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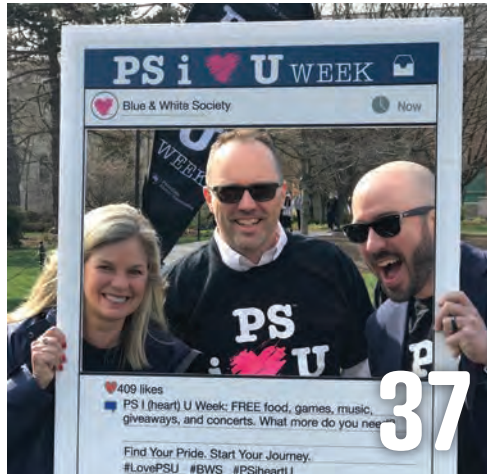
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▲ Left to right, Chancellor M. Scott McBride visits with scholarship donors George Heigel and Mark Freemer at the annual Scholarship Luncheon.

GREETINGS FROM *COLLEGE PLACE!*

Another exciting academic year has come to a close, and I'm proud to say that the accomplishments of our students, faculty, and staff keep getting more impressive. (One of the accomplishments you'll read about in this issue of College Place includes our baseball team taking their second consecutive Small College World Series Championship!) You'll also see stories of incredible career achievement by our graduates, as well as academic success by our current students, and stories of service where our impact on communities is making life better, both close to home and miles away.

Another way we are reaching out to our communities is through our new North Central PA LaunchBox initiative. We have exciting updates on that front, as we continue to establish this center for entrepreneurship and innovation.

In addition, we are happy once again to bring our community together for our Annual Benefit Celebration.

Our first Benefit Celebration, featuring entertainment from Leonard, Coleman and Blunt, the former lead singers of the Temptations, the Platters, and the Drifters, was a great success! This year, we are looking to follow that up on October 12 with another celebration featuring the music of Landau Eugene Murphy Jr., past winner of NBC's America's Got Talent. Landau brings with him a full big band that will faithfully recreate favorites from the great American song book, including those performed and recorded by Frank Sinatra, and others.

The year ahead looks to be as exciting as this past year has been. Thank you for being a part of our campus community as we look forward to so many good things to come! ♥

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



STUDY: PENN STATE DUBOIS CONTRIBUTES \$25.9 MILLION TO PA ECONOMY

Penn State DuBois contributed \$25.9 million to the Pennsylvania economy in FY 2017, and supported, directly and indirectly, 347 Pennsylvania jobs. A new study released Feb. 26 by Penn State focused on measuring the University's impact in communities across the Commonwealth.

Overall, the study found that Penn State is an economic powerhouse, contributing more than \$11.6 billion to the state's economy. More than 102,000 Pennsylvania jobs can be attributed to Penn State on the whole, the study found; and for every \$1 in state appropriations received by Penn State, the University returns \$1.24 in tax payments to the Commonwealth.

"We are proud to share the results of this study, which clearly illustrates the positive impact Penn State DuBois has on our local communities, and across Pennsylvania," said Penn State DuBois Chancellor M. Scott McBride. "Our campus plays an integral role in Penn State's land-grant mission, not only in providing a world-class education for students, but also through our ongoing commitment to community, economic and workforce development. We support innovation and manufacturing competitiveness, grow and attract talented entrepreneurs and innovators, and partner with regional stakeholders to create the new high-knowledge, high-technology businesses through our LaunchBox initiative."

"By any measure, Penn State is a powerful economic engine for Pennsylvania, contributing billions of dollars each year to the economy in communities across the Commonwealth, educating more than 98,000 students annually, and creating many thousands of jobs," said Penn State President Eric J. Barron. "This study highlights the widespread nature of Penn State's economic contributions. Our University, with 24 locations across the Commonwealth, an academic medical center and a growing health system, is an engine that drives the economy and improves lives in all 67 Pennsylvania counties."

The study employed a best-practice model, endorsed by the Association of Public Land-Grant Universities (APLU) and the American Association of Universities (AAU), to measure Penn State's annual contribution to Pennsylvania's economy. The study focused on quantifying the direct and extended impact of the University's spending on goods and services in Pennsylvania, employee pay and benefits, spending on renovations and new facilities, student spending, and operations expenditures for Penn State Health. It also found that Penn State's 24-campus locations spread the University's economic contributions into communities in all corners of Pennsylvania, in a way that is unmatched by any other university in the Commonwealth.



OTHER MEASURES OF PENN STATE'S CONTRIBUTIONS

The study provides an important view of Penn State's contributions by certain measures. McBride also highlighted that there are many other ways in which Penn State DuBois generates economic activity in North Central Pennsylvania and benefits students, families and residents.

Examples of these secondary benefits to Pennsylvania are numerous.

Beyond the \$25.9 million in total economic contributions measured by the study, additional, secondary impacts of Penn State DuBois' presence in the region not measured

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▲ Joyce Fairman congratulated 2019 graduates during her commencement address on Friday evening at Penn State DuBois.

GRADUATES CELEBRATED AT PENN STATE DUBOIS COMMENCEMENT

Members of the Penn State DuBois class of 2019 officially joined the Penn State alumni community on Friday evening, May 3, as commencement ceremonies were celebrated in the campus gymnasium. Chancellor M. Scott McBride presided over the ceremonies, with Professor Arshad Khan serving as faculty marshal. Special guest speaker Joyce Fairman 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 Makayla Whaling, for associate degrees, and to Kyle Bear, for baccalaureate degrees.

Fairman, a philanthropist, businesswoman and community leader, is a longtime supporter of Penn State DuBois. She serves as a member of the Penn State DuBois advisory

board, the DuBois Educational Foundation, and co-chairs the campus' current capital campaign, *A Greater Penn State for 21st Century Excellence*. With her support, in 2013 the Fairman Family Foundation largely funded the renovation of the Alan R. Fairman House at Penn State DuBois, named in honor of Joyce's late husband, giving the former residential home new life as a center for the campus Honors Scholars Program. The Fairman Family Foundation also has sponsored the Best Robotics competition for middle and high school students, which is held on campus each fall, and established the Fairman Family Trustee Scholarship at Penn State DuBois.

With her high level of involvement at Penn State DuBois, Fairman knows well the challenges students can face while earning a degree.

"I would like to congratulate all of you on an extraordinary accomplishment," Fairman told the graduates during her address. "Many of you had full- or part-time jobs while attending school. Or took care of families. Or played



▲ Graduates line up for the processional outside of the campus gymnasium.

collegiate sports. All of you worked very hard for this day. A lot of sacrifices economically and socially.”

Fairman went on to share personal stories about herself, her late husband, and life. She shared insight on the importance of support like she received as an undergraduate, and urged the class of 2019 to remember those that supported them.

“I was very grateful for the grants and scholarships I received. They made the difference in my life and allowed me to graduate,” Fairman said. “Last year I attended the Penn State DuBois scholarship luncheon and heard directly from the students who received my family’s scholarship and what a difference it made to their lives. Powerful

stuff. When you are able, you can give back to your high school, or your university and mentor students, or help financially support students so they can achieve their educational goals.”

In addition to her philanthropy and involvement at Penn State DuBois, Fairman also serves as a member of the Penn Highlands DuBois Board of Directors, and the Council of Trustees for Indiana University of Pennsylvania, where she is treasurer and chair of the Enrollment Management Committee. Additionally, she is treasurer of

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PENN STATE DUBOIS' 2019 GRADUATES

**GRADUATE SCHOOL –
BLACK SCHOOL OF BUSINESS
DEGREE OF MASTER OF ADMINISTRATION**
Business Administration

Raymond SerafiniBrockway

**UNIVERSITY COLLEGE
DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS**

Administration of Justice

Melody Young.....Duke Center

**UNIVERSITY COLLEGE
DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE**

Administration of Justice

Jamie Long Brookville

Business

Caleb Dugan.....Lanse

Brandon Gettig..... Bellefonte

Shane Haberberger..... Saint Marys

Taylor Hepler..... Falls Creek

Daniel Hinton..... Saint Marys

Alexander Jaggi..... DuBois

Jacob McLaughlin* Brookville

Jamie TurnerLuthersburg

Kristen Williams Sugar Grove

Human Development and Family Studies

Austin Amacher* Ridgway

Garrett Brown DuBois

Sierra Hanes (Cum Laude) Grampian

Bryce Hanley Beech Creek

Raven Ingram Brookville

Samantha Miller Woodland

Lamanda Perry Clearfield

Thomas Plummer* Shippenville

Olivia Reitz* Summerville

Jodalynn Warholak* Clearfield

Information Sciences and Technology

Ethan Clark..... Grampian

Kevin Decker.....Curwensville

Jeffrey Gasbarre..... DuBois

Matthew Roy DuBois

**COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING
DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ENGINEERING**

Engineering

Kyle Bear (Cum Laude) DuBois

Brandon Cressley.....Rochester Mills

Andrew Serafini.....Brockway

Tyler Young Punxsutawney

**UNIVERSITY COLLEGE
DEGREE OF ASSOCIATE IN ARTS**

Letters, Arts and Sciences

Zachary Shifter DuBois

**UNIVERSITY COLLEGE
DEGREE OF ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE**

Business Administration

Natalie Dewyer (Cum Laude)..... DuBois

Zachary Pomeroy (Cum Laude)..... DuBois

Stephen Rutherford..... DuBois

Garret Weaver..... Punxsutawney

Human Development and Family Studies

Cody McClintick..... Falls Creek

Information Sciences and Technology

Zachary Jones Anita

Hannah Pletcher..... DuBois

Physical Therapist Assistant

Kaylee BeckBrockway

Ryan Blochberger Brookville

Jenessa Ceprish.....Allport

Nathan Halowell Falls Creek

Dana Huber (Summa Cum Laude)Sprankle Mills

Rebecca Maine (Magna Cum Laude)..... Pittsburgh

Caleb Smith Punxsutawney

Destinee Smith..... Ridgway

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**COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES
DEGREE OF ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE**

Wildlife Technology

Steven Abrahamson.....	Wilcox
Katelyn Blystone	Smicksburg
Hope Bridge	Punxsutawney
Emily Byron	Genesee
Casey Grove	Williamsburg
Nicholas Harris.....	Phoenixville
Jeremiah Irvin.....	Johnstown
Tyler Kauffman	Mahaffey
Lance Pennington	Anita
Morgan Silvis.....	Tionesta
Ryan Spencer	Clearfield
Makayla Whaling (Summa Cum Laude)	Luthersburg
Paul Wheaton.....	Sykesville
Ryan Witham.....	Ebensburg
Jacob Wolfe.....	Sunbury

**COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING
DEGREE OF ASSOCIATE IN ENGINEERING
TECHNOLOGY**

Mechanical Engineering Technology

Matthew Agosti.....	Penfield
William Brumbaugh	Adrian
Brandon Cressley*	Rochester Mills
Kristal Gross	Rew
Michael Kessler	Rimersburg
Dylan Kriner (Cum Laude).....	DuBois
Nathaniel McGary	Big Run
Joseph Pyke.....	Grampian
Bernard Rauckhorst.....	Grampian
Tyler Young*	Punxsutawney

**Indicates summer graduate*

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include business revenue and personal income generated by visitors to campus sporting and cultural events, and other attractions annually; donations of money and time by Penn State DuBois students, faculty, staff and alumni to important regional causes, such as community service, and leading new business startups and driving student career success and job creation at the North Central PA LaunchBox, as part of Invent Penn State; and the many other ways Penn State through its teaching, research and service helps Pennsylvania and its citizens to compete and succeed on a global stage.

IMPACTING COMMUNITIES

In addition to overarching contributions, the study highlights the significant local influence of Penn State’s campuses on the state’s economy and citizenry. Outside of University Park and Penn State Health, the study found that Penn State operations and student spending at campus locations across the Commonwealth combined for more than \$2 billion in total economic contributions, with most of those impacts coming in the county in which each campus is situated.

More than 95 percent of Pennsylvania residents live within 30 miles of a Penn State campus, and 75 percent live within 15 miles, putting a world-class Penn State degree within driving distance for most Pennsylvanians. The University’s 19 undergraduate Commonwealth Campuses alone play a critical role for Pennsylvanians statewide, serving more than 30,000 students and employing more than 8,000 full- and part-time faculty and staff members.

“Along with fulfilling our land-grant mission to provide an accessible and affordable education to Pennsylvania citizens, the campuses have a powerful economic impact throughout the Commonwealth, tie Penn State philanthropy and volunteerism to local communities, and support our strategic efforts and moral imperative to foster diversity and inclusion,” Barron said in recent remarks to the Penn State Board of Trustees. “Our campuses help Penn State to serve the families of Pennsylvania, enabling students to access a world-class education and to live at home, work and go to school in their own local communities.”



▲ The Serafini family of Brockway has many ties to Penn State DuBois, including a recent father-son graduation. Left to right are Raymond III, Noah, and Andrew, with their parents, Lori and Ray.

FATHER AND SON SHARE GRADUATION

A local father and son had a very unique opportunity this graduation season. Dad, Ray Serafini, and son, Andrew Serafini, having both earned their individual degrees, walked together during the same commencement ceremony at Penn State DuBois. Natives of Brockway, PA, Ray graduated first in his class with a Master of Business Administration degree, and Andrew earned his bachelor's degree in engineering with a specialization in Applied Materials available at Penn State DuBois.

Ray had completed his MBA through Penn State Behrend but requested to transfer his commencement to DuBois just so he could share it with his son, who completed his entire four years in engineering at DuBois.

"This was my plan the whole time," Ray said. I wanted to map it out so that it would happen this way. It was great being up there with him and being able to do it together."

Andrew was glad the plan worked out as well, saying, "It was a great opportunity going through it with him. Being able to walk across the stage on the same day with your dad is something that most people won't be able to experience." He added that the mapping out and

completion of this plan was no small feat, praising his father for the hard work it required. He said, "He's really busy with working full time, he takes care of our whole family, and he still pulled off a 4.0."

Ray is a key customer executive with Messer, an industrial gas company, and said he had explored options for an MBA program for many years in order to bolster his career skills. Andrew is a process engineer with Atlas Pressed Metals in DuBois, having lined up a job before graduation.

The double graduation is not where the Penn State ties end for this family, however. As Ray explained, "I actually had three sons at Penn State DuBois all at the same time. Raymond III earned a bachelor's in business, Noah got both two and four-year Information Science and Technology degrees, and Andrew his degree in engineering."

Additionally, Ray attended Penn State DuBois as an undergraduate while working toward a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering, which he completed in 1988. He has also served on the Industrial and Professional Advisory Council (IPAC) for the campus engineering programs for 25 years, and is a past chair of the council. He and his wife, Lori, and all three sons continue to live in Brockway. ♥



CAMPUS MULTIPURPOSE BUILDING RECEIVING A \$15M ADDITION AND RENOVATION

Work on a \$15 million addition and renovation project is underway for the Multipurpose Building at Penn State DuBois. The architectural selection, concept development, design, and construction documentation process will be completed by Fall of 2020 with construction estimated to begin November 2020. Completion is expected for occupancy Fall 2022.

This major construction and renewal project will transform the current 1960s-era building into a state-of-the-art facility with a focus on athletics, health, and recreation. An all new National Collegiate Athletics Association (NCAA) regulation gymnasium will be constructed as an addition to the existing building, while the current gym will be repurposed as an auxiliary space for practices and other events. A new fitness center will be designed to provide athletes and students, as well as faculty and staff, a space to work toward staying healthy and in peak condition. Additional practice spaces, as well as offices for athletics staff, will also be housed within the updated building. The installation of a new heating and air conditioning system will provide a comfortable environment for all.

“The newly renovated facility will offer the public an entryway to campus-wide events and a focal point for students and student-athletes to gather, exercise, and practice,” said Athletic Director Ken Nellis. “The expanded and renovated building will significantly improve our ability to provide a first-rate college experience for all students who call Penn State DuBois home.”

The building currently houses the Physical Therapy Assistant program and the Wildlife Technology program in addition to athletics. These academic programs will be relocated to existing space on campus that will also be updated in order to best serve the needs of those programs.

“This project has been long desired, and we are obviously very pleased that our students will have a top-notch facility in which to practice, play, and gather,” said Chancellor M. Scott McBride.

The campus welcomes the generosity of donors who wish to financially support this project. Naming opportunities may be available for the entire building, or for designated spaces. For more information on supporting this project, or for all giving at Penn State DuBois, contact Director of Development Jean Wolf at 814-372-3038 or jaw57@psu.edu. ❤️



ANNUAL BENEFIT CELEBRATION TO FEATURE NBC'S AMERICA'S GOT TALENT WINNER LANDAU EUGENE MURPHY JR.

This year's Annual Penn State DuBois Benefit Celebration is slated for October 12, at the DuBois Country Club. Featured entertainment for the evening will be season six winner of NBC's America's Got Talent, Landau Eugene Murphy Jr. Backed by a full big band, Murphy will perform favorites from Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, and other timeless classics.

For ticket information, call 814-372-3020 or email duboisbenefit@psu.edu ♥



▲ Penn State DuBois celebrated small business owners as well as aspiring entrepreneurs in celebration of Startup Week, April 1-5.

ENTREPRENEUR PANEL ON CAMPUS DISCUSSES SMALL BUSINESS STARTUPS

Penn State DuBois celebrated small business owners as well as aspiring entrepreneurs in celebration of Startup Week, April 1-5. On April 3, the program "So, You Want to Start a Business" was held in the student union and featured a panel of small business experts from around the region.

Brad Lashinsky, director of the North Central PA LaunchBox at Penn State DuBois, offered an overview of the new LaunchBox initiative to a packed room. He explained that as part of the Invent Penn State initiative, the program aims to help local companies innovate new technologies and processes, expand their business opportunities, and create growth and increased job opportunities in the area workforce. The initiative is also intended to assist entrepreneurs who want to start a new small business of their own by helping to find resources to get started and to begin growth.

An open discussion with a panel of area business leaders was then held, allowing guests to ask questions and learn more about how these successful entrepreneurs have launched or maintained their ventures. The panel included

Ree Mitra, co-owner, Aegis Coffee Roasters, DuBois; Ed Tate, owner, Luigi's Ristorante, DuBois; Herb Bullers Jr., Jefferson County Commissioner, and owner of Servpro, Brookville Lumber, and Pinecraft Homes; Lindsay Fairman, technical leader and investor, Align Advisors LLC; Jim Chorney, director of the North Central Regional Planning and Development Commission; Aleshia Marshall, business consultant, Clarion Small Business Development Center; and John Siggins, business consultant, Ben Franklin Technology Partners.

The panel was asked what the one thing they wish they'd known prior to starting a business.

Fairman responded "How much I didn't know. There's a reason you're driven to do what you want to do, but there's so much around it that you're either not aware you need to know, or don't know how to do it. And so that's where I learned the value in building a team around you that consists of people that don't look and think like you but have these diverse thoughts." The full panel discussion can be viewed at <https://dubois.psu.edu/startup-week-panel-livestream>.

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NORTH CENTRAL PA LAUNCHBOX, EXPANDING THE ENTREPRENEURIAL ECOSYSTEM

When M. Scott McBride was growing up in a Rust Belt town in Ohio, he saw how the lack of innovation contributed to the downfall of many manufacturers who, just a few years before, had been on top of their industry.

So, when the interview committee for his current job as Penn State DuBois Chancellor started telling him about the Invent Penn State Initiative, he started to get the impression that this job may be much bigger than just running the small commonwealth campus in North Central Pennsylvania. The committee members told him how each campus would be asked to develop a LaunchBox that would help their communities develop a culture of entrepreneurship and allow existing businesses to research ways to grow their industry and avoid economic decline.

He was told that each campus would be allowed to develop an individualized model for their LaunchBox that would fit into their regions and fill any business development needs that existed. This unique program would allow students at the campus to bring their ideas to

life and provide community members the resources to start and grow their businesses.

McBride thought to himself that an initiative like this might have helped his hometown back when he was growing up and a vision for how it could help his future home started to form. From that spark, the North Central PA LaunchBox was born.

“This is such a unique program,” McBride said. “To have Penn State making this commitment to communities all over the state is unprecedented. We believe it will have a dramatic impact on our local economy.”

In 2015 Penn State President Eric Barron announced the Invent Penn State initiative. One of the key thrusts of Invent Penn State was to create innovative spaces where entrepreneurs could work on their scalable startups with programmatic guidance to help de-risk and accelerate them. The Innovation Hub Program was created as a “toolbox” to help startups launch.

In January, the LaunchBox took off when Penn State DuBois hired Brad Lashinsky as director and to serve as



▲ LaunchBox Director Brad Lashinsky makes a presentation to potential partners, explaining the mission of the North Central PA LaunchBox.

part of the business faculty. Previously the director of the Jefferson County Development Council (JCDC), Lashinsky began leading efforts and forming partnerships throughout the region to ensure that the LaunchBox had a broad appeal to the seven primary counties it will serve.

Since then, the LaunchBox opened its Campus Connections office with the intent of also opening another office in the community. The location of that office in downtown DuBois will be announced this summer in hopes of opening in the early fall.

Working out of just the on-campus LaunchBox, there are already eight clients who are working toward new innovations in a variety of areas. Each with a unique story to tell, they will be featured in upcoming additions of *College Place* as their work takes shape.

“Our goal is to serve a broad range of people throughout our region,” Lashinsky said. “We want to develop an entrepreneurial ecosystem that will fill our downtown storefronts and industrial parks, fill and create more good paying jobs and attract people to our communities to live, work and play.”

Designed to serve a mixture of students, entrepreneurs, business men and women and existing industries and municipalities, the LaunchBox offers accelerator programs, coworking spaces, legal and IP advice, makerspaces and mentorship—all provided at no cost—to ensure participants have a solid foundation to launch successfully and at an accelerated pace. Local entrepreneurs and existing business owners can participate by volunteering to be mentors, teach classes or be part of a monthly speaker’s series to share their experiences.

Penn State DuBois students will benefit by having access to the LaunchBox and all available assets while being encouraged to delve into the world of entrepreneurship. Meanwhile, a new entrepreneurship minor was created to work in conjunction with this initiative. This interdisciplinary program will help students, regardless of their chosen major, develop ideas for new products or services and learn how to bring their innovations to fruition.

Another key goal of the LaunchBox is to bring together representatives from across a wide spectrum of disciplines to collaborate on ways to promote economic growth in the region. To that end, the LaunchBox has formed partnerships with 30 stakeholders to date, including businesses, educational institutions, and government entities.

“The motto of the Invent Penn State Initiative is, ‘The Ingenious Power of Partnership,’” McBride said. “We need businesses and entrepreneurs to have easy, centralized access to all the resources that our seven-county region has to offer them to make their business succeed. We believe the creation of the North Central PA LaunchBox does just that.”

The downtown location will contain offices for industry partners, a conference area, and coworking space that will provide facilities that fit the needs of LaunchBox clients performing research and development for their products and services. Video conferencing technology will allow participants from all over the world to take part in meetings and educational programs.

“This location will help the LaunchBox to fulfill its mission to support entrepreneurs as well as local industry, with an eye on bolstering the local economy and bettering our communities,” Lashinsky said. “It will be a one-stop-shop for all of your business needs.”

Another key commitment being made by Penn State is a unique funding program for the LaunchBoxes across the state. University Park has offered a match of \$1 million dollars if an initial \$1 million is raised locally. The resulting \$2 million could keep the LaunchBox running in perpetuity. Donors are being sought to help Penn State DuBois reach that goal and ensure that the North Central PA LaunchBox will continue to serve the region for decades to come.

To find out more about LaunchBox services, to join the effort as a mentor or to make a contribution, visit <https://dubois.psu.edu/launchbox> ♥



▲ Students Laura Ruane and Ken Larsen, at left, learn about career opportunities in the mental health field by speaking to Stephani Seidle, a representative from Roads to Recovery of Clearfield and Clarion.

CAREER EVENT CONNECTS STUDENTS WITH EMPLOYERS

A unique opportunity for career exploration was attended by nearly 100 Penn State DuBois students in March. The Networking Luncheon and Career Fair, organized by the campus Office of Career Development, featured more than 50 companies looking to recruit new talent. The career fair setting allowed students to meet and network with employer representatives and discover what kind of career opportunities those companies currently offer. The career fair was also open to members of the public, allowing anyone in the community the chance to help further their career.

The Networking Luncheon for campus students was held prior to the career fair and is intended to take the entire event to a higher level of quality for those attending. Business representatives were seated with students whose major aligned with the education those businesses look for in potential employees, giving students an additional, and more intimate, chance to interact with people already working in their fields of interest.

Penn State DuBois Career Development Coordinator Anna Akintunde explained, "Networking is the most effective way of landing a job. It doesn't matter whether you are a freshman or a senior, it offers you the advantage of networking and building relationships that may lead to great opportunities whether that be an internship or a new job upon graduation. Students who have attended in the past have described the Networking Luncheon as not only a great way to connect with opportunities, but an excellent way to meet employers and talk more personally with them in a low-pressure and relaxed atmosphere. The job fair offers yet another opportunity for networking while also providing you the ability to gather field specific information in a time effective and less costly manner."

Students who attended both the Networking Lunch and the job fair said this event provided very real opportunities in future employment. Junior in the Administration of

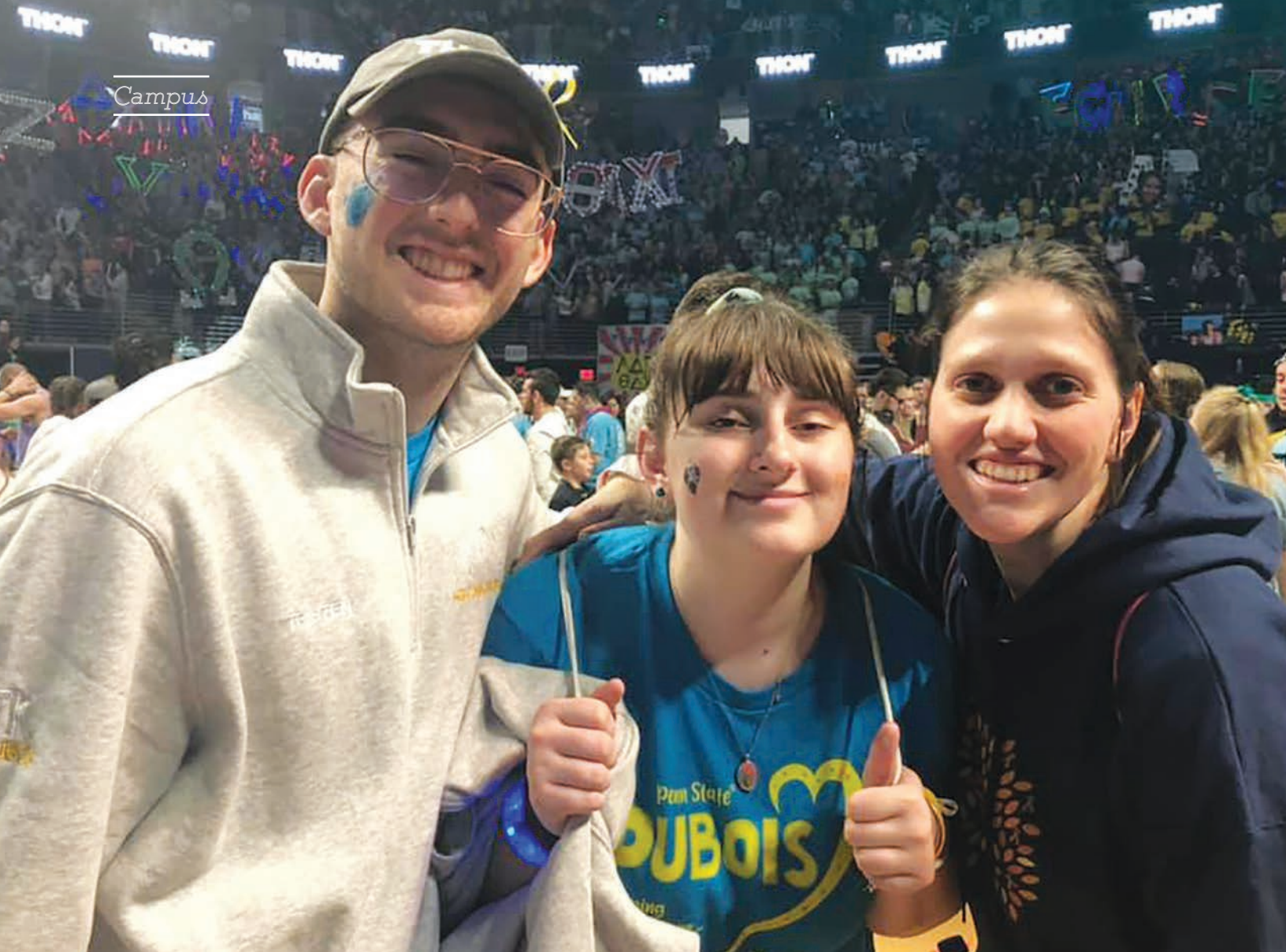
Justice program Duncan LaValle, of Ridgway, said, "This helps connect students with possible employers in an atmosphere where they are not limited on options. There is a lot of variety in the kind of companies here." LaValle added, "And it's not just for junior and seniors, even freshmen deciding what they want to do can get ideas here about what's out there for jobs and even internships."

Stephanie Fegert, a Human Development and Family Studies junior from Curwensville and military veteran said, "This is literally a room full of opportunity. You get face-time and immediate, in-person interaction with employers." And, Fegert's fellow veteran and HDFFS student Ken Larsen, from Reynoldsville, added, "Yes, you get to meet directly with representatives from local business and that really furthers your search for jobs."

New for this year was the Career Closet on campus, that offered a selection of donated, professional clothing to students preparing for job searches. Students were able to find clothing items, free of charge, in preparation for meeting with employers at the career fair, and for future job interviews.

This event was sponsored by the DuBois Educational Foundation, the Penn State DuBois Alumni Society, Brookville Equipment Corporation, and the Blue and White Society.

Akintunde said making contact at events like this is proven to produce results on both sides of the job market. The data she collected from this event last year shows that of those in attendance, 78% of employers said they left with potential hires, 69% of employers said they left with potential interns, 35% of students said they left with potential employment, and 79% of students said they left with an internship lead, which could possibly lead to full-time employment. ♥



▲ Left to right, DuBois THON Dancers Tristen Bressler, KJ Long, and Jamie Turner on the floor at the Bryce Jordan Center during THON 2019.

DUBOIS RAISES MORE THAN \$30,000 IN RECORD-BREAKING THON SEASON

The Penn State DuBois THON committee once again broke its own record, capping off the 2018-19 fundraising season with a hair auction during the THON Dancer Sendoff Dinner on Thursday evening, Feb. 14. All told, DuBois raised \$30,359 for THON

2019. The three THON dancers representing DuBois at the Bryce Jordan Center for the weekend were Tristen Bressler, Jamie Turner and KJ Long, who are now recovering from spending 46 consecutive hours on their feet.

“THON for me was the most humbling, rewarding and memorable experience, that will last with me a lifetime,” Turner said. “It was both mentally and physically exhausting but so worth it to watch all the Four Diamond kids playing, laughing and enjoying life on the floor. The experience was made even greater by the support team made up of students from PSU, past THON dancers, our advisers Rebecca and Marcie, friends and our families, we couldn’t have done it without them by our sides for the whole weekend. I am so glad I got to experience THON before I graduated, I think everyone so should go at least once in their lives, it truly is a life-changing experience. I am so glad I got to experience it with KJ and Tristen, we all kept each other sane and motivated to finish the 46 hours together, I wouldn’t have wanted anyone else by my side. Anytime I got tired or down I just kept thinking about why we were really there....FTK!”

The hair auction is the largest single fundraising event for the DuBois THON Committee each year. Thursday’s event netted \$9,223, including proceeds from a silent auction. The hair auction features volunteers who have agreed to get their hair cut if audience members place enough bids to reach a reserve. Volunteering to get their hair cut for the cause this year were all three THON Dancers, student Heather Witherow, and 10-year-old Brianna Brubaker, daughter of Marcie Brubaker, campus assistant student engagement coordinator. Penn State Altoona student Madyson Hetzler also joined those from DuBois to have her hair cut. Hetzler is following the example of her sister, Jacqueline, who is a Penn State DuBois alumna who participated in the hair auction when she was a student. The top fundraiser was 4-year-old Jeanetta Blake Fegert, daughter of student Stephanie Fegert, who raised \$1,600 with her hair cut.

Each year, THON, Penn State’s Dance Marathon, raises millions of dollars for the Four Diamonds Fund. The event’s sole beneficiary, and a leader in the fight against pediatric cancer, the Four Diamonds Fund fills in the funding gaps that insurance leaves for the patients it serves, enabling families to focus on caring for their child. Because of large donors like THON, Penn State Hershey Hospital recruits world-class talent to continue innovative research, and to maintain and expand the state-of-the-art Children’s Hospital. ♥

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the St. Catherine Church Fundraising Committee, and treasurer of the Association of Women Investors Organization. Formerly she served as a board member for the DuBois Area YMCA, DuBois United Way, and the DuBois Public Library.

Fairman earned her bachelor’s degree in sociology with a minor in psychology from Indiana University of Pennsylvania, where she also earned an MBA. Fairman is self-employed in the oil and gas production industry as part owner of Fairman Corp., works as the accounting manager for DuBois Dermatology and Cosmetics, and serves as president of the board of the Fairman Family Foundation. Previously she served for 20 years as accounting and systems manager at Atlas Pressed Metals. She has two children, Derek Fairman, and wife Lindsay; and Lisa Fairman Pflugstler, and husband Jude. She has seven grandchildren: Tyler, Reed, Avery, Zachary, Emma, Xavier and Jordan. ♥

Entrepreneur Panel

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Penn State Startup Week brings some of the leading minds in entrepreneurship and innovation to Penn State campuses across the commonwealth. It was founded in 2012 by the College of Information Sciences and Technology as “IST Startup Week.” The event was created to celebrate a \$400,000 gift from David Rusenko (Penn State IST class of 2007) that advanced IST’s commitment to supporting student entrepreneurs. The growth of the event to Penn State Startup Week in 2017 built on this effort to engage nearly every corner of the University. ♥



▲ Students Bryant Miloser, left, and Eli Depaulis plant saplings on a 35-acre portion of reclaimed mine land in the Moshannon State Forest as part of an ongoing reforestation project.

WILDLIFE TECHNOLOGY STUDENTS HELP TO RECLAIM PA FORESTS

A group of Wildlife Technology students at Penn State DuBois have contributed to reclaiming some area mine land while gaining valuable, real-world lessons. Lecturer in Wildlife Technology Carrie O'Brien took two sections of her class to a site in the Moshannon State Forest in Elk County in late April to help plant trees in a large-scale effort to reforest a 35-acre portion of public ground.

The reclamation project the students volunteered with is a partnership between the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR), the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), and the Pennsylvania Environmental Council (PEC), a non-profit conservation organization headquartered in Pittsburgh. The project is also funded, in part, by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation.

"Our goal is to return mine lands to a productive state," said Laura Bray, a program coordinator with PEC.

Bray noted that the Moshannon Forest site was first reclaimed when mining halted there decades ago, using traditional reclamation techniques. The site was initially revegetated with cool season grasses and some non-native pines that are stunted in growth. The Appalachian Regional Reforestation Initiative refers to sites like this as "Legacy Sites". Using the Forestry Reclamation Approach, developed by the Appalachian Regional Reforestation Initiative, more favorable site conditions for tree growth will be created.

"Due to heavy soil compaction caused by traditional reclamation methods, many of these sites do not become productive forests, and in some cases, trees weren't planted at all," Bray explained. "In other cases, you have non-native trees. So, we identify these legacy mine lands and essentially, we re-reclaim them using the Forestry Reclamation Approach to restore forest cover."

DCNR Oil and Gas Forester Evan Hoffman further explained that highly compacted soil, the result of methods formerly used to cover up old strip mines, makes for very poor growing conditions. With soil packed so tightly, root structures of most trees and other plants cannot gain a foot-hold.

Hoffman said, "We couldn't get much to grow here on this site besides grass and clover. We want to vegetate these openings with some trees and provide more food and cover for the wildlife."



The first step in getting those trees to grow is to loosen that compacted soil. To do so, workers employ bull dozers and excavators equipped with a tool known as a ripping shank, which works much like an oversized farm plow. Criss-crossing the plot with the shank plunging into the earth, they're able to loosen eight-foot swaths with each pass, going up to three feet deep.

"They loosen the soil so the trees can grow and take root," Bray said.

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▲ IST graduate CJ Seitz, left, and IST Program Leader Jason Long run tests on a server in the campus network lab. The lab network gives students the opportunity for hand-on, real-world learning in information technology.

IST GRAD LAUNCHES CAREER WITH LOCKHEED MARTIN

A 2019 graduate of the Penn State DuBois Information Sciences and Technology (IST) program is launching his career with the nation's leading producer of military technology in areas of aeronautics, maritime systems, space exploration, and more. CJ Seitz, of Treasure Lake, landed a position as a software engineering associate with Lockheed Martin months before his graduation. Now, with his degree complete, he began work at Lockheed Martin's Space Operations Facility in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania, this spring.

Lockheed Martin's software engineering associates like Seitz maintain and set up operations systems, and work on cutting-edge military information systems, including GPS and communications applications, and even work with NASA on projects like the Mars Rover.

"I wanted to work for a government contractor," said Seitz, "And the space operations is just really cool." He explained that he wanted to use the skills he learned while completing his IST degree to do something meaningful.

"I wanted to work on something that's exciting, and this was my number one choice," Seitz said. "And I ended up getting it."

Seitz credits his education and experience at Penn State DuBois with helping him to land the job. He attended a hiring fair at Lockheed Martin, armed with his résumé that outlined his networking experience gained during hands-on projects in the Penn State DuBois IST program. He noted IST program leader and assistant teaching professor Jason Long has constructed an entire computer network in the campus' IST network lab located in the DEF building that is dedicated solely to student instruction. Without the risk of damaging a real network, this dedicated network lab allows the students unlimited hands-on trials and lessons.

Seitz said of his interview with Lockheed Martin, "There were over 1,000 applicants, and they said they picked


me because of what we did here at Penn State DuBois. Because of the hands-on projects. They liked that I had an internship and got all of this experience."

Long added, "You want to have a program that stays on top of the technology trends. You can learn as much technology as possible reading about it, but it's not enough. If you're not using the technology in hands-on lab exercises, you don't really learn it," he said. "People like to tell you how strong their programs are. I like to just show people how strong our program is by pointing them to students like CJ. He's proof of that."

Long noted that past graduates of the Penn State IST program have gone on to work for global tech companies like Google, Amazon, and multiple government agencies.

As for the latest success story from this program, Seitz advises casting a wide net on a job search and starting early. He began looking for jobs as much as a year out from graduation and was even offered jobs in security at Las Vegas casinos. But, ultimately, he found the opportunity he was looking for much closer to home, and before he even had his diploma in hand. That has Lockheed Martin's newest space operations associate over the moon.

"I feel prepared. I got the associate and the bachelors. I got a minor in security and risk analysis, I just learned everything I could," Seitz said. "And it's crazy. I didn't have to settle. I'm really, really happy about it. This is just what I wanted."

According to Lockheed Martin, the government contractor employees 100,000 people in 70 countries, in more than 590 facilities. 

PENN STATE DUBOIS WILDLIFE HONORS STUDENTS GET HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE IN PENNSYLVANIA'S ELK RANGE

Honors students in the Penn State DuBois Wildlife Technology program had an exclusive opportunity for hands-on learning with members of the Pennsylvania Game Commission's (PGC) biological staff in March. The PGC is currently researching reproductive trends among Pennsylvania's elk herd in hopes of improving the overall health of the herd and increasing the population. To that end, four first-year honors students from the program, with their instructor Keely Roen, joined Elk Biologist Jeremy Banfield and Elk Biologist Aide Avery Corondi in chemically immobilizing a cow, or female elk, so that blood samples crucial to these conservation efforts could be collected.

"We collected blood samples during our hunting season for elk, which happens in the first full week of November, and we've been testing for pregnancy, and it's been suspiciously low. Around 55 to 60 percent," Banfield explained, noting that the pregnancy rates in November would ideally be at around 90 percent. "So, we are collecting blood samples now, later in the season, to see if pregnancy increased. Basically, we want to see that if you give the animals more time to breed, will pregnancy go up."

While this research is still in its very early stages, Banfield said seeing pregnancy rates increase into the spring is not actually a positive finding. He said late season pregnancy among female elk means an increased mortality rate for their calves and hopes that most cows will be pregnant earlier in the season. Ultimately, through this research, they hope to understand why that isn't happening.

"It's going to depend on what we find here, what our next step is. When you have either low pregnancy or late pregnancy, it obviously influences the population. So, we

are trying to deduce what's going on here so we can hopefully correct it in the future," Banfield said. "You want the animals to be bred in as short of a window as possible. Early on in late September is the prime period. The reason is that the rut [breeding season] is rough on both genders, especially bulls that can lose up to 20 percent of their body weight. Also, nature has evolved this way so that the calves that are born during the end of May, beginning of June, which is the prime time for vegetation, and that's a good time. Food is plentiful, and they can gain weight fast. If they're born late, they don't have as much time to gain that weight and have lower chances of survival going into the fall, so we don't want late pregnancy. We want the population to grow; more importantly we want the natural process to work as it should, but right now it appears that it's not."

While these early steps of this research will hopefully reveal why these late pregnancies are happening, Corondi added that it is a confusing set back for the population of a species that otherwise is poised for great survival and reproductive success in the Commonwealth. She said, "It's high quality forage we have here, so there's plenty of food, a great bull to cow ratio, and no natural predators. These animals really have very few stressors, so the pregnancy rates should be higher."

The process by which samples are collected for this research is challenging, adding another layer of difficulty for these wildlife professionals. They are specifically targeting female elk, three and a half years of age and older. They must first locate a group of animals, visually identify an individual they hope to collect samples from, then close in, getting into range for a clean shot with an air powered gun that fires darts that deliver the immobilizing chemicals that sedate the elk long enough for samples to be collected. The safe range to ensure a chance at a clean shot with that device is about 40 yards. Just immobilizing the animal alone can take a great deal of know-how and woodsmanship. It was this process that Penn State DuBois honors students in the Wildlife Technology program had



▲ Pennsylvania Game Commission Elk Biologist Jeremy Banfield, at left, leads Penn State DuBois Wildlife Technology students in collecting data from a sedated elk near Benezette, PA. Participating are, left to right: Standing, Nick Michelone and Samantha Carns. Kneeling, Garrett Orcutt, Eli DePaulis, and Instructor in Wildlife Technology Keely Roen.

the opportunity to participate in, an opportunity not open to any other members of the public or community outside of PGC staff. Currently studying to work in the field of wildlife conservation, this exclusive experience gave the students the chance for a real-world look at some of the work they could look forward to completing when they enter their careers.

Freshman Wildlife Technology honors student Samantha Carns, of Clearfield, said, "It was amazing. 100 percent

want to do it again. I have never been that close to an elk and it was so cool."

Banfield and Corondi led the group of students from Winslow Hill near Benezette in Elk County, out into the heart of Pennsylvania's Elk Range at sunrise. They quickly came upon a group of elk and identified a cow that fit their profile for testing. After Banfield made the shot with the dart gun, the group waited about 10 minutes before

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tracking the animal. They were assisted by radio telemetry that homes in on a signal put out by the dart, and used the device to help locate the elk, which was able to run a couple of hundred yards before she would succumb to the immobilization drugs.

Once located, Banfield and Corondi quickly got to work collecting blood, as well as other data from the cow. Banfield said, "While we have her down, we check heart rate, breathing, and temperature, to assure the health of the animal. We age her by examining her teeth. The blood sample is what we're after, but while we have her there, we take the chance to assure the overall health of the elk."

Following the collection of samples and data, reversal drugs are injected into the elk to counteract the immobilization drugs that tranquilized her. All animals studied are monitored until they're awake and able to regain their feet. In this case, the cow elk was awake and able return to the herd within four minutes after recovery drugs were administered.

Penn State DuBois students helped the PGC staff throughout this process and in collecting data, including blood samples and vital signs, taking the opportunity for more real-world lessons that will give them experience as they go into their future careers.

Carns said, "This helped me realize what wildlife biologists actually do, and it just opened up my eyes."



▲ The cow elk was back on her feet minutes after drugs were administered to reverse the chemical immobilization.

Garrett Orcutt, a freshman Wildlife Technology student from Rockton, PA, said, "It was definitely one of the most awesome opportunities I've ever had the pleasure of being a part of. It was great of Jeremy for letting us be a part of this."

Getting to be in such close contact to wildlife, as well as the hands-on work that conservations do every day, was and invaluable learning experience for these aspiring professionals.

"Being that close to such a large mammal that is such a big part of Pennsylvania's heritage really narrows it down that I want to do something in my career with big game animals," Orcutt said.

Instructor Keely Roen said the type of inspiration and real-world experience Orcutt is thankful for is exactly why she seeks out these opportunities for her students. She said, "This gives students the chance to interact with professionals in natural resources, and to be part of an experience that they may very well relive five or ten years from now in their careers. There's no way to replicate that in the classroom. You have to really see it to understand what goes into something like this. If you don't see it in person, you really don't truly understand it."

Roen said the students participating in this experience will use what they've learned to help their classmates take their education one step further, as well. She said, "These honors students will do a presentation in the fall semester on their experience for other students in the Wildlife Technology program when we learn about chemically immobilizing deer, so they'll be able to share what they've learned and note the differences they see between deer and elk."

According to Banfield, the elk herd in Pennsylvania was extirpated due to overhunting in the late 1800's. Beginning in 1913, efforts to bring the species back to the Keystone State began with importing animals from other states. Between 1913 and 1926, 177 elk were introduced into Pennsylvania. That number initially grew to between 400 and 500 animals. Official yearly counts of the species began in 1971, and eventually a hunting season for elk in PA was open in 2001 when it was determined the population increased to a sustainable number that could be managed by hunting.

Though the current pregnancy rate is alarming, importation of elk as was done in the past is no longer an option due



▲ Elk Biologist Aide Avery Corondi homes in on a signal transmitted by the dart used to immobilize the elk using radio telemetry equipment.

to the outbreak of Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD). An affliction plaguing deer and elk alike, CWD originated in the west and has already found its way into Pennsylvania. There is no cure for the disease, that attacks the nervous system of the animals, and it is always terminal to those that contract it. To prevent the spread of the disease, conservationists have determined that deer and elk should not be relocated. Though it is a threat to deer and elk species populations, no evidence has been discovered that it is harmful to humans. Additionally, Banfield's opinion as the state elk biologist is that it can be mitigated to the point of sustaining wildlife species. He said, "Our elk will inevitably get it. When that's going to occur is always difficult to predict. But when it happens, we have no reason to expect it will wipe out the elk

population. There will be a presence of the disease that we'll have to respond to; it's a serious thing and we'll keep it on the forefront. But it won't wipe out our herd"

Banfield said members of the public should be reminded that feeding elk is illegal, and in CWD areas of the state, feeding of deer is prohibited, as well. Refraining from feeding wildlife will help in stopping the spread of diseases like CWD.

Currently Pennsylvania boasts an elk population of approximately 1,000 animals. ♥



▲ Penn State DuBois alumnus Josh Sanko introduces guests to Hans, a Eurasian eagle-owl, during a program on owls and their hunting techniques, while working at the American Bald Eagle Foundation in Haines, Alaska.

PENN STATE DUBOIS ALUMNUS SEES CAREER TAKE FLIGHT IN ALASKA

An alumnus of the Penn State DuBois Wildlife Technology program, Josh Sanko has always had a passion for wildlife and the outdoors, with a particular interest in birds. However, at the beginning of this year, it was Sanko himself who really spread his wings. In January he started a full-time position as a program coordinator with the American Bald Eagle Foundation (ABEF) in Haines, Alaska.

The mission of the ABEF is the conservation of the bald eagle and its habitat through education and stewardship. Additionally, the foundation works with a number of other bird species that share that habitat. As a program coordinator, Sanko works under the Curator of Collections and the Raptor Program manager, training and caring for birds of prey each day that are housed at the foundation's facilities. Those birds are frequently featured in educational programs aimed at introducing the public to the species, as well as the conservation efforts focused on them.

“This work is so important because the animals we work with are our coworkers and they help us in the education of the public to show why these animals, and all wildlife, should be protected,” Sanko explained. “Even though our mission is about the bald eagle, one animal impacts the entire ecosystem around it, so conserving one species means conserving the ecosystem as a whole.”

Additionally, Sanko maintains the foundation’s social media platforms, oversees interns and volunteers, and leads the Youth Raptor Program for local youth interested in learning about birds of prey. In this way, he hopes to inspire others to aid in conservation efforts with the same intensity that began growing in him when he was just a child.

“I have always had a passion for wildlife and the conservation of their habitats. My goal has always been to protect these species that can’t speak for themselves,” Sanko said. “By working alongside raptor coworkers, I can teach people about their species and hopefully inspire a connection between the public and the animals I work with. I grew up outside and in the outdoors with my father, who taught me how to hunt, fish, and enjoy the woods. Once I realized that I could make a career out of working outside and with animals, I began to set my sights in that direction and never looked back.”

Sanko grew up in Reynoldsville, PA, graduating from DuBois Area High School in 2014. And once he had that realization that he could turn his passion into a career, he enrolled in the Wildlife Technology program at Penn State DuBois. This associate degree program offered exclusively at Penn State DuBois trains graduates to work in fields of wildlife conservation, environmental conservation, and more.


“Penn State DuBois helped me gain the knowledge I needed in order to do this job. The classes there taught me about the species I work with currently as well as how to interact with the public and educate them about wildlife,” Sanko said. “Penn State DuBois’ Wildlife Technology program showed me how to have conversations about wildlife conservation, especially with those that had differing ideas on how to manage certain species. I am and will always be grateful for my Penn State DuBois education paving the way to where I am today.”

After completing his associate degree in 2016, however, Sanko wasn’t done learning. He went on to earn his bachelor’s degree in Wildlife and Fishery Science at University Park, graduating in December of 2018. During

his time at University Park, Sanko also worked at Penn State’s Shaver’s Creek Environmental Center, where he was introduced to training and educating with birds, which professionals in this field refer to as “avian ambassadors”. It was there that Sanko first encountered the ABEF through an internship opportunity that he was able to complete immediately after graduation. He said, “I started as an intern at the foundation in May of last year. I worked as an intern for four months of my year-long internship when a position became available as full-time staff. I applied for the position, interviewed, and got the job. I graduated on Sunday and left for Alaska on Friday, so you can imagine how big of a change that was. I officially started in mid-January of this year.”

While there has been a great deal of adjustments to make in his life, Sanko said he’s enjoying the adventure.

“Transitioning to a new area is always difficult, especially when that new area is 3,500 miles away. The town of Haines is small, without a movie theater or even chain restaurants, so the transition at times was especially hard. I found the best way to get over that fear and homesickness was to get out and explore. Haines may be small, but it is full of some of the most interesting people I’ve ever met. I miss home all the time, but I know that life happens outside of your comfort zone.”

Founded in 1982, the ABEF today features a natural history museum in addition to educational programs on raptor species, youth programming, and more. For more information visit <https://baldeagles.org/> 



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Fairman House

HONORS SCHOLAR PROGRAM OPENS NEW OPPORTUNITIES IN LEARNING

The inaugural class for the Penn State DuBois Honors Scholar program will begin their journey in higher education in Fall of 2019. The Honors Scholar Program has been established to provide opportunities for students who excel academically to participate in specialized courses and increased activities allowing them to engage at a higher level. Members of the program receive special scholarship consideration, as well as opportunities to complete undergraduate research, participate in international travel, and more. To qualify for, and remain in this program, students must maintain a 3.4 or higher GPA, enroll in honors courses, participate in undergraduate research, and actively participate in a campus club.

All scholars entering in their first year will receive an annual scholarship, renewable for up to four years of undergraduate education, and receive additional funding toward required travel and research experiences. They also receive academic enrichment through designated Honors courses, leadership and seminar courses, and research placement. Students in the program also have the opportunity to travel with an annual exclusive Honors Program international trip, can apply for grant funding for travel abroad, research, and conference presentation, and have priority registration for classes. They also get use of the Fairman House, a dedicated space for Honors Program students to work, study, and gather.

On the following page are the students entering this program for its opening year and what they had to say about this exciting opportunity.



**BRENDAN ALLISON,
BROCKWAY, PA**

Brendan is a Brockway Area High School graduate who will major in business.

“Ever since I was a child, it was my foremost desire to someday attend the esteemed Penn State University, and contribute to the outstanding community that I was blessed enough to interact with while growing up. When the day finally came for me to apply to a postsecondary institution, the choice was an easy one to make: Penn State. Now, as I enter into the Honors Program at this school, I have more than enough confirmation that my decision was well-founded and the best for me.”



TAYLOR CHARLES, DUBOIS, PA

Taylor is a DuBois Area High School graduate majoring in Business.

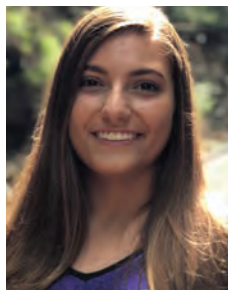
“I look forward to the club opportunities that Penn State has to offer, meeting new people, pursuing my degree, and the new environment will be the greatest change, but the most exciting as I start my college education.”



**ALEXANDER GIANVITO,
PUNXSUTAWNEY, PA**

Alexander graduated from Punxsutawney Area High School and will major in engineering.

“I am looking forward to the opportunity to grow as a person and a student, as well as discovering new interests.”



**HEATHER GILGA,
REYNOLDSVILLE, PA**

Heather is a DuBois Area High School graduate who will major in computer science.

“I am looking forward to majoring in computer science at Penn State and meeting new people. I am also excited for the abroad trip with the honors program group and joining the criminal justice club.”



**LARISSA JAMES-LABRANCHE,
WARRENTON, VA**

Larissa graduated from Kettle Run High School near her home in Warrenton, Virginia.

“I am looking forward to the academic opportunity I will be able to pursue through the honors program, such as conducting research on campus as well as potentially abroad, challenging myself with more rigorous classes and helping the local community. I am also ecstatic to have the honor to represent Penn State DuBois on the softball field. I am ready for the exciting times ahead!”



ERIN KOPP, BROCKWAY, PA

Erin is a graduate of DuBois Area High School who will major in engineering.

“I look forward to the opportunities that I will be presented with from the Penn State DuBois Honors Scholar Program as well Penn State University in general. I am honored to be a part of this program and I am eager to see where it will take me.”

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RYAN MITSKAVICH, DUBOIS, PA

Ryan graduated from DuBois Area High School and will major in business.

“To be a part of any Penn State extracurricular activity is a high honor in my opinion. I admire Penn State so much. I never feel far from home as long as I am at a Penn State campus. I look forward to being a part of the Honors Scholar society. It is a great honor to represent Penn State in the area of academic excellence. I also look forward to meeting fellow members, getting involved with my Penn State campus, and representing Penn State in community and world-wide efforts.”



LUKAS SALVO, RIMERSBURG, PA

Lukas graduated from Union High School and is undecided in majors as he explores his options.

“I am looking forward to receiving an amazing education with world-renowned teachers and staff. I am also looking forward to playing Baseball for one of the top ranked small school programs in the country. Going to Penn State has always been a dream of mine, but getting to do that as well as be a part of the Honors Scholar Program is something I am extremely excited for. I’m thankful for the opportunity to grow as a student and a person at Penn State!”



DANIEL RORABAUGH, LAJOSE, PA

Daniel is a Harmony High School graduate who will major in engineering at Penn State DuBois.

“I am looking forward to a new academic adventure and the opportunity to succeed.”



DYLAN TREASTER, REBERSBURG, PA

Dylan is a graduate of Penns Valley High School who will major in engineering.

“I am looking forward to meeting a brand-new group of students and staff. I am excited to experience the opportunities that Penn State DuBois has to offer and receiving the education that will benefit me in my future career. ♥



Wildlife Technology Students

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At this point, volunteers like the Penn State DuBois Wildlife Technology students come in and the tree planting begins. Graduates of this program qualify for careers in fields such as environmental conservation, wildlife conservation, forestry, fishery sciences, and more. Field work such as this could be part of their daily lives in the future, and volunteer opportunities like this help them to gain experience.

O'Brien said, "They get to see what's going on right in their back yard, and that's a really great experience. It's great to have the students be part of this partnership with DCNR and PEC, to get involved in these partnerships, and to learn how to plant trees and why we plant trees. They're also getting the chance to network with other professionals in the field and be a part of a really fascinating project that will provide great habitat down the road."

Representatives from PEC and DCNR instructed the students on best practices for planting the trees using dibble bars, special tools used by foresters that quickly and efficiently pierce the ground, creating a hole for the sapling to be placed. Such tools help greatly with larger reforestation efforts such as this, where nearly 23,800 trees will be planted on approximately 35 acres. The remaining 20 acres of this 55-acre site will be left for grass lands, which benefits wildlife in other ways, such as providing different types of wildlife habitat. Students learned from these conservation professionals how to best place the trees for optimum growth, how to use the tools involved, and more.

Wildlife Technology student Eli Depaulis of York, PA, said of the experience, "Better to learn by doing. It's one thing to learn in a book, but to come out and do it hands-on and actually experience it is definitely a beneficial reinforcement to our classroom learning."

Classmate Bryant Miloser of Marion Center, PA, added, "There is a lot of extra opportunity that we have in this program to learn things hands-on. I think we remember so much more when we are out here learning like this."

On this day, the site was being planted with 500 white pines, 500 quaking aspens, 100 red oaks, and 250 red locusts, all donated from a DCNR nursery where they've been grown from seedlings. 🍷





▲ Students volunteering at one of the lunch shifts with SOME (So Others Might Eat) in Washington DC. Left to right, Emily Donahue, Garret Kemerer, Kira Fry, Niki Chew.

STUDENTS, FACULTY SHARE EXPERIENCES OF SPRING BREAK SERVICE TRIP

A group of 19 Penn State DuBois students have returned from a spring break trip with new experiences and a fresh perspective on a number of social issues. Rather than spend the break on vacation, these students chose to participate in Alternative Spring Break (ASB), and travel to Washington DC, where they spent their break helping people who are homeless or living 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 DC. This group also distributed "Purses with a Purpose." This was a collaboration with the Occupational Therapy Assistant (OTA)

program on campus from the fall semester. The OTA students collected gently used purses and packed them with hygiene items for the ASB students to distribute to individuals at shelters.

Through their work at service sites during the week, students got a hard look at the issue of homelessness, what services are available to combat the issue, and an introduction to possible solutions. All told, they completed over 450 hours of service over spring break.

The first ASB organized for Penn State DuBois students took place in 2008. Now in its 12th year, ASB has given dozens of Penn State DuBois students the opportunity to serve others in communities all around the country, from DC, to the Navajo Nation in Arizona, to New Orleans, and more. Instructor in Human Development and Family Studies (HDFS) Marly Doty has organized each of these

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. She was joined this year by fellow program faculty member and group leader Jessica Clontz.

"It's disheartening to travel to our nation's capital and see some of the highest rates of homelessness. I'm encouraged by the students' desire to learn about the issue through this engaged scholarship opportunity by applying and exploring what they've learned in the classroom by experiencing it firsthand. We need to put concerted effort into affordable housing for everyone." Doty said, reflecting on this most recent trip. She explained that experiencing poverty and homelessness first hand is eye-opening for students and helps to break down stigmas associated with homelessness.

Illustrating Doty's point, students said they were heavily impacted by their involvement. HDFS student Laura Ruane said, "My experience was emotional. It really opened my eyes to how wrong I was with the correlation between addiction and homelessness. I thought addiction caused homelessness but in reality, addiction is a negative consequence of homelessness."

Business student Leandra DeMarco said, "This experience impacted me in so many ways, the biggest being emotionally. It was a huge culture shock and it was hard to see so many people struggling. Hearing the stories of the people who are experiencing homelessness completely changed my outlook on homelessness and life in general. I heard stories of those who had previously gone on the Alternative Spring Break trips and everyone who went had so many good things to say, but you never really know what it's like until you experience it."

Kira Fry, an Occupational Therapy Assistant major said, "The time I had in DC was unlike anything I have ever experienced. I learned so much and I am so grateful that I was able to meet the people I did while learning about their situation."

Clontz said the interactions for her were a reminder of work that needs to be done assist those in need, but also made it clear that change begins with one individual. She said, "Serving people experiencing homelessness, poverty, and hunger in the DC area brought to light the incredible need for systemic changes in our nation. The experience as a whole reminded me of the power of kindness and the

need to be an advocate for others."

Some of the students learned more about those very sentiments through these real-world lessons in the nation's capital. Hayley Knepper, an Administration of Justice student said, "Alternative spring break has been such an amazing learning experience and words can't describe the rollercoaster of emotions and feelings that resonated throughout the week. Every contribution we gave this week made me regain hope in humanity and realize that there are so many people out there who care, but there needs to be more. Homelessness is an issue people don't seem to understand entirely and look at with a skewed perspective. It won't be solved overnight but if more people could help the world would be a better place."

HDFS students Niki Chew and Keeley Chiodo agreed. Chew said, "This trip allowed me to walk in many people's shoes and has left such a big footprint in my life. I would do this opportunity again, without a doubt."

Chiodo echoed, "Volunteering with the population that is experiencing homelessness was an eye-opening experience. I learned so many things and I would love to go back."

In addition to the feelings of gratitude and fulfillment that come from helping others, and the lessons learned on life and society, there is another pleasant side effect to ASB. Friendship.

Elementary education student Elizabeth Johnson said, "I have learned more about myself that I never knew before, and I have learned so much about the impact service has on those who are facing homelessness. Thank you to everyone who was able to share this experience with me. I have made so many new friendships through this trip that I hope will last a lifetime."

Heather Witherow, an education major agreed, saying, "We shared so many incredible memories, emotions and experiences, and gave each other so much love and support throughout the week. These classmates turned into my new friends, and those new friends turned into my family. Each and every one of them has a heart of gold, and I am thankful to have gotten to spend each moment of this trip with them."

According to the Department of Human Services, a 2017 study revealed there were 7,473 people who were

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▲ Students constructed makeshift shelters from cardboard boxes and tarps during the Sleepout for Homelessness in front of campus, along Route 255.

'SLEEPOUT' EVENT SUPPORTS FIGHT AGAINST HOMELESSNESS

In April a group of Penn State DuBois students completed a social change project, "Sleepout for Homelessness," aimed at raising awareness of the homeless epidemic by spending a night outside and experiencing what people who are homeless feel every day. The six students set up for the evening in front of campus, along State Route 255, where they constructed shelters out of cardboard boxes and tarps. They collected donations for the National Coalition of the Homeless as well as the Haven House shelter in DuBois. They netted \$200 for those organizations between onsite collection and online donations.

The project was completed for a 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. Students in the same course also took an Alternative Spring Break trip to Washington DC this year where they spent their break helping people who are homeless or living in impoverished conditions. They volunteered to prepare and distribute food, hygiene supplies and clothing, and completed other service work in shelters. Lecturer in Human Development and Family Studies (HDFS) Marly Doty led students on the DC trip and joined them for the sleepout event as well.

"There were a lot of lessons learned outside Friday night. We all got tired very quickly and many of us slept only a couple hours at the time because of the traffic or being fearful that someone would cause harm or take something," Doty said. "It's unfathomable to imagine what that would be like day in and day out. We are all very grateful to have a warm place and home to go back to. Our night ended by going home, for many people experiencing homelessness their day would begin by trying to find food."

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▲ Carlos Jeremie, at right, talks with fellow scholarship recipients Stanley Igbudu, center, and Jacob Butterfuss, left, at the Scholarship Luncheon on April 11, at the DuBois Country Club. Jeremie spoke during the luncheon's program, offering the students perspective on the vital role scholarship support plays in education.

ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON BRINGS TOGETHER STUDENTS, DONORS

The generosity of donors and the impact of philanthropy were celebrated at the annual Penn State DuBois Scholarship Luncheon on Thursday, April 11, at the DuBois Country Club. The luncheon brings together scholarship recipients with donors, giving them the chance to meet each other, and provides 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.

Chancellor M. Scott McBride opened the day's program saying, "Given that our students annually have \$3 million in unmet need, we depend on the generosity of our donors

to meet these financial obligations. Donors—on behalf of our Penn State campus community, please accept our most grateful appreciation for your gifts of treasury and for entrusting us to effectively apply these valued resources to support students in their pursuit a coveted Penn State degree."

The program also featured testimonies from donors and students alike, allowing the perspective of both sides of giving to be heard. Offering the student's perspective were Gracie Hamilton, an education major and recipient of the Robert and Joyce Umbaugh Endowed Scholarship, and Carlos Jeremie, an Information Sciences and Technology major and recipient of the Dr. David S. and Deborah M. Ross Open Doors Scholarship.

"This scholarship means a lot to me," Hamilton said. "This wonderful gift helped me get one step closer to my dreams. Without generous people like all of you in this room, some of us would not be able to afford school."

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Annual Scholarship Luncheon

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Jeremie said, "I want to say thank you to Dr. David and Deborah Ross for investing in my education. It means the world to me that I received this scholarship. The fact that I was able to attend this school is something you can't put a price on."

Speaking from the donor's perspective were Bill Allenbaugh, a retired campus faculty member who has established two scholarships along with his wife, Nancy, as well as Ginger Kunkel, chief operating officer of Riverview Bank, an organization that has also established two scholarships at Penn State DuBois.

"I guess the reason I'm a donor is that I came from humble beginnings," Allenbaugh shared, noting that he is also a campus alumnus who operated his own psychiatric practice while also teaching part-time on campus. "Penn State DuBois opened doors for me for a life I never dreamed was possible as a kid. My wife and I have both benefited from the opportunities Penn State DuBois gave us. We hope that what we are doing helps you achieve your dreams."

Kunkle added, "We could not be more proud to be here and to support these bright minds who will lead us into the future."

This academic year, Penn State DuBois awarded over \$528,000 in scholarships to students. ♥

Students, Faculty Share Experiences

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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.

This ASB trip was made possible, in part, by Chancellor M. Scott McBride, the DuBois Educational Foundation, Penn State DuBois Student Affairs, and the Student Engagement Network at University Park. ♥

'Sleepout'

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Students were quick to recognize those lessons in what became a hands-on learning experience, as well as an awareness event. HDFS student Keeley Chiodo said, "Participating in the Sleepout for Homelessness was such an eye-opener. We got to feel the humiliation of being stared at, being ignored, and being unable to sleep peacefully at night. We definitely take what we have for granted and I am going to look at life a lot differently after this experience, and the experience in DC as a whole."

Jamie Turner, a business student, said they experienced a spectrum of interactions with people during the night. She said, "I really enjoyed the experience at the sleep out. We had a nice couple bring us water and a tarp, it was nice to see people care. We asked people for money which was not easy to do, and most people drove past us like we were invisible. I couldn't sleep because all I could think about was someone trying to steal our stuff or messing with our houses. I can't imagine having to live like this every day, it is not an easy life to live. This experience makes me want to act more towards ending homelessness, no body deserves to sleep outside like we did for only one night."

HDFS student Daulton Helo agreed that more action needs to be taken to combat these social ills, saying, "As we were sleeping outside Friday night, cars kept passing by and honking acknowledging us. I'm sure they were thinking all these people are doing a wonderful thing sleeping outside and spreading awareness about homelessness, but honking your horn and acknowledging us doesn't fix anything." ♥



▲ Alumni Society President Michael White, center, with fellow Alumni Council Lifelong Engagement Committee members Tracey Riegel and Jon Brooks.



▲ Members of the campus community met with Senate President Pro Tempore Joseph Scarnati on Capitol Day. In front, left to right, are John Mark Miller, Student Government Association president; Daulton Helo, SGA treasurer; Garret Kemerer, SGA senator; Senator Scarnati; Danielle VanSteenburg, SGA vice president; Heather Witherow, SGA senator. In back, left to right, are Rebecca Pennington, director of Student Affairs; Amy Fatula, lecturer of occupational therapy; Dave Bish, assistant teaching professor of Administration of Justice; Michael White, Alumni Society president; and Brad Lashinsky, program director of Penn State DuBois' North Central PA LaunchBox.

ADVOCATE PENN STATE — COMES TOGETHER WITH ALUMNI ACTIVITIES.

Welcome students, Alumni, and friends of Penn State to the DuBois Alumni Society update. It has been a busy Spring...and there is much to be done on the horizon. Here is a quick recap of some of the things we have been doing since the last newsletter.

RALLY ON THE ROTUNDA

Annually, Penn State has held a University-sponsored Capital Day in Harrisburg to meet with our State Legislators on the issues concerning Penn State and to request continued/expanded funding. This year, I attended with a 15-person PSU DuBois contingent that traveled to

Harrisburg on March 20th. This is a well-organized event with Penn State's Government Affairs' office coordinating meetings with each attendee's local Representative and Senator.

Our team met with Senate President Pro Tempore Joseph Scarnati (a Penn State DuBois graduate) in the Senate Chambers for a lengthy Q&A session with the Senator from Brockway. It was clear that the senator saw the benefits of Penn State DuBois on the state's economy. The University, its students, alumni and businesses run by our alumni contribute over \$25 million to the state's economy alone – a factoid worth noting!

We encourage all those who support Penn State to sign up at this address www.govt.psu.edu/advocate/ (they only send specific pertinent correspondence and only solicit your assistance in vocalizing support of Penn State with your local representatives). www.govt.psu.edu/advocate/

ALUMNI COUNCIL

The bi-annual meeting of our Alumni Association's leaders at University Park occurred on April 11-13 and was attended by over 108 council members. Each member serves on break-out committees and also attends Friday's general session meeting that provides updates on the Alumni Association, and the University as a whole. This meeting featured reports from the Student Government, Faculty Senate leadership, and special presentations like the announcement that the Penn State Alumni Association is partnering with Penn State Employees Credit Union (PSECU) which will be the new sponsor of the alumni credit card and offer alumni members great banking rates.

I serve on the Life Long Relationships & Engagement Committee which focuses on programming like Penn State's City Lights (provides 5 cultural events each Spring in our metro markets featuring alumni speakers), the Alumni Associations' Career Services (offers resume, networking, and mentoring opportunities to Alumni) and the expansion of the Senior Send-off program to be held simultaneously at all campuses across the Commonwealth. Our committee participated in a portion of the University Park's send-off festivities with the Blue & White Society's PSU I ❤️ U event.

On the lawn of the HUB building, our committee lent a hand in serving popcorn, cotton candy, Penn State Creamery ice cream and engaging students with games of twister while explaining the benefits of the Alumni Association as they make their way toward graduation.

The association is piloting this countdown of 100 Days till Graduation as part of the Senior Send-off week which will be rolled-out at the DuBois campus in the near future. It was truly inspiring to see the enthusiasm of the graduating seniors and to explain the benefits of the Alumni Association's vast network of recourses.

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

For the Future,

Michael White '07 BUS
Alumni Society President



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DuBois Alumni Society

PENN STATE DUBOIS ALUMNI SOCIETY INVITES YOU TO RE-CONNECT...

There are 13,174 Penn State DuBois Alumni. 5,018 live in the Greater DuBois Tri-county Area.

HAVE YOU RE-CONNECTED?

Whether you are a Penn Stater from DuBois or another campus you are invited to re-connect to Penn State through the Penn State DuBois Alumni Society. There are several events planned throughout the year, and many of them are free! Please check out our calendar of events and plan to attend one this year. Our Directors look forward to connecting with you!

OTHER WAYS TO CONNECT!



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▲ Anita McDonald



▲ Craig Hicks

ALUMNI AWARD RECIPIENTS TO BE HONORED AT OCTOBER BENEFIT CELEBRATION

Three individuals will be honored for their accomplishments, as well as their dedication to Penn State DuBois at the Annual Benefit Celebration on October 12. The Alumni Society will present the awards during the celebration to Richard Ogden, recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award; Anita McDonald, recipient of the Distinguished Ambassador Award; and Craig Hicks, recipient of the Outstanding Alumni Award.

Ogden has been executive vice president and chief risk officer at Riverview Bank since October of 2017, when they merged with CBT Bank. He was previously executive vice president, chief financial officer and treasurer at CBT Bank, where he began his career as an accountant in 1981. He recently established the Ogden Family Open Doors Scholarship and he has been instrumental in the bank's continued support of scholarships at Penn State DuBois. Ogden currently serves on the Greater Penn State Campaign committee. He served on the DuBois Educational Foundation, the campus advisory board, for nearly 20 years. After graduating from Clearfield Area High School in 1976, Ogden started his college career at Penn State DuBois and went on to complete a bachelor's degree in Accounting at University Park in 1980.

McDonald served as chancellor at Penn State DuBois from 2003 until her retirement in December 2012. Under

her leadership, the campus increased degree offerings, including a baccalaureate in engineering. During her time at the campus over \$10 million was raised to support student scholarships and facility enhancements; and intercollegiate athletic programs were reestablished. McDonald and her husband Bob were major supporters of the campus. Shortly after arriving in DuBois they provided a gift to support the construction of the DEF Building on campus. In 2010 they established a Trustee endowed scholarship in memory of her parents to support students with diverse backgrounds. In 2018, she established the Anita D. McDonald Open Doors Scholarship.

Hicks is a District Supervisor in Ligonier, PA, for the USDA's Wildlife Services program, where he has worked for 18 years. He supervises a team of biologists and technicians in resolving wildlife damage and disease conflicts to protect people, agriculture, and wildlife. Since 2003, Hicks has visited the campus delivering presentations on topics ranging from wildlife management, feral swine, wildlife disease, and careers in wildlife, and has provided hands-on workshops. He is the current chair of the Penn State DuBois Wildlife Technology Advisory Board. Hicks participates in interviews with first year students, and mentors some of these students beyond the classroom. He works directly with instructors to provide volunteer internship opportunities to students. He graduated from the Penn State DuBois Wildlife Technology program in 1996 and earned his Wildlife and Fisheries Science degree at University Park in 1999. ♥



▲ Assistant Teaching Professor LuAnn Demi receives her DEF Educator of the Year Award from DEF president Craig Ball.

OTA PROGRAM DIRECTOR GETS ACCOLADES

LuAnn Demi, an assistant teaching professor in the Occupational Therapy Assistant (OTA) program, as well as the OTA program director, was twice recognized for excellence in her work this spring. She was named the DuBois Educational Foundation (DEF) Educator of the Year for 2019 during campus commencement ceremonies on Friday, May 3.

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 on student, faculty, and staff feedback, with the winner chosen based on the number and quality of nominations received.

The award also acknowledges the educator for excelling as an advisor, showing genuine interest in the students' career and life goals, and his or her personal involvement at the campus.

Demi also received the Jack P. Royer Active and Collaborative Learning Award from the Office of the Vice President for Commonwealth Campuses. This award recognizes Commonwealth Campus faculty and staff who demonstrate innovative teaching practices to enhance student learning and who facilitate student engagement in learning to advance conceptual and applied understanding and competencies. Consideration is given to all faculty and staff who are nominated for their significant efforts in these areas. ♥



IN MEMORY

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The campus community was deeply saddened by the loss of Randy Spaid this spring. Randy served on the tech service crew for 15 years. He passed away Monday, April 1, 2019 at Penn Highlands DuBois Hospital.

Born April 30, 1961 in Clearfield, he was the son of Raymond and Norma (Riddle) Spaid.

He attended the Christ Lutheran Church in DuBois.

Surviving are three sons, Mark Spaid and his partner, Crissa Miller of Curwensville, Brian Spaid and his wife, Abby of Clearfield and Bradley Spaid and his wife, Nichole of Kansas. Also surviving are three grandchildren, Valen Spaid, Colton Spaid and Andrea Spaid.

In addition, he is survived by three siblings, Charles "Chuck" Spaid and his wife, Kathy of Curwensville, Timothy Spaid and his wife, Tammy of Florida and Wanda Smeal and her husband, Greg of Philipsburg as well as numerous nieces and nephews and his fiancée, Kim Clyde of DuBois. ♥



▲ This photo taken at the Walker Award Ceremony on campus in 1982 features, left to right, Eric Walker, President of Penn State from 1956-71 and founder of the Walker award; his wife Josephine; student and award winner Mark Smith; Louis Barsi, DuBois dean of students; Jacqueline Schoch, DuBois Campus Executive Officer; and Janet Yates, associate director of Student Affairs at DuBois.

FORMER DEAN OF STUDENTS REMEMBERED

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Former dean of students at Penn State DuBois Louis M. Barsi passed away on April 27, following a lengthy illness. Barsi served at Penn State DuBois from 1980 until 1987.

Born August 26, 1941 he was the son on Louis and Mary (Remak) Barsi. After receiving a BA from Oklahoma University, he earned two masters, and finally a doctoral degree in education (EdD) from George Mason University, Arlington, VA. Barsi held administrative positions in several universities including as Dean of Students at Penn State DuBois.

Mark Smith, a campus alumnus who formed a lasting friendship with Barsi during his time as a student, has asked that memorial contributions be made to Penn State DuBois in honor of Barsi. Individuals may make note of this while sending a gift. For more information on giving at Penn State DuBois, contact Jean Wolf, director of Development, at 814-372-3038 or jaw57@psu.edu ♥

WILDLIFE TECHNOLOGY LECTURER RECEIVES OUTSTANDING RECENT ALUMNI AWARD

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Emily H. Thomas, lecturer in the Wildlife Technology program at Penn State DuBois, has been honored with an Outstanding Recent Alumni Award from the Pennsylvania State University Forest Resources Alumni Group. She received the award at the Forest Resources Alumni Group annual banquet on April 27, in State College, Pennsylvania.

Thomas earned an associate degree in wildlife technology from Penn State DuBois in 2007. She also earned a bachelor of science in wildlife and fisheries science, wildlife option, in 2009, and a master of science in wildlife and fisheries science in 2011 – all from Penn State.

As an undergraduate, Thomas received the Orpha Kelly Rapp and Jesse Rossiter Rapp '15 Prize for Academic Excellence. This award is made each spring to the senior in the School of Forest Resources (now the Dept. of ESM) with the highest grade-point average. Additional recognition of her academic excellence included Senior and Junior Evan Pugh Scholar Awards, the President Sparks Award, and the President's Freshmen Award.

In 2012, Thomas was hired as an instructor in the Wildlife Technology program at Penn State DuBois. Her success in attaining the position reflected her unique combination of intellect, field skills, teaching experience, knowledge of the area, and infectious enthusiasm. She now annually teaches six courses, advises approximately 30 students, leads the student chapter of the Wildlife Society, and actively mentors students by getting them involved in research and the profession. The students who transfer to the University Park campus from the Wildlife Technology program tend to have excellent field skills, and they express the highest respect for Thomas as a teacher and leader. ♥



▲ *Emily Thomas with Steve Grado, vice president of the Penn State Forest Resources Alumni Group.*



▲ Penn State DuBois Athletic Director Ken Nellis, left, accepts his Athletic Director of the Year Award from Michael Fischer, president of the USCAA Board of Directors.

NELLIS NAMED ATHLETIC DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR

Penn State DuBois Athletic Director Ken Nellis was recognized at the 2019 United States Collegiate Athletic Association (USCAA) National Convention for his outstanding service. Nellis was named the 2019 USCAA Athletic Director of the Year for his continued service to student-athletes, his successful department, and his roles in running the USCAA Wrestling Championship Tournament and major contributions in running the USCAA Small College World Series for both baseball and softball.

Nellis has been heavily involved in many facets of the USCAA and the Penn State University Athletics Conference (PSUAC), and can always be found lending a helping hand in any way possible. Executive Director and CEO of the USCAA Matt Simms had this to say, "Ken Nellis has been instrumental in the advancement of the USCAA, through his work with the emerging sport of wrestling, to the production of the Small College World Series. Additionally, the success of the DuBois baseball program is a testament to his leadership in developing his own department."

This year, under the direction of Nellis, the Penn State DuBois athletic program also earned 3rd place in the nation in the Presidents Cup standings for highest department GPA among student-athletes. DuBois student-athletes earned a 3.15 overall GPA, another outstanding accomplishment under equally outstanding direction. ♥



▲ Roxanne Masisak enjoyed the company of colleagues like Associate Professor of English Tony Vallone at a recent retirement celebration in her honor.

MASISAK RETIRES

After 35 years of being a fixture on campus, Roxanne Masisak has retired this summer. Roxanne first began working in the Penn State DuBois library in 1984. Along the way she worked in the Student Accounts Office, Registrar's Office, and eventually to Academic Affairs where she most recently served as an administrative staff assistant.

Roxanne also took classes while working, earning her associate's degree in Business Administration.

"It's been an honor and a privilege to work here. I'm grateful," Roxanne said. "The people make it what it is, and the students are the reason we are all here."

Roxanne plans to spend her retirement enjoying time with family and friends, and pursuing hobbies and travel opportunities. ♥



▲ The DuBois Lions, 2019 USCAA Small College World Series Champions.



▲ Clayton Butler had multiple home runs throughout the World Series.



▲ Toner Carl pitched a complete game in the second round for the win. During the Championship game he hit a grand slam, and was voted World Series Tournament MVP.

PENN STATE DUBOIS TAKES SECOND CONSECUTIVE WORLD SERIES CHAMPIONSHIP

The Penn State DuBois Lions bested Bryant & Stratton (Albany) 12-6 to claim their second consecutive United States Collegiate Athletic Association Small College World Series title.

The pressure to win back-to-back titles in any sport is no small task, and tense is a word that best describes the feeling in the Penn State DuBois dugout prior to, and during game 1 of the 2019 USCAA World Series. DuBois had to face off against a team they had a losing record against, but also a team that DuBois had just beaten in Bryant & Stratton. Luckily in this double elimination tournament DuBois had not lost yet, so to have their championship title stripped, Bryant & Stratton would have to beat DuBois twice.

The first game was all Bryant & Stratton Bobcats thanks to pitcher Zach Mattos. A tip of the hat went out to him from the entire DuBois team as he threw a complete game, four-hit performance off of 138 pitches. Mattos allowed only one run the entire game that came in the eighth off of Isaac Stouffer (Punxsutawney). Stouffer started the game from the mound, had two hits, and the lone RBI, but it wasn't enough as the Bobcats would defeat DuBois 6-1 and force a final deciding game.

The Lions of DuBois knew they needed to come out and just play the game that they knew how to play in game 2. The Lions would be the visiting team on the scoreboard for this game, so they would get their chance to bat first. With a single from Vincent McDowell (West Branch) DuBois would put the first run of the game on the board as Lance Pennington (Punxsutawney) crossed the plate to make it 1-0. A second run would come with an RBI single from the bat of Brandon Gettig (Bald Eagle) as the Lions would take the field with a 2-0 lead.

Morgan Bell (Somerset) got the call from Head Coach Tom Calliari to start the game from the mound. Bell struck out the first batter of the game, but would give up three

runs in two innings as DuBois fell behind 3-2. DuBois would get two more runs, however, in the top of the third as McDowell blasted a home run to score himself and Pennington

Brandon Orsich (Clearfield) came out on the mound for the third inning for DuBois, and had a three-up, three-down inning. A scoreless fourth inning was due to a great defensive effort by both teams, and DuBois would hold their lead at 4-3. The fifth inning was a little different than the fourth had been for DuBois. With Stouffer, McDowell, and Gettig all on base, Toner Corl (Central Mountain) came to the plate. With one swing of the bat the game changed as Corl hit a shot over the right center field wall for a grand slam that put DuBois in the driver's seat with an 8-3 lead.

The DuBois dugout was breathing a little easier now, and Orsich was in full command from the mound. A run by the Bobcats would score in the bottom of the fifth, and two more in the seventh, but DuBois would tack on some of their own runs as well. A Corl RBI in the seventh scored Thayne Morgan (Clearfield), and another three runs would score for DuBois in the eighth off of another McDowell home run, and a Corl double.

Orsich would go back in for the ninth inning and get one out before Coach Calliari would make a call to the bullpen to bring out Justin Orlowski (Grove City) for the final two outs. A ground ball hit to second base would do it, as second baseman Getting would flip the ball to Stouffer at first base to seal the deal and crown Penn State DuBois the 2019 USCAA World Series Champions for the second straight year. The team ended the season 32-13 overall and 13-2 in the PSUAC. ♥



▲ The 2019 Penn State DuBois Softball Team.

In front, left to right: Coach Lauresa Gulvas, Coach Leah Wallock, Cayleigh Huffman, Sam Satterlee, and Laura Fatula.

In back, left to right: Kayleigh MacTavish, Brooke Harvey, Melody Young, Athletic Director Ken Nellis, Lizzy Scott, Coach Bo Scott, Coach Jason Kern, Makenzie Lukehart, Cierra O'Shell, Skylar Ceprish, and Koren McCullough.

DUBOIS LADY LIONS END SEASON WITH FIRST WORLD SERIES APPEARANCE

The Penn State DuBois softball team made the programs first ever appearance in the United States Collegiate Athletic Association Small College World Series this year.

The team suffered a tough 12-4 loss to Carlow University on Tuesday, May 14, in a second round elimination game.

DuBois got on the board first as Laura Fatula (DuBois) hit an RBI double that scored Makenzie Lukehart (Glendale). From there however, Carlow put up seven runs in the first two innings to take an early 7-2 lead. DuBois kept scrapping throughout the game, but in the end Carlow pulled out the victory to move on, and to close the season for DuBois.

Hitting — Third baseman Samantha Satterlee had two of her team's RBIs on two hits. Fatula and Brooke Harvey (Northwest) had the only other two RBIs for DuBois.

Pitching — Lizzy Scott (West Branch) got the start on the mound for DuBois. Scott allowed only two earned runs in two innings, faced 17 batters, and gave up seven hits. Harvey came in for relief in the third inning and gave up four runs on four hits, and faced 14 batters.

The Lady Lions ended their season 20-15 overall, and 14-6 in the conference.

The Lady Lions' record-breaking season not only saw them make the Penn State University Athletic Conference playoffs for the first time in program history, but also saw them earn their way into the PSUAC championship game. As a result of their conference success, they were selected to play in the USCAA Small College World Series for the first time in program history.

For more information, stats and pictures, visit psduboisathletics.com ♥



▲ Melody Young charging toward her 1,000th career point in a game versus Penn State Scranton on February 10.

YOUNG BECOMES FIRST WOMAN IN 1,000 POINT CLUB

Melody Young became the first woman in campus history to score 1,000 career points and join the ranks of the Penn State DuBois 1,000 Point Club during a home game on February 10, against Penn State Scranton.

Needing only 2 points to reach this milestone, Young's teammates wanted to find her early to ensure the goal was reached. In fitting fashion, fellow Senior Kristen Williams found Young posting up, and threw a perfect entry pass. Young took one power dribble, turned, and scored not only the first bucket of the game, but a bucket that will stick in the Penn State DuBois history books.

Penn State DuBois had all the lift they needed after that, and went on to win the game, 88-58. Williams went on to have a great night on this, her senior night as well, as she scored 16 points and dished out 8 assists. Sophomore Cierra O'Shell led all scorers with 20.

Young not only became the leading scorer for the women's program, but earlier in the season she also became the leading rebounder in program history as she tallied 842 rebounds. ♥

STUDENT-ATHLETES EARN GPA HONORS

Penn State DuBois' Athletic Department is proud to announce its newest addition to the trophy case. This award is extra special due to the nature of how it was attained. The Presidents Cup is awarded for outstanding student-athlete GPA's, and Penn State DuBois was able to earn the 3rd place award in the standings. It is among the department's most special awards as it represents and honors our student-athletes that have put so much work in the classroom. We are very excited and proud to announce that our student-athletes have earned this award.

TEAM GPA'S:

MBB Team	GPA 2.37
MXC team	GPA 3.15
Softball	GPA 3.52
WXC	GPA 3.91
WBB Team	GPA 3.27
Volleyball Team	GPA 3.33
Golf Team	GPA 2.72
Baseball Team	GPA 2.99

A total of 31 student-athletes had a 3.5 GPA or higher, and another 24 had a GPA of 3.0 or higher. ♥

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