Pennsylvania to work part-time at Keystone and part-time at an off-campus internship. Realizing he needed a place to stay, Jack offered to share his house in nearby Nicholson at no cost. When the semester began in the fall of 2013, Argit remained at Jack's house for the rest of the academic year. When school resumed in the fall of 2014, Argit continued to stay at Jack's rather than seek other living accommodations.

The result has been an experience both men will remember forever.

"Mutually supportive experiences like this help keep me young," Jack said. "Just as important, this type of bonding may set an example for other Keystone students and alumni. I'm happy for this to be my contribution to Keystone and to Argit."

Argit couldn't agree more.

"It's been a great life lesson for me," he said. "I'll remember how Jack helped me, and maybe I'll have the opportunity to give back to someone else the same way."

Suzanne Fisher Staples '65

As a well-known author, journalist, screenwriter, and lecturer, Suzanne Fisher Staples could be living virtually anywhere in the nation or in the world, and could likely be associated with any number of prestigious colleges and universities.

But Suzanne has chosen to lend her time and talents to the school closest to her heart – Keystone College. In addition to her published writing, Suzanne is best known to Keystonians as the College's Artist in Residence and one of the principal drivers of the highly successful conference on creativity and imagination, The Gathering.

Without her many contributions, neither The Gathering, nor Keystone, would be quite the same. Her efforts are truly a labor of love and a sign of deep respect for the college which helped forge her future success. In many ways, her journeys around the world have enabled her to return home and contribute to Keystone in a special way.

For Suzanne, doing what she loves means writing. As a child, Suzanne loved to read stories and dreamed of one day becoming a writer. After graduating as valedictorian of her class at nearby Lakeland High School, she began to pursue her dream by enrolling in what was then Keystone Junior College. The well-rounded liberal arts education she received at Keystone set the stage for the rest of her life.

"To me, Keystone is more than just the college I attended after high school," she says. "It's a place where I learned to believe in myself and realize I could become successful doing what I love."

After obtaining her associate degree, she continued her education at Cedar Crest College in Allentown, Pa., and began to pursue a career in writing and journalism.

"I wanted work that would make a difference," she recalls. "I moved to Hong Kong and went to work for UPI (United Press International). I didn't have a journalism degree, but I was hired because I knew something about politics. After a

week of training to learn how to write like a journalist, I joined the Asia news desk. I monitored news from China, and wrote about the free-wheeling economics of Hong-Kong. I edited news from the wars in Indochina, and wrote about the 'Boat People' who fled those wars."

In 1979, UPI sent her to India, where she reported news from South Asia. Suzanne covered the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan and sent the first news and photos of Soviet troops in Kabul, Afghanistan. In 1984, Suzanne returned to the United States and continued her journalism career at *The Washington Post*.

"In the United States, I became acutely aware that people here were dangerously uninformed about the part of the world I'd just left. How were we going to elect officials who would act wisely and responsibly in dealing with the threat of Islamic expansionism if we didn't know the first thing about the religion, the many cultures in the Islamic world, its geography and history?"

She returned to Pakistan as a consultant to the US Agency for International Development to help design a program to improve literacy in the vast, impoverished rural areas where Islamic fundamentalists were gaining a foothold. Her notebooks from that assignment became the basis for five novels and three screenplays about life in India, Pakistan and Afghanistan. Writing and speaking about that part of the world has been at the center of her life ever since.

"I am a big believer in the power of story to put readers in the shoes of people in far-away places and unfamiliar cultures. It seemed to me to be a powerful antidote to the image of wild-eyed, anti-female fundamentalists that had become the predominant Muslim stereotype. I knew fiction could bring to life a truer image of Islam: one in which Americans could identify with men and women who love their families, want only to work and earn a living wage, to raise and educate their children in peace."

That's when she began to pursue her dream of writing fiction based on her real

life experiences, and she has done so with great success. Today, she is the author of several award-winning novels. *Under the Persimmon Tree*, set in Afghanistan, is recognized by the International reading association as a "Notable Book for a Global Society." The Newbery Honor Book *Shabanu: Daughter of the Wind* is a story about nomadic camel herders in Pakistan.


Suzanne and her husband, Wayne Harley, returned to Northeastern Pennsylvania and currently reside in Benton Township, a short drive from the Keystone campus. Suzanne stays busy writing novels and devotes much of her time to The Gathering, one of the most distinguished events of its kind in the nation. Each July for the past eight years, some of the world's best known authors, poets, journalists, and commentators come to Keystone for The Gathering, a three-day symposium of performances, lectures, discussions, and workshops.

People from diverse backgrounds meet to explore the creative spirit that permeates science, literature, and the arts around the world. Guest speakers have included such notable talents as author Salman Rushdie and Gregory Maguire, author of the novel, *Wicked*. This year, The Gathering will welcome noted attorney and professor Anita Hill to campus.

Along with several dedicated volunteers, Suzanne spends many hours helping to coordinate and organize the three-day event.

"We have all worked so hard to bring The Gathering to campus each year," she says. "It has become a noteworthy event that helps bring into focus the type of quality education Keystone provides to its students and the commitment it has to the community."

For Suzanne, Keystone's commitment to a liberal arts education not only helps provide professional training but encourages students to put their own lives into focus with the world around them. That is the type of education which will not only benefit students from a practical

A photograph of Suzanne Fisher Staples '65 sitting in a grey office chair at her desk. She is wearing a dark grey sweater with grey cuffs and red pants. Her hands are clasped in her lap. The desk has a laptop, a printer, and a bookshelf in the background. The text is overlaid on a white box on the left side of the image.

standpoint but will enable them to make a positive difference in society.

“If we want a literate, empathetic, productive society, we must give students a solid background in basics. Every job requires specific skills. A liberal arts education develops the ability to analyze and imagine so job skills can be applied with a sense of possibility,” Suzanne said.

For Suzanne, that complete, well-rounded approach to education is the very essence of Keystone College.

“I really admire Keystone and the type of education it provides to students,” she said. “It takes courage for an institution to remain committed to educating the whole person. I feel my education at Keystone was invaluable as I pursued my career, and I’m so happy to be a part of this College.”

Suzanne Fisher Staples '65 enjoys working on her next novel at home in Benton Township, Pennsylvania.

Former Keystone Student Operates Unique 3-D Printing Business

Former Keystone College student Billy La Pierre is making the most out of the 3-D printing revolution.

Billy, who attended Keystone from 1984-1985 and describes himself as a “serial entrepreneur,” owns several businesses in the Yorktown Heights area of Westchester County, N.Y. He entered the world of 3-D printing in May, 2014, when he started his newest business, Mini 3D ME, in a retail storefront in Yorktown Heights.

Mini 3D ME does exactly what its names implies. The business uses 3-D printing to produce mini-figurines of people in amazing, lifelike detail. Billy says the company’s goal is to “freeze time and create lifelong memories.”

“We also make 3-D family portraits, wedding cake toppers, signs, etc. You want it? We print it,” he says.

Billy became interested in 3-D printing a few years ago after reading an article in *MIT Technology Review*. After doing extensive research, he concluded the 3-D printing business offered a real opportunity.

“From what I’ve been told by our vendors, when we first started producing our first round of personalized figurines out of a retail storefront, we were just the fifth such business in the world to be doing so on a full-time basis.”

Mini 3D ME uses a high end-scanner to capture precise details of an individual in his or her favorite pose. The scanned images are then sent to a computer

program where they are precisely combined. Once the new, scanned image is edited and perfected, it is then sent to an advanced 3-D printer, which produces a life-like image in just a few hours. While the process may sound easy, Billy says it takes a great deal of practice and skill.

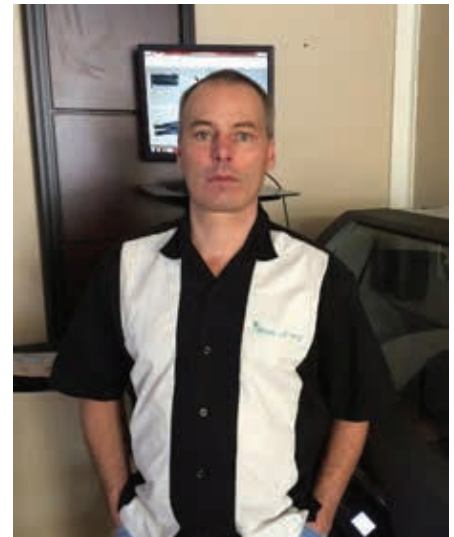
“On the surface, operating a 3-D printer seems fairly straightforward. In reality, unless you are willing to treat it as a craft that you’re willing to be patient about and willing to master, you’ll find it extremely difficult,” he says.

Despite the steep learning curve, Billy said the word about his new business is spreading quickly. It has attracted unsolicited inquiries from architectural firms, industrial designers, and other companies.

“As far as we know, we’re the only shop with this level of expertise and success in creating extreme lifelike miniatures – with a retail storefront – for at least 200 miles. So, once people started getting word of what we’re doing, it’s been non-stop ever since.”

For more information on Billy’s company visit www.mini-3d-me.com.

Read about Keystone's new regional Additive Manufacturing/3-D Printing Center on page 4.



Billy LaPierre



A min-figurine created by Mini 3-D ME.

Keystone students are looking for internships. Can you help?
 Please contact the Career Development Center at cdc@keystone.edu or at (570) 945-8314

Meet the Institutional Advancement Staff

It's likely from time to time that many Keystone alumni, donors, and friends hear from members of our Institutional Advancement staff. While you may be somewhat familiar with several members of our team, we would like to take the opportunity to introduce them on a more personal level by featuring them periodically in issues of the *Keystonian*.

Our hope is that when you hear from them, or meet them in person, you will know a little bit more about them and how dedicated they are to making Keystone the best it can possibly be.

Donna Clemens - Director of Donor Relations

I had an idyllic childhood, growing up in the pre-computer days of rural Wyoming County, Pennsylvania -- my brother, sister and I venturing inside only at dinnertime. Decades later my siblings and I remain close and all agree we were blessed with the mother we were given for whom I thank for instilling in me, among countless lessons by example, a sense of gratitude and appreciation for the importance of higher education.

Following my graduation from Marywood College with a degree in English literature, I moved to Providence, R.I and, after spending nearly eight years working in New England, I felt a desire to return to Pennsylvania and spend more time with my grandparents.

I thank my Dad for all that is practical in me, as he suggested I extend my job search to Keystone College. I stopped in Keystone's Human Resources Office with a resume, a belief in the importance of higher education, and an open mind to any position that might be available. I received a call for a position as an assistant in the Student Affairs Office to begin my Keystone career.

Now, as I enter my 24th year at Keystone, I associate different places on campus with various personal, professional, and historical milestones. I was soon recruited to work in the Office of Financial Aid on the second floor of Sisson Hall.

Nearly four years later, an opportunity to work in the Development Office as a Prospect



Donna Clemens

Research Associate opened. I soon found myself on my way to the fourth floor of Harris Hall. The pussy willow branches my husband gave me to adorn my new office twenty years ago still hold a prominent place on my bookshelf.

My job, my office, as well as my co-workers have changed over the years, but it's through my present role as Director of Donor Relations that I have been able to appreciate the lessons my mother instilled in me years ago.

A glance at the photos on my bookshelf reminds me of the many gracious donors with whom I've had the pleasure to work. Many of our scholarship donors have been willing to share their story of giving over the years during our annual Scholarship

Luncheon. This year marked the 18th luncheon I've coordinated with over 230 donors and recipients in attendance. I recall the very first luncheon when we all gathered around a handful of tables in Evans Hall.

I'm fortunate to occupy a third floor Harris Hall office for the last decade, but my time in this department began when the Development Office was located on the fourth floor of Harris. Despite the many happy memories, including supervising "Phonathon" the night before my son was born, my former office was also the location from which I viewed the destruction of the front lawn in the tornado of 1998 and where I first learned of the devastating events of 9/11 through a call from a donor.

Thinking about the many times I've walked the path from Harris to the Campus Center reminds me of the holiday and family events I've attended, especially the early ones when my then-toddler son, Daniel, "entertained" everyone by banging on the piano. My husband, Mitch, and I are immensely proud of Daniel, who is now a sophomore at Emerson College in Boston and plays the piano beautifully.

As for my personal tastes, I've never outgrown my love of classic rock, or the rocky shores of Cape Cod where we've vacationed for 20 twenty years. I like to keep things simple, fair and organized. My circle is small but strong, so when something or someone I value enters my life, I appreciate it, I take care of it, and I hold onto it for as long as I'm able.

Honey and Apples: New Keystone Experiences

For nearly 15 years, Keystone College has enjoyed a unique reputation for producing delicious homemade maple syrup at our famous Sugar Shack. Now, we will be known for some additional all-natural products, as well.

Keystone has started its own apiary to raise bees and harvest the honey they produce. The College is also putting a dormant apple orchard to productive use, and the end result is a delicious homemade cider. Better still, Keystone students are becoming experts in these areas, thanks to a new one-credit course, Apples and Honey, taught by Assistant Professor of Fine Art Jared Jaffe.

The idea developed when Jared picked apples from the orchard, located in a remote area on the eastern edge of campus not far from the new Athletic Track and Field complex. A home-brewing aficionado, Jared made his own apple cider and shared it with Keystone College President David L. Coppola, Ph.D.

Dr. Coppola loved the cider, especially since it was produced in the College's very own orchard. He asked if Jared would like to teach a one-credit course in making apple cider. Jared readily accepted and agreed to add instruction in beekeeping to the course.

To educate himself on the science of beekeeping, Jared became a member of the Lackawanna Backyard Bee Association and learned everything he could about beekeeping. He now considers the hobby a valuable part of his life. This fall, a group of 15 students enrolled in the first Apples and Honey course ever offered at Keystone.

"I love it, and the kids love it. This has been a great experience for everyone. I've learned so much about bees and how they function as individuals and as a society, and of course, how they produce honey. But the best part about this experience is sharing this valuable information with the students."

"The new Apples and Honey course is just one example of the many unique aspects of a Keystone College education,"



Assistant Professor Jared Jaffe teaches his beekeeping course at Keystone.

Dr. Coppola said, "Students have the opportunity to come together and learn about nature in a way they may never have before. It's a lesson in lifelong learning, and it's really enjoyable experience for all."

Students taking the course enjoy learning about something they previously knew little about. They also realize the course has some practical benefits.

"It's one of the best classes I've ever taken. It's really fun and educational," said Michelle Patire, a senior business major who also has an associate degree

in culinary arts. "I took the course because I'm always interested in learning about how things grow and how they are made naturally. It's something I plan to learn more about as I continue my professional career."

Chad Paulin, a senior biology major agrees.

"I just love this class. Jared is an awesome professor. He knows so much, and he is so enthusiastic about sharing what he learns," said Chad. "I think I just might start my own apiary someday."

Keystone Receives \$1.2 Million Grant from PennDOT for Road, Lighting, and Sidewalk Improvements

Keystone College has received a \$1.2 million Multimodal Transportation Fund Investment grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for major improvements to its campus entrance and for new street lighting, landscaping, and sidewalks along College Avenue in the front of campus.

The project is one of 86 projects in 35 counties made possible by the recently enacted Act 89, which provides \$84 million in increased state funding for transportation and safety projects statewide.

The Keystone College project includes realigning the main entrance to campus as it connects to State Highway 6 and 11, a major thoroughfare which runs adjacent to the College. The road entering campus from State Highway 6 and 11 will be reconstructed with roundabouts

at two locations along College Avenue at Edwards Lane and Regina Way. The new construction will facilitate traffic flow and improve safety for drivers and pedestrians. A traffic light at the entrance to campus had already been planned as part of current improvements being made to State Highway 6 and 11.

In addition, preliminary design plans include improvements to College Avenue with a central median island, curbs, and streetscape improvements, including Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant sidewalks and crosswalks. Work on the project is expected to begin in the summer of 2015 and be completed by late December of 2015.

“We are delighted to receive this grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for traffic and streetscape improvements at the entrance

to campus and along College Avenue,” said Keystone College President Dr. David L. Coppola. “This much-needed addition will improve safety for Keystone students and visitors and add to the aesthetic beauty of our scenic campus. We extend our most sincere thanks to all those who worked to make this grant possible.”

Act 89 increases transit funding and establishes dedicated multimodal funding for aviation, passenger rail, rail freight, and other transportation projects statewide. The grant process was competitive, and selections were based on such criteria as safety benefits, regional economic conditions, technical and financial feasibility, job creation, energy efficiency, and operational sustainability.

Artist rendering of the proposed new College Avenue.



Keystone Receives PennDOT Grant for \$750,000 for Trail System Upgrades

Keystone College has been awarded a \$755,905 grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) to partner with the Countryside Conservancy on the joint development of a 1.5 mile segment of hiking trail known as the Trolley Trail.

The trail is a critical piece of Countryside Conservancy's envisioned 14-mile Trolley Trail, a public hiking and biking trail that follows the abandoned Northern Electric Railroad line. The non-motorized multi-use trail will ultimately connect Clarks Summit to Lake Winola. Phase 1 of the Trolley Trail, a three-mile stretch that runs from nearby Clarks Summit to Dalton, was recently completed and has become a popular hiking destination.

The new 1.5 mile Phase 2 section will traverse Keystone's Woodlands Campus, which currently includes approximately seven miles of interpretive hiking trails. Among other features, the new trail

will include fencing, gates, signage, landscaping, erosion and sedimentation control, and designated handicapped parking areas.

The project is a partnership between the Keystone College Environmental Education Institute and Countryside Conservancy, a non-profit organization dedicated to protecting land and water in and near the Tunkhannock Creek watershed.

The grant is one of 56 statewide projects receiving a total of \$33 million in federal funding administered through PennDOT. All of the projects are "transportation alternative" initiatives designed to enhance pedestrian and bicycle facilities, improve access to public transportation, preserve historic transportation structures, create safe routes to school, and create pedestrian trail systems.

"We are extremely grateful to the Pennsylvania Department of



Proposed improvement view of the trails.

Transportation for this important grant," said Keystone College President Dr. David L. Coppola. "We especially thank all those at the Keystone College Environmental Education Institute and the Countryside Conservancy for their tremendous efforts in obtaining this funding. The trail system on our Woodlands Campus is a great resource for the entire community and the improvements made as a result of this grant, including the extension of the regional trail system, will add to those benefits."

Upcoming Alumni Events

Alumni Networking Luncheon

Thursday March 5, 2015, 12:30 p.m., Evans Hall

Share your career expertise with our students at our luncheon. For more information or to register, contact alumnirelations@keystone.edu or (570) 945-8162.

Washington D.C. Alumni Gathering

Scheduled for Spring 2015

Watch your e-mail for more details.

Women's Alumni Softball Game

Saturday April 11, 2015, 4 p.m.

Christy Mathewson Field

For more information or to register, contact alumnirelations@keystone.edu or (570) 945-8162.

Men's Alumni Baseball Game

Saturday May 9, 2015, 1 p.m.

Christy Mathewson Field

For more information or to register, contact alumnirelations@keystone.edu or (570) 945-8162.

Calling All Couples! Met at Keystone? Married at Keystone?

Please send in your "then" and "now" photos for a special feature of alumni couples. For more information please contact Mariellen Rinaldi at (570) 945-8162 or alumnirelations@keystone.edu



One Step at a Time Consider the Ease of Recurring Contributions

Every journey begins with the first step. **President Emeritus Edward G., Jr. '13H**, and **Regina Boehm '13H** envisioned commemorating their time at Keystone College with an endowed scholarship in their name. They set a goal, expressed their intent to reach that goal through monthly contributions, and ultimately took the first step toward creating a tangible symbol of their fondness for Keystone College. One monthly contribution at a time, the Edward G. and Regina E. Boehm Scholarship is now a reality, providing much-needed financial assistance to our students. Moreover, two additional scholarships have been created: one in Regina's name as a result of the Celebration of Excellence in 2000, and a second endowed scholarship established as their legacy upon retirement. Ned and Regina are now members of Keystone's newest giving level, the

1868 Society, which acknowledges lifetime giving of over \$100,000.

Monthly giving represents a strong belief in the vision, mission, and core values of Keystone College. The amount of the gift pales in comparison to the knowledge that you are directly contributing to the needs of our students, and giving back through a monthly deduction is a seamless opportunity to make a difference. If you already give, thank you for leading by example as the Boehms have done, and please encourage others to become a part of Keystone's tradition of giving back. Consider the ease of a monthly deduction, set a gift objective, return your pledge card, and reap the benefits of knowing that you're making a direct impact in enhancing the quality of education that our students receive.

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calendar of upcoming events

Mark your calendars and be sure to attend one of Keystone College's many free events this spring. We offer scholarly lectures, concerts, cultural programs, and seasonal activities to the campus community and general public. Visit www.keystone.edu for a complete listing of campus events.

January 19, 2015

**Performance Art: Road to Freedom:
A Journey Toward Peace**
7 p.m., Brooks Theatre

Every Thursday in February, 2015

**Concerts: Black History Month
Celebration**
Noon - 2 p.m., Student Restaurant

March 5, 2015

**Alumni Event: Alumni Career
Networking Luncheon***
12:30 p.m., Evans Hall

March 10, 2015

**Lecture: Pennsylvania, from
Casey to Gosnell: How One State's
Battles Over Abortion Has Affected
an Entire Country's Right to Choose**
presented by Robin Marty
7 p.m., Evans Hall

March 12, 2015

Concert: The Quietmen
7 p.m., Brooks Theatre

April 2, 2015

**Poetry Reading by Elaine Equi
and Jerome Sala**
7 p.m., Brooks Theatre

April 8, 2015

**Lecture: Violence, Guns,
and the Ethics of Health Care**
presented by Dr. Arthur Caplan
7 p.m., Evans Hall

April 11, 2015

**Alumni Athletic Event:
Keystone Softball Alumni Game***
4 p.m., Christy Mathewson Field

April 21, 2015

Lecture: The End of Country
presented by Seamus McGraw
7 p.m., Evans Hall

April 29, 2015

**Academic Event: Spring Undergraduate
Research and Creativity Celebration**
9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m., Theatre in Brooks

May 9, 2015

**Alumni Athletic Event:
Keystone Baseball Alumni Game***
1 p.m., Christy Mathewson Field

May 10, 2015

**Alumni Athletic Event: Keystone
Alumni Baseball Golf Outing***
9 a.m., Stonehedge Golf Course,
Factoryville

May 16, 2015

Commencement

*Alumni Events: Advance registration is requested. Make your reservation online at www.keystone.edu/alumni-events or contact the Alumni Office at 1-877-4COLLEGE, option 5 or mariellen.rinaldi@keystone.edu. Campus visits are always welcome!