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## THE KU WOMEN'S SOCCER TEAM CELEBRATES ITS FIRST NCAA DIVISION II ATLANTIC REGIONAL TITLE.

**KU women's soccer** ended its season with a 20–5 record and a trip to the NCAA Final Four where they fell to No. 1, and eventual national champion, Western Washington University. The team easily eclipsed its previous program record of 16 wins from the 2011 season. The Golden Bears also set program records for regular season victories (15) and Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (PSAC) wins (13), and matched program records for shutouts in a season (13) and consecutive wins (9).

Entering the season with one NCAA Tournament victory, KU won three in the span of a week in November. The Maroon and Gold captured its first-ever Atlantic Region title and advanced to the Sweet 16, Elite Eight and Final Four for the first time in program history.

Kutztown became just the second PSAC women's soccer program, as well as the fifth KU team, to reach an NCAA Final Four. KU had the highest academic success rating of the final four teams. KU goalkeeper Imani Taylor '19 was honored for her postseason play being named the goalie on this year's Division II women's soccer All-NCAA Tournament Team.

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## TWO NEW DEGREES COME TO KU

The State System of Higher Education Board of Governors has approved two new degree programs for KU, a bachelor of science in information technology and a doctorate in transformational teaching and learning.

KU had previously offered a bachelor's degree in computer science with an information technology track. The new major, and elimination of the track option, is a response to student and employer demand.

"With the expected growth in the industry and demand for graduates in the field, this is a solid investment for KU," said Lisa Frye, chair, KU Department of Computer Science and Information Technology.

The curriculum for the new degree will provide students with core concepts necessary for careers such as system or database administrators, web designers or cyber security professionals. It will help them to solve problems utilizing current technology, with an emphasis on emerging trends.

For more information contact the Department of Computer Science and Information Technology at CSITDepartment@kutztown.edu or 610-683-4340.

The Education Doctorate (Ed. D.) in Transformational Teaching and Learning is for active classroom teachers who are engaged in taking on the role of practitioner-scholar. The program is designed for the career educator – the individual who foresees their career in the classroom, working with children and adults to promote social change. No other State System university offers a doctoral program of this scope.

Graduates will gain necessary skills to build community-school partnerships and lead transformation adjustments in the schools using a social justice approach.

Dr. Patricia Walsh Coates, program director, says the program will help keep master teachers in the classroom while still being able to transform lives of all ages.

"We're really trying to build a program that starts a discourse on social justice and what it means to transform education for all populations," she said. "The program is based on six general concepts for educators. It is framed around questions of equity, ethics, and social justice not just within the classroom, but within the community at large."

The program is a cohort-based, blended delivery model that fuses in-person and online education. Educators will study and work together throughout the three-year program beginning with an intensive, multi-day retreat.

Katie Hess, an elementary school teacher of 15 years, is excited for the new program.

"I found it challenging to find a doctorate program that was the right fit, many programs were geared towards administrators or educational leadership degrees," said Hess. "This program is designed for practicing, classroom teachers. I believe it will help me be a change-maker within my school and my community. It feels authentic and progressive in so many ways."

For more information contact the program director at edd@kutztown.edu or 610-683-4259.



## KU PARTNERS WITH IT'S ON US

Nykolai Blichar '17 has been selected to serve on the It's On Us Student Advisory Committee. Blichar, a political science major from Palmerton, Pa., is one of 28 students serving on the committee. Those selected are from colleges and universities across the country including Fordham University, the University of Pennsylvania, Duke University, the University of Connecticut and Williams College.

It's On Us was launched by President Obama in 2014 to create a cultural movement to fundamentally shift the way people think about sexual assault. As a partner school, KU is committed to upholding the three pillars of the campaign – support for survivors of sexual violence, bystander intervention and consent education.

The committee is made up of a variety of students, all highly engaged in leadership roles in student governments, LGBTQ groups, Greek life and multicultural groups. Many have experience working around the issue of sexual assault, whether as volunteer crisis counselors, peer educators, or leading bystander intervention training.

KU officially partnered with the program last year and received a \$29,100 It's On Us grant from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The grant will be used to promote the campaign and complete a campus climate survey.

In January, Blichar was appointed as a student trustee at KU by Pa. Governor Tom Wolf.

*Blichar joined Christine Price, director, KU Women's Center and GLBTQ Resource Center, at the White House Jan. 5 for the Its On Us Summit.*

## GRIM, HANEY JOIN COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES



Robert P. Grim



Dr. Jolynn L. Haney '84 M'93

Robert P. Grim and Dr. Jolynn L. Haney '84 M'93 have been appointed to the KU Council of Trustees by Governor Tom Wolf and confirmed by the Pennsylvania Senate. Both will serve six-year terms which began on Oct. 25.

Grim is a life-long resident of Kutztown where he has practiced law since 1969. He holds a bachelor's degree in history from Lafayette College and is a graduate of the Villanova Law School.

Grim began his career as an assistant public defender in Berks

County and has served as a municipal solicitor in the area for more than 40 years. He is the co-founder and a former director, solicitor and treasurer of the Kutztown University Foundation.

He is the grandson of James S. Grim (1873-1949), an 1893 graduate of Keystone State Normal School (KSNS) who taught physical science at KSNS from 1900-1945. The Grim Science Building is named in his honor.

A two-time alumna of KU, Haney earned both a bachelor's degree in psychology in 1984 and a master's degree in counseling psychology in 1993. She completed her doctorate in social work at Widener University where she was the recipient of the Thomas Young Outstanding Dissertation Award in 2014.

For more than 30 years, Haney has worked in the behavioral healthcare field, providing clinical and managerial services to programs that care for persons with substance abuse problems, serious mental illness and intellectual disability.

In 2002 she formed Deerfield Data Management, LLC, a firm specializing in collecting, extracting and interpreting behavioral healthcare information for non-profit organizations and county government. She is an accomplished data analyst and database administrator. She provides annual training sessions on autism to master and doctoral students interning in KU's Counseling and Psychological Service Department.



## KU PARTICIPATES IN POTATO PROJECT

Kutztown University's Pa. German Cultural Heritage Center (PaGCHC) has partnered with a local group to combat hunger issues in Berks County. The Potato Project began in 2009 on one acre in the backyard of Walt and Linda Zawaski's Kutztown home. In 2015 the project, with more than 650 volunteers, harvested and donated approximately 150,316 pounds of seed potatoes, carrots, sweet corn and other various vegetables to local food banks.

"The Potato Project has been growing its effort each year, and last year the heritage center and the Potato Project began discussions about using the KU acreage to give back to the community, launching our first year of partnership" said

Patrick Donmoyer '09, director of the PaGCHC.

There are 15 acres allotted to the project at KU but Donmoyer looks forward to continued growth.

"My hope is that it continues to grow and thrive in our community and at KU, and that new avenues are explored to pledge more support and resources to this tremendous operation."



Volunteers pick potatoes in the fields around the Pa. German Cultural Heritage Center

## BEOUGHER NAMED DEAN OF COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES



Dr. David Beougher

**Dr. David Beougher has been named dean of KU's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.** Beougher served as interim dean since March, 2015. He replaces Dr. Anne Zayaitz who was appointed provost and vice president for academic affairs at KU in May.

Beougher served as associate dean for the college since 2012. Prior to that he was an assistant professor of history at the United States Military Academy at West Point and chair of the Department of Military Science and Leadership at Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti. He has had articles published on a variety of topics including medieval warfare and military logistics.

Beougher retired from the United States Army in 2012 with more than 22 years of service. He held positions, primarily dealing with logistics and strategical planning, in Turkey, Haiti, Somalia, Kuwait, Germany, Iraq and Korea.

He is a two-time recipient of the Omar N. Bradley Historical Research Fellowship.

Beougher holds a bachelor's degree in modern European studies and American history from Vanderbilt University, Nashville. He earned a master's degree in history and a doctorate in medieval history from the Pennsylvania State University, State College, Pa. Liberal Arts and Sciences is the largest of the four colleges at Kutztown. Its 14 academic departments offer courses based in the rich liberal arts heritage of higher education.

## KU AWARDED NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION GRANTS

**Dr. Phill Reed '03, associate professor of physics and astronomy at Kutztown University,** has been awarded a \$250,000 collaborative grant from the National Science Foundation. The award is in conjunction with Dr. Thomas Oberst, associate professor of physics at Westminster College, Pa., and other members of the Kilodegree Extremely Little Telescope (KELT) exoplanet discovery project.

KU's share of the grant, \$113,450, will fund Reed and six students for three years between 2017 and 2020. The students will work in the Grim Observatory during the fall and spring semesters and will then become visiting researchers at universities in Italy and Australia conducting paid internships with some of the world's leading experts in exoplanetary science – the study of planetary systems other than our own solar system.

Students currently enrolled at KU, and those entering or transferring to KU in the 2017-2018 school year are eligible to apply.

"This is an incredible opportunity for students considering scientific – or engineering-related careers in astronomy or the aerospace industries," Reed and Oberst said in a joint statement. "Even those who end up in other fields would benefit from the exposure to general research and data reduction techniques."

The grant is part of the NSF's International Research Experiences for Students (IRES) program, which strives to keep the U.S. at the forefront of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) by developing a

globally-engaged workforce capable of performing in an international research environment.

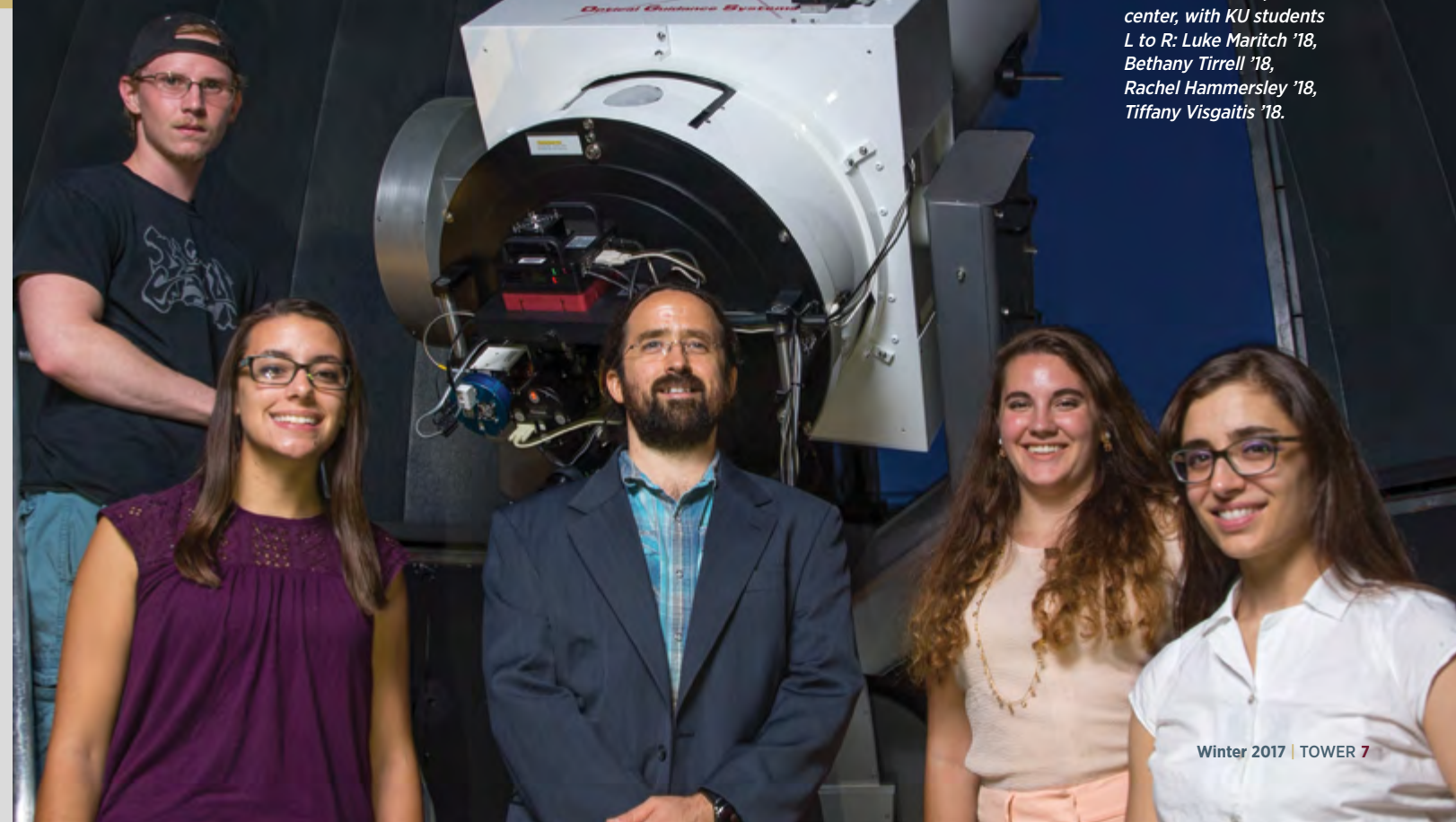
KU Physics Professor Dr. Kunal Das has also been awarded new funds from the National Science Foundation (NSF) to extend and continue research for an additional year on a project.

The project which is titled: "Topology, Gauge Fields and Phase Coherence in the Transport Dynamics of Ultracold Atoms," aims to examine exotic behavior that takes places in quantum systems occurring at the level of the individual atom or electron. Similar research has been recognized by recent Nobel Prize winners.

This adds to the original award of \$120,000, bringing the total amount to \$143,868.

Over the last seven years, Dr. Das has brought in over \$300,000 in external funds to KU in single investigator awards for fundamental physics research. The awards have provided summer and in-semester employment for 17 KU students so far. The new award will continue to provide employment for students within the upcoming year.

Students who have worked with Das, and who are alumni of Kutztown University's physics program, have later gone on to further their education at schools such as Cornell, Brown and University of Wisconsin-Madison.



Dr. Phill Reed '03, center, with KU students L to R: Luke Maritch '18, Bethany Tirrell '18, Rachel Hammersley '18, Tiffany Visgaitis '18.



## SCIENCE STUDENTS TAKE RESEARCH ON THE ROAD

**Two KU science students presented their individual research at national conferences in the fall.**

Chemistry-major Katarina Yocum '18 attended the Division of Planetary Science conference in Pasadena, Cal. where she presented her research, conducted at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center, on propylene oxide.

"Working at NASA was, I can honestly say, the best time of my life," said Yocum.

Following the monumental discovery of propylene oxide in interstellar space, Yocum was given the chance to create the molecule under conditions similar to interstellar space; previously labs had only created the molecule in conditions similar to Earth.

Thus, reference materials only documented the formation of propylene oxide at room temperature as either a gas or a liquid. As a result Yocum needed to develop ways to recreate interstellar space conditions.

Her first experiment involved solidifying the gas forms of carbon dioxide and propylene onto a substrate in a low pressure chamber, which had a temperature of 10 Kelvin, or -442 degrees Fahrenheit, before radiating the sample with accelerated protons.

"There were a lot of different products, but lo-and-behold, propylene oxide was one of them," said Yocum.

Propylene oxide is of particular interest to scientists because it is a chiral molecule, which means it possesses two mirror-image structures that cannot be superposed on one another.

"[It] is fascinating to chemists because a lot of biological processes take place with these chiral molecules and rely on chiral molecules, but it's more interesting because certain biochemical processes only work with one of the mirror-image structures," said Yocum.

Future research could eventually explain why other life-forming molecules, like DNA or amino acids, select a particular structure and if there is an imbalance between the numbers of right-or left-handed structures.

According to Dr. Rolf Mayrhofer, KU chemistry professor, "This ground-breaking research will help us better understand how life started on our planet."

Margariete Malenda '17, a geology major, attended the American Geophysical Union conference in San Francisco, Cal., where she presented research on particle swarms.

Selected from 330 applicants for the National Science Foundation's Research Experiences for Undergraduates program, Malenda completed her studies at Purdue University.

Influenced by the contamination of waterways by plastic microbeads, which are found in personal care products like soap, Malenda's research focused on explaining how these particles move throughout spaces, such as water.

In order to observe how these particles flow through and spread across spaces, Malenda designed and set up a 3-D printing system to create a cluster of plastic particles.

"Developing the system for these particle forms, it's something that no one's done before – it's a novelty in itself," said Malenda.

Malenda's research confirmed several anticipated effects of particle swarms on spaces.

"We found stuff that... is obvious. But, when we can put it on a graph, we can get an equation out of it, and we can put it into a model," said Malenda.

These models can then be used outside of the lab to confine plastic microbeads in water supplies for example, thus reducing the contamination of waterways and ultimately food.

Both women were assisted financially by the Kutztown University Foundation which provided funds for travel.



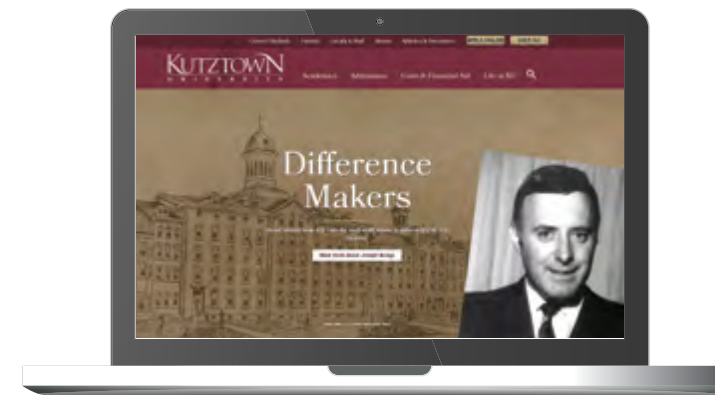
Top: Katarina Yocum '18; Bottom: Margariete Malenda '17



Back Row (L to R): Deidre Rhodes, women's track & field; Lauren A. Krebs '05, women's soccer; Melissa McQuade '11, women's basketball; Dr. Kenneth S. Hawkinson, university president. Front Row (L to R): Bert Lange '94, men's track & field; Mary H. Hill, field hockey coach; Tracey L. Wright, football.

## ATHLETICS HALL OF FAME INDUCTS SIX

The 37th annual class of the Kutztown University Athletics Hall of Fame was inducted on Nov. 5 in the Georgian Room. The Hall of Fame was formed in 1977 and currently has 200 members. For more information visit [www.kubears.com](http://www.kubears.com).



## DIFFERENCE MAKERS

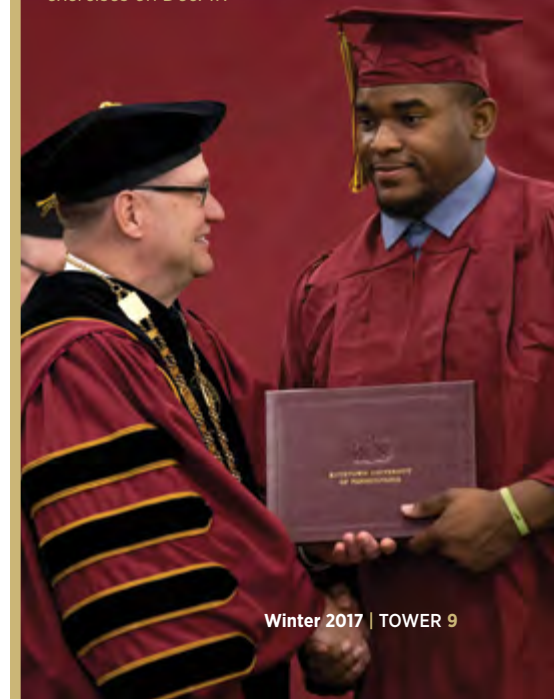
**As a part of KU's Sesquicentennial Celebration** alumni were asked to nominate faculty and staff who made a difference in their lives. The university received nearly 100 nominations, and featured a new "Difference Maker" each week for 13 months during the celebration. Due to the tremendous response, Difference Makers will continue every other week for the remainder of the academic year and will include the remaining nominees. New nominees are not being sought at this time. All Difference Makers can be viewed on the KU website at [www.kutztown.edu/difference-makers](http://www.kutztown.edu/difference-makers).

## MORGAN WINS GENE UPSHAW DIVISION II LINEMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

**KU offensive lineman Jordan Morgan '16** was named the winner of the 2016 Gene Upshaw Division II Lineman of the Year Award, becoming just the second football player in Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (PSAC) history to earn the prestigious honor. The Upshaw Award is presented by the Manheim Touchdown Club to the top NCAA Division II junior or senior offensive or defensive lineman in the nation and is voted on by sports information directors from the football-playing Division II institutions.

The two-time All-American lineman started in all 43 of his appearances in the last four seasons, racking up a long list of accolades during his Golden Bear career. This season he became the first offensive lineman in PSAC history to be named PSAC East Offensive Athlete of the Year. He was named to the All-PSAC East First Team for the third consecutive season. Morgan played in the 2017 Reese's Senior Bowl in Mobile, Alabama, in January. He was one of only four Division II players invited to participate.

*Morgan receives his degree from KU President Dr. Kenneth Hawkinson during commencement exercises on Dec. 17.*





# A FAMILY'S Living Legacy

BY NIKKI MURRY '98



When Sharon Landis '87 says she bleeds maroon and gold, she might not be joking. Her love of Kutztown University is in her genes, per se, and it grew stronger and stronger with each story her grandfather, George Wentzel '40, told of his college hey-days at Kutztown State Teachers College.

When did she know for sure she would be a KU student? She admits, "From the moment I stepped out of the car as a junior in high school I knew. I only looked at other places to appease my parents."

Her affinity for Kutztown is so strong, in fact, that her husband Bob, a Penn State grad, and her children – Tyler, 23; Austin, 22; Devin, 18 and Kenya, 15 – are now smitten.

In July 2016, the Landis family moved just a block down the street from the university, now calling the Borough of Kutztown home. Sharon is a preschool teacher at Lehigh Children's Academy in Trexlertown, Pa., by day, but a full-time KU enthusiast and vice president of the alumni board 24/7.

## FAMILY RECRUITS

After attending alumni events, tailgating at university football games, Bob, a management consultant for ArchPoint Group, San Antonio, Texas, has also developed a fondness for his wife's alma mater. So much so that he's an active member of the Kutztown University Foundation, working to fundraise to support scholarship programs for students as well as money to support university programs.

He also spent time as an executive in residence for KU's College of Business and served as a judge for its "Business Idea Competition." And he's quick to lend advice to the university's Entrepreneurship Club and to those looking for career advice at the Small Business Development Center.

## THE THIRD GENERATION

While the youngest member of the Landis family, Kenya, is a freshman at Kutztown High School, her three siblings have followed in their mother's footsteps as KU students. Tyler graduated with a degree in environmental geography in May; Austin graduated in December – as a psychology major, and Devin is a freshman studying special education and elementary education.

"With Devin, she tried to rule out KU in every way possible but couldn't," reveals Bob. "We put no pressure on our children to attend Kutztown."

What makes the university so appealing? Explains Bob, "KU offers an environment that helps them

[students] transition from being a kid to an adult. And the scale is perfect. It's small, but large enough. There's a balance unique to KU – from arts to sports and more. It's hard to attend KU and not come away with an appreciation for the arts. You leave a well-rounded person."

Sharon says knowing her children have chosen KU puts her at ease.

"I don't worry (about them). I can guide my kids, but still let them go and be confident that they can accomplish things on their own and succeed as KU students," she asserts.

For the Landis Family, the pull is undeniable.

## FUTURE CONNECTIONS

As the youngest generation of the Landis family builds its connection to KU, the second generation does as well, and in many ways. Bob and Sharon are hoping young alumni will look back upon their KU days as fondly as Sharon does, find their way back, and give back.

Says Sharon, "I'm proud of how KU's grown, but want to continue to strive to figure out how to get grads to come back and give back and see it continue to grow. I think my pride in KU grows the more I get involved. I have more fun now as an alumna!"

Bob agrees that giving back is a rewarding experience. "The more I get involved the more I get back. It enriches you. There are a thousand unique ways to get involved, too. The key for us is passing the love of being involved onto our children now and letting them figure out what to do with it in their own way."

## HONORING A LEGACY

For Sharon and Bob, it is also paramount to honor the man who started their love for the place that is such a prominent part of their family's life. Five years ago, the couple established the George Wentzel '40 Scholarship Fund, aiding KU education majors.

Bob said they envision building beyond that, with a personal mission to develop an endowment fund for academically worthy future KU students that would be members of the university marching unit, with which Tyler had an amazingly four-year experience.

The rest remains to be seen, but the Landis Family doesn't see a future without Kutztown University in it. Perhaps the best is yet to come. **KU**



George Milton  
Wentzel '40

Opposite Page: L to R: Austin, Sharon, Bob, Tyler and Devin Landis



# KUTZTOWN UNIVERSITY PSECU FOUNDERS' WEEK

SEPT. 9 | PSECU FOUNDERS' WEEK KICKOFF



Kayla L. Fusselman '17, left, and Emma E. Billig '17, right, sign copies of the Kutztown University history book they wrote for the celebration.

SEPT. 11 | MULTI-FAITH SERVICE OF CELEBRATION



Dr. Gregory Edwards, pastor, Resurrected Life Church, Allentown, served as the keynote speaker for the multi-faith service.

SEPT. 10 | SESQUICENTENNIAL PARADE AND FIREWORKS

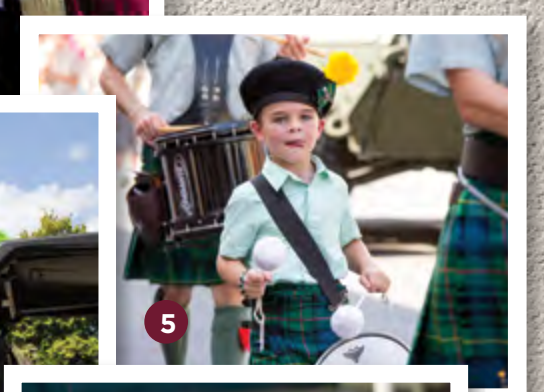
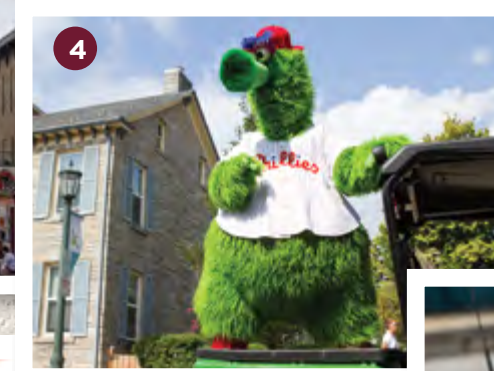


Top Left: KU President Dr. Kenneth S. Hawkinson waves to parade spectators.



Top Right: Avalanche enjoys his ride down Main Street.

Bottom Left: KU alumni take part in the parade.  
Bottom Right: The Pa. State Police Color Guard lead the parade.



1. The KU Marching Unit heads down Main Street. | 2. Fireworks followed the football game against Mercyhurst. | 3. KU's newest students, the Class of 2020, were well represented in the parade. | 4. The Phillie Phanatic was a big hit with the crowd. 5. The youngest member of the Hawk Mountain Highlanders Pipe Band. | 6. The Black Flame Dance Team stops for a quick picture. | 7. Sesquicentennial Co-Chairs Guido '74 and Susan Pichini. | 8. Members of the Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity joined in the festivities. | 9. Patrick Donmoyer '09 pulls a float representing the Pa. German Cultural Heritage Center.



SEPT. 12 | SPEAKERS FORUM



Noor Tagouri, one of the country's most talked about young adults and media professional, speaks in Schaeffer Auditorium.

SEPT. 13 | CELEBRATE 150 WITH AVALANCHE



Students enjoy free water ice, funnel cakes and popcorn.

SEPT. 15 | KUTZTOWN UNIVERSITY FOUNDERS' DAY



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Two of Avalanche's furry friends get in the KU spirit.



Avalanche joined students in a photo booth.



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SEPT. 14 | SESQUICENTENNIAL 5K



Runners enjoy beautiful weather as they race across campus.



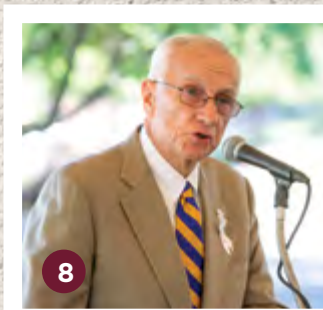
Patrick Donmoyer '09, director, Pa. German Heritage Center, prepares funnel cake for students.



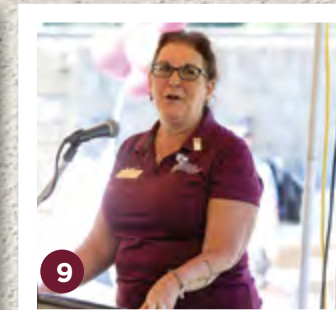
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1. Cupcakes and ice cream were passed out in Alumni Plaza in honor of the university's official birthday. | 2. Beautiful weather and the KU Marching Unit made the celebration exceptional. | 3. Dr. Hawkison receives recognition from Sandra Green, mayor of Kutztown. | 4. Dr. Hawkison is presented a proclamation by Pa. State Senator Judy Schwank. | 5. Pa. State Representative Gary Day presents a proclamation to Dr. Hawkison. | 6. L to R: Susan and Guido '74 Pichini, Sesquicentennial Co-Chairs, Dr. Kenneth Hawkison and Ann Marie Hayes-Hawkison pose in front of the sesquicentennial time capsule. | 7. The paver which now marks the location of the time capsule in Alumni Plaza. | 8. Dr. Charles Blocksidge, president of the KU Council of Trustees addresses the crowd. | 9. Kathy Fridirici '77, M'87, president of the KU Alumni Association, leads attendees in the singing of the Alma Mater.



BACK TO CLASS WITH...

# ROBERT DORNISH

Surrounded by his cherished children's books, with a smile on his face, Kutztown University College of Education emeriti professor, Dr. Robert Dornish, Bethlehem, sat in Rohrbach Library as he reminisced about his years at KU.

"It was absolutely marvelous," he said about teaching at KU. "The people were wonderful. The staff were wonderful. The students were fantastic. I thoroughly enjoyed myself."

Dornish began his education career as a remedial and gifted teacher in New Jersey.

"What I liked about education was that you had a chance to mold minds and work with children, change attitudes and behaviors. It was just wonderful," he said. Earning his doctorate at Lehigh University and his wife's teaching at Northampton Community College brought them to the Lehigh Valley. Wanting to stay in the area, an ad in the paper led Dornish to KU where he became an education professor from 1969 until his retirement in 1998.

Dornish taught children's literature and created graduate courses in folk literature, storytelling and gifted teaching.

"I think it's extremely important that both parents and teachers read to children," said Dornish. "Today, so much testing is taking place... Are we training children to do worksheets or are we trying to give them a love for reading and a love for life?"

A life-long learner, Dornish believes that everybody has good intrinsic values and that a classroom teacher can help children see the positive side within themselves. Dornish demonstrated this in his KU courses.

"Every night that we met, I took on the personality of a different storyteller, different storytellers that I had seen. Some were very active, moved a lot. Some were very sedentary and sat in a rocking chair. But they all motivated," said Dornish. "I tried to show them many examples of ways of teaching and ways of teaching effectively and creatively."

Former students have told him they remember how dramatic Dornish was in class. That makes him feel great. Telling stories from around the world, he used puppets, hats,

costumes, motion, facial expressions, loud and soft voices - everything about storytelling he finds exciting. Just simply talking about telling stories brings a smile to his face.

He has many fond memories of teaching at KU and enjoys seeing former students, many of whom have retired themselves. The personal contact is something he misses.

"Beekey was very active," he said. "There were people there all the time, students there all the time, somebody visiting in your office. Where at home, the mailman comes."

After retirement, he continued to do storytelling in schools, conduct workshops with teachers and librarians and give presentations on new books until his health prevented him from continuing. At age 79, he is in remission after battling two types of cancer but now has other medical conditions as a result. He said he still feels great except he cannot do the things he wants to do.

"I've had to cut way back on all of that because I feel if you can't do it to the best of your ability then you shouldn't do it," said Dornish. "I wouldn't go out to schools to tell stories if I couldn't be the best storyteller there."

Dornish continues to be involved at KU. The Children's Literature Conference, which Dornish began in 1998, is held every year in his honor. He continues to attend the conference, but as a participant rather than as an organizer.

Dornish and his wife Alice donated the J. Robert and Alice R. Dornish Collection to Rohrbach Library in 2001. His extensive children's literature collecting began while he was a remedial and gifted teacher in New Jersey. Today, the collection includes first editions, pop-up books and stories from around the world.

"It's quite a collection. We have a large children's library. The collection at home got so large. When you have 22,000 books, what do you do with them all?"

Having many connections with authors and illustrators is evident in his collection of children's literature. Dornish and his wife Alice have a collection of more than 22,000 children's books, of which some are in their Bethlehem home library, a portion are at Northampton Community College where his Alice teaches and a collection is on display at KU.

"When we thought of what we could do with our books, one of the first things I did was call Kutztown," said Dornish. "I would love for people to read the books. Even if you just look at the pictures, there are absolutely wonderful paintings."

At home, Dornish built two-story children's library. They also have about 190 pieces of original artwork from children's books, all on display in their home.

Dornish has no favorite book or author, he loves them all.

"In many ways, they transport you to a different place. I could be sitting here in just a normal library room, but I could be taken to a horse race in the Mongolian desert and you learn about all these things and about the feelings of these people from various places." **KU**

BY LISA MITCHELL '01



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— Robert Dornish





# ART AND SCIENCE *on the Bay*

*In July, graduate students in art education and physical science joined forces to take part in KU's Visual Art Institute.*

*The institute, a unique opportunity for art and science teachers to build cooperative curriculum, was the brainchild of Dr. Erin Kraal, associate professor of physical science, and Dr. Amy Pfeiler-Wunder, associate professor of art education and crafts.*



Art and Science on the Bay consisted of a three-day expedition to the Chincoteague Bay Field Station near Wallops Island, Va.

While there, students had the opportunity to visit an old oyster village which had been taken over by rising sea levels and to examine sediment and organisms that live in both fresh and salt water environments. The students created numerous art projects which ultimately became catalysts for discussing the environmental issues that they had been exploring.

Art and Science on the Bay not only placed students in an environment in which they could learn more about their craft, but one in which they could break interdisciplinary barriers.

"The program, having roots in both art and science, was meant to illuminate the ways in which art and science

crossed boundaries," said Pfeiler-Wunder.

By doing so the course was intended to open participating students' minds to new ways of thinking.

"We really wanted to break boundaries and have students see the way in which learning is happening all around us, and art and science is a great example of that because art and science pose questions and follow curiosity" said Kraal.

"Learning about art helps scientists become better communicators and learning science helps our art students become better artists" she added. [KU](#)

*Below: Participants pose for a photo before heading out on to the beach. Of the 20 teachers who took part in the institute, 12 were alumni of KU.*

View a video on the institute at [www.bit.ly/KUArtScience](http://www.bit.ly/KUArtScience)







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## CLASS NOTES

### The 1930s

**Caroline German '36** turned 100 years young this year.

### The 1940s

**M. Joseph Brady '49** was the longest running school superintendent in Pennsylvania, and his portrait was hung in Minersville Area High School as a reminder of his outstanding dedication and commitment to the district. Brady retired after 16 years of combined active and reserved duty at a rank of lieutenant commander in the Navy before serving as principal and then superintendent of the district.

### The 1950s

**George Duell '59**, United States Army Reserve Ambassador of Pennsylvania, has received a three-year reappointment to his position. Duell is a retired education administrator and past state chair for the Pennsylvania Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve.

### The 1960s

**Larry R. Hassler '62** was honored for the 50th anniversary of his ordination at the 2016 church-wide assembly at the annual assembly of the Northeastern

Pennsylvania Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

**Charles Blocksidge '65** has been appointed chair of the Kutztown University Council of Trustees for the 2016–2018 academic years. He has served on the KU Council of Trustees since 2009.

**Carol Colestock '66** had her art portraits on display, as part of an exhibit, in Gallery 255 at the Public Library for Union County.

**Joseph Brogan '68** has been named professor emeritus by Misericordia University's Board of Trustees.

**Nicolas Bowen '69** was featured at The Mennonite Heritage Center for his exhibit "Guests on the Land." The exhibit features photography taken by Bowen who uses a field camera to interpret the southeastern regions of Pennsylvania.

**Phil Kauffman '69** was inducted into the Susquehanna Chapter of the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame. Kauffman was head football coach at Cocalico for 28 years and compiled a record of 184–112, with his teams winning 11 Lancaster Lebanon League section championships and two District Three titles.

### The 1970s

**Rick Vito** assisted in creating Darran Falcone and Tony Marsico's album, Cisco & Dewey, alongside several other accomplished musicians. Vito, former guitarist for Fleetwood Mac, is touring with the Mick Fleetwood Blues Band.

**Keith Brintzenhoff '70** led multiple Pennsylvania German courses for the Berks County Parks and Recreation Department.

**Bayard Horn '70** was a featured artist at the Arts of the Inland (AOI) Barron Park House Gallery. He is a contemporary artist whose work moves towards abstraction.

**John Bendkovits '71** was inducted into the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame's Lehigh Valley Chapter Hall of Fame. Bendkovits was a football player and a coach, but perhaps is best

known for starting Whitehall's renowned weightlifting program in the 1970s.

**Don Everhart '72**, lead sculptor for the U.S. Mint in Philadelphia, was featured in "The Art of Our Money" by CBS News Videos. He also created his rendition of the Statue of Liberty for the "tails" side of the 2015 Eisenhower Presidential dollars, along with the John F. Kennedy presidential dollar and the obverse and reverse of a medal commemorating the September visit of Pope Francis to America by the Pennsylvania Association of Numismatists organization.

**Edward Helbig '73** celebrated his 20-year anniversary as the director of Baldwin High School's invitational track and field meet.

**Raymond H. Melcher, Jr. '73** joined the board of directors of Fieldhouse Innovations, LLC, a nationally recognized creative design and product innovation company.

**Tana Reiff '73** is the author/photographer of "Signs of Lancaster County: A Photographic Tour of Amish Country," which was released by Schiffer Publishing. She is also the author of new editions of four titles from the "Hopes and Dreams" immigration stories published by Pro Lingua Associates Educational Materials.

**John DeVere '74** was reappointed by the Berks County Board of Commissioners to a three-year term on the Berks County



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Workforce Development Board (BCWDB). This appointment marks the fourth time he has been appointed to serve in this capacity. The BCWDB sets policy to promote effective workforce development programs in order to develop and maintain a skilled and competitive workforce in alignment with the economic development efforts to attract, retain and grow business in Berks County.

**Mary Short-Hammond '74** was inducted into the U.S. Army Hall of Fame. She is now designated as a distinguished member of the U.S. Army Signal Regiment.

**Thomas Bonner '75** was inducted into the Carbon County Sports Hall of Fame.

**Carol Hoshauer '75** hosted an exhibition titled *Classical Realism* at the YR Club in Wyomissing.

**Ed Lewko '75** received his master's degree in photography from the Professional Photographers of America.

**Katherine Alvaro '76** was honored with the award for Outstanding Teacher of the Arts at the 27th Annual Allentown Arts Ovation Awards. In her 35-year tenure as an art teacher, Alvaro taught kindergarten through 12th grade. She helped develop the curriculum for the Allen Arts Academy and was instrumental in maintaining its success by adapting it to the student body. After retiring in 2011, Alvaro continues to be involved in the Allentown Academy of the Arts Alliance, where she serves as president.



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**Donna DeMatteo '76** presented her collection of oil paintings representing playful animals at Roots Brewery and Bistro in Oneonta. Her most acclaimed showing was at the National Arts Club in Gramercy Park at the annual Allied Artists of America show in 1986 where she won an award for realism in oils.

**Bruce Harper '76** was a celebratory honoree at the 25th annual Larry Grantham Celebrity Golf Classic.

**James Corpora '77** was inducted into the Lehigh Valley Softball Hall of Fame. Corpora was formerly the head softball coach at Notre Dame High School.

**Jean Ann Towle '77** was named the Pennsylvania's Business and Professional Women's Woman of the Year 2015.

**Carla (Teets) Bednar '78** was one of 400 artists, selected from over 3,700 entries, featured on Creative Capital's On Our Radar website. The website was created exclusively for projects shortlisted in Creative Capital's 2014 Visual Arts and Moving Image grant category. An annual competition, Creative Capital provides funding, counseling and career development support to groundbreaking artists nationwide. Bednar's proposal, *Black Beauty*, is based on three projects inspired by antique French, English and American fabric samples from a swatch book in the historical textile collections at Philadelphia University.

Pro-wrestler-turned-movie-star Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson discussed how a Freedom High School teacher and football coach, **Jody Cwik '78**, changed his life's trajectory during a recent appearance on "LIVE with Kelly." Johnson told the story of how he first met late Freedom High teacher and football coach and acted badly in their first meeting. There was something about Cwik that made him apologize. And the apology and handshake that followed, Johnson says, changed his life. Cwik, who died in 2006 from cancer, mentored Johnson and got him to join the Freedom football team.

**John Gabriel '78** was nominated for the Adams County Sports Hall of Fame Class of 2015. Gabriel has held a range of responsibilities with the NBA, including handling trades, signings and draft picks for the Orlando Magic and New York Knicks. Gabriel was named NBA Executive of the Year in 1999 and has continued to work for the Knicks as a scout.

**Dwight D. Hollenbach '79** retired after 28 years in the U.S. Army in April 2013. He currently resides in Mt. Wolf, Pa., with his wife, Linda.

**Dane Tilghman '79** hosted an exhibition, in collaboration with Art Partners Studio, of his paintings at the Coatesville Savings Bank.

## The 1980s

**Jeffrey Dietrich '80**, an art teacher at Oley Valley High School, was a featured artist at Hawk Mountain Sanctuary's 10th Annual Arts Tour and Sale. He showcased his Pa. German-style redware and stoneware in his 18th century log home.

**Michael Pladus '80** was appointed substitute superintendent, and later, acting superintendent of the Wallingford-Swarthmore School District.

**Bonnie Tamasitis '80** was featured in the Reading Eagle's *In Our Schools*, a weekly column spotlighting local teachers and administrators.

**John Bird '81** announced his reelection campaign for Lehighon Borough Council. Bird, an Army veteran, previously served Lehighon residents as a councilman for four years and was active on the police-fire-safety and power-light committees.

**Peter Detterline '81**, director of the planetarium in the Boyertown Area School District, was the keynote speaker at the Chesmont Astronomical Society's annual outreach event about astronomy, StarFest 2015.

**Linda (Dalpiaz) Hartman '81** has retired.

**Mark Marcante '81** directed the Theater for the New City's world premiere presentation of the musical comedy, "Heather Smiley for President." Marcante has worked and toured with The People's Theater Company, Theater East and the Guthrie Playhouse, and was the theatrical and technical consultant for the Arts Connection.

**Lisa (Marino) Oswald '82** fashion jewelry company, Sorrelli, has opened a retail location in The Shops at City Center, Allentown, Pa.

**Michele Pingar-DeAngelo '84** was inducted into the Hazleton Area Sports Hall of Fame's Class of 2015. One of the most decorated distance runners in Bishop Hafey history, she was also a three-time Division II All-American at Kutztown University.

**Richard Roth '84** and his twin brother, Robert, recently retired from the Air Force after 27 years as high-level security officers. Sent in different directions after enlistment, they traveled around the world, with multiple deployments to Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Iraq and Afghanistan.

**Dona Dawson '85** was featured in the Reading Eagle's *In Our Schools*, a weekly column spotlighting local teachers and administrators.

**Tara Funk Grim's '85** colorful art exhibit was displayed at Philip Morton Gallery. Her inspiration comes from beautiful flowers, coastal and water themes, birds, the movement of theme parks and the landscape.



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**Kathy Krevansky '85** was inducted into the Hazleton Area Sports Hall of Fame.

**Kevin Devera '86**, the sports program manager for Reading Recreation Commission, was crowned 2015 King of Baseballtown by the Reading Fightin' Phils and Baseballtown Charities. Devera was honored because of his many accomplishments and contributions to baseball for youth in the city of Reading.

**Frederick Hafter '86** was featured in a *Lehigh Valley Business* article for his invention The Ball Cannon, which launches Nerf footballs.

**James Carroll '87** performed his successful stand-up comedy material at Sellersville Theater, sharing the stage with witty magician and "America's Got Talent" season-six finalist Scott Alexander and Sinatra-inspired retro crooner Tony Babino.

**Holly (Ginsberg) Gage '87** won the internationally acclaimed Saul Bell Design Award in jewelry for her work, "Je'taime, - Dual Flame." Her fine silver necklace won in the metal/clay category, which was one of six competitive categories.

**Jean Susko '87** was appointed as the new principal of Marian Catholic High School.

**Mark Ehrlich '88** recently begin working for Avantor Performance Materials in Phillipsburg, N.J., as a finite scheduler.

**Brian Hoover '88** was selected as a prize-winner of the Expressions West 2015 exhibition, a 13-state painting competition. Hoover is a professor of painting and printmaking at Southern Utah University and the winner of the 2009 Expressions West exhibition at

Coos Art Museum with his painting "Girl with Fantastic Hat IX Saturnalia."

**David Reimer '89** released his latest book *Courage over Cancer*, which offers encouragement for those battling cancer.

**Robert Stettner '89** became a first-time author with the recent publication *Slatington at 150: More Stories to Share*. Stettner was one of two principal authors who wrote a 600-page book on Slatington's history in conjunction with the town's recent 150th anniversary celebration. The history book committee spent two years researching, writing and editing the book, which features community, family and high school sports history along with natural and man-made disasters and tragedies. The book is in its 3rd printing

## The 1990s

**Marlyn Kissner '90** was named one of Northeast Pennsylvania's Top 25 Women in Business by the *Northeast Pennsylvania Business Journal* as well as by the Northeast Pennsylvania National Association of Women Business Owners.

**Paul Lees '90**, shareholder in the Allentown office of Marshall Dennehey Warner Coleman & Goggin, was a featured speaker at the University Risk Management & Insurance Association's Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference.

**Kenneth Moore '90** spoke at a press conference between Gabonese Armed Forces and U.S. Army Africa, where he serves as Brigade General.



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**William Ritter '90**, a former Lieutenant Colonel in the U.S. Army, has accepted a professor position at Campbellsville University in Campbellsville, KY. He is their new Assistant Professor of Public Relations.

**Tom Warburton '90**, creator of "Codename: Kids Next Door," hosted the 46th Annual Animation Festival Awards Ceremony. The festival is a unique showcase for the most groundbreaking independent and commercial animation being produced in the industry today.

**Earl Clymer '91** has been named the Superintendent of Warren Hills Regional School District.

**Carole V. Wells, Ph.D. M'91**, the vice provost and dean of graduate studies at Kutztown University, joined the board of directors of Berks Encore.

**Joanne Bartusik '92** recently celebrated her 20th anniversary working at the McCann School of Business & Technology, Pottsville, Pa. Bartusik currently serves as the school's Associate Director of Education, Registrar, Online Coordinator and Library Coordinator.

**David Girton '92** was featured in the Reading Eagle's *In Our Schools*, a weekly column spotlighting local teachers and administrators.

**Harvey Huffman '92** was inducted into the East Stroudsburg Area School District Meritorious Hall of Fame.

**Carol Lee Vitro '92** earned her certification for the Board of Certified Safety Professionals. She is currently a training specialist for Talen Energy.

**Lynn A. Fuini-Hetten '93**, who formerly served the Salisbury School District as its supervisor of instructional practice, was appointed to the position of assistant superintendent.

**Jefferson Hayman '93** hosted his photographic exhibition titled "Limerence" at The Robin Rice Gallery in New York City.

**Leon Kanopka '93** was featured in the Reading Eagle's *In Our Schools*, a weekly



column spotlighting local teachers and administrators.

**Jeremy Richard '93** was promoted to serve as the director of the Pennsylvania State Police Discipline Office.

**William Ziegler '93**, principal of Pottsgrove High School, has been named the 2016-17 Principal of the Year by the Pennsylvania Principals Association.

**Shannon (Specht) Melideo '94**, associate dean of the School of Education and Human Services at Marymount University, delivered the keynote address during the 60th annual commencement.

**Michael Bruni '95** has been hired at SC3, a mission-focused provider of intelligence and technology solutions located in Alexandria, Virginia, as the company's director of talent acquisition.

**Christopher Diehl '95** WGBH Boston's executive producer and editorial manager of content for WORLD Channel, has been selected as the 2015-2016 Margret and Hans Rey/Curious George Producer, awarded each year to an outstanding WGBH producer.

**Jon McTaggart '95**, president and CEO of American Public Media Group, has been named the 33rd recipient of Bemidji State University's Distinguished Minnesotan Award. The award recognizes current or former residents of the state who have performed exemplary service.

**William Topley '95** recently fulfilled his life-long dream of opening a brewery, Ludlam Island Brewery.

**Debra Wanner '95** competed in the 32nd season of the CBS game show *Survivor*.

**Deanna Witman '95** is a member of the editorial staff of Unity's College's "Hawk & Handsaw: The Journal of Creative Sustainability." Hawk & Handsaw, which Witman helped to translate online, started as a print publication in 2008 and was published annually in that form until 2013, before it was recently reimaged by staff and students.

**Terry Clark '96** was named the new director of York County Children, Youth and Families by the York county commissioners. He has worked in child welfare for 23 years, most recently as the director of operations for the Pennsylvania Office of Children, Youth and Families.

**Christopher Hastings '96**, WGBH Boston's executive producer and editorial manager of content for WORLD Channel, has been selected as the 2015-2016 Margret and Hans Rey/Curious George Producer, awarded each year to an outstanding WGBH producer.

**Tom Whalen's '96** work, "Pulp Menagerie," was released at the Mondo Gallery as an early look at their upcoming gallery exhibit.

**Elizabeth (DiLullo) Brown '97**, Little League Vice President of Marketing and Strategic

Partnerships, has been selected as one of the 2015 *SportsBusiness Journal's* Game Changer honorees. Presented annually since 2011, *SportsBusiness Journal* highlights the professional achievement of women in sports with its Game Changer recognition. Brown also leads Little League's marketing, licensing and retail teams.

**Ericka Evans-Loos '97** was featured in the Reading Eagle's *In Our Schools*, a weekly column spotlighting local teachers and administrators.

**Tracey Fenstermacher's '97** business Ed's USA Auto Rentals is celebrating its 35th anniversary.

**Andrea Neulight '97** was featured in an article in the *Reading Eagle* for the success of her business, a hat and bonnet stand at the Kutztown Folk Festival for the past 20 years.

**Stuart Whiteleaf '97** was named the new business administrator and board secretary for the Nazareth Area School District.

**Simeon Wilkins '97** was honored for her work in the visual arts by the College of Arts and Architecture during its annual awards ceremony.

**Richard L. T. Orth '98 M'01** co-authored a book entitled, "Oley Valley Heritage: the Federal Years, 1776-1862," published by the Pennsylvania German Society.

**Richelyn Penn-Mekile '98** was named director of human resources at

Elizabethtown College. She was previously employed by Kutztown University as associate director of human resources.

**Aaron Wilson's '98** 7-year-old daughter, Naomi, who has recovered from a severe case of aplastic anemia, made a Make-A-Wish request which included a tour of Bethlehem's historic district and a family reunion at Knoebels Amusement Resort.

**Jacklyn Bingaman '99** was hired by Penn Community as its Senior Vice President, Director of Marketing.

**Eric Schrantz '99** was appointed by the Pennsylvania State Senate to fill the Carbon County Magisterial Judge seat

## The 2000s

**Christopher Beasley '00** of Gamry Instruments presented the PlugVolt sponsored webinar entitled "Electrochemical Impedance Spectroscopy (EIS) and its Applications to Battery Analysis." EIS is a well-established experimental technique that has applications in coatings, corrosion, sensors, electrochemical double layer capacitors and batteries, among others. PlugVolt, LLC is a leader in providing web-based delivery of webinars and custom trainings with an emphasis on the battery and energy storage markets.

**Greg Fiore '00** was named superintendent of the Kutztown School District.

**Drew Frantzen '00** has been promoted to director of web services at Altitude

Marketing, an integrated marketing agency serving technology-focused B2B companies. Frantzen previously served as manager of web services and has been with Altitude Marketing since 2014.

**Christian Jaspersen '00** is the new assistant principal at Marple Newtown High School (MNSD). Jaspersen has been with MNSD since 2003 and has worked with a variety of student populations, including learning and emotional support, alternative, gifted and general education.

**Jason Kesack '00** has joined the Allentown Police Department.

**Ara Ozcan '00** performed her new single "Now and Then" in WFMZ Channel 69's Sunrise studio.

**Lynn Schadler '00** was featured in the Reading Eagle's *In Our Schools*, a weekly column spotlighting local teachers and administrators.

**Joseph Tout '00** was inducted into the McDonald's Lehigh Valley All-Star Football Classic Hall of Fame.

**Joseph Zagorski '00** recently published his book *The NFL in the 1970s: Pro Football's Most Important Decade*. It is available on the Amazon and Barnes & Noble websites.

**Rod Broker '01** was featured in Gina Kurtz's "Heroic Paths: The Roles and Responsibilities of Men" on the distinctive roles a man can play throughout his lifetime, and how these roles feature prominently in shaping the hearts and minds of future generations.

**Michael Bunn '01** has been appointed senior vice president and central Pennsylvania market leader of the Bryn Mawr Bank Corporation, parent of the Bryn Mawr Trust Company. Bunn has more than 13 years of experience in banking and serving the Central Pennsylvania market, most recently with Metro Bank, where he served as regional vice president.

**Kami Fecho '01** was featured in the Reading Eagle's *In Our Schools*, a weekly column spotlighting local teachers and administrators.





**Steve Mertz '01** was featured as one of the award recipients of the 2015 Top Forty Under 40 published by *Lehigh Valley Business*.

**Lisa Mitchell '01**, managing editor of Berks-Mont Newspapers and journalist for the editorial department for Berks-Mont, has become editor of *The Hamburg Area Item*.

**Rich Stump '01** was featured as one of the award recipients of the 2015 Top Forty Under 40 published by *Lehigh Valley Business*.

**Marci (Lewine) Wolff '01** opened Daub and Line Art Instruction, a private art lessons service based in her home. A classically trained artist, Wolff offers instruction primarily in drawing by appointment for youth and adults.

**Kristi Good '03** is a visiting assistant professor of theatre at Lycoming College.

**Jeremy Melber '03** was featured as one of the award recipients of the 2015 Top Forty Under 40 published by *Lehigh Valley Business*.

**Rebecca Murga '03**, an army reserve captain, is the first military service member ever to be selected to participate in the 2015 American Film Institute Conservatory Directing Workshop for Women. The program is extremely competitive with only 10 women admitted out of hundreds of applicants. Murga also created WAR INK, a short documentary about combat veterans telling their stories through their tattoos.

**Donna (Comprelli) Reynolds '03** has been hired as the director of business development at Lehigh Mining and Navigation, an advertising and public relations agency.

**Jenel Schaffer '03** an accomplished artist and anthropologist, is now teaching a class on Dream Boards at the Walk In Art Center located in Schuylkill Haven.

**Sara Beaver '04** was featured in the Reading Eagle's *In Our Schools*, a weekly column spotlighting local teachers and administrators.

**Melissa Langston '04** earned tenure and a promotion to associate professor of chemistry at Delaware Valley University, Doylestown, Pa.

**Nicole Worham '04** was featured in the Reading Eagle's *In Our Schools*, a weekly column spotlighting local teachers and administrators.

**Matt Borrelli '05** was promoted to director of design services at Altitude Marketing. He has been with Altitude since 2014.

**Kristi Gage-Linderman '05** is featured as one of the award recipients of the 2015 Top Forty Under 40 published by *Lehigh Valley Business*.

**Andre Reed '05**, NFL hall-of-famer, had the honor of having the Allentown street right outside of his alma mater of Dieruff High School renamed Andre Reed Way.

Irving Street Park across from Dieruff was also renamed Andre Reed Park. Reed was also inducted into the Boys & Girls Clubs of America's Alumni Hall of Fame, and has accepted the Bill Walsh Coaching Internship with the Buffalo Bills, which is designed to give minority coaches the opportunity to join an NFL coaching staff for the duration of training camp and all preseason games.

**Christopher Wolfe '05** presented a lecture at Penn State Lehigh Valley entitled, "Overview of Applied Physics Research at the U.S. Army Research Laboratory," for the annual Faculty Invitational Lecture Series.

**Rita Garwood '06** was promoted to managing editor of Xander Media Group's the *Monitor*.

**Kimberly Metz '06** was hired as the publications coordinator for Phoebe Ministries in Allentown, and is the editor-in-chief of their quarterly magazine, *The Messenger*.

**Brian Walsh '06** directed Upper Darby Performing Arts Center's main stage production "Nice Work If You Can Get It."

**Elizabeth Acanfora-Harer '07** was promoted to the position of Art Director at Lehigh Mining and Navigation (formerly Spark Advertising Agency) in Bethlehem, PA.

**Ryan Brockman '07** has joined Herbert Rowland & Grubic, Inc. as a financial

services project manager in its Harrisburg office. As such, he will help clients with infrastructure financial planning, utility rate analysis, asset valuation, and municipal authority implementation. He will also help clients secure public and private financing and assist them with funding program compliance and administration.

**Kevin Harden '07**, a trial lawyer in the city of Philadelphia, had an article published in *Philadelphia Magazine*.

**Justin Jachowicz '07** currently plays for the MetLife Orioles.

**Andrew States '07** and his music group, CRUISR, a Philly-based pop-rock band which began as a solo project in early 2012, opened for Imagine Dragons. They have also opened on a tour with British rockers, The 1975.

**Jonathan Van Dine '07** and his music group, CRUISR, a Philly-based pop-rock band, opened for Imagine Dragons. They have also opened on a tour with British rockers, The 1975.

**David Caruch '08** graduated with a doctorate in PhD in Business Management from Capella University. Caruch also recently published his first book "Social Media Advertising: The Uncharted World of Marketing for Small Businesses."

**Damian Goodman '08** was appointed to serve as the Parkland School District's elementary dean of students.

**Douglas Kelly '08** has joined Binswanger's King of Prussia office as vice president. In this position, he will oversee commercial real estate in suburban Philadelphia, focusing on the Montgomery County market.

**Mark J. Koenig '08** was sworn in as a Springfield Township police officer. He spent the last three years as chief of staff to Pa. State Rep. Madeleine Dean, and was previously a legislative aide to Montgomery County Commissioner Chair Josh Shapiro when he was the state representative in Abington.

## FRANCES LARASH TURNS 100 YEARS YOUNG

Frances Larash '35 turned 100 years young on December 9. She fondly remembers her time as a student at Kutztown State Teachers College, when Dr. Amos Rothermel was the university's 5th president. Larash was certified as a teacher in June 1935. Among the courses she took in her two-year program at Kutztown were Art I and II, Music I and II, Physical Education I, II, III and IV, Civic Education and Hygiene. Larash lives in Emmaus, Pa.



**Ryan Oestreich '08** was featured as one of the award recipients of the 2015 Top Forty Under 40 published by *Lehigh Valley Business*.

**Steven Anspach '09** was named the Director of Co-Curricular Activities at Pottstown High School.

**Eileen Gurcsik-Pinkey '09** was inducted into the Tamaqua Area High School Athletic Hall of Fame. Gurcsik-Pinkey was a four-year letter winner in volleyball, swimming and track and field for the Lady Raiders.

**Donald D. Langdon '09**, financial advisor at Northwestern Mutual, has qualified for the National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors' Rising Star Award, which recognizes hard-working and dedicated association members with an unwavering commitment to professional excellence in the insurance and investment fields.

**Andrea Much '09** has been hired as production manager and assistant account manager with Reese Integration Marketing.

**Christopher Wagner '09** went to China to teach American history at Nantong Middle School, which has about 5,000 high school students attending it.

### The 2010s

**Darin Gorski** former Kutztown University All-American baseball player, was named Pacific Coast League pitcher of the week for the period ending July 12. Gorski, who has

spent parts of the last three seasons with Triple-A Las Vegas, was a seventh-round pick by the New York Mets in the 2009 draft.

**Bruno Catrambone '10** and his music group, CRUISR, a Philly-based pop-rock band, opened for Imagine Dragons. They have also opened on a tour with British rockers, The 1975.

**Stephen Dennis '10** signed a contract with the Portland Trail Blazers to play in the NBA's summer league in Las Vegas. Dennis has also played in the NBA summer league with the Los Angeles Clippers and the Brooklyn Nets.

**Tricia Kanik '10** was inducted into the Carbon County Area Hall of Fame.

**Matt Loede '10** has been promoted to the position of director of marketing and product development for Ultraflex Systems Inc., the international innovator and leader in PVC and specialty substrates.

**Steve Miguel '10** has joined MillerSearles LLC, CPAs and Advisors as a staff accountant. He will work with individuals and businesses in the areas of income tax and financial and business planning.

**Michael Popadine '10** is now associate manager and programmer of indie and dance/EDM at Music Choice, the national music content provider.

**Travis Bergwall '11** began West Chester Food Tours, which offers walking and noshing tours of West Chester, Pa.

**Kelly Bushe '11** joined Arcadia University's athletic department as coaching staff for women's soccer. Bushe comes to Arcadia after two seasons at DeSales University, where she assisted in all facets of the Bulldogs' program.

**Amanda DeVine '11** started Devine Destinations, which offers VIP historical walking tours of Lancaster as well as brewery tours in the surrounding areas.

**Stephen Esposito '11** placed second in the Old Fort 5-Miler in Forty Fort.

**Carolynne Kahl '11** was inducted into the Tulpehocken Area School District Athletic Hall of Fame.

**Tyler Lepley '11** plays the role of Benny on Tyler Perry's "The Have and Have Nots."

**Nicholas Michael '11** was named business development manager at ArtsQuest in Bethlehem.

**Kimberly Scandariato '11** joined the Community Outreach team at Turning Point Lehigh Valley where she will oversee the agency's education and outreach efforts.

**Joshua Stitt '11** and **Peter Hershey '12** completed their film *The Noted Project*, which documents their travels throughout Thailand.

**Andy Vasquez '11** started Andy Vasquez Furniture, a custom furniture company.

**Caitlan Vill '11** has opened up her own business, a nail bar, in Milford, Pa.



**Lauren Bybee '12** has been named staffing manager at Synergy HomeCare of Mid Penn.

**Colleen Hayduk '12**, a product of the world-class developmental programs at the Valley Preferred Cycling Center in Trexlertown, won the Keystone Cup Women's Open last year, and is competing again this year.

**Peter Hershey '12** and **Joshua Stitt '11** completed their film *The Noted Project*, which documents their travels throughout Thailand.

**Ashley Mentzer '12** has been hired by Gavin Advertising as digital project manager. Gavin Advertising is a full-service public relations and digital marketing agency based in York.

**Michelle Muro '12**, a full-time librarian at Valley Community Library, is working to create a roving library service for senior homes and rehabilitation centers for those who cannot get to the library.

**Debthi Roy '12**, serves as president of the International Student Association, a student ambassador and a Student Government Association senator for the George Herbert Walker School of Business and Technology and a New Student Orientation Leader at Webster University.

**Alyssa Schoch '12** has been named the director of the Lehigh Boys and Girls Band Hall.

**Andrew Tomasino '12** has been hired as manager of photo video services with Weidenhammer Creative.

**Tiffany Yehl '12**, pre-kindergarten teacher and reading intervention specialist at Maple Elementary School, was honored by Dorchester County Public Schools as the 2015-2016 First Class Teacher of the Year.

**Rebecca Coon '13** is following a spiritual calling to move across the world to Kandern, Germany, in order to work with Wycliffe Bible Translators USA, where she will serve as a journalist. She previously interned with an International Christian Microfinance Organization, where she realized her passion for interacting with people whose lives have been transformed by the Bible.

**Chris LaRose '13** has completed a music tour through the Pfalz region in Germany. He performed songs in the dialect with Michael Werner, a musician living in Germany.

**Zachary Pritchard '13** was sworn into the Allentown Police Department as a police officer.

**Brooke Bower '14** was inducted into USBC's International Bowling Hall of Fame for winning USBC's Women's Championships. She shot a 781 series with back-to-back games of 257 followed by a 267 to most capture the national singles title in the Diamond Division (for 190 averages and above) at the National Bowling Stadium in Reno, Nevada.

**Lauren Gillespie's '14** artwork was featured at a meet-the-artists reception at A Taste of Downtown Chambersburg in a new show called "Contemporary Concepts." The show was presented by the Council for the Arts of Chambersburg.

**Tara Hoban '14** has been selected as graduate student of the year at California University of Pennsylvania. The award was presented by the Graduate Student Association on behalf of the School Psychology Department at California University.

**Danielle Stanek '14** received the Yuma County Outstanding First Year Teacher Award.

**Michael Valentine '14** is a scout for the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture and is leading the fight against invasive pest species in Berks County.

**Grace Bevelheimer's '15** art work was featured in the "Intimacy" art show at Rabbothole Studios in Brooklyn, N.Y., a show curated by Kate Sweeney and Aaron Tsuru. The show explored the visual expression of what it means to be intimate.

**Anthony Kelly '15** was signed as an undrafted free agent by the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

**Samantha Kronstadt '15** won the National Career Development Association's (NCDA) annual poetry contest, which this year was themed "Re-Imagining Your Career: Celebrating First Jobs through Encore Careers."

**Zachary Mako '15** was nominated as the Republican State Representative in Pennsylvania's 183rd District.

**Joshua Steinberg '15** won a Fulbright English Teaching Assistant and traveled to Germany for the 2016-2017 academic year.

**Corey Summers '15** was named *Harrisburg Magazine's* Young Person of the Year.

**James Zglinicki '15** graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.

**Laura Cressley '16**, an alumnus of The Boys and Girls Band of Lehigh, accompanied The Lehigh Boys and Girls Band in a concert.

**Olivia Masser '16** was hired as the director of the Milton Public Library.

**Jordan Sallavanti '16** has been hired by Boyer & Ritter, LLC, one of the largest regional accounting firms in central Pennsylvania.



## Dan Hinkel: A KU Legend

Dan Hinkel, a mainstay at Kutztown University for more than 50 years, passed away in October. Hinkel was an integral figure in Kutztown wrestling history. He had been associated with KU since 1964, when he helped reinstate the wrestling program, which had been idle since pre-World War II. Hinkel served as head coach for two stints – 1965-1972 and 1989-1996 – and had a career record of 124-83-6 with top-five finishes at the NCAA Division II Regionals in five consecutive seasons, from 1992 to 1996.

Hinkel stepped down as head coach in 1996, but remained an active member of the coaching staff. He also served as chair and professor of secondary education at KU.

"Dan was a part of my life for more than 25 years – every match, every practice, Dan was there," KU wrestling head coach Robert Fisher said. "You don't realize how much a person means to you until they're gone. Dan committed his life to Kutztown University. He worked with

every wrestler that came through our program the last 50 years – it is amazing to sit back and fathom how many lives he has touched. He not only leaves his mark on the program here at Kutztown, but on the entire wrestling community."

In 2008, Hinkel was honored by the National Wrestling Coaches Association with a lifetime membership, as well as receiving a Lifetime Service to Wrestling Award from the Pa. Chapter of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame. In 2003, Hinkel was inducted into the KU Athletics Hall of Fame. He also is a member of Lock Haven University Hall of Fame.

Dan and his wife, Lois, established the Hinkel Family Scholarship in 2001. In recognition of the Hinkel family's dedication and volunteerism, the KU Department of Athletics established the Hinkel Service Award, presented to a member of the department for their service to the community.

## IN MEMORY

### ALUMNI

Lucy R Lutz '31, '35  
Marian M. Burkhardt '33  
Mildred E. Phillips '37, '45  
Grace A. Diehl '41  
Ruth N. Datzky '41  
Anna P. Foglio '42  
Marguerite A. Ruhf '43  
Marian V. Wilfinger '45  
Eleanor M. Vogel '46  
Marion D. Flanigan '48  
Ruth P. Frey '48  
Gladys R. Rutter '49  
Jack J. Taylor '49  
Lois E. Barber '49  
Violette D. Siesholtz '49  
Frederick G. Gilmartin '50  
Nancy A. Heinick '51  
Marie D. Lychak '53  
Jacqueline M. Mantz '54  
Joseph V. Budgy '54

Anna M. DeVelin '55  
Dale E. Holland '55  
Hariklia F. Zervanos '57  
Lawrence M. Siciliano '57  
Robert G. Leidich '57  
Bernadine R. Agnew '58  
Nancy Lee Zullo '58  
Carol A. Albert '60  
Karen W. Coleman '63  
Mary E. Howell '63  
Adele M. Dracha '64  
Dolores Z. Levengood '66  
Elaine M. Ambrose '66  
Richard C. Shollenberger '67  
Mark C. Diehl '68  
Patrick J. Duddy '69  
Diane C. Wolf '70  
Donna M. Gerhart '70  
Concetta M. Canfora '71  
Joanne F. Leccese '71  
Phoebe L. Hopkins '71  
Charles D. Schreiber '72

Cynthia A. Bednar '72  
Robert R. Spangler '73  
Diane L. Yudt '74  
Donald Strelecki '75  
Anne R. Connors '76  
Barbara N. Peters-Eshelman '76  
James H. Sholl '76  
Kathryn H. Miller '76  
Patricia G. Bross '76  
Pamela A. Heid '76, '81  
Anita L. Pence '77  
William R. Becker '77  
Debra A. Serfass '78  
Lawrence F. Yokai '79  
Mary C. Pahl '79  
Gregory G. DeJarnett '80  
John H. Lech '81  
John L. Murray '81  
Debra Kenney '81, '95  
Paul Wensel '82  
Robert F. Drake '83  
W. B. Shipe '83

Dean D. Steigerwalt '86  
Kathleen Ambrosino '86  
Delbert A. Daubert '87  
Antoinette M. Daemer '88  
Joan Nemes-Anderson '88  
Theresa M. Manento '88, '91  
Geoffrey K. Sherman '89  
Arturo Plana '91  
Margaret H. Gordon '92  
Leslie R. Wetzel '02  
Blanche E. Clouser '04  
Claudio G. Lonardo '06  
Bradley S. Mayer '15  
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# Homecoming 2016



TOP ROW, L TO R: Bob Muschlitz '65 and Ron Steigerwalt '65 enjoy the Fifth Quarter Party. | The Black Alumni Reunion at Golden Bear Plaza. | Brothers of Sigma Alpha Epsilon root for their candidate for Homecoming King.

THIRD ROW L TO R: Alex Ogeka, senior director of Development and Alumni Relations, Pinkney Webster '82, Jeff Thompson and Whitney Price enjoy the Fifth Quarter Party. | John Mobley, one of the most successful NFL players to come out of KU, talks to Jordan Morgan '16, a current NFL prospect, before the coin toss. | Rachel Hammersley '18 makes a new friend. | Alumni from the Class of 2011 at the Fifth Quarter Party.







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