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As we kicked off another Fall semester here, we have also reached another significant milestone in the history of our campus. Penn State DuBois officially turned 80 years old on Friday, September 18. We celebrated with a birthday party in the campus lawn, complete with cake, and the release of eight butterflies from our campus Monarch Nursery, one for each decade of the campus’ service to our local communities. You can read more about the Monarch Nursery, and the history of our campus in the following pages.

For myself and our team of dedicated faculty and staff here at Penn State DuBois, we are proud of our past and grateful for the foundation it has provided us, enabling us to build upon tradition and offer excellence in education to our local communities. But while we look fondly to the past, know that our sights are set firmly upon the future. The educational needs of our students and our workforce are ever changing and evolving, and we must change with those needs in order to fulfill our mission of providing relevant, quality educational programs that prepare people for rewarding careers and success in life.

In this issue of College Place, we will take a look at some of the ways we strive to serve the people of our area through providing education, service and opportunity; and we will take a look at where we came from, as well as the bright future we’re traveling into. We will give thanks, as well, to those who offer their generous support to our students through scholarships and internship opportunities, helping to make education and success more attainable for everyone.

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

Greetings from the Chancellor’s Office!
Under the beating wings of eight monarch butterflies released from the campus monarch nursery, Penn State DuBois officially turned 80 years old on Friday, September 18. The campus community celebrated the milestone with a birthday party and picnic in the campus lawn. The occasion was especially marked by the butterfly release, one monarch for each decade, as they were the first specimens to be released from the on-campus butterfly nursery, which is an effort to help restore endangered world populations of the monarch.

State Representative Matt Gabler joined other guests including alumni, donors, students, faculty and staff. Gabler delivered a congratulatory letter to Chancellor Melanie Hatch and shared remarks with the crowd.

“This institution has been a driving force for our communities; this campus has been such an important part of our region,” Gabler said. “It is my honor to congratulate Penn State DuBois on proudly providing eight decades of quality education to our communities.”

Those eight decades began on September 18, 1935, when the DuBois Undergraduate Center of the Pennsylvania State College first opened its doors in the old Hubert Street School in DuBois. Hatch shared more of the campus’ history with guests, thanking friends of the campus for providing the support that has allowed Penn State DuBois to thrive through the decades. Hatch said, “A great deal has changed since the campus first opened its doors, but one thing that has remained the same is the fact that this institution continues to serve our communities thanks to our alumni, donors, students, faculty and staff, who have made a commitment to the success of Penn State DuBois. And each of you make that commitment because you believe in the need for quality education in your community.”
The family of John E. DuBois donated the DuBois Mansion and grounds to Penn State in 1937, at which time the DUC, as the center came to be known, moved into the old mansion. The campus remains on the DuBois grounds today.

But as the 1940’s dawned, Hatch explained, growing turmoil in Europe and the Pacific eventually drew a majority of America’s young men to serve in World War II. It was a different world then, and most college students were young men. This left the old mansion halls virtually empty of students, as most of them laid down their books, and picked up their rifles to head off to war. The DuBois Center was closed in 1944.

Once again, however, the community stepped in to keep the institution alive. Local leaders like Patrick Swift, for whom the campus’ Swift Building is named, went on to form the DuBois Educational Foundation to support the center. The DEF remains today the campus’ advisory board, and is the namesake of another one of the buildings on campus.

When the veterans of World War II returned, they brought with them the G.I. Bill, and enrollment soared to what was unprecedented levels at the time.

Hatch went on to fill in the more recent history of the campus, explaining that those pioneer alumni from the 1930’s and 40’s handed down their appreciation for Penn State DuBois, from generation to generation, forming a support network that has helped to keep the campus a center for education in Central Pennsylvania. She said, “A lot really has changed since 1935. We have state-of-the-art classrooms and labs, world class faculty, and staff members, and alumni who have gone on to find success in the world’s most significant industries. Loyalty and friendship among those who learned here, however, has not changed in the least. An appreciation for the importance of education is still here today, as it has always been. And that’s why I’m sure in another 80 years, another chancellor will be here expressing their appreciation.”

Today, students at Penn State DuBois can complete one of 16 degrees programs offered in entirety at DuBois; or they can complete the first two years of course work for nearly 160 Penn State degrees that can be earned at other locations throughout the state.
DuBois Program Among 18 Engineering Bachelor Degree Programs Accredited by ABET

Eighteen engineering bachelor’s degree programs in the Colleges of Engineering and Earth and Mineral Sciences have been accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET). ABET is the global accreditor of college and university programs in applied science, computing, engineering and engineering technology.

ABET accreditation assures that programs meet standards to produce graduates ready to enter critical technical fields that are leading the way in innovation and emerging technologies, and anticipating the welfare and safety needs of the public.

The accredited programs in the College of Engineering are: aerospace engineering, architectural engineering, biological engineering, biomedical engineering, chemical engineering, civil engineering, computer engineering, electrical engineering, engineering science, industrial engineering, mechanical engineering and nuclear engineering at University Park and general engineering, which is offered at Penn State Abington, Brandywine, DuBois and Hazleton.

The accredited programs in the College of Earth and Mineral Sciences are: energy engineering, environmental systems engineering, materials science and engineering, mining engineering and petroleum and natural gas engineering.

“Achieving accreditation for a total of 18 programs in one visit is a major milestone for Penn State Engineering,” said Amr Elnashai, Harold and Inge Marcus Dean of Engineering.

Sought worldwide, ABET’s voluntary peer-review process is highly respected because it adds critical value to academic programs in the technical disciplines, where quality, precision and safety are of the utmost importance.

Developed by technical professionals from ABET’s member societies, ABET criteria focus on what students experience and learn. ABET accreditation reviews look at program curricula, faculty, facilities and institutional support and are conducted by teams of highly skilled professionals from industry, academia and government, with expertise in the ABET disciplines.

“ABET accreditation is the ultimate benchmark for engineering education and receiving this accreditation demonstrates Penn State’s strong commitment to providing our students with a quality education,” said William Easterling, dean of the College of Earth and Mineral Sciences.

ABET is a nonprofit, non-governmental organization recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA). It currently accredits almost 3,500 programs at nearly 700 colleges and universities in 28 countries.

More information about ABET, its member societies, and the accreditation criteria used to evaluate programs can be found at www.abet.org.

Established in 1896, the College of Engineering has maintained a strong tradition as one of the country’s leading educators of engineers. For more information, visit www.engr.psu.edu
DuBois Brings Home Summer Leadership Trophy

A group of Penn State DuBois students brought home a coveted trophy from the Penn State Summer Leadership Conference this year. The team of 12 students who participated in the conference, held in August at Penn State Altoona, took first in the annual Campus Challenge. This is the first time Penn State DuBois has won the Campus Challenge Championship Trophy. They competed against teams from 19 other Penn State campuses. The Campus Challenge is designed to promote teambuilding and leadership skills among students who participate, by requiring them to complete physical challenges like early morning work-outs and runs; creativity exercises, like a photo contest; as well as mental tests, such as a trivia contest. This was the 51st Annual Penn State Summer Leadership Conference. The three day event is intended to enhance leadership skills among students, provide them with a deeper understanding of multicultural competencies, and demonstrate how their role as a student leader at Penn State can be applied to their future.

Penn State DuBois Assistant Director of Student Affairs Marly Doty said, “I have never worked with a group of leaders that bonded that quickly and were so committed to one another. ‘No leader left behind’ was the motto for this group and they demonstrated it through their late night networking and early morning fitness as a team. Not one single person backed out of 6:30 a.m. workouts. I am super proud of these leaders!”

In front, left to right: Zach Wood, Dennis “Bub” Lumadue, Josh Sanko, Julianne Inzana, Hope Buskirk.
In back, left to right: Brittany Johnson, Nathan Confer, Kristy Hanes, Ellis Painter, Linsey Mizic, Anthony Halm, Amanda Butler.
Donors Support Students with New Scholarships

Mabel R. Snapp Trustee Scholarship Established

With a $100,000 commitment, Charles Snapp has established the Mabel R. Snapp Trustee Scholarship, in memory of his late Aunt. First preference for this scholarship will be given to students majoring in, or planning to major in education. However, other undergraduates will be considered for the scholarship should no other students meet the first criteria.

Charles Snapp is a long-time donor to the campus and a dedicated advocate of education. He previously established two scholarships which benefit Penn State DuBois students: The Charles E. and Charlotte J. Snapp Memorial Trustee Scholarship, which was established in his parents’ honor, is awarded primarily to business students. The Fred D. Falkinburg Trustee Scholarship, named after his cousin, assists forestry program students.

Snapp graduated from Kane Area High School in 1960. He then attended Penn State DuBois, and eventually earned an Accounting Degree from Penn State University in 1963. He worked as a Field Auditor for the Pennsylvania Department of Revenue for 30 years, and retired in 1994. As a past committee member of For the Future: the Campaign for Penn State Students, he served on the Alumni Subcommittee. He also works closely with faculty from the Wildlife Department on research related to land and forest preservation. He received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Penn State DuBois Alumni Society in 2009.

John R. Schneider Scholarship Endowed by Ross Kester

The John R. Schneider Scholarship at Penn State DuBois has been endowed by Schneider’s colleague and friend Ross Kester, with a pledge of $50,000. John retired from teaching as an instructor of engineering at Penn State DuBois in 2000. He passed away at age 79 on October 27, 2014.

John Schneider attended Penn State DuBois and went on to Penn State University Park to complete his Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering in 1958. John was given two awards for his skill in teaching: 1995-96 Educator of the Year from Penn State DuBois, and Outstanding Teaching Award from the Penn State Engineering Society.

Ross’s reason for endowing this scholarship is two-fold: to assist and encourage students to pursue a career in engineering technology and engineering, and to honor an exceptional faculty member, colleague, and friend. Ross was the only child of parents who encouraged him to seek higher education. He received financial support from his parents, but it was necessary for him to work while in school and summers. Ross has seen this financial dilemma become more serious with increasing tuition, text book, and living expenses.

Ross Kester received an associate degree at Penn State DuBois in 1964 and went on to Penn State University Park to complete his Bachelor of Science degree in Vocational Industrial Education in 1969, and a Master of Education degree in Vocational Industrial Education in 1974. After graduating from Penn State, Ross’s career included: teaching at Williamsport Area Community College (Penn College), consulting engineering while being an adjunct faculty at the DuBois Campus, and finally as a full-time instructor at Penn State DuBois, retiring in 2007. The experiences in consulting engineering afforded Ross with the opportunity to become a registered professional engineer and surveyor in Pennsylvania.

The Glenn and Ruth Mengle Foundation Make $60,000 Gift

With two distinct gifts, the Glenn and Ruth Mengle Foundation have contributed $60,000 to Penn State DuBois. A gift of $35,000 from the foundation was made to support annual scholarships at the campus. An additional gift of $25,000 was made to Broader Horizons for Student Success at Penn State DuBois. Broader Horizons supports students outside the classroom so they may participate in valuable experiences regionally, nationally and internationally by helping to cover the costs of these activities. The funding covers such items as travel expenses incurred to participate in internships, seminars, and conferences, and provides community support via service-learning opportunities locally, regionally and nationally.

Additionally, Broader Horizons provides funding for students to participate in international travel and study abroad programs. Prior to these gifts, the Mengle Foundation had already shaped the opportunities that Penn State DuBois offers by providing significant annual scholarship support. To date, Mengle Foundation scholarship funding has provided $356,000 to 334 students. Last year, Mengle Foundation provided $25,000 which was awarded to 16 Penn State DuBois students.

Left to right is Chancellor Melanie Hatch with John’s wife, Linda Schneider, and Ross Kester, who established the John R. Schneider Scholarship.
Students in the Penn State DuBois Wildlife Technology Program are helping to improve the natural habitat in and around an area lake. The students have joined in the efforts of the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission and the Jefferson County Conservation District to provide habitat development at Kyle Lake, a man-made body of water located in Washington Township, Jefferson County. Students recently helped representatives build turtle basking platforms that will be placed in the lake to help sustain the population of painted turtles there.

Most of the work is centered on providing cover and habitat for wildlife and fish species in and around the lake, such as catfish spawning boxes, as well as structures for bass and pan fish to use as cover.

The current work to build the turtle basking platforms will have the platforms ready for installation in the spring. The wooden structures will float on the water’s surface, but will be tethered in place to blocks dropped on the lake’s bottom.

“Turtles eat, then they climb out of the water and bask in the sun. They need this to thermo-regulate,” explained Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission Habitat Manager Mike Swartz, who is also a graduate of the Penn State DuBois Wildlife Technology Program. “These also help the turtles avoid predators by giving them a place to bask out in the middle of the lake, instead of them being forced to go to the shore.”

Swartz said Kyle Lake has long been a popular recreational area, and that a decline in some species of fish and wildlife in recent years has resulted in decreased recreational opportunities, such as fishing. Declines are attributed to the fact that it is a man-made lake, lacking some of the habitat characteristics of natural lakes. Current efforts are aimed at changing that.

“This is the first year of a five year project including the turtle platforms, catfish boxes, and more,” Swartz said. “It seems like some populations have gone down, and we’re trying to get that back up and keep the anglers happy.”

Swartz further explained that even the turtle platforms double as a habitat for fish, since they provided shaded areas of the lake that some species seek out during warm weather.

Deb Wilson, manager of the Jefferson County Conservation District, said, “As a resource, Kyle Lake provides a lot of opportunities for recreation in our area, with things like fishing, kayaking and boating. We are looking for ways to improve it and make it an even better resource, and we’re just really excited to be working with the Fish and Boat Commission and Penn State DuBois to do that.”

With that partnership in mind, Swartz said, “It works tremendously well; if we don’t have volunteers, these projects don’t happen.”

While the Penn State DuBois Wildlife Technology students are making these habitat improvement project happen, they’re also learning valuable, real-world lessons that round out their entire educational experience. They are learning from professionals like Swartz, who graduated from the same program they’re enrolled in, and is now putting his education to work.

Senior Instructor of Wildlife Technology Keely Roen said, “These hand-on activities are things the students will likely have to do as wildlife professionals, so they’re getting the experience now and developing skills they’ll always depend on throughout their careers. They also get to work with professionals in the field, network with them, and connect with them.”

“I think this is really cool, because these things we’re building will last for so long and have such an impact,” said student Linsie Adams of Punxsutawney. “I got to help produce this and make an experience better for families who go out there.”

Classmate Matt Duffus, of Mount Pleasant, PA, said, “This gives us hands-on experience, instead of just being in the classroom all the time; it’s real field experience. Plus, it feels good to make a difference.”

Wildlife Students Work to Restore Habitat at Area Lake
Students and faculty in the Wildlife Technology Program at Penn State DuBois are doing their part to save an iconic species of butterfly from possible extinction beginning this year. A butterfly nursery has been established in a small courtyard in the Swift Building on campus, where monarch butterflies will be raised and released into the wild. The nursery will help to bolster the dwindling monarch population which has suffered in recent years due changes in its environment and food supply, including territory in Mexico where the entire monarch population migrates for winter.

"Monarch numbers have declined by approximately 90 percent in the last 20 years. The overwintering population in Mexico, which pretty much contains every monarch from the Eastern US and Canada covered only about 1.7 acres the winter before last," explained Senior Instructor in Wildlife Technology Keely Roen, who is leading the nursery project. "We are losing monarchs because of destruction of their winter habitat in Mexico and the loss of milkweed in the US. It could also be the overuse of herbicides and insecticides and extreme weather from climate change. The good news is there are a lot of efforts going on to restore and plant milkweed and nectar plants for the adults. More and more people are starting to plant these in their gardens and raise monarchs."

The nursery contains beds planted with milkweed, wildflowers, and other plants necessary for the monarchs to thrive. Larva was brought to campus in August, cared for, along with the rest of the nursery, by students, providing real-world learning opportunities.

"The wildlife program is very hands on and we have been capturing, weighing, measuring, tagging and releasing monarchs for years," Roen said. "Two years ago we had to rely completely on reared monarchs because we simply couldn't find any. Last year was better. However, I thought if we could incorporate a larger-scale project into the course that could benefit the campus and literally be part of helping a potentially endangered species, why not? Students will have the opportunity to learn so much from the butterflies, but also about managing the daily operations and logistics of a project like this."

The first mature monarchs to be released from the nursery were eight specimens set free during the Penn State DuBois 80th Birthday Party on September 18. Eight, in all, were released, one for each decade the campus has been operating.

Penn State DuBois partnered with BUDS Garden Club and Jefferson County Master Gardeners to establish the nursery gardens.

To follow the butterfly nursery project, visit http://dubois.psu.edu/Monarch
Around 50 middle school and high school students from six area school districts, as well as representatives from area industry, took part in Manufacturing Day at Penn State DuBois on October 2. All guests had the opportunity to take part in a product design exercise using computer drafting tools, received tours of campus engineering labs and production labs, and learned more about engineering degree programs offered at Penn State DuBois that can prepare individuals to launch careers in a variety of fields. Presentations were also made by faculty members in the campus engineering programs. Participating schools included Elk County Catholic, St. Marys, DuBois Area, Jeff Tech, Curwensville Area, and Moshannon Valley.

“We want to expose students to the sleek, high-tech manufacturing of today,” said Associate Director of Academic Affairs and Outreach Carolyn Jacobson. “A lot of manufacturing jobs are opening up, so there are many career opportunities in these fields. Today, we’re hosting our next generation of manufacturing professionals.”

Jacobson explained that 12 Million Americans are currently employed in manufacturing fields, and in 2013, the average annual salary of those employees was $69,000. She said these include jobs in areas such as powder metals, machining, chemical production, food and beverage production, paper production, and more. Additionally, according to the National Association of Manufacturers, total output from manufacturing in Pennsylvania in 2013 totaled $77.37 Billion.

Jesse Husted, a high school counselor from Curwensville Area High School brought 14 students to the event. Husted said, “This is an amazing experience for the students to go through. They get exposure to a field they’re not familiar with, and getting this hands-on experience is second to none.”

Husted said his students would, without a doubt, be inspired to look further into careers in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). He said, “I have 100 percent confidence this will get some of them interested in STEM fields. It was really beneficial to see the professors from Penn State DuBois and the influence they had on the students.”

The representatives from area businesses who attended the Manufacturing Day event learned more about opportunities to train their employees, as well as utilize lab space at Penn State DuBois for their company’s research and development needs.

“We want them to see the labs and equipment we have that our local manufacturers can come in and use,” Jacobson said. “My first thought when I saw these labs was, for a small campus in a small town, we have incredible facilities. We want our local manufacturers to see what is here and know they can use it.”

Manufacturing Day is a national event supported by a group of industry sponsors and co-producers. Events were held at more than 2,000 locations across the country, intended to addresses common misperceptions about manufacturing by giving manufacturers and educational institutions an opportunity to open their doors and show, in a coordinated effort, what manufacturing is.
A total of six employees from GKN Sinter Metal’s Emporium, PA location have received their certificates for completing the Business Essentials for Professionals program at Penn State DuBois. GKN invested in the education of their staff by sponsoring tuition for these employees.

The 12 credit certificate program is designed for adult learners who would like to gain a knowledge of essential business concepts. These adult learners may already possess a degree in a non-business discipline, but need to augment their knowledge and résumés to increase career opportunities. Courses in the program included Introduction to Business, Effective Speech, Introduction to Business Information Systems, and Introduction to Selling Techniques. Students who completed the program had varied job responsibilities from manufacturing, to supply chain management, and purchasing.
Students Launch National Wild Turkey Federation Chapter to Support Conservation

A group of campus students have launched a collegiate chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTF), and have already held their first major fundraising event in September.

Dubbed the Penn State DuBois Strutters, the collegiate chapter held a Fun Fundraising Day on Sunday, September 13, at Bilger’s Rocks in Grampian. There were games including horseshoes, a bag toss, can jam, and archery. There was also a dinner and raffles for prizes such as trail cameras, and more. More than 50 people turned out for the fundraiser, which brought in over $600 for conservation of the wild turkey and its habitat.

The Strutters are one of only two collegiate chapters of the NWTF in Pennsylvania. The only other collegiate chapter is based at Penn State University Park. Open to Penn State DuBois students, the chapter serves as a student club on campus, but also affiliates its members with the NWTF, giving them access to the support of the organization, and opportunities to collaborate on conservation oriented projects.

“The major significance of a college chapter is to help students understand the mission and reach of the National Wild Turkey Federation,” said NWTF Pennsylvania Regional Director Walter Bingaman, who recently attended an organizational meeting of the Strutters chapter. “A collegiate chapter is so important, because we hope that after you graduate, you find your local chapter and continue your involvement.”

Student Courtney Braunns founded the chapter, and set its establishment in motion last year. She said, “My motivation for starting this collegiate chapter came from my love and passion of getting others involved in the outdoors. Throughout my childhood I had excellent mentors and had some pretty amazing opportunities and I want to share that with others and give them the same experience I had growing up. I am hoping that through having a collegiate chapter we will be able to reach out to students and teach them about the outdoors and the importance of conservation so that maybe one day they can pass that on to someone else. That’s really what it is all about and it is so important in today’s world where kids are growing up sitting around playing video games instead of spending time outside. I hope our collegiate chapter can make an impact on the lives of many people. Even if just one person is impacted by each event we do, that’s one more person who will share their knowledge and passion with generations to come.”

Founded in 1973, the NWTF is a non-profit organization dedicated to the conservation of the wild turkey, and all wildlife, and the preservation of America’s hunting heritage. The organization supports scientific wildlife management, provides educational programs, provides funding for habitat conservation efforts, and more. To date, the NWTF has dedicated more than $372 Million to upholding sporting traditions and conserving over 17 Million acres of wildlife habitat.
New Penn State DuBois Students Reach Out to Serve Community

More than 140 freshman, plus faculty and staff group leaders, participated in the annual Penn State DuBois Outreach Day on Friday, August 21. Each year, as part of New Student Orientation, new students volunteer at various charitable and community oriented organizations throughout the area, giving students a look at the importance of service, while lending a hand to local charities. This year, students served with a total of 18 organizations, including The American Red Cross, Bilger’s Rocks, Boy Scouts of America, Brockway Depot, Central PA Community Action, Children’s Aid Society, Downtown DuBois Revitalization, DuBois Area Historical Society, DuBois Chamber of Commerce, DuBois Continuum of Care, DuBois Senior and Community Center, DuBois Free Medical Clinic, Goodwill Industries, Paint and Play School, Rumbarger Cemetery, Salvation Army, Special Olympics, and the Tri-County Church.

Each group was led by a campus faculty or staff member, as well as a student orientation leader, who then took students to their work site for the day. In all, the groups visited more than a dozen charitable and community-centered organizations. They performed landscaping, cleaning, litter pick up, and other duties in order to give back to their local communities around DuBois, Clearfield, Brockway, and beyond.

Freshman Morgan Young, of Clearfield, spent Outreach Day at Goodwill Industries of North Central Pennsylvania in Falls Creek, where she sorted donated items, folded and hung clothing, and labeled items for sale.

“I like it because it's an opportunity to do something different and help make a difference,” Young said. “I hope hearing about what we did today makes others want to do the same.”

Fellow student Anthony Caruso, of South Williamsport, was inspired to help others even more after Outreach Day. He said, “It feels nice to help people, and I think I might want to go back and help again.”

Caruso also said that Outreach Day can have other added benefits for the many students attending Penn State DuBois who are from outside the area. He said, “It’s a good way to help everyone in the community, especially when it’s one I’ve never been to before. Meeting people here by helping them is a good way to start, and it gives a lot of insight as to what people around here are like and what the area is like.”
In addition to learning more about his new community, Caruso got to learn specifically about Goodwill Industries of North Central Pennsylvania, as well, as students take time to learn some background about the organizations they volunteering with during Outreach Day.

Students at Goodwill learned that the organization serves 13 counties in Pennsylvania. At the Falls Creek plant, they process 4,300 donated items each week, which range from clothing, to toys, to furniture, appliances and other household items. Items are then shipped to Goodwill stores in the area. Goodwill of North Central Pennsylvania employs a total of 550 people, a large number of them with disabilities, providing them with opportunities to make a living in a welcoming environment. But like any workplace, a little extra help is always appreciated.

“The Penn State students definitely helped pick up the flow,” said Goodwill Assistant Plant Supervisor Kayla Gordon. “Summer is our busiest time with our stores getting a big rush for back to school shopping, so having help preparing for back to school is really helpful.”

Gordon said the employees at the plant enjoy the help, as well as the interaction they have with students. “The people that work here with disabilities are so excited to have others come and teach them their jobs and the things they do each day.”

Penn State DuBois Assistant Director of Student Affairs Marly Doty said she was happy to hear how students and organizational representatives felt about Community Outreach Day. She said instilling in students a passion for service, early on, can add meaning and value to their education, and even to their future careers.

“It’s important that students engage in community service right off the bat. It teaches them about social responsibility and places where they can get involved,” Doty said. “That blossoms into future projects, community service trips, and even jobs. They’re making connections, meeting people, and giving back. It increases their odds for success and builds a stronger community all at the same time.”

Doty added that some new students have already expressed interest in continuing their service through campus after participating in Outreach Day, by stepping up to lead next years’ freshmen. She said, “The new students are excited and determined to be orientation leaders next year. This builds a strong foundation for our involvement on campus this upcoming year.”

Above: Freshman Morgan Young, of Clearfield, cleans and labels items for sale in Goodwill stores during her service experience at Goodwill Industries of North Central Pennsylvania.
Campus Students Provide Hands-on Learning for Area First Graders

A group of Penn State DuBois students majoring in education, Human Development and Family Studies (HDFS), and business, provided hands-on learning opportunities for area elementary school students earlier this year. Nearly 100 first grade students from Brockway Elementary School visited campus for a day full of educational workshops.

Organized by Assistant Professor of Education Pamela Hufnagel, the program consisted of five unique workshops that exposed the children to different cultures from around the world, while they completed activities based on aspects of those cultures. Those featured included the cultures of Italy, Australia, Japan, Peru, and African nations. In the Australian session, for instance, students made a boomerang; in the Japanese session, they created works of origami art.

“They’re learning about languages and customs, and being exposed to things many of them have never been exposed to before. It may just get them interested in these cultures and inspire them to travel to these countries someday,” said Christine Woriskey, a first grade teacher at Brockway Elementary. “They were really excited about coming here today.”

The college students realized plenty of educational benefits for themselves by participating in the program, as well. Education major Sean Harker, of Grampian, said, “Just being able to learn to keep control of a classroom was great. It’s also nice to get the experience of what it’s like to work with kids.”

Hufnagel said, “For our students, it introduces them to planning age appropriate lessons for first graders, and they get practice presenting. They also get practice adapting to different age groups, getting a glimpse at how children of this age think.”
Penn State DuBois Fall Baseball Shows Promise for Spring

The Penn State DuBois Baseball Team made a strong debut with a four-appearance Fall Ball Season in September, including two double headers, and ending with a record of 3-3. This cemented confidence in the squad as they look forward to their first spring season beginning in March. This is the first time Penn State DuBois has fielded a baseball team since the early 90’s when the program was cut due to budgetary reasons.

The DuBois Lions kicked off Fall Ball on September 19, by splitting a double header versus Clarion University. DuBois got by Clarion 4-2 in game one, but dropped game two to Clarion 5-3.

The Lions next squared off against the Community College of Allegheny County on September 23, winning that game 5-4. They went on to a double header with Jamestown Community College on September 26, besting Jamestown 9-5 in the first game, but letting game two slip by 11-3.

DuBois suffered a 4-0 loss to Clarion on October 6 in the final game of the Fall Ball season.

Head coach Tom Calliari said that for a team that had less than a month to prepare together, he’s very pleased with their performance, and optimistic about the spring season.

“They’ve done really well. Obviously we have a lot to work on; we have to work on swinging the bat,” Calliari said. “It will be a challenge for us, but my expectations are simple. I want to go to the USCAA Small College World Series. That’s our goal. Obviously you want to win the conference, and that will happen if we get there. We can do this. It’s a possibility.”

Calliari said he’s also thankful for the support he and the team have received from the community and the campus, noting that baseball is a staple in the area. He said, “What makes it exciting is that baseball is in the blood here. The community is really getting behind us. We also have so much support from the staff at the campus who run music and video at the field, and just make the atmosphere amazing. Our games are really an experience.”

The Penn State DuBois Nittany Lions kickoff their spring baseball season at Houghton on March 12. Their first home appearance is a double header set for 1:00 p.m. on March 19, as they play host to Keuka at Showers Field in DuBois. A full schedule and the latest updates on the team is available at http://www.psuduboisathletics.com
The Penn State University Athletic Conference (PSUAC) has announced first and second team All-Conference honors in Cross Country. Claiming four spots on the top 14 list were runners from the PSU DuBois team; First team honors went to Juliann Boddorf and Stephanie Graham. Second team All-Conference recognition was awarded to Tamara Anthony and Carley Boice. To make the All-Conference Team, athletes must finish in the top fourteen of the championship race.

Boddorf claimed the title of Conference Champion at the PSUAC Championship on Saturday, October 17, held on the golf course of Penn State University Park. Boddorf has won every conference race this season and sealed the deal at the championships by running at her fastest mile pace all year. Joining her in the limelight was perhaps the most balanced running team that Penn State DuBois has ever seen.

Newcomer Carley Boice rounded out the notable performances. Boice, who has been gradually gaining momentum through the season, claimed a 12th place finish in the conference. Since joining the cross country team, Boice has been able to shave off a whole two minutes from her mile pace.

Anthony rose from being ranked 21st in the conference last year, to finishing the championship race this year in 10th place.

“This is arguably the best squad of runners in Penn State DuBois history. I couldn’t be more proud of them,” commented Head Coach Kyle Gordon. “They’ve made our team, program, campus, and communities very proud.”

Both the men’s and women’s cross country teams will be competing at the United States Collegiate Athletic Association’s (USCAA) Cross Country National Championships on Friday November 6, in Lakeland, FL. Look for results in the Spring 2016 issue of College Place.

For compete results from this year’s seasons and all the latest news on Penn State DuBois athletic programs, visit http://www.psuduboisathletics.com

Left to Right: Assistant Coach Matthew Burke, Stephanie Graham, Tamera Anthony, Juliann Boddorf, Carley Boice, and Head Cross Country Coach Kyle Gordon at the PSUAC Conference Championship Race at University Park on October 17.

DuBois Lady Lions Champion the Conference for Cross Country, Garner Awards
The Penn State DuBois Co-Ed golf team competed in the PSUAC / USCAA Championships Oct. 12, and 13, at the Blue and White Courses at Penn State University Park. Lead by Coaches Vic Gearhart, Ron Cavaline, and Kevin O’Donnell, PSUD finished in Fifth place with a two day score of 714. Leading scores at the PSUAC championships were Tyler Woodard (84,85), Kristy Hanes (87,89), Justin Quiggle (92,95), and Brandon Coraluzzo (88,100). Also rounding out the team scores were Justin Rock and Tom Fugate.

Winning the PSUAC championships was PSU Lehigh Valley with a two day score of 670; followed by Wilkes-Barre 682, Hazleton 698, Mont Alto 699, DuBois 714, and New Kensington 773. Schuylkill also had golfers in the competition, but failed to have four golfers score in the event which took them out of the team standings.

Special team recognition goes to Tyler Woodard who was named to the PSUAC All-Conference Team for his play all season and at the championships. Also, receiving special recognition is Kristy Hanes for her performance in the classroom. Kristy received USCAA All-Academic Team honors for the second year.

The golf team will return several of the players to the squad for next season. They plan to build upon this season’s performance. The coaches are recruiting high school seniors who have the desire to play golf at the collegiate level.
Celebration of Pride

With a roaring “We are...” a new class of freshmen started their journey to join the ranks of proud Penn State Alumni. I would like to welcome them along with our alumni and friends to the DuBois Alumni Society update.

As we enter the Fall season, we should take time to reflect on the year and take pride in the success and connections that the alumni and campus have made. Since the last update, the DuBois Campus celebrated another Spring commencement, which in turn added new members to the Penn State Alumni Association (PSAA). With each graduating class, the PSAA continues to grow and remain the world’s largest dues-paying alumni association with 177,307 members and growing. These Alumni have the opportunity to stay engaged with the Penn State experience through the activities of the Penn State DuBois Alumni Society.

We are proud of our Alumni Society Board and the opportunities they have created to engage Alumni, students, and the community. This Summer and Fall have proven to be filled with reasons to celebrate our Penn State pride.

We were proud to announce the recipients of this year’s Alumni Awards. The recipients for Outstanding Alumnus, Marcella Jo Lucas; Outstanding Young Alumnus, Jessica Noland; and Distinguished Ambassador, Matt Gabler and Dan Kohlhepp have been honored for their accomplishments and service to the campus at a dinner on October 15. You can read more details about these honorees on the next page.

The Alumni Society pride was shown as Penn State DuBois celebrated its 80th anniversary in September. Alumni Society members and staff were on the campus lawn at the picnic celebration sharing news of events, promoting PSAA membership, and engaging new and old friends. Continuing with a Fall tradition, the Penn State DuBois Alumni Society demonstrated its pride with a float in the Homecoming Parade. This is always a great opportunity to connect our campus with others across the Penn State system for a celebration of our legacy.

Finally, we are proud of the opportunities we have created and the traditions that we follow in order to continue to support the campus, students, and the community. Due to the success of events and networking with alumni and community partners, we have been able to continue to grow our Alumni Society endowed scholarship fund. This additional scholarship money directly impacts the success of our future alumni.

I hope you take time to reflect on what makes you PSU proud. Please consider sharing your pride with the Alumni Society. We encourage you to become engaged with the campus events, faculty/staff, and students. We are continually offering opportunities on campus and in the surrounding communities. There are several ways to stay connected. You can contact the Alumni Relations Office at 814-375-4775, visit our webpage: www.ds.psu.edu/alumni, or like us on Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/duboisalumni
Four individuals were honored for their career accomplishments, as well as their steadfast support of Penn State DuBois at the campus’ annual Alumni Awards Banquet on October 15, at the DuBois Country Club.

This year’s award recipients included Jessica Noland, ’14 IST, recipient of the Dave Shaffer Outstanding Young Alumni Award and an information technology resident with Google in New York City; as well as Marcella Jo Lucas, ’86 MET, ’89 SDCET who received the Outstanding Alumni Award. Lucas is a research project manager at the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation Materials Testing Lab in Harrisburg, PA. Two Distinguished Ambassador awards were presented to Matt Gabler, state representative for Pennsylvania’s 75th Legislative District, and Dan Kohlhepp, ’69 BS, ’71 MBA, senior lecturer in Real Estate Infrastructure at Johns Hopkins Carey Business School in Washington DC.

The Dave Shaffer Outstanding Young Alumni Award is presented to a Penn State DuBois alumnus who graduated from or attended campus less than 10 years ago and has achieved significant professional accomplishments, is an active community leader, and is engaged with a campus or alumni group. Noland provides internal IT support and works in a variety of areas related to internal IT operations at Google. Most recently she has been working on a project with the privacy teams in relation to privacy compliance efforts. Noland began her career at Google Inc. only a few months after graduation, having received a job offer during her senior year. Prior to graduating she was also an IT Intern in Google’s Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania office. During her college years Noland worked as an IT Intern for Jason Long, Senior Instructor and Program Coordinator in Information Sciences and Technology, completed an IT internship at Echo Star Co., and spent time as an IT consultant for two self-owned businesses. Noland was presented with her award by Tony Vallone and Jackie Atkins, both English faculty members at the campus.

“All her assignments were impeccably done,” Vallone recalled of Noland when she was his student. “She even found time to assist other students and talk with me after class or whenever she saw me on campus. She was such a pleasure to work with, and her work was so good I hired her to create a website for my publishing company. I wish more students were like her.”
Upon receiving her award, Noland said, “During my time at Penn State DuBois I learned so much more than just the degree curriculum. I learned how to be an adult. Much easier said than done. I learned how to make a name for myself and to show others that I could have impact. I learned how to throw myself way out of my comfort zone and most of all I learned to enjoy life by making the most of everything.” She went on offer a bit of advice, and thank the campus community for support. She said, “Don’t stop pushing yourself to do things that you think are out of your reach because they probably are closer than they appear. Thank you for supporting me during my adventure out in the real world.”

Lucas was presented with the Outstanding Alumni Award by her close friend and colleague Sheri Little. The Outstanding Alumni Award is awarded to a Penn State DuBois alumnus who graduated from or attended campus 11 to 40 years ago and demonstrates professional leadership with an impact on society, leadership within their professional field, citizenship in their community, and engagement with a campus or alumni group.

Lucas has worked at PennDOT for 26 years. She is the author/co-author of seven national technical reports. She has authored/presented research findings at various construction conferences throughout Pennsylvania. She has been a recipient of PennDOT’s Innovative Idea Award for one of her research projects. She has her Engineering-in-Training Certificate for Civil Engineering. The Transportation Research Board selected Lucas for a three-year term as a Committee Member for the Field Testing and Non-destructive Evaluation of Transportation Structures Committee; she is currently serving her second year. In her current position with the Bureau of Project Delivery, Lucas evaluates the use of new material products and construction technologies through research projects.

While introducing Lucas, Little said, “She is not only my coworker, but also my college roommate and best friend. Marcy has been a sister to me, and an aunt to my kids. It gives me great pleasure to award a sister and outstanding friend the Penn State DuBois Outstanding Alumni Award.”

Lucas accepted the award while expressing her gratitude for the opportunities and support she has had. She said, “It is amazing that you can start out in a small town and end up seeing the whole state, the whole country. The education you get at Penn State DuBois is amazing. It is family.”

The two Distinguished Ambassador Awards were presented next. 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.

Daniel Kohlhepp received his award from his close friend and Penn State Board of Trustees member Ryan McCombie. In addition to serving as a senior lecturer at Johns Hopkins, Kohlhepp is also president of Granite Road, LLC, a real estate development company in DuBois, Pennsylvania. He began his career in real estate as a college professor at the University of Oklahoma and Penn State University, and then spent 30 years as a real estate investor and developer before returning to academia five years ago when he retired from Crescent Resources, LLC as the president of both its Commercial Division and its residential development company, LandMar Group. At the Johns Hopkins Carey Business School, Kohlhepp has served as the academic program director of the Master of Science in Real Estate and Infrastructure Program and has been responsible for the real estate development, investment, and modelling courses. He has just completed two online courses in real estate development for the NAIOP Commercial Real Estate Organization.
Kohlhepp attended Penn State on a wrestling scholarship, but a career-ending knee injury sent him to the cheerleading squad where he gained notoriety as the Nittany Lion Mascot during the 1967-68 and 1968-69 football seasons. At Penn State, he was a member of the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity and the Parmi Nous honor society. He is a member of the DuBois Education Foundation and served as its president from 1998 to 2000. In 2004, he was recognized by Penn State with the Alumni Fellow Award. He has been a loyal supporter, donor, and advocate for Penn State DuBois for decades.

McCombie said of Kohlhepp, "His philanthropy in DuBois and at Penn State is legendary. He's a great man in mind, body and spirit. A great man that I'm grateful to call a friend."

Holding the event program with list of past award recipients, Kohlhepp shared, "Thank you for this award with its honor and recognition. This pamphlet makes me feel humble, because there are so many impressive people listed here. I do feel like an ambassador for Penn State DuBois as we celebrate the success of its students and supporters over the last 80 years." He went on to explain his reasons for supporting the campus over the years, saying, "Penn State DuBois is a critically important and integral part of our area. It defines our history in so many ways. Penn State DuBois has been and is the ladder for upward mobility in our area."

Gabler received his Distinguished Ambassador Award from his life-long friend Nick Suplizio. Representing Pennsylvania’s 75th Legislative District, Gabler serves over 64,000 constituents in Elk and Clearfield Counties. He was first elected in 2008 and is currently serving in his fourth legislative term. A DuBois native, Gabler graduated from DuBois Central Catholic High School as valedictorian in 2002. He attended Bucknell University on a 4-year Army ROTC scholarship and received his Bachelor of Arts in Political Science with a minor in Physics in 2006. Upon graduation, he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Army Reserve. He served as a company commander with the 424th Multifunctional Medical Battalion before accepting his current assignment as a medical plans and operations officer in the headquarters of the 28th Infantry Division, Pennsylvania Army National Guard. He currently holds the rank of Captain. He has been a vocal supporter of the Community Education Center and the DuBois Educational Foundation.

"Matt continues to support the campus as an ambassador," Suplizio said. "I've always said that he serves our area so well. We are lucky to have him as our state representative."

Gabler, while accepting his award, said, "It is a true honor and a pleasure to serve this area as your state representative and to work as a grateful partner with the alumni, students, faculty, staff and administration of Penn State DuBois. Please, keep up the great work in helping our community and the people who make up our community, to reach their potential."
Wildlife Technology student Donna Morello, of Brookville, has received a $500 gift card to Penn State Bookstores as the winner of the Blue and White Society Bookstore Sweepstakes.

Blue and White Society members who renewed their membership this year were automatically entered in the drawing. Three $500 gift cards were awarded university-wide.

The Blue and White Society is the student membership of the Penn State Alumni Association. Members support the Penn State Alumni Association’s service to the University and to its communities through Penn State pride and civic leadership.
Assistant Professor of Engineering Daudi Waryoba was named the DuBois Educational Foundation (DEF) Educator of the Year for 2014-15. He was presented with his award by DEF President Carrie Wood at the annual commencement luncheon held on May 9.

The Educator of the Year Award is given annually by the DEF to recognize outstanding teaching. All nominees must be full-time faculty members with at least one year of prior service at Penn State DuBois. This honor is based purely on student feedback, as the students submit nominations and the award winner is chosen based on the number and quality of nominations received.

One of the students who nominated Waryoba for the award said, “He’ll do anything he can to get us to better understand everything and anything. There wasn’t a dull moment in his class and he made everyone feel comfortable to ask any questions they had. He motivated students to do well and encouraged them to work hard. He’s also my adviser and makes me feel confident in my class decisions and he always explains anything I have a question about. He is an all-around great guy and I’m honored to have had him as a professor.”

Waryoba earned his Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Dar es Salaam, in Tanzania, in mechanical engineering, his Master of Science degree from Carlton University, and his Ph.D. from Florida State University. He teaches introductory engineering design, statistics, and dynamics, introduction to materials science, introduction to materials engineering technology and powder metallurgy lab courses. His work on the DuBois Engineering Lab Experience is sponsored by the National Science Foundation.

Waryoba’s direction of one recent student project resulted in the creation of therapy devices to assist individuals suffering from dementia and Alzheimer’s Disease. Those devises are now used daily at Christ the King Manor Nursing Home. He has also initiated a collaboration of local industries with undergraduate projects that has been a conduit for recruitment. He is a professional member of the Materials Information Society, the Minerals, Metals & Materials Society, and the International Metallographic Society. He serves as program coordinator for the Accreditation of the General Engineering Program, and is Co-Advisor of the DuBois Engineering Club.

Upon receiving his award, Waryoba said, “This is awesome. It was a real surprise. I’m so happy to get this award and it is truly an honor, but I could not do it without the support of this campus; from all of the wonderful faculty and staff. The DEF has also been very supportive, and generously provides funding for our program.”
Jacobson Leading Academic Affairs, Outreach

Carolyn Jacobson has been named associate director of Academic Affairs and Outreach at Penn State DuBois, joining the campus administration in June. In her new position, Jacobson provides leadership in administering academic and educational programs for the campus that are relevant to the needs of area residents and the regional workforce. She works with the faculty to develop annual academic and community outreach plans consistent with the mission of the university and campus, and collaborates with colleagues to maintain a schedule of classes for each academic semester that is consistent with enrollment needs and program requirements. Additionally, Jacobson oversees outreach efforts aimed at meeting the educational needs of the workforce, organizations and businesses within the campus service area. She is also responsible for supervising the Outreach department, Advising Center, and Disability Services, and oversees the hiring of part-time faculty.

“I am excited to join a great team of people at Penn State DuBois,” Jacobson said. “I look forward to working with Penn State and the broader community to identify and offer programs to meet the educational needs of the region.”

Jacobson comes to the campus from York College of Pennsylvania where she taught business statistics as an adjunct professor at the Graham School of Business. She previously served as assistant dean at the School of Business and Computer Technologies at the Pennsylvania College of Technology, worked as a grant writer for Frederick Community College in Maryland, and was the director of graduate and adult business programs, as well as a professor, at Mount St. Mary’s University. During her time at Mount St. Mary’s, Jacobson led revisions to the MBA program, secured state approval for two graduate certificate programs, led efforts that resulted in exceeding targeted enrollment, and more. Additionally, Jacobson served as chair of Information Systems and Management Science at Marymount University, and was a professor of information systems there.

Early in her career, Jacobson held associate and assistant professorships at Ohio University, Gettysburg College, and Shippensburg University.

Jacobson earned her Ph.D. in Organizational Communication, minoring in Human Resources Management, at Ohio University. She also received her master’s from OU, and her bachelor degree from Oberlin College.

“Our campus has gained an incredible asset in Carolyn Jacobson,” said Chancellor Melanie Hatch. “Carolyn is a talented leader who has demonstrated her ability to successfully implement strategies and programs in higher education that provide opportunities for graduates to launch, or further, meaningful, rewarding careers.”

An accomplished researcher, Jacobson has published dozens of articles in professional journals, contributed chapters to educational texts, and presented her work at both national and international conferences. She has also worked as an accreditation and assessment consultant to higher education institutions, and serves as a program evaluator for ABET, an international accreditation organization for applied science, computing, engineering and engineering technologies.
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