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Greetings from College Place!

Now that I'm closing in on my first full academic year in Symmco House, along College Place, I'm happy to share with you how much I've settled into this big house, and our campus. It is time now to look forward to our future, and the bright future our students have ahead of them.

It's no surprise that due, in part, to the wonderful support network our students have on campus, that they go on to achieve great success. We have for you in this issue of *College Place* several stories that highlight the different ways our students are finding their own success, and thereby changing the world for the better, one step at a time.

Success comes in many forms; from embarking on a meaningful career, to participating in research that will benefit people on the national and international levels, to helping individuals in need on a one-to-one basis. We have students who have done all of these things, and done them well. You'll read about just a few of them here, who have accepted the responsibility of great achievement.

It's true that the difference between working at a job and having a fulfilling career is often passion. Passion can make all the difference in one's attitude, work ethic, and determination to succeed. Passion for what you do makes you strive for excellence in your accomplishments, in your work, and in your service to others. I hope it's evident to all of our readers that the students we highlight on these pages possess that passion for the endeavors they've chosen to undertake.



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



Chancellor Melanie Hatch, center, shares a laugh with Director of Enrollment Melissa Duttry, left, and Director of Development Jean Wolf, as the trio waits for the recent presentation by Sharon Robinson to begin in the campus gym. Robinson, the daughter of baseball legend Jackie Robinson, spoke on campus on March 31. For that story, turn to page 11.



Students Help Flight 93 Memorial Grow



Toby Neal and Alyssa Knee pause during a day afield.

A national memorial for those who lost their lives in the crash of Flight 93 on September 11, 2001, is continuing to develop near Shanksville, Pennsylvania; and students in the Penn State DuBois Wildlife Technology program are among those working to foster the memorial's growth.

“Our partnership with the memorial started by assisting with the annual reforestation project at the site. In 2013, five faculty from Penn State DuBois and Altoona accompanied over 30 students from the two campuses to plant trees on the property. In planning meetings we discovered that the site required an assessment of invasive plant species on the property and it seemed like a natural fit as an internship for some of our students in the wildlife program,” explained Keely Roen, senior instructor of Wildlife Technology at Penn State DuBois.

Through an internship program, three students were chosen to work directly with the National Park Service (NPS), at the Flight 93 Memorial site. They conducted a survey on the memorial property that surrounds the crash site to identify invasive and noxious species of plant life. They then provided GPS coordinates for the locations of the plants they found. Those students, Mandy Marconi, Alyssa Knee, and Toby Neal, were selected and advised by Roen. Marconi had significant experience with invasive species surveys through an internship the previous summer and served as a team leader to the crew of three. In all, the team found seven invasive species on the 120 acre survey area. They then recommended action plans the NPS can take to eradicate the species.

“The Penn State DuBois inventory will be utilized as the base survey to plan future invasive removals at the park,” explained Keith Newlin, deputy superintendent of Western Pennsylvania Parks with the NPS. “An inventory is necessary to successfully plan an invasive removal event at the park. We hope to plan an invasive removal in 2014.”

“These species don’t belong in this environment. They displace the natives, growing where natives would grow,” Roen explained. She noted that these species may take root in a foreign environment by accident or because they’ve been introduced by humans. “They take over and change the character of the area,” she said.

Among the invasive plants identified were autumn olive, multiflora rose, Canada thistle, and more.

By completing the survey, the students provided a tremendously valuable service to the NPS and to this national memorial. However, they also found enormous benefits for their education by gaining extensive hands-on experience.

“It allows them to apply some of the knowledge they have gained in the Wildlife Technology Program in a real-world situation,” Roen explained. “These students will have the opportunity to go into careers where they are doing surveys and field work that is exactly like the work they did in this internship.”

“Academically, this internship provided real-life field experience, but more importantly it demonstrated the importance of people coming together for a common good,” Marconi said, noting the significance of the Flight 93 Memorial. For Marconi and her fellow students, the chance to contribute to the memorial was a high honor.

“There are few things in life that leave you without words to describe an experience or an emotion, and my internship at Flight 93 was one of those great moments,” Marconi continued. “I recognized that this was a once in a lifetime experience and I did

not take it for granted. There is something very spiritual about Flight 93 that will carry with me far into the future. I am grateful for the opportunity to be a part of a great partnership that Mrs. Roen developed between Penn State and Flight 93.”

Neal found satisfaction in making contributions that will have a lasting impact. He said, “I was very happy to be able to assist by collecting data and spending time in the field. Being near the crash site was sobering. I was impressed to see how many visitors came to pay their respects and learn more about the events of one of the saddest days in American History. I am thankful to the park for allowing us to become a part of the project to make the park a little better for future visitors.”

Those sentiments were not lost on Knee, who looks forward to seeing a completed park on the site, and knowing she was part of what made it possible. “It was such an honor to be able to help and I am so glad that we were able to provide them with some information that can help the park look incredible,” she said. “I can’t wait to see what the park will look like years from now when they finally have it all done. I do have to say that this internship meant a lot to me. For those who were on flight 93, that park has become their final resting ground and they deserve to have a beautiful place to rest. That park should be an amazing place where their families can go to remember the loved one that they lost.”

In addition to this survey, Penn State DuBois students led teams of volunteers who planted trees on the Flight 93 Memorial sight in April. ▶



Student Toby Neal completes field work for the invasive species survey at the Flight 93 Memorial site.



OTA student Renee Hines, left, talks with Lorain Knapp, a recruiter for Indiana Total Therapy in Homer City, PA during the OTA Job Fair.

Job Fair Connects Occupational Therapy Assistant Grads with Careers

Students in the Penn State DuBois Occupational Therapy Assistant (OTA) program met face-to-face with potential employers during the OTA Job Fair held on campus on last semester.

The training they receive in the OTA associate degree program will prepare them to work with a licensed occupational therapist and administer therapy to people who have been injured, or suffer from debilitating illnesses. A number of companies in health and rehabilitative services that are recruiting professionals in the occupational therapy field were on hand at the job fair. The event is held specifically for students and recent graduates in this high-demand field, and designed to get them placed in their careers as soon as they are ready to enter the workforce.

“When I graduate I want to get out and start working as soon as possible, so I’m always looking for opportunities,” said OTA student Renee Hines, a native of Brookville, PA who plans to graduate in December. “I want to stay local, and I’m getting to know a lot of companies here that are local. There are a lot of companies here that I didn’t even know about before.”

Hines said she is thankful that the faculty members in the OTA program go the extra mile and bring the search for career opportunities right to the students. She said, “I think it’s wonderful that they do all this work, and they don’t even have to. It’s great that they give us so much help finding a job.”

For others, who want to spread their job search over a broader geographical area, there were representatives from some companies at the job fair that were recruiting for locations in other states, or other parts of Pennsylvania. Student Matt Dietrich of Grove City, PA, for instance, would like to find work a little closer to his hometown. “It’s nice to see that there are companies all over in different areas that are looking for occupational therapy assistants,” Dietrich said. “It’s great they put this fair together. It’s more personal than us just going out and job searching ourselves.”

The job fair benefits more than just the students, however. As Lorain Knapp, a recruiter for Indiana Total Therapy in Homer City, PA explains, “It offers the students an opportunity, and it offers me an opportunity. It helps to fill the positions that I need to fill.”

Knapp said she has been pleased with the quality of the graduates she has already recruited from the Penn State DuBois OTA program, and that quality keeps her coming back for more.

“We do take students from this program, we have four working for us now. They come highly skilled and very motivated and excited about their profession,” Knapp said.

Monster.com has ranked the position of occupational therapy assistant as one of the 10 best jobs you can get with an associate degree. The Bureau of Labor Statistics has projected that job opportunities for occupational therapy assistants will increase by 43 percent between 2010 and 2020. ▶

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 \$230,000 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.

"Gifts like this one from the Palumbo Trust are incredibly valuable to our students," said Penn State DuBois Chancellor Melanie Hatch. "For many students, scholarships are what make their dream of a college education possible. These funds can mean the difference between earning that degree, and never being able to attend college at all. We are incredibly grateful for the support we receive from the Palumbo Charitable Trust, and all of our generous donors."

Each year, more than \$300,000 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. ▶



Joe Palumbo, joined by Penn State DuBois Director of Development Jean Wolf (left), presents a \$40,000 check to Chancellor Melanie Hatch to support campus scholarship funds.



New members who participated in the Delta Mu Sigma induction ceremony are pictured with the Delta Mu Sigma chairman and advisor, left to right. Row one: Chairman Adam Snyder, Austin Sabatucci, Dylan Steele, Jamie Simbeck, Austin Swanson, Leah McKey, Lauren Anderson, Advisor Tony Vallone. Row two: Rebecca Aughenbaugh, Sean Harker, Jessica Hannah, Robin Duttry, Daniel Kalgren, Kristi Wendel, Hannah Schatz, Danielle Hodgdon. Row three: Andrew Hannah, Charles Miller, Kimberly Bachman, Erika Cratts, John Tangeman.

Honor Society Inducts New Members

The Delta Mu Sigma Honor Society at Penn State DuBois has inducted 36 new members for the Spring 2014 semester. Total membership in the society is now approaching 300 current students.

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.

“I would like to congratulate you for being inducted into one of the most prestigious, oldest fraternities and honors societies at Penn State University,” said student and Delta Mu Sigma chairman Adam Snyder. “We are not just an honors society; we are also a community service organization which helps many people on our campus and in our community.”

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. ▶



THON Raises \$13 Million, DuBois Contributes Record \$17,000

Evan Aravich and Jessica Metzger, this year's designated Penn State DuBois THON dancers, both lasted through the entire 46 hour dance marathon at the Bryce Jordan Center from February 21-23. Along the way, they helped to break two THON records. The overall THON total came in at \$13,343,517, the most the event has made yet. Additionally, the Penn State DuBois THON Committee contributed \$17,000 of that total through their fund raising efforts, exceeding the campus goal of \$15,000. The previous campus record was \$16,200, set in 2012.

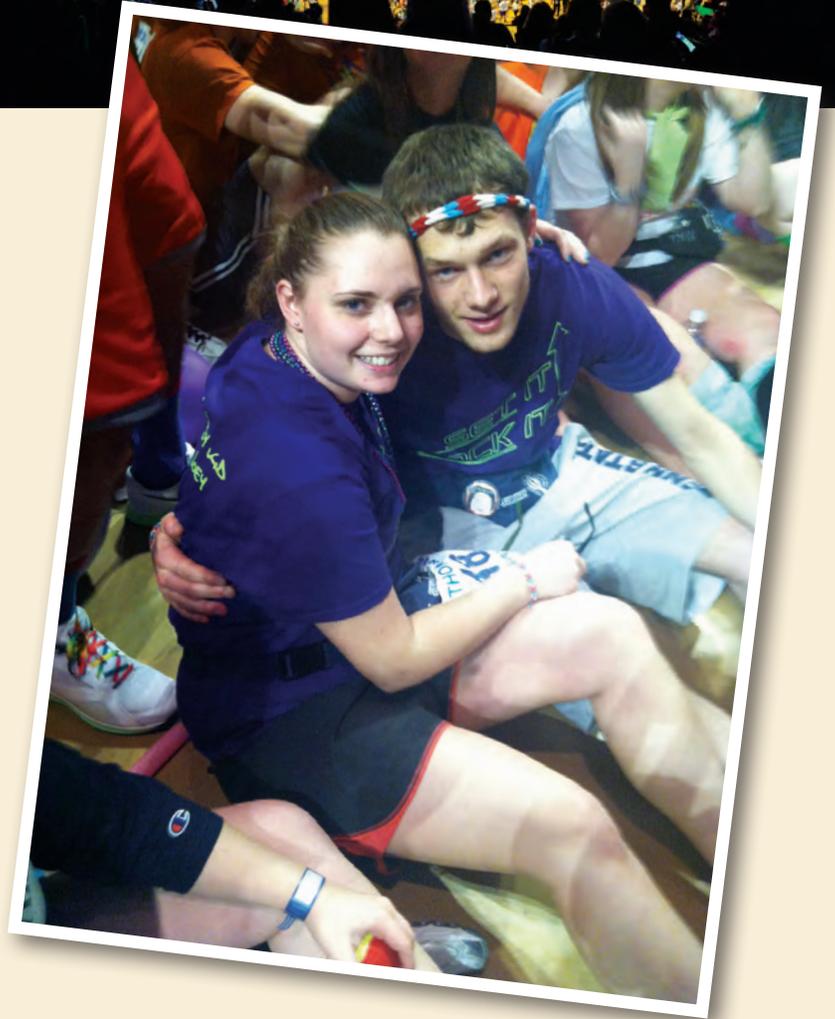
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"I'm super proud of all of them. They're amazing," said Penn State DuBois Assistant Director of Student Affairs Marly Doty about the entire campus THON Committee.

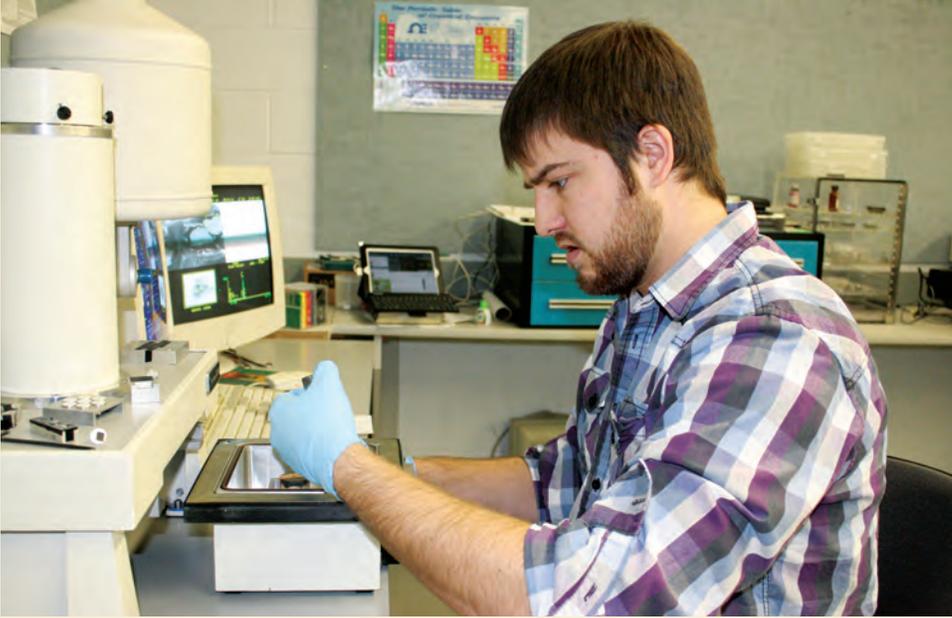
In reflecting on the accomplishment of staying on their feet for 46 consecutive hours, the dancers said the atmosphere at THON helped them through it.

"The energy of everyone else in the Bryce Jordan Center is what did it for me," Metzger said. "Also, knowing that no one else was going to quit kept me going."

All proceeds from THON directly benefit the Four Diamonds Fund, an organization dedicated to battling childhood cancer. Students from across all of Penn State work in numerous ways to raise money for the cause, holding the dance marathon at the end of a long fundraising season. ▶



Top: High in the stands of the Bryce Jordan Center, supporters show their diamonds to encourage the dancers on the floor as they kick off THON 2014 and 46 hours of no-sitting, no-sleeping dancing to fight pediatric cancer. Below: A well-deserved break—Penn State DuBois dancers Evan Aravich and Jessica Metzger finally sit down for the first time in 46 hours, at the conclusion of THON 2014.



Nicholas Carrier examines samples of powder metal while running tests for his ongoing research project in a campus engineering lab.

Campus Engineering Student to Present Research at International Conference

For the third year in a row, Penn State DuBois will send a student from the four-year General Engineering–Applied Materials program to a prestigious international powder metal (PM) conference. This year, Nicholas Carrier, of Brookville, is the hard-working senior who will attend the 2014 Powder Metallurgy World Congress in Orlando, Florida in May. He will make a presentation there on his current research project. Due to Carrier's hard work, he earned the Axel Madsen Conference Grant from the Metal Powder Industries Federation (MPIF), which will be used to help cover the cost of conference registration and travel expenses. He is one of only six students in the nation to receive the grant this year.

Carrier is conducting his research in conjunction with Leonid Frayman, the corporate manager of materials technology and development at Allegheny Coatings, a large powder metal manufacturing company in Ridgway, PA. The project centers on the development of an additive to be used in powder metal material. The powder itself is hardened during the production process and turned into parts for such things as cars, household appliances, and more. The tools used to make the parts, naturally, undergo wear and tear during the manufacturing process. The additive Carrier is working on, an inorganic sealer, would increase the machinability of the PM parts, increasing corrosion resistance, and thereby increase

the life of the tools. In the end, it could potentially save the PM industry millions of dollars in tooling each year.

"It's mostly designed to be used in stainless steel," Carrier said of the additive. "But it depends on what industries would want to pick it up and use it. Most likely it would be used in the automotive industry."

Confident in his work, Carrier is excited for the chance to present his research in front of the largest and most prestigious audience in the PM industry. He said, "It's a great award. I feel lucky to have the opportunity to be recognized. This isn't just a national conference, it's an international conference. A very large group of people."

This is the third year in a row Professor of Engineering Daudi Waryoba, and his colleague Craig Stringer, have sent one of their students off to the Powder Metallurgy World Congress, and it's a tradition Waryoba says he will be proud to continue.

"This is definitely a record we want to keep going. An international organization recognizing one of our students. This demonstrates how significant our program is and the impact we can have as a campus," Waryoba said. "It shows how well our students do, how well they excel and how much experience they get. People from across the PM industry hear of these things, and read about them, and see that our students are worth hiring."

For Carrier, that rings true. He is already considering multiple job offers, so that he will be able to enter the workforce immediately after graduating in May. He is also considering graduate school, and may one day peruse his Ph.D. in engineering, with aspirations to excel in a career in research and development in manufacturing and powder metal. ▀

New Program Launches Tomorrow's Leaders

Students from six Penn State campuses, including DuBois, learned ways to put their career launch into overdrive this semester during an all new program in Pittsburgh. The students attended the inaugural Leader Launch Professional Leadership and Career Conference on a January weekend at the Doubletree Hotel in Downtown Pittsburgh. The program is targeted at juniors and seniors. It provides workshops specifically aimed at helping these budding professionals find jobs and start careers right out of college, using the skills they've developed while earning their education. They also had the chance to meet with recruiters from such high profile organizations as the CIA.

Available workshops provided tactics for improving skills in areas like professional communication, networking, etiquette, leadership, and more.

"The goal of this event is to make sure our student leaders acquire the communication skills and others skills necessary to obtain jobs when they graduate," said Penn State DuBois Assistant Director of Student Affairs Marly Doty. "Our student leaders have invested a ton of time in their experience outside of the classroom and we want them to be as marketable as they can be to employers when they graduate."

In addition to workshops, the students participated in impromptu interviews, an etiquette luncheon, networking with employers, and skill sessions.

"Leader launch was a great experience and I am honored to have had the opportunity to attend the conference," said Jordan Eisman, an upper class senator in the Student Government Associations and co-chair of the Penn State DuBois THON Committee.

Eisman went on to describe what she gained during Leader Launch, saying, "During the conference I was able to network with many different employers who gave me valuable advice and information on how to enter the workforce after graduation. I also attended many educational sessions and presentations that taught me skills such as how to be an effective leader, how to present myself professionally, and how to act during an interview. I left the conference with a much different outlook on the future and the job market. I am confident that I have many skills and experiences that will help me get a job and continue on my path to success."

Student Courtney Mullins had a similarly exciting experience. She said, "Leader Launch was much more than I expected; it provided extensive and personal opportunities to network and connect with recruiters, employers and CEO's of companies from the Pittsburgh area who were more than willing to give you the insight on how to be successful in the real world. While I was driving home after the conference, I thought to myself, 'Courtney, you can really do



Students who attended Leader Launch along with campus staff members pictured, left to right, are: Marley Doty; assistant director of student affairs, Courtney Mullins, Jordan Eisman, Jessica Metzger, Laure Metzger, Anna Akintunde; Career Services Coordinator, and Adam Snyder.

this.' I feel so confident and motivated to do more networking and I would not have been able to have that feeling without attending this conference."

For Penn State DuBois student Jessica Metzger, Leader Launch felt like a life saver. "I learned the dos and the don'ts when it comes to communicating in the work place," she said. "I was interested in learning about some words that are completely acceptable and common in everyday conversation but if used in the work environment they can downgrade you. During this conference I learned I still have a lot of things to do before I graduate and try to enter the working force with my degree. Without attending this conference I wouldn't have noticed areas where I'm unprepared, and it helped steer me in the right direction to get me ready to enter the work force."

Career Services and Student Life Professionals at Penn State hope to turn this first Leader Launch program into an annual event. The feedback from those who attended this inaugural conference show that a yearly opportunity would be embraced by many students, like Mullins. She said, "The team did a fantastic job for this being the first Leader Launch for Western PA Campuses and I can't wait to see how this conference expands in the future. Anyone who has the opportunity to go to a conference like Leader Launch should take it and run with it; you will thank yourself for going outside of your comfort zone and getting to network with many professionals and companies." ▶



A bird's eye view of networking during the open career fair in the campus gymnasium.



Ready to graduate in May, Jeremy Shoffstall of Brookville speaks with Anne Ziegler, representative of Goodwill Industries, about career opportunities in the DuBois area.



Employers stand ready to meet potential employees during the career fair.

Career Event Connects Students, Jobseekers with Employers

More than just a job fair, 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 Networking Luncheon and Career Fair was held in the campus gymnasium on April 2, and featured representatives from 42 businesses and organizations ranging from manufacturing, to law enforcement, to healthcare.

The event was organized by the campus offices of Student Affairs and Career Services. 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.

“This event is a wonderful opportunity for students to network with employers and build relationships that can lead them to potential employment in the future,” said Anna Akintunde, campus career services counselor. “The event is designed for students at every level. Student can do everything from build relationships with employers, find a lead on an internship or actually obtain an interview with an employer hiring for a full time job.”

Those opportunities for relationship building pay off. Director of Student Affairs Rebecca Pennington said events like this are proven to benefit both jobseekers and employers.

“Students learn to network and get their name out there and they learn to convey themselves professionally. They also learn the importance of participating in an array of out of class experiences that can give them the skills that employers are looking for,” Pennington said. “Last year 55 percent of students who attended this event felt they left with a potential job or internship lead and 82 percent of employers felt they left the event with a potential hire.”

The students who attended found that the extra activities offered in addition to the career fair were very beneficial. Jeremy Shoffstall of Brookville will graduate in May with a bachelor degree in marketing and management. He would like to stay in the area as he embarks on a career, and has been on the hunt for local jobs.

“I think it’s amazing,” Shoffstall said of the career and networking event. “It helps reduce the nerves to get to know people better and learn about their business in a casual atmosphere.”

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.

“It helps us to meet lots of possible candidates, and is an opportunity for a pre-interview,” said Sheila Hockman, human resources coordinator for Brookville Equipment Company. “We can then go back and share information on candidates with others at the office, and have learned more about them than we can learn from a paper résumé. It can really help us to hire more rapidly.”

Sharon Robinson, Daughter of Baseball Legend, Speaks to Community



Robinson with Chancellor Melanie Hatch



Taking time to pose for photographs with local children who came out to hear Robinson speak.

Sharon Robinson, the daughter of the legendary Jackie Robinson, drew a crowd that packed the campus gymnasium on March 31. The event was free, and open to the public.

Robinson offered her program, *Values, Baseball, and Jackie Robinson*, touching on the many life lessons she learned from her father following his battle with racial barriers in Major League Baseball. Following her presentation, Robinson spent time talking one-on-one with many of the individuals who attended, and took time to pose for pictures sign autographs.

Carrying on family tradition, Sharon Robinson has found her own success in the Major League. She is the league's educational consultant, and manages a national character education curriculum, *Breaking Barriers: In Sports, In Life*. The program helps to empower students to face obstacles in their lives. It also includes a national essay contest for students in grades 4-9 and throughout MLB's RBI program. Each year, thousands of students write an essay about how they used the values demonstrated by Jackie Robinson to overcome their challenges. Essay winners are celebrated in their schools and in Major League ballparks. Since 1997, the program has reached over 22 million students and 2.9 million educators.

Robinson is also the author of many works of fiction and nonfiction. She has written several widely praised books about her father, including *Jackie's Nine*:

Jackie Robinson's Values to Live By, Promises to Keep: How Jackie Robinson Changed America, Jackie Robinson: American Hero (children's biography), and picture books *Testing the Ice*, illustrated by Kadir Nelson and *Jackie's Gift: A True Story of Christmas, Hanukkah*, illustrated by EB Lewis.

Prior to joining MLB, Sharon had a 20-year career as a nurse-midwife and educator. She taught in such prestigious universities as: Yale, Columbia, Howard, and Georgetown and is Vice Chairman of the Jackie Robinson Foundation. Robinson received her bachelor's degree from Howard University and master's from Columbia. She went on to earn a post-master's Certificate in Teaching from the School of Nursing at the University of Pennsylvania and received honorary doctorates from: Medaille College, Dowling College, and Monmouth College. Sharon lives in Sarasota, Florida and New York City. ▶



It was standing room only in the campus gym.



Sharon Robinson spoke to the crowd in the campus gym about many of her father's challenges as a pioneer and champion of racial equality in professional sports.



Penn State DuBois student Joe Shields, center, sorts food donations with fellow volunteers at the Capital Area Food Bank in Washington D.C.

Students Spend Spring Break Serving the Nation's Capital

A group of 14 Penn State DuBois students, joined by fellow students from Penn State New Kensington and University Park completed various service projects in Washington D.C. on their spring break this year. In all, 19 students traveled to the nation's capital to volunteer for a week at food banks, homeless shelters, and more.

The trip was coordinated by the campus office of Student Life, with Amizade, a nonprofit organization based in Pittsburgh. The goals of the program are to expose students to poverty and homelessness, and dispel stereotypes associated with these groups. It is also intended to educate students on the scale of issues such as homelessness and poverty in America. Through this alternative spring break trip, students are exposed to as many different services as possible and learn how each service addresses the issues of poverty and homelessness differently. Upon returning from the trip, the students are required to create two social change projects in their own community, surrounding the issues covered through this experience in Washington D.C.

Specifically, students volunteered at DC Central Kitchen, Thrive DC, Interfaith Works, A Wider Circle, Capital Area Food Bank, and Central Union Mission. Penn State DuBois also collaborated with the National Coalition for the Homeless on an outreach program in which students delivered donated items to homeless individuals. Items were collected by the campus Service Above Self Club.

“Through this experience, students were given the opportunity to engage with an invisible population,” said Marly Doty, assistant director of Student Affairs, who led students on the trip. “These

people typically go days without so much as even hearing their name. I'm energized and enthusiastic for the change these students are capable of creating.”

By volunteering on the front lines in the war on homelessness, students learned quickly just how large the impact of poverty can be. For instance, the Capital Area Food Bank alone distributes 45 Million pounds of food every year, and serves approximately 500,000 people annually.

“It was amazing,” said student Joe Shields of his experience. “The trip was not only fun but it presented opportunities to learn about myself as person. It also allowed me to see, first-hand, the struggles that individuals living in poverty experience on a daily basis. As a senior, the trip also expanded the number of career paths that are available after graduation.”

“The whole D.C. experience was phenomenal for me. It was honestly one of the best weeks of my entire life,” said student Austin Sabatucci. “I realized on the trip that many of the stereotypes that we hear about people who are homeless are wrong. It was a major eye-opening experience for me, and it makes me want to get more involved doing service in my own community. It felt incredible to serve individuals other than myself, and I still cannot stop thinking about all of our wonderful experiences.” ▶

Golfers Recognized for Winning Season



In front, left to right: Derek Buganza, John Gaylor, and Aaron Herzing. In back, left to right: Chancellor Melanie Hatch, Assistant Coach Neil Hanes, Tom Fugate, Tighe Truman, Vinnie Montanari, Katie DeAngelo, and Head Coach Pat Lewis. Not present for the photo: John Kane and Owen Braun.

Members of the Penn State DuBois Golf Team were recognized on Saturday, February 8, for their winning inaugural season. Their coach was also honored for being named Penn State University Athletic Conference (PSUAC) Coach of the year. Recognition took place between men's and women's home basketball games in the campus gymnasium.

The Penn State DuBois Golfers claimed the Penn State University Athletic Conference Championship in October, with a 30-7 record, during the inaugural season for the campus program. The team also finished at eighth place in the United States Collegiate Athletic Association (USCAA) National

Championships out of nineteen teams from around the U.S. The championships were hosted by Penn State and were played at the Penn State Blue Course in State College.

Head Coach Pat Lewis was presented with a certificate at the ceremony for recognition as the PSUAC Coach of the year. Four players were also recognized for making the PSUAC All Conference Team. Leading the way for DuBois on the PSUAC Golf All-Conference team was John Gaylor with a (157) total in the two day conference championship event. Gaylor was joined on the PSUAC All-Conference team by teammates Derek Buganza, John Kane, and Tighe Truman. ▶

Penn State DuBois Wrestlers complete Season at NCWA Championships

Coach Matt Park and assistant Josh Knapp traveled to Allen, TX with 10 wrestlers from March 13-15 to compete in the NCWA National Championships. The tournament was hosted at the Allen Civic Center, just north of Dallas March. The PSU Team finished in 21st place as a team with 21 points. Team champions Grand Canyon University (254.5 pts.) ran away with the title putting seven wrestlers into the finals with four individual champions and three runner-up finishes. The battle for second place was between Liberty University (171.5) and Shorter College (162.5); Central Florida finished strong taking fourth with 122 points.

PSU DuBois was led by Mid-East Conference champion Logan Shirey at 184lbs. Logan finished the tournament with a 2-2 record. Logan won his first match with a first period fall over Will Robinson of Fort Collins, and lost his second bout to Jack Wedholm of Army Prep Academy 11-2. He rebounded with a 6-2 decision over Alec Warner from PSU Mont Alto and was eliminated from competition by a second period fall at the hands of Staben Cervantes of Navy Prep Academy.

The other Penn State DuBois wrestler's results were as follows: Brett Himes (125lbs.) 0-2, Austin Sheibley (133lbs.) 1-2, Jake Himes (157lbs.) 2-2, Joe Knarr (165lbs.) 0-2, Matt Rivera (174lbs) 1-2, Ryan Terwilliger (174lbs) 1-2, Nate Rodgers (197lbs) 1-2, Tim Suydan (235lbs) 2-2, and Andrew Bigley (285lbs) 0-2.

Coach Park stated, "I am pleased with the overall improvement of the wrestlers from early October. This is a long season and



Penn State DuBois Wrestling Team

we battled through injuries and stayed focus on getting better each day. Nine of the ten wrestlers will be back next year; this championship tournament gives the guys an idea of what it takes to earn All-American honors. The level of completion at the NCWA championships is very tough, we will return better prepared and the guys will be working on getting on the podium."

In five seasons the Penn State DuBois team has built a sound foundation and continues to grow and improve under the Leadership of Coach Park and Coach Knapp. Coach Park commented, "We have great kids who are getting it done in the classroom and doing all the little things right. I am grateful that Penn State DuBois is giving these students an opportunity to compete at this level." ▶



Guests mingle at the Seventh Annual Lion Wine and Cheese.

Lion Wine and Cheese Fundraiser Scores Support for Athletics

The DuBois Educational Foundation (DEF) in conjunction with the Penn State DuBois Athletics held the Seventh Annual Lion Wine and Cheese event to benefit the seven athletic programs on campus March 14 evening in the Multipurpose Building. The fundraising event featured small games of chance, basket raffles, silent auction, and a live auction. The preliminary figure on dollars raised through the DEF at the event is over \$8,000.

The wine for the evening was provided by Starr Hill Vineyards & Winery and Bee Kind Winery with buffet style hors d'oeuvres catered by The Fort Worth Restaurant. Ken Nellis, Athletic Director stated, "This is truly a community. Event we reach out to local businesses and individuals to participate and donate items for the baskets and auctions. We are fortunate to have great leadership from the DEF Board and people interested in seeing the campus grow through athletics".

The DEF along with the campus marketing and admissions offices were responsible for creating an athletics recruitment video which was featured in two campus athletics recruitment events this year. The athletics video was also shown to the guests at the wine and cheese event as part of the evening's program.

All guests were presented with an embossed wine glass with the Penn State logo and event sponsor PC Systems of Ridgway to take home with them.

The live and silent auctions brought in \$5,400 with several special items, including a custom granite coffee table with Penn State logo donated by Kohlhepp Custom Countertops of DuBois, as well as an annual favorite, the wine making experience offered by Starr Hill Winery. ▶



Above: Chancellor Melanie Hatch and Athletic Coordinator Ken Nellis draw names for door prizes. Below: A custom granite coffee table with Penn State logo donated by Kohlhepp Custom Countertops of DuBois.

Scholarship Support Celebrated at Annual Luncheon

Penn State DuBois students who have received scholarships to help fund their education had the chance to personally thank many of the people who make those scholarships possible on April 9, at the campus' annual Scholarship Luncheon, held at Lifetime Celebrations in DuBois. Each year, donors and scholars alike are invited to the event to get to know one another over lunch. Donors get to see, first hand, the kind of impact they've had in the lives of students, and the students have the chance to explain how critical the scholarships have been in their educational pursuits.

"It definitely helps out, what they give to you," said scholarship recipient Jordan Fairman, of DuBois. "It's great to see that there are people out there willing to support us in getting an education. It means a lot that there are people in the community willing to do this and be so generous."

A returning adult student from DuBois, Howard Hartzfeld said scholarship support has made it possible for him to pursue higher education. He said, "I have a house, a mortgage, bills; without the scholarship I wouldn't be able to take enough time off from work to go to school. It's amazing because you don't always hear about people giving back these days, but it's awesome

that these people who have the ability to do it do give back."

One of those people dedicated to giving back is Robert Umbaugh. He and his wife, Joyce, established a scholarship at Penn State DuBois more than 20 years ago, and have continued to support campus students in a variety of ways since. Umbaugh spoke at the luncheon to offer a donors perspective, and shared his philosophy on giving. He recalled receiving a scholarship when he was a freshman at Penn State DuBois, and the impact it had on him.

"I made a commitment at that time that if I were ever able, I was going to help other

people go to Penn State," Umbaugh said. "I don't give money to Penn State, I invest in students. So you can get an education."

Umbaugh also urged students to realize the significance philanthropy, and remember to one day give back, themselves. He said, "Remember that someone invested in you when you were young. You have a moral obligation to pay it back."

Other featured speakers at the luncheon included Don Brown from Pennsylvania Wildlife Habitat Unlimited, a conservation oriented organization that has established a scholarship fund for campus Wildlife Technology students. Students Austin Sabatucci and Christina Lockwood also offered the students perspective in formal remarks.

Each year, more than \$300,000 in scholarship dollars is awarded to Penn State DuBois students through over 50 individual scholarship funds. ▶



Donor Robert Umbaugh offered the donor's perspective at this year's Scholarship Lunch. Umbaugh has supported Penn State DuBois students for more than 20 years.

Alumni Society Update from President Michael White



Michael White



Places to Travel

Spring flowers and bright sunshine highlight a full slate of Penn State Alumni activities.

Welcome students, Alumni, and friends of Penn State to the DuBois Alumni Society update. We are encouraged that winter has abated and we are eager to once again begin activities out and about. If traveling to new places this year is on your 'interest list,' the DuBois Alumni have a docket of affairs that should appeal to you. Our local Alumni Society plans or participates in activities such as our recent Annual Winter Games Classic, Holiday Social with the Chancellor, and the Career and Networking Fair, just to name a few events! Here is a look at our bustling activity schedule!

Coaches' Caravan

Headlining this 17-city tour is Penn State's new football coach James Franklin. For the first two weeks of May, the Penn State Alumni Association and the Nittany Lion Club will host receptions featuring Coach Franklin and other coaches of PSU's 31-Intercollegiate Athletics programs. Locations on the schedule include King of Prussia, Washington D.C., East Stroudsburg and Pittsburgh, just to name a couple. Grab a friend and follow the Coaches Caravan to a location that suits you and meet the coaches in person.



Alumni Society President Michael White traveled to several locations to ski over this past snowy river. He encourages fellow alumni to hit the road this spring and summer.

Spring Graduation

This May's spring commencement offers the Alumni a chance to travel back to the campus to connect with those newest members to the ranks 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' to walk across that stage in front of their peers, faculty, and family to receive that Pennsylvania State University diploma. Each graduation Alumni attend is an opportunity to reconnect with the University and the role it played in our career paths.

A Night in the Wilds

Join us October 2nd for an evening with the elk of Benzette, PA. The DuBois Alumni Society and the Centre County Alumni Chapter will host an evening reception at the Elk Country Visitor's Center where attendees are sure to be wowed by the views. Soak in the fall colors, watch the elk, tour the 8,400 'green' visitor's center and learn about the great work the PA DCNR and the Keystone Elk Country Alliance have done to sustain Pennsylvania's elk habitat. The CEO of Keystone Elk Country Alliance is Penn State Alum Rawland Cogan '79 WLD & '91 MS, who received the Outstanding Alumni award from the DuBois Alumni Society this past fall. The evening will feature a keynote speaker, refreshments, and an opportunity to engage fellow Penn Staters as the sun sets over the PA Wilds' newest gem.

I hope you are inspired to travel with us and see some of the remarkable Alumni activities we are planning in the next few months that highlight accomplishments at Penn State University. We welcome your input and your support of our initiatives and encourage you to contact us today. You can reach the Alumni Relations Officer at 814-375-4775, or see our webpage at: www.ds.psu.edu/alumni ▶

For the Future,
Michael White, President
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Roush, Cogan, Bean Honored at Alumni Awards Banquet

Three individuals were honored at the Penn State DuBois Alumni Society's Annual Alumni Awards Banquet held on October 17, at the DuBois Country Club. David Roush received the Dave Shaffer Outstanding Young Alumni Award, Rawland Cogan accepted the Outstanding Alumni Award, and John Bean was presented with the Distinguished Ambassador Award.

Roush is an instructor of media communications and video production at Harry S. Truman High School in New York City and a freelance news reporter and anchor at News 12 Networks, also in New York City. He graduated, with distinction, with a bachelor's degree in Journalism in 2004, as well as a bachelor's degree in Communication Arts and Sciences.

DuBois City Councilwoman Diane Bernardo presented the award. She recalled meeting Roush when he was an aspiring young reporter covering city council meetings many years ago. She said, "I was meeting someone who had an outstanding future ahead of him, and I remember thinking of what an impact he'll make on the future of our world."

In accepting his award, Roush credited his family and friends for contributing to his success. He honored his mother by recognizing her as "the rock" in their family, and called her up to the podium to present her with a dozen roses.



Front Row: John Bean, David Roush, and Rawland Cogan. Front Row: Chancellor Hatch, Jean Wolf, Diane Bernardo, David Spigelmyer, and Michael White.



David Roush, recipient of the Dave Shaffer Outstanding Young Alumni Award, with his presenter Diane Bernardo.

"I can't take all the credit for the accomplishments I've achieved," Roush said. "There's always been someone reaching down to lift me up. None of this was possible without someone reaching down and giving me a hand up."

Roush's career in journalism got off to an early start when he became a freelance writer for the

Courier Express newspaper in DuBois during his freshman year at DuBois Area High School. At the same time, he also worked as an on-air personality at Sunny 106 WDSN. After graduation from Penn State, he became a television reporter for WJAC-TV, covering a four-county area as the DuBois Region Bureau Chief.

In 2007, Roush moved to New York City to accept a position with News 12 The Bronx. He has covered stories on such notable people as New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg, President George W. Bush, and Pope Benedict XVI. After covering several stories at Truman High School, he was offered the job of instructor

for the school's brand new media communications academy.

Roush has received numerous awards and recognitions prior to this, including first-place honors from the Collegiate Fraternal Editors Association for a personality profile he penned for *The Sinfonian Magazine*. Roush represented Penn State with a first-place finish in the 2002-2003 William Randolph Hearst Journalism Awards Competition in the Radio Broadcast News Feature category. Additionally, his students were nominated for a New York Emmy Award and have won thousands in scholarship prizes from various video contests. He was also selected as a 2013 New York City "Big Apple Awards" nominee for excellence in teaching.

Roush is a life member of the Penn State Alumni Association. He is an alumni volunteer with the Penn State New York City Admissions Office and has sent several of his students on to various Penn State locations including Penn State DuBois. He remains active with the Phi Mu Alpha New York City Alumni Association.



Outstanding Alumni Award recipient Rawland Cogan, right, with presenter David Spigelmyer.

Cogan was presented with his award next. He is the president and CEO of The Keystone Elk Country Alliance, a non-profit Pennsylvania-based conservation organization whose mission is to conserve and enhance Pennsylvania's elk country for future generations. The Alliance operates and manages The Elk Country Visitor Center, which is located in Benezette, Pennsylvania. This premier conservation facility, which has earned a LEED Certification with a Gold Designation, has thus far attracted approximately half a million visitors from thirty-three countries and all fifty states. He earned an associate degree in Wildlife Technology from Penn State DuBois in 1979. He went on to earn a bachelor's degree in Recreation in 1981, and a master of science in Forest Resources, Wildlife and Fisheries Science in 1991, both from Penn State.

Cogan began his career in 1982 with the Pennsylvania Game Commission, where he became the state elk biologist. During his tenure with the Game Commission Cogan was instrumental in developing and coordinating all research activities associated with Pennsylvania's Elk Management Plan. Under his guidance and expertise Pennsylvania's elk herd developed into a healthy and viable population.

From 2002 to 2009 Cogan was an integral part of The Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, serving as Development Officer and Lands Program Manager. In 2009 he created and managed The Rawley Cogan Consulting Business, the purpose of which was to fund-raise and to provide project management for the completion of The Elk Country Visitor Center.

Cogan has authored a large number of articles and research reports, which have appeared in many conservation, outdoor, research, and professional magazines and periodicals. He has made guest appearances on such television programs as *Pennsylvania Outdoor Life*, *Outdoor Journal*, and *Jack Hubley's Wild Moments*. He also serves as a host on the national television show, *Friends in Wild Places*, which airs on ABC 23, Fox 8 and on The Pursuit Channel.

Throughout his life he has been the humble recipient of many conservation-based awards from such foundations and organizations as The Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, C. Ted Lick Conservation Foundation, and The Pennsylvania Game Commission. He has also been honored by the Pennsylvania Senate with their Special Recognition Award and by Penn State with the David T. Wanlass Wildlife Award.

David Spigelmyer, Cogan's close friend, presented the award, making for a mirror image of last year's Alumni Awards Banquet. Spigelmyer was the 2012 recipient of the Outstanding Alumni Award, and Cogan presented the award to him during last year's ceremony. Spigelmyer spoke about Cogan's hard work and dedication to making the Elk Country Visitor's Centre a reality, and the positive impact that Cogan's work continues to have on wildlife, the environment, and the local economy by generating tourism.

"He turned straw into gold in the heart of Pennsylvania's elk country," Spigelmyer said. "His work has enormously benefitted this area, providing opportunities for business owners."

"I'm proud, and very pleased to accept this award from Penn State," Cogan said. He thanked his family for their support of his efforts, and expressed his gratitude for the education he received that made it all possible. He continued, "I wouldn't be here today without my degrees. I wouldn't be here today without Penn State DuBois. I wouldn't be here today without my family. It's come full circle for me; we now have Penn State DuBois students interning at our facility in Benezette. I recognize that bright-eyed look they have."



Distinguished Ambassador Award recipient John Bean with presenter Jean Wolf.

Next, John Bean stepped forward to receive the Distinguished Ambassador Award. 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. Bean is semi-retired as Chairman of Symmco, Inc., a leading manufacturer of powdered metal engineer parts, located in Sykesville, Pennsylvania. He and Symmco Inc. have long been supporters of Penn State DuBois, providing support and funding for education and other projects. The campus administrative building, the Symmco House, is named in honor of the company and its support.

Bean was presented his award by Jean Wolf, the director of development at Penn State DuBois.

“John has been said to have influenced personal and business associates by example, always encouraging the idea of the responsibility to give and have pride in the place you are from,” said Wolf. “John, you have done that far and wide for many causes and, in particular tonight, we recognize the support you have provided to Penn State DuBois.”

“I’m very privileged to have been able to start Symmco Foundation with my father, and that we have been able to support

Penn State DuBois and other community organizations,” Bean said. “I am overwhelmed by this honor. I thank the Alumni Association for it. I am honored.”

Bean began his career at Ideal Products, Inc., retiring as President after 40 years of service. Residing in Sarasota, Florida since 1994, his current pursuits include serving on the board of Children First, the Head Start provider for Sarasota County that has been three times nationally recognized as a Program of Excellence. Additionally, he is a Trustee of the New College Foundation in Sarasota, supporting the Honors College of the Florida State system.

In the recent past, Bean has served as Trustee of Washington and Jefferson College in Washington, Pennsylvania, where he received his BA in Political Science and Economics in 1965, and Vice Chair of the Board of the Marie Selby Botanical Gardens in Sarasota, Florida, a leading research institution of epiphytes; orchids and bromeliads. Bean served in the US Army in various overseas and domestic assignments.

Bean said he has enjoyed his long and productive association with Penn State DuBois, supporting the continuing efforts of the DuBois Educational Foundation and the Materials Engineering program

through his association with Symmco, Inc.

Chancellor Melanie Hatch closed the ceremony with a few remarks for the award recipients and guests. She said, “What an outstanding group of honorees. I’d like to congratulate each one of you. I’ve been here since February, and I continue to be amazed by the students and alumni of this campus.”

Hatch also underscored the significant role that people like the award recipients play in helping an educational institution thrive, and expressed her gratitude for the same.

“No university can function without the support of alumni and friends. We couldn’t do what we do without you,” Hatch said.

The Penn State DuBois Alumni Society hosts the Alumni Awards Banquet annually. Anyone interested in nominating an individual for one of this year’s Alumni Awards is asked to contact Julie Duffee at 814-375-4775 or jad62@psu.edu ▶

Demi Recognized with Undergraduate Program Leadership Award



LuAnn Demi

LuAnn Demi, Occupational Therapy Assistant Program director at Penn State DuBois, is the recipient of the university-wide 2014 Undergraduate Program Leadership Award.

The award recognizes a faculty member who has demonstrated exemplary leadership benefiting a Penn State undergraduate degree program. Specifically, it recognizes those individuals who have major responsibilities for the delivery of

undergraduate education within a unit and who are providing leadership that has transformed or revitalized the undergraduate program in some way.

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. Last fall, she helped facilitate the transition to a revised curriculum. “Due to her leadership, commitment to student recruitment, advising and innovative program development, the program is stronger than ever,” one nominator said.

Demi has implemented mandatory service learning activities, recruited community-based clinicians to guest lecture, organized physical agent modality training and splinting workshops for sophomores and consistently offered honors sections of occupational therapy classes each semester. Recently, she and an engineering faculty member organized a research and technology day, during which students presented posters on adaptive equipment they designed in collaboration with engineering students. She also involves students in off-campus projects such as implementing a fall-prevention program at a local retirement community and providing information on adapting an older driver’s vehicle through the CarFit program.

“LuAnn never stops advocating for success of Penn State, the OTA program, her students or the profession of occupational therapy,” a nominator said. ▶



Penn State President Rodney Erikson presented Demi with her award during a ceremony at University Park.

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Triple Take—Three of the campus' top administrators from past and present were all together at this year's Scholarship Luncheon. From left, Chancellor Emerita Anita McDonald, CEO Emerita Jackie Schoch, and current leader Chancellor Melanie Hatch. Each year, donors and scholars alike are invited to the Scholarship Luncheon to get to know one another over lunch. Donors get to see, first hand, the kind of impact they've had in the lives of students, and the students have the chance to explain how critical the scholarships have been in their educational pursuits.