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■ Homecoming and Family Weekend Highlights

Campus was buzzing with excitement during Homecoming and Family Weekend in October as alumni, friends, students, and families gathered to rekindle old friendships and enjoy Keystone.



Photo One: The Keystone College Alumni Association honored a group of distinguished alumni for their outstanding achievements. From left: **Jim Mirabelli '05**, Keystone Alumni Association president; **Zach Morahan '10**, Keystone Alumni Association Vice President; **Gretchen Ludders '72**, Distinguished Service to Keystone; **Lyndsay Grady '08**, Young Alumni of the Year; and **David L. Coppola, Ph.D.**, Keystone College President. **Bill Evanina '87**, Keystone of the Year, was unable to attend.

Photo Two: Members of the Class of 1967 returned to campus to celebrate their 50th reunion. From left: **David LeMay**, **Patricia Sanctuary LeMay**, **Virginia Struble Sauer**, **Dr. Rev. Robert Perry**, **Ann-Marie Siley Long**, **Mary Ann Tisi Lansdale**, **Deirdre Spelman**, and **Mary Alice Golden Abdo**.



Photo Three: The Class of 1957 was also well represented during Homecoming and Family Weekend to celebrate their 60th reunion. From left: **Julia Reynolds Feeney**, **Charles Fitz-Gerald**, **Wilma (Willie) Miller**, **Hal Miller**, **Edward Kozlowski** (Class President), **Jack Peck**, **Richard Reider**, **Sue Davis Reese**, and **Thomas (Ducky) Reese**.

Photo Four: The Keystone College Mobile Glass Studio entertained alumni, students, and families with live glass blowing demonstrations. From left: Student **Liam Headfield**, Adjunct Instructor **Michael Swanson**, and student **Devin Connolly**.



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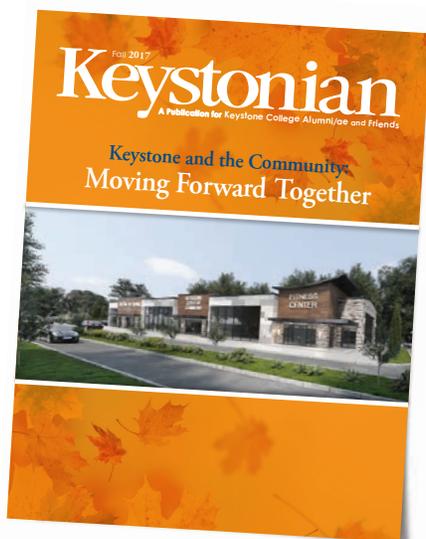
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Dear Friends of Keystone College:

In this issue of the *Keystonian*, you will read about some of the exciting developments that are taking place on campus. We'll save the exact details for our feature story beginning on page 10.

In this space, I would rather write about something that will *not* be changing at Keystone. Specifically, I'm referring to our approach to educating our students and creating the caring and welcoming environment in which every student has the opportunity to reach his or her fullest academic and personal potential.

As you may know, our brand promise is, "**Believe, Belong, Become.**" It's important to realize that phrase means more than the words printed in our recruiting and marketing materials, although they work quite well for those purposes, as well.

They are a summation of everything we believe about what Keystone is today, has been in the past, and will continue to be in the years to come. We believe in our students; we encourage them to belong to a community in which they can grow as individuals and with each other; and we provide an excellent education to help them pursue their goals and dreams long after they graduate. We meet our students where they are, find out where they want to go, and then do everything in our power to help them reach their destination. In short, we transform lives.

Because of your encouragement to potential students, your offering to sponsor internships or scholarships, and your loyal financial support, we are together improving students, families, and the region through our Mission. As we move forward, we will continue to strive for and attain many goals, some on a grand scale and others less noticeable but equally as important. Through all of it, we will remain true to the ideals established by our founders nearly 150 years ago and experienced on our campus every day.

As always, thank you for your continued support of Keystone College.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David L. Coppola, Ph.D." The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

David L. Coppola, Ph.D.
President

■ Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs Appointed

Keystone College has named **Tracy L. Brundage, Ph.D.** as its new provost and vice president of academic affairs.

Dr. Brundage comes to Keystone after serving as vice president of workforce development at Pennsylvania College of Technology (PCT) in Williamsport. She has 25 years of experience in operational leadership, strategic planning, and organizational development in higher education and the private sector.

Employed at PCT for 10 years, she held leadership positions in a variety of roles. Dr. Brundage has also served as director

of continuing education at Penn State University – York Campus, and director of workforce development and continuing education at Harrisburg Area Community College. She has been employed in the private sector as a small-business owner, a software education instructor, and a training specialist.

Dr. Brundage holds a bachelor's degree in psychology from Gettysburg College, a master of education in training and development and a doctorate in workforce education and development, both from Penn State University.



Tracy L. Brundage, Ph.D.



Front row from left: Jordan Winkler, Brianna Leone, Kaleen Pastrana (team captain), Lexie Dunda (team captain), and Bradley Parry. Top row from left: Chloe Woods, Alicia Secules, Sarah Pharr, Emma Milligan, Jake Hogan, Pascale Louissaint, Sunshine Allen, and Ally Mullin.

■ Keystone Cheerleaders Win National Championship

The Keystone College cheerleading team won a national championship during the Reach the Beach All-Star and College Nationals cheerleading competition held in April 2017 in Ocean City, Md.

The Keystone team finished in first place in the Collegiate Co-Ed Limited

Small Elite Division, comprised of NCAA Division III colleges and universities.

Members of the Keystone team who competed are: Sunshine Allen, Lexie Dunda, Jake Hogan, Brianna Leone (captain), Pascale Louissaint, Emma

Milligan, Ally Mullin, Bradley Parry, Kaleen Pastrana (captain), Sarah Pharr, Alicia Secules, Jordan Winkler, and Chloe Woods. Keystone College lab assistant and adjunct instructor Kayleigh Delfino is head cheerleading coach.



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■ Keystone elects new board members

Gail Dickstein, Natalie Gelb, Alan Glassman, Atty. Daniel Haggerty, Kirby Hickey '65, Robert Kagler, '57 and David Noyle '90 have been elected as the newest members of the Keystone College Board of Trustees.

"As we begin the 2017-18 academic year, the entire Keystone community welcomes our newest Board of Trustees members. We will surely benefit from their expertise and dedication as we strive to provide the best possible educational experience for our students," said Keystone President David L. Coppola, Ph.D.

"On behalf of the Board of Trustees, we welcome our newest members and look forward to continuing Keystone's progress as one of our region's leading educational institutions," said Board Chair Robert H. Swartley '72.

Gail Dickstein, Clarks Summit, has been involved in the field of education for the majority of her adult life. Following a 20-year career as an elementary school teacher in the Scranton School District, she joined the faculty at Misericordia University where she taught classroom management skills and supervised the student-teacher program. She later joined Keystone College where she taught in the Education Department and supervised student teachers. She has a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Arcadia College and completed graduate work at Marywood University and College Misericordia.

Natalie Gelb, Clarks Summit, recently retired as executive director of the Lackawanna Valley Heritage Valley Authority, a position she held since 2004. During her tenure, Ms. Gelb was widely recognized for



making the Lackawanna River Heritage Trail one of the most beautiful and popular nature trails in Pennsylvania.

When Ms. Gelb assumed leadership of the authority, the Heritage Trail consisted of a section connecting Archbald to Blakely and an overgrown segment between Elm Street and Seventh Avenue in Scranton. Today, the Heritage Trail runs 16 miles through Lackawanna County and the total number of visitors has increased nearly 150 percent to 315,000. Trail-related economic activity during the same period advanced 128 percent from \$28 million in 2009 to \$64 million. She obtained a bachelor's degree in English and history from the University of Maryland and pursued graduate studies in accounting and health care economics.

Alan Glassman, Clarks Summit, is vice president at Riggs Asset Management Company, Inc., where he provides investment and business advice to entrepreneurs, family businesses, and family groups throughout the world. Mr. Glassman graduated from New York University in 1977 with bachelor of science degrees in economics, finance, business management and marketing.

He returned to Scranton for a management position with G&G Sewing Machine Co., Inc., and MUVA Needle Company. He became vice president of G&G Sewing Machine Co. and later assumed the position of president. In order to assure the continued growth of the corporation, a multi-year acquisition strategy was developed. To that end, Atlas Rapid Racks, Inc., Automated Components International, Silverman Machines International, Schreiber and Goldberg Ltd., and SAL-BEE Limited were acquired over a period of years. Mr. Glassman sold his business interests in 1997 and joined Riggs Asset Management Co., Inc.



Daniel P. Haggerty, Esq., Scranton,



is owner and president of PMJ Group, LLC, a business brokerage firm in Clarks Summit. Mr. Haggerty previously worked for family-owned Times-Shamrock Communications as publisher of *The Citizens' Voice*, Wilkes-Barre, and the *Standard-Speaker*, Hazleton. He joined PMJ as vice president in 2011. He is a graduate of College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, Mass., and received his law degree and MBA from Villanova University.

After law school, he served as law clerk for the Hon. Thomas I. Vanaskie, chief judge of the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania and current judge for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. Mr. Haggerty serves as board chair of the Wilkes University Family Business Alliance and vice president of the Pennsylvania Business Brokers Association. He is a member of the Lackawanna County Bar Association. Mr. Haggerty serves on the Executive Committee of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick of Lackawanna County.

Kirby Hickey '65, York, Pa., is treasurer and chief financial officer of the World Methodist Council (WMC). He graduated from Keystone College in 1965 with an associate degree in business administration and then earned a bachelor's degree in economics at Moravian College in 1967.

He joined a family business founded by his father, the late George Hickey, and eventually became president and CEO of Hickey Toyota. He also was owner, president and CEO of United Sales, a York company that sold office furniture and provided interior design services. Mr. Hickey is president of the Stewardship



■ Keystone elects new board members *(continued)*

Foundation of the Susquehanna Conference of the United Methodist Church. He is past president of Rotary Club of Red Lion, Pa., and past president of the York Area New Car Dealers Association. Since the 1990s, he has worked in many capacities for WMC, an organization representing 80 million Methodists in 133 countries.



Prior to retirement, **Robert Kagler '57**, Hudson, Ohio, was a senior regional director at Merck & Company. A former Keystone trustee, he has been recognized with awards including

the Keystonean of the Year in 2004, the College's Presidential Medallion in 2000, and was inducted in the Keystone Athletic Hall of Fame in 2008. Mr. Kagler also provided the keynote address at commencement in 1996 and at the 2004 Keystone Scholarship Luncheon. He has been an adviser for Hudson Job Search,

Inc., a board member of the Hudson Public Schools Endowment Fund, and served on the Hudson Planning Commission. Mr. Kagler has been a part-time faculty member at the University of Akron Graduate School of Business and a guest lecturer at the College of Charleston.

A native of Scranton and a U.S. Army veteran, Mr. Kagler received an associate degree from Keystone College and a bachelor of science degree from Springfield College. He also pursued studies at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Harvard University Graduate School of Business, University of Southern California School of Pharmacy, and Duquesne University.

David Noyle '90, East Norriton, Pa., serves as senior director, telesales, for Colonial Penn Life Insurance Company, Philadelphia. Prior to joining Colonial Penn in 2007, Mr. Noyle was an account manager for Verizon in Exton, Pa. He has



also served as senior account manager and managing director of client services with Telespectrum in King of Prussia and Berwyn, Pa.

Mr. Noyle has also been director of account management and served in other management positions at RMH in several Pennsylvania cities including Scranton and Wilkes-Barre. He has been an adjunct professor of business administration at Keystone College.

Mr. Noyle graduated from Keystone College with an associate degree in business administration and obtained a bachelor of science in business administration and an MBA from Wilkes University. He serves as a member of the board of Keystone's Alumni Association and is a member of the scholarship, awards, and board nomination committees.



■ Alumni well represented on Board of Trustees

At Keystone, we're fortunate to have a progressive Board of Trustees providing leadership to our College. Included on the Board of Trustees are many alumni who offer a broad range of perspectives and expertise to the Board. Gathering prior to the May 2017 Board meeting are

alumni trustees, front row from left: Dr. Betty Turock '53, Dorothy DeWitt Mackie '52, John S. Morrison, Jr. '67, Suzanne Fisher Staples '65, Dr. Alice M. Davis '80, Diane Paparo '76 and Jonathan L. Davis '80. Second row, from left: Dr. David Turock '77,

Richard T. Krebs '96, Robert H. Swartley '75, Gretchen Ludders '72, John F. Pullo, Sr. '69, Jack Michael Duff '79 and James B. Davis '79. Not pictured are Kirby Hickey '65, Robert Kagler '57 and David Noyle '90, whose term began in fall 2017.

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■ Dr. Allan Wolfe '61 Speaks at Research Celebration



Dr. Allan Wolfe, a 1961 Keystone Junior College graduate and professor emeritus of biology at Lebanon Valley College, was the featured speaker during the Spring Undergraduate Research and Creativity Celebration held this past spring. Held annually, the forum featured more than 160 exhibits highlighting year-long faculty-mentored research, creative works, and senior capstone projects. Pictured with Dr. Wolfe is his wife, Julie.

■ Keystone to offer online MBA

Keystone College continues to expand its selection of master's degree programs with the introduction of an online Master of Business Administration (MBA) degree.

The fully online program is designed to help working professionals enhance their career by developing the skills and expertise necessary to gain an advantage in both domestic and international business settings.

Applications are being accepted for classes beginning January, 2018. Keystone College alumni receive a 10% discount on master's degrees. For more information, visit www.keystone.edu/mba.

■ Successful Day on the Links



A full field of golfers enjoyed a day on the links in support of student scholarships during the 27th Keystone Open at Glen Oak Country Club. The annual event raised more than \$26,000. Tom Kukuchka '70, owner of Sheldon-Kukuchka Funeral Home in Tunkhannock, served as the honorary chair. From left: Tom Kukuchka '70 and Mariellen Walsh, Keystone College major gifts officer.

■ Alumni Night at Hockey Game



Keystone College alumni gathered to catch up with friends while enjoying a Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins hockey game last spring. Pictured, from left: Katelynn Stickler '14 and Susan Strickler '89. Mark your calendars for April 7, 2018, for the next Alumni Night.

■ Washington, D.C. Chapter Meets



Keystone College alumni from the Washington, D.C. area gathered for a rooftop celebration in our nation's capital to mark the launch of the new Washington, D.C. Alumni Chapter. Guests reminisced and heard the latest news from their alma mater. Pictured, front row from left: Susan Ruyle '65, Liz W. Hofmeister '66, Brianne O'Farrell '99 Smith, Tom Dower '94, Bill Evanina '87 and Gary Lee Koerner '62. Second row, from left: Keystone College Board of Trustee Chair Robert Swartley '75, Francis de Castro '10, Keystone College President David L. Coppola, Ph.D., Matt Powell '12, Argit Marishta '15, Kimmey Doney '86 and Bill Lockhart '99. To join the Washington, D.C. Alumni Chapter or to form one in your area, please contact Peter Moylan at 570-945-8174 or email peter.moylan@keystone.edu.

■ Armed Forces Club Helps Active Duty Alumna



Receiving a care package can be a real morale booster for a deployed service member. With that in mind, the Keystone College Armed Forces Club coordinated a care package drive to benefit Lindsey Gannon '11, a Medivac Flight Paramedic with the United States Army serving in the Middle East.

Keystone Inducts 13th Athletics Hall of Fame Class

Keystone College inducted its 13th Athletics Hall of Fame Class on Saturday, October 14 during a ceremony as part of Homecoming and Family Weekend events. Former Giants' standouts enshrined in this year's class are: Tyrone Fowlkes '83 (men's basketball), Kevin Hazard '69 (wrestling), Carey Nemeth '83 (baseball), and Jill Shoemaker '87 (softball).

Tyrone Fowlkes '83

Tyrone Fowlkes '83 was Keystone's first men's basketball player to earn All-American honors, garnering the award for the 1982-83 season along with NJCAA All-Region XIX accolades. He totaled 971 points during his two year career at Keystone, the second highest mark at the time.

Tyrone enjoyed a season for the ages during the 1982-83 season, breaking records with 648 points. He also totaled the second most points scored in a game with 43 and averaged 6.1 assists per game, the third best mark in school history.

After leading Keystone to consecutive NJCAA Region XIX playoff appearances, Tyrone went on to star at the University of Scranton, leading the Royals to back-to-back Middle Atlantic Conference Championships and NCAA Tournament appearances. He still ranks among Scranton's all-time leaders in assists and steals.

Kevin Hazard '69

Kevin Hazard '69 was an integral part of Keystone's wrestling team's emergence into a national power by being selected as an All-American following a third place finish at the 1968-69 NJCAA National Tournament. He was also named the Outstanding Wrestler at the Mid-Atlantic Tournament after winning his second straight title in 1969.

A team captain for the 1968-69 season, Kevin led the Giants to a 16-3-1 overall record in his two-year career at Keystone. He went on to be a two-year starter at the College of William and Mary where



From left: Matthew Grimaldi, Ed.D., Keystone College Director of Athletics; inductees Tyrone Fowlkes '83, Carey Nemeth '83, Jill Shoemaker '87 and Kevin Hazard '69; and David L. Coppola, Ph.D., Keystone College President.

he was also a team captain as a senior and qualified for nationals.

Kevin coached youth wrestling for 30 years and led wrestlers to two Maryland State Junior titles. He mentored three AAU high school national champions and numerous All-Americans. He gave back to the sport as a referee and announcer, including stints with ESPN, PBS, the ACC, and others. Kevin was elected to the Virginia Chapter of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame in 1997.

Carey Nemeth '83

Carey Nemeth '83 was a two-time NJCAA All-Region XIX selection for Keystone's baseball team, leading the Giants to a 42-10 record during his two year career and an NJCAA Regional Final Four appearance. He posted the second highest batting average in program history in 1982, batting .446 on the year.

He earned a scholarship to continue at James Madison University (JMU). He was drafted by the St. Louis Cardinals following his junior season, but returned to JMU where he set single season school records for home runs, RBIs, and consecutive games with a hit.

Carey, who also played for the

Allentown Wings in the Atlantic Baseball League and for Wareham in the Cape Cod Baseball League, was drafted by the St. Louis Cardinals again after completing his career at JMU. He went on to play three years with the organization in the New York-Penn League and South Atlantic League.

Jill Shoemaker '87

Jill Shoemaker '87 was an outstanding member of Keystone's softball team, rewriting the Giants offensive record books. She established career records for hits, doubles, and at-bats, during a record-breaking season in 1987 when she set single-season records for RBI, hits, and doubles.

Jill, who led the Giants to an appearance in the NJCAA Region XIX playoffs, finished her career with a .403 batting average, the second best in program history, and also ended her time at Keystone with the second most RBI, knocking in 62 runs.

She remains the only player to hit two grand slam home runs in a game for the Giants, and she also set a program record that still stands today with 14 RBI in a doubleheader.

Nominations for the Class of 2018 are now being accepted. To nominate a candidate for consideration, visit the Keystone College athletics website at www.gokcgiants.com and click on the Hall of Fame link under Athletic Department.

Keystone College Welcomes Its First Fulbright Scholar

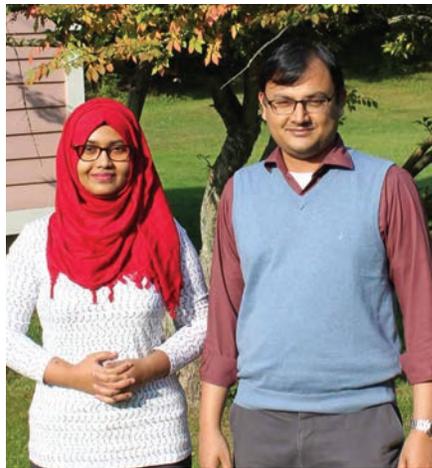
The start of the 2017-18 academic year marked an important new beginning for Keystone College as we welcomed our first ever Fulbright Scholar to campus.

Fulbright Scholar Rahman Bhuiyan, Ph.D. will teach literature courses during the fall and spring semesters. Dr. Bhuiyan is an associate professor and chair of the Department of English and Modern Languages at North South University in Dhaka, Bangladesh, an institution of about 22,000 students. His department has about 6,000 students. He teaches graduate and undergraduate courses in contemporary literary theory, romanticism, twentieth-century fiction in English, and nineteenth-century British fiction.

The prestigious Fulbright Program was established in 1946 under legislation introduced by then-Senator J. William Fulbright of Arkansas. The program is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs and grants approximately 800 awards annually to foreign scholars to teach in the United States.

"We are delighted to welcome Dr. Bhuiyan to Keystone College and honored to participate in the Fulbright Scholar Program," said Keystone College President David L. Coppola, Ph.D. "Our entire campus community will benefit greatly from his knowledge, dedication, and expertise."

Dr. Bhuiyan comes to Keystone after much success as a professor at North South University. He is the editor of *Panini*, an academic peer-reviewed journal in language and literature and is also the editor of *NSU News*, North South University's monthly newsletter. Dr. Bhuiyan has traveled extensively and has presented academic papers in Asia, Europe, and North America. He received a



Dr. Rahman Bhuiyan and his wife, Nuzhat Bhuiyan.

junior and a senior research fellowship in science and humanities from the University Grants Commission of the Government of India.

Dr. Bhuiyan attended high school in Tokyo, Japan, and subsequently received an international baccalaureate degree in Geneva, Switzerland. He completed his bachelor and master's degrees in English Literature from the University of Delhi, New Delhi, India, and his master of philosophy and doctorate in English Literature from Jawaharlal Nehru University in New Delhi, India. Dr. Bhuiyan's writing has been published in a wide variety of journals and books. He has served as a reviewer and has attended and chaired sessions at many international conferences. He speaks and reads Bangla, English, Japanese, and Hindi and can read Arabic.

Although he will return to North South University at the end of the 2017-18 academic year, Dr. Bhuiyan said he is enjoying his stay at Keystone.

"I'm really finding Keystone's location

to be a pleasant surprise," Dr. Bhuiyan said. "Having grown up in Japan and London and living in New Delhi and in Bangladesh, I'm used to more densely populated environments. Life is different here. Everything is so green and there are so many more animals and beautiful woodlands. I know you have to drive 10 or 15 minutes to go shopping, but I don't mind since the scenery around us is so beautiful."

Beyond the natural beauty of the campus, Dr. Bhuiyan finds the friendliness of the Keystone community to be especially heartwarming.

"Everyone seems to go out of their way to be nice. People aren't in such a rush," he said. "They take the time to smile or to say hello. If you're crossing the street, drivers slow down and wave at you to cross in front of them. That might seem like a small gesture but it really means a great deal."

Dr. Bhuiyan is teaching two classes: College Writing II and Great Themes in Literature: Political and Social Change.

"Students have been really great. They've been asking questions and are genuinely interested in learning," he said. "The small class sizes at Keystone are a big advantage for the student and the professor. You get to know students and they get to know you. When you make a connection with students, you see their faces light up. That's a great feeling."

Dr. Bhuiyan and his wife, Nuzhat, live in Keystone's International Guest House (also known as the Pink House) at the eastern edge of campus near the baseball field. Even that has been a pleasant surprise.

"It's so much bigger than any place else we have ever lived!" he said. "We really love it. All things considered, it's going to be a great year at Keystone College."

Keystone and the Community: Moving Forward Together



Architectural rendering of the Keystone Commons.

In a matter of months, the “gateway” to Keystone College will look a bit different than the entrance you have known for decades. That’s a good thing.

Thanks to unique partnerships between Keystone, the local community, and our state government, there are several new developments that will have a dramatic and positive impact upon the entire Keystone community.

“We’re very excited about everything that will soon happen on campus. It’s going to mean so much for all of us, especially for our students,” said Keystone President David L. Coppola, Ph.D. “Of course, it’s important to realize these new projects won’t change what we believe in as a college and the approach we take toward educating each and every one of our students as unique individuals. In fact, these improvements will make it even more convenient to join the Keystone community and participate in our numerous programs and activities.”

The Keystone Commons Development Project

To many Keystonians, the name Keystone Commons refers to the apartment-style residence hall in the rear of campus. That building was renamed Dr. Edward G. Boehm and Mrs. Regina E. Boehm Residence Hall earlier this year in honor of our beloved former president and his wife. Now, the name Keystone Commons will have an entirely new reference point.

Keystone announced a major development plan this past summer which will dramatically improve the quality of life for the College community and residents of Factoryville, La Plume, and surrounding areas.

The College will develop a new commercial building complex, to be named Keystone Commons, on two parcels of land along College Avenue which currently serves as a parking lot. The complex, located directly across from our signature row of Victorian homes, will

include the region’s first Steak n’ Shake national franchise restaurant, a Dunkin’ Donuts Express coffee shop, the relocation of Keystone’s Follett Campus Shop, a health and fitness center, and a PS Bank.

The businesses will be open to the local community and Keystone students, faculty, and staff. A ground breaking ceremony was scheduled for early November after approval of all necessary permits and the complex is expected to open in the spring or summer of 2018. Additional parking has been developed

elsewhere on campus to replace the parking spaces taken by the new building.

“This new building project will be a wonderful addition to our campus and will enhance the college experience for our students by providing some great new dining and fitness options,” Dr. Coppola said. “However, we want to emphasize this project is also meant to serve and benefit our friends and neighbors in Factoryville, La Plume, and other local communities, without whom it would not have been possible.”

Funding for the development originates from two sources: a \$1 million state Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP) grant originally designated for the Borough of Factoryville but redirected to Keystone after the original project did not materialize. Project developer T.S.E. Developers, Dunmore, will fund the remaining balance to complete the \$3 million project. Keystone will be responsible for monthly lease payments to the developer for 20 years, after which the property title reverts to the College without a mortgage.

Although the new complex will benefit Keystone, it will also bolster the Factoryville business community and borough residents.

“We’re always going to try to get things done like this,” said Factoryville Borough councilman David Engler. “This project

shows what commitment by Keystone and by our community can accomplish.”

Everyone involved agrees the Keystone Commons project exemplifies the goals and virtues of the late Keystone alumnus Tom Davis ’52, a long-time Factoryville councilman and member and past chair of Keystone’s Board of Trustees.

“This is such an exciting development and a fitting tribute to the memory of Tom Davis,” said State Rep. Karen Boback, whose district includes Factoryville and Keystone College. “But, as Tom would often ask, ‘What are we going to do next?’”

In addition to Rep. Boback, Keystone officials thanked Pennsylvania State Senator Lisa Baker, who also played an instrumental role in helping to get the project off the ground.

“Senator Baker’s support has been immeasurable and we thank you for all that you do for our students and our region,” Dr. Coppola said.

For Keystone students, the new development project will bring additional food options as well as social and learning opportunities.

“I think it’s fantastic,” said Keystone senior Randy Torres. “It will give students a new meeting place to gather and engage with each other. Plus, it should create more jobs for students and give them a chance to work on their interpersonal skills.”

New College Entrance Way

The new Keystone Commons project won’t be the only change at Keystone. Work will soon start on the long-awaited campus entrance project.

In 2014, Keystone received a \$1.2 million Multimodal Transportation Fund Investment grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) for major improvements to its campus entrance and for new street lighting, landscaping, and sidewalks along College Avenue. However, the project was delayed due to ongoing construction work by PennDOT on Routes 6 and 11 between Clarks Summit and Tunkhannock, including part of that roadway which runs adjacent to campus.

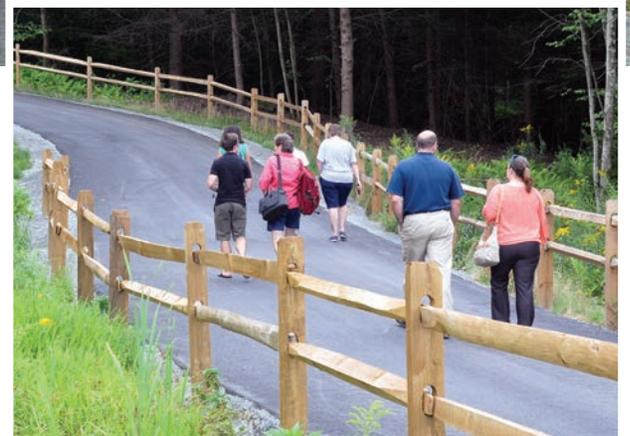
The project is one of 86 in 35 counties made possible by Pennsylvania’s Act 89 which provides state funding for transportation and safety projects statewide. Act 89 increases transit funding and establishes dedicated multimodal funding for aviation, passenger rail, rail freight, and other transportation 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.



Architectural rendering of the new Keystone College entrance.



Keystone College and Countryside Conservancy celebrated the opening of a 1.5-mile segment of the Trolley Trail during a ribbon cutting ceremony. From left: Keystone College President David L. Coppola, Ph.D.; Countryside Conservancy Executive Director Bill Kern; Wyoming County Chamber President Gina Suydam; Leslie Cadden from State Representative Karen Boback's office; PennDOT's April Hannon; Senator Lisa Baker; Keystone College Environmental Education Institute Director Sharon Burke; Wyoming County Commissioner Judy Mead; Countryside Conservancy's Trolley Trail Manager Cheryl Ellsworth; and Factoryville Mayor Gary Evans.



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The project includes realigning the main entrance to campus as it connects to Routes 6 and 11. The road entering campus will be reconstructed and will include a roundabout to facilitate traffic flow and improve safety for drivers and pedestrians. A traffic light at the entrance to campus is now up and running.

Design plans also include improvements to College Avenue with a central median island, curbs, and streetscape improvements, including Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant sidewalks and crosswalks.

The Trolley Trail

While much is happening in the front of Keystone's campus, another major development improves our already scenic Woodlands Campus and, once again, the benefits extend to the local community where all are welcome to use our trails and fields.

On a beautiful summer evening in August, the Keystone community and the local community joined together at Keystone's Eckel Family Pavilion to celebrate the official opening of the recently completed Trolley Trail on campus.

Supported by a grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, Keystone and the

Countryside Conservancy collaborated to develop a 1.5 mile-segment of a public hiking 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 new trail traverses Keystone's Woodlands Campus and features fencing, gates, inter-active signage, and landscaping.

"Our Trolley Trail grand opening on August 10 was the perfect way to celebrate the partnership between Keystone College and the Countryside Conservancy," said Sharon Burke, director of the Keystone College Environmental Education Institute, which spearheaded the project for the College. "Once again, we see the

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College and the community coming together for everyone's benefit."

Total Eclipse Draws Huge Crowds to Observatory

August 21 was a day of scientific marvel and celebration as a solar eclipse crossed the nation from the northwest to the southeast United States. For the staff at Keystone's Thomas G. Cupillari '60 Observatory in nearby Fleetville, the event proved to be gratifying but hectic.

The Observatory hosted about 1,000 visitors from Northeastern Pennsylvania and beyond who came to view this rare astronomical phenomenon, the last similar eclipse having occurred in 1918.

"We were hoping for a large crowd but this was way beyond anything we expected," said Observatory Director Jo-Ann Kamichitis. "I think this is just one more example of the many ways Keystone gives back to the entire region."



A crowd gathers at the Thomas G. Cupillari '60 Observatory for the solar eclipse.

Photo courtesy of Chris Dolan/Scranton Times-Tribune



Benjamin Hawes volunteers at a local non-profit food kitchen.

26,000 Hours of Community Service

While special events such as the Trolley Trail grand opening and the solar eclipse viewing at the Observatory are indeed noteworthy, the Keystone College community is part of the larger community every week of the year. There is nothing that highlights that fact more than the 26,000 hours of volunteer service provided by Keystone students during the course of the academic year, including about 6,500 hours in the Borough of Factoryville.

"We are so proud of our students," said Coordinator of Service Learning Maria Fanning. "They care about others in the community and strive to make a positive difference in the world."

Whether it's serving hot lunches to senior citizens, planting trees in local parks, or partnering with other local organization to serve over 1,500

"When you give your time and talent toward a greater good, you develop a greater appreciation for yourself and for life."

Benjamin Hawes

Thanksgiving dinners in Scranton, Keystone believes a college should go beyond preparing students for jobs and careers. It should make an impact on the lives of others.

"I think being involved in the community is just one more important part of your overall education," said Keystone senior Benjamin Hawes, who estimates he has volunteered about 50 hours per year during his time at Keystone.

Dr. Thomas LoBasso '86: Memories of Keystone Are Still an Important Part of His Life

As president of Daytona State College, an institution with more than 27,000 students, Thomas LoBasso, Ed.D. often asks the question, “What can we do to make our large school seem like a smaller school for our students?”

To find an answer, Dr. LoBasso reflects on his days as a student, and then as a staff member, at Keystone College.

Dr. LoBasso began his academic career at Keystone in 1983 as a student and member of the Giants’ soccer team. He graduated two years later with an Associate of Arts degree and many happy and meaningful memories.

“I had such a wonderful time at Keystone. It was just a great place for me to go to college,” he remembers. “I lived in Tewksbury and played on the soccer team and was elected captain of the team my sophomore year. Dennis Mishko was such an excellent coach and was so knowledgeable about the game. That was a really fun time for me. I still remember those late night hoagie runs to Dixon’s Hoagie Hut.”

Dr. LoBasso’s memories mean more to him than just fun times with friends and teammates.

“At Keystone, I was constantly encouraged to be the best student I could be. The faculty was so supportive. They took such a great interest in every single student,” he said.

For example, he remembers his positive experience with his English professor Charlotte Ravaoli, who has been with Keystone for more than 35 years and now serves as Chief of Staff to Keystone President David L. Coppola, Ph.D.

“I remember writing a paper for my English class and Charlotte noted on the top of the page that she liked the way I had written it and that I had done a really good job. That compliment meant so much to me that it inspired me for years to come,” Dr. LoBasso remembers.

After getting his associate degree at Keystone, Dr. LoBasso went on to obtain a bachelor’s degree in communications studies from East Stroudsburg University. Ultimately, he would go on to obtain a master’s degree in public administration from Sage Graduate School, and a doctorate in educational leadership from the University of Central Florida.

Dr. LoBasso’s Keystone experience didn’t stop after he graduated in 1986. He served on the College’s admissions staff from 1990-1996, eventually advancing to the position of Director of Admissions.



Dr. Thomas LoBasso '86

“Having attended Keystone, it was really easy to convey the experience here to perspective students and parents. I just told them what I believed in my heart.”

Dr. LoBasso went on to serve as assistant vice president of enrollment at the SAGE Colleges in Troy, N.Y. before joining Daytona State in 2000 and becoming its seventh president in 2015. He also served 21 years in the Pennsylvania and Florida National guards, retiring in 2007 with the rank of Sergeant First Class.

“My career in higher education started at Keystone,” he said. “Because of that, I’ve really learned the importance of making education as personal an experience as possible for each and every student.”

Women's Soccer Players Visit Costa Rica

Four Keystone women's soccer players enjoyed a once in a lifetime experience last spring, traveling to Costa Rica not only to play the game they love, but also to share their knowledge of their sport while making new friends, seeing the challenges faced by others, and taking in the sights of a beautiful Central American country.

Nisa Cortes, Kristy Hansen, Rebecca Lewis, and Hannah Richner made the trip last May as part of Beyond Sports' Fifth Annual Costa Rica Women's Soccer Tour. Established in 2010, Beyond Sports is a team of former college athletes, educators, coaches, and international adventurers that creates mutually beneficial opportunities for U.S. student-athletes, international athletes, and international youth to enjoy a life-changing cross cultural experience through sport.

The four players were invited by Beyond Sports to participate in the tour based on their athletic and academic achievements at Keystone. After consulting with their families, head coach Noel Cox-Brown, and each other, the four agreed the opportunity was one they could not pass up.

The young women spent nine days in

Costa Rica with a jam-packed schedule that included three days of competitive soccer. They joined with other college players from across the United States to quickly transform from strangers into teammates to play against Costa Rican teams.

In addition to the competition, the Keystone student-athletes provided soccer clinics for Costa Rican youth. One clinic was hosted at a local school in San Jose, and another in partnership with Special Olympics of Costa Rica. Working with the young soccer players from Costa Rica was a truly rewarding experience for Keystone's four representatives.

"The clinics with the children were real eye-openers for me," said Nisa, a junior sport and recreation management major. "The language barrier was difficult at first, but the kids never stopped trying to learn, and neither did we. They did not have a lot, but they made the best of it and never lowered their spirits and we all had one thing in common: the love of soccer."

The group also visited Manuel Antonio National Park and Arenal Volcano during the tour, taking advantage of opportunities to zip-line through the rainforest, explore hot springs, and encounter wildlife such

as monkeys, sloths, toucans, and iguanas.

For Kristy, a junior majoring in physical therapy, the trip was a once in a lifetime opportunity and it also was her first time traveling out of the country. What she saw and experienced was both eye-opening and inspiring.

"A lot of the communities we visited were run down and most, if not all, the families were in poverty," she said. "A lot of the families in poverty owned little shops selling hand-crafted items, and these families put so much hard-work into crafting these items to sell."

Despite the economic hardship, Kristy saw these families as inspirational.

"The children carry themselves around with pride and they always had a smile on their face no matter what financial circumstances faced their families. It shows how much more there is to life beyond the sport you play."

Nisa echoed Kristy's sentiments.

"I learned how I should appreciate my opportunities along with all of the things that are available around me," she said. "The motto of Costa Rica is 'Pura Vida' which means Pure Life and that's exactly the feeling I had on this trip."



Keystone women's soccer players Nisa Cortes, Rebecca Lewis, Kristy Hansen, and Hannah Richner traveled to Costa Rica with Beyond Sports Soccer Tour.

Keystone Celebrates WKCV With Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

“A college radio station is an invaluable resource for students. It allows them to find their niche and discover themselves.”

Gary Lee Koerner '62

Members of the campus community gathered during Homecoming and Family Weekend to celebrate the new home of WKCV 103.5 FM, Keystone's student-run radio station. The move and improvements to the station were made possible thanks to a generous donation from Keystone College alumnus Gary Lee Koerner '62.

Previously located in a small area along the third floor hallway of the Hibbard Campus Center, WKCV's spacious new home is in the heart of the Hibbard Campus Center. With a large window facing the Student Restaurant, students enjoying a meal or relaxing now have an up close view of the station.

Mr. Koerner's gift supported a variety of enhancements to the radio station, including moving the station, technical engineering upgrades, and improvements to existing equipment.

“Communication is the greatest way to bring people together and promote the common good,” Keystone College President David L. Coppola, Ph.D., said during the ceremony. “Our students

will spend countless hours telling stories, singing songs, and testing ideas while working at WKCV. We are extremely grateful to Mr. Koerner for his generous gift in making this possible.”

While he was a student at what was then Keystone Junior College, Mr. Koerner and fellow students worked closely with President Harry K. Miller to establish a radio station.

“It was a group effort to start a station back when I was student, and it was a team effort to make today's improvements reality,” said Mr. Koerner.

Mr. Koerner graduated from Keystone in 1962 with an associate degree in engineering. He received a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering with a minor in business from Pennsylvania State University and a master's degree in electronics engineering technology from Temple University.

Now retired, Mr. Koerner's impressive career included stops at the United States Department of Defense, Lockheed Martin, and WARM 590 AM. A professional engineer and a member of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Society of Broadcast Engineers, he is also a Vietnam veteran.

“A college radio station is an invaluable resource for students. It allows them to find their niche and discover themselves,” Mr. Koerner said. “I am thrilled to support Keystone College students and WKCV 103.5.”



Keystone celebrated the new home of WKCV 103.5 FM over Homecoming and Family Weekend. Cutting the ribbon during a ceremony, from left: Keystone College President David L. Coppola, Ph.D.; Benefactor Gary Lee Koerner '62; WKCV Station Coordinator Greg Palaskas; and Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences, Ward Roe.

Listen to WKCV online at www.wkcv.keystone.edu

Keystone Mourns Passing of Professor Howard Jennings

Keystone College has lost a dear friend. Howard Jennings, professor of biology, botany and zoology, passed away Friday, September 1 at the age of 73. A true advocate for the environment, he founded the Keystone College Environmental Education Institute (KCEEI) and Keystone established the Howard Jennings Nature Preserve in his honor.

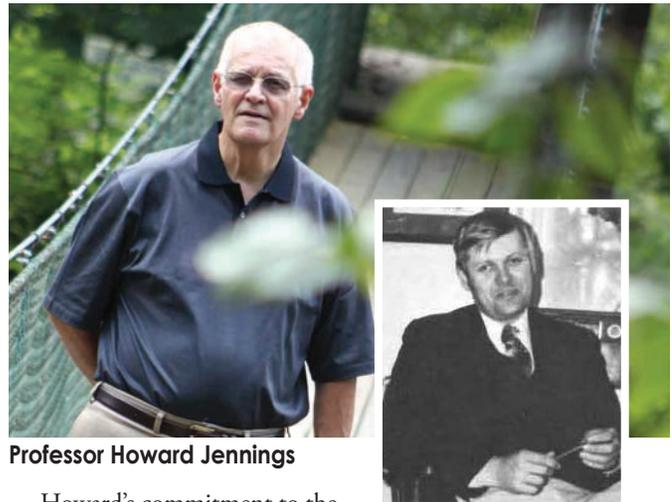
After receiving a master's degree from East Carolina University in 1968, Professor Jennings and his wife, Susan, seized the opportunity to join the faculty at what was then Keystone Junior College.

The decision turned out to be a great choice for Howard and Susan, and an especially wonderful development for Keystone. For over four decades, Howard was an integral part of our College and a skillful mentor to generations of Keystone students.

He was the driving force behind the establishment of KCEEI, which conducts environmental science education courses for professional educators. Since 2002, KCEEI has served hundreds of teachers through a variety of courses including forestry, geology, climate change, watershed issues, flora and fauna, and energy alternatives.

Keystone honored his years of commitment by establishing the Howard Jennings Nature Preserve in 2010. The College dedicated a portion of its beautiful 170-acre Woodlands Campus as a nature preserve and it will not be developed in any way. In a fitting tribute to the man who devoted his life to the environment, the area's scenic beauty, with its streams, hiking trails, and forests will be preserved for years to come.

Professor Jennings was also instrumental in Keystone's establishment of two environmental organizations that served the region, the Pocono Environmental Education Center and the Willary Water Resource Center.



Professor Howard Jennings

Howard's commitment to the environment was recognized with the 2008 Thomas P. Shelburne Environmental Leadership Award. Presented annually by the Northeastern Pennsylvania Environmental Partners, the award honors a community leader who devoted a large portion of their life to protecting the environment. Professor Jennings was also recognized with the Margaretta Belin Chamberlin Chair Award for Distinguished Faculty Service, as well as the David J. Gray Award and Presidential Medallion for his spirit, dedication, and love for Keystone College.

Howard is survived by his wife, Susan, and two sons, Leigh and Eric. Memorial contributions can be made to the Howard Jennings Nature Preserve at Keystone College at www.keystone.edu/give or Institutional Advancement, One College Green, P.O. Box 50, La Plume, PA 18440.

In Memoriam

'39 Mrs. Catherine Jones Hammerman
March 13, 2017

'45 Mrs. Marion E. Yates Naylor
May 31, 2017

'45 Atty. James Alan Oliver
April 29, 2017

'48 Mrs. Margaret A. Blewett Abbott
June 2, 2017

'48 Mr. John D. James
May 28, 2017

'50 Mr. Edward R. Busch
May 15, 2017

'50 Mrs. Mildred A. Melia Walker
April 4, 2017

'53 Mrs. Ellen Verhulst Eastfy
May 17, 2017

'54 Ms. Alice L. Abbott
June 11, 2017

'55 Mr. Stephen T. Kostage
June 29, 2017

'55 Ms. Janice Nearing Stetzler
March 18, 2017

'57 Mr. Andrew Besket
May 1, 2017

'66 Atty. Stephen Swem
May 31, 2017

'75 Mrs. Paula Kollis Kaub
April 25, 2017

'76 Mr. Peter Rutsky
March 21, 2017

'77 Mr. William F. Olson
May 30, 2017

'84 Mr. Charles A. McGill
July 1, 2017

'86 Ms. Joy Kropiewnicki
March 17, 2017

'86 Mr. Robert L. Valashinas
June 10, 2017

'87 Mr. Howard Siebecker
April 13, 2017

'90 Ms. Barbara L. Malewich
May 25, 2017

'93 Ms. Sarah E. Robinson
May 2, 2017

'94 Mrs. Mary Ann Angeloni
March 31, 2017

'13 Mr. James D. Kowalcik
April 1, 2017

Class Notes

1950s

Jean Marie Zelinski Meagher '54 is enjoying retirement, traveling, and spending time with her 10 grandchildren.

1960s

Gary Lee Koerner '62 made a naming donation to Keystone College Broadcasting Services: WKCVM Radio and the Radio Club to help with expansions. See page 16 for a story on Gary's donation.



George R. Shadie '66

George R. Shadie '66 was recently awarded the prestigious Jeff Thol Award by the National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors. The award is presented annually in recognition of significant contributions to the financial services industry. George has been a New York Life agent in the Luzerne County, Pennsylvania area for 28 years, after previously working for his family's company, GSEA. George is also the president and co-founder of SAFE (Supporting Autism and Families Everywhere), an organization he founded with his late wife, Claire. For over 20 years, SAFE has worked with families, educators, caretakers and others to improve the lives of those with ASD. This includes starting support groups, offering behavioral classrooms, running field trips to places like NYC, and managing New Hope Farm, a residential home for adults which helps foster independence and teach life skills. For more information on SAFE please visit www.autismsafe.org.

Martha Mynders Purcell '66 and husband, Pierce, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in Paris this past June.

Ann-Marie Siley-Long '67 recently retired but continues to consult across the country for

youth anger management. She traveled to Italy this past year and participated in a week-long cooking program.

Dennis Coffinberger '68 writes to the Class of 1968: Believe it or not, but almost 50 years have gone by since we departed from Keystone. I am writing to let all of you know that it is not too early to start making plans for October 2018. It will be a special weekend, our 50th and the College's 150th. I know the College is planning a good time. Looking to hear from Susan (Dressel) Lavallo. Call me, I need your help! Anyone who needs to contact me may do so by e-mailing me at denmaracres@gmail.com or by phone: home 570-784-3977 or cell 570-854-0486. Let the fun begin!

1980s

Jacque Schultz '81 was named assistant director of nursing for Allied Services Scranton Rehab Hospital. A 20-year employee of Allied Services, she began her career there as a floor nurse, working from assistant unit manager to manager, at the Moses Taylor Satellite Unit. Most recently, she served as day shift supervisor at Allied Services' inpatient rehab unit before accepting the new position.

Thomas Belivakici '82 and wife **Dina Fiore Belivakici '82** just had their first grandchild this year.

Michael Mirarchi '83 has joined RJ Schinner Co., Inc., a re-distributor to the commercial wholesale trade, as manager of sales training.

Patrick Kanaley '85 went on from Keystone to a School of visual arts. He was in the advertising field for seven years. He later joined the NYPD from 1992 to 2006 and then moved to North Carolina. He is married with four children.

Mikal E. Belicove '86 has accepted a three-year appointment beginning June 24 to the Board of Regents at Southern California University of Health Sciences (SCU), and is putting the finishing touches

on his next book – *“Strategy? You don't know what the hell you're talking about!”* - which will be published in the spring of 2018.

Karen Maylock '87 and her husband, Edward, have four children and the oldest just graduated from Keystone.

1990s

Christopher Braz '90 After graduating from Keystone College, Chris continued his education at Northern Kentucky University, where he played baseball and majored in radio and television communication. Chris began working as a studio production assistant in Ohio, running the studio camera for newscasts, and continued his journey working as an editor and videographer for local news and later as a production assistant for TV and films including *Scream 2*. He continued his career in Atlanta, with highlights including covering the Braves in the World Series twice and travelling to Kuwait after 9/11. Currently, Chris is working at the television partner of the Atlanta Falcons, and is able to cover all things Falcons, including covering the 2017 Super Bowl.



Christopher Braz '90

Clarence (Jerry) Griffin '94 is a self-employed tax professional. He recently relocated back to the Tunkhannock area to be close to his immediate family. He is working on rebuilding and growing his own tax practice that he started in Tunkhannock in 1984. He is currently accepting new and former tax and bookkeeping clients. Jerry is also a comeback musician (trumpet) having played with Tidewater Concert Band in Portsmouth, Va. from 2010 through mid-August, 2016.

2000s

Sean Mangan '05 is taking over as head boys' basketball

coach at Forest City. For the last three seasons he has served as an assistant. Sean is currently a social studies teacher at Carbondale Area High School.

Jason Washo '05 and Amy Hetro were married on January 14 in Wilkes-Barre. The bridegroom earned his degree in information technology and network engineering from Keystone College and a master's degree in software engineering from the University of Scranton. He is principal and chief architect at Sho Technology Solutions in Scranton. The bride earned her bachelor's degree in business administration from King's College and a master's degree in business administration from Wilkes University. She is pursuing a doctorate in administration and leadership at Marywood University. She works in the finance department at EDM Americas and is an adjunct faculty member in the business schools at Wilkes University and Marywood University. The couple took a wedding trip to Aruba.

Erin McGrath '06 is the new executive director of Keeping Milford Warm, a non-profit that raises money for those in need of heating assistance that may not necessarily qualify for state or government aid. Erin helped raise over \$20,000 in 2016 and has continued to grow this program. Erin was also recently engaged to Eric Morabito of Milford, Conn.

Johnathan Papada '06 is celebrating the birth of his first child. Addison Eleanor Papada was born on March 22, 2017.

Bernice Ennist '10 has been promoted to human resources manager with Bell Flavors and Fragrances, Middletown, N.Y. location. Bernice started her career with Bell Flavors and Fragrances in 1999 as an administrative assistant. Over the past 18 years, Bernice has progressively moved upward in the organization through positions of increasing responsibility.

Dan Maher '10 is the new owner of Yard Hub. Yard Hub is located in Galloway Township, N.J. and

offers metal yard images that range from cows, to pink flamingos, to pigs, to frogs, to gas cans and almost anything in between.

Melissa Carestia '11 recently landed a job as gallery coordinator at AFA Gallery in Scranton, Pa. Through her work with AFA, Melissa works with several other organizations and events, like Arts on the Square and Arts on Fire, hosting Scranton Zine Fest and sitting on grant panels for county and state funding.

Corey Michael Shevchik '11 and Traci Matisko were recently married in Blessed Sacrament Parish, Throop, Pa. The bride is a graduate of University of Scranton earning a bachelor's in nursing. She is a registered nurse at Geisinger Community Medical Center. The bridegroom earned his bachelor's degree and a secondary education certification from Keystone College. He is assistant director of the Throop Community Civic Center. The couple met in Ocean City, Md.



Jennifer Barrett '12

Jennifer Barrett '12 is an artist from Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania. Born and raised in the Scranton/Clarks Summit area, she has a bachelor's in elementary education and a master's in early childhood education leadership. She has worked in the Oppenheim Family Children's Center at Keystone College for the last three and a half years. When not working, Jennifer focuses most of her time growing her business, Woven, which features bohemian style home decor and jewelry www.woventheshop.com.

Ellen Elizabeth Falcon '12 recently wed Temple University graduate, Laurence Joseph Reagan, at the Nativity of Our Lord Church in Scranton, Pa.

Ellen received a bachelor's degree from Keystone and continued her education at Marywood University, where she received a master's in counseling education. She is currently working as a school counselor at North Pocono High School. The couple resides in Clarks Summit.

Amanda Krieg '12 is the proud owner and operator of Amanda Krieg Photography, located in Clarks Summit, Pa. Amanda says her love of photography was realized in college, when she took a photography class as an art elective. Amanda says she "lived" in Keystone's dark rooms, spending ten plus hours in there at a time. She says all of her other classes fell to the wayside as she began to fall in love with film. Since then, her love for photography has grown, as she now owns her own studio and specializes in weddings, newborns, children, and families.

Taryn Marie Marchise '12 and Samuel Frank Vitris III recently married on May 20 in Holy Cross Parish, Olyphant, Pa. Taryn earned a bachelor's degree and certification in early childhood/special education from Keystone College. She is a special-education teacher in Western Wayne School District. Samuel graduated from West Scranton High and is a bridge painter with International Union of Painters and Allied Trades Local 218.

Jason Rhine '12 is head coach for Misericordia University women's basketball team. He has been honored with several coaching awards, including the D3hoops.com Atlantic Region Coach of the Year, MAC Freedom Conference Coach of the Year, and ECAC North Coach of the Year.

Derek Reber '12 beat the odds last year when after applying for the first time for a Pennsylvania elk tag, he was selected in the random drawing by the Pennsylvania Game Commission (PGC) and hunted with Elk County Outfitters to take a 4x4 bull. Derek said his application was one of approximately 27,000 elk applications that were received by the PGC for the 124 available licenses in 2016, and those who previously applied had a preference point for every year they were not selected in the lottery.

Kitiara Stecher Bolden '12 and **Michael Bolden '12** were married on April 18, 2016. Many Keystone Alumni and former students were there to share in their special day.

Anthony Besten IV '13 was recently engaged to Jordyn Kelly of Scranton. The wedding is scheduled for September.

Bradley Kull '13 was recently engaged to Clare Baruffaldi of Clarks Summit, Pa. The wedding

is scheduled for October 28 at Constantino's Catering.

Brian Slater '13 became an assistant cross country track and field coach at Union College in Barbourville, Ky. in February 2017. The women's team won the AAC conference champions and sent the most athletes to the NAIA National Champion in school history. Brian was previously a member of the U.S. Virgin Islands Olympic/National Team and professional track and field athlete. He holds 12 school records at Keystone College, is a NACAC qualifier, received 10th fastest team in the world (2015) at World Relays, is a 5x USATF Club Medalist, 6x Mason Dixon All Conference, 200m Mason Dixon Conference Champion, and 2x NCAA Division III National Qualifier.

Lindsay Bucklaw '16 is attending graduate school at Duquesne University for health systems management with an anticipated graduation of May 2018.

Louis Reyes '16 was recently engaged to **Diandra Sherman '15** of Tunkhannock, Pa. A November wedding is planned. Louis recently moved to South Florida where he works in MLB Ticket Operations and Diandra is a lead chef at a retirement community.



Keystone College alumni gather at the wedding of Kitiara Stecher Bolden '12 and Michael Bolden '12. Pictured are: Maurice Evans '13, Theresa Miller '86, Janine Smith, Kitiara Stecher Bolden '12, Michael Bolden '12, Genova Hof Todd '13, Andrew Todd '12, Andrew Keane '14, Kareem Mickens, Brandon Doughty '14, Abdul Hamid, Brian Slater '13, Joe Stauder '11, Megan Highhouse Stauder '08, and Doreen Hine Howard '86.

Jeff Brauer: Teaching College Students Is His Life's Work

When you speak with Professor Jeff Brauer, even for a few minutes, one message comes through loud and clear. Teaching college students is more than just his job, or even his profession. It's his calling and his life's work. More specifically, teaching political science to students at Keystone College is what Jeff is meant to do. And, the students whose lives he impacts are all the better for it.

"For me, the most rewarding aspect of teaching is the interaction with students, both in the classroom and in the various campus and community activities in which we participate," Jeff said.

In particular, Jeff has been recognized nationally for his expertise, often being interviewed and quoted by the local, state, and national news media, including NBC News, Fox Business News, Real Clear Politics, and *The Atlantic* magazine.

"Politics, at its core, is about how people make decisions concerning issues that impact their lives. I tell students that, by virtue of being a human being, they know quite a bit about politics before they even take their first political science course," Jeff said.

Jeff came to Keystone in 1997 after teaching at Close-Up, a non-profit organization located in Washington, D.C. that provides civics education for young people. During the Clinton Administration, he also worked for USAID, an organization within the State Department that focuses on international economic development.

The Binghamton, N.Y. native graduated in 1993 as valedictorian of the University of Scranton's College of Arts and Sciences with bachelor's degrees in public administration/public affairs and history. He attended graduate school and directed the International Student Program at the College of St. Rose in Albany, N.Y., obtaining a master's degree in history and political science in 1996.

He joined the Keystone faculty a year later and soon after established and headed Keystone's Center for Civic Engagement, which is now directed by Maria Fanning.

For Jeff, teaching students and participating in community organizations, such as Friends of the Poor and the ARC, that help



Professor Jeff Brauer teaches students Andy Duarte and Paeton Upright during his First Year Seminar course.

promote justice and peace and improve people's lives are part of the complete Keystone experience.

"I often tell students the most important aspect of a college education isn't just the grade you get in a particular course, although obviously academics are very important, but the experiences and interactions you have with other people that help prepare you for the rest of your life."

Keystone Dedicates Boehm Hall

For 18 years, President Emeritus Dr. Edward G. Boehm, Jr., and former First Lady Regina E. Boehm dedicated their lives to Keystone College. In recognition of their unwavering commitment and leadership, the residence hall previously known as Keystone Commons was renamed and formally dedicated in their honor over Homecoming and Family Weekend.

Now named Boehm Hall, the suite-style residence hall was built in 2001 under President Boehm's leadership. The College made a variety of student-centered renovations to the residence hall, thanks to a generous contribution from former Keystone College Board of Trustees chair, Dr. Jack C. Cassell. Additional friends of the College also made gifts to support the upkeep of the hall in honor of the Boehms' legacy.

"Keystone College is delighted to dedicate Boehm Hall," Keystone College President David L. Coppola, Ph.D., said during the ceremony. "The Boehms were thinkers, doers, and servant leaders who put students first. The entire community has tremendous gratitude for their accomplishments and for their selfless dedication to Keystone."

President Boehm began his Keystone tenure in 1995 and remained as president through June 2013. Under his leadership, Keystone became a baccalaureate college in 1998 and granted its first bachelor's degree in 2000. Since then, the College has progressed steadily, adding academic programs, master's degrees, and a wide variety of new and updated facilities.

President and Mrs. Boehm were well known for their optimistic attitude and genuine friendship, particularly their

personal interest in all Keystone students. President Boehm was often quoted as saying, "We know our students not only by their names but also by their dreams."

Prior to Keystone, President Boehm was a senior vice president for institutional advancement at Marshall University in West Virginia. He held senior administrative positions at American University and Texas Christian University. He earned a bachelor's degree from Frostburg State University in Maryland and a master's degree and doctorate from American University.

Dr. Jack C. Cassell also offered remarks during the dedication ceremony. "I had the honor and privilege of working closely with Ned and Regina while serving on the Keystone College Board of Trustees for 15 years," Dr. Cassell said. "Keystone is very thankful for the inspirational and transformational service provided by Ned Boehm."

"Both Ned and Regina were terrific friends and leaders who truly knew their students. I have a great love and admiration for them both and I am grateful for their lasting impact at Keystone," Dr. Cassell continued.

While President Boehm was unable to travel back to campus due to health concerns, former First Lady Regina Boehm returned for the ceremony. "It is a tremendous honor to have Boehm Hall named in our honor," said Mrs. Boehm. "We have many wonderful memories of our time at Keystone and we are fortunate to have served at this great college that holds a special place in our hearts."



Former Keystone College First Lady Regina Boehm (center) cuts the ribbon during a ceremony dedicating Boehm Hall as former Keystone College Board of Trustees Chair and Benefactor Dr. Jack C. Cassell (left) and Keystone College President David L. Coppola, Ph.D. (right) look on.



Regina Boehm and Dr. Jack C. Cassell proudly pose in front of the new sign for Boehm Hall.

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

October 23–December 1, 2017

Art Exhibit “Transitory Fabrications”
by Jennifer Kirkpatrick
Linder Gallery

November 29, 2017

Faculty Colloquium “The Intentions of Self-Employment in the Real Estate Industry: Applying Ajzen’s Theory of Planned Behavior” by Assistant Professor Dana Harris, Ph.D.
3 p.m., Evans Hall

December 9, 2017

Wrestling Alumni and Friends Mixer*
11 a.m.–3 p.m., Gambal Athletic Center

December 9, 2017

Performance Music’s Holiday Concert
7 p.m., Theatre in Brooks

February 22, 2018

Opening Reception for Art Exhibit “Pageant” by Daniel Samaniego and Wendy Kveck
5–7 p.m., Linder Gallery

February 28, 2018

Faculty Colloquium “The Keystone Juvenile Justice Institute: Engaging Youth, Building Partnerships and Changing Minds”

by Assistant Professor Deborah Belknap, Ph.D., and Associate Professor Stacey Wyland
3 p.m., Evans Hall

March 1-4, 2018

Keystone Players Spring Production
3:30 p.m., March 1, 7:30 p.m., March 3-4
2 p.m., March 4, Theatre in Brooks

March 25, 2018

Performance Music’s Jazz Ensemble Spring Concert
7 p.m., Theatre in Brooks

March 28, 2018

Faculty Colloquium “Why Use a Geriatric Care Manager?” by Assistant Professor Marie Andreoli, Ph.D.
3 p.m., Evans Hall

April 7, 2018

Alumni Night at Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins*
7 p.m., Mohegan Sun Arena at Casey Plaza
Tickets available at <https://kcalumnynight.eventbrite.com>

April 9, 2018

Opening Reception for Art Exhibit by Mary Neubauer
5–7 p.m., Linder Gallery

April 18, 2018

Faculty Colloquium “Wildlife Forensics: Development of Assays for Non-Human Testing with Emphasis on Elephant DNA Testing” by Assistant Professor Jillian Fesolovich, Ph.D.
3 p.m., Evans Hall

April 19, 2018

Poetry Reading by Monique Ferrell
7 p.m., Evans Hall

April 22, 2018

Music and Arts Fair
2–6 p.m. (main concert begins at 5 p.m.),
Campus-wide

April 25, 2018

Spring Undergraduate Research and Creativity Celebration
9–11 a.m. and 1:30–3:30 p.m., Theatre in Brooks

April 29, 2018

Performance Music’s Spring Concert
7 p.m., Theatre in Brooks

May 3, 2018

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

May 12, 2018

Commencement
11 a.m., Pavilion at Montage Mountain