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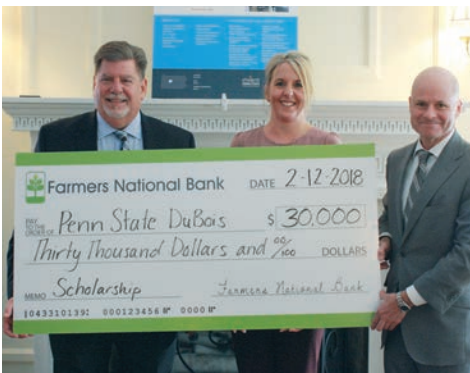
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**A GREATER
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FOR 21ST
CENTURY
EXCELLENCE**



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Above: During the Alternative Spring Break trip to Washington D.C., students volunteered in a variety of ways and locations that included public kitchens and shelters. Read more on page 19.

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Chancellor M. Scott McBride, at left, visits with campus supporter and Open Doors Scholarship donor Bob Johnson, at Johnson Motors. Johnson has operated his auto dealerships for 45 years.

Greetings from Penn State DuBois!

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to catch up on the latest campus news in this edition of *College Place*. We have much to celebrate, and many members of our extended campus community to be thankful for this year. In the following pages, you'll see many stories that illustrate the way we at Penn State DuBois strive to service our communities and to contribute to the success of our citizens. I'm certain that you will be impressed by the number of individuals who support our campus initiatives as donors, partners, and friends. For their support we offer our deepest gratitude.

One way in which our friends have made an extraordinary contribution to the success of our campus community is through the establishment of Open Doors Scholarships. You'll read in the following pages about the donors who have taken advantage of the unprecedented opportunity to capture Penn State's 2:1 match for their gifts. To be sure, these significant scholarship endowment funds will enable more of our citizens to earn their Penn State degree.

Another way we are working with our partners to better our communities is through the Invent Penn State initiative. With the University awarding our campus a \$50,000 seed grant this year to get started, this initiative is a collaborative partnership focused on growing and attracting talented innovators and entrepreneurs, addressing manufacturing competitiveness and workforce needs, and creating new high-knowledge,

high-technology businesses for the region. An introduction to this exciting development appears in this edition of *College Place*.

I hope you enjoy this glimpse into the status of our Penn State DuBois campus. Community is everything. We can accomplish so much more together than we ever could on our own. In this issue, you'll see how our collaborations can capture "the ingenious power of partnership." ▶

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Scott McBride".

M. Scott McBride, Ph.D.
Chancellor and Chief Academic Officer

Open Doors Scholarship Program Creates Unprecedented Support for Students

A GREATER PENN STATE FOR 21ST CENTURY EXCELLENCE

The Open Doors Scholarship Program has generated nearly \$2 million for student scholarships at Penn State DuBois, as of press time. This unprecedented giving opportunity runs in its current form through June 30, 2018, offering the 2:1 match to donors who make a minimum \$30,000 pledge, payable over five years,

to establish a scholarship. Donors can also choose to donate any amount above \$30,000, which the University will also match at 2:1.

“The generous commitment of our donors to scholarship endowments and other projects enable our DuBois campus to fulfill its mission of educating the citizens of our region and sustaining its service to the region,” said Chancellor M. Scott McBride. “Now, through this one-time, two-to-one match, Open Doors Scholarship Program donors can triple the already vital impact of helping students to pursue and complete a coveted Penn State degree.”

“An opportunity to make this large of an impact through philanthropy has never before been offered at Penn State,” said Penn State DuBois Director of Development Jean Wolf. “Donors can see their gift grow immediately, creating a legacy for themselves through supporting the education of our students.”

Illustrating how vital that impact is are studies that have found only 50 percent of students from low-income households graduate in six years. Open Doors Scholarships support students who are enrolled in one of five programs the University has created to address the financial, academic and personal challenges that Penn State undergraduates face in earning their degrees. At Penn State DuBois, 90 percent of campus students have a need for financial aid. Though \$450,000 in scholarship dollars is currently awarded annually, many students remain in need. The average unmet need per student is over \$7,000 a year.

Highlighted here are the generous donors who have already established an Open Doors Scholarship at Penn State DuBois. ▶

William H. Keown Open Doors Scholarship



Donor Ross Kester was the first to establish an Open Doors Scholarship at Penn State DuBois. The retired instructor in the campus engineering program named his scholarship in honor of his late colleague William H. Keown. Kester is pictured with Keown's daughter Mary Ruth Wilson.

The very first donor to establish an Open Doors Scholarship at Penn State DuBois was Ross Kester, with a \$50,000 gift. He retired from the campus after nearly 30 years of service as a senior instructor in engineering. Before joining the campus faculty full-time in 1978, Kester received his bachelors and master's in Education from Penn State. He has worked as a consulting engineer and designed pneumatic conveying equipment. Kester has received many awards, including the Penn State DuBois Engineering Club Award, Penn State DuBois Professor of the Year Award, the Department of General Engineering Outstanding Faculty Award and was named the Penn State DuBois Postsecondary Tech Prep Educator of the Year.

Kester named his scholarship in honor of his friend and former

colleague, the late William H. Keown. Kester said, “Bill was a dedicated family man who enjoyed knowledge, and being involved in the community. He was loved and respected by many. He was quick with a smile, a listening ear, and one of his famous hugs.” Kester will also receive the 2018 Lifetime Achievement Award from the Penn State DuBois Alumni Society.

Nancy L. and William G. Allenbaugh Open Doors Scholarship



William and Nancy Allenbaugh

Nancy L. and William G. Allenbaugh are among donors who have taken advantage of this opportunity, as well, creating the Nancy L. and William G. Allenbaugh Scholarship with a \$30,000 pledge.

“As an alumni and retired adjunct faculty at Penn State DuBois, I have observed and experienced the benefit of attending a great university in the middle of rural PA,” William Allenbaugh said. “Penn State DuBois has many graduates who stay in the local area and enhance our local community. Unfortunately, there

are numerous talented individuals in the local area who, due to economic hardship, are unable to obtain a Penn State education without borrowing, and long-term debt. Others give up their dreams, believing that they can't afford it. We view this scholarship as an opportunity, to 'pay it forward' and provide financial assistance to talented local individuals with financial needs. Our future is dependent on the education and skills of the youth of our community. This scholarship is our opportunity to assist the next generation in fulfilling their educational dreams which will benefit the entire local community.”

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William and Nancy met in high school and married in 1973. They have two children. William graduated from Penn State in 1973 with a BS in Law Enforcement and Corrections. He received his masters in 1990, and became a licensed psychologist in 1994, opening his own practice, with Nancy as financial director. William also taught classes at the campus in the Human Development and Family Studies program.

Robert G. Johnson Open Doors Scholarship



Chancellor M. Scott McBride, at left, with Robert Johnson, creator of the Robert G. Johnson Open Doors Scholarship at Penn State DuBois.

Robert G. Johnson has created the Robert G. Johnson Open Doors Scholarship at Penn State DuBois by making a \$30,000 gift to support campus students.

Robert Johnson has supported Penn State DuBois for many years. He is a former secretary for the DuBois Educational Foundation (DEF), and chaired the fundraising committee for the construction of the DEF

Building on campus. He regularly sponsors fundraising events such as the Lion Wine and Cheese and the DEF golf outing. He said, "When you have, you have to give back. That's the whole nature of it."

Johnson graduated from Penn State with a bachelor's degree in marketing in 1971. He opened Johnson Motors in 1972, and in his 45th year in business deals in a variety of brands of new cars, as well as pre-owned vehicles.

Johnson has been selected to receive the 2018 Distinguished Ambassador Award from the Penn State DuBois Alumni Society for his steadfast support to the campus. He'll receive his award at the Penn State DuBois Benefit Celebration slated for October 6.

Swift Kennedy & Company Support Open Doors Scholarship



Mike Nesbit, vice president and personal lines manager, at left, with George Heigel, president, support the Penn State DuBois Open Doors Scholarship Program through their business, Swift Kennedy Insurance Group.

With a \$30,000 pledge, Swift Kennedy and Company has created an Open Doors Scholarship.

Swift Kennedy Insurance Group is an independent property and casualty insurance agency founded in 1921 by Patrick J. Swift and Albert D. Kennedy, serving over 3,000 individuals and families, and 1,300 businesses in West Central Pennsylvania. The company has supported Penn State DuBois in a

We will ensure that each student, regardless of heritage, individual characteristics, or financial well-being, has access to a timely degree and a true Penn State experience.

multitude of ways throughout the history of the campus. Company founder Patrick Swift helped to establish the DuBois Educational Foundation (DEF) in 1944, when the campus, then known as the DuBois Undergraduate Center, closed due to the number of students who left to serve in World War II. Fearing the campus would not reopen, Swift formed the DEF to raise funds and push through legislation that would assure the campus reopened with a portion of state support allotted to what was then the Pennsylvania State College. The Swift Building on campus is named for this community leader.

Current Swift Kennedy president, George Heigel, is a long-serving member and past president of the DEF, which remains the campus' advisory board today. Heigel and the company have supported the campus through the years by establishing other scholarship funds, volunteering for fundraising efforts, and more. Swift Kennedy representatives are also enthusiastic supporters of campus athletics, with vice president and personal lines manager Mike Nesbit also serving as an assistant coach for the Penn State DuBois Baseball Team.

Riverview Bank Open Doors Scholarship



Chancellor McBride recently accepted a \$30,000 pledge from representatives from CBT/Riverview Bank to establish an Open Doors Scholarship. Pictured, left to right, are William Wood, CBT Bank; McBride; Judy Mitchell, and Michael Bibak, both with CBT Bank.

CBT Bank, a division of Riverview Bank, established their scholarship with a \$30,000 gift.

CBT has supported Penn State DuBois for more than 30 years, making contributions totaling over \$90,000 in support of scholarships, as well as facility projects, including the

construction of the DuBois Educational Foundation Building. Each year, the bank contributes to the CBT Bank Scholarship at Penn State DuBois, which provides recognition and financial assistance to outstanding undergraduate students enrolled or planning to enroll at Penn State DuBois who have superior academic records and a need for funds to help cover their college expenses.

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Christine Beretsel Open Doors Scholarship



Christine Beretsel with Chancellor McBride.

Christine Beretsel made a \$30,000 pledge to establish her Open Doors Scholarship.

She attended the DuBois campus for the first two years and finished her BS in Accounting at University Park. She was a student athlete and a member of Delta Mu Sigma, the DuBois Campus Honor Society. She is recently retired from the pharmaceutical firm, Merck, where she had worked since graduation. She has supported the campus for years and currently serves on the campus Greater Penn State Campaign Committee.

Beretsel said, "I purposefully direct my contributions toward the DuBois campus because it was the primary reason I was financially able to go to college. I had access to the benefits of a nationally-recognized Penn State education while living at home and keeping my job. I want to ensure someone else has that same opportunity."

Beretsel also served as commencement speaker at this spring's campus commencement ceremony.

Dr. David S. and Deborah M. Ross Open Doors Scholarship



David and Deborah Ross

David and Deborah Ross also recently created the Dr. David S. Ross and Deborah M. Ross Open Doors Scholarship with a gift of \$40,000. They did so, they said, to encourage and help local students who have a strong motivation to work and learn, but who might lack the funds to achieve an education on their own. They said they have a particular interest in helping students

in engineering and other science- and technology-related fields. David Ross grew up on a dairy farm in Jefferson County. He attended Penn State DuBois for two years, before moving on to University Park to continue studies in agricultural engineering. He is a professor emeritus at the University of Maryland. Deborah Ross worked full time in addition to raising a child while she earned her bachelor's degree. She is an information technology coordinator at the University of Maryland Extension.

Symmco Open Doors Scholarship



Symmco Foundation Trustee John Bean, at left, with Chancellor McBride at this spring's Scholarship Luncheon.

Symmco Foundation, a charitable organization and frequent supporter of the campus, has established an Open Doors Scholarship with a gift of \$60,000. The foundation has roots in Symmco Inc., a powder metal manufacturer in Sykesville, Pennsylvania.

Symmco Trustee John Bean said, "The students of today are the foundation on which our society is built. Specifically the students served by the

DuBois campus of Penn State do, and will, provide the leadership in our community. Education provides a basis for understanding, and advancement of our society, by exposing students to new or expanded thoughts. Our company is a citizen of the DuBois community and benefits directly from a better educated work force."

Bean continued, "Literature is filled with examples of individuals who have moved to be better able to serve their community by the ability and privilege of education. Their presence in the community and contribution to the community is payment enough. This does not minimize the contribution that the educational institution makes to the community in a social, educational and intellectual way. We are better off with Penn State here."

Charles E. Snapp Open Doors Scholarship



Charles Snapp

With a gift of \$30,000 long-time campus supporter Charles Snapp established an Open Doors Scholarship. A 1963 graduate of Penn State, Snapp began his college career at Penn State DuBois, going on to earn a bachelor of science in business administration degree. He worked as an auditor for the Pennsylvania Department of Revenue for 30 years, retiring in 1994. He has established or supported numerous other funds at the campus over the years, including the Charles E. and Charlotte J. Snapp Memorial Trustee Scholarship in memory of his

parents, the Mable R. Snapp Trustee Scholarship in memory of his aunt, and continues to support funding sources for youth programs.

Farmers National Bank Open Doors Scholarship



Chancellor McBride, left, accepts a \$30,000 check for the establishment of an Open Doors Scholarship from Farmers National Bank Vice President and Director of Retail Banking Danyell Bundy, and President and CEO William C. Marsh.

in Emlenton, Pennsylvania, operating 17 full-service offices in Allegheny, Butler, Clarion, Clearfield, Crawford, Elk, Jefferson, Mercer, and Venango Counties, Pennsylvania and Hancock County, West Virginia. The bank is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Emclair Financial Corp (NASDAQ: "EMCF").

"Farmers National Bank takes great pride in supporting the scholarship efforts that Penn State DuBois has created for its students. We believe that education is the foundation for success and having the opportunity to eliminate a piece of the financial burden provides students with more time to focus on their degree and future goals," said Marsh. "The knowledge these students will acquire through their college education is vital towards building a better community, which is one of the missions of our organization."

Edward S. and Della M. Nasuti Open Doors Scholarship



Ed and Della Nasuti

support to the campus. He served as commencement speaker in 2010.

Ed and Della, along with Lee-Simpson Associates, also established a Trustee Matching Scholarship for Penn State DuBois engineering students in 2010.

Edward S. and Della M. Nasuti established their Open Doors scholarship by pledging \$30,000.

Edward is a Penn State DuBois alumnus and past president of the DuBois-based engineering firm, Lee-Simpson Associates, now retired. He is also a past president of the DuBois Educational Foundation, which provides financial and administrative

The Farmers National Bank of Emlenton has made a \$30,000 contribution to Penn State DuBois in support of The Open Doors Scholarship Program.

The bank is an independent, nationally chartered, FDIC-insured community commercial bank headquartered

Sell-Kohlhepp Open Doors Scholarship



Dan and Donna Kohlhepp

Dan and Donna Kohlhepp have made a \$60,000 gift to establish the Sell-Kohlhepp Open Doors Scholarship, honoring both the Kohlhepp family, as well as Donna's family, the Sells.

Born and raised in DuBois, Pennsylvania, Dan earned his B.S. and M.B.A. degrees from Penn State and his Ph.D. in Real Estate and Urban Analysis at The Ohio State University. He

has published numerous academic and professional articles in real estate and continues to teach adult education classes and seminars. In 2003, he received the Penn State University Alumni Fellow Award. He is President and CEO of Granite Road, LLC, a consulting company specializing in real estate investment and development services. He is also President and CEO of the Kohlhepp Real Estate Investment Trust, Ltd. and its sister company, the Kohlhepp Corporation which owns and manages a portfolio of closely-held real estate investments. He is also a past president of the DuBois Educational Foundation, and a past campaign chair during the For the Future Campaign.

He recently retired from Johns Hopkins Carey Business School where he was a senior lecturer and academic director of the Master of Science in Real Estate and Infrastructure Program. In 2017, the American Real Estate Society awarded his research as the "Best Paper by a Practicing Professional", and in 2018, he published his textbook, Real Estate Development Matrix, (Routledge) with his co-author Kimberly Kohlhepp.

In 2015, Dan was given the Distinguished Ambassador Award by the Penn State DuBois Alumni Society.

Donna Sell Kohlhepp earned her Ph.D. in Public Health at the University of Oklahoma where she also earned her MSN. Donna earned her Bachelor of Science in nursing at The Ohio State University where she met her husband, Dan. Donna taught nursing at Pennsylvania State University as an assistant professor. As a health care consultant, she has published, researched, and directed numerous seminars and workshops on health and wellness. Her book, "Women and the Midlife Experience: When the Glass Slipper No Longer Fits", presents an optimistic view of midlife with holistic approaches for dealing with the emotional and physical challenges it presents.

Donna is a health consultant to the Mint Culinary Studio in DuBois, and her private practice, HER: Health Education Resources, provides individual health counseling particularly in the areas of menopause and thyroid disorders. She has also been active in the local community serving on various boards. Donna and Dan have three daughters: Kaydee Gunter, Joanne Bish, Kimberly Kohlhepp, and grandson Henry Bish.

THE OPEN DOORS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

available for one year only!

A 2:1 permanent match for endowed gifts to specific pilot programs that will help students with financial need to thrive at Penn State

Minimum gift: \$30,000, which becomes an endowment of \$90,000 with Penn State's match

Program timeline: July 1, 2017, through June 30, 2018, or until available matching funds are expended

Penn State has a long history and a proud tradition of opening the door to higher education for students from every economic background. Our University was founded to serve the children of farmers and laborers, and as the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's land-grant institution, we remain committed to access and affordability. Rising costs and declining state support for higher education have resulted in tuition increases across the nation, and the burden has been especially hard to bear for those students—undergraduates who are among the first in their families to attend college or who come from low-income households and underrepresented populations—for whom a Penn State degree represents the greatest opportunity to change their economic destiny. **Ultimately, only 50 percent of students from the poorest households graduate within six years.**



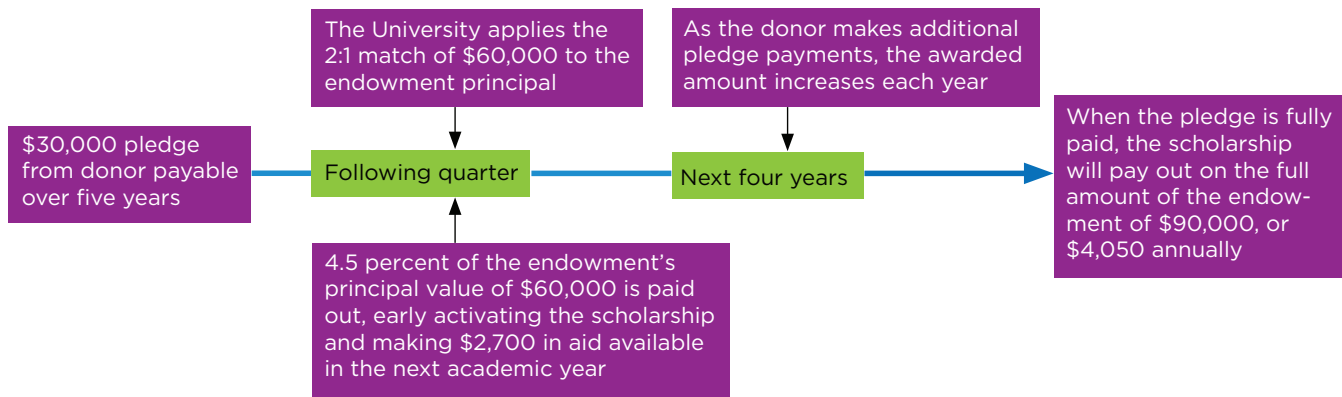
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To address the financial, academic, and personal challenges that our undergraduates face in earning their degrees, the University has created a range of pilot programs that can help them to succeed (see next page). Alumni and friends can help to launch these programs and meet the urgent needs of students through their endowed gifts, and Penn State will **triple the impact** of this support by providing a permanent 2:1 match of donor gifts to the endowment's principal.

While donors may take up to five years to fulfill their pledges, the **Open Doors Scholarship Program** shifts funds from the University into new endowments immediately, so that students can begin benefiting from a gift in the semester after the scholarship is established, and your **commitment will help undergraduates both right away and far into the future.**

YOUR GIFT, PENN STATE'S MATCH



THE OPEN DOORS PILOT PROGRAMS

For many students, the greatest tuition increase of all becomes the need to extend their education over five years or more, as they balance full-time jobs with full-time course loads, struggle to make the transition to Penn State and between our campuses, and try to find their place in our academic community. The following pilot programs have been designed to keep students on track to their degrees. The Open Doors Matching Program is designed to create scholarships that support all of the pilot programs. Donors may restrict their scholarship to a specific college or campus and indicate a preference for one of the pilot programs. In awarding scholarships, the University will give priority to students with the highest level of financial need—presently defined as those whose families can cover only 25 percent or less of their educational costs.

Pathway to Success: Summer Start

(PaSSS): Launched in 2015, this program helps entering students to make the transition to a Penn State Commonwealth campus other than University Park in the summer before their first year, learning skills, establishing connections, and earning credits that will help them to graduate on time. Those who successfully complete the first session can return for a second summer.

Student Transitional Experiences

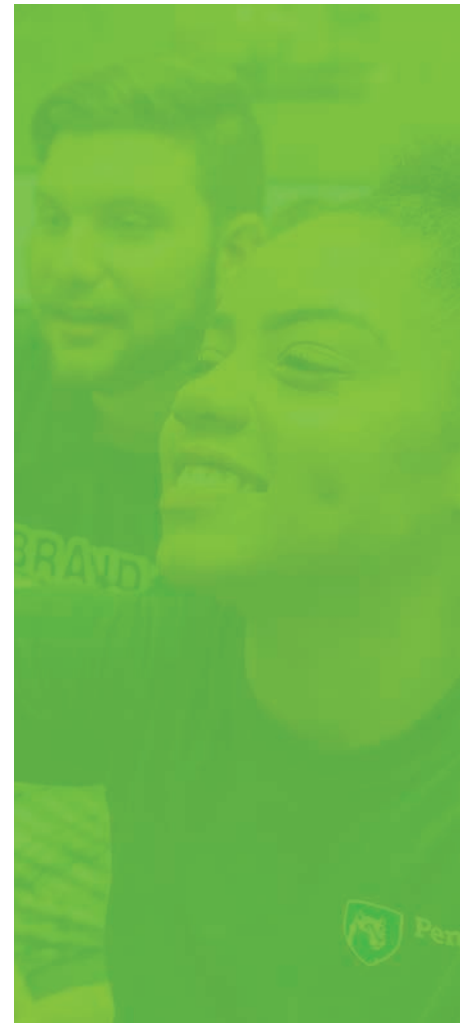
Program (STEP): Designed to help undergraduates who will be completing their degrees at University Park after spending their first two years at one of Penn State's other campuses, STEP offers a combination of scholarship

support, special courses, mentoring, and other opportunities for students to become immediately engaged in their new academic community.

raise.me: Students enrolled at specific Pennsylvania high schools serving low-income areas or those enrolled in the federal free lunch program, regardless of high school, can earn micro-scholarships toward their Penn State education by meeting goals that will lay a strong foundation for their future studies, such as "A" level work in their classes, perfect attendance, and participation in testing such as the PSAT.

Complete Penn State: Unexpected financial hard-ships—a parent's job loss, a family illness—can sometimes force undergraduates to leave the University even as the finish line is in sight. This program will provide aid/assistance to students when an unpaid bill or a gap in aid might otherwise keep them from graduating.

Smart Track: World Campus students face many of the same challenges as traditional students in their transition to higher education, as well as experiences specific to distance learners. The Smart Track program offers scholarship support, a two-semester course on academic and life skills, mentoring from peers and faculty, and assistance in becoming an engaged member of the World Campus community.



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Invent Penn State Comes to Our Region

Penn State DuBois was awarded a seed grant to fund an innovation hub and entrepreneurship center as part of the Invent Penn State initiative. The grant, totaling \$50,000, was announced during a celebration at the state capital in Harrisburg on February 5.



Representing Penn State DuBois during the announcement of new Invent Penn State seed grants at the state capitol in February were, left to right: Diane Spradling, lecturer in IST and Business Administration; Laurie Breakey, assistant teaching professor of Business Administration; Jean Wolf, director of Development; John Brennan, director of Continuing and Community Education, and M. Scott McBride, chancellor.

In all, seed grants for four Penn State locations were announced, each valued at \$50,000. The grants are designed to bolster entrepreneurship and economic development in communities surrounding Penn State campuses across the Commonwealth. With this announcement, Penn State DuBois becomes one of 21 hubs for innovation spread across Pennsylvania – an undertaking that was introduced by President Eric J. Barron just two and a half years ago.

“As a major public research university, we are committed to empowering entrepreneurs and providing the tools to take great ideas to the next level,” said Eric J. Barron, president. “Penn State is uniquely positioned with its Commonwealth campuses for each Innovation Hub to have a meaningful impact on student career success and to become a vital part of the Pennsylvania ecosystem, driving local economies and job creation.”

In addition to DuBois, this year’s grant recipients include Beaver, Greater Allegheny, and Hazleton. The 21 innovation hubs and entrepreneurship programs across the state use partnerships

with local community organizations and local industry to meet the needs of their unique business startup ecosystem. Through a competitive process, the winning grant proposals include varying combinations of training, mentorship and space to improve entrepreneurial leadership and spur economic development. The programs and services of each center or program are available free of charge to Penn State students and faculty, as well as community members who are not directly affiliated with Penn State.

Preliminary plans for the Penn State DuBois entrepreneurship center and innovation hub include a focus on manufacturing industries that already have a strong foot-hold in the area’s economy, which are poised for advancement and growth. Working together with industry partners, Invent Penn State aims to help companies within these industries innovate new technologies and processes, expand their business opportunities, and create growth and increased job opportunities in the area workforce. To realize these goals, campus administration will collaborate with businesses, economic development and workforce development organizations, local governments, and entrepreneurs.

Plans are in place to establish an off-campus collaborative business incubator and makerspace facility to serve students, faculty, and citizens of the region. The DuBois Launchbox and Innovation Collaborative is a partnership focused on supporting manufacturing competitiveness and workforce needs, growing and attracting talented entrepreneurs and innovators, and creating new high-knowledge, high-technology businesses for the region. With Penn State DuBois serving to facilitate partnerships with and between businesses, education, industry, and economic and community development stakeholders to form a functional ecosystem for providing facilities and programming for industrial research and development, P-20 STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, and math) educational and professional programming, business and community development, and workforce training and development for regional industries.

Five of the hubs have been open for more than a year now. The success of those locations demonstrates promise for hubs that are just getting started, such as the one at DuBois. Milestones in the first year of Penn State’s re-envisioned land-grant mission to support economic development, job creation, and student career success include:

- 2500+ faculty, staff and students engaged in entrepreneurial activity
- 100s of community entrepreneurs were supported
- 80 new products were developed
- 79 startups were launched
- 110 student internships were created.

“We are building momentum in establishing a culture where entrepreneurialism is embedded into who we are as an institution, especially for our students,” added Barron. “We believe that if we remove obstacles that stand in the way of launching new businesses, we open up endless opportunities to thrive.” ▶

Spring Commencement Celebrated

Nearly 80 members of the Penn State DuBois class of 2018 made the transition from students to alumni on Friday, May 4, at the campus spring commencement ceremonies. Chancellor McBride presided over the ceremonies, with Professor Arshad Khan serving as faculty marshal. Special guest speaker Christina Beretsel provided the commencement address. Music for the ceremony was provided by the Penn State School of Music Graduate Brass Quintet. Academic achievement awards were presented to Tristan Smith, for associate degrees, and to Julia Test, for baccalaureate degrees.

A highly successful business woman who was able to take an early retirement from Fortune 500 pharmaceutical company Merck, Beretsel was able to offer the new graduates first-hand advice on achieving success in their careers during her address.

A campus alumna, and supporter of campus programs, Beretsel began her long relationship with Penn State DuBois as an undergraduate in 1986. She earned her bachelor's degree in accounting, and went on to complete an MBA from Villanova. She also completed the Certified Financial Planning program at the American College for Financial Services.

Beretsel worked for Merck for 29 years in finance, manufacturing, and information technology. She had the opportunity to support both U.S. and international operations, traveling to locations in Europe and Asia. She retired in 2015, and now teaches Personal Finance at DeSales University as an adjunct professor. She also volunteers her time as an AARP Tax Counselor during the tax season.

Beretsel has remembered where her journey started, becoming a steadfast supporter of Penn State DuBois. She is a member of the campus Greater Penn State Campaign Committee, a supporter of BEST Robotics at Penn State DuBois, and recently established an Open Doors Scholarship at the campus.

In her address, Beretsel told new graduates, "Build on what you know. You have achieved a degree from a nationally recognized university, which signifies a great deal of study, understanding and demonstrated knowledge. Use that, put it to work. Many of you have worked while you were in school, I know I did. Take that practical understanding that you've gained from real life experience, plus the technical

knowledge that you obtained in the class room, and use it as a launching point; build on it. The retail job I had in high school gave me insight into the business world. While at Penn State, I worked in a bank, first here in DuBois, then later in State College, which exposed me to the finance world."

Beretsel also told graduates to tackle the hard things in life, head on. She said, "Don't shy away from something that is hard, complex, messy or ambiguous. Those are the opportunities that provide the most growth, sense of accomplishment, and chance to make the biggest impact. I want you to think about the classes that you learned the most in. Were they the easy A classes that you breezed right through? Or was it Anatomy, Biology, Law, Statistics, or Effective Speech? Classes that you spent more time on that you thought possible just to get through. Don't shy away from the hard or unknown, you're missing a great opportunity to grow."

In her final point, Beretsel told those embarking on their careers that even

though they've now earned their degree, they should never stop learning.

"If you've recovered from the exhaustion that comes with the last week of finals you should be pretty proud of yourself right now. You've achieved a huge goal," Beretsel said. "Many of you have uttered, 'I'm finished with school, and I'll never go back again.' Sorry my friends, that's not the case. To be successful, education needs to be an integral part of your life. Your brain is like a muscle and it needs to be exercised. Never stop learning."

Beretsel explained that professionals can constantly evolve and continue to learn throughout their careers, building new skill on the job, or continuing with new trainings, degree programs, or certifications that will enrich their knowledge and better qualify them for future success.

"In closing, I would encourage you to build on your knowledge, look for opportunities in growth fields, even if that field isn't well defined. Many of you have interest in healthcare, engineering, and sustaining our environment. I'm sure many of the business majors are budding entrepreneurs," Beretsel said. She concluded, "I've touched on what I've done in the last 30 years. I never imaged that I would get to travel around the world when I first stepped onto this campus. What do you image you'll be doing in 30 years?" ▶

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Successful businesswoman, campus donor, and alumna Christina Beretsel urged students to build upon their knowledge and never stop learning throughout their careers during her commencement address.

Spring 2018 Penn State DuBois Graduates

University College Degree of Bachelor of Arts

Administration of Justice

Grace Earle..... Osceola, PA

Letters, Arts, and Sciences

Tory Anderson Curwensville, PA

University College Degree of Bachelor of Science

Administration of Justice

Timothy Smith State College, PA

Business

Caleb Bennett Kersey, PA
 Laura Breakey Brookville, PA
 Roger Mikulec Falls Creek, PA
 Marissa Pearce Falls Creek, PA
 Jacob Perrin DuBois, PA
 Austin Sabatucci Punxsutawney, PA
 Rachel Schreiber Saint Marys, PA
 Julie Shimmel (Cum Laude) Wallaceton, PA
 Jacob Skubisz DuBois, PA
 Julia Test (Summa Cum Laude) Curwensville, PA

Human Development and Family Studies

Kylee Barrett DuBois, PA
 Daniel Bowman Ebensburg, PA
 Tosha Hahn DuBois, PA
 Krista Kolesar Curwensville, PA
 Mckayla Meyer Saint Marys, PA
 Austin Miller (Cum Laude) Rockton, PA
 Brittany Renaud* Clearfield, PA
 Alaina Shaffer* Clearfield, PA
 Brooke Simcox Curwensville, PA
 Andrew Smith* Hamilton, PA
 Fayeanna Turner Grassflat, PA
 Kylee Turek DuBois, PA

Information Sciences and Technology

Alexander Chezosky DuBois, PA
 Ryan Lingle Clearfield, PA
 Brandon Pash Grassflat, PA
 Ethan Wawrynovic (Magna Cum Laude) Philipsburg, PA

College of Engineering Degree of Bachelor of Engineering

Engineering

Cory Jamieson (Magna Cum Laude) Punxsutawney, PA
 Matthew Lingle DuBois, PA
 Christian Muth Reynoldsville, PA

College of Health and Human Development Degree of Bachelor of Science

Health Policy and Administration

Taylor Stott Clearfield, PA

University College Degree of Associate in Science

Business Administration

Kendell Sherwood DuBois, PA

Information Sciences and Technology

Jacob Chileski (Summa Cum Laude) Saint Marys, PA
 Kevin Decker Curwensville, PA
 Matthew Jones Clearfield, PA
 Ryan Kemerer Falls Creek, PA
 Kameron Kemmer DuBois, PA
 Jess Polohonki (Magna Cum Laude) Falls Creek, PA
 Charles Seitz DuBois, PA

Occupational Therapy

Ashley Mangiantini Mayport, PA

Physical Therapist Assistant

Christa August Reynoldsville, PA
 Hannah Eckert Saint Marys, PA
 Logan Hutton (Magna Cum Laude) Irvona, PA
 Derek Knittle Mahaffey, PA
 Danielle Kocjancic (Cum Laude) Kane, PA
 Zachary Kovacic (Cum Laude) Altoona, PA
 Kelli Lingenfelter Reynoldsville, PA
 Samantha Reinard Brookville, PA
 Andrew Zilkofski Kane, PA

College of Agricultural Sciences Degree of Associate in Science

Wildlife Technology

Hope Bridge Punxsutawney, PA
 Logan Bubb Jersey Shore, PA
 Zachary Byers James Creek, PA
 Adam Chorba Dallas, PA
 Cody Farmery Arcadia, PA
 Jakob Felix DuBois, PA
 Tyler Hilliard DuBois, PA
 Cali Housler Emporium, PA
 Daniel Jenkins Warren, PA
 Carter Johnson Middletown, PA
 Sean Lauer (Cum Laude) Felton, PA
 Caleb Lorson* Williamsport, PA
 Kory Mcconnell New Florence, PA
 Lane Potts Indiana, PA
 Aaron Reinard Brookville, PA
 Darby Richard New Bloomfield, PA
 Colin Rohrback Saint Marys, PA
 Jacob Seifert Buffalo Mills, PA
 Tristan Smith (Summa Cum Laude) DuBois, PA
 Alexis Stine Dover, PA
 Colton Treaster Rebersburg, PA

College of Engineering Degree of Associate in Engineering Technology

Mechanical Engineering Technology

Brenda Greenthaner Kersey, PA
 Chloe Hanes Saint Marys, PA
 Cole Kriner DuBois, PA
 Timothy Sutley (Magna Cum Laude) Cranberry, PA

Honors Convocation Recognizes Students, Faculty, Staff



Associate Professor of Communications Arts and Sciences Mary Mino offered a greeting to students, families, and friends attending the Delta Mu Sigma Honors Convocation in the Hiller Auditorium.

The 79th Annual Delta Mu Sigma Honors Convocation at Penn State DuBois recognized outstanding students, faculty, and staff members April 27th in the campus' Hiller Auditorium. Awards at the Honors Convocation recognize students for a wide range of accomplishments, from academic excellence, to overcoming hardships to succeed. Members of the staff and faculty were celebrated for their commitment to supporting students and for their service to the campus and community. The event is organized each year by members of the Delta Mu Sigma Honors Society.

Delta Mu Sigma Chair Julia Test welcomed students and their friends and families for the evening saying, "Every year we gather to honor the students of Penn State DuBois who excel in academics, leadership, service, and community involvement within our campus. This is the night in which faculty and staff are able to award students who have truly shined in their classes, clubs, and organizations. It is also the time in which students are able to applaud the faculty and staff for their excellence and dedication to the campus."

Those recognized at this year's Honors Convocation are listed below. ▶

Award	Recipient
OT Academic Excellence Award.....	Lisa Sargent
OT Student of the Year Award.....	Carly Shaffer
PTA Academic Excellence Award	Logan Hutton
WLT Ag. Alumni Outstanding Student	Sean Lauer
Sherwood S. Stutz Award (Tech. competence)	Darby Richard
David T. Wanless Award (Highest GPA)	Tristan Smith
Academic Excellence Award in Administration of Justice	Timothy Smith
Outstanding Achievement Award in Administration of Justice	Grace Earle
Academic Excellence in Mathematics Award ..	Carter Lellock
Outstanding Academic Achievement in Engineering, Applied Materials	Cory Jamieson
Outstanding Academic Achievement in Engineering	Brandon Bennett
Academic Excellence in Human Development and Family Studies, Baccalaureate Degree.....	Austin Miller
Richard M. Smith Outstanding Senior Award in Business Administration	Julia Test
Harry J. Charlesen Outstanding Associate Degree Student	Kendell Sherwood

University Awards	
President Sparks Award	Joelle D. Manners La Troy Thornton

President's Freshman Award		
Pasit Asavisanu	Dylan L. Fezell	Robert G. Pearce
Lucas S. Burkett	Jared Hawkins	Samantha L. Vida
Scot E. Coble	Rebecca Maine	Xavier Villeneuve
Laura R. Fatula	Joelene M. Murawski	Makayla S. Whaling

Scholastic Achievement Awards (DuBois)	
Associate Freshmen	Scot E. Coble Rebecca Maine Joelene M. Murawski Robert Pearce

Scholastic Achievement Awards (DuBois) <i>continued</i>	
Baccalaureate Freshmen	Pasit Asavisanu Lucas S. Burkett Laura R. Fatula Dylan L. Fezell Jared Hawkins Samantha L. Vida Xavier Villeneuve
Baccalaureate Sophomore	Joelle D. Manners La Troy Thornton
Baccalaureate Upperclassman	Julia Test

Honors Program Students		
Brandon Bennett	Laura Fatula	Jaret Kriner
Caitlyn Bumbarger	Tyler Garthwaite	Sean Lauer
Lucas Burkett	Alexandra Gilson	Rebecca Maine
Lauren Decarli	Jared Hawkins	Joelle Manners
Kurt Diehl	Layne Hy	Donna Morello
Kyrsten Enseki	Navjit Khaira	Laura Ruane

Special Awards	
Excellence in Academic Advising	Jessica Clontz
Walker Award.....	Alaina Shaffer
Laurel Award	Chanice Britten
Terry Hartman Community Service Award	Ryan Lingle
Students Choice Service Award.....	Holli Lashinsky
Student Athlete Leader Award	Dan Bowman
Delta Mu Sigma Staff Award.....	April Astorino Stefanie Penvose
Delta Mu Sigma Award.....	Grace Earle Zachary Pomeroy
Burns Award.....	Tia DeShong
Mansion Memorial Award.....	Julia Test
Susanne Waitkus Faculty Award	Diane Spradling
Delta Mu Sigma Scholarships	Chantel Tubbs

Donor Impact Celebrated at Annual Luncheon

The generosity of donors and the impact of philanthropy were celebrated at the annual Penn State DuBois Scholarship Luncheon on April 10, at the DuBois Country Club. The luncheon brings together scholarship recipients with donors, giving them the chance to meet each other, and providing students with the opportunity to personally thank many of the people who made their scholarships possible. 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.

"Thanks to the generosity of our donors, many of whom we welcome here today, during the 2017-2018 academic year we awarded over \$466,648 in scholarships to 286 students," said Chancellor M. Scott McBride during his opening remarks. "For this we are exceedingly grateful. You have demonstrated through your gifts that you entrust Penn State DuBois to ensure the effective use of these valued resources and to strive each day to lead our students toward the successful completion of a coveted Penn State degree."

McBride also mentioned the success of the current Open Doors Scholarship Program, and how donors who have taken advantage of the opportunity have made a significant impact. He said, "As you may already know, Penn State is currently offering a permanent 2:1 match for new scholarship endowments created

between now and June 30, through the Open Doors Scholarship Program. As of today, the Open Doors Scholarships created by donors along with the Penn State match will net the campus \$1.8 million in endowments. As we work to help reduce the unmet need of our student body, which is nearly \$3,000,000 annually, we continue to raise money for these important scholarship endowments."

Two students shared just how important scholarships are to their financial needs. Speaking from the student perspective in the luncheon program were Laura Ruane, a human development and family studies major, and Duncan LaValle, an administration of justice major.

Ruane offered an emotional expression of gratitude for receiving the Jordan Andrulonis Scholarship, named in honor

of her friend and Penn State student who died suddenly in 2009. She thanked Mark Freemer, stepfather of Andrulonis, who established the scholarship with his wife, Betty, in 2012.

"I grew up with Jordan. When I started my college career long ago, at another university, I did so with Jordan by my side. At one point he and I were inseparable and we did everything together," Ruane said. "Jordan was the type of person who could brighten your day simply by walking into the room. If Jordan were here today, I know he would be making a difference for his family as well as his community."

Through complete coincidence, Ruane learned this year that she would receive the scholarship established in her friend's honor. She continued, "I hope to honor his memory by also making a positive impact on my community, and your generous gift will make that possible."

"I would like to thank the Andrulonis family for creating this scholarship in Jordan's name. I am not only honored, but I am humbled to be able to continue my college career with Jordan by my side again."



Scholarship recipient Laura Ruane had a chance to thank Mark Freemer, who established her scholarship, face to face at the Scholarship Luncheon. Ruane and Freemer share a close scholar/donor connection through the relationships they had with this scholarship's namesake, Jordan Andrulonis.

LaValle spoke to the ways scholarships actually make attaining an education possible for some students who otherwise may not be able to cover the costs.

“The fact that I received scholarships makes it so I do not have to worry about paying as much; I don’t have to rely on working two jobs and having that get in the way of me really putting the effort I need to into my classes. I can go to events on campus because I don’t have to worry about cramming and having enough to pay for college. This is what makes Penn State DuBois not just a college to me; it’s a home,” LaValle said. “These scholarships not only help me to get my education, they also help me get the experience of being part of something so much bigger than myself. I would like to say thank you to all of our donors, not just from myself, but on behalf of all students.”

Donors who spoke during the program were Bill Marsh, president of Farmer’s National Bank, which recently established an Open Doors Scholarship; and Beth Giese of Pennsylvania Wildlife Habitat Unlimited, a group that provides scholarships to students in the Wildlife Technology Program.

“When an opportunity to support the Open Doors program arose, the decision was effortless,” Marsh said. “We can all agree education is one of the cornerstones for success. Farmer’s National Bank and Penn State DuBois are both in the business of improving our communities.”

Giese recalled working with campus Wildlife Technology students on conservation and habitat improvement projects in the area, noting the students’ work is worthy of support. She said, “We are very grateful for the opportunity to combine our resources with Penn State DuBois, and hope to continue to in the future.”

At Penn State DuBois, 90 percent of campus students have a need for financial aid. Though \$450,000 in scholarship dollars is currently awarded annually, many students remain in need. The average unmet need per student is over \$7,000 a year. ▶

DuBois Contributes Nearly \$25K to Thon’s \$10 Million Total

DuBois raised \$24,234 in contributions to THON 2018’s university-wide total of \$10,151,663 this year.

Alaina Shaffer of Clearfield, Brynn Morgan of Grampian, and Julia Test of Curwensville all made it through the entire dance marathon, each staying on their feet for the whole 46 hour stretch from Friday, February 16, until Sunday February 18, at the Bryce Jordan Center.

“It was the hardest thing I’ve ever done, but it was well worth it,” Shaffer said. “I met some amazing people and grew even closer to Brynn and Julia. I will be forever grateful for this experience.”

Test added, “THON was the most amazing experience that I have ever had, seeing thousands of people join forces to volunteer towards one common goal, to support and find a cure for pediatric cancer. In the divided society we live in, seeing these different people come together in peace and harmony for 46 hours was indescribable, a pure joy to be a part of.”

Test also explained how the THON slogan, “For the Kids”, was apparent everywhere during the weekend, and provided limitless motivation to make it through. She said, “Alaina, Brynn, and I all had times we felt defeated, but we pulled through. I had the biggest eye opener of my life during the weekend, we were watching the Four Diamonds children during the talent show. My feet were aching and I was exhausted, then out of nowhere, I was crying and couldn’t stop. Here I was, about 28 hours into the weekend in so much pain, but there were these children performing for thousands who stand with them and for them. They have been through so much. My pain was nothing compared to theirs and their smiles made every ache worth it. Those tears made me realize how great this organization is, we stand for them, for their future, so they can discover tomorrows wonders.”

Morgan recalled, “Walking into the BJC through the human tunnel at the start of THON weekend was incredible. Thousands of strangers cheering me on before the start of our 46 hour dance marathon was truly inspiring.

It got very tough during times, but with all of the support from my friends and family, as well as our DuBois THON organization, they all kept me motivated and reminded me why I was there. ‘For the Kids’. THON weekend has truly been the most inspiring and blessed times for me and I am truly honored I was able to represent DuBois.”

Students who volunteer with THON raise funds in various ways throughout the academic year. They host dinners, hold fund drives, and organize an annual hair auction, where volunteers get their haircut if bidders can reach a reserve they’ve set during the auction.

THON is the world’s largest student-run philanthropic event. It raises millions of dollars each year benefiting Four Diamonds. A leader in the fight against pediatric cancer, Four Diamonds fills in the funding gaps that insurance leaves for the patients it serves, enabling families to focus on caring for their child. Additionally, THON’s support allows Penn State Hershey Hospital to recruit world-class talent to continue innovative research, and to maintain and expand the state-of-the-art Children’s Hospital. THON began in 1973, when dancers raised just over \$2,000. ▶



Electronic Microscope Offers New Opportunities for Students, Industry

Thanks to a gift from a generous donor, Penn State DuBois engineering students and faculty have another way to distinguish themselves as members of an outstanding program. A new scanning electronic microscope, now housed in the engineering labs, is available, meeting a variety of needs, and bringing some research capabilities in line with labs at University Park.

The microscope is utilized by faculty as a valuable instructional tool, with which they can train students on equipment they'll go on to use in their careers. It will also be available to students conducting research projects as part of their academics. Additionally, industry partners at local manufacturing facilities will be able to use the microscope in researching their own methods to improve production.

The Jeol JSM – 7200F is among the very latest and most advanced scanning electronic microscopes available. It is capable of magnification of up to one million times an object's actual size, almost instantly. By way of comparison, the old microscope this one replaces was capable of magnification of 200,000 times, and required hours of processing to produce images.

The microscope is a valuable tool in discovering the composition of materials, such as powder metal. Understanding the makeup of such materials can tell engineers how they can improve the material, making it stronger, or even which materials work best for producing which products. Powder metal products are used as components in things most people use every day, such as cars and home appliances.

Valued at nearly \$300,000, the purchase of this microscope was made possible by donor support such as the lead gift of \$200,000 by Charles Snapp, Penn State class of 1963. The remainder was covered through unrestricted contributions from additional donors. Snapp is a campus alumnus and long-time supporter who has established multiple scholarship funds throughout the years, and was enthusiastic about finding a new and different way to give back to the campus.

"Everything that I've given to Penn State DuBois over many years was given in gratitude to the campus where the first and biggest step in my life's long journey took place," Snapp said. "As to why I chose to fund the scanning electronic microscope project, I wanted to do something for the campus that benefited a larger group of students. The scholarships that I've funded benefited individual students. The microscope was something that I saw benefited a larger population of students. This is something that students majoring in engineering, wildlife technology and possibly other majors could benefit from. Not only that, the microscope could be available to private industry in the area."

Cory Jamieson is one student who is already benefiting from the gift. The senior engineering student from Punxsutawney is using the microscope on a project where he is researching the composition of powder metal. Jamieson said, "This is my senior project, and I have applied to a graduate program. This is definitely great to have here. Before, I had to travel to University Park to use that equipment there. It's so convenient to have this at DuBois. At University Park, the labs are really busy; I had to schedule time on equipment a week in advance, and then I would have limited time to be able to use it. Here, I can just come in and see if it's available and use it."

Assistant Professor of Engineering Daudi Waryoba echoed Jamieson's comments.

"This gives opportunity to students to use the equipment for research projects, and that opportunity is unbelievable. Before we would schedule a day for labs to take a group of students to University Park. We would schedule two weeks ahead of time just to get some time to teach the students how to use it," said Waryoba. "Now, I can



Front to back, student Cory Jamieson, Research Technician Glenn Rishel, and Assistant Professor of Engineering Daudi Waryoba examine the composition of powder metal samples under the new scanning electronic microscope.

be doing a lecture and have this right here to show them what I'm talking about. Now, they can have access to be able to complete an actual project."

Professionals in the local manufacturing field are also excited to have this microscope available to them. Several companies have already visited the campus labs to use the microscopes for their own research; among them is Abbot Furnace.

"Having access to the SEM at Penn State DuBois is a great asset to our local industry," said Daniel Reardon, director of technical sales at Abbott Furnace. "It really helps to identify issues and solve problems quickly. Without it, the timetable to get resolution to the problem would be extended and costs would certainly increase."

Graduates of two- and four-year engineering programs at Penn State DuBois learn the skills that are in demand in a variety of industries, including powder metal, design, research and development, experimentation and testing, manufacturing and more. ▶



Scholarship recipient Sean Lauer and Instructor in Wildlife Technology Emily Thomas inventory specimens from various wildlife species that are used for study and instruction during lab periods.

Wildlife Technology Student Receives Wildlife Society Scholarship

Penn State DuBois wildlife technology student Sean Lauer is this year's recipient of the Pennsylvania Chapter of the Wildlife Society's Frank Felbaum Scholarship. The second-year student from York, Pennsylvania, is the only recipient of the Felbaum Award for 2018, as the highly competitive award is given to only one individual each year. Lauer received the award at the Wildlife Society's conference in early spring.

The Frank Felbaum Scholarship was established thanks to the generosity of Frank Felbaum, longtime director of Pennsylvania's Wild Resource Conservation Program and a tireless conservationist. The scholarship is a one-time \$500 award intended to assist outstanding students who are pursuing a career in the wildlife field.

"It's great to have our student recognized by the state chapter of the Wildlife Society," said Emily Thomas, one of Lauer's instructors in the Wildlife Technology program. "All students are eligible in any wildlife-related program across the entire state. And not only is he one of our students, but he's a sophomore who was competing with seniors for this award.

They take into consideration experience, internships and involvement in student chapters. They're looking for someone really well-rounded who is solid academically, but also does a lot outside of the classroom. That's Sean. We're looking forward to seeing a lot of great things out of him in the future."

Lauer's experience includes a summer spent working for the Pennsylvania Game Commission in its fawn program. In the program, whitetail deer fawns are fitted with tags and radio colors for the collection of data on things like animal movements, behavior and mortality rates.

He plans to earn his associate's degree in wildlife technology, then go on to complete

the four-year wildlife and fisheries science degree, with aspirations to work as a wildlife biologist.

Lauer said of his recognition, "It's definitely an honor to be awarded this. It makes it feel like all the hard work is paying off."

Lauer said he continues to make connections that will help to establish his career — a practice he would tell others in this field to do as well.

"Everyone should get lots of experience," he said. "Volunteer a lot. Go to conferences like the one I was at when I got this award. Network with people."

Wildlife technology students go on to work in fields related to conservation of wildlife species and habitat, such as wildlife biology, and even in law enforcement with agencies like the Pennsylvania Game Commission. ▶

Faculty, Undergraduate Student Research Collaboration Published in Academic Journal

A student-faculty collaboration has resulted in an article published in a highly respected academic journal. Robert Loeb, a professor in biology and forestry at Penn State DuBois, along with Taylor Walborn, a recent graduate, co-authored the paper while Walborn was still a student at the campus. Additionally, in their research, the pair had the opportunity to leave an impact on the legacy of three well-known historical figures.

The paper, “Conservation of three historic forest landscapes in the New York Metropolitan area” appears in the April issue of the *Journal of the Torrey Botanical Society*. It’s the oldest botanical journal in America, publishing all areas of research in plant biology with the goal of discovering and preserving scientific knowledge about plant species.

The research project focused on the estate properties of three influential and historic people from America’s history. They were Thomas Edison’s estate, Glenmont, in West Orange, New Jersey; Theodore Roosevelt’s farm, Sagamore Hill, in Cove Neck, New York; and Frederick Vanderbilt’s estate in Hyde Park, New York. The Edison estate is now a national historic park, and the

Roosevelt and Vanderbilt properties are classified as national historic sites. All are maintained by the National Parks Service. Loeb’s research is aimed at preserving the historic forest as it was when the estates’ original owners inhabited these properties, by assuring the appropriate species of trees continue to thrive there, and that invasive species do not take hold. Fortunately, detailed maps exist of the historic forests, with tree species documented.

“The owners of these estates were people of great historical significance, and all internationally renowned in their own rights. They took tremendous interest in the landscape and were really dedicated to enhancing the forests,” Loeb said, explaining why the forests were carefully

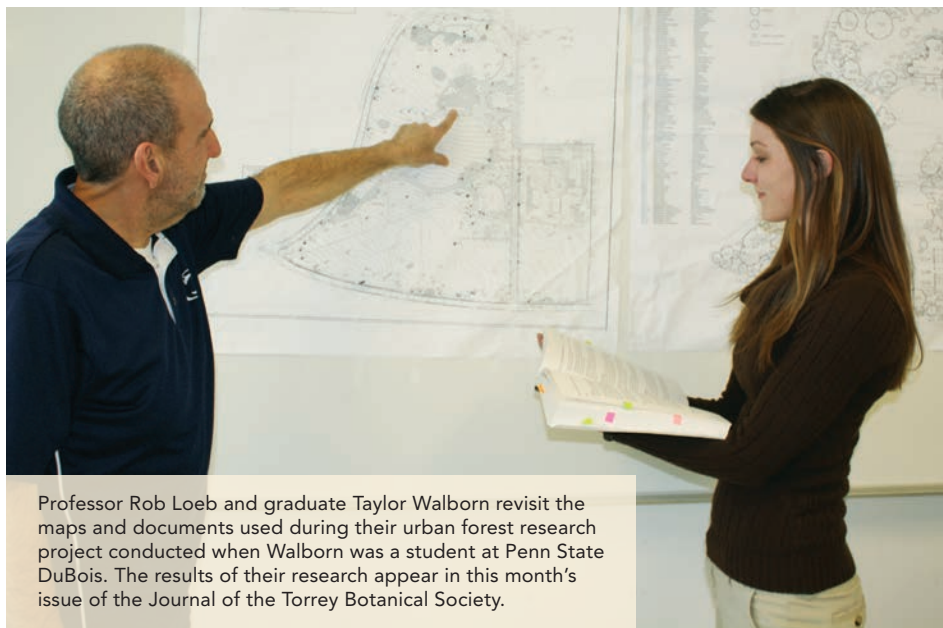
mapped, and that they were very carefully created. “In one sense, they were shaping landscape architecture in the United States by putting their own influence on these forests. The Vanderbilt estate was a model for future American landscape architecture. Inspiration for the landscapes of Central Park in New York and Fairmount Park in Philadelphia were born at the Vanderbilt Estate a century earlier.”

Loeb’s work helps the National Parks Service to perform the appropriate maintenance at these historic sites, providing them with information on what tree species should be planted to replace trees that have died, and which species should be removed from the forest.

“The NPS is doing very well. These are old growth urban forests, and age catches up with the forest and we lose trees. The urban setting is hard on them. The NPS has been dutiful in keeping up with the forest changes. I hope the research helps them get more support in maintaining the landscape the way these great historical figures envisioned it.”

With the Vanderbilt property sprawling over 85 acres, the Roosevelt farm occupying more than 33 acres, and the Edison estate at over six acres, data collection and tree surveys took a great deal of time. It also resulted in an enormous amount of data to process and record. Fortunately, that’s where Loeb had some help come to him in 2015, in the form of student Taylor Walborn. As a Wildlife Technology major, Walborn was interested in participating in undergraduate research in a subject she was passionate about. She couldn’t believe the opportunity to get involved could come so easily.

“I walked into his office and asked how I could get involved and he just said, ‘give me a day,’” Walborn said. “That was it. I got started with him. It’s pretty awesome



Professor Rob Loeb and graduate Taylor Walborn revisit the maps and documents used during their urban forest research project conducted when Walborn was a student at Penn State DuBois. The results of their research appear in this month’s issue of the *Journal of the Torrey Botanical Society*.

as an undergraduate student. Not a lot of people at other schools get that opportunity. Here, I just had to ask a question.”

Walborn poured over the maps with Loeb, compiled data and ran data analysis helping to compile the paper.

“Historically, and environmentally, it was really neat learning about this kind of conservation. Plus, I not only have a degree, but I also have an academic publication now,” Walborn said. “I’m still trying to wrap my head around it, honestly.”

Walborn said the experience also taught her other valuable lessons and skills that added greatly to her education. She said, “Things like time management were big. And the

analysis of the data. I also felt like I was part of something really big because we were studying landscapes that had been owned by presidents and very influential people.”

Loeb was happy for the help Walborn provided, but even happier to contribute to her education. “I view myself as equal parts scientist and educator, and my duty is to teach students about the processes of science and research,” Loeb said. “These interactive projects are the best way to teach them about these processes and how you get results.”

Loeb began teaching at Penn State in 1985. He teaches introductory biology, ethnobotany, and introductory soil science, including both face-to-face and online

sections. Having grown up in The Bronx, he began to work on urban forest research at the New York Botanical Garden at a young age, and Loeb’s research interests have their roots in his early research experience. His long standing research program focuses on urban forests and undergraduate students are consistently members of his research team. Awards he has received include recognition as a senior ecologist from the Ecological Society of America, and as a Kenan Fellow of the National Tropical Botanical Gardens. He was also named Educator of the Year at Penn State DuBois in 2013 and was a recipient of the University’s prestigious Milton S. Eisenhower Award for Distinguished Teaching in 2015. ▶



New members who participated in the Delta Mu Sigma Honor Society induction ceremony are pictured, left to right: Mike Volosky, Sierra Beiswenger, Gracie Hamilton, Lauren Young, Jared Hawkins, Alexandra Gilson, Rachel Homan, Jarod Depp, and Joelene Murawski.

New Members Inducted Into Honor Society

The Delta Mu Sigma Honor Society inducted new members for the Spring 2018 semester.

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.

“We want to congratulate you for being part of this program,” said Delta Mu Sigma President Julia Test. “It is definitely an honor to be here.”

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 organized a haunted house on campus each Halloween, donating the proceeds to local charities. ▶



From left to right, Leandra Demarco; Keith Smith, president director of Haven House; Ryan Lingle; Michaelene Hawley, Haven House director; and Duncan LaValle.

Student 'Sleep Out' Raises Money for Area Shelter

Some Penn State DuBois students presented a \$2,500 check to representatives from Haven House Shelter in DuBois. They raised the money through their Sleep Out to End Homelessness, organized by the campus Service Above Self Club. They spent the night outside this past winter on one of the coldest nights of the year.

Haven House provides a place to stay for families who have been displaced from their homes due to disaster or social issues.

On the morning of the sleep out, students volunteered at Soul Platter Café in DuBois. That night, they camped out in front of campus along Route 255. Individuals donated to their effort, as well as other student clubs, including the Business

Society, the Information Technology Club, and the Student Government Association. In all, 12 students participated.

“Whether you see it here in DuBois or not, homelessness is always there,” said student Ryan Lingle. “Not everyone has seen homelessness, but it’s a heartbreaking sight to see someone on the street. We work to teach that here in our area, we can help.” ▶

Students Serve Others in Nation's Capital on Spring Break

Beginning in 2008, alternative spring break service trips became an annual event for Penn State DuBois students. This year, the campus celebrates 11 years of combating societal ills in communities all around the country. Alternative Spring Break 2018 saw 10 students travel to Washington, D.C., where they spent their break helping people who are homeless or live in impoverished conditions. They volunteered to prepare and distribute food, hygiene supplies, and clothing; they helped to sort donations, and learned more about epidemic rates of homelessness and gentrification in D.C.

Instructor in Human Development and Family Studies Marly Doty has organized each of these 11 trips, and teaches a corresponding course on campus in which students learn about societal issues, what programs and services currently look like, and what individuals can do to help others in need. Doty explained, "For students to really get a close look at homelessness and poverty in the U.S., it's very eye opening. This is engaged scholarship. We talk about these things in class, but when the students actually see it, it's really impactful. This trip specifically works to break down the stigmas associated with homelessness."

A senior in information science and technology, Ryan Lingle said early in the trip, "In two days, I've already experienced and witnessed several things that I won't be able to unsee. But also in these past two days we've made a difference in some individuals' lives. Helping out even one person so that they can have to food and supplies to make it another day fills my heart with happiness. Change is happening."

Some of that impact is made by going off the beaten path. Doty said, "If you visit D.C. as a tourist, you don't see it. People work very hard to keep the homelessness epidemic hidden. But, go three or four blocks from the monuments and that's where you see it. In Franklin Square, we saw about 75 people who are homeless staying there. When I visited three or four years ago, that number was about 25. So, it's getting worse."

Kyrsten Enseki, first-year student in animal science, said, "It can happen to anyone and can't be ignored any longer."

In fact, according to the Department of Human Services, a 2017 study revealed there were 7,473 people who were experiencing homelessness in the District of Columbia, 897 of whom were unsheltered, 5,363 were in an emergency shelter, and 1,213 were in a transitional housing program.



Doty said gentrification has contributed to the rate of homelessness in D.C. "It can be a tactic to force people out who are of lower socioeconomic status. Apartments are renovated and priced above what some can afford. They're left with nowhere to go. Businesses that attract people with higher incomes move in. Those business try to push out lower income people in the neighborhood. At Franklin Square, there is a homeless shelter that has been closed since 2008. It sits empty because the businesses around it protested it so much. These things are powerful for students to see."

To help make an impact for those in need, students did things like meal preparation at D.C. Central Kitchen. The facility produces 4,500-5,000 meals a day that are distributed to area homeless shelters, relieving the burden on the shelters to feed their clients, and allowing them to focus on other services. They also volunteered at Central Union Mission, a Christian men's shelter where they did laundry, cleaned, and prepared beds for more than 80 people.

Working with an organization called Martha's Table, they also participated in the Joyful Food Market, as well as McKenna's Wagon. The Joyful Food Market is a program that visits elementary schools and offers fresh fruit and vegetables to the students through a fun, interactive program, during which a chef teaches them a healthy recipe. The students then take home fruit and vegetables free of charge. There are only two grocery stores in the area that provided fresh fruits and vegetables, to a population of approximately 700,000 people. With McKenna's Wagon, volunteers load up a van and distribute meals throughout the city.

The students also worked to sort donations at a free store called A Wider Circle, where individuals can find a large variety of items, all free to them. Additionally, they completed service at Capital Area Food Bank Donation Center, where they sorted hundreds of boxes of nonperishable goods. This aided in efforts of the center's Weekend Bag program, which distributes food to 2,500 children.

Alaina Shaffer, a senior in the HDFS program, summed it up by saying, "There is always something to be grateful for, even in the darkest, most trying moments." ▸



The Alternative Spring Break group at Martha's Kitchen, a charitable organization that provides food to low income individuals. In front, left to right: Austin Sansig and Daulton Helo. In back left to right: Tory Anderson, Emily Donahue, Meredith Carroll, Shannon Josefoski, Koren McCullough, Alaina Shaffer, Kyrsten Enseki, Ryan Lingle.

Women's Basketball Marks Winning Season

The Penn State DuBois Women's Basketball team finished their regular season with a record of 15-9. With 15 wins this season, the PSUD squad compiled the most wins in school history second only to the 2011-12 team that finished 16-7. The Lady Lions also finished the season in the USCAA, as the leading rebounding team in the nation with a 54.7 rebound per game average.

The PSUD squad had several season highlights including beating PSUAC conference rival Penn State Beaver for the first time 70-61 in December. In January, they faced off against the #3 team in the USCAA National Coach's Poll, Villa Maria. In a hard-fought game, Penn State DuBois secured the win 79-74, for one of the more notable wins in program history.

Junior Melody Young (Otto-Eldred) became the first player to be recognized on a national level by being named USCAA All-American (HM). She also set school records for most rebounds in a season (238), rebounds in a game (19), and 2pt field goals in a season (114). Many players were recognized for their season accomplishments after posting an impressive 15-9 season record. ▶



POST SEASON AWARDS:

USCAA All-American (HM): Melody Young

Team MVP: Kristen Williams

Coach's Award: Grace Earle

Co-Rookie of the Year: Cierra O'Shell and Lauren Young

Defensive Player of the Year: Gracie Hamilton

Sixth Man Award: Morgan Silvis

Most Improved Player: Laura Fatula

PSUD Highest Shooting Percentage:

Hope Bridge

PSUAC John Fritz Sportsmanship Award:

Grace Earle

PSUAC Academic All-Conference Team:

Grace Earle

Men's Basketball Team Garners Awards

The men's basketball team ended their season 10-15 this year, with a conference record of 7-9, and a home record of 9-4.

Players secured a number of awards for their efforts this season. They include:

USCAA Academic All Americans:

Bernard Rauckhorst and Andrew Serafini.

PSUAC Academic All Conference:

Bernard Rauckhorst, Andrew Serafini, Jacob Perrin, and Donovan Brown.

USCAA Honorable Mention All American

/ USCAA National Player of the Week

/ PSUAC 2nd Team/ PSUAC Player of the week / Penn State DuBois Mens

Basketball MVP: Tristan Pierce



John Fritz Sportsmanship Award / Penn State DuBois Mens Basketball Coach's Award: Caleb Strouse.

Penn State DuBois Mens Basketball New Comer of the Year: DJ Hopkins

Penn State DuBois Baseball Claims National Championship

The Penn State DuBois baseball team secured the championship in United States Collegiate Athletics Association (USCAA) Small College World Series on Thursday, May 17, at Showers Field.

Starting as the number 6 seed in the tournament, DuBois remained undefeated through the series until a 4-3 loss during their first game on Thursday against Builders. The Lions came back strong in the second game with a 10-2 victory, securing the championship in the double-elimination tournament.

“Before I was hired, my vision was to win and unite the community. We accomplished both in three years,” said head coach Tom Calliari, noting the sold out stands at Showers Field. “Looking at the crowd yesterday and just watching everybody celebrate in the stands was amazing.”

The baseball program at Penn State DuBois was resurrected in 2015, having been eliminated from campus athletic program offerings due to budget reasons in the 1990’s. In those three short years, the team has made two appearances in the USCAA championship, claiming the title this year.

DuBois now holds the distinction of being only the second team in any sport in the Penn State University Athletic Conference (PSUAC) to bring home a USCAA national championship. The first was the



2015 Penn State Beaver women’s basketball team.

“I’ve surrounded myself with good people. Everyone on my staff is tremendous,” Calliari said, attributing a team effort to the program’s success. “They all do a phenomenal job. We have really high character guys. When you’re getting up for 6:00 a.m. practices twice a week and nobody misses a practice, that tells you something.”

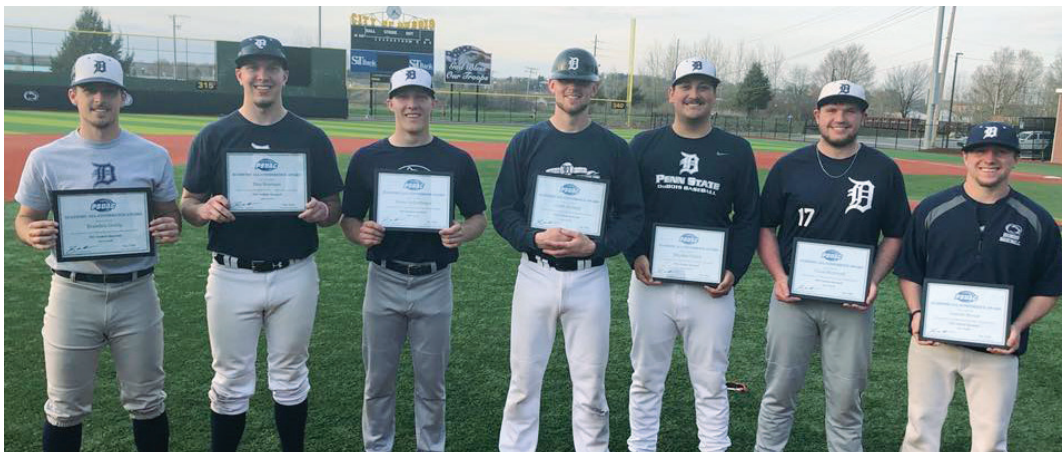
Calliari said he is also thankful for support from the community and the campus. “The chancellor has been tremendous, he

makes it to every game he can make it to. Everyone at Penn State DuBois, all of the staff, have been amazing,” he said.

The Penn State DuBois Nittany Lions ended their winning regular season 31-11, and claimed a 17-1 conference record in the PSUAC. They were 4-1 in the Small College World Series.

For a closer look at the entire season, find Penn State DuBois Baseball on Facebook. ▶

Baseball Players Named Academic All-Americans



A total of seven members of the campus baseball team were named Academic All-Americans this year.

From left to right: Brandon Gettig, Dan Bowman, Shane Haberberger, Caleb Bennett, Brandon Orsich, Vincent McDowell, and Garrett Brown. ▶

Wrestlers Bring Home Honors

Penn State DuBois wrestler John Prentice brought home All-American Honors following the National Collegiate Wrestling Association (NCWA) National Championships in Allen, Texas. He and teammate Bryce Hanley both wrestled in the championship. Prentice is a senior making his fourth trip to the National Championships, Hanly, a junior, made his third trip to Texas.



Chancellor McBride congratulated wrestlers John Prentice (left) and Bryce Hanley on a great season.

Prentice (174 lbs.) won his first three bouts by decision, 10-3 over Austin Laser of Winona State, 4-1 over Stetson Potrykus of the University of Wisconsin WC, and 2-0 over Dan Henson of Apprentice. In the semi-finals he squared off with the No. 1 seed, Noah Curreri of Queens College, where he lost a close 3-1 decision. After the tough loss Prentice lost to Jacob Berry 3-1 in OT; Berry wrestles for Springfield Tech. In his last match for fifth place, Prentice received a Medical Forfeit win over Edward Maisey of BYU. Prentice completed a great season, placing 5th at the National Championships for the second time. Prentice also placed fifth at 165 lbs. in 2016.

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Bryce Hanley dropped from 285 lbs. to 235 lbs. this season, where he was better suited with his speed and athletic ability.

Bryce lost his first match in the last 15 seconds, 9-5 to Oliver Feagin of Rensselaer Polytechnic. In the consolation matches, he defeated Tiel Bowers of Cal-State Northridge by fall in the third period. His final match was a loss to David Smith of Liberty University, 3-1.

The NCWA Team Championship was claimed by Liberty University by the slimmest margin, .5 point. Liberty scored 157 points to Apprentice, 156.5. Liberty's only championship qualifier, Austin Amos, rallied with a penalty point and a reversal in the final period of the 235 final for a critical 4-3 win over Stevan Webb of UConn. Webb's loss was his third career runner-up finish in the 235 finals.

Penn State Fayette was able to celebrate a National Champion at 285 lbs. in Nate Spinetti. Spinetti claimed the title with a 4-2 over Dylan Stadel of Utah State. ▀

Many Firsts for This Year's Softball Team

The 2018 softball season saw many firsts for the second year program. It was the first season for new head coach Jason Kern, the first PSUAC All-Academic All-Conference players were selected, as junior Koren McCullough and sophomore Samantha Satterlee were named. The first PSUAC All-Conference players were selected. Adrianna Terwilliger and Laura Fatula were named to the First Team and Cierra O'Shell was named to the Second Team. The season also saw the team's first time playing on the new Rose & Dennis Heindl Memorial Field at City Park, which is a state of the art facility that will host the Small College World Series for two years. The biggest accomplishment happened on April 10, 2018, the program's first victory, a 13-5 victory at Penn State New Kensington.

Offensively, the team was led by junior Adrianna Terwilliger and freshman Laura Fatula. Terwilliger finished third in the PSUAC with a .526 batting average and second in the PSUAC with 7 home runs.

Fatula finished seventh in the PSUAC with a .500 batting average, led the team in hits with 32, led the team in RBI's with 24, tied Terwilliger for the team lead with 24 runs scored and led the team in stolen bases with 7.

Defensively, the team was led by junior Melody Young and freshmen Cierra O'Shell and Autumn Shaffer. Young was the team's utility player, starting many different positions yet never committing an error the entire season. O'Shell was the anchor in the outfield as the center fielder was able to use her speed to track down many fly balls that appeared to be hits off the bat. Shaffer may have been the most valuable defensive player despite the

stats not reflecting that accomplishment. Shaffer, who had not pitched since she was 12 years old, started many games in the circle for the Lady Lions after the team lost their only pitcher two weeks prior to the start of the season. She only got better as the season progressed and ended the year with five victories.

The Lady Lions ended the season with a 5-17 record and they are focusing on taking the next step next season. Only losing three players, Morgan Uhl(1B), Kyrsten Enseki(RF) and Rachel Schreiber(OF), with six high school seniors and one college transfer committed to joining the program next season already, the future is bright for the program. ▀



Alumni Society Update with President Kris Crytser



Kris Crytser



Hello All,

As my last few months of being the current Alumni Society president, I would like to start off by thanking you for attending the events we have held in the past and by inviting you to the events we will be having in the future.

I am aware our lives are busy but I strongly encourage you to attend an alumni meeting. The Alumni Society at your DuBois Campus is made up of alumni and friends of alumni. What that means is that if you have a connection to Penn State, we encourage you to come and see what the Alumni Society is all about.

Since the last update in the fall we have discussed and tried a new way of planning. We held a painting event on campus over the winter that was well attended. We had been asked to hold another event. We have taken the feedback and planned another painting for the spring. The success of the painting event and request of more have lead us to plan future painting events for the upcoming fall and winter seasons.

As the Alumni Society does every year, we have selected the 2018 Alumni Award recipients. I had the pleasure of personally meeting with two

of the award recipients. We will be recognizing each individual at the Benefit Celebration on October 6, 2018, at the DuBois Country Club as a collaboration of a multitude of events that will be held that day.

I encourage everyone to be involved! How to be involved you ask?

Follow our Facebook page, Instagram, check our website for events and updated news going on at the campus.

As I close out my current term as president, I want to express how I have enjoyed being a part of this campus Alumni Society Board and being able to give back my time and enthusiasm. I have had the pleasure to have spoken at graduation on behalf of the Alumni Society over the past two years, where I welcome each graduate into the Alumni Society and provide them the gift of one year paid membership to the Penn State Alumni Association. ▶

Kris Crytser
Penn State DuBois Alumni Society President

Interested in getting involved?

The DuBois Alumni Society is accepting nominations for new board members. It doesn't take a lot of time or effort to be involved!

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Reinard Receives Educator of the Year Award



DEF President Craig Ball presents Assistant Teaching Professor Barbara Reinard with the DEF Educator of the Year Award.

Barbara Reinard, assistant teaching professor in the Penn State DuBois Physical Therapy Assistant (PTA) program, has been named the DuBois Educational Foundation (DEF) Educator of the Year. She was presented with her award by DEF president Craig Ball during commencement ceremonies.

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

Student nominations praised Reinard with statements such as, “During all of Dr. Reinard’s lectures, she always had this positive energy and presented things with such passion that it made you want to learn. During class, you can tell how much the physical therapy field means to her. She truly wants each student that sits in her class to share that same enthusiasm for physical therapy that she has. It makes

learning fun, and you look forward to going to her class to see what new material she has for next time.”

Another student’s nomination said, “Barb is more than deserving of this award as she has dedicated so much of her time in developing the PTA program. She will go above and beyond to make sure her students understand the course content and can be successful.”

Reinard began teaching at Penn State DuBois in 1997. She is also the staff physical therapist and assistant director of Physical/Occupational Therapy at Indiana Hospital where she has worked since 1988. She has served as clinical instructor at the hospital for six years, and as the center coordinator for Clinical Education for five years.

Reinard earned a bachelor’s degree in Biology from Clarion University in 1985, and a bachelor’s in Physical Therapy from the University of Pittsburgh in 1988. She went on to complete her master’s in Adult and Community Education at Indiana University of Pennsylvania in 1997. She recently earned a Ph.D. in Physical Therapy from Shenandoah University. ▶

Loeb Receives Robinson Equal Opportunity Award

Robert Loeb, professor of biology and forestry, was selected to receive the 2018 Dr. James Robinson Equal Opportunity Award.



Robert Loeb

The award, sponsored by the Penn State Alumni Association, was established in 1988 and renamed in 1998 to honor the late James Robinson, a distinguished alumnus and former member of the Alumni Council. It recognizes a full-time faculty or staff member with at least two years of active service who has promoted equal opportunity through affirmative action and/or contributes to enhancing the educational environment of the University through improving cross-cultural understanding.

Colleagues said Loeb exemplifies the spirit of the award because of his long-term commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion, well beyond his duties at Penn State.

Loeb’s many contributions include:

- Supporting programs and priorities of the Office of the Vice Provost for Educational Equity, including the University’s “All-In” initiative;

- Providing consultation for the Commission on Racial/Ethnic Diversity’s initiative on the best practices in diversity for faculty;
- Partnering with the commission on Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender and Queer Equity on the “Commission Reads” program;
- Providing support to the Commission for Women on the gender equity and female faculty recruitment retention and advancement initiative; and
- Supporting Penn State’s middle and high school pre-college programs including TRIO Upward Bound, Upward Bound Migrant, Upward Bound Math and Science and Talent Search.

A colleague singled out Loeb’s commitment to recruiting and retaining underrepresented minority faculty members and his push for additional diversity requirements for students.

“Those two efforts combined — strengthening the diversity course requirement and improving the process for recruiting, hiring and retaining underrepresented minority faculty members — contributed to a definite uptick in the number of diverse new faculty hires for which Penn State was nationally recognized,” the colleague said. “Additionally, Loeb enacted key recommendations at Penn State DuBois, including establishing a diversity advocate position on all faculty searches, an initiative adopted by the Commonwealth College and which is still recommended to colleges as best practices.” ▶



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It took spring a long time to reach our area this year. But as winter hung on, some students were at least able to take advantage of the snow to have a little fun. Snowmen like these popped up after each early spring snow storm.

