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A warm welcome from Penn State DuBois!

To the alumni and friends of our campus that I have not yet had the pleasure to meet, please allow me to introduce myself to you in my first *Message from the Chancellor in College Place*. If you are one of the people I've already met, thank you so much for making me feel welcomed during my first few weeks on campus.

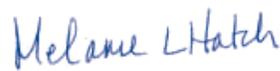
I may be new to DuBois, but I'm not new to the small-town values and sense of community that I see in this area. I spent much of my time living in the mid-west as a child, and DuBois and the surrounding area has a very similar feel. It's a place where people help each other, volunteer in their community, and just say, "hello," to one another on the street. Those values are among the top things that motivated me to come here.

I come to you from Gannon University in Erie, PA, where I was the founding dean of the College of Engineering and Business. There, I had opportunities to lead strategic planning initiatives for the college, and build partnerships with local industry. Work such as this is a passion of mine, and I look forward to continuing that work at Penn State DuBois. Each day, I learn more about the

thriving local industries such as powder metal, and industries with the potential to bring positive economic impacts to our area like the natural gas industry. I'm excited to explore all of the opportunities that our campus has to work with representatives from these and other industries. Together, we'll find the best ways to fuel economic growth in this region.

I look forward to meeting so many more of you as I continue to settle in here in Symmco House, on College Place.

Sincerely,



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



Chancellor Melanie Hatch makes a donation to the annual THON Hair Auction during her first days on campus. The hair auction netted \$1,205 this year for THON.

Melanie Hatch named Chancellor/ Chief Academic Officer



Chancellor Melanie Hatch, Ph.D.

Melanie Hatch officially became the new chancellor and chief academic officer at Penn State DuBois on January 28. She follows Anita McDonald, who retired in December after nearly a decade as chancellor.

Hatch comes to Penn State DuBois from Gannon University in Erie, PA, where she was founding dean of the College of Engineering and Business.

“Dr. Hatch brings broad experience as an academic leader in higher education to Penn State. She has a strong background in program development and applied research,” said Madlyn Hanes, vice president for Commonwealth Campuses, upon announcing Hatch’s appointment. “Her accomplished service in senior administrative roles, including her collaborative work with industry and community partners, and her commitment to retaining a diverse student body and workforce, dovetails very well with ongoing efforts at Penn State DuBois.”

Beginning in fall 2008, Hatch led efforts at Gannon University’s new College of Engineering and Business, overseeing the college’s six academic departments and a small-business development center. She led strategic planning and positioning initiatives for the college, and focused on building partnerships with local leaders in business and industry. She also led efforts to help the university more effectively recruit, retain and advance women faculty in the STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) disciplines.

“There is a great academic foundation in place at Penn State DuBois, and I am extremely excited to work at the campus and to join the DuBois community,” Hatch said as she began her new role. “I very much look forward to working with the campus’ dedicated and forward-looking team of faculty and staff to build upon an already robust slate of educational programs.”

Previous to her time at Gannon University, Hatch served as the dean of the College of Business at the Indiana Institute of Technology in Fort Wayne, Ind., beginning in 2006. There, she led efforts to revise the college’s master of business administration curriculum and implemented new concentrations in health care administration and business continuity. Hatch also has served as associate dean of the School of Business at Marymount University in Arlington, Va., where she directed bachelor’s and master’s degree programs in business administration; and as a full-time faculty member at Middle Tennessee State University and Miami University of Ohio.

Hatch earned a doctoral degree in management science from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in 1994. She also earned a master’s degree in management science with a focus on operations research from the University of Dayton in 1989, and a bachelor’s degree in mathematics with a focus on computer science from Indiana University in 1983.

She maintains professional associations with the Decision Sciences Institute; the Institute for Operations Research and Management Science; and the Institute of Industrial Engineers. Hatch has served on boards and committees for numerous business and community organizations, including the Erie Technology Incubator, Ben Franklin Technology Partners and the Northwest Pennsylvania Industrial Resource Center, among others. ▸

Financial Aide Coordinator Stephanie Penvose, left, and Bursar Kathy Matts, right, greet Chancellor Hatch during a welcome reception on campus.



Getting to Know Dr. Hatch: Q&A with the New Chancellor

She has the experience and know-how to lead Penn State DuBois into a bright future. However, *College Place* went beyond those professional qualifications and sat down with Melanie Hatch to talk about how she got here, and what she likes to do when she's not on campus.

CP: *Tell us a little bit about your background before higher education. Where did you grow up?*

MH: Good question (laughs). We moved around a lot when I was a kid. I was in six different schools growing up. I went to high school outside of Buffalo, New York, so I'm no stranger to the snow. In fact, I love the snow. Even as a kid, my mother says I just would not come in out of the snow.

I mostly associate home with where I was born in Bryan, Ohio. My grandparents had a farm there. It's a small town where I still have family and I still visit. It actually reminds me a lot of DuBois.

CP: *Are those similarities something that attracted you to DuBois?*

MH: I think so. Bryan is a great town. It's quiet, with good people and good values. I get a sense of that here in DuBois, as well.

CP: *What was it about Penn State DuBois that made you want to come here and lead this campus?*

MH: The people, mostly. I met a lot of great people when I interviewed for the job. There are a lot of great things going on here at this campus, too. Plus, (looking around the room in the Victorian Era Symmco House from her seat near the fireplace) I have the coolest office of anybody ever!

CP: *What drew you to a career in higher education?*

MH: My father was in education. He taught high school math and physics and became a principal and superintendent. So that made it familiar to me. I also did well with math and science, and initially became a reliability engineer with the United States Air Force. From there, I worked for a private cooperation and got into cooperate training and found out that I like teaching. So, I left there and got my Ph.D. and pursued a career in higher education.

CP: *Who has been the biggest inspiration in your life and career?*

MH: My dad is probably the biggest influence in my life. I've always looked up to him. I think he's the smartest person I've ever met. He has always supported me in my work and education in math and science when I was in classrooms full of boys. We've always had a lot of common interests, too. He encouraged us to play sports. He also taught me to play chess. (Smiles) Until I started beating him!

CP: *And, speaking of sports: We hear you're a big basketball fan. What teams do you follow?*

MH: I follow mostly college basketball now. Pro ball has changed a lot, and I just think college is more exciting. I'm an Indiana grad, so I've been wearing Hoosier Crimson since I was four years old, while my dad got his Ph.D. at Indiana. So, yes, I'm a huge Hoosier fan. I am a fan of other sports, too, but there is just something about basketball that I love. It's the strategy, the fast pace, it's everything.

CP: *Do you have any other hobbies or interest you could tell us about?*

MH: I love art. I have a couple of favorite artists. My current favorite is Gary Meyer, a painter. He does different themes, and I really like his landscapes. I also like his Red Chair series, where each painting includes a red chair in it, which is representative of someone who was significant in your life who has passed.

I do enjoy the opera and the symphony. My roommate my freshman year of college was an opera major who went on to do well in Europe, then came back to the states and joined a troupe doing phantom of the opera. I also really enjoy theater, and I'm fascinated with the sets. Sometimes I get so interested in the sets that I stop listening to the actors.

Oh, and one more thing that I don't admit to many people is that I got an iPad last year and I'm totally hooked on Angry Birds.

CP: *We won't tell... Now, for some fun. If you could have lunch with one person from any time in history, who would it be and why?*

MH: I would love to have lunch with Sonya Kovalevskaya. She was the first Russian woman to get her Ph.D. in mathematics. Her family was poor, and her father was a math professor. When she was a child they tore pages out of books to cover holes in the walls, and that's how she started reading, and got early exposure to math. Even today, there aren't many women in math, and she's one of the first. I would just like to ask her what it was like.

CP: *If you were stranded on a desert island, what is the one book you would like to have with you?*

MH: It would definitely be *Pride and Prejudice*. I have loved Jane Austen since I was in high school. It's about a strong, independent woman, and I always thought, 'Who wouldn't want to be her?'. Plus, (laughs) she does get the rich guy in the end!

CP: *Ok, same desert island scenario; what one album would you take?*

MH: Rush, their Greatest Hits. My favorite all-time song is *Trees*. I've seen Rush in concert four times, two of those times were in Buffalo. That was one of the nice things about living in Buffalo; there were a lot of great concerts. ▸

Honor Society Inducts New Members

The Delta Mu Sigma Honor Society at Penn State DuBois inducted its new members for the spring 2013 semester at the society's induction luncheon on February 11. The new inductees join the ranks of nearly 200 honor society members on campus.

In order to qualify for membership students must maintain a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or above, and be involved in campus or community service.

Chancellor Melanie Hatch addressed the new inductees, congratulating them. She said, "Today, we recognize that you have exceeded our expectations. Many of you have other responsibilities outside of school. You have families, jobs, athletics, or charitable work, yet you have been able to manage these demands while remaining focused on your educational goals."

"We would like to congratulate you for achieving your academic success and being inducted into one of the most prestigious and

oldest of honors societies at Penn State University," Delta Mu Sigma Board Chairman Adam Snyder told his fellow students. "We are not just an honors society; we are also a community service organization which helps many people around our campus and community. It is our hope that you will become involved with our various campus events."

Delta Mu Sigma reaches out to DuBois and the surrounding area by offering community service such as a "Dine Out" event at Luigi's Restaurant, with part of the proceeds benefiting scholarship funds. Members have volunteered with organizations like Habitat for Humanity, and organize a haunted house on campus each Halloween and donate proceeds to local charities.

Pictured are new honor society members with the Delta Mu Sigma board, advisors, and the chancellor. ▶



Front row, left-to-right: Amanda Horner, Kelly Lewis, Jordan Fairman, Raymond Gascon, Jr., Nicholas Moore, Austin Sheibley, Howard Hartzfeld, Jr., Tyler Heeter. Back row, left-to-right: Carrie Bishop, advisor; Tony Vallone, advisor; Judith Davidson-Yablinisky, Melanie Hatch, chancellor; William Berry, Tammy Heckendorn, Patience McCullough, Linsey Mizic, Adam Snyder, Delta Mu chair; Ellen Gardner, Jocelyn Marzella, event planner; Jessica Reirdon, social media officer; Rebecca Horner, treasurer; PJ Monella, communications director; Taylor Neal, public relations director; Zack Thayer, co-chair; Emily Callender, secretary.

Donors Make a Difference

Generosity Supports Student Scholarships

Clearfield Bank & Trust Company Creates Scholarship

Clearfield Bank & Trust Company has recently made a commitment to support the educational pursuits of area students by establishing the Clearfield Bank & Trust Company Scholarship at Penn State DuBois. Clearfield Bank & Trust pledged \$5,000 to the scholarship this year, and will make annual contributions to the fund, which will be distributed in its entirety to qualifying students each year.



Left to right: Bill Wood, chairman, president and CEO of Clearfield Bank & Trust; Melanie Hatch, chancellor, Penn State DuBois; Rick Ogden, senior vice president, chief financial officer and treasurer of Clearfield Bank & Trust.

This scholarship will provide recognition and financial assistance to outstanding undergraduate students enrolled or planning to enroll at Penn State DuBois who have superior academic records and a need for funds to help cover their college expenses. In an effort to support those in Clearfield Bank & Trust's immediate area, students from Bedford, Blair, Centre, Clearfield, or Huntingdon Counties will be given first preference.

"The DuBois Campus of the Pennsylvania State University has been part of the community for over 75 years and we are proud to be a supporter of the campus," said Bill Wood, chairman, president and CEO of Clearfield Bank & Trust Company. "As a locally owned community bank, we understand the importance of a higher education. It provides graduates with opportunities that may not be available to those who have not obtained an advanced degree. We hope Clearfield Bank & Trust's scholarship will help students achieve their aspirations in life."

Penn State DuBois chancellor Melanie Hatch agreed with Wood, saying that higher education is very often the key to individual success. Though she added that scholarships like the one established by Clearfield Bank & Trust put that education within reach for so many. She said, "The support that Clearfield Bank & Trust has extended to us will have a tremendous impact on the lives of students who receive this scholarship. By contributing, each year, to this fund they're helping students, who may not be able to afford a college education without the commitment Clearfield Bank & Trust has made."

By establishing this scholarship, Clearfield Bank & Trust is also helping to support *For the Future: The Campaign for Penn State Students*. The campaign's top priority is keeping a Penn State degree affordable for students and families. The *For the Future* campaign is the most ambitious effort of its kind in Penn State's history, with the goal of securing \$2 Billion by 2014. Penn State DuBois' individual aim is to raise \$12 Million by 2014, and the campus is now at 80 percent of that goal. ▶

Preston S. Freemer Trust Pledges \$75 K to Support Campus Students

Mike and Tracy Lazar of DuBois have generously pledged support to students at Penn State DuBois through the Preston Stewart Freemer Special Needs Trust. The trust is named for Tracy's son, and will contribute a total of up to \$75,000, through a gift of life insurance, to scholarship funds for students at Penn State DuBois who have a financial need.



Tracy Lazar, Preston Freemer, and Mike Lazar.

"As the parents of a special needs child, my husband and I felt that, first and foremost, we needed to establish the Preston Stewart Freemer Special Needs Trust to insure Preston is taken care of after we're gone," Tracy Lazar explained. She said that funds remaining in the trust after their primary goal is achieved will then be given to the campus by trustees of the fund.

"We also wanted to give back to the community that has been so kind and accepting of Preston", Tracy Lazar continued. "We thought of Penn State DuBois because I graduated from there in 2001, and while attending Penn State DuBois, I received several scholarships which helped me to earn my degree. My stepdaughter Kristine also graduated from Penn State DuBois in 2007. We feel that the DuBois campus brings a great deal to the community and we want to do our part to keep DuBois Penn State proud."

The Preston Stewart Freemer Special Needs Trust will benefit four students annually, awarding each student the significant amount of \$1,000 per semester to help pay their tuition costs.

"Generosity of this kind means so much to our students," said Penn State DuBois Chancellor Melanie Hatch. She continued, "It has the potential to change lives. Receiving a scholarship can be the difference between earning your college degree and putting your dreams on hold. We are grateful to the Lazar family for contributing to resources that can be so vital to student success."

To learn more about how to make a gift to Penn State DuBois via a planned gift, such as this trust, contact Jean Wolf at 814-372-3038, or jaw57@psu.edu ▶

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Jessica Noland in the campus IST Lab.

Google's Search for Interns Finds Campus IST Student

Internet search engine Google helps millions of people find what they're looking for every day. However, the web giant conducted its own search recently, to find the very best interns for their summer internship program. One of the top hits on Google's search has a direct link to Penn State DuBois; it's the campus' own Information Science and Technology (IST) student Jessica Noland, who will complete an internship with Google at the company's Pittsburgh location this summer.

"They actually found me," Noland said. The IST program junior from DuBois recalled that a recruiter from Google contacted her about the internship program after finding her personal profile on the popular online professional networking site LinkedIn. She said, "They found my profile, and asked me to apply for the internship." She noted that an interview process followed before she was offered the internship. Noland confides that she has put substantial effort into her résumé and online profile, which likely attracted the attention of those at Google.

During Noland's 12-week internship, she will work in Google's internal information technology department, assisting Google employees with computer operation and troubleshooting. It's the first time the company has offered an internship in this particular area. Initially, Noland will fly to the main headquarters, known as the Googleplex in Mountain View, California, for a week of training. Then, she'll return to Pennsylvania and serve out the internship in Google's Pittsburgh offices. Located in the city's Bakery Square, the Google office is housed in a renovated Nabisco factory, and boasts such morale-boosting features as a replica of a rollercoaster car from Pittsburgh area amusement park, Kennywood.

"I don't even know that I can put it into words," Noland said of the excitement she feels over the opportunity to be a Google intern.

"When I first came to college to major in IST, it's because I wanted to work for Google. So, to be doing this now is unbelievable."

Jason Long, the senior instructor and program leader for IST at Penn State DuBois said it's not so unbelievable for a student who possesses the skills and enthusiasm he has seen Noland exhibit. Though, this makes it no less exciting.

"Where Jess is now speaks for itself. Getting an internship at Google is momentous," Long said. "I am very proud that she got this opportunity. It's a once in a lifetime opportunity for any IST student, and she definitely deserves it."

Noland is also no stranger to exceptional internship opportunities. Last summer she interned in Englewood, Colorado with EchoStar, a company that designs and produces set-top television boxes for Dish Network. She also continues to work locally in IT support for Magnus Marketing, a private consulting business.

With an already Google-worthy résumé in hand, Noland is excited about the future, but remains open about where that future may lead.

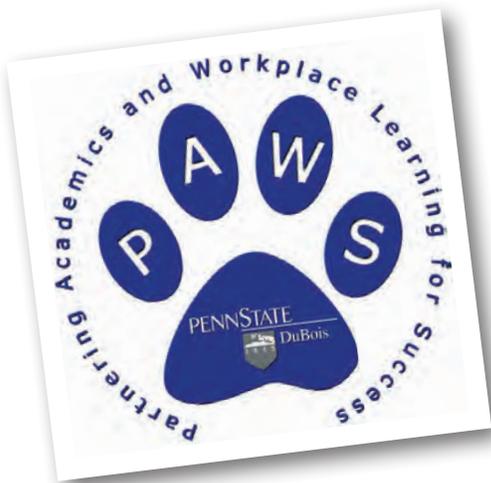
"I don't know where it leads from here," Noland said. "I'll come back in the fall and finish my degree. After that, nothing is off the table."

As a budding professional who was just recruited as an intern for one of the world's largest technology-based companies, Noland also offers advice for others just embarking on their careers. She said, "You want a strong résumé. You want it to clearly tell what you've done, what you're doing, what you can do, and what your goals are. Then, you have to get it out there." ▸

PAWS Program Connects Students with Industry



PAWS intern William Tett on the job in the GKN Sinter Metals DuBois shop.



Penn State DuBois is partnering with area businesses to help students get real-world experience in their desired field, while filling a need for companies who need quality employees. The Partnering Academics and Workplace Learning for Success, or PAWS Program, is managed by the campus Student Affairs Office. It gives students professional development and internship opportunities to gain knowledge and hands-on experience while earning their degree. In some cases, it may even lead to long-term employment for the student with the company where they complete their internship.

Students can be accepted into the PAWS program as early as their first year on campus. The PAWS program will pair a student with an employer in their field. They then have the opportunity to work in a paid internship for up to three years of their time here at the campus. If granted the internship, they'll intern with a company for 10-15 hours per week during the semester, and for up to 40 hours per week in the summer.

While in the program, students will also take part in workshops, seminars and many professional development events presented by Penn State DuBois Career Services and expert guests to sharpen their skill set and add to their overall experience.

GKN Sinter Metals of DuBois was the first area company to participate in the PAWS program as an industry partner. The company welcomed general engineering student William Tett, of Penfield, as its intern.

"GKN Sinter Metals was delighted to be the first employer to participate in the PAWS program at the Penn State DuBois campus," said GKN Human Resources Director Dave Brennan. "The program has been very rewarding from the GKN standpoint and our student PAWS member

is contributing to our business on a regular basis. The program is also a way to build a relationship with students who we hope, after graduation, will become full time GKN employees."

As a fulltime student with a busy schedule, Tett appreciated the individualized structuring the program provides its participants. He said, "I am glad there is a program to assist students in finding internships with employers that are willing to work with our schedules."

The experience Tett has had with GKN made for a promising inaugural run of the PAWS program. Penn State DuBois' Assistant Director of Continuing Education Jeannine Hanes, who works closely with Student Affairs on this program, said Tett's story is a textbook example of how the program was designed to work.

"We believe all students should participate in internships and other experiential learning activities, not just those students whose degrees require them," Hanes said. The new PAWS program allows the student to document both workplace learning and on the job internship skills, as well as professional development skills that will build a portfolio of their employability skills."

If students or employers are interested in participating in the PAWS Program, they are asked to contact Jeannine Hanes at (814) 375-4836. ▸

Gas Industry Training Creates New Opportunity, Second Chances

Mike Disney couldn't help but smile as he received his certificate for completing the Floor Hand Training Program. As one of 14 graduates of the latest Floor Hand class at Penn State DuBois, the Arkansas native can finally start a new career, and get his life back on track after a layoff derailed his 20-plus year career in mass media.

Penn State DuBois has partnered with several organizations connected to the Natural Gas Industry through ShaleNET to offer training that will prepare individuals for careers in the Marcellus Shale boom at very little cost. The Floor Hand Training Program provides all of the training and certifications the students in the program need to enter the workforce on a gas well drilling site as a floor hand. The costs for this class and the ShaleNET program are covered by a grant from the U.S. Department of Labor.

Floor hands operate and maintain drilling systems and pumps by connecting and disconnecting pipes, inspecting derricks, cleaning and oiling derricks, and performing other general maintenance tasks around the rig.

The certificate for his newly completed training marks a major milestone on what has been a long road for Disney. The 39 year old married father of four rose to the rank of regional manager for his Arkansas-based media company. That career, however, came to an end when the company was forced to close their Arkansas offices. The layoff would force Disney to sell his family's home as he struggled to find work in a bleak economy.

"I have a business degree, and I kept applying for professional positions," Disney remembered. "But in this economy, I only got three interviews in a year and a half."

Disney considered a career change and looked into the natural gas industry when he heard about the Marcellus Shale boom in the North East. However, he found that it was a difficult industry to break into with no prior experience or training. Then, he happened to have the TV on at just the right time.

"I've been interested in gas and oil for years, but I never got into it because it requires experience or education specific to the industry," Disney said. "Then I saw this story on Fox News about ShaleNET and the education they provided. I searched around on the internet, and found the training offered at DuBois."

Soon, Disney made some calls and was signed up for the program. He packed his bags, and headed out from Arkansas to DuBois. After a long job search full of trials and disappointment, the idea of the gas industry training was able to lift his spirits for the first time in a long time.



Mike Disney listens to a gas industry representative speak about employment opportunities at a job fair following Floor Hand Program graduation ceremonies.

"The minute I talked to them on the phone I saw the light," Disney remembered. "I'm in the light right now, today. It's a complete change for me, but I'm excited about my future."

Before graduation for the Floor Hand Training Program even took place, Disney and his classmates were getting job offers. He's now deciding which one to take.

"If I was going to title my life, I'd title it 'The Man That Lost All Hope'. But, I have hope again now. I went from no job offers in a year and a half to already having gas and oil companies knocking on my door. It blows me away."

Following the graduation ceremony, graduates met with representatives from companies in the gas and oil industries at a career fair organized by Penn State DuBois' Continuing Education department to help them get into jobs right away.

"Penn State DuBois Continuing Education is committed to assisting individuals obtain the education they need to obtain good positions in the workforce. We are glad to be able to provide this needed training and excited to have someone come from as far away as Arkansas to participate in this training opportunity," said Betsy Carlson, Continuing Education program aide. ▶



Above: Penn State DuBois THON Dancers Jordan Eisman, left, and Louise Whyte.

Right: Louise Whyte had 12" of hair cut from her head, and a diamond shaved into her new, short hair all in support of THON and Locks of Love.

Penn State DuBois Students Contribute to THON's \$12 Million Total

Students at Penn State DuBois once again contributed to a record breaking year at THON. Overall, Penn State's dance marathon raised \$12,375,034 for the Four Diamonds Fund, which benefits pediatric cancer research. The THON Committee contributed \$11,849.09 to that sum.

DuBois students Louise Whyte of DuBois, and Jordan Eisman of Brockway served as the campus' 2013 THON dancers. The pair represented Penn State DuBois at THON, and staid on their feet for 46 hours straight from February 15, through February 17, at the Bryce Jordan Center.

Students at Penn State DuBois raise funds for THON in a variety of ways. Fundraisers include canning drives, the THON Haircut, where volunteers let others cut their hair in exchange for a donation, dinner events, and more.

Whyte had 12 inches of hair cut off, which she also donated to Locks of Love, an organization that makes and donates wigs to children suffering from long-term medical hair loss. She set a personal limit of \$350 that had to be raised in order for her to take it a step further; if bids for her reached that amount, she promised to shave the shape of a diamond into her hair to represent the Four Diamonds Fund.

"I was happy to be in the hair auction. Willingly donating 12 inches of my hair is nothing if it means I can help someone who has lost their hair," said Whyte. "Getting the diamond shaved into my head was scary, but it's for THON, it's for the kids, and hair grows back. Anything I can do to raise more money for THON I will willingly do."

Whyte's generosity through the sacrifice of her own hair was matched only by the generosity of a husband and wife team of faculty members who placed the biggest bid for the diamond haircut. Those faculty members, Jackie Atkins, senior instructor in English and Women's Studies, and Tony Vallone, associate professor of English placed a bid for the full \$350 dollars right after the auction opened. This is in addition to a \$1,000 match that Vallone's publishing company, Mammoth Books, donates to THON fundraisers every year.

"It's like planting a tree. You may not see the end result, or see it right away, but it's necessary, and you're thinking for the future," Vallone said, explaining why he and his wife get behind the THON cause. "Jackie and I also just like to come to the hair auction because we know the students, and it's a fun way to support a great cause." ▸

Engineering Students Create Therapy Devices for Dementia Patients

Thanks to a group of freshman engineering students at Penn State DuBois, some area dementia patients are finding comfort in spite of their illness. The students applied their engineering know-how to create devices that stimulate the minds of those suffering from Alzheimer's Disease and other forms of dementia, and those devices are now being used daily at Christ the King Manor Nursing Home in DuBois.

The items, entirely designed and built by the engineering students, vary in the activities and stimuli that they provide for patients. One of them is a soft blanket that has had LED lights and an MP3 player sewn into it, offering stimulus to the eyes, ears, and skin all at once. Another device utilizes an air pump to create moving bubbles in a lighted, water-filled tube. Yet another device is built as a platform with various objects attached, such as buttons and zippers that allow patients to utilize their fine-motor skills. Then, there is a Plexiglas table, which is lighted from below, that provides patients the opportunity to create pictures on the glass with sand. Overall, this stimulation to sight, hearing, and touch, brings a sense of clarity and sharpness to the minds of the residents that use them.

"It occupies their thinking and they become more alive; it wakes them up," said Marsha Miles, the memory support supervisor at Christ the King Manor. She explained that while the residents often do become alert during these exercises, they are also contented. She said, "These activities they created for the residents to do bring a calming effect to them."

"This not only provided some great experience to the students, but also allowed them to participate in some great community outreach," said Daudi Waryoba, the assistant professor of engineering who assigned the projects. He explained, "Their big project for the fall semester was to come up with a design and develop a system to stimulate elderly patients with dementia. They could use any kind of material. This gave them freedom to think about a project on their own, develop it using their classroom and lab lessons, and put it to good use in the community for people who need it."

According to the students, all of Waryoba's goals for the project were reached.

"We spent a lot of time researching what materials we could use," said student Cody Wood of Marion Center, who was a member of the team that created the lighted bubble stimulation machine. "It takes a lot of time and research before you even start anything. Then, you put everything into practice. This showed us a big part of that engineering process, so it was really helpful."



Left to right: Engineering students Kyle Longnecker, Marissa Brennan, Ronald Ogden, Jacob Smith, Edwin Flores, and Cody Wood present their dementia therapy projects at Christ the King Manor.

Wood also enjoyed the gratification of doing something special for the residents at Christ the King. He said, "I think it's a great concept; it's a good cause. It makes you feel good as a person to help people."

According to the professionals at Christ the King, the student projects certainly do help people. Miles said, "I'm impressed with the students. I believe they gave everything they had in these projects. They worked so well, and thought outside the box."

"It was especially meaningful to see these students connect with their hearts, as well as using their minds, talent and education," said Michelle DiGilarmo, director of human resources at Christ the King Manor. "They learned about some of the challenges our residents face and developed concepts that were right on. It was thrilling to be a part of such a worthwhile project where engineering students experienced, firsthand, how something they could design would impact a life." ▸

Spring Break Service Trips – Improving Lives



From left, Phil Bartoletti of Penn State DuBois, and Andrew Newswanger of University Park, work in a crawl space under the Nassau Christian Church in Baldwin, New York.

Students Aid in Superstorm Sandy Cleanup

A group of students from Penn State DuBois traveled to Baldwin, New York over spring break to assist in relief efforts that have been ongoing since Superstorm Sandy hit the area in October. A total of five students from the campus made the trip with the Christian Student Fellowship, led by Campus Minister Kyle Gordon and International and Multicultural Student Services Coordinator Tharren Thompson.

In Baldwin, students worked to repair the Nassau Christian Church and parsonage that was damaged by flooding. They reinstalled insulation in the floors by accessing crawl spaces, laid the subfloor, stripped damaged wiring for scrap, and installed drywall. The church will use the money they get from the scrap that the students collected to fund a young girl's tuition for seminary so she can become a missionary. Once the parsonage is completely finished, the church will use it to host more work groups to come and help rebuild the community. The church currently serves as a hub for those that are in need of assistance in the area.

"I know students left this trip knowing they made a significant impact in the lives of the people in the Baldwin community," said Gordon. "Even further, I know this trip made a significant impact in the lives of our team as several are now exploring how they can be more involved in community service and even make a career out of relief efforts." ▶



Students prepare hygiene bags to distribute to homeless people in D.C. parks. Left to right are Dylan Pearce, Chase Lyle, Justina Powers, Evan Aravich, and Cristal Colgan.

Students Serve Those in Need in the Nation's Capital on Spring Break

Also during this year's spring break, 20 Penn State students spent seven days in Washington D.C. learning about the issues that surround homelessness and poverty in the United States, and volunteering to help those who are homeless. The students had the opportunity to meet many homeless people on their service trip, putting faces with the issue.

Students volunteered at Capitol Area Food Bank where they sorted canned goods that are distributed to 700 area organizations, and at D.C. Central Kitchen, which serves 4,500 meals a day to local food shelters.

Marly Doty, assistant director of Student Affairs at Penn State DuBois, and Ken Nellis, campus athletic coordinator, accompanied students on the trip. Doty said, "I'm so proud of the Penn State students that I had the privilege of leading to DC. They are all incredible and I have a renewed faith in our country's future because of their leadership and determination."

"Interacting with the homeless and learning their story had the biggest impact on me," said student Evan Aravich. "I feel that homelessness is something that is commonly talked about but not completely understood. Looking back, I now have a more complete understanding of how homelessness affects the individuals going through it." ▶

Campus Students Introduce Children to Exotic Species



Wildlife Technology Student Matt Heffner uses a poster board to present facts on stink bugs, an invasive species of insect in the United States.



Penn State DuBois Wildlife Technology student Chelsea Clark presents a red-eared slider turtle to a fourth grade class at Moshannon Valley Elementary School.

Students in the Wildlife Technology Program put their skills and knowledge to the test recently when they were asked to switch sides of the desk and become teachers, themselves. The students visited fourth graders at the Moshannon Valley Elementary School. They introduced the youngsters to several exotic species of animals found in Pennsylvania using interactive games and activities.

“An exotic species is a species not native to an area,” explained Wildlife Technology Instructor Keely Roen. “All of these were non-native species to Pennsylvania that have either become problems or are in competition with native species.” Roen said those species are usually artificially introduced in a variety of ways. Sometimes it’s because people have let exotic pets free in the wild. Other times it’s because the species came to this country or state as stowaways in shipments of plants or other cargo from other countries.

The species that the Penn State students made presentations on included red-eared sliders, a variety of turtle native only to the southern United States, but a popular pet turtle that often finds freedom in natural areas where it does not belong. Students also presented information on stink bugs, feral pigs, European starlings, and the chestnut blight, a fungus native to Asia that nearly wiped out the American chestnut tree in the early 1900’s.

To make the presentations both educational and fun, the Penn State DuBois students guided children through art activities like making feral pigs out of clay, and using paper plates to make model turtles. The wildlife students also used colorful posters with photos of animals and insects to give the children visual examples of the species being covered.

According to Nisa Makowiecki, fourth grade teacher at Moshannon Valley, her students learned a great deal, and the timing of the visit was just right. She said, “The Moshannon Valley fourth grade students have been

learning about how changes in ecosystems affect our world. The Penn State DuBois Exotic Species Presentations gave the students a visual depiction of the concepts they have been learning in their science class. The Penn State students created engaging, hands-on projects that brought their science book to life.”

“I think it was important to introduce the students to a topic that isn’t normally talked about in class,” said Penn State DuBois student Mandy Marconi. “Overall, we wanted to make the youth aware of the exotic species in a fun way that both educators and learners could enjoy.”

According to Roen, the lesson plans, games, and activities that her Penn State DuBois students designed for this visit were a valuable part of their education, as well.

“If they end up in a job working as a park ranger, or for the Pennsylvania Game Commission, or for any number of conservation agencies, they’ll have to create games and lessons to educate the public and interested groups,” said Roen. “In those professions, you never know when you might be asked to do a program. These professionals are asked to instruct programs for kids and organizations all the time. This prepares them for that.”

In gauging feedback from these demonstrations, the wildlife students from Penn State DuBois are already skilled presenters. Makowiecki said, “The fourth grade students wrote reflective essays about what they learned from the Penn State presentations. For example, one fourth grader wrote that she learned about how a change in a food web affects all the animals. Another student wrote that he now knows that releasing a non-native turtle like the red-eared slider into the wild could harm the native turtles. These are just a few examples of the many concepts the fourth grade students learned from the Penn State DuBois Exotic Species Presentations.”



Penn State DuBois freshman Darcie Grenier sorts and organizes items of clothing at Agape in DuBois.

Penn State Students Serve DuBois Community on MLK Day

Nearly 100 Penn State students from six campuses spent Martin Luther King Day in February volunteering in the DuBois area. Each year, the community of one of the campuses is chosen for the MLK Day of Service, and students volunteer at various organizations in that community in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr., and his dedication to serving others. This year, Penn State DuBois was selected to host the group of volunteers.

Students from Penn State campuses at DuBois, New Kensington, Greater Allegheny, Shenango, Fayette, and Beaver spent the day in service at community-centered and charitable organizations such as Goodwill Industries, the Humane Society, DuBois Nursing Home, the DuBois Historical Society, and more. They completed any and all volunteer services in areas where each organization has a need for help.

“It’s important to give back to our local community, because the community has done so much for us,” said Penn State DuBois sophomore Evan Aravich of Brockway. Aravich spent the day volunteering at Goodwill. “We do this in honor of Martin Luther

King because of the freedom that he gave everyone and the freedom he worked for. We give back in his name because of what he did for us.”

Penn State DuBois freshman Darcie Grenier sorted donations of clothing at Agape, in DuBois, a faith-based charitable organization that helps families in financial crisis. Grenier said, “I think it’s important to give back to the community. It makes you feel really good.”

That help is always appreciated, according to Agape Executive Director Gina McElwee. She said, “Having the volunteers is key to our success. We’ve been inundated with donations. We’re very thankful for all of the donations, but it can be hard to manage, so the volunteers are a great help.”

More than just your average job fair: Career Event Connects Students, Jobseekers with Employers

A unique event for jobseekers at Penn State DuBois offered a comprehensive look at local employment prospects, complete with networking opportunities and job interviews. The inaugural Networking Luncheon and Career Fair was held in the campus gymnasium on March 27, and featured representatives from 35 businesses and organizations ranging from manufacturing, to law enforcement, to healthcare.

The event was organized by the campus office of Student Affairs, and sponsored by the DuBois Educational Foundation, the Penn State DuBois Alumni Society, GKN Sintered Metals, Brookville Equipment Company, and Farmer's National Bank. It kicked off with a luncheon for Penn State students and employers, where attendees were able to network and share information. In this more casual setting, students were able to hear what local companies were looking for in employees. After lunch, the industry representatives remained for a formal career fair that was also open to the public, providing a more in-depth profile for students and other jobseekers interested in their companies.

The final stage of the event gave students the chance to actually interview for a job right on the spot. Many of the companies with current openings offered interviews to perspective employees after making initial connections with them during the job fair and networking times.

"We are really excited that we've been able to make this event as large as it is, and to offer all of the things that this event offers,"

said Rebecca Pennington, campus director of Student Affairs. "This gives students a great chance to start networking and a lot of help finding employment."

The students who attended found that the extra activities offered in addition to the career fair were very beneficial. Information Science and Technology student Mathew Shultz from Curwensville said, "The opportunity to network really piqued my interest. This gives us a chance to see what's in the marketplace and what employers are expecting from us. It's great."

"It was good to see what employers are looking for," said student Ronald Lefebvre, who is a first year Information Science and Technology student who used the event for practice for his future job search. "I got to see what employers are looking for so I'll be more prepared when I start really looking for jobs after graduation."

For the employers, the Networking Luncheon and Career Fair served as a venue for recruiting quality employees who just completed their education at Penn State DuBois.

"Once we heard about this, it was a no-brainer for us to participate," said Jason Ebersole, an account executive with Peak Media, a television company. "One thing it helps us do is find the best talent. When you don't do outreach like this, you don't see the real folks in the community and the skills that are really out there." ▶

Below: Jobseekers network with employers during lunch as part of the Networking Luncheon and Career Fair.

Left: Students Mathew Shultz, left, and Ronald Lefebvre discuss job search tactics during the Networking Luncheon.



DuBois Wrestlers Have Another Banner Year



Grapplers Claim 2013 PSUAC Championship

The Penn State DuBois Men's Wrestling Team brought home the 2013 Penn State University Athletic Conference (PSUAC) Championship following the USCAA (United State Collegiate Athletic Association) -PSUAC National Wrestling Invitational held at Rec Hall, University Park on February 16. The DuBois men came in second overall in the tournament, claiming the PSUAC Championship, but letting the USCAA title slip to Apprentice School. Apprentice finished with 176 team points, followed closely by Penn State DuBois with 168.

Outstanding wrestlers for DuBois were the Terwilliger brothers. At 174 pounds, Ryan Terwilliger defeated previously undefeated Logan Gresock of Penn College, 11-8 in the finals. Stephen Terwilliger, at 184 pounds, defeated Josh Rodriguez in the semis, 8-5 and won by technical fall in the finals, 17-2 over Genkie Stoutamire of Penn State Greater Allegheny. The other title winners for DuBois were 165 pound Jake Himes and 197 pound Cliff Hill.

Penn College finished in third place with two champions; 133 pound Ryan Hart and 157 pound Tyler Myers. Penn College entered the tournament with several starters not able to wrestle with injuries which prevented the Wildcats from challenging for the team title. Penn State Greater Allegheny showed the most improvement from the PSUAC schools where they finished fourth with 69.5 team points and had six of their wrestlers place in the top six in their weights and claimed a title at 141 pounds from Eric Rayman who defeated Tyler Warner (Mont Alto) 7-4 in the finals. ▶

Haines and Hill Finish 8th at NCWA National Championships

For the second year in a row, Coach Matt Park's team returned home from the National Collegiate Wrestling Association (NCWA) National Championships with hardware. The tournament was held March 14-16 in Allen, Texas. This year, two wrestlers earned All-American honors. Senior Kasey Haines, at 149 pounds, and sophomore Cliff Hill, at 197 pounds, both captured eighth place and finished the tournament with 4-3 records.

Both Haines and Hill opened their tournaments with wins in the first round then dropped to the consolation bracket on Thursday evening with a loss. Friday was a big day for both wrestlers as they reeled off of three straight wins to get themselves into the top eight of their weight class. Along the way Haines reversed a loss from the Mid-East Regional qualifier where he was pinned by Jonathan Dempsey of Lafayette; on Friday he pulled out an 8-6 sudden victory win with a takedown in overtime. Hill saved his heroics for this last match on Friday where he was trailing Benjamin Hogan 8-2 (Cincinnati) in the second period, when he used an upper body throw to secure the pin at 4:13 and earn All-American honors. On Saturday both wrestlers lost their two matches to settle for eighth place and NCWA All-American.

Penn State DuBois' other wrestlers competed hard and attributed to the team success with several winning matches along the way.

For complete results from the NCWA Tournament, visit <http://www.pseuduboisathletics.com> ▶



Kasey Haines, left, prepares to start a match at the NCWA National Tournament.

For the latest news on all Penn State DuBois athletic programs, schedules, and results, visit <http://www.pseuduboisathletics.com>



Woody Mitchell

Men's Basketball: Mitchell Joins 1,000 Point Club

Woody Mitchell, of Bushkill, PA, became the seventh player in Penn State DuBois Men's Basketball history to become a member of the 1,000 Point Club. He joins former players Rick Clark, Dylan Howard, Marcus Genevro, Chris Dickison, Josh Salter, and Jovan Brown as Penn State DuBois basketball players who have scored 1,000 points or above during their career at the campus. Mitchell scored his 1,000th career point in a game on January 28, against Penn State Mont Alto. The DuBois men also bested Mont Alto in the game, 74-69. Mitchell finished the contest with 17 points and 14 rebounds. ▶



Lion Wine and Cheese Nets Support for Athletics

The Sixth Annual Lion Wine and Cheese fundraiser in February brought in over \$9,000. The event, held each year in the campus gymnasium, benefits intercollegiate athletic programs at Penn State DuBois. It features live and silent auctions, raffles, and other games of chance, in addition to wine and cheese tasting and heavy hors d'oeuvres.

Athletic Coordinator Ken Nellis said he was happy that many people still turned out to support the event in spite of the winter weather that night. He said, "I was pleased to see how many people came out on a miserable evening to attend our Lion Wine and Cheese Auction. The community support for the event is outstanding. Without the community support we would have a difficult time competing in the PSUAC and USCAA championships each year."

The Lion Wine and Cheese is sponsored by the DuBois Educational Foundation. Numerous businesses and individuals in DuBois and the surrounding areas donated prizes and auction items for the event. Some notable items from this year's auctions included autographed photos of Pittsburgh Steelers wide receiver Antonio Brown and Philadelphia Flyers center Danny Briere, a jersey autographed by former Pittsburgh Steeler Jerome Bettis, and a print signed by golf legend Arnold Palmer. Other items included travel packages, golf packages, sporting events tickets, deluxe gift baskets, and more. ▶

Golf Outing Slated for August 24



The Penn State DuBois Athletic Fundraising committee will hold its fifth annual golf scramble on August 24, at the Silver Course at Treasure Lake. Sponsored by the DuBois Educational

Foundation, all proceeds will directly benefit the six intercollegiate athletic teams at Penn State DuBois.

The event will be a four-person scramble with an 8:30 a.m. shotgun start. Entry fees are \$75 per person, and \$300 per team. Entry includes green fee, cart, snacks, lunch, on-course beverages, skill prizes, and team awards.

Call Ken Nellis, Athletic Coordinator, at 375-4857 for more information. ▶

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Greetings from the Alumni Society President



Michael White

Welcome students, alumni, and friends of Penn State to the DuBois Alumni Society update. We are excited to report that Penn State-trained meteorologists tell us the summer weather is approaching even if we had a late start to spring (the start of spring in DuBois this year has been contrary to the local groundhog's report). Celebrate the change in seasons and attend an activity. There are always ways to engage alumni at the DuBois campus.

Over the past few months we have celebrated with our long-time Chancellor Dr. Anita McDonald on

her retirement. Her send off at the DuBois Country Club was a standing room-only event packed with many well-wishers. It was a finish fitting for Dr. McDonald's commitment to the campus during her tenure here.

In January the campus welcomed the new, incoming Chancellor Dr. Melanie Hatch. It has been a fast-paced transition for everyone, and Dr. Hatch has demonstrated she is up for the challenges that lie ahead. As with any change in leadership there are opportunities to grow and explore new ideas, and our new chancellor indicated that is exactly what she anticipates from our campus.

Other exciting events this spring include the Coaches Caravan visit to Penn State DuBois. This intense three-state junket is co-sponsored with the Nittany Lion Club and Intercollegiate Athletics, bringing a number of Penn State coaches to local venues. Headliner for the tour was Coach Bill O'Brien, who is hot off of a Coach of the Year Award and a great athletic showing in our first year under new football leadership.

Commencement is always an exciting event, as well. Each spring offers the alumni a chance to connect with those newest members of the largest paying alumni membership in the country. It's a proud moment for each student, eager to complete this chapter of their lives and to walk across that stage in front of their peers, faculty, and family to receive that Pennsylvania State University diploma. Each graduation ceremony that alumni attend is an opportunity to reconnect with the university and the role it played in our career paths.

The DuBois Alumni Society is currently in the planning stages of some great activities for the next quarter. I hope you will join us in celebrating the lives we live today because of the experiences we received from our time at Penn State University. We welcome your input and your support of our initiatives and encourage you to contact us today. ▶

For the Future,
Michael White, President
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Aaron Beatty, left, is presented with the Distinguished Ambassador Award by Brian Elias.



Stephen Johnson, left, accepts the Lifetime Achievement Award from Ross Donahue.

Alumni and Friends Honored at Annual Alumni Awards

Some of the most accomplished individuals in the Penn State DuBois community were honored for their success during the annual Penn State DuBois Alumni Society Awards Banquet, held in November at the DuBois Country Club. The society presented awards to four people this year, based on their professional accomplishments and the support they've offered the campus and their communities.

The 2012 honorees are: Carrie Wood, recipient of the Dave Shaffer Outstanding Young Alumni Award; David Spigelmyer, recipient of the Outstanding Alumni Award; Stephen Johnson, recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award; and Aaron Beatty, recipient of the Distinguished Ambassador Award.

Aaron Beatty accepted the Distinguished Ambassador Award first during the evening's program. This 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. Beatty has served as chair of the Penn State DuBois Athletics Golf Benefit for the past two years. He has also volunteered with the planning of the Lion Wine and Cheese fundraiser for athletics. During his involvement, these two events have raised over \$20,000 for campus athletics.

Beatty is the human resources director for Beatty Restaurant Enterprises, which operates McDonald's of DuBois and Brockway, as well as human resources director for LiJo Incorporated. He also works as shop manager for Treasure Lake golf courses.

Beatty's friend, Brian Elias of DuBois, presented the award. Elias said of Beatty, "He's a real go-getter, and has done wonderful things for Penn State DuBois athletics. I remember how he would always come to me and ask me to donate to the golf outing and to the wine and cheese."

Beatty commented, "I've been extremely lucky for the friends and family who have supported me in everything I do." One of the most impactful things he's found support in doing, Beatty said, is volunteering with athletic programs at the campus.

"To have a campus of one of the greatest universities in the world right in your home town is amazing," he said. "Supporting the campus and the teams is a great cause. All you need to do is come to a sporting event and see the drive these young people have and you'll know that they'll go on to be exceptional citizens."

Next, Carrie Wood was presented with the Dave Shaffer Outstanding Young Alumni Award. Wood is the CEO of Timberland Federal Credit Union in DuBois. She earned a Master of Business Administration degree from Penn State in 2002. Previously, she earned a dual bachelor's degree in business administration and Spanish from Juniata College in 1998.

Wood currently serves as chair of the development committee for the DuBois Educational Foundation (DEF), which provides financial support to Penn State DuBois. She is also a past president of the Penn State DuBois Alumni Society, and continues to be an active member of the society. Additionally, Wood is president of the Shortway Chapter of the Pennsylvania Credit Union Association. She volunteers with the GFWC Curwensville Woman's Club and the Curwensville United Methodist Church, and serves on various professional committees. Wood's award was presented to her by her own mother, Lois Richards, who is also a past recipient of the Outstanding Alumni Award. Richards spoke of her daughter's dedication and hard work, noting that it only took Wood four years from her date of hire at Timberland to become the CEO.



Dave Spigelmyer, left, receives the Outstanding Alumni Award from Rawley Cogan.



Lois Richards, left, presents the Dave Shaffer Outstanding Young Alumni Award to her daughter, Carrie Wood.

“She dedicates herself to something and she does it,” Richards said. “She sets high goals for herself, and she reaches them.”

Richards also explained that above all of her professional and volunteer responsibilities, Wood finds time to make family her top priority. She said, “No matter how busy she is, Carrie always makes time for her family, and puts her two wonderful children first.”

Dave Spigelmyer then received the Outstanding Alumni Award. Spigelmyer currently serves as vice president of government relations for Chesapeake Energy in its Eastern Division operations. He is chairman of the Marcellus Shale Coalition and is a founding member in the development of that organization. Spigelmyer is responsible for Chesapeake Energy’s state government relations program in Pennsylvania, West Virginia, New York, Ohio, Kentucky and Virginia. He is a 1982 Graduate of Penn State with a bachelor’s Degree in Public Service.

Spigelmyer has built a 29-year career in the natural gas industry, building bridges between state and local government officials, communities and community leaders, philanthropic organizations and advocacy groups. He began his career working as a director in his hometown YMCA and then moved into the natural gas industry in 1983. He serves on the Board of Directors for the Moraine Trails Council of the Boy Scouts of America, is a former President of the Board of Directors for the West Virginia Oil and Natural Gas Association, and is a member of a variety of additional professional organizations.

Spigelmyer’s long-time friend Rawley Cogan presented the award. Cogan spoke of his friend’s direct, yet careful approach to his work in the natural gas industry. Cogan said, “He’s a true professional, a good communicator. He was born right here in Clearfield County, right here in DuBois. He understands what it takes to have clean air and clean water. He didn’t read about it in a book, he lived it. He is connected to the outdoors and conservation.”

In his comments, Spigelmyer echoed those sentiments about the quality of the environment in the DuBois area; that in the natural environment, and that created by the people.

“When I think of a definition of home, I think of a great place to raise a family,” Spigelmyer said. He also shared insight on his experience of becoming successful with integrity. He said, “Success is driven by how one treats others. Treat everyone with compassion and a level of respect.”

Stephen Johnson was then presented with the Lifetime Achievement Award. Johnson is the vice president for Cornell University Government and Community Relations. He directs the university’s legislative efforts and coordinates its involvement with government-focused higher education associations. He earned a bachelor’s degree in liberal arts from Penn State in 1967, and a master’s degree in Public Administration from Maxwell Graduate School of Syracuse University.

In his 41-year tenure at Cornell, Johnson has been closely associated with the Cornell Cooperative Extension Program, state relations, and federal advocacy. He serves on the board of the local economic development agency, Tompkins County Area Development, and Excell Partners, a regional economic development partnership focused on Upstate New York.

Ross Donahue, Johnson’s life-long friend, presented the award. Donahue said, “Steve cares about the community. He’s willing to do anything he can to help. He lives with honesty and integrity. I’m proud to be his friend.”

Upon receiving his award, Johnson said, “I want to thank the association, I’m very honored.” He then shared reflections on receiving the Lifetime Achievement award, and on how things have changed since he first started to make those achievements.

“When I learned I was being considered for this award, I thought, ‘wow,’” Johnson said. “I started at the campus in 1963. The campus was very different in 1963. Our first year there were 110 students. Today, I look at what the campus has become, and I’m very proud.” ▸

The Woman Wildlifer: Campus Instructor Pens Article in State-Wide Publication



Keely Roen

As a senior instructor in Wildlife Technology at Penn State DuBois, Keely Roen works in a field where most of her colleagues are men. While the number of women has increased across many fields over the past few decades, women who work in fields devoted to the study of wildlife and forestry remain less common. Since this imbalance can often serve as a backdrop for unique challenges, conflicts or even

interesting anecdotes, Roen recently decided to put down on paper some of the experiences different women have had working afield. Her article, *The Woman Wildlifer* appeared in the winter newsletter from the Pennsylvania Chapter of The Wildlife Society (TWS).

“The article kind of came about organically,” Roen said. “I had been speaking to a few female friends and colleagues in wildlife and related fields and we seemed to share a lot of the same stories. I then mentioned this to one of the board members of the PA-TWS in passing at last year’s annual conference and she felt strongly it would be a good article.”

Roen then began asking her female friends and colleagues in related fields to share their experiences with her, and the information came pouring in.

“I asked a few friends and I got some great quotes,” Roen recalled. “I tried to keep it focused on the people sharing their stories. I could have written a novel with some of the information I received.”

Roen began teaching at Penn State DuBois in 2001, and was promoted to the rank of senior instructor in 2011. She currently teaches Wildlife Management Techniques, Terrestrial Wildlife Management, Wildlife Statistics, and Environmental Science. She focuses research and lab activity on projects where she is able to get her students involved in meaningful, hands-on work. This fall will mark the thirteenth year that she and the other Wildlife Technology Program faculty will trap, band, and release northern saw-whet owls for study. She is also currently working with a student to study the distribution of golden eagles, using motion-activated trail cameras.

Find Roen’s article and learn more about the Pennsylvania Chapter of the Wildlife Society at <http://joomla.wildlife.org/pa/> ▶

Kopley’s Work Published in International Anthology



Richard Kopley

A short story written by Penn State DuBois Distinguished Professor of English Richard Kopley has been chosen for inclusion in the latest edition of an exclusive international anthology of fiction literature compiled and printed in England. Released in late 2012, *The Lightship Anthology 2* (Lightship Publishing) is the second collection of short stories, poems, and flash fiction written by authors from around

the globe. It is meant to discover the best new literary voices in English. Kopley’s work is one of 10 selected for inclusion in the anthology’s short story category, out of a total of 552 submissions.

Kopley’s story, *The Hideous and Intolerable Bookshop*, was inspired by Manhattan’s Book Row, a now vanished part of a New York City neighborhood that was once home to an extensive assemblage of eclectic bookshops. Kopley’s fantasy of visiting the site of the extinct Book Row to discover a little-known shop still operating prompted him to write the story. Told in the first person, the story features a hero who finds both familiar comfort and unexpected mystery once he enters the forgotten store.

Kopley is no stranger to seeing his work in print. His academic work, such as research into literary legends like Edgar Allan Poe has been published extensively. In that vein, he published his analytical volume *Edgar Allan Poe and the Dupin Mysteries* (Palgrave Macmillan) in 2008, in which he examines the structure, sources, and autobiographical significance of Poe’s detective stories, which many say inspired the entire detective genre in modern literature.

Notably, Kopley is about to break into the children’s fiction realm with the soon-to-be-published “The Remarkable David Wordsworth,” and he hopes to keep his momentum going in the fiction genre.

“I’m very happy to have my story published in *Lightship Anthology 2*,” Kopley said. “The book is very new, but my dream of becoming a fiction writer is very old. So I’m especially pleased. I hope to publish a collection of short stories someday.”

The Lightship Anthology 2 is available at Amazon.com ▶

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Faculty, staff, and students lined State Route 255 with American flags in hand as the funeral procession for United States Marine Josh Martino passed by campus on March 28. The 19 year old Martino was killed during a military training exercise in Nevada. He was a 2012 graduate of DuBois Area High School.

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