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Immediacy. More than ever, that seems to be the nature of the world in which we live. Smartphones, Twitter, Facebook and E-mail. These are all wonderful and important tools for communication if used in the proper contexts. So often, however, we are asked to respond quickly, if not immediately, without taking the time to discern a more thoughtful, substantive, or strategic approach.

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Sincerely,

David L. Coppola, Ph.D.

President



#### ■ Eckel Family Pavilion Construction Continues



Crews are hard at work this spring constructing the Eckel Family Pavilion on Keystone's Woodlands Campus. The new pavilion, located near Keystone's Sugar Shack and the Athletic Field and Track Complex, will serve as an outdoor gathering place for Keystone students, faculty, staff, and alumni, as well as residents of the local community.

Keystone College received a \$100,000 gift from Keith W. Eckel, president and sole proprietor of Fred W. Eckel Sons Farms, Inc., Clarks Summit, to fund construction of the Pavilion, which is expected to be completed by the fall.

Architectural sketch of the Eckel Family Pavilion.

#### Celebrating 150 Years of Excellence

Since its founding in 1868, Keystone College has provided a unique educational experience for many students. The College community will celebrate its long and proud legacy with several special events in 2018 marking Keystone's 150th anniversary. As we approach this special anniversary, we look forward to gathering as a community to celebrate and recognize 150 years of remarkable service. For more information on anniversary plans, please contact Charlotte Ravaioli at (570) 945-8510 or at charlotte.ravaioli@keystone.edu.



#### Commencement Exercises Set



Keystone College will celebrate its 144th Commencement Exercises during a ceremony at the Pavilion at Montage Mountain on Saturday, May 16 at 11 a.m. Long-time Keystone College supporters and alumni Lloyd H. Michael '62, Ph.D. and Barbara Ann Smith Michael '62, J.D., M.S. will provide the keynote address.

Lloyd Michael recently retired from Baylor College of Medicine after 40 years of cardiovascular research and teaching, including 20 years at Dean of Medical School Admissions. Currently, he holds the title of Distinguished Professor Emeritus with joint appointments in the Departments of Surgery and Molecular Physiology and Biophysics.

With more than 45 years of experience in medical research and education, Barbara Michael is an Assistant Professor, School of Allied Health Services at the Baylor College of Medicine, and a Senior Advisor at Baylor's Center for Collaborative and Interactive Technologies. Prior to joining Baylor, she was on the faculty at the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston.



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#### College Leadership



Marie A. George, Ph.D.



Kara Stone



Karen K. Yarrish, Ph.D.

As an institution committed to excellence, Keystone College continues to evolve in pursuit of ongoing improvement. With that in mind, the Keystone College community recently welcomed new members to the Keystone College leadership team.

Marie A. George, Ph.D., has been named Executive Vice President. Dr. George has extensive experience in higher education, having served as President of Cabrini College, Executive Vice President of Saint Anselm College, and Vice President for Planning and Institutional Effectiveness at the University of Scranton.

Dr. George earned a bachelor's degree in mathematics from Misericordia University, a graduate degree in counseling from the University of Scranton, and a doctorate in organizational leadership from the University of Pennsylvania.

Kara Stone has been named Dean of Enrollment. Prior to joining Keystone, Ms. Stone was Director of Retention and Student Success and Assistant Dean of Transfer Students and Student Retention at Fordham University in New York City. She also served at Fordham as Assistant Director of Transfer Admissions.

She received a bachelor's and master's degree in English from Fordham and is currently pursuing a doctorate in English. Ms. Stone and her husband, Attorney Joseph G. Price, reside in Scranton.

Karen K. Yarrish, Ph.D., has been named Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the College. Prior to her new position, Dr. Yarrish served as Vice President for Strategic Planning and Human Resources at Keystone. With more than 20 years experience in higher education, Dr. Yarrish began her career at Keystone in 1998 as an assistant professor. She has also served as chair of Keystone's School of Business, Management, and Technology and was selected as the 2013 Margaretta Belin Chamberlin Chair Award for Distinguished Faculty Service recipient.

Dr. Yarrish received a bachelor of science degree in business administration from King's College, a master of science degree in human resources administration from the University of Scranton, and a doctorate degree in workforce education and development from Pennsylvania State University. She resides in Kingston Township with her husband, Craig.

#### Winterfest

Keystone College celebrated the holiday season with a variety of special events during its annual Winterfest celebration. Kicking off the festivities was a rousing rendition of the Jazz Nutcracker Suite by the Pennsylvania Jazz Alliance to a standing-roomonly-crowd at the Theatre in Brooks. Keystone's gift to the community, the performance marked the first time the Jazz Nutcracker Suite was performed in Northeastern Pennsylvania.

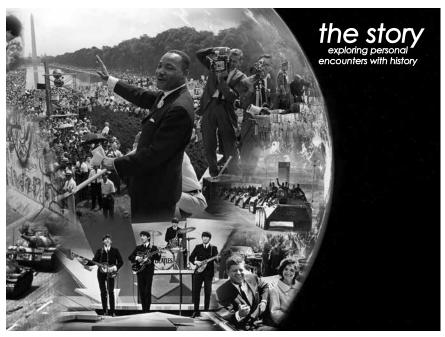


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#### Summer Happenings at Keystone College

Keystone College is quickly becoming the place to be during the summer months. In addition to summer courses, campus is buzzing with a number of conferences, symposia, and camps.



The Gathering, an annual symposium featuring lectures, workshops, performances, and discussions, brings together people from diverse backgrounds to explore the creative spirit through the sciences and arts of cultures from around the world. Scheduled for July 16-19, "The Story: Exploring Personal Encounters with History" will examine the intersections of personal lives and world events through time. Featured presenters include Anita Hill, Katharine Boo, and Denver Butson. For more information or to register, contact Charlotte Ravaioli at charlotte.ravaioli@keystone.edu or visit www.thegatheringatkeystone.org.

The Keystone College **Environmental Education Institute** offers hands-on educational activities for individuals interested in exploring, embracing, protecting, and enjoying the natural world. Three courses are planned this summer for elementary, middle school, and high school science teachers. For more information or to register, contact Sharon Burke at sharon.burke@keystone.edu or visit www.keystone.edu/kceei/.

The Keystone College Jazz Institute brings students, educators, amateurs, and professional musicians on campus for a week of intensive musical theory and performance courses, culminating with a performance during the annual Scranton Jazz Festival. Scheduled for August 3-7, the Institute is one of the few jazz education and performance programs offered in Northeastern Pennsylvania. For more information or to register, contact Leanne Kavulich at (570) 945-8580 or visit online at www.keystone.edu/jazzinstitute/.

# Spring Undergraduate Research and Creativity Celebration

Members of the Keystone College community will gather April 29 from 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m. in the Theatre in Brooks at the Undergraduate Research and Creativity Celebration. The research forum will feature more than 100 exhibits highlighting year-long faculty-mentored research projects, creative works, and senior capstone projects by Keystone students.

These projects, representing all of the College's academic divisions, will feature key research in science, medicine, technology, art, business, communications, and education. There will be presentations from students in Keystone's schools of Business, Management and Technology; Communication Arts and Humanities; Education: Fine Arts: Natural Sciences and Mathematics; and Social and Behavioral Sciences.



Samantha Mileti '15, discusses her research project at the 2014 Spring Undergraduate Research and Creativity Celebration.

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- Warre Bee Hive: this purchase completed the bee yard collection to round out the potential beekeeper's education. A onecredit course, Honey and Apples, is taught by Assistant Professor Jared Jaffe.
- Textbook Lending Library: this grant money has made textbooks available to students who can't afford to purchase books for class work. The grant has breathed new life into the lending library, adding new texts to the stock.
- Visiting Artist Workshop: Dianne Pappas, a multimedia installation artist, presented a sensory perception lecture and workshop to Three-Dimensional Design Students. Funds paid for the visiting artist's travel expenses, two lectures, and a workshop, as well as a class trip to the Dia Beacon Art Gallery.
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Fourteen Keystone College alumni returned to campus for the Alumni Networking Luncheon and visited with students who shared their career aspirations. Sixty students attended the annual event and received interview tips, resume edits, and insight into career opportunities from alumni who have achieved success in their fields. Seated from left: Lindsay Barrasse, Amanda Allman '14, Nicole Severs '12, and Stacey Donahue '91. Standing from left: Justin Kraky '06, Rob Booth '09, Atty. David Solfanelli '01, Jeffrey Zelno '07, Paul Denay '13, Shane Kleiner '90, Lyndsey Pompey '12, Wendy Kramer '06, Jim Mirabelli '05, and Louise Stryjewski Henry '78.



Editor's Note: Sadly, Keystone alumnus Bill Seamans passed away on Friday, April 10, 2015, 12 days shy of his 100th birthday. The Keystone College family extends our condolences to Bill's wife, Tina; daughter, Susan Seamans, and the entire Seamans family

#### Bill Seamans Celebrates 100th Birthday

Everyone at Keystone College extends hearty congratulations to alumnus Bill Seamans '38 on his 100th birthday.

Bill was born on April 22, 1915 in nearby Factoryville, Pa. He celebrated the special occasion with his wife, Tina, and their daughter, Susan Seamans '78, Keystone College.

A decorated World War II Army Air Corps pilot in the Pacific Theater, Bill received the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal for his military service. He was a standout athlete at what was then Keystone Junior College, participating in football, baseball, tennis, and track. He went on to star on the gridiron for The College of William and Mary, where he earned his bachelor's

degree. Bill was inducted into the Keystone College Athletics Hall of Fame in 2005 and the Northeastern Chapter of the PA Sports Hall of Fame in 1990. Bill's niece, Virginia (Gini) Seamans Parker, was member of Keystone's Class of 1962 and his father, Harry Seamans, attended Keystone Academy many years ago.

Bill was also known as an accomplished pilot and flying instructor. After a long career as a pilot with the Flying Tiger air cargo company, he became well known in the Factoryville area for operating and giving flying lessons at Seamans Airport in Factoryville.

Congratulations, Bill, on your special day!

# Chris Bzozowski: Overcoming Adversity to Become a Better Person

Make no mistake about it. Chris Bzozowski loves baseball.

The Keystone College third baseman can think of few things more enjoyable than helping his teammates win on the baseball diamond season after season. After he graduates from Keystone in May, the talented infielder hopes to be selected in the major league draft and continue his career on the professional level.

But there is something else everyone should know about Chris. While he indeed loves baseball with all his heart, the senior from Westhampton, N.J., is not defined by baseball. To Chris, baseball is just part of the overall college experience and one aspect of his life. There are so many other parts – family, friends, education, and the importance of being a member of a caring community.

"So many athletes these days want to define their lives by the sport they play," says Chris, a senior sport and recreation management major and psychology minor. "For me, baseball is just an outlet to express the kind of characteristics I have. I'm going to be a person way longer than I'm going to be an athlete, so I realize how important it is to get an education and be as complete a person as possible."

Although numerous experiences in his life and background have contributed to Chris' ability to keep his priorities in order, one event in particular has been especially meaningful.

While playing in a baseball game near Philadelphia in 2013, Chris was injured in a collision with an opposing player. After being taken to a nearby hospital, the initial diagnosis of bruised ribs seemed



As is his custom, Chris Bzozowski asks a young fan to autograph his hat at a baseball clinic in Baltimore, Md.

relatively non-threatening. Chris spent the night with his parents in suburban Philadelphia. As the hours passed, his pain grew worse, and he went into shock. He was rushed to a nearby hospital and then life-flighted to Cooper University Hospital in Camden, N.J.

"For me, Keystone has really been the perfect place. I've gotten a great education."

"Cooper Hospital was not that far of a drive. So I knew that if I was being life-flighted, it really was a very serious situation," Chris recalls.

After undergoing emergency surgery to repair his spleen, Chris began the long process of recovery. It was nearly a year before he could get back on the baseball diamond. While he would rather have been playing ball, his time away from the game was well spent.

"When the doctors told me I almost died, I really started to think about my life and what it meant. Of course, I was committed to school and baseball before the accident, but after it happened, I became even more dedicated to being the best I could be in every aspect of my life."

In addition to being a baseball player and an honors student, Chris dedicates himself to the community by helping with youth baseball clinics and joining in the fights against cancer and eating disorders.

"Even before his surgery, Chris was a great young man," says Keystone baseball coach Jamie Shevchik. "But he really fought to overcome adversity. He's totally committed to becoming the best person he can be. He really represents what a Keystone studentathlete is all about."

Chris, who transferred to Keystone after beginning his education at another college in New Jersey, says the support he has received from his family and from friends, faculty, and teammates at Keystone has made all the difference.

"For me, Keystone has really been the perfect place. I've gotten a great education. People have supported me in so many ways, and I want to do everything I can to help repay that support. Whether it's a teammate, a classmate, a professor, or just someone working on campus, I think we should just see each other as people and help out the best we can."

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

# Keystone College Art Moving Into the Future

For nearly 50 years, the Keystone Art Department has been recognized as the finest of its kind – not just locally and statewide, but nationally as well.

The department has produced artists who have exhibited their work throughout the world, have been successful career artists at the highest levels, and have contributed greatly to the field of art education. For the department's dedicated faculty, success is not only a cause for celebration but an opportunity to propel new generations of artists into the future. That's why the department has undertaken several new initiatives which will keep it at the cutting edge of the nation's best art schools.

#### Additive Manufacturing Center Moving Forward

In October 2014, Keystone College was chosen as the site for the Regional Center for Excellence in 3-D Design, Innovation, and Education. The new Center, created with the help of a \$290,850 grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development, will serve as a vital regional resource to provide support and training for local schools and businesses in the field of additive manufacturing and 3-D design. The new center is located in the Theatre in Brooks and will be operated by Keystone's Division of Fine Arts.

After six months of initial planning, the new Center is beginning to take shape in anticipation of its official opening in June, 2016. Additive manufacturing uses materials such as plastic, carbon, and fiber to produce three-dimensional objects.

"We are making great progress in getting the Center ready for its official opening in 2016," said Fine Arts Division Chair and Professor Ward Roe. "We've been visiting other additive manufacturing centers to generate additional ideas for our facility, and we've been ordering new, state-of-the art, three-dimensional printers and software."

#### Mobile Glass Studio

For several years, Keystone's glassblowing program has gained great respect as one of the few programs of its kind in the eastern United States. Now, local high school students across Northeastern Pennsylvania will have a chance to learn more about glass making right in their own schools as the Keystone Mobile Glass Program takes to the road in September, 2015.

Thanks to a \$40,000 grant from the Dorflinger Glass Museum in White Mills, Pa., the Art Department will soon be operating the Keystone Mobile Glass Studio at schools across the region. The studio will feature all the technical and artistic components of a stationary glass studio but is completely portable. The studio will be self-contained in a specially equipped mobile trailer and transported to schools for hands-on workshops that will also emphasize principles in science, technology, education, and mathematics (STEM).

"Local students will be able to see for themselves the many scientific and artistic skills related to the art of glass making," said Ward.

The mobile glass studio will be constructed on campus this summer as part of a special course designed to teach Keystone students and others the design and engineering of glass studio construction.

#### New Degree

Art students have another option in pursuing their degree at Keystone. The College now offers a bachelor of fine arts degree in studio art, with concentrations in: drawing and painting, print media, graphic design, photography, sculpture and 3-D technology, ceramics, and glass. The new BFA will expand upon the current bachelor of art degree by offering specialized courses in a student's specific area of interest. The Art Department, in conjunction

with the Information Technology Department, is also offering a new course in video game development to take advantage of career opportunities in that emerging field.

"The Keystone College Art Department has a long and proud tradition of being innovators in our field.





# Karl Neuroth: The Ultimate Artist

Although it was nearly 30 years ago, WVIA public radio host Erika Funke vividly remembers the first time she met artist Karl Neuroth. She clearly recalls the immediate impression he made as a creative and talented artist and a caring and compassionate person.

"The Mulberry Poets and Writers Association visited our studio to pair poets with visual artists to highlight their combined skills," Erika recalls. "Karl was involved in the project. I was tremendously impressed with his creativity, his sensitivity, and his empathy as an artist. His ability to combine his art with the spoken word was so impressive on so many levels."

Nearly three decades later, Erika is just one of many artists, art aficionados, professors, and former Keystone art students who have words of tribute for the former Keystone art professor and department chair. Just as important, they realize Karl's work since retiring from Keystone College in 2006 is more compelling than ever.

"After all these decades, his work still moves me so much, even more so," says Erika. "Karl is such a generous human being and a generous artist. By that, I mean his work is a gift that expresses beauty and delight and surprise on every level, recognizing the beauty of individual moments dancing together in patterns that affect us deeply. We walk away from it realizing that our own lives can be like that if we would only pay attention."

Keystone art professor Cliff Prokop, who along with Karl and his late wife Scotty Neuroth, colleague William Tersteeg, and a host of other dedicated faculty members, helped transform the Keystone College Art Department into one of the best in the nation, admits to being amazed at Karl's talent and production since he "retired" from Keystone.



36" x 72"x 6" deep three-dimensional painting. Medium of canvas, paper, found objects, and acrylic paint.

"I met Karl when I came to Keystone in 1972 for a job interview. I immediately realized that he was a man with so much energy and charisma. Today, I talk to him often, and I realize the exact same thing. The energy and passion he brings to his life and his work has actually grown immensely. Whether it's painting, printmaking, or even sculpting, I think Karl's work is the best and most creative it's ever been – and that's saying a lot."

In genuine humility, Karl leaves judgment about his work to others. However, he notes that his retirement from Keystone has given him the time and freedom to expand his artistic horizons. His new studio in Clarks Green, Pa., has enabled him to have the physical space he requires to work on larger paintings, prints, and sculptures. The amount of time that Karl and his wife, renowned interior designer and Keystone College graduate Diane Paparo '76, spend at their New York City apartment has enabled him to tune into the city's vibrant and ever-changing art scene.

"Now that I'm not spending my time teaching and chairing the art department, I really do have more time to be creative. Frankly, 99 percent of my days are spent thinking about my work. I can focus

more on ideas and how they can evolve into other ideas. It's an ongoing and continuing process," Karl says. "Spending more time in New York has also been a great advantage. I'm going to museums and galleries weekly, and that fuels my imagination and allows me to experience some of the best art and most creative artists in the world."

Diane readily attests to Karl's constant dedication.

"Sometimes I wonder when he sleeps," she jokes. "He's up at 3 or 4 in the morning writing down ideas on notepads or pieces of paper, and then he's working most of the day and into the night. For Karl, art is an ongoing process. He's always thinking, always creating, and always evolving."

#### In The Beginning

As an artist and as a person, Karl really has been evolving since his early days growing up in a German-American family in Reading, Pa. As a youngster, he was surrounded by the work of his grandfather, artist Otto Neuroth, who was highly regarded for his decorative painting and design work, displayed around the nation, including the Chicago World's Fair.

In the Neuroth household, creativity was not really taught as much as it was experienced in everyday life. Karl was only five when he began to draw for the first time, and he gained confidence from the tips and encouragement of his grandfather. Above all, he learned that what one sees is not as important as what one imagines. A blank canvas, he was taught, can best be filled by a vivid imagination.

Karl honed his talents at Kutztown State College (now Kutztown University) and then obtained a master's degree in art education at Temple University. He joined the faculty at North Penn High School in Lansdale, Pa., and helped transform the school's art education program into one of the state's best.

Then, in 1965, it was on to Keystone where Karl and Scotty, as department administrator, would lay the foundations for a great art school. Shortly thereafter, Cliff, Bill, and other faculty members arrived to positively influence the careers and lives of Keystone art graduates for decades to come.

One of those former Keystone students is 1981 graduate Todd Sykes. An art teacher at Scranton Preparatory School for the past 29 years, Todd's view of Karl, and the entire art faculty, typifies the respect former Keystone students have for their mentors.

"Really, I owe my career to all of those men - Karl, Bill, and Cliff," Todd says. "I learned so much, and when I graduated I was really prepared to continue my education and my career."

Because Keystone did not offer baccalaureate degrees at the time, Todd continued his academic career at Kutztown, Karl's alma mater, and received a master's degree in studio painting from Marywood University.

"Because of Karl, there was really a pipeline of Keystone students headed to Kutztown. When I got there, I was very prepared because of the education we had at Keystone," Todd says. "We were taught to think creatively, that is to be your own person and think outside

the box. That was the type of advanced education we received, and it benefitted us tremendously."

Todd never planned to enter the field of art education until Karl suggested it to him.

"It was Karl who steered me into art education," Todd recalls. "He saw that I was a people person – that I could communicate well and get my point across to others. He convinced me that art education would be the best path. And he was right. For me, my role as an art teacher is more than a job; it's a vocation, a calling. I love every minute of it and I have Karl to thank."

#### A Community of Artists

In reality, the entire community of Northeastern Pennsylvania has Karl to thank for advancing art appreciation in the region. That's certainly the view of long-time local art supporter Sondra Myers. Like Todd, Sondra realizes Karl's influence extends well beyond the Keystone College campus or the walls of his studio.

"He was really the catalyst for the local art scene," Sondra says. "When he began the exhibits and receptions at Keystone, it helped introduce the region to quality works of art. Today, we have several galleries in downtown Scranton and throughout the area, and in many ways it was Karl who helped fuel that growth."

While he refuses to take credit for expansion of the art community in Northeastern Pennsylvania, Karl agrees that appreciation for art has indeed come a long way in the last 40 years, not only at Keystone but throughout the area.

"We made a place for art at the College, and the community really came out and supported the program," Karl says. "The appreciation for art and artists in our community has steadily grown. I remember when the Afa (Artists for Art) Gallery began in downtown Scranton. People said artists would never be able to run their own gallery. But here it is today, still going strong."

#### The Artist of Today and Tomorrow

Anyone who spends any time at all with Karl can't help but be impressed not only with his creative genius but with how that creativity encompasses his view of life. While always taking a realistic view of the world around him, Karl refuses to let life's burdens outshine its larger message. A small sign in his studio says it best: "Life is not a problem to be solved but a mystery to be lived."

As he continues to live that mystery, his work continues to evolve.

"Sometimes, one idea unfolds into another idea and into a still larger idea. That whole process is so exciting and invigorating. I can hardly wait to see what happens next."





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**NUMBER 1A:** 3' x 21' charcoal and acrylic paint on canvas. **NUMBER 1B:** 3' x 21' charcoal, acrylic paint, and marker pen on canvas

NUMBER 2: 2" x 12" acrylic on canvas

**NUMBER 3:** Top: Six individual acrylic paintings on wood cradles, each 6" x 6" Bottom: three maquette sculptures, wood and acrylic paint, displayed on wall hung pedestals

NUMBERS 4-6: 12" by 12" acrylic on canvas

To see more examples of Karl's creativity, please visit http://karlneurothart.com/

# Artist Crystal Wagner '02 Creates Sprawling Installations

Keystone College graduate Crystal Wagner '02 has made her mark in the world of art, having her prints, drawing, sculptures, and other works exhibited around the country and the world.

After graduating from Keystone, Crystal continued her education at the Atlanta College of Fine Arts and received a master's degree in fine arts from the University of Tennessee in Knoxville.

After teaching art as a college professor for five years at Georgia College in Milledgeville, Ga., Crystal's career escalated to a point where she could leave academia and delve completely into her studio practice.

Crystal's latest work combines twodimensional and three-dimensional forms using alternative materials and hybrid approaches to printmaking, resulting in massive site-specific installations.



A few examples of Crystal's artwork



## Keystone Student Bindi Liebowitz auditions for American Idol

Since she was a small child Bindi (Breana) Liebowitz loved to sing. The Keystone College senior had the opportunity to demonstrate her talents on the hit show, American Idol.

Bindi, a communications major from Plainfield, N.J., auditioned for American Idol during a segment taped in Brooklyn, N.Y. The show in which she auditioned aired nationally on the FOX network. Because of the sheer number of contestants who auditioned, her performance was not shown during the two-hour broadcast. However, even though her songs were not televised, Bindi won a ticket to Hollywood from judges Harry Connick, Jr., Jennifer Lopez, and Adam Lambert during the audition. She performed two songs, "Put the Gun Down," by ZZ Ward and "I'm Goin' Down" by Mary J. Blige.

Bindi was shown smiling with the ticket during a collage of performers at the very end of the show.

Having made it through the New York City audition, Bindi then auditioned in Hollywood. While she didn't make the cut, Bindi was thrilled with her experience.

"The whole experience was absolutely wonderful, and to get a ticket to advance to Hollywood made it even better," Bindi said.

Bindi's appearance on American Idol was especially meaningful because she entered the competition to honor mother, Ursula Liebowitz-Johnson, who has been battling cancer. Fortunately, Mrs. Liebowitz-Johnson has responded positively to treatment and is doing very well, Bindi said.

"My audition for *American Idol* has really been a tribute to my mother, who is my real inspiration," Bindi said. "It's been a really exciting experience. I was pretty nervous at first, but I received a lot of support from my friends and family, and that really helped me a great deal. Overall, it's been incredible."



Bindi began singing at age six at the encouragement of Mrs. Liebowitz-Johnson and began taking voice lessons as a teenager. Growing up, she had - and still has – a special interest in country/ soul music. She is well known for her great voice on Keystone's campus and is founding member and president of the College's choral group, "Voices."

Keystone College senior Bindi Liebowitz performs with the Keystone College choral group, "Voices."

## Meet the Institutional Advancement Staff - Beth Miller

Facebook. The Twitterverse. Instagram. LinkedIn. The blogosphere. When Beth Miller came to Keystone College in 2000, none of these words had any meaning for us. Yet now they are the stuff of her work here every day. Beth is the College's Director of Communications and Social Media Outreach, and she keeps Keystone in the forefront of today's online environment.

Beth's fourteen years at Keystone has given her a wonderful perspective on the changing worlds of both communication and higher education. After earning a bachelor of arts in business administration at Cedar Crest College, she was attracted to Keystone because of its family atmosphere and commitment to students. Working with students, Beth says, is her favorite part of her day.

"I enjoy seeing the impact my work has on students. Having worked in a more corporate world, getting to see a smiling, satisfied student is always a highlight."

As Beth will attest, while the ways we facilitate student learning continue to change at Keystone, the warm and nurturing environment remains consistently present.

The Office of College Communications has evolved since Beth joined us. She now maintains the College's Facebook page, Twitter account, and is responsible for KC Morning E-Notes, which are sent daily to students, faculty, and staff.

In fact, Beth is the one who invented KC Morning when she was part of a Communications Council task force in 2007—she realized that we needed an electronic tool to keep everyone at Keystone informed, and it needed to be shared every day. She also assists with old-fashioned communication tools, writing news releases and College publications, and she serves on many College committees, such as Convocation



and Commencement as well as The Gathering Marketing group.

"We've certainly grown through the years," says Beth. "What I find astounding is the number of our alumni who are so quick to say what a difference Keystone has made in their lives. I get the impression frequently that Keystone has really helped them achieve success. It's gratifying to see the direct results of our work. I have the opportunity to meet many people who have been influenced by Keystone and want to come back and give back."

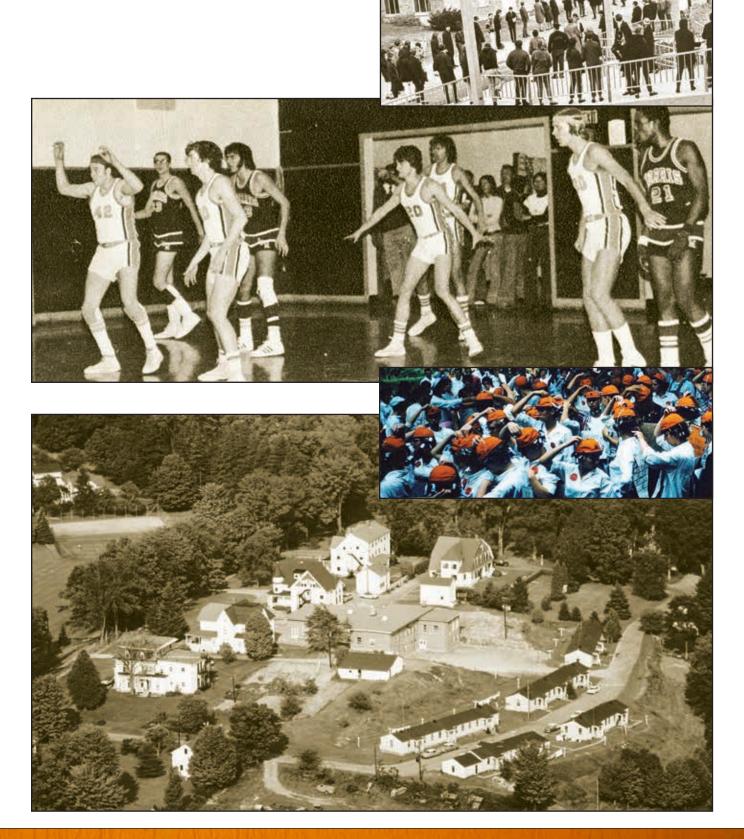
At many of the College's events, Beth can be also be spotted behind the camera since she helps coordinate Keystone's photography needs. Photography is something Beth says she has really grown into loving because it allows her to interact with

the campus community. But beyond that, on a more personal level, it allows her to record the growth and development of the love of her life, her five-year-old son, Josh. Beth and her husband Jeff are kept on their toes by this whirlwind of a boy.

"He's non-stop! From the moment he wakes up, he is on the go." It will be fun to hear about the exploits of this little dynamo when the Millers return from Josh's first-ever trip to Disney this spring. Beth and Jeff will definitely need a little recovery time!

Beth brings warmth, humor, and friendliness to her colleagues at Keystone, as well as an incredible ability to grow and learn and change. Her communication universe changes daily, and in Beth, that universe has met its match.

As Keystone College approaches its 150th Anniversary in 2018, we reviewed the archives for a few photos of campus and student life through the years. The following are a few snapshots.



#### 1940s

Patricia Bloom Peterson '46 says hello to all of her classmates!

Walter Gantz '47 retired from the Red Cross Blood Program after 65 years as a volunteer.

#### 1950s

Gene Barashes '54 has recently made the College aware that he will establish an endowed scholarship in memory of his son, the Barashes Family Scholarship in memory of Scott John Barashes, through a bequest in his estate plans.

Priscilla Burleigh Sweetland '55 celebrates 60 years from graduating Keystone! She is thankful for her education and the friends made at Keystone. Priscilla loves living in Maine with her husband, but finds winters challenging. Priscilla volunteers at her church and several organizations, and attending exercise classes keeps her going. A hearty hello to all Keystonians!

Dr. Harry O. Brooks '57 says hello to classmates and sends along a new email address: holdhambrooks@gmail.com

Carol Boshears '64 has the first of four books soon to be released. It is a children's picture book, "I Want to be Like Parker." It features Parker, a Greyhound, who through poetry, teaches children and parents through good eating and exercise habits, they can be as strong and swift as Parker. The beautiful illustrations are colorful and eve catching for children. Carol has more books in the works!

Tom Duetsch '64 enjoyed attending his 50th reunion celebration! It was great to catch up with classmates, and see baseball and soccer coach. Dr. Mike Mould, who taught students many life lessons. Tom still admires Doc Mould today.

Joan Von Leesen Stecker '64 reports that life remains busy for her and husband of 48 years, Dwight, while they enjoy their two grandchildren, travelling, and trying to keep fit with tennis, skiing, and walking. Joan continues to work as a physical therapist for young children and is still having fun!

Jon Mertis '65 is a retired social worker from Retreat State Hospital and Clarks Summit State Hospital. His twin daughters are physical therapists and wife, Loretta, is a water aerobics instructor at Jewish Community Center in Scranton, Pa.

Suzanne Ehrnfeldt '66 is retired and enjoys babysitting her grandchildren.

Denny Coffinberger '68 wants classmates to mark their calendars for their 50th reunion in October 2018! It may seem like a long way off - but a grand celebration will be here before we know it. Friends from '67 and '69, and all classes, are welcome to join us!

#### 1970s

Jim Gillern '70 has many fond memories of Keystone and his professors. President Harry K. Miller held special interest in veterans, of which Jim was one from the US Air Force. He retired from the healthcare industry and has served as a consultant for United Concordia for the past ten years. He credits Keystone with paving his future.

Tom '72 and Sherry '72 Ennis have been enjoying their rock and mineral business, TJ's Rocks & Gemcrafts, in Downingtown, Pa. They meet a lot of people and make many new friendships.

Gail Rees '72 was named the 2014 R. Matthew Burne Lifetime of Service Award recipient in January 2015.

This award honors outstanding civic and volunteer community members. She has served on numerous local boards and is currently President of the Abington Business Professional Association. Gail has been in the banking industry for over 30 years and is currently employed by NBT Bank in Clarks Green, Pa.

Dave Adomiak '73 retired from teaching elementary education (grade 6) in the Riverside School District and Pocono Mountain School District after 35 years. He is the public address announcer at Riverside School District for football and basketball and is approaching his 1000th game.

Thomas Winterbottom '79 has authored his first book "Human Progress and American History Part 1: The Development of the American Social Welfare State from FDR to LBJ." The book is about the development of the social welfare state with particular emphasis on the social, political, and economic ideas that have formed the basis of America's social welfare state.

#### 1980s

Bill Evanina '87 was recently promoted to National Counterintelligence Executive and Director of National Counterintelligence and Security Center in Washington, D.C.

#### 1990s

Warren Richards '92 and Edwin Saganey were married in

Arizona on December 18, 2014. Warren is a freelance writer and Edwin a science teacher. They reside in Arizona.

Jessica McCreary '96 is an Academic Coordinator for Camelot Schools, LLC, Philadelphia, Pa., where she helps overage, under credit, at risk youth earn a high school diploma. Previously, Jessica was a physical education teacher and personal trainer. She credits her success to Keystone College which fostered a love of learning and propelled her towards achieving her academic goals.

#### 2000s

Justin Konnick '00 is the men's baseball coach at Penn State Berks campus. He returned to Christy Mathewson Field to scrimmage Keystone Giants led by coach Jamie Shevchik '07 for Homecoming 2014.

Christopher Homer '01 Baseball standout and 2014 Athletic Hall of Fame inductee Chris Homer '01 and wife Karly Evans '05 Homer welcomed their first child, a baby girl, Harper, on December 17, 2014.

Sara Trauger McCully '01 returned to Keystone's culinary program to rub shoulders in the kitchen with students preparing dinner for Alumni Night at Chef's Table. Sara was the guest chef alumna who prepared signature dishes for the sold out Homecoming kickoff!



Lisa Hall Zielinski '96/'02, son Luke Matthew, and husband Matthew Zielinski.

Robert Fidiam '06 married Amanda Beck on August 16, 2014. He is an IT operations technician for Simplex Grinnell and Amanda is a physician assistant. The couple resides in Roaring Brook Township, Pa.

Kenuel Saintyl '06 and wife Amirah were married June 6, 2014. They reside in Newark, N.J.

Lia Kelley '07 loves her job working at the Hildebrandt Learning Center in Moosic, Pa., as a young toddler teacher.

Jamie Shevchik '07 Keystone Giants baseball coach Jamie Shevchik '07 and wife Maria, along with sisters Giana and Brielle, welcomed baby girl Raina on September 23, 2014.

Barbie Evers '08 is a critical inventory analyst at Mondelēz International, Inc., a multinational food and beverage conglomerate.

Kayleigh Dzik '08 married Mark Trudnak on September 14, 2014 and resides in Columbus, Ohio. Kayleigh is employed as an interview scheduling specialist for Kelly OCG and Mark is a regional vice president at Kelly Services.

Tom Biel '09, biology graduate and Outstanding Capstone Research Winner 2009, has completed his doctoral defense at University of Florida. Congratulations, Thomas Biel, Ph.D.!

Jeffrey Owens '09 and wife Aubrey welcomed son, Alexander Ryan, on January 19, 2014. Jeff is now employed with T.S.E. Inc, a utility and general contracting company.

Anthony Pinto III '09 and Eileen Pesavento announced plans to marry on September 12, 2015. Anthony is employed as an enterprise architect at MetLife and Eileen is pursuing studies

at Meredith College in Raleigh, N.C., where they reside.

#### 2010s

Stephen Verespy, Ill '10 is a third year chemical biology Ph.D. student in the Desai Laboratory at Virginia Commonwealth University. He plans to study pharmaceutical research and development following his doctorate. Stephen and his wife Kristen live in Richmond, Va.

Antonia Castro '11 is a data entry specialist for The Princeton Review.

Entrepreneur Nick Elmy '11 has been detailing cars for several years now, but recently purchased a trailer to take his Elmy Detailing in Motion on the road and serve clients at their workplace. Local alumni can take advantage of a service discount through Keystone's Alumni Marketplace program.

Christie Bedene '12 is employed with the Susquehanna County Conservation District as a Chesapeake Bay specialist/resource conservationist.

Brian Burns '12 married Michele Newberry on November 2, 2013 in Clarks Summit, Pa. Michele is a community relations coordinator for Lackawanna County and Brian is a public relations/ account manager at Courtside Documents. Brian earned a bachelor's degree in communications from Keystone College and is pursuing a master's degree in sports leadership at Northeastern University.

Neil Elms '13 is the newly appointed facilities manager at Lee Richardson Zoo in Garden City, Kan. Keystone College armed him with the best chances for success and now his life's a zoo!

Joshua Schultz '13 and Amber Brown '10 have announced their plans to marry on July 11, 2015.

**Cody Shadle '13** is employed in Wilkes-Barre, Pa. at Borton-Lawson as an IT technician.

Michael Harvey '14 graduated from Keystone in the spring of 2014 with a bachelor's degree in sport and recreation management. He served his senior year internship with the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre

RailRiders and was then hired and soon promoted to regional group sales manager. Mike credits Keystone College with preparing him for a wonderful career in the sports industry.

Justin Landsiedel '14 commenced training for the 140th cadet class and graduated in February from the Pennsylvania State Police Academy. His troop assignment is Columbia, Carbon, and Monroe counties.

#### In Memoriam

We gratefully remember the beloved lives of the following alumni of Keystone College.

- '36 Dr. James S. Cross September 11, 2014
- '40 Mrs. Elma Starr September 22, 2014
- '41 Mrs. Lucille J. Heckman September 23, 2014
  - Capt. Robert L. Huber, Jr. October 15, 2014
  - Mrs. Florence M. Kellow Hustedt July 12, 2014
  - Mrs. Veronica P. Tetlock Mazaleski November 9, 2014
- '43 Mrs. Audrey Dunlop White January 19, 2015
- '45 Mrs. Carol Butler Hallman August 30, 2014
- '46 Mrs. Janet E. Koehler Via October 10, 2014
- '48 Mr. Harold L. Beppler, Sr. January 6, 2015 Mrs. Emilie Fritz Coots January 10, 2015
- '49 Mr. Otto Klees August 25, 2014
- '50 Mrs. Grace Stoback Sowinski October 8, 2014
- '51 Mr. J. Frederick Friden December 15, 2014
- '52 Mr. Thomas W. Davis March 4, 2015
  - Mrs. Paula Fuerst Nichols October 19, 2014
- '58 Mr. Thomas D. Hoffner August 31, 2014
- **'59 Mr. Anthony M. Loupos, Jr.** January 6, 2015
- '60 Mrs. Janet Montague Marlatt October 31, 2013

- '61 Mr. Kenneth P. Rudat, Sr. July 27, 2014
- '65 Mr. Roy Hoinowski September 30, 2014 Mr. Daniel P. Kenia July 23, 2014
- '66 Mr. Thomas W. Roberts September 30, 2014
- '68 Mr. Peter L. Cairo, Jr. November 8, 2014 Mr. Gregory H. Moyer November 7, 2014 Mr. Frank J. Nicolosi, Sr. July 28, 2014
- '71 Mrs. Mary Sabatelle Archer August 29, 2014
- '73 Mr. Daniel J. Noone December 8, 2014 Mr. Kevin Quinn October 18, 2014
- '79 Mrs. Rebecca S. Sussman Darrow September 29, 2014 Mrs. Sandra Bartels Thomas May 15, 2012
- '80 Mrs. Betty Lou Furman January 1, 2015
- '81 Dr. Steven P. Perfilio July 17, 2014
- '83 Mr. Arthur A. Serino January 5, 2015 Ms. Pamela K. Fassett Wright July 15, 2014
- '84 Ms. Kay Buffington June 8, 2014
- '86 Mr. Joseph J. Mahalidge III December 20, 2014
- '93 Mrs. Danette L. Kornikoski Tucker November 12, 2014

# What a Year for Keystone College!

At Keystone College, 2014 proved to be an exciting year filled with progress. The Keystone College community enjoyed a number of accomplishments, including:

- Middle States Commission on Higher Education Reaccreditation
- \$290,850 Pennsylvania Department of Community Development grant for the new Regional Center for Excellence in 3-D Design, Innovation, Education, and Manufacturing
- **\$1.2 million** Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) grant for major improvements to Keystone's entrance
- \$756,000 PennDOT grant for enhancements to a hiking trail on our Woodlands Campus
- International Assembly for Collegiate Business Education accreditation for Keystone's bachelor's degree programs in business, accounting, and sport and recreation management, and an associate degree program in business.

- First three master's degrees in College history, in accountancy, early childhood education leadership, and sport leadership and management
- **Recognition** by a number of national organizations, including President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll with distinction by the Corporation for National Community Service.

Best College by U.S. News & World Report Top online accounting programs by Affordable Colleges Online

Top military-friendly school by Military Advanced Education and G.I. Jobs Magazine

While the above accolades and accomplishments are gratifying, we will always remember our commitment to community, civility, integrity, and a personalized approach to education that makes Keystone special.

# Keystone College Weekender 40th Reunion



Join us on Saturday, June 27, 2015, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. in the Hibbard Campus Center to celebrate 40 years of the Keystone College Weekender Program.

Catch up with old friends, tour campus, and enjoy lunch!

Visit http://kcweekender40threunion.eventbrite.com to register, e-mail alumnirelations@keystone.edu with questions.



# Giving Back Through the Gift of Time

Senior Saviana Jocelyn is making the most of her time at Keystone College. The biology major balances a challenging course load while being active in the Keystone community.

The captain of the women's track and field team shares: "Keystone College has offered me so many wonderful opportunities, I do my best to give back." And give back she does. As president of Keystone's Inter-Hall Council, an organization of resident students, and the Student Philanthropy Council, Saviana is involved with many important campus initiatives.

Students play an important role in establishing the culture of giving and sharing the importance of philanthropy with their peers. Through the Student Philanthropy Council, Saviana is busy helping coordinate the senior class gift project in support of a scholarship for seniors. "We're hoping to create and sustain a legacy of giving on campus," Saviana shared.

Giving time, energy, and effort can be just as important as making a monetary gift. Find out how you can get involved at Keystone College by contacting Charlotte Ravaioli at (570) 945-8510 or at charlotte.ravaioli@keystone.edu.

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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 <a href="https://www.keystone.edu">www.keystone.edu</a> for a complete listing of campus events.

April 21, 2015

The End of Country presented by Seamus McGraw

7 p.m., Evans Hall

April 26, 2015

Men's Alumni Soccer Game\*

1 p.m., Athletic Field

April 29, 2015

Spring Undergraduate Research and

**Creativity Celebration** 9-11 a.m. and 1:30-3:30 p.m.,

Theatre in Brooks

April 30, 2015

All-College Honors Convocation 12:30 p.m., Theatre in Brooks

May 16, 2015

Commencement

11 a.m., Pavilion at Montage Mountain (Scranton)

June 27, 2015

Weekender 40th Reunion\*

11 a.m.-2 p.m., Hibbard Campus Center

July 13, 2015

Keystone Open\*

11 a.m., Glen Oak Country Club,

Clarks Summit

July 16-19, 2015

The Gathering: Exploring Personal Encounters with History

Campus-Wide

August 3-7, 2015

Jazz Institute Campus-Wide

**September 21, 2015** 

Family Day

Campus-Wide

**September 26, 2015** 

Christy Mathewson Day

Campus-Wide

October 16-17, 2015

Homecoming\* Campus-Wide

\*Alumni Events: Advance registration is requested. Make your reservation online at <a href="https://www.keystone.edu/alumnievents">www.keystone.edu/alumnievents</a> or contact the Alumni Office at 1-877-4COLLEGE, option 5 or <a href="mailto:mariellen.walsh@keystone.edu">mariellen.walsh@keystone.edu</a>. Campus visits are always welcome!