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# Greetings from the Chancellor's Office!

It's was a long winter here in DuBois and throughout Pennsylvania, but spring has finally arrived to our campus! Looking forward to summer, surely many of you have travel plans in place and will enjoy some vacation time at some relaxing destination. A number of our students have already had the opportunity to travel this year, and they have the generosity of our donors to thank for providing funding for these trips.

In this issue of *College Place*, you'll get a look at the journeys made by some of our students this semester. Over spring break, many of them chose not to take a traditional spring break trip to some exotic location for a week of relaxation, but rather they chose to embark on trips that would enrich their education, as well as help others.

Students on the Alternative Spring Break trip to New Orleans served residents of that city in a variety of ways, from continued efforts to rebuild neighborhoods in the decade-long wake of Hurricane Katrina, to volunteering at a homeless shelter. Another group of students spent spring break in Ireland, researching the history and culture of the country, and helping to shape their own well-rounded educational experience.

We are extremely proud of the students who choose to take these trips, placing the needs of others above their own, and putting their education at the top of their list of priorities. The support of donors helps to make these trips possible, putting students in the position to bolster their own personal growth, and to have a global impact. This is just one way donors help the faculty and staff at Penn State DuBois provide a world-class education at a small-town campus. On these pages, you'll see other areas in which donor support helps students to thrive, as well.

Our donors do, indeed, make a difference in every aspect of the educational opportunities we provide at Penn State DuBois. We sincerely thank each one of you who has supported scholarship funds, travel, facility projects, and more. We could not do what we do without your help!

*Melanie Hatch*

Melanie Hatch, Ph.D.  
Chancellor and Chief Academic Officer



Chancellor Melanie Hatch tries her hand at driving a robot during the BEST Robotics Competition held in the campus gymnasium in October.

# Students Learn Life Lessons, Help Others on Alternative Spring Break in New Orleans

*Editor's Note: Penn State DuBois Public Information Officer Steve Harmic traveled to New Orleans with students and staff for this Alternative Spring Break trip, taking the opportunity to cover the story first-hand, and document the work of the students in photos.*

Often, the term "spring break" conjures images of far-away beaches, parties, or other exotic vacations. A group of 19 Penn State DuBois students, however, had a much different idea in mind for spring break this year. They spent the week on an Alternative Spring Break Service Trip, in New Orleans, Louisiana, volunteering with three different charitable organizations, and helping to improve the lives of others.

The students served with Stop Hunger Now, volunteered at the Ozanam Inn Homeless Shelter in New Orleans, and worked to build houses with Habitat for Humanity in neighborhoods still recovering from the devastation of Hurricane Katrina a full decade after the storm.

Service Trips provide a variety of opportunities for students to learn more about themselves, others, and the world around them through service. The program

is designed to encourage personal growth, promote civic engagement, and enrich the lives of participants.

Each trip involves group discussion and reflection sessions that are intended to allow students to explore various social, political, and environmental issues that arise during their service. Through individual and group reflection and activities, students are encouraged to compare and contrast their personal experiences with those of others as a means

of exploring the topics of difference, power and privilege, stereotypes, prejudice and discrimination, and social inequity and injustice. Students also explore cultural, historical, and recreational aspects of the environment in which they serve through excursions and educational programs.

"It is imperative for students to develop a sense of civic engagement and social responsibility," said Penn State DuBois Assistant Director of Student Affairs Marly Doty, who organized the trip, and led students through their service in New Orleans. She explained some of the benefits that such trips provide for students in terms of personal growth and out-of-the-classroom education. "Through the alternative spring break trip, students are immersed in a different community and culture, devote the week to serving that area, and discuss the complex social issues that exist there, at home, and in



The Alternative Spring Break students with staff and volunteer leaders pause for a photo at a Habitat for Humanity site. *In back, left to right:* Amber Siverling, Assistant Director of Student Affairs Marly Doty, Greg Myers, Volunteer Johnathon Doty, Public Information Officer Steve Harmic, Jacob Skubisz, Josh Sanko, Even Aravich, Donna Morello, and Koren McCullough. *In front, left to right:* Dorothy Schaadt, Courtney Mullins, Jessica Metzger, Katie Armagost, Sadie Viglione, Kristy Hanes, Brooke Simcox Justina Powers, Kara Wheaton, Alicia Vargas, Rachel Schreiber, and Tamera Anthony.



L-R, students Amber Siverling, Courtney Mullins, Sadie Viglione, Kristy Hanes, and Katie Armagost measure portions of rice to be added to meals during the Stop Hunger Now meal assembly event.



Finished meals are lined up and ready to be packed in shipping boxes at the Stop Hunger Now event.

our country. The students that have participated in these experiences over the years have developed a strong sense of community and higher self-esteem. Their actions speak a great deal considering these students fundraise, complete assignments and reflection before and after the alternative spring break trip, and give an entire week to learn about someone else's story and how they can help. Many of them have gone on to be a part of AmeriCorps, Teach for America, or received jobs because how strongly this demonstrates their character to an employer."

### Stop Hunger Now

The first service opportunity students took part in after arriving in New Orleans was with Stop Hunger Now (SHN). The Jackson, Mississippi based organization boasts 19 warehouses across the U.S. that supply nutritional meals to people in 65 countries around the globe, helping to sustain underprivileged people wherever there is a need. SHN staged a mass meal preparation operation in the gymnasium of the Aurora United Methodist Church, where the students happened to be staying

in the church bunkhouses for the week of the trip. There, the students joined nearly 200 other volunteers who were assigned various jobs along an assembly line-style operation in order to prepare an astonishing 50,000 meals in just two hours. Some volunteers weighed the dehydrated rice and other ingredients, some mixed, some packaged and sealed, and still others loaded the meals into boxes, preparing them to ship. The meals will be distributed to any location where the organization determines there is a need throughout the world.

"Our mission is to stop hunger in our lifetime by providing food and other necessities," said SHN Assistant Program Manager Pat Ware. "This is that global movement. The people. We could mechanize this system, but that won't end hunger. These people will; fostering this attitude to end hunger, will end hunger."

Penn State DuBois students, like Kristy Hanes, could not believe the 50,000 meal goal was met in just two hours. Hanes said, "I didn't think it was going to happen. When they said we were going to get to that goal, I was amazed."

Fellow students Jacob Skubisz and Alicia Vargas were impressed with the accomplishments of the team-oriented operation. "It shows you how much you can accomplish as a group," Skubisz said.

Vargas added, "It gave perspective on how doing just a little can help so many people."

### A Place to Regroup

The following day, the students arrived at Ozanam Homeless Shelter in downtown New Orleans. The 96 person capacity shelter provides three meals a day, beds, showers, clean clothing, plus dental and medical services to those in need throughout the Crescent City. Beds for the night are for men only, as other area shelters do provide for women and children. Meals, however, are available for everyone, and the shelter serves between 500 and 600 of those meals each day, seven days a week. All services are free of charge, with the shelter relying on donations and volunteers to sustain operations. Here, the students sorted and folded laundry and linens, made beds, and prepared and served meals to the shelter's clients.



Above: Volunteer coordinator Shanda Smith, center, directed students as they carried out their duties during lunch. Left: Students prepared and served meals at the shelter.



L-R, Alicia Vargas, Kara Wheaton and Katie Armagost mix concrete to be used while building the block foundations of a Habitat for Humanity house.



Once completed, the Habitat for Humanity Homes the students worked on will be very similar to this neighboring house.



Markings in spray paint left by rescue workers are still visible on many structures in parts of New Orleans. They show the date the structure was searched, what organization performed the search, and how many people were found deceased in the home. Markings displaying "0" such as these meant all occupants made it out alive.



New Orleans City Councilman James Gray stopped by the Habitat for Humanity site to personally thank the Penn State DuBois students for helping to rebuild a neighborhood in his district.



Throughout much of New Orleans, the water table sits just a foot below the ground's surface. For this reason, homes here have no basements, and foundations are made out of columns of cement blocks, and filled with mixed cement for reinforcement.

Shanda Smith, the volunteer coordinator at Ozanam, said volunteers' efforts like those put forth by the students make it possible for the organization to accomplish its mission. She said, "The volunteers are such a great help. They're an inspiration, and they make the clients feel like they're human beings. They love to see someone showing that they care."

Smith pointed out to the volunteers that those who benefit from the shelter's services are always referred to as clients, and shown the proper respect that all individuals deserve. She asks that volunteers adhere to that rule, and refrain from terms or labels that could dehumanize those seeking assistance.

Student Courtney Mullins observed, "What you call a person can change perception. Everyone here is called a client. It makes them a person, not an object."

The students saw the impact they could have on clients at the shelter, just by having conversations and getting to know the stories of some of the people they encountered there. They also discovered inaccuracies in many of the societal stereotypes that are all too familiar.

Student Josh Sanko said, "I was surprised. I never met a person who is homeless before this. You don't expect them to be so upbeat. But, once you talk to them you learn that they're just people who want to have a conversation. They have lives and dreams and want something better for themselves."

Sanko's sentiments illustrate the reasons Ozanam's mission does not end at feeding and providing shelter. The mission extends far beyond charitable giving, into the realm of rehabilitation. Ultimately, the staff members at the organization strive to help their clients become independent citizens again. Many who start out as regular clients are brought on as live-in team members, where they make a wage for working at the shelter. Eventually, after they're given help saving and budgeting, they are provided with assistance in finding a job outside of the shelter, and their own place to live.

"You'll go through trial and tribulations, but you have got to keep yourself right; you can't keep going the wrong way until you're under a bridge somewhere," said Maurice Prince, a team member at Ozanam who lost his job, and subsequently his home, in Denver, Colorado. Looking to start over, he made it to New Orleans just as his savings ran out. He found his way to the front door of the Ozanam shelter with nothing left but the clothes on his back, and just enough hope. Ever optimistic in the wake of his life's upset, Prince plans to seek work on off-shore oil rigs in the gulf. First, however, he recognizes the need to take the steps Ozanam is helping him to take in order to rebuild his life.

"I'm regrouping. I had to stop the bleeding in this life, that's why I'm here," Prince explained. "Being able to bounce back is important, and that's what this place gives

me; a chance to regroup and rebuild in a structured environment. I'll be back in the game again. I'm scoring now, and I'm going to win."

Other experiences the students had during their interaction with clients also depended upon the level of assistance and rehabilitation the client had received at the time. For some, their journey out of the darkest times in their life had just begun, but the students were happy to cast some light on their path, no matter how far along that person may have been.

Student Kara Wheaton emotionally recalled, "One guy, named Michael, told me my smile stopped him from killing himself today. That made me feel amazing."

Classmate Justina Powers pointed out how humbling the experience at the shelter was as a whole. She said, "It makes you think about everything you have and take for granted, because here are these people just thankful to get a warm meal."

## Rebuilding

For the remainder of the week, the 19 student volunteers from rural Pennsylvania spent their days helping to build houses in a city over 1,000 miles away from home, for people they would never meet. For inspiration to serve, one needed not to look far. Neighborhoods that were ravaged by Hurricane Katrina a decade ago are still a patchwork of abandoned, derelict structures and empty lots.

“Habitat for Humanity has been here since Katrina, and there are still so many empty lots,” said Audrey Fish, an AmeriCorps worker on contract with Habitat who serves as a volunteer organizer. “I doubt there is an end in sight; we are building whole communities in some places. Without volunteers, we really would not be able to do this. Volunteers essentially put up all the effort for this.”

At the end of one work day, group leaders drove students through the city’s Lower 9th Ward, the part of New Orleans hit the hardest by Katrina, and the portion where the most devastation remains. Some homes still bear markings left by search and rescue teams in spray paint. Left there in the days and weeks following Katrina, the markings let other crews know the home had already been searched for survivors. They display the date the structure was searched, the organizations that responded there, and the number of people found dead in the home. The marked homes often remain abandoned, right next door to other houses that have been rebuilt, or adjacent to empty lots where other homes once stood.

Most students were amazed at the level of devastation still present after so many years, and remarked that family and friends back home would not believe so much work still needed to be done in parts of the city. For those who have seen scars left by Katrina on this landscape, the decision to help in the continued efforts to rebuild is an easy one. It is driven not by personal connections to family, or friends, or this far-away city, but by a basic desire to lift up those who have fallen. Strangers or not, those who volunteer here believe that human beings who can help to bear the burden of their fellow man are working dutifully toward a more perfect world.

Student volunteer Evan Aravich explained, saying, “I think service is so important to others who need it and are less fortunate than you. We are very fortunate to have a bed, a shower, and a home to go back to. Here, 10 years ago, people left and never had that to come back to. Being able to provide that foundation for them to have that again is so important.”

Foundations, literally, is what students provided for homes while working with

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## Looking Over a Four-Leaf Clover



Marly Doty at a Habitat worksite with student Evan Aravich.

Ask any number of students and alumni of Penn State DuBois, and many will say Assistant Director of Student Affairs Marly Doty is a hero in her own right. With countless hours of devoted service to others under her belt, she has been an advocate for helping others in need, no matter what their plight. She has fed the homeless, stood up against domestic violence, spoken up for equal rights for all people regardless of sexual orientation and ethnic background, and more. But what is her real superpower? Finding four-leaf clovers.

For as long as Doty can remember, she has effortlessly run across four-leaf clovers everywhere; from her own yard, to finding them around campus, and even around the Habitat for Humanity sites where she worked in New Orleans. The clovers she found in the storm-ravaged neighborhood, however, may have the greatest meaning of any she has ever come across. Hoping that luck will shine on the residents of New Orleans from here on out, Doty left each of the clovers she found there in the foundations of homes as they were being built by herself and the students.

“Some call it luck, I call it perceptive,” Doty said of her ability to spot the good luck charms. “During our four days at our work site, I found seven four-leaf clovers. And number seven was plucked on Friday the 13th. I placed each one of them in the foundations of the houses we were building. May they never experience another flood again.”



Rachel Schreiber, Dorothy Schaadt, and Greg Myers fill a column with concrete while guided by Ryan, an AmeriCorps volunteer organizer.

Habitat for Humanity and AmeriCorps. At two home construction sites in New Orleans' 7th Ward, the students worked to build foundations for new homes by laying cement blocks, and building walls and columns that would support new family homes. They also helped to build flooring systems, installing floor joists and structural supports. It's the portion of home construction that most Habitat chapters around the country hire professional contractors to do at an average price of about \$8,000. Here in New Orleans, the students alleviated that much more financial burden by volunteering to do the work.

"When I heard it was \$8,000 between the foundation and floor, and that's what we were saving the homeowner, I was amazed," said student Dorothy Schaadt.

Locals were amazed at the enthusiasm the college students from Pennsylvania



Students Josh Skubisz and Kirsty Hanes fold linens at the Ozanam Inn shelter.

had to travel so many miles to help out in their community. New Orleans City Councilman James Gray, upon hearing the Penn State DuBois students were volunteering in his district, stopped by to personally thank them.

"It's been 10 years since the flood, and many people have still not recovered," Gray told the students. "Any assistance from volunteers we can get is such a great help. We thank you so much for being here."

The experience not only provided students with the satisfaction of helping others in such a significant way, but also exposed them to learning new skills in masonry and carpentry, areas that most of them were not familiar with before.

"We've learned new things here. We've learned skills and how to use different resources working here, and we can take that knowledge and use it to also help people back home," said Kristy Hanes.

Students recalled how each experience on the trip, in service, and in learning about the local culture, helped them to take new perspectives on volunteerism, education, and the world around them.

"The food, the culture, the service to others, everything we experienced in New Orleans was just awesome," said student Greg Myers. "The whole trip was incredible, and we really touched people's lives. I think people should try to do this type of service. You don't get the meaning until you do. Until you do it, you can't understand the feeling."

Marly Doty was confident the students would return from New Orleans with such attitudes. She's seen before the influence service trips can have on those who participate. She said, "A lot of times for students, it doesn't sink in until they get home and are overwhelmed with the day-to-day liberties we take for granted. It is difficult to complain when you interact with and get to know someone that hasn't slept with a roof over their head for months or years, but has a better attitude and outlook on life than most of us. It pushes us to reconsider a great deal about what we believe and work toward on a daily basis. Service doesn't end with this experience, it forms roots and begins to take hold through the rest of our lives."

Doty is proud of the students who chose to take the alternative spring break trip, even for making the choice to go in the first place, and especially for the personal growth they found along the way. She said, "Each one of these students selflessly gave up their spring break in hopes of making a complete stranger's life a little better. How many of us can honestly look back at our college experience at 18, 19, 20, or 21 years old and say we would do the same? They reinforce my faith in humanity each year.

During this Alternative Spring Break trip, 19 students completed a combined 722 hours of service.

Alternative Spring Break service trips were first launched at Penn State DuBois by Doty in 2008, when she led students to Mississippi to volunteer with storm clean-up in parts of that state hit by Hurricane Katrina, returning to Mississippi again in 2009. Since then, students have twice provided spring break service at the Navajo Nation in Arizona, twice in homeless shelters in Washington D.C., and once before in New Orleans. All told, students participating in the trips since 2008 have logged 3,672 service hours to help those in need.

This service trip was made possible by the generosity of The Mengle Foundation, J. Clyde Enterprises LLC (Arby's and Subway), FOE #965, Johnson Motors, FOE Kersey #727, and Polish Citizens Club of DuBois. ▀



# Students Explore Culture and History in Ireland



Student paused for a group photo at Newark Airport while traveling to Ireland.



Above, top: Students with their tour guide at Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland. Above, bottom: Students on the Traditional Irish Storytelling Bus in Dublin.

**Some enthusiastic travelers got to immerse themselves in the culture and history of Ireland during this year's spring break. Associate Professor of Spanish Deborah Gill led 25 Penn State DuBois students, and two other faculty members on the trip to Dublin, Ireland, where they learned about Irish culture and society. They were also joined by nine students and two faculty members from Penn State Beaver.**

During the trip, students completed a number of projects that required them to research historical sites and cultural practices in Ireland, as well as interact with members of various communities there. Their Heritage Project consisted of students documenting their personal heritage, explaining their perception of Irish heritage, and providing reflection on the similarities and differences perceived between the two.

Students were also broken into groups to prepare videos on different aspects of Irish culture. They presented their work and shared their experiences with the campus community during a luncheon in April, as part of the campus' Cultural Luncheon series.

"This trip definitely enriched my college experience. It's my favorite memory from college so far," said Penn State DuBois student Jerod White. "This was my first time in a different country, so this trip definitely put me outside of my comfort zone; but, I learned a lot in just a week. Above all, I got a lot of experience in communicating with others from different cultural backgrounds, which will be important for me in future jobs."

This trip was made possible by the financial support of donors who understand the value of cultural enrichment in education. One donor, Wally Pellerite, said, "Giving students a chance to experience different cultures is one of the best ways to help educate young people. That experience will greatly help them in the future. And I trust they will return the favor when they are able."

Donor Chris Beretsel said, "What a great opportunity for these students. Not only did they have an opportunity to get away from

the Pennsylvania cold, but they were able to see something and learn something that they would never experience in the classroom or from a book. These experiences are ones that will benefit them for a lifetime as it expands their knowledge and gives them a much broader perspective on life."

Dan Kohlhepp supported the Ireland trip as a donor, as well, and recently spoke about his decision to do so at the campus' annual Scholarship Luncheon. He said, "Several years ago, I found a quote by Mark Twain; 'Travel is fatal to prejudice, bigotry, and narrow-mindedness.' I loved this quote because it tied the outcomes of education and travel together. No educated person could be narrow-minded, bigoted or prejudiced. But if they were, they just need to travel more."

Kohlhepp continued, "Recently, I had dinner with Chancellor Melanie Hatch. She explained that she was organizing a scholarship fund that was aimed at enhancing the travel opportunities for Penn State DuBois students. This was perfect.

"I understand that the first trip of the Penn State DuBois scholars was recently completed over spring break to Dublin, Ireland, a wonderful place for expanding your mind, eliminating your prejudices, and reducing your prejudices."

Students prepared letters of thanks for the donors following the trip, expressing their appreciation for such generosity, and explaining that their experience was worthwhile.

"I would definitely recommend trips like this to other college students. This trip was both fun and educational," White said. "Thanks to the generosity of our donors, we were always busy doing some sort of exciting activity. I'm very thankful to have had the opportunity to go on this trip; I made memories that will last a lifetime." ▸

# Donors Support Scholarships, Youth Programs

## Palumbo Charitable Trust Grows Scholarship Fund

The A.J. and Sigismunda Palumbo Charitable Trust has donated an additional \$40,000 to a scholarship fund that will help students attain an education at Penn State DuBois. The fund, *The Palumbo Scholarship at Penn State DuBois*, was established in 2008 with a \$25,000 gift from the Palumbo Charitable Trust. To date, the trust has gifted \$270,000 to campus scholarship funds.

The scholarship is intended to provide recognition and financial assistance to outstanding undergraduate students enrolled, or planning to enroll at Penn State DuBois, who have a demonstrated need for funding. All students who have achieved superior academic records, or those who show promise of outstanding academic success, will be considered for funding from the scholarship. However, first consideration will be given to students from Elk County.

Joe Palumbo, an A.J. and Sigismunda Palumbo Charitable Trust board member said the trust was created by his late uncle, A.J. It helps to carry on the legacy of A.J., and his wife, Sigismunda. Joe Palumbo said, “One of my uncle’s wishes when he formed the foundation was to support education. He was a great believer in education, and how it improves lives and helps people to succeed. It’s our pleasure to support schools, and our community.”

A.J. Palumbo lived from 1906 until 2002, and amassed a fortune through hard work in the coal mining industry. Today, educational institutions, healthcare facilities, and youth organizations continue to benefit from his hard work through the A.J. and Sigismunda Palumbo Charitable Trust.

“We are incredibly grateful for the support we receive from the Palumbo Charitable Trust, and all of our generous donors,” said Penn State DuBois Chancellor Melanie Hatch. “For many students, scholarships are what make their dream of a college education possible; without that financial assistance, some would never be able to attend college at all.”

Each year, more than \$350,000 in scholarship dollars is awarded to Penn State DuBois students through over 50 individual scholarship funds. The scholarships established through the generosity of donors, with the assistance of the campus’ Office of Development, help to assure an affordable and accessible education remains in reach for area students. ▀



Penn State DuBois Director of Development Jean Wolf and Director of Enrollment Services Melissa Duttry accept a \$40,000 donation from Joe Palumbo, of the Palumbo charitable trust.



Penn State DuBois’ Director of Development Jean Wolf and Chancellor Melanie Hatch accept a check from Phoenix Sintered Metals Chief Operating Officer Steve Leuschel and Community Initiatives Coordinator Nick Hoffman.



Richard Doverspike, Danyell Bundy and Kelli Allison of Farmers National Bank present a check to Penn State DuBois Chancellor Melanie Hatch, and Director of Development Jean Wolf.

## Tax Credit Program Supports Youth Programs

Both Phoenix Sintered Metals of Brockway and Farmers National Bank have made contributions to support to youth programs at Penn State DuBois through a Pennsylvania state tax credit program. The Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program is administered by the Department of Community and Economic Development, and allows businesses to contribute to specified educational institutions in lieu of regular state tax payments. Specifically, EITC requires that businesses support scholarship funds for youth.

At Penn State DuBois, programs that benefit from the Phoenix gift include Kids in College and Math Options. Kids in College provides fun learning opportunities in reading, science, art, and more for area youngsters. The main objective of the program is to increase students’ interest and knowledge in the arts, science, and technology, and to provide challenging experiences which are not part of the regular school curriculum.

Math Options is designed to teach young girls how math skills apply to a variety of real-world situations and rewarding careers. The hope is that they stay interested in mathematics by learning about the opportunities and success that they can realize through its’ use. The program is aimed at the specific seventh grade female demographic because statistics show that they are at the greatest risk for losing interest in these essential subjects.

“The DuBois Campus of the Pennsylvania State University has been a major player for post- secondary education in our area. Phoenix has been working with the local university on specialized programs over the last four years,” said Steve Leuschel, chief operating officer and general manager of Phoenix Sintered Metals. These programs have been a tremendous benefit to the educational needs of our employees. We are grateful to have this significant resource right in our back yard. We are pleased to contribute to Penn State DuBois’ innovative educational programs such as Kids in College and Math Options.”

“Farmers National Bank is committed to educating our youth, as they are our future,” said DuBois Branch Manager Kelli Allison. “We achieve this by continuing to be dedicated to making yearly contributions to educational improvement and scholarship organizations within the communities that we serve through the EITC program. We have been participating in the EITC program since the first year it was offered in 2001.” ▀

# Students, Professor Publish Historical Gardening Research in British Journal

Two Penn State DuBois students have accomplished, as undergraduates, what many individuals as postgraduates still strive for. While working alongside Associate Professor of Biology and Forestry Robert Loeb, students Mary Transue, of Ford City, Pennsylvania and Porshe Garthwaite of Falls Creek, PA, penned an academic article that has been published internationally.



Associate Professor of Biology and Forestry Robert Loeb during a field work exercise.

The trio's work has been released in the latest publication of a renowned British journal, *Studies in the History of Gardens and Designed Landscapes: An International Quarterly*. The article is titled *None in Common, Many Unique: Species Selection for Gardens of the American South from 1734 to 1825*. In the article they detail the discoveries made during their extensive

research into gardens of colonial America, specifically those located in what is today the southern United States. They studied records kept by gardeners at the time, who carefully recorded what was planted, what grew successfully, and what didn't.

"I was most surprised that records were well kept by early American horticulturalists and preserved for future researchers such as our team to use and study," said Transue, a senior in the Earth Science program who aspires to teach environmental science on the middle school level.

Loeb, Transue and Garthwaite concluded that horticultural practices during this time period helped to shape the entire society we live in today. By studying the plants people chose to grow at that time and the processes they used to successfully nurture these plants, an often forgotten facet of American history was brought to light. Especially since some of the very gardens Loeb and the students studied were those of George Washington and Thomas Jefferson, among many other colonial gardeners.

"These people were the founding fathers, not only of our nation, but also of American horticulture. Loeb said. "This shows an additional, little-known way that they shaped our society."

Loeb explained that early American gardeners had to do a great deal of experimenting to figure out what they could grow in unfamiliar conditions, attempting to garden with plants brought from the Europe, as well as those native to America.

"It truly was a new world," Loeb explained. "Conditions didn't always accommodate the horticultural practices they used in Europe. They became great innovators. We cannot view colonial gardens as being primitive. They were very sophisticated; more sophisticated than we think."

As indicated in the title of the article, *None in Common, Many Unique*, the collections of plant species found in colonial gardens were extremely diverse. In fact, the group studied a total of six gardens; three located in towns, and three located at plantations, and uncovered evidence of a combined 845 unique plant species in the six locations. Out of that total of 845 total species that were grown, no single species was shared by all six gardens studied.

"I was surprised by our results," Garthwaite, an Earth Science major, remarked. "I expected there to be more species in common among the three town and plantation gardens we compared."

Experimentation, as well as unstandardized supplies of plants, led to the variety of species grown. Another reason for such diversity in plant selection is that these horticultural pioneers knew that if a blight or infestation took out a crop, that dissimilar crops would likely not be

susceptible to the same danger and survive, providing food.

In the end, this diversity of selected plants offered clear indications of what would thrive, and what would not in the American landscape, leading to gardening practices and traditions that still survive today. But for the colonial gardener, this was no hobby, but another historical case of necessity fostering innovation.

"It was an agrarian society, plants were very important. A family would literally live or die depending on what they chose to plant in their garden or farms," said Loeb, indicating the colonial farmer's motivation to keep such detailed gardening records.

For the students, those records provided the base for a real-world research project that allowed them to further their educational experience outside of the classroom. Garthwaite said, "Working alongside Dr. Loeb on this academic research project and paper was a great experience. I thought Dr. Loeb chose a really interesting topic. He was also very excited about the project and that was helpful."

Transue is certain she'll use lessons she learned during this project in her future career. She said, "The experience has taught me many organizational, analytical and teamwork skills. I believe it was a valuable experience in researching and interpreting the complex data and historical information. These skills have carried over to my other classes and my future plans to teach. The one aspect I enjoyed the most was working as a team to meet deadlines in order to reach our goal of publication."

To the scientific and historical communities, there is now one more resource that can be used to chart the American journey through time.

"This was a very historic period. Understanding what life was like, day to day, by studying things like the foods they grew, helps us to better understand how our society was shaped," Loeb said. ▮



Earth Sciences student Nicky Leigey, right, receives the Frank Felbaum Scholarship Award from PATWS President and Penn State DuBois Instructor in Wildlife Technology Emily Thomas.

## Student Earns Felbaum Scholarship for Wildlife and Conservation Education

Earth Sciences student Nicky Leigey, of Clearfield, has been awarded the Frank Felbaum Scholarship from the Pennsylvania Chapter of The Wildlife Society (PATWS) for this academic year. She was presented with a plaque and notification of her acceptance for the scholarship at the Pennsylvania Chapter of PATWS Conference in March.

The PATWS established the Frank Felbaum Scholarship thanks to the generosity of Frank Felbaum, longtime director of Pennsylvania's Wild Resource Conservation Program and tireless conservationist. The scholarship is a one-time \$500.00 award intended to assist outstanding students who are pursuing a career in the wildlife field. Leigey is a graduate of the Penn State DuBois Wildlife Technology associate degree program and currently enrolled in the Earth Sciences baccalaureate degree program. A returning adult student, with a family and full-time job, it was necessary for Leigey to take time off from her education after earning her degree in Wildlife Technology. A decade later, she returned to earn her Earth Sciences degree. After graduation, she plans to pursue her dream of a career centered on conservation of the environment.

"People use earth materials every day. They use oil that is produced from wells, metals that are produced from mines and water that has been drawn from streams or from underground. I want to make sure that these processes happen with the conservation and preservation of our ecosystems top of mind," Leigey told the scholarship committee. "A big advantage to living in this area is the growing Marcellus Shale industry. I would love to become part of

that initiative to keep drilling safe, yet beneficial to humans. Any job aiding humans in utilizing the earth's natural resources to better our lives in a harmless way is something I want to be part of."

Senior Instructor of Wildlife Technology Keely Roen recommended Leigey for the scholarship. Roen said, "Nicky is an incredibly committed individual and continued to contribute to our program and campus even after she was no longer enrolled. Every fall for almost ten years Nicky assisted the faculty in our program with a large-scale project to capture, weigh, measure, and tag northern saw-whet owls with our second year students. Nicky did this of her own accord, without any financial recompense, often having to bring her daughter with her. It was a tremendous help to our program given the scope of the project and she had substantial responsibilities as a yearly volunteer including independently supervising students, managing equipment, collecting accurate data, guiding students in research, and ensuring the health and safety of the animals involved. She is also active in the conservation community and has encouraged many of our current students, whom she met while volunteering, to apply to our program or similar ones."

Scholarships, like Frank Felbaum Scholarship, are awarded each year by the PATWS to help fulfill the society's mission to serve scientists, managers, educators, technicians, planners, and others who work actively to study, manage, and conserve wildlife and habitats in Pennsylvania. ▀

# Students Learn Pros and Cons of Small Business from Local Entrepreneurs

**Business students at Penn State DuBois got an insider's account of the ups and downs of small business ownership this semester during visits with area entrepreneurs. It was part of an assignment for the Business 250 class, Problems of Small Business, which requires each student to invite a small business owner to campus and interview that person about their experiences.**

“Our area is filled with entrepreneurs who want to give back to their communities, and one way of doing that is to share their business experience with young people,” said Penn State DuBois Senior Instructor in Business Administration Annette Muth. “Each student in my BA 250 class, Problems of Small Business, was given the task of interviewing a local small business owner who could choose to come to campus to share his or her story with the entire class. Students benefit by hearing first-hand accounts of real business life that they will remember long after they have forgotten what they read in a book.”

Business owners who participated represented everything from an auto detailing business, to a landscaping company, to trucking.

Student Kristy Hanes said, “This is my favorite class because of this; learning about small business. We’re actually working on a business plan in class, so I won’t have to work on that outside of school, and I could start a business right after school.”

Jilynn Hess, the owner of Mint Condition Sports Medicine and Chiropractic Wellness in Grampian, PA, was one entrepreneur who visited the class. She said, “The number one thing is passion for what you’re doing,” Hess told the class. “You have to believe in what you do. If you have that passion, every day you wake up and you want to go to work. I don’t want to take a day off from what I do. I want to drive that passion.”

Bob DeLullo, owner and operator of DeLullo Trucking in St. Marys urged

students, “Always make sure to run your business like a business. Be accountable and do it the right way. If you make shortcuts early on, down the road there will be problems for you. You need goals, and you need them on paper, and you need to live by them.”

DeLullo’s son, Sam, was a student in the class, and got to interview his own father for the project. Sam has worked with his father at the family business for years, and plans to build upon their existing success using the education he is currently receiving at Penn State DuBois, as well as his real-world experience. Sam said, “I want to keep the family business going. I’m doing well and learning a lot in this class, and it’s definitely stuff I can use at the business, like accounting and marketing.”



Father and son, Bob and Sam DeLullo, review their presentation on finding success in small business, which they presented to Penn State DuBois students.

# DuBois Area High School Takes 3rd in Regional Robotics Competition

One of Five Area Schools from Penn State DuBois Hub to Compete



Left: The team from DuBois Central Catholic celebrates their bid for the North Dakota Regionals.

Above: The obstacle course for BEST in the campus gymnasium.

DuBois Area High School took Third Place overall in the BEST Robotics Competition Regionals at North Dakota State University on December 4-6. DuBois also took First Place in the engineering notebook portion of the competition. A total of five area schools received bids to compete in the BEST Robotics Regionals in North Dakota following the preliminary competition at Penn State DuBois on October 24, and 25. Those schools are DuBois Area High School, DuBois Central Catholic, Brockway Area High School, Overbrook High School of Philadelphia, and Ridgway Area High School. Of these, DuBois Area was the only school to place in the regional finals. In the BEST competition, a national championship is not held, with regionals representing the highest championship a school can win.

BEST provides all necessary parts and equipment for teams to build a robot that they can use to run a course and perform specified tasks. The robot must be built within a six-week time frame. On the days of the contest, all teams ran the course, competing for the best times and course completion. Through participation in this project-based program, students learn to analyze and solve problems utilizing the Engineering Design Process, which helps them develop technological literacy skills. The goal is to better prepare these students for further education and careers in STEM fields, (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics).

BEST at Penn State DuBois was made possible by support from the Fairman Family Foundation, Atlas Pressed Metals, and the Missile Defense Agency STEM Outreach.

Dates for this year's Penn State DuBois BEST Competition have been set. A kickoff event is scheduled for September 12, in the campus gymnasium. Mall Day will make the obstacle course available for public viewing at the DuBois Mall on October 10, and the Game Days are scheduled for October 23, and 24, in the campus gym. ▶

A robot is ready to run the obstacle course in the campus gym.



Assistant Professor of Engineering Daudi Waryoba had fun with his responsibilities as a judge on the BEST Game Day at Penn State DuBois.



Job seekers learn about career opportunities from local industry representatives at the Penn State DuBois Career Fair in the campus gymnasium.

# Networking and Career Fair Event Connects Students with Opportunity

Students at Penn State DuBois had the chance to connect with potential employers from around the region this semester, and explore opportunities for starting their career after graduation. The Networking Luncheon and Professional Job Fair, held in the campus gymnasium, allowed students to meet and mingle with representatives from a variety of local companies, as well as find out what kind of employment opportunities those companies currently offer.

At the luncheon, business representatives were seated with students whose major aligned with the education those businesses look for in potential employees. Wildlife Technology students sat with a wildlife biologist from the Pennsylvania Game Commission, business students sat with bankers and business owners, and so on. It gave the students the chance to interact with people already working in their fields of interest.

“The Networking Luncheon and Career Fair offers a wide variety of opportunities for all students at different levels in their career exploration and execution,” said Anna Akintunde, career services coordinator at Penn State DuBois. “For instance, students who are unsure of their major or who question their future career path come to this event to speak to employers, to gather information on various fields and industries. Then, we have students who are sure of their career path and major who come to make contacts and connect with employers in their field of interest. They gain information on the latest and greatest in their future careers and get the opportunity to demonstrate the ability to communicate professionally and effectively with career professionals. Some even attend this event in an effort to get more immersed in their field by obtaining a future internship position.”

Following the luncheon, employers and students moved to another part of the gym for the career fair, which was also open to members of the public who are seeking employment. Here, job seekers got more formal information on companies and organizations who

set up recruitment stations with information on what they have to offer.

“It’s beneficial for all students on campus to take part at the career fair because of the connections you can make,” said student Courtney Mullins. “I look forward to the career fair every year because I get to see both new and familiar faces. My favorite thing about the career fair is the fact that I’m taking what I learn in class and put it into action. The business program has really prepared me for this event and I’m very thankful to be a part of it.”

Area businesses and organizations benefit from the event, as well, by getting the opportunity to recruit new talent.

Scott North, the director of human resources for Jefferson Manor Health Center in Brookville, said, “Events like this help us in two ways; We are putting ourselves out here and finding people who can help us advance our mission to provide the best care for our residents. We’re also letting people know that we are here, and part of the community and economic life of the area.”

Emily Swanson, a human resource representative from GKN Sinter Metals added, “It gives us the opportunity to touch base with students who aren’t even at the point of graduation yet, but we can start forming relationships early, and show them that they can make a great living here locally in Central Pennsylvania, and that they don’t have to leave the area to find the job they’re dreaming of.”

According to Akintunde, making that contact is proven to work. She said, “Of course, many of our attendees are graduating in May and they are here to find future employment. Last year, 50 percent of students who attended this event felt they left with a potential job lead, while 75 percent left with a potential internship lead, and 77 percent of employers felt they left the event with a potential hire.”

This event was sponsored by GKN Sinter Metals. ▀



Presenting a fall prevention program at Bennett's Valley Senior Center are Penn State DuBois OTA students, left to right, Brittany Auman, Danielle Hodgdon, Hannah Schatz, Emily Schreiber, and Katie Armagost.

# Occupational Therapy Students Bring Fall Prevention to Area Senior Center

**Honors students in the Penn State DuBois Occupational Therapy Assistant (OTA) Program presented some potentially life-saving information to area seniors this year.**

The sophomore level honors students held a fall prevention workshop at the Bennett's Valley Senior Center in Elk County as part of their honors option project. The topic for the project was chosen because of the incredible importance fall prevention has for senior citizens, said LuAnn Demi, senior instructor in the Penn State DuBois OTA program. According to the National Council on Aging (NCOA) falls are the leading cause of injury related emergency department visits for older adults, the major cause of hip fractures, and responsible for more than half of fatal head injuries.

"Students were given the task of developing, planning, and presenting a fall prevention program to a community group and they chose to present to members of the Bennett's Valley Senior Center," Demi explained. "They contacted a local pharmacist to also provide information on the effect of various medications on increasing the risk of falls. Students provided statistics, information on making your home safe, and tips to decrease the likelihood of falling. This experience gave students the opportunity to plan a program, speak to the public, and interact with community members while providing valuable education on fall prevention."

Students realized the benefit of this exercise for both themselves, and the senior citizens they worked with. Student Brittany Auman of St. Marys said, "I feel that opportunities like this give us the chance to put what we're learning to good use. It's nice to educate others on what we learn, especially when it comes to keeping them safe. This also opens our eyes to different populations. A presentation like this can be valuable for people at any age

because younger people can pass the knowledge on or use it for themselves to prevent falls from happening."

Emily Schreiber of Kersey agreed, saying, "I believe from this experience I learned a lot about myself, but also, how fall prevention is a vital learning experience for older adults. Falls occur every day among older individuals, and with the knowledge obtained from the honors group, the individuals at the Bennetts Valley Senior Center can have a clearer understanding of different things they do, and how at risk they may be. I expanded upon my public speaking skills because of this event, and it really opened my eyes about occupational therapy, and how excited I am to gain my degree in such an amazing field."

Bennett's Valley Senior Center Site Director Judy Woelfel said the students provided valuable tips for areas seniors, and looks forward to the Penn State students returning to the center.

"They completed a great project, and the residents really enjoyed it," Woelfel said. "It was a good review of things that senior citizens need to do to take care of themselves. Everyone likes to be independent, and when someone falls and injures themselves, that takes away from that independence if they need care. So, this is very important." ▶



# Calliari to Head Penn State DuBois Baseball Program



Head Baseball Coach  
Tom Calliari

**Tom Calliari of Brockway has been named head coach for the newly resurrected baseball team at Penn State DuBois. Baseball has not been offered as an athletic option for students at the campus in decades, so Calliari is also vested with the responsibility of building a new program from the ground up, with his first team slated to play in the spring of 2016.**

Calliari has coached at every collegiate level, after playing college baseball at DII Lock Haven University. He starting his coaching

career in 1996 as an assistant at DI Penn State University where his responsibilities included hitters/infielders and game day promotions. Penn State went on to win its first and only BIG Ten Championship that year. He then moved to Cleveland, Ohio to work at the Northern Ohio baseball club where he became an instructor at the Baseball School in Strongsville, Ohio. Coach Calliari spent the 1998 season at DIII Greensboro College in Greensboro, NC. Where his responsibilities included recruiting, infielders, hitting, and first base coach. Greensboro won its first and only Dixie Conference Championship and was awarded an NCAA South Regional birth in his only year at Greensboro College.

During the summers from 1997 thru 2002 Coach Calliari helped establish, with other local franchise members, the Allegheny Mountain AAABA/NABF collegiate league, where he was the manager of the Keystone Baseball Academy. This wooden bat collegiate summer organization was made up of college baseball players from across the state of Pennsylvania. In his six years, the Keystone Baseball Academy won six consecutive AAABA/NABF league championships, five World Series appearances, two Eastern Regional Titles and finished as Runner-Up at the 2001 NABF World Series in Dayton, Ohio. Keystone's six year record was a combined 157-59. In his long coaching career he has been fortunate to coach many players who were drafted by Major League Baseball. That list includes Nate Bump (Florida Marlins) at Penn State University and Joe Beimel (Pirates) for Keystone AAABA tourney. In addition, he coached a 16U team from PA that participated in the Junior Olympic National tournament where his team placed 8th out of 80 teams. After the 1997 season, he was awarded the USA Baseball Pennsylvania Amateur Coach of the Year. At the high school level he spent three seasons at DuBois Central Catholic and Brockway Area High School as Head Baseball Coach with a combined record of 34-23.

Calliari was the co-director of the Triple Play Baseball Camp held for six years at the DuBois Little League facility. He most recently coached an amateur travel team sponsored by BWP Bats for four seasons. His team had a record of 125-48-1 while also winning the prestigious Buckeye Classic in Columbus, Ohio (60 teams) and placed 6th at the USA Baseball Nationals in Richmond, VA. Finally, he has been a camp instructor at Penn State University, Greensboro, Clarion, IUP, Lock Haven, and Western Michigan.

"I am very grateful and honored about the opportunity that athletic director Ken Nellis and the chancellor at Penn State DuBois have given to me," Calliari said. "I want to build a program that teaches young men to become better people through athletics, while maintaining a competitive program. Our goals are to compete at the highest level and to make consistent appearances in the conference championships and USCAA World Series. I would like to thank all my former and current employers that provided me the opportunity to teach and coach. Specifically, Mike Nesbit, Dan Baronick, and Dan Read who played significant roles in the success of all the local programs that we created and coached together. Finally, I would like to thank my family for being so supportive in allowing me to coach the sport I'm passionate about. The staff I have put together for PSU DuBois is second to none in knowledge and passion to make people better. I'm confident we can put together a program that everyone is proud of."

Athletic Director Ken Nellis said, "Starting a new athletic program is exciting and a challenge, but I am pleased that Tom Calliari has agreed to be the head coach and join the athletic coaching staff at Penn State DuBois. Tom brings a wealth of baseball knowledge and is well connected in the area with baseball people which will bring energy and excitement to the campus sports programs. I am confident that Tom and his coaching staff will work hard to build a baseball team that we will be proud of. I must also say thank you to Herm Suplizzio, the DuBois Area High School Administration, and the DuBois community for welcoming us to play at Showers Field. Not having an adequate facility was holding us back from bringing baseball to the campus earlier. Showers Field will enhance the baseball experience and help us draw new student athletes to grow our campus."

Calliari has spent the last 17 years teaching Health and Physical Education at Towanda, Philipsburg-Osceola, and currently the DuBois Area school district. He resides with his wife Stacia and two daughters, Emily and Peyton, in Brockway. ▶

# Runners Wrap up Season at USCAA Championships



Pictured at the USCAA National Championships, left to right, are Penn State DuBois athletic director Ken Nellis, runners Heidi Rodgers, Tamara Anthony, Juliann Boddorf, Charles Miller, and Matthew Burke, and Coach Kyle Gordon.

Runners from Penn State DuBois competed at the United States Collegiate Athletic Association (USCAA) Cross Country National Championships on November 7. Representing the DuBois Nittany Lions were Juliann Boddorf, Tamera Anthony, Heidi Rodgers, Matthew Burke and Charles Miller. It was a tough race for the Lions as they ran in the frigid air of Syracuse, New York and against the toughest schools in the country for their division. Some of the schools they competed against were SUNY-ESF, Dine College, Paul Smith's, Illinois Tech, Florida College, Navajo Tech, and New Hampshire Technical Institute. Among the diverse field of teams, there were some familiar faces to Penn State DuBois' own conference in the PSUAC, including Penn State Greater Allegheny, Penn State Wilkes-Barre, Penn State Brandywine and Penn State Worthington Scranton.

The women's 6k race had a total of 178 competitors. Penn State DuBois placed one runner, Juliann Boddorf, in the top 17% at 31st place. This is the best national performance by a Penn State DuBois runner in school history. Not to mention, Boddorf also beat the PSUAC conference champion and runner-up, whom she had previously placed third against in their conference championships only weeks before the national race. Finishing out the Women's team was sophomore Heidi Rodgers who placed 131 and Tamera Anthony at 141.

"I couldn't be more proud of our ladies. Julie has been closing the gap between her and Rachel Ramsey (PSUAC top runner) since they first met in September," said Penn State DuBois head coach Kyle Gordon. "I knew from the moment that I first saw Julie run, that she would be capable of great things in our conference and we had every confidence that she would eventually make it to the top. In

regards to our other ladies, they are two of the strongest supporting cast members that we could ask for. At this rate, A PSUAC title is within our grasp next year."

Boddorf and Anthony will both return to the team next year.

On the men's side, there was an impressive conclusion to the running careers of two exceptional athletes. Out of a pack of almost 200 runners, Matthew Burke placed 124th and Charles Miller placed 182nd. At the Championship Banquet, on the night prior to the race, Charles Miller received the honor of making the Academic All-American Team. Recipients of this honor must be above freshman status and carry a GPA of 3.5 or higher. Miller displays an impressive 3.9 GPA. Both Mathew Burke and Charles Miller transfer to Penn State University Park next year to finish their degrees.

"We've had a lot of success with a small team this year. From All-Conference Honors, to Invitational and Conference medalists, this team has certainly created momentum for the future success of the program," said Gordon. "Of all the honors received by our runners, the Academic All-American honor is really special. We're really proud of Miller. What a great way to end the season." ▸



For complete results from this year's seasons and all the latest news on Penn State DuBois athletic programs, visit

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All American Center Sam Roselli.



All American Kristy Hanes.

## Roselli Named All-American/ All Conference, Conde Named All Conference

Two Penn State DuBois Men's Basketball players were honored this week with post season awards. Sam Roselli (Ridgway, Ridgway PA) was named second team all PSUAC (Pennsylvania State University Athletic Conference) as well as USCAA (United States Collegiate Athletic Association) honorable mention All American. Louie Conde (Ewing, Ewing NJ) was named PSUAC honorable mention.

Roselli, a 6'5" sophomore center from Ridgway High School led the PSUAC in field goal percentage 64.8%, 8th in scoring at 18.3 points per game, and added 8 rebounds per game.

Conde, a 6' Junior point guard from Ewing High School averaged 12.3 points per game, shot 60.5% from the field, 82.2% from the free throw line, 6.8 rebounds and 3.4 assists per game this year.

PSUD finished with a second semester record of 8-7, Roselli and Conde were both big contributors to the improved second semester.

Coach Dylan Howard commented, "It's nice when your guys get recognized for their hard work. These awards are individual, but they are also a reflection on the team. Sam and Louie are both good kids that work hard in and out of the class room. They both are very coachable and play with passion."

PSUD will look to continue that second semester momentum next season as they welcome back six players, including Roselli and Conde, that played significant minutes. PSUD looks to get back into the PSUAC playoffs for the first time since they won the title in 2012. That year was also the last season they made the USCAA Division II National Tournament which consists of the top 10 teams in the nation.

PSUD also won the PSUAC title in 2007, and finished in the top four of the PSUAC from the 2007-2012. ▶

## Kristy Hanes USCAA Academic All-American

The basketball season ended without a trip to the PSUAC playoffs in 2015, but Kristy Hanes (Elk County Catholic, St. Marys PA) of the PSUD Lady Lion basketball team has been recognized by the USCAA for her outstanding work in the classroom. Kristy, a sophomore business major, was named to the USCAA Academic All-American team for the 2015 season. To earn this national recognition, players must be at least of a sophomore class standing, nominated by their coach, and have a 3.5 GPA or higher.

Kristy, also a member of the PSUD golf team, earned the same USCAA Academic All-American status in the fall semester as a member of the golf team. She is the first PSUD athlete to earn this honor for two separate sports during the same academic year.

Kristy has been a starter in the majority of the games while at Penn State DuBois, where she practices daily and excels in the classroom. Coach Lewis commented "This young lady sees the importance of an education and works hard to be successful in all aspects of her life. I am fortunate to have an entire team of players who know the importance of a Penn State education and come to campus to play because they love basketball." ▶

## Four PSU DuBois Wrestlers Earn All-American Honors

Brett Himes, Ty Haines, Logan Shirey, and Dennis Lumadue all came home with something extra in their luggage from the 2015 National Collegiate Wrestling (NCWA) National Wrestling Championships in Allen, Texas on Sunday. All four wrestlers earned NCWA All-American honors for their work in Texas; Shirey placed 6th, Haines 7th, Himes and Lumadue placed 8th to bring home the hardware awarded to the top 8 finishers in each weight class.

These 4 were part of the 12 wrestlers who qualified for the national champions led by coaches David Hoare and Joe Shields. The team finished the competition in 11th place with 47 points. The team title was won by Liberty University 194 pts, 2nd Middle Tennessee 127.5, 3rd Rochester College 120.5 pts.

Coach Hoare stated, "Our guys competed very hard and we outworked a lot of our competition. We won several matches on conditioning and heart, Brett and Ty really stepped up their wrestling and performed their best on the weekend. Logan injured his back in the quarterfinals and wasn't as effective after the injury, he showed a lot of guts though. Dennis "Bub" powered his way through the wrestle-backs with 4 pins and earned his AA honors the hard way."

Coach Hoare also commented, "I am proud of all the wrestlers; these guys represented themselves and the campus in a way DuBois would be proud of. We (Coach Shields) had a great season with this team and look forward to next year coming back to attain bigger and better things."

Athletic Director Ken Nellis commented, "I am happy for the team to have such a good showing. They are all good students, respectable young men, and represent what athletics on this level are all about. They have been good teammates and help each other on and off the mat. Their success is well deserved." ▀

### Total team results:

Brett Himes was (3-3) on the weekend 8th place  
 JP Hayles (2-2) DNP  
 Jake Himes – injured  
 Ty Haines (4-2) 7th place  
 Matt Humes (2-2) DNP  
 Joe Knarr (0-2) DNP

John Prentice (3-2) DNP  
 Logan Shirey (4-3) 6th  
 Dennis Lumadue (6-3) 8th  
 Tim Suydan (2-2) DNP  
 Andrew Bigley (1-2) DNP  
 Carl Rodgers (0-2) DNP

Below: The 2014-15 Penn State DuBois Wrestling Team



Penn State DuBois Golfer Tyler Woodard with PSUAC Commissioner John Fritz.

## PSUD Golfers Take Third in the PSUAC Championships

The Penn State DuBois golf team completed another extremely successful season by taking third place in the PSUAC Conference Championships as well as a 16th place finish in the USCAA National Tournament on October 13 and 14.

PSUD was lead by PSUAC All-Conference selections freshman Tyler Woodard (Smethport HS) and sophomore Vinnie Montanari (Redbank Valley HS). Woodard led the team with an 85/87 for a two-day total of 172. Montanari carded 86/91 for a two-day total of 177. Woodard and Montanari were both named to the PSUAC All-Conference team.

Mitchell Gilmore (Ridgway HS) and Kristy Hanes (Elk County Catholic) rounded out the PSUD scoring. Gilmore turned in a 96/90 for a total of 186 and Hanes was close behind with an 89/98 and a 187.

"We lost our top five golfers from last year's PSUAC Championship team and Vinnie was the only golfer back. Tyler, Mitchell, and Kristy all really stepped in and filled the void that was left due to matriculation to Penn State University Park," stated head golf coach Pat Lewis. He added, "Tyler and Vinnie really played well at the championship. Vinnie peaked at the right time and I believe that Tyler will be in the 70's next year on a consistent basis. I felt bad for both Mitchell and Kristy because they both have scored so much lower all season long and they both had a couple of off days. They will both be back next year with Tyler to make some noise in the conference."

The Penn State DuBois golfers finished their second season with a final record of (21-7-2). This gives the PSUD Golf Program an overall record of (52-14-2) since the start of the golf program last season. ▀

# Alumni Society Update with President Amy Fatula



Amy Fatula



**As predicted, the Winter at Penn State DuBois was long, but as the sun begins to shine we can reflect on the eventful year that the Penn State DuBois Alumni Society enjoyed.**

As we enter the last month of classes, it is a time for us to look forward to the Spring commencement on May 9, and celebrate the many new Penn State DuBois alumni joining our ranks. Since the last update, the DuBois Campus celebrated another Winter commencement, which in turn added new members to the Penn State Alumni Association (PSAA). With each graduating class, the PSAA continues to grow and remain the world's largest dues-paying alumni association, with membership at 174,379 and growing. These Alumni have the opportunity to stay engaged with the Penn State experience through the activities of the Penn State DuBois Alumni Society.

The Alumni Society has remained busy throughout the Winter/Spring months engaging alumni, future alumni, and the community at several events. In December we partnered with Dr. Melanie Hatch to host the annual Holiday Social in the Symmco House. This is a social event to allow guests to visit campus, engage with the Alumni Society, and mingle with campus faculty and staff. We were especially excited to offer the 2nd annual "Winter Games Classic" in the campus gymnasium. This campus and community event was bigger and better than last year's. Participants were eager to break their cabin fever and participate in friendly competition (corn hole, basketball free throws, can jam, to name a few) to earn prizes and provide funds to our Alumni Society scholarship fund. This year's event set new records for attendance and funds raised. It was a great team effort by all of the Alumni Society board members and campus support staff. We look forward to next year's event. The Alumni Society assisted in funding and volunteered at the yearly Career Networking event held on campus in April. The Alumni Society members provided insight during luncheon discussions with current students prior to the students meeting prospective employers during the career fair event.

As 2015 quickly moves along, we are busy planning our year which includes selecting this year's Alumni Society award recipients, planning for the Homecoming Parade, and creating opportunities to engage alumni and the community.

I would like to thank those who have supported the Alumni Society and our goals. If you have not participated, I hope you will consider creating new experiences and memories with the Alumni Society. We encourage you to become engaged with the campus. We are continually offering opportunities on campus and in the community. There are several ways to stay connected. You can contact the Alumni Relations Officer at 814-375-4775, visit our webpage: [www.ds.psu.edu/alumni](http://www.ds.psu.edu/alumni), or "like" us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/duboisalumni> ▶



Alumni Award recipients for 2014, seated, left to right, are: Craig Pearce, Joyce Fairman, and Bob Ellinger. Standing are Chancellor Melanie Hatch, award presenters Henry Sims, Derek Fairman, and James Fragle, with Alumni Society President Amy Fatula.

## Campus Alumni Awards Honor Three for Accomplishments, Support

Three accomplished members of the Penn State DuBois community were honored at the annual Penn State DuBois Alumni Awards Banquet in November at the Lakeview Lodge at Treasure Lake. All award recipients have demonstrated leadership and ingenuity in their fields, as well as steadfast support for the campus. Joyce Fairman, of DuBois was selected as this year's recipient of the Distinguished Ambassador Award. Craig Pearce, currently of Istanbul, Turkey; and Robert Ellinger, currently of Maridi, South Sudan, both received Outstanding Alumni Awards.

Fairman was presented with her award by Derek Fairman, her son and vice president of the Fairman Family Foundation. The Distinguished Ambassador Award is given to an individual who may or may not be an alumnus, but has made outstanding contributions to the campus and its mission. Joyce Fairman is the president of the board of directors for the Fairman Family Foundation. Established by her late husband, Alan Fairman, the foundation supports activities that promote the physical and mental health of young people in area communities. At Penn State DuBois, the Fairman Family Foundation contributes support for efforts including children and youth programs and the BEST Robotics Competition, and is the naming contributor to renovations on the Alan R. Fairman House, a home on campus for the honors program and alumni as well as staff offices. Additionally, Fairman serves on the DuBois Educational Foundation, the advisory board for Penn State DuBois.

Upon presenting the award to his mother, Derek Fairman said, "She is the face of our foundation, and at the heart of everything it

does. It is my honor to present my mother with the Distinguished Ambassador Award."

Joyce Fairman said upon receiving her award, "I am only here today because of a very smart decision I made 38 years ago this month when I married my husband, Alan Fairman." She explained that before Alan would succumb to a two year battle with kidney cancer, he established the Fairman Family Foundation.

"He decided to give back to the communities he loved. I am only trying to be a good steward," Joyce Fairman said. "I am proud to be an ambassador and I will continue to do what I can to promote and support the campus."

Joyce Fairman is currently self-employed in the oil and gas production field and is part owner of Fairman Corporation, an operator of natural gas wells. She retired from Atlas Pressed Metals in 2011, where she worked for 20 years as the accounting and systems manager. She received a bachelor's degree in sociology with a minor in psychology from Indiana University of Pennsylvania in 1976, and her MBA in 1984, also from IUP. Additionally, Fairman serves on the Council of Trustees for IUP, is active in her community with such organizations as the St. Catherine Church Fundraising Committee, The Association of Women Investors Organization, the DuBois Area YMCA, the United Way, the DuBois Public Library, and is a former member of the Penn State DuBois Athletics Fundraising Committee.

The Outstanding Alumni Awards were presented next. This is awarded to a Penn State DuBois alumnus who graduated from or attended campus 11 to 40 years ago and demonstrates professional leadership with an impact on society, leadership within their

professional field, citizenship in their community, and engagement with a campus or alumni group.

Pearce was presented with his Outstanding Alumni Award by his friend Henry Sims. A retired professor, Sims was a mentor and advisor to Pearce while Pearce was an undergraduate at Penn State.

Pearce is a University Distinguished Professor at MEF University in Istanbul, Turkey.

He is the founding Director of the Deloitte Leadership Institute at Ozyegin University in Istanbul, Turkey. He was formerly the Dean of the School of Business and Entrepreneurship at the American University of Nigeria and was the Donald Clifton Chair in Leadership and the Director of the Institute for Innovative Leadership at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Previously, he worked with Peter Drucker at the Peter F. Drucker and Masatoshi Ito School of Management.

Upon making the presentation, Sims said, "I've known Craig since he was an undergraduate. He has a sophisticated portfolio of international experience, but has remained a true son of Central Pennsylvania." Sims later elaborated on this thought saying, "He has humble roots from Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania that are still with him, and make him one of the most wonderful people in the world."

Pearce thanked his mentor, as well as his family, including his wife and mother, who attended the awards banquet. He credited their support, and the support of others, for making his success possible.

"In 1676 Isaac Newton wrote that his success was achieved 'by standing on the shoulders of giants.' I feel much the same way," Pearce said. "My parents, Wilma Pearce and the late Clayton Pearce, always encouraged me to stretch myself; they empowered me. My best friend Jeff Kuntz, owner of Best Kawasaki in Big Run, demonstrated how hard work could payoff; he is a role model to me. Professor Emeritus Henry P. Sims, Jr., was my mentor when I was an honor student at Penn State and continues to be my mentor today; he developed me. Finally, my wife, Christina L. Wassenaar, fosters my continuous improvement; she inspires me. It is these giants on whose shoulders I stand and it is to them, as well as my entire Penn State family, that I give my thanks."

Pearce received his B.S. with Honors and Distinction in Management and a minor in Psychology from Penn State in 1987, his MBA in Management from The University of Wisconsin-Madison 1988, and a Ph.D. in Management and Organization from The University of Maryland-College Park in 1997. He is also a co-founder of an agricultural biotechnology company and an active keynoted speaker and consultant to business organizations including American Express, Behlen Manufacturing, British Bakeries, Central Intelligence Agency of the United States of America, Land Rover, GEICO Insurance, Panda Restaurant Group, Rayovac, Pickering Foods, Nebraska Educational Telecommunications, The Rouse Company, Rover Cars, Serono, SK Group Korea, and SmartScan Imaging. His research interests are Shared Leadership, Hierarchical Leadership, Ethics/Sustainability/Corporate Social Responsibility and Organizational Performance.

Robert Ellinger received his Outstanding Alumni Award from friend and presenter James Fragle.

Fragle noted the life-long friendship he has had with Ellinger, during which he saw Ellinger make countless contributions to his community. "Please congratulate my friend, Bob Ellinger, on this award," Fragle urged.

Ellinger is Senior Management Advisor for the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) International Ltd. He currently works as South Sudan Country Director in Maridi, South Sudan, Africa, but calls Treasure Lake home. He is Chief of Party for the Electrification Sustainability Program (ESP), overseeing a technical assistance program funded by the US Agency for International Development (USAID) supporting the process of achieving long-term sustainability for three recently constructed electric generation-distribution utilities serving the towns of Kapoeta, Maridi and Yei in the Equatoria States of South Sudan. Prior to his current assignment, Bob worked on several short-term assignments in the African countries of Uganda and Liberia. In 2011 he completed a three year assignment as Chief of Party for the Rural Electrification Development Program (REDP) in Bangladesh.

Ellinger began his career in rural electrification as the Energy Management Advisor for United Electric Cooperative in DuBois. He has more than 25 years of experience in rural electrification programs having served in staff positions in DuBois prior to moving to Delaware, Ohio where, at the age of 34, he became Ohio's youngest general manager of an electric distribution cooperative. While in Ohio, Ellinger served as vice president of the Ohio Managers Association and chairman of the Ohio Rural Electric Cooperatives Youth Committee. Ellinger earned an associate degree in business administration from Penn State DuBois in 1980, and was awarded membership in the Delta Epsilon Sigma National Honor Society upon receiving his bachelor's degree in business administration from Ohio Dominican University in Columbus, Ohio. He is a life member of the Penn State Alumni Association and an avid follower of Penn State athletics both in DuBois and University Park.

Upon receiving his award, Ellinger said, "I am humbled to share this stage with Joyce and Craig, two outstanding individuals. I thank the Alumni Society and Penn State DuBois for the opportunity to be here."

Ellinger then went on to offer the deepest gratitude to his wife, who has supported him throughout a colorful career, stretching around the globe. He said, "I would not be here if not for my wife, Marie. She has always been here to offer support. I have to thank her first and foremost."

Penn State DuBois Chancellor Melanie Hatch closed the ceremony saying, "I would like to thank each of you for being here tonight to help us celebrate with three incredible people. Penn State DuBois is truly an amazing place to produce such gifted alumni. You are fabulous role models for our students, and interacting with you reminds our faculty and staff members that we chose a career in higher education to provide our students with the necessary foundation to become successful in life." ▀

# Memorial



Jacqueline Schoch

## Jacqueline L. Schoch

1929–2015

Former campus executive officer Dr. Jacqueline L. Schoch, of DuBois, died on Friday May 1, at her home. She was 85. A life-long educator who believed in service to her community, she was born in DuBois on July 17, 1929. She was the daughter of Horace G. Schoch and Cora E. Wineberg.

Schoch was a graduate of the DuBois High School. She earned her Bachelor's degree in health, physical education and recreation from Penn State. She then followed with graduate degrees in counselor education and psychology. She earned a certificate from the Harvard University Institute for Educational Management in 1979.

Schoch's 20-years of service as an employee of Penn State culminated with her retirement as campus executive officer at Penn State DuBois in 1990. Before that, she was associate director of academic affairs at the campus.

Prior to joining the campus in 1970 as assistant director of resident instruction, she had served as director of instruction, director of guidance, guidance counselor, dean of girls and as a history and girls' physical education teacher for the DuBois Area School District. She also taught girls' physical education for the Ford City Area Schools.

Schoch was a member of the St. Peter's United Church of Christ. She was a life member of the Penn State Alumni Association, the National Education Association and the Girl Scouts of America.

She was a charter member of the DuBois Area Historical Society. She was a member of the board of directors of the Keystone Tall Tree Girl Scout Council, a director and campaign co-chair for the DuBois Area United Way, served as vice president for the Clearfield County Area Agency on Aging, and as scholarship chairperson for the Rotary Club of DuBois.

She received the Woman of Honor Award from the Keystone Tall Tree Girls Scout Council, the Citizen of the Year Award from the DuBois Area Jaycees, and the Wilkinson Award for Administrative Excellence from Penn State.

Schoch was named Boss of the Year by the International Secretaries Association and the first recipient of the Athena Award presented by the DuBois Area Chamber of Commerce. She was chosen for membership in seven honorary societies and presented with the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Penn State DuBois Alumni Society. She was the first woman inducted into membership in the Rotary Club of DuBois and later served as president of that organization and became a Paul Harris Fellow in Rotary, as well.

Schoch is survived by three sisters, Shirley Frattali, Marilyn Dietz and Virginia Dietch, all of DuBois, and by numerous nieces and nephews.

The family suggests that memorial donations be made to the Jacqueline L. Schoch Scholarship Endowment for Education Majors at Penn State DuBois. ▀



John Schneider

## John Schneider

1935–2014

Retired engineering instructor John Schneider passed away on October 27, 2014 at his home. He was 79 years old. Born Sept. 6, 1935, in Syracuse, N.Y., he was the son of the late William F. and Bernice Rehling Schneider. He married Linda Coder on Sept. 22, 1962, in Brockport. She survives. John graduated from DuBois High School in 1954 and from Penn

State University in industrial engineering in 1958. He was a licensed professional engineer in Pennsylvania.

While at Penn State DuBois, he received Educator of the Year Award and the Penn State Engineering Society's Outstanding Teaching Award. He established an endowment with Penn State for Industrial Engineering students to receive scholarships.

Before joining Penn State as faculty, he was a process engineer for Speer Carbon Company, an industrial engineer for Brockway Glass Company, a consultant and later an associate in the Management Services Department of Arthur Young & Company, a senior industrial engineer for the Plastics Division of Allied Chemical Corporation, a supervisor of administration for Allied's corporate engineering department, a salesman of the Dale Carnegie Course for Wes Westrom & Associates, and a powder metal products sales representative for Symmco Inc.

John was the president of the New York-Penn Chapter of the American Institute of Industrial Engineers, as well as the finance chairman of the institute's Work Measurement and Methods Engineering Division. In 1972, he was elected director of the division. He was a member and elder of the First United Presbyterian Church of DuBois and a Presbyterian lay minister. He taught senior high Sunday school and was a senior high youth group leader for many years. He was a member and past master of the Garfield Masonic Lodge #559 in DuBois, past president of the DAHS Alumni Association, a member of the PSU Alumni Society, and a member of the American Society of Engineering Education.

John served in the Army at the Army Ballistic Missile Agency at Redstone Arsenal, Alabama, in the guidance and control development of the Pershing missile, in reliability analyses of computer simulated flights of the Redstone and Jupiter missiles, and in preliminary reliability analysis of Project Mercury, the nation's first man-in-space program.

He is also survived by two daughters, Ellen B. (Jim) Wayland of DuBois and Noreen E. (Bill) Fritz of Reisterstown, Maryland; a son, John C. Schneider of DuBois; and seven grandsons: Jordan Wayland, Jonathon Wayland, Joshua Wayland, Bill Fritz, Drew Fritz, Noah Schneider, and Eric Schneider. He is also survived by a sister, Marla J. McMahan of Columbus, Ohio; and a sister-in-law, Glenna B. Schneider of Anniston, Alabama. ▀



## Loeb Honored with Two University-Wide Awards



Penn State President Eric Barron presents the Milton S. Eisenhower Award to Associate Professor Robert Loeb.

**Associate Professor of Biology and Forestry Robert Loeb was presented with two university-wide awards this spring. He received both the Milton S. Eisenhower Award for Distinguished Teaching, and the John Romano Faculty/Staff Diversity Recognition Award.**

The Eisenhower award recognizes excellence in teaching and student support among tenured faculty who have been employed at Penn State, full time, for at least five years, with

undergraduate teaching as a major portion of their duties. It is named for Milton S. Eisenhower, brother of former U.S. President Dwight D. Eisenhower, who served as president of Penn State from 1950 to 1956.

According to those who nominated Loeb for this award, he reformed his biology classes to include research steps for freshmen. His changes were based on his philosophy that students need to learn by doing.

In his Biology 110: Basic Concepts and Biodiversity class, he wrote a scientific research process series of laboratory exercises to create a true research experience for his students. The exercise was followed with a completed research report. Loeb mirrored this exercise and assigned the same task in his other biology and geology courses. He also developed online labs based on his experiences with simulations and research software.

The Romano Award is presented by the Multicultural Resource Center at Penn State. It recognizes permanent faculty and staff

from Penn State who have consistently promoted multiculturalism and demonstrated concern for and sensitivity to the needs of multicultural students to a level above and beyond their job responsibilities.

According to those who nominated Loeb for the award, he has repeatedly been involved and led diversity activities related to student concerns, faculty recruitment, and assessment and planning. In 1988, Loeb responded to a call for faculty to advise the University President concerning African American student protests and, as a result, helped found the Commission on Racial and Ethnic Diversity (CORED) and the Hispanic Caucus of CORED. He would go on to serve two more terms on CORED. Loeb also served by evaluating and developing diversity plans; the climate survey process that he led became the model adopted by the 17 campuses of the Commonwealth College. Loeb's involvement in promoting multiculturalism has been in a variety of modes, including presentations, articles, committee involvement, and applying for and receiving funding to implement three new programs: the Freshman Transition Program, the Minority Scholars Development Fund, and the College Assistance Migrant Program. After returning to a faculty role in 2007, Loeb developed an online course for Biology 120A to meet the United States and International Diversity requirements.

Loeb began teaching at Penn State in 1985. He teaches introductory biology, ethnobotany and biogeography, including both face-to-face and online sections. His long standing research program focuses on urban forests and undergraduate students are consistently members of his research team. Other awards he has received include recognition as a senior ecologist from the Ecological Society of America, and as a Kenan Fellow of the National Tropical Botanical Gardens. He was also named Educator of the Year at Penn State DuBois in 2013. ▶

## Demi Earns Award for Teaching Excellence



Senior Instructor LuAnn Demi received her award from Penn State President Eric Barron.

**LuAnn Demi, senior instructor of the Occupational Therapy Assistant (OTA) program at Penn State DuBois has received the university-wide 2015 George W. Atherton Award for Excellence in Teaching. The award is named after Penn State's seventh president which honors excellence in teaching at the undergraduate level.**

Demi has implemented mandatory service-learning activities, recruited

community-based clinicians to guest lecture and organized hands-on training workshops for students. Her students also play an active role in caring for local senior citizens through programs such as CarFit, where older drivers are helped to become safer drivers.

Demi says the best teachers are also students. That is why she remains active in occupational therapy, practicing at a local clinic to stay

knowledgeable on current treatments, equipment and techniques. Colleagues said Demi's ability to remain creative and innovative has made her a gifted educator.

"I feel truly honored to be recognized with this award. I consider preparing students for a career in occupational therapy, a profession I feel passionate about, a serious responsibility," Demi said.

"It's challenging to oversee a program and ensure students are grasping all of the skills and concepts needed to prepare them for their future careers. Thanks to my co-worker, Amy Fatula, our program demonstrates to students that it takes teamwork to run a program and, in their futures, to work as Occupational Therapy Assistants. I love teaching future OTA students and feel privileged to receive this recognition from Penn State."

Since 1999, Demi has coordinated the occupational therapy assistant program at Penn State DuBois, collaborating with faculty throughout the university system to update offerings to meet accreditation standards, industry trends and student needs. ▶

# Doty Receives University-Wide Achieving Women Award

Penn State DuBois Assistant Director of Student Affairs Marly Doty has revived the university-wide 2015 Achieving Women Award from Penn State's Commission for Women. She was presented with the award during the annual Commission for Women Luncheon at University Park.

The Achieving Women Award recognizes Penn State women who have shown notable leadership and accomplishment in their fields and have gone beyond the requirements of their employment duties and responsibilities in support of the university's diversity efforts, promotion of equal opportunity, or contribution to human causes and public service activities. Each year, the Commission for Women honors select women with the Rosemary Schraer Mentoring Award and the Achieving Women Awards to acknowledge and exemplify the achievements and contributions among Penn Staters, reflecting the University's mission of mentorship, leadership, service, and promoting diversity.

Doty's various innovative activities in support of campus students include organizing a "Coming Out Day" and other programming in support of the campus's LGBT community; organizing and leading student participation in the regional Martin Luther King Day of Service for western region campuses; designing new student orientation activities, which include a community outreach day for approximately 200 first-time students; and planning and leading student volunteerism trips over spring break week, with activities that include Hurricane Katrina cleanup, soup kitchen work in the nation's capital, and working with children at Native American reservation schools in Arizona.

Doty was nominated for the award by Barbara Holt, administrative support assistant in Student Affairs at Penn State DuBois. Holt has worked beside Doty for several years, witnessing, first hand, the award winner's passion for working with students.

"As her nominator, I am very pleased that Marly is one of the Achieving Women Award winners for 2015 from the Commission for Women," Holt said. "She has been extremely involved with students since her first day on the job. By reaching out to the students who have needs and concerns outside the classroom experience, she has assisted them to become more than they ever thought they could be. Many of her programs are open to, not only the campus, but also the community members, making her influence felt beyond the campus alone. The numerous programs, trips, activities, events, and opportunities Marly has created for our students have proven what a worthy recipient she is for the Achieving Woman Award."

An alumna of Penn State DuBois, Doty first came to the student affairs office as a student worker, beginning in the summer of 2004, then as an intern in the same office. After graduating with a baccalaureate degree in December of 2006, she was hired as the



Penn State DuBois Assistant Director of Student Affairs Marly Doty, center, with Commission for Women co-chairs, Carol McQuiggan and David Passmore.

student life coordinator. She then continued her education as a graduate student at Drexel University and received her Masters of Science in Instruction in May of 2013. She became the Assistant Director of Student Affairs at Penn State DuBois in 2012.

Louise Whyte, the campus student activities assistant said. "Not only does Marly do the utmost to constantly improve her own work, but she is always motivating students to do the same. Her work ethic drives others to work harder."

Upon receiving her award, Doty said, "I am incredibly overwhelmed and humbled to have even been nominated for this award at Penn State. This recognition is not something I take lightly. Throughout my life, I have been incredibly fortunate to be surrounded by and work with so many people that have encouraged my growth and development over the past several years, as I have had the pleasure of growing up at Penn State. I am truly grateful for the influences in my life, be it positive or negative, as each exchange is an opportunity." ▀

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## Matt Roloff of 'Little People, Big World' Inspires Campus and Community

Matt Roloff, star of the reality show, *Little People, Big World* spoke to a packed campus gymnasium on March 25. Roloff is best known for starring in the hit show, which has aired 225 episodes on TLC. The show follows the Roloff family's life at their farmhouse near Portland, Oregon. He shared his story of overcoming the odds to find success, as he faced the challenges of diastrophic dysplasia, a rare form of dwarfism. His determination, resiliency and creativity have fueled his achievement as an entrepreneur, author, and advocate for all people with differences. This event was free and open to the public, as part of the Penn State DuBois Performing Arts and Lecture Series.

