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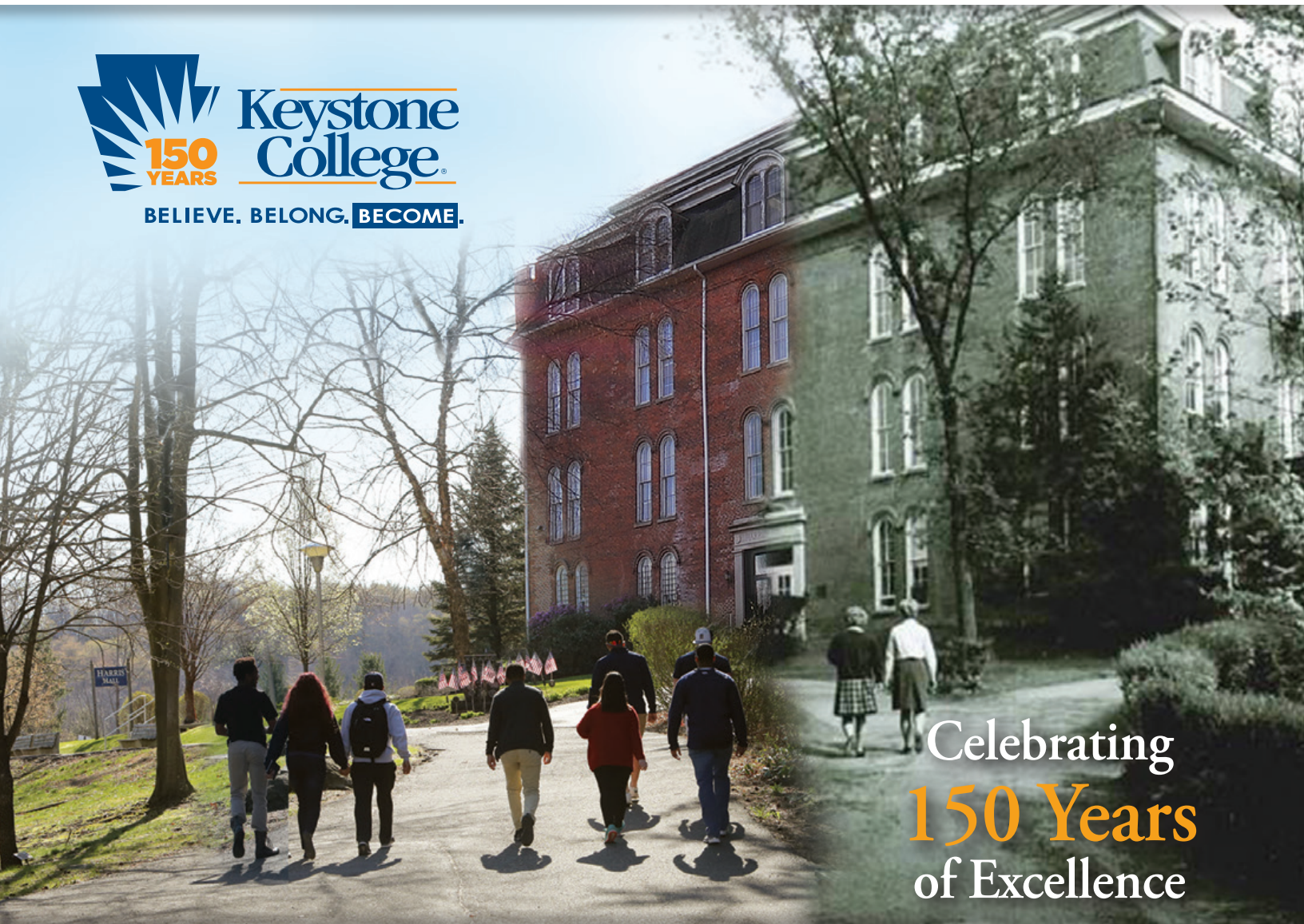
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A collage of Harris Hall through the years featuring students from circa 1965 and 2015.



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Dear Friends of Keystone College:

We are about to embark on a very special journey. In fact, it is a voyage taken only once every 150 years. Beginning in May, and lasting for a full year, Keystone College will celebrate its 150th anniversary. In this issue of the *Keystonian*, we will highlight the beginning of this landmark year and the many events we have planned to help us come together as the Keystone community and celebrate this magnificent milestone.

A college is a collection and collaboration of resources: property, buildings, books, technology, and other material objects needed to make it operate effectively on a daily basis. But such a description of Keystone falls far short of what we are about. At Keystone, it is the people around us that make this college so special. I would imagine that your memories of Keystone are more than taking tests, finishing papers, or completing projects as you worked toward being the best student you could be. Your memories are most likely of the people with whom you shared your time, your thoughts, your struggles and victories, and in doing so, helped make your life more enjoyable and more meaningful.

After being here five years, I also have many vivid memories of Keystone. As you may know, my family and I are entering our final months of service at Keystone. As the 10th president and 19th leader of this great community, we have accomplished much together and have positioned the College for future success for decades to come. Although I may be leaving Keystone, please be assured that Keystone will never leave me. My family and I will cherish the experiences we have had here for the rest of our lives, and especially the generous and committed people we have been honored to meet. Of course, we hope to return as often as possible to enjoy some new experiences as well!

I invite you to keep your memories of Keystone alive as we celebrate this momentous year. Whether you call a classmate, email a professor or coach, meet with friends at Homecoming or a concert, cheer at an athletic event, take an online course, or encourage a young person to attend here, please support *your* College during this joyful journey as we continue our efforts to transform lives to continue for another 150 years.

Sincerely,



David L. Coppola, Ph.D.
President



■ David L. Coppola, Ph.D., to conclude five years of distinguished service at Keystone College

David L. Coppola, Ph.D., will conclude five years of distinguished service at Keystone College on July 6, 2018. In an email sent to the College community, he said, “The numerous challenges, accomplishments, and joys that we have shared together are remarkable and assure that the College will continue to thrive... And I am a better person because of such connections and efforts, for which I will always be grateful.”

Dr. Coppola holds a doctorate in Philosophy of Educational Administration from Fordham University and previously held executive leadership positions at Sacred Heart University, Fairfield, Conn., where he and his family will return. Dr. Coppola is married to Delia Powers Coppola and they have two sons, Aidan (12) and Thomas (10).

As Keystone’s tenth president and nineteenth leader in its 150-year history, Dr. Coppola emphasized college affordability, student academic success, and college-community collaborations. Under his tenure, tuition and fees have remained below \$25,000, and all costs for books and educational resources are included, offering substantial savings for students and their families. Additionally, to help students pay for the modest debt they may accumulate, the College inaugurated the Keystone Commitment, Loan Repayment Assistance Program (LRAP), and has

significantly grown its endowed scholarships to provide additional financial assistance for students.

Dr. Coppola continued Keystone’s legacy of academic excellence by institutionalizing its unique “Stairs to Success,” a four-year developmental educational process customized for undergraduates; the initiation of four master’s degrees, including an MBA; three

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David L. Coppola, Ph.D.

living-learning communities; and plans for an improved Library and a Center for Teaching-Learning Excellence.

Additionally, to broaden the choices for students, several athletic sports have been added in the last few years including lacrosse, wrestling, women’s golf, and football, as well as the completion of a new athletic track and synthetic field in 2014.

A Performance Music Department was also established and, through its unique

college-community collaboration approach, draws more than 150 members in the choruses and bands. This same philosophy of inclusion inspires Keystone’s students to volunteer more than 26,000 hours of community service a year and has allowed for the College to receive more than \$7 million in state grants to promote private/public partnerships in projects that benefit the College and community.

“I am honored to have served Keystone College as its tenth President, and I will leave with confidence that this dedicated and caring community will thrive for decades to come,” Coppola said, in the email announcing his move.

The Board of Trustees, led by immediate past Board Chair, Robert Swartley ’75, will conduct a national search with the assistance of RPA, Inc., an executive recruitment firm from Williamsport, Pa., for Keystone’s next president. Plans call for a new president to be named by the summer of 2018.

“We are grateful to have worked with Dr. Coppola these past five years. His outstanding leadership positions Keystone for continued success,” Swartley said. “We wish him and his family the best of luck in their future endeavors. The entire board is totally committed to hiring a president who will continue the excitement and momentum that is present at Keystone today, thanks to David.”



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Keystone Adds Football as 22nd Varsity Sport

Football is returning to Keystone College! After a decades-long hiatus, Keystone will expand its athletic offerings by adding football as its newest varsity sport.

In March 2018, the College hired Justin Higgins as its football coach. A native of Warrensburg, N.Y., Coach Higgins comes to Keystone after most recently serving one year as special teams coordinator/recruiting coordinator at NCAA Division II Seton Hill University, a member of the highly regarded Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference. In his first year as recruiting coordinator, the Griffins brought in 41 student-athletes as part of the Class of 2018. On the field, his special teams ranked in the top 25 percent in the nation in blocked kicks, along with ranking eighth in the country in kick-return defense.

The 2018-19 academic year will be a year of preparation and training for the coaches and players, as well as the recruitment of additional student-athletes.

The Giants will take the field for their first games in the fall of 2019, playing a limited schedule as an independent team not affiliated with any conference. Keystone will seek an affiliation with a Division III football conference and will play a complete schedule beginning in the fall of 2020. Keystone will remain a member of the Colonial States Athletic Conference for all other varsity sports.

The football team will play its home games at Keystone's Athletic Field and Track Complex, which opened in 2014. Plans also call for a new field house to be constructed near the Complex for use by the football program and other Keystone athletic teams.

While football will be a new experience for current students and fans, Keystone



Keystone College football coach Justin Higgins speaks at a welcome reception.

has a proud football tradition. The team competed in football in the 1890s as Keystone Academy and the program ended in the late 1940s. The new football program continues a proud gridiron tradition as it becomes Keystone's 22nd varsity sport. The College's most recently added sports include men's and women's lacrosse, wrestling, and women's golf.

Those sports have proven to be successful and productive for student-athletes. Football became the next logical step to continue the growth of the Keystone student-athlete experience. In addition to the games themselves, football on campus will provide an enjoyable and uplifting experience for everyone associated with the College and will bring people together to socialize and share common experiences.

"We are so excited to reintroduce football as our next varsity sport," said Keystone President David L. Coppola, Ph.D. "This will be a wonderful experience

not only for the student-athletes who come here to continue their education and compete on the NCAA Division III level but for our entire student body and alumni as well. We can't wait to get started, and we look forward to the day when we cheer for the Giants as they take the field for the very first time."

The new program will provide an opportunity for local students, and those from other areas, to continue participating in a sport that has such a long history in Northeastern Pennsylvania. Nationally, the introduction of football programs has expanded as 71 colleges or universities have introduced new programs since 2008, according to the National Football Foundation (NFF).

"Since 1976, when the NCAA changed its method for tracking figures, the number of schools playing NCAA football has steadily increased by 184 schools from 484 in 1978 to a record high 668 in 2016," the NFF reported.

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■ Gregory Maguire Addresses Graduates at Commencement

Gregory Maguire, award-winning author of nearly forty books, addressed graduates at Keystone's 147th Commencement Exercises on Saturday, May 12, at the Pavilion at Montage Mountain, Moosic, Pa.

His best known work, *Wicked: The Life and Times of the Wicked Witch of the West*, is the *New York Times* bestseller that inspired the musical that has been filling its Broadway theatre to capacity for nearly fifteen years.

All of his other novels for adults have appeared on national bestseller lists. *Confessions of an Ugly Stepsister* was made into an ABC television film, and his work is available internationally in more than twenty languages.

The success of *Wicked* on the stage and in bookstores brought Maguire to the attention of major media outlets. He was the subject of a profile in the *Sunday New York Times Magazine*, appeared on



"Oprah," has been a commentator on National Public Radio and the BBC's Radio Four, and has contributed to many journals, including *Entertainment Weekly*, the *Los Angeles Times*, and the *Huffington Post*.

Born and raised in Albany, N.Y., he

has written 18 novels for children and ten novels for adults, as well as picture books, short stories, essays, and signal reviews for major journals.

Maguire has contributed forewords to reissues of classics: *The Little Prince*, *The Wind in the Willows*, *Mary Poppins*, *Tuck Everlasting*, and others. He has served on the boards of nonprofits for decades, and continues, occasionally, to lecture at colleges and universities both in the United States and abroad. In 2013 he and his husband, the painter Andy Newman, established The Elphaba Fund, which supports arts education and literacy efforts; environmental protection; and women's and children's health, particularly in developing nations.

Maguire has lived in the United States and in London and Dublin. Currently he spends his time in Massachusetts, Vermont, and France with his husband, and their three children.

■ Keystone Co-Hosts Intercollegiate Band Festival

Keystone College partnered with Mansfield University to co-host the 71st annual Pennsylvania Intercollegiate Band Festival. Held at Mansfield, the Festival is the oldest of its kind in the country.

Keystone student-musicians Ty Sharrow, Anna-Grace Elias, Trista Carpenter, and Kevin Burke were selected from hundreds of applicants from schools such as Carnegie Mellon and West Chester University to perform with an ensemble. Following auditions, Kevin Burke received first place in the French horn.

Jeffrey Tylutki, Keystone's Director of Bands and Performance Music, was selected to conduct the National Anthem and will serve as co-president of the Collegiate Bandmasters Association for the 2018-2019 term. He was also selected to serve as secretary of the organization.



Keystone College was well represented at the 71st annual Pennsylvania Intercollegiate Band Festival at Mansfield University. Pictured, from left, are: Student-musicians Trista Carpenter and Anna-Grace Elias; Director of Bands and Performance Music Jeffrey Tylutki; and student-musicians Kevin Burke and Ty Sharrow.

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■ Alumnus speaks at Veterans Day Luncheon

Keystone College students, faculty, alumni and friends gathered for the College's annual Veterans Day luncheon in the Theatre in Brooks.

Guest speaker for the event was Keystone graduate and military veteran **Tom Zigray '73**. Mr. Zigray served in a Special Intelligence Unit with the United States Navy from 1967-1971 and served in Vietnam from 1970-1971. He was a crew member aboard the USS Enterprise and was also stationed at the U.S. submarine base in New London, Conn. Mr. Zigray is currently CEO of TAVA, an international labor relations and human relations consulting firm.



Gathering following the annual Veterans Day Luncheon, from left: Mark Gowarty '02, Keystone systems technician and adviser for the Keystone College Armed Forces Club (KCAFC); Keystone student Dylan Welch, KCAFC vice president; guest speaker and Keystone alumnus Tom Zigray '73; Keystone student Dominic Wayman, KCAFC president; and Cortney Tyler '12, Keystone associate director of admissions and master of ceremonies.

■ Alumni Night at Hockey Game

Keystone College alumni caught up with friends while enjoying a Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins hockey game.



From left: Tom Fox '68, Jon Cadman '81, and Don Cadman '77.



From left: Don Jones '73, Justin Jones, and Pat Doyle.

■ Homecoming and Family Weekend



The Keystone College Cheerleading team performs during the annual Homecoming Parade. Make plans to attend Homecoming and Family Weekend, October 12-13, 2018.

Highlights of the schedule include:

- Gold Club Toast
- Alumni mixers
- Athletic events
- Homecoming Parade
- Athletics Hall of Fame
- Family Activities
- Founders Exhibit

For the full schedule of events and to register, visit www.keystone.edu/homecoming

Save the date! Mark your calendars for Homecoming and Family Weekend, October 12–13, 2018. Join us as we celebrate our 150th anniversary and enjoy an action-packed weekend at Keystone College as alumni, students, families, and friends gather to celebrate the College.

Alumni are invited to reconnect with classmates, meet current students and families, and cheer on Keystone's athletic teams, among many other activities. Families will have a chance to explore the College their student calls home and visit with alumni.

■ Keystone Open

Support a great cause while hitting the links!

The 28th annual Keystone Open Golf Tournament is scheduled for Monday, July 9, at 11 a.m. at Glen Oak Country Club, Clarks Summit, Pa. Proceeds from the event support the Alumni Association Scholarship Fund, which awards up to \$10,000 in scholarships annually to deserving students.



There are many sponsorship opportunities available, and all sponsorships are accompanied by signage and day of event recognition. The field is limited to 128 golfers and registration fills quickly. For additional information on sponsorship opportunities or to register, please visit www.keystone.edu/keystoneopen or contact Ehrin Clark at 570-945-8168 or ehrin.clark@keystone.edu.

A golfer tees off during the 2017 Keystone Open.

■ Degree Awarded

Keystone College President David L. Coppola, Ph.D. (left), presents a Keystone associate degree to Robert W. Duff '75, Huntingdon Valley, Pa., while his mother, Nancy, shares the proud moment. Robert, who completed his final year at Keystone in 1975, presented a project to Dr. Coppola, earning the last credits needed for his degree.

Congratulations, Robert!



Sacrifice Play: Softball Coach Alison Ritter Donates a Kidney to Save a Life

Keystone College head softball coach **Alison Ritter** knows all about sacrifices, whether it is laying down the sign for one of her players to execute a sacrifice bunt, congratulating one of her players on bringing home a run with a sacrifice fly, or recognizing the sacrifices her players make day-in and day-out as members of an NCAA Division III softball team.

In October of 2017, Alison found herself executing a sacrifice play of her own that she never thought she would do: becoming a living donor to help save a friend's life.

The Background

Alison and R.J. Henderson became friends at Salisbury University where Alison was a standout softball player, while R.J. was a dedicated supporter of the team and friends with the players away from the diamond.

Following college, R.J. went on to become a teacher, while Alison joined the coaching ranks after her graduation two years later. The two lost touch after their time at Salisbury, but would reconnect in the most unexpected way in 2017.

The Diagnosis

In the early part of the year, R.J. had been feeling ill and sought help from doctors. In March, his cardiologist delivered him shocking news. "My cardiologist called to tell me that based on the results from a recent blood test, I was in kidney failure."

R.J. said he was in disbelief at the diagnosis. "I thought maybe my labs had come back slightly elevated and he was overreacting," he said. "After completing additional blood work and learning I'd need surgery to place a



Alison and R.J.

dialysis access in my chest, I knew this was serious."

Searching for a Donor

His condition was so serious that he underwent dialysis multiple times each week and more importantly, needed a kidney transplant.

With his life at stake, R.J. took to social media to try to find any potential donor. Alison says she didn't think twice about trying to help R.J. when she saw his Facebook post. "I saw his post and sent him a message and said 'Send me all the info. If I'd be a match, it's all yours.' But I really didn't think I'd be a match."

Little did they know at the time just how much that brief exchange would wind up changing their lives.

The Testing

Shortly after completing her first season as Keystone's head coach, Alison began the process of being tested for her potential to be a donor match for R.J. The first step was to determine if their blood types were a match, which they proved to be.

Several weeks later, additional tests were done to determine whether Alison's kidneys were healthy enough to be transplanted. They were.

Extensive physical examinations, followed by sessions with social workers, dieticians, and other experts were conducted to determine Alison's physical and emotional ability to become a living donor. All the tests came back positive.

"With every step in the process, the possibility became more real," said Alison. "I wanted to help R.J. if it was possible, but I really thought I'd be told that I wouldn't be a match at some point in all of this testing."

Finally, in early September, Alison was approved as a candidate and asked to make the decision as to whether she would donate her kidney.

"I needed a few days to really think about it and decide now that it was real," stated Alison about her decision. "I had to talk to my family and friends and consider all that this would mean for me both now and in the future. But, I knew deep down that my decision was already made and I was going to do this to help R.J."

Sharing the News

No one was happier to find out that Alison was going to donate her kidney than R.J. "I remember the day that Ali told me she was a match and that she was actually willing to donate. I remember just showing the message to my mom and

instantly I started to cry. I finally felt some relief that the end of dialysis was in sight and I'd finally have my life back."

R.J. had been receiving so much support and well wishes throughout his illness and social media provided him with an easy way to update all of the people who were asking him how he was doing and share the good news. "I knew I had to post an update on Facebook because so many of my family and friends were so supportive during the process and wanted to be updated whenever I had new information."

For Alison's part, she never wanted her donation to interfere with her coaching and administrative duties at Keystone, nor did she want the focus to be on her instead of her student-athletes. As such, Alison's donation was scheduled for October 31, 2017 – after softball's non-traditional season was complete.

She had quietly kept Keystone Director of Athletics, Dr. Matthew Grimaldi, up to date and received permission to take time off from work for the procedure and recovery.

Alison was appreciative of the support she received from Keystone's administration. She knew she had to break the news to the softball team, which she waited until two weeks before the procedure to do.

"They thought they were in trouble," Alison stated of her team's reaction when she called a meeting. "When I told them what was happening, they asked a lot of questions and were very supportive, which made me more comfortable going into the surgery."

The Procedure

On October 31, 2017, Alison and R.J. entered the University of Maryland Medical Center in Baltimore for the kidney transplant.

Dr. John LaMattina was in charge of the surgery to remove Alison's kidney, an operation that took nearly three and a half hours and involved moving her internal organs around to reach the kidney.

As soon as the kidney was removed,

Dr. Stephen Bartlett took over with the organ and led a nearly five-hour long procedure to successfully insert Alison's kidney into R.J.'s body and get it operating successfully.

Both Alison and R.J. spent several days in the hospital recovering immediately following the transplant and the operations were a success as the kidney took to R.J.

The two decided to name the kidney "Al" since a part of Alison will always be in R.J., who feels that he owes so much to Alison for her willingness to be a living donor.

The Recovery

Alison was able to return to work at Keystone within a week, but her physical capabilities were restricted. During recovery, her physical activity was very limited and she was not allowed to lift more than 10 pounds, drive a car, and had a reduced appetite.

R.J.'s recovery is challenging, but is also going well. "Recovery has been a bit painful," he says. "However, each day gets easier and the staff at the University of Maryland Medical Center has been amazing. I go for weekly lab work and to update my medications. I look forward to the surgeon clearing me so that I can return to work and see my students soon."

The Support

Alison says she has received tremendous support from her family, friends, and the Keystone community throughout the process, which not only made the decision to be a living donor easier, but also has helped her recover.

She has heard from a lot of people who said they would never be able to make the sacrifice that she was as a living donor. "They called me crazy, in a good way," she explains, "Everyone supported me 100 percent."

"This journey has been very humbling for me," explains Alison. "I've had friends, players, parents, and co-workers call me a 'superhero,' 'an inspiration,' and many other very flattering names, but I don't look at this in those terms. I was just able

to help R.J. People should help others when they can, and that's all I did."

The Lessons

As any good teacher and coach would do, both R.J. and Alison are making sure to use this remarkable experience as a teaching moment for their students and players and as a life lesson for anyone who hears their story.

R.J. says, "I want to share more of this story with my students as we continue learning about the importance of giving back when we can." In particular, he will be sharing the importance of living donation for the rest of his life.

While Alison also spoke to her team specifically about becoming a donor, she also talked about more global lessons. "When I told my players, I wanted them to look internally rather than specifically at what I was doing," explained Alison. "I shared that the most important thing they can learn is to always be kind to each other. You never know where life will take you 10-15 years down the road, and you might need someone's help, or you might be able to help someone else in a big way."

The Winning Sacrifice

As a fan, R.J. saw Alison lead Salisbury to four straight Capital Athletic Conference championships, three NCAA Tournament appearances, and a trip to the NCAA Division III World Series in 2009.

But R.J. was the beneficiary of Alison's greatest play in life, a sacrifice that came more than seven years after she last stepped on a softball field as a player.

That sacrifice, which moved "Al" from Alison to R.J., saved his life.

"My family and I will be forever grateful and thankful for Alison," he says. "In a time when there's so much division in the country and the world, it is amazing to see that there are still good people. Alison is the perfect model of giving to those in need. She has inspired me to do more for others when I can. She has become an honorary member of my family for life."

Keystone College: Celebrating 150 Years of Excellence



Built in 1894, Thompson Hall was one of many stately Victorians along what was known as "Dormitory Row." The hall was named for Elias W. Thompson and has since been dismantled.



Students, faculty, and staff form a "chain" to transfer books from the former library, Kemmerer Hall, to the then newly constructed Miller Library in 1968.

One Hundred and Fifty Years. In some ways, the passing of a century and half seems like forever. In others, especially in the life of an educational institution, it seems like the mere blink of an eye.

For Keystone College, founded with exceptional wisdom and vision so many years ago, the passage of time has truly exemplified that double-edged paradox of a slow and steady journey through history, while at the same time making remarkable progress year by year and decade by decade.

This year, the entire Keystone community will come together to celebrate the 150th anniversary of this special place. It will be a year of joyous events as we gather at different times and in different places to celebrate what Keystone means to all of us, both as a community and individually. For those reasons, and many others, the passing of time during the next 365 days will be truly special for each and every Keystonian.



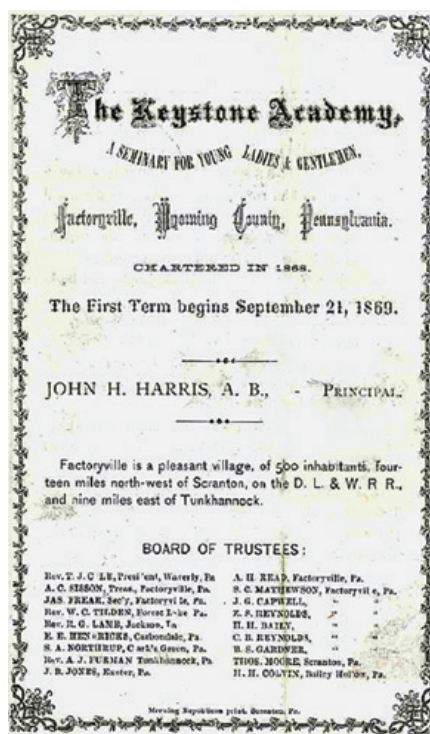
A view towards the Keystone College campus from Academy Street (now College Avenue) in Factoryville.

A Brief History: Progress through Effort

In order to truly appreciate the present, it's sometimes beneficial and necessary to take a few moments to examine the past. In the specific case of Keystone, the "past" began in 1868 in a rural community called Factoryville, nestled in the mountains of Northeastern Pennsylvania.

While eastern cities like New York, Philadelphia, and Baltimore continued to grow, the nation was still very much a collection of farms and small communities. As Factoryville residents rejoiced at the conclusion of the Civil War, community leaders also worried about the educational needs of their children. There was no secondary school between Scranton, Pa., and Binghamton, N.Y., and they feared their children would be left behind in a world in which education was becoming an increased priority. The solution to that problem began to take root.

"As the community along the lowlands of the Nokomis and Tunkhannock Creeks developed, a small group of enterprising men saw the need for education beyond the elementary school level," wrote local historian and author Glenn D. Adams in his 1999 work, *A History of the Academy and The College, 1868-1998*. "Early in 1868, Charles Reynolds, great grandson of Captain Robert Reynolds and Stephen Capwell, met with James Frear



A Keystone Academy ad that appeared in the Morning Republican newspaper, Scranton, in 1869.

in the latter's general merchandise store. The conversation between these men concerned the lack of a preparatory school or a high school in the area."

Soon after, Keystone Academy, "a seminary for young ladies and gentlemen" was founded with the school's "first term" beginning in 1869. In 1870, Harris Hall,

named in honor of Keystone Academy Principal John Howard Harris, was built and still stands proudly as a living monument to its founders. Most notably, inside today's Harris Hall are the words from the school's original seal, with the Latin words "Via Fit-Vi" translated as "Progress through Effort."

For Keystoneans, those words, perhaps more than anything else, link the past to the present.

"Progress through Effort' really does have a special meaning for anyone who has ever been associated with Keystone," said long-time Keystone Professor Terry Wise, who has studied the school's history. "That phrase really symbolizes who we are and what we are all about. We realize that few things in life are easy, but if we continue to work and continue to believe, success will follow."

"While the times, needs, and methods have changed, the same spirit of dedicated faculty and staff work together with our students to help them secure their rightful place in our society," wrote Keystone College President Emeritus Dr. Edward G. Boehm, Jr., who proudly served as Keystone's ninth president from 1995 until 2013, as he reflected on Keystone's early history.

Hard work and resulting success did indeed follow in the years and decades to come. Realizing the need for more than just a secondary school, Scranton-Keystone Junior College was formed and

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the first associate degrees were awarded in 1936. The name Scranton was dropped and Keystone Junior College quickly gained the reputation as one of the finest two-year colleges in the nation, sending students to complete their education at top schools such as Lehigh, Bucknell, Lafayette, and many others.

However, by the late 1980s and early 1990s, as community colleges began to expand throughout the nation, the demand for residential junior colleges such as Keystone declined and enrollment began to diminish. Led by Dr. Boehm and a determined faculty and board of trustees, “Progress through Effort” would again prevail.

In 1995, Keystone Junior College became Keystone College, and in 1998, the Pennsylvania Department of Education awarded permission for Keystone to award bachelor’s degrees. In 2000, Keystone awarded its first bachelor’s degree.

“We just refused to give up or give in,” said longtime Keystonian Charlotte

TUITION PER TERM ;	
Common-School Branches,	\$6.00
Higher English,	7.00
Higher Mathematics,	10.00
Greek and Latin Languages,	10.00
Instrumental Music (extra),	12.00
Use of Instrument,	3.00
German and French (extra),	5.00
Incidental Expenses,	50

CALENDAR.	
FALL TERM BEGINS SEPTEMBER 21, 1869.	
WINTER TERM BEGINS JANUARY 4, 1870.	
SPRING TERM BEGINS APRIL 19, 1870.	
Thirteen weeks constitute a term.	

BOARD.	
Until the completion of the Academy buildings, students will board and room with private families, at the rate of \$3.50 to \$4.00 per week. Those wishing to board themselves will find the necessary accommodations.	
It is the purpose of the Trustees and Principal of the School to make it equal to any institution of the kind in the State. Students will find good society and pleasant homes among the citizens of Factoryville.	
For further particulars, address any of the Trustees, or the Principal.	
JOHN H. HARRIS, Principal.	
Factoryville, Pa., Aug. 25, 1869.	

Tuition per term and the 1869-1870 academic calendar from 1869.

Ravaioli, who has served the college for over 35 years as a faculty member, academic dean, vice president, and special

assistant to the president. “We knew that Dr. Boehm was an exceptional and inspirational leader. We put our faith in him, and in each other, and we made progress day-by-day and year-by-year. At Keystone, that’s really what we do best.”

The rest, as is often said, is history. In the years since awarding our first bachelor’s degree, we’ve come a long way in a short period of time. Today, Keystone offers more than 40 undergraduate, masters, and online degree options to about 1,400 students. Each year at commencement, the College awards about 300 degrees to graduating students.

Campus activities and sports have expanded dramatically over the years. In fact, Keystone now offers 22 varsity sports for men and women, including the reestablishment of football, announced earlier this year. The campus, long regarded as one of the most beautiful in the region and in all of Pennsylvania, continues to grow without losing its natural charm and dignity.

A new multi-million redevelopment project will soon begin along College Avenue, and the end result will be a new complex featuring two restaurants,



Members of the Keystone College 150th Anniversary planning committee, front row, from left: Karen Clifford '70, co-chair; Ehrin Clark, director of alumni engagement and annual giving; Elena O'Connor '04, director of conferences and special events; Beth Miller, senior director of communications; and Charlotte Ravaioli, chief of staff. Back row, from left: Gail Dickstein, trustee; Richard Krebs '96, co-chair; Sherry S. Strain, Ph.D., co-chair and professor; Lucas Taylor '11, director of student activities; Peter Moylan, gifts officer; and Mariellen Walsh, major gifts officer.

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a fitness club for students and the local community, and a new Keystone College Bookstore. Another project, funded by a grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, will simultaneously enhance the College's main entrance.

"This is certainly an exciting time to be at Keystone," said Keystone President David L. Coppola, Ph.D. "We've demonstrated that by working hard and working together, anything is possible. Even more important, as we progress, we still remain true to our basic ideals of providing an excellent education by

putting our students first and treating everyone as a valuable member of our community. Through all the changes and innovations, the success of our students will always remain the most critical part of our mission."

That feeling of pride and comradery is passed down from generation to generation.

"As students, we realize that we are privileged to follow those who came before us and also we know that we have a responsibility to set an example for those students who will follow us," said sophomore Mark Durdach. "That's why it's such an honor to be part of the Keystone tradition."

A Year of Celebration

Beginning in May 2018, and lasting through May 2019, the entire Keystone Community will join together to honor the past, celebrate the present and look forward to the future. A series of events have been planned for all to experience and enjoy, culminating in a 150th anniversary gala celebration in May of 2019. See the complete list on the inside back cover of this issue of the *Keystonian*. You can also visit www.keystone.edu/150years for celebration updates. Remember, the Keystone tradition begins with you! We can't wait to see you on campus to help make our 150th year the best ever. Believe, Belong, Become, at Keystone College.

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Sophomore



Building on its proud history, Keystone College continues its progress. The Keystone Commons, a commercial building featuring two restaurants, a fitness center, and the College's bookstore, is scheduled to open during late 2018.

Keystone Names School of Arts and Sciences in Honor of Turock Family

Keystone College is paying tribute to members of a family who have been loyal supporters of the College for decades by renaming the School of Arts and Sciences in their honor.

Keystone's Board of Trustees voted unanimously to rename the School of Arts and Sciences the Turock School of Arts and Sciences, in honor of Keystone alumni Betty J. Turock '53, Ph.D., her son, David L. Turock '77, Ph.D., and the late Frank Turock '52, who was Dr. Betty Turock's husband, and Dr. David Turock's father.

The Turocks have been longtime members of the College's Board of Trustees and have been involved with Keystone in a variety of capacities for many years. The Turock family received Keystone's Presidential Medallion in 2000. The association of the Turock name with Keystone has an extended history, which began when relative Andrew Turock entered the school in its earliest years when it was known as Keystone Academy.

The Turock School of Arts and Sciences includes the departments of Communication and Liberal Studies; Biological and Physical Sciences; Mathematics; Psychology; Social Sciences and Criminal Justice; and Visual Arts.

"It is truly exciting to announce that our School of Arts and Sciences is going to be renamed in honor of the Turock family," said Keystone College President David L. Coppola,



Betty J. Turock '53



David L. Turock '77

Ph.D. "Betty and David have shown tremendous dedication to Keystone for so many years, and the late Frank Turock was a proud Keystone graduate. By naming the School of Arts and Sciences in their honor, we are also demonstrating our tremendous appreciation for everything the Turock family has done to make Keystone what it is today."

"Our family is truly grateful to have the School of Arts and Sciences renamed as the Turock School of Arts and Sciences," said Dr. Betty Turock and Dr. David Turock. "To us, Keystone

is more than the college we attended and graduated from. In many ways, it is the educational home that gave us both our start toward the rewarding lives we have lived. We are proud to have the Turock name as part of the Keystone legacy."

Frank Turock, a native of nearby Dickson City, Pa., graduated from Keystone in 1952 and then earned his bachelor's degree from Syracuse University. He was a successful corporate executive with Western Electric, the manufacturing arm of AT&T. With the break-up of AT&T in 1984, he was one of the first executives who established NYNEX, which became part of Verizon. After retiring, he assisted his sons, David and Drew, in creating their first start-up telecommunications company. He was involved with a variety of philanthropic endeavors and was a strong activist for diversity within organizations.

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President David L. Coppola, Ph.D.

Turock School of Arts and Sciences

About Dr. Betty Turock

Dr. Betty Turock, Highland Park, N.J., is a Charles Weston Scholar who graduated from Keystone in 1953. She is also professor and dean emerita at Rutgers University, where for 22 years she was a member of the faculty of the School of Communication and Information. For eight years, she was the director of the master's program and chair of the Department of Library and Information Science. During her tenure, the program was ranked among the top 10 in North America by *U.S. News and World Report*, a rank it continues to maintain.

She is also past president of the 68,000-member American Library Association (ALA), the oldest and largest library association in the world. Prior to her election as president, she served in several elected leadership positions within the organization. She is the author of more than 100 publications and reports, and was the founding editor of the award-winning *Bottom Line: A Financial Magazine for Libraries*.

Dr. Turock has received numerous accolades and professional awards. In 2011, she was named a distinguished alumna by Rutgers University's Graduate School. In 2012, the ALA conferred on Dr. Turock the highest honor it bestows, Honorary Lifetime Member for contributions "so outstanding that they are of lasting importance to the advancement of the whole field of library and information science."

Dr. Turock earned a bachelor's degree, magna cum laude, from Syracuse University. Her master's and doctoral degrees are from Rutgers. She has traveled, lectured, and served as a consultant nationally, as well as internationally in Russia, India, China, Taiwan, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. She has served in leadership roles on numerous boards and organizations.

About David L. Turock, Ph.D.

David L. Turock, Ph.D. is an accomplished entrepreneur and dedicated philanthropist. A 1977 Keystone graduate, Dr. Turock began his career at AT&T Bell Laboratories.

After leaving Bell, he founded three entrepreneurial telecommunications companies. He sold his interests in those companies, using the proceeds to benefit several philanthropic organizations, including the Lightning Rod Foundation, which he founded to educate the public about the importance of reducing dependence on foreign oil through the use of electric vehicles.

A Florida resident, he is chairman of Northern Lights Aviation, a company he founded to provide charitable transportation services in the northeastern United States. Northern Lights uses helicopters and small fixed-wing aircraft to move ambulatory people with serious illnesses from rural areas to major medical centers.

A longtime member of the Keystone College Board of Trustees, Dr. Turock is the founder and chairman of the Turock Family Foundation, which supports initiatives in health, science research, and education. The organization's most recent project was a collaboration that created the National Museum of

Mathematics in New York City.

After graduating from Keystone, Dr. Turock continued his education, receiving degrees from Syracuse University, Rutgers University, and the University of Pennsylvania. He holds post-graduate certificates from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania and the Sloan School of Management at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He is currently finishing another program of study in Nanotechnology at Harvard University. He has written numerous articles and publications on human cognition and holds several patents, most notably the fundamental patent on Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) that carries six of the nine billion calls placed in the world each day.

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Dr. Betty Turock and Dr. David Turock

Tom See '91: Keystone Helps Pave the Way for a Great Career

Keystone alumni often say they began laying the foundation for successful careers during their time on campus. That's especially true for 1991 graduate Tom See, who started planning his future the very first day he came to Keystone.

Today, Tom is president of U.S. Concert Venues for entertainment giant Live Nation, responsible for the operation of the company's 50 amphitheaters around the country and the nearly 30,000 people who work at them. While his career in the hospitality and entertainment industry has been long and successful, the North Plainfield, N.J., native remembers the exact moment he knew it would be his life's calling.

"My first day at Keystone, I was assigned to live in Tewksbury Hall. One of my fellow classmates in the room next to mine began telling me about his experiences as an intern at Disney World in Florida," Tom recalls. "It sounded really interesting and I quickly realized it would be something I would like to pursue. That moment was really a turning point in my life."

Tom was accepted to the Disney internship program at the end of his freshmen year and returned to Disney again the following summer after receiving his associate degree in business from what was then Keystone Junior College. He enrolled as a marketing major at Eastern Illinois University and continued to work at Disney during the summer months.

After receiving his bachelor's degree, Tom was hired full time



Tom See '91

by Disney to an entry level sales and marketing position but quickly rose through the ranks after being promoted four times in his first two years with the company, eventually being assigned to Disneyland in Anaheim, California.

He left Disney for an executive position with a firm specializing in the travel industry and then returned to lead a new start-up, Adventures by Disney, which offers family vacation packages to destinations around the world. From there he spent nine years at Universal Studios Hollywood before joining Live Nation in 2016.

"I've always found it so satisfying to work in the hospitality and travel business," Tom said. "People work so hard during their daily lives, and when they go on vacation, or in the case of Live Nation, to a concert or event at one of our venues, they want their experience to be really special. They want to have great memories they can share with their friends and families. I really enjoy working with a team of people committed to making that happen

each and every time and constantly asking ourselves what we can do even better."

Tom's education at Keystone prepared him for success in the years that would follow.

"I certainly wasn't the best high school student by any stretch of the imagination. The fact that Keystone was a small school in a really nice, small-town environment helped me a lot. My classes were great and I had professors I could relate to. It really helped me focus and got me ready for the rest of my life."

Once Homeless, Now Yearning to Help Others

Retired and living in Mulberry Tower in downtown Scranton, **Bruce Wiley** longed for more.

He could see Lackawanna College from his apartment window. The view inspired the once-homeless man to enroll there and, two years later, he received an associate degree.

Last month, the 68-year-old finished his bachelor's degree at Keystone College. He hopes to enroll in the counseling master's program at Marywood University in the fall so he can help others overcome problems.

"I've always had a thing with helping people," he said. "I just can't see myself doing anything other than that."

"Bruce has really made the dynamic of students change ... it was an amazing experience for all of us."

Lucas Taylor, director of student activities at Keystone

working, teaching the residents about computers and helping people rebuild their lives, too. He began working as a counselor, and when he retired eight years ago, he felt burnt out and ready for a change. The Newark, New Jersey, native moved from Philadelphia to Scranton, where the cost of living was lower.

But as he looked out his window toward Lackawanna College, he began to see a different future. He wanted to go back to the counseling field but knew he'd need a master's degree to reach his goal.

At Lackawanna, he became president of the creative arts club and a member of the dance club.

During his first semester at Keystone, Wiley said many students mistook him for a college employee. But soon, classmates learned he was someone they could talk to if they felt lonely, homesick or anxious. His peers voted him homecoming king in 2016.

"This has been a complete ball. I've been having so much fun,"

Wiley spent most of his career working with computers. In 2001, his girlfriend kicked him out of their home and he had nowhere to go. As temperatures plummeted to single digits in the daytime and below zero at night, he found his way to a shelter, where he lived for four months as he rebuilt his life.

Six months after he came to the shelter, he was back there



Bruce Wiley

he said. "I'm going to miss all these kids. I'm going to miss the environment."

At Keystone, he became a member of the fencing club and vice president of the over-21 club. He also became involved in community service projects, serving meals at senior housing complexes and spending time with Scranton's homeless.

Wiley can always be found wearing some kind of Keystone clothing, including one of his three hats or eight sweatshirts.

On campus, Wiley acted as a role model to younger students, said Lucas Taylor, director of student activities at Keystone.

"Here we pride ourselves on a family atmosphere. We have a great community of faculty, staff and students," Taylor said. "Bruce has really made the dynamic of students change a little... it was an amazing experience for all of us."

Before walking in the graduation ceremony at Keystone in the spring, Wiley will take time to relax and get to projects he has put off since he started college. He has moved out of Mulberry Tower and into an apartment filled with natural light, perfect for his photography hobby.

"My life has been fantastic," he said. "I've had ups and downs, but I smile a lot."

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Keystone thanks staff writer Sarah Hofius Hall and photographer Jason Farmer.*

Keystone College Introduces Juvenile Justice Institute

The lives of many juveniles in Northeastern Pennsylvania and across the entire state may be able to improve significantly, thanks to the newly formed Keystone College Juvenile Justice Institute.

The new organization, founded and directed by Keystone criminal justice and psychology faculty members Stacey Wyland and Deborah Belknap, and assisted by faculty member Marie Andreoli, will tackle juvenile justice issues from several different approaches.

One goal of the new organization, housed in renovated headquarters in Harris Hall, is to assist in resentencing proceedings for juveniles in Pennsylvania who have been sentenced to life without parole. The cases need to be reviewed because of the United States Supreme Court ruling in *Miller v. Alabama*.

In that case, the Court ruled it is unconstitutional to automatically sentence juveniles under the age of 18 to life in prison without parole without a full review of the juvenile's life circumstances. That means the cases of some 400 juveniles in Pennsylvania who have received such sentences now have to be fully reviewed to reflect the Court's decision. Stacey and Deb, assisted by their students, will conduct extensive investigations into the backgrounds of juveniles previously sentenced to life in prison.

"*Miller v. Alabama* changed the landscape of juvenile justice sentencing throughout the nation. In Pennsylvania, there are hundreds of youths who have been sentenced to life without parole. Our job is to collect all of the information necessary to help the courts reformulate more appropriate sentences for juvenile offenders, taking into account the seriousness of the crime but also their potential for change and rehabilitation," Stacey said. "This will be an opportunity for our students to have hands-on involvement in important, real-world work, while saving counties money by offering pro bono services."

Other goals of the Institute are more preventative in nature. Stacey and Deb will work with local school districts, police departments, district attorney offices, and other educational and law enforcement organizations to recognize trauma in young people and provide "trauma-informed" services.

"By recognizing that certain behaviors in young people may be rooted in trauma, it may be possible to address the problems before the behaviors escalate, possibly even into violence," Stacey said. "Taking the right preventative steps could help make schools and communities safer. Certainly, that is our goal."

Other planned projects include providing mediation services



The Keystone College Juvenile Justice Institute, led by Assistant Professor Deborah Doyle Belknap, J.D., Ph.D., and Associate Professor Stacey Wyland, tackles juvenile justice issues from several different approaches.

to schools and courts, and training school personnel to establish peer mediation, which can help remedy small disputes before they escalate.

The Institute will also develop interventions to assist children who are dealing with the trauma of the incarceration or deportation of a parent, which is an increasing and often overlooked group.

Beginning in September, Deb and Stacey plan to involve Keystone students in the Institute's projects.

"This will be a great learning experience for our criminal justice, psychology, and social science majors, and any other Keystone student who want to become involved in helping young people during stressful times in their lives," Stacey said.

Class Notes

1950s

Robert "Bob" McGurrin '54 is presently living in Woodstock, England near the Blenheim Palace, the birthplace of Winston Churchill. He took a trip back to the states to visit his daughter, Lynn, in Minnesota, and his sister in Rhode Island for the Christmas and New Year's holidays.

Professor Gerald Freeman '58 became a Professor Emeritus in 1995 at SUNY Broome. He retired after 20 years as a special deputy from the Sheriff Office.

1960s

Judith Browning Lunde '63 eldest grandson is now an Eagle Scout. Her other three grandsons are also scouts.

Capt. E.R. Hamm, CEC, USN (retired) '63 continued his education after Keystone at the U.S. Naval Academy receiving a bachelor's degree in 1967, then attended Georgia Institute of Technology and in 1973 graduated with a bachelor's/master's. Years

later, he studied at Duke University and graduated in 1990 from the Advanced Management Program. He also had a 34 year career in the U.S. Navy as a Civil Engineer Corps/SeaBees as well as a 21 year career in the corporate world supporting Department of Defense and other federal agencies.

Mary Beth Peropat '66 has been happily retired since 2006. She is enjoying traveling both in the U.S. and abroad, spending time with her six grandchildren, and, best of all, is fortunate to still be in good health.

1970s

Tom Kukuchka '70 was elected as a Wyoming County Coroner and was administered the oath by President Judge Russell Shurtleff recently.

Susan Campbell Bartoletti '76 is the featured writer this year at the Reader Meets Writer Program. She had the opportunity to teach writing to students in Tunkhannock.

1980s

Dr. Alice Davis '80, Director of Susquehanna County Career and Technology Center and Keystone College Trustee, was involved in a project in which building trade students designed and constructed a home. The project took approximately two full school years to complete and an open house was held December 19, 2017.

Mark Ciocca '82 exhibited his artwork at the Endless Mountains Council of the Arts Gallery.

William Evanina '87 and his wife Julie Anne welcomed a baby boy, William Michael L. Evanina, on October 11, 2016.

1990s

Alexandria Suranski '93 has relocated to the Salt Lake City, Utah area where she works in the Provo Social Security Field Office.

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

Kira Rubin '09 is working as an athletic trainer and clinic manager at a state university in Eastern Texas.

Nicole Jones '10 was married on July 2, 2016 in Pennsylvania.

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.

Kellina Yarrish '13 has been named the head field hockey coach at McDaniel College.

Matt Lewis '15 was appointed manager of telecommunications at Allied Services. He joined Allied in 2013 as a student intern.

Bryan McIntyre '16 initiated a fundraising effort to send family members of Adam Rippon, a United States Olympic figure skater, to the Olympics in South Korea and raised \$8,500.

Elizabeth Farrell '16 is attending Walden University for a master's degree in public health and is planning on starting a doctoral program in the years to come.

Valerie Lemus '16 is completing a year of service with AmeriCorps VISTA (Volunteers In Service to America). She is a program coordinator at the Albany County District Attorney's Community Justice Outreach Center in Albany, N.Y. She assists with youth prevention programs and outreach within the Albany community.

John "Jack" Golosky '17 says that Keystone allowed him to grow as an individual. He notes that Keystone is filled with amazing people and he is proud to call himself a Keystone alumnus. He wishes all the students at Keystone the best of luck with their future endeavors. Once a Giant, always a Giant!

Amy May '17 was the recipient of this year's Beta Rho Chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society Internationals Grant in Aid Award.



Gathering to catch up on Keystone College news in Longboat Key, Florida are: seated, Linda Litwin, Tony Litwin '67, Donna Fiore and Sue Reese '57; standing, Greg Fiore '69 and Tom Reese '57.

In Memoriam

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| '37 Mrs. Jean Ross Rounds
September 5, 2017 | '49 Mr. Donald McFarland
January 20, 2018 | '66 Mrs. Margaret F. Sweer
Dever
October 30, 2017 | '78 Mr. Paul G. Vanduzer
February 1, 2018 |
| '40 Mrs. Marion Coleman
November 30, 2017 | '49 Mr. Thomas R. Williams
January 17, 2018 | '68 Mr. Clark Mark
October 16, 2017 | '79 Mrs. V. Anne Ronen
Scala
December 30, 2017 |
| '40 Mrs. Aimee Sobbott
Cupelli
November 28, 2017 | '50 Mr. Donald T. Haman
December 23, 2017 | '68 Mr. Kenneth M. Solomon
November 27, 2017 | '80 Ms. Linda C. Brown
November 17, 2017 |
| '42 Mr. Robert S. Wallis, Sr.
July 23, 2017 | '51 Mr. James P. Hill
October 29, 2017 | '69 Mrs. Lois Cokely Kearney
September 4, 2017 | '83 Ms. Tracey R. Whiteley
Dority
December 12, 2017 |
| '43 Mr. Ronald E. Frisbie
January 28, 2018 | '51 Mr. William A. Lees
October 13, 2017 | '70 Mr. Paul Zaleppa
September 1, 2017 | '93 Ms. Rosemary
Napolitano
July 21, 2017 |
| '44 Mrs. Marion Frank
February 21, 2018 | '52 Dr. Roy G. Darling
November 11, 2017 | '71 Mr. Berne Adams
August 5, 2017 | '99 Mrs. Regina Barnoski
October 11, 2017 |
| '44 Mrs. Carolyn Ahlers
Niemitz
January 12, 2018 | '52 Mrs. Donna Doty Illuzzi
February 11, 2018 | '71 Mrs. Bessie Bartlett
January 27, 2018 | '03 Ms. Kelly C. Maloney
November 8, 2017 |
| '46 Mrs. Audrey L. Kossman
Kellerman
January 3, 2018 | '53 Mr. Ronald W. Bayliss
January 15, 2018 | '71 Mr. John C. Stemrich
February 25, 2018 | '10 Mrs. Angela M. Pedro
Thomas
December 5, 2017 |
| '46 Mrs. Mimi Loeb
February 25, 2018 | '53 Mrs. Ruth Henry Comfort
October 9, 2017 | '73 Mr. James P. Naticchi
October 18, 2017 | '13 Ms. Alexandra Zill
November 30, 2017 |
| '46 Mrs. Shirley M. Williams
Watkins
December 22, 2017 | '54 Mrs. Marjorie P. Propst
Calkin
January 24, 2018 | '74 Mr. Gerard Petras
January 7, 2018 | '16 Ms. Micole Gumpfer
September 11, 2017 |
| '48 Mr. Robert F. Mowbray, Sr.
September 14, 2017 | '55 Mrs. Florence Weiss
Chapman
March 26, 2018 | '77 Mrs. Sharon Vandermark
July 30, 2017 | '16 Ms. Jodi L. Miller
November 5, 2017 |
| '48 Dr. Eugene G. Stec
August 19, 2017 | '56 Mrs. Georgia A. Logan
Smith
March 9, 2018 | '77 Mrs. Florence B. Burne
Weller
January 8, 2018 | |
| | '62 Mr. Gerald L. Miller
December 19, 2017 | '78 Mrs. Brett Neuroth
Mershon
October 28, 2017 | |



William Lees '51 passed away on October 13, 2017. A trustee emeritus, Mr. Lees was a long-time member of the Keystone College Board of Trustees and former Board chair. He had been involved with the Keystone community for many years, giving back through the establishment of an endowed scholarship, attaining the level of 1868 Society membership with cumulative giving over \$100,000, and volunteering his time and talents in many capacities, including as co-chair of the Annual Fund. He received various awards recognizing his commitment to the College, including the Distinguished Service to Keystone Award, the Keystonean of the Year Award, and the Presidential Medallion.

Following his graduation from Keystone Junior College, Mr. Lees continued his education at Lehigh University and earned his bachelor's degree in accounting. He also served in the United States Army and was a graduate of the Army Finance School.

Mr. Lees retired from a career in the banking industry, having served as vice-chairman of the former Northeastern Bank, currently PNC Bank. He is survived by his wife, Doris Bigelow Lees, two children, Warren and Laurinda, and two grandchildren, Matthew and Melissa.

Calendar of Events

Mark your calendars and join us as we celebrate our **150th Anniversary** with many scholarly lectures, concerts, cultural programs, and seasonal activities. Visit www.keystone.edu/events for a complete listing of campus events.

June 21, 2018

Paul Maroon '67 Celebration
6 p.m., Scranton Cultural Center

June 23, 2018

Washington, D.C. Meet and Greet
4:30 p.m., Washington Nationals Park

July 9, 2018

Keystone Open
11 a.m., Glen Oak Country Club, Clarks Summit

July 9 and July 11, 2018

Astronomy in 1868
8:30 p.m., Thomas G. Cupillari '60
Astronomical Observatory, Fleetville, Pa.

July 13, 2018

**The Gathering: Lecture by Tracy K. Smith,
U.S. Poet Laureate**
7:30 p.m., Evans Hall

July 13-15, 2018

The Gathering
Keystone College Campus

July 28, 2018

**Alumni and Friends Gathering
at Scranton Wilkes-Barre RailRiders**
6:30 p.m., PNC Field, Moosic, Pa.

July 29, 2018

Jazz at the Pavilion
7 p.m., Eckel Family Pavilion

July 30-August 1, 2018

**Planet Watch: See Mars at its
closest to Earth since 2003**
9 p.m., Thomas G. Cupillari '60
Astronomical Observatory, Fleetville, Pa.

August 11, 2018

**23rd Annual Christy Mathewson Day
featuring Eddie Frierson**
8 a.m., Keystone College Campus

August 30, 2018

President's Opening Convocation
12:30 p.m., Theatre in Brooks

September 14-15, 2018

Art of Combat
Theatre in Brooks
7 p.m., Sept. 14
Daylong, Sept. 15

September 20, 2018

Hispanic Heritage Celebration
4-8 p.m., Student Restaurant

September 27, 2018

**The History of Keystone College
and Book Launch**
7 p.m., Theatre in Brooks

October 4-5, 2018

**The Voices Project: Real Stories,
Real People, Real Lives**
7 p.m., Theatre in Brooks

October 11, 2018

Dennis Farm Symposium
10:30 a.m.-2 p.m., Theatre in Brooks

October 12, 2018

150th Anniversary Time Capsule
9 p.m., Main Parking Lot

October 12-13, 2018

Homecoming and Family Weekend
Keystone College Campus

October 13, 2018

**Founders Art Exhibit:
Neuroth, Prokop, Tersteeg**
6-8 p.m., Linder Gallery, Miller Library

October 14, 2018

Car Show
Noon-4 p.m., Main Parking Lot

October 28, 2018

Performance Music Fall Concert
7 p.m., Theatre in Brooks

October 31-November 4, 2018

Keystone Players Fall Production
7:30 p.m., Theatre in Brooks

November 3, 2018

Natural Health Clinic
10 a.m.-4 p.m., Hibbard Campus Center

November 8, 2018

22nd Annual Scholarship Luncheon
Noon, Theatre in Brooks

November 18, 2018

**National Native American Heritage
Month Celebration: Pow Wow**
2 p.m., Theatre in Brooks

December 3-14, 2018

Winterfest
Keystone College Campus

December 8, 2018

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

February 12, 2019

Battle of the Bands
6:30 p.m., Theatre in Brooks

February 28-March 3, 2019

Keystone Players Spring Production
Theatre in Brooks

March 7, 2019

**St. Patrick's Day Concert featuring
The Quietmen**
7 p.m., Theatre in Brooks

March 24, 2019

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

March 28, 2019

Blue and Orange Kite Flying
4 p.m., Athletic Field and Track Complex

April 13, 2019

Music and Arts Fair
3-6 p.m., Keystone College Campus

April 18, 2019

Poetry Reading by Michael Montlack
7 p.m., Evans Hall

April 25, 2019

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

April 25, 2019

**Lecture by Keystone Alumnus
Arthur Magida '65**
7 p.m., Evans Hall

April 28, 2019

**Performance Music Symphonic/
Vocal Concert**
7 p.m., Theatre in Brooks

May 11, 2019

148th Commencement Exercises
11 a.m., Pavilion at Montage Mountain

May 16, 2019

150th Anniversary Gala Celebration
6 p.m., Constantino's, Clarks Summit

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Faculty Collaborate to Publish Children's Book

The first day of spring provided the perfect opportunity to celebrate the release of the new children's book, *Springtime Birds in My Backyard*. Written by Keystone College Professor Karen Yarrish, Ph.D., and illustrated by Keystone Professor David Porter, the book uses rhythm and rhyme to describe the sights and sounds of commonly found birds in North America.

The project provided a unique opportunity for faculty members from two very different programs to collaborate and is a celebration of the liberal arts and sciences in the biological, literary, artistic, and business fields.

Karen, a business professor and faculty coordinator for adult and online learning, is a nature enthusiast who started feeding birds as a way to entertain her indoor cats. As time went by, she became interested in the type of birds that visited her feeders.

She and her husband owned a successful Wild Birds Unlimited franchise, a backyard bird feeding nature store, for nine years. Inspired by helping others learn and appreciate nature, she drafted a rhyme story about springtime birds.

During a meeting on campus, Karen reached out to her colleague Dave, a fine arts professor and professional artist with more than 20 years-experience, with the idea of collaborating on the book.

Dave leapt at the chance to lend his drawing skills to the project. "I've always been interested in nature and birds," said Dave. "The project offered me the opportunity to draw, which I love to do, so it tapped into my interests and talents."



Keystone College Professor Karen Yarrish, Ph.D., and Professor David Porter read their new book, *Springtime Birds in My Backyard* on March 21, the first day of Spring, to children during a celebration recognizing the release of the book.

"Dave is an exceedingly talented artist," Karen remarked. "He brought the story to life with his amazing drawings, and without his talents there would be no book."

The book, which appeals to individuals of all ages without a birding background, was published by the Keystone College Press. Keystone President David L. Coppola, Ph.D., established the press in 2016 to publish scholarly works written by members of Keystone's faculty, as well as faculty members from regional colleges and universities.

"The collaboration between Karen and Dave offers a wonderful moment in

the history of Keystone College and highlights the importance of integrative learning," said President Coppola.

"We have a professor of business writing poetry about birds for an early childhood education audience, collaborating with a professor of fine arts who brings the book's words to flight through amazing illustrations," he continued. "Together they produced a book with our College Press that invites individuals to be life-long learners and to protect and share nature's beauty."

Guests of all ages attended the book release celebration during which Dave explained the creative process behind illustrating a book through the presentation of story boards and preliminary designs. Children also enjoyed a special reading of the book.

The 40-page book features pen-and-ink drawings showing plants in black and white, with color used on the birds and characters for emphasis. The book is available for purchase at most online bookstores.