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When It Matters the Most

I doubt that there are many people in the world who do not know just how bad the economy has been for the past fifteen or so months. Folks have been laid off, furloughed, or had their salaries cut by drastic amounts. Many folks have also seen their retirement accounts dwindle.

It would be so easy to be maudlin about what we have all experienced, but that is not what I want to do. Rather, I want to celebrate YOU. In spite of what has been happening in the economy, so many of you have continued to give to Penn State Berks in support of our students and programs.

Because of your generosity many of our students will now have some financial support to help them survive these difficult times. Because of your generosity our students will see a positive model of how important it is to give back. Not every alumnus of Penn State and Penn State Berks can personally fund a scholarship, but there are many of you out there who could, and I am so thankful that some of you are stepping up to finance scholarships.

Often we measure our friends by what they can do during easy times, but I believe the real measure of friendship and loyalty shows when it matters the most, i.e., during difficult times. This last year, you have definitely demonstrated your friendship and your loyalty to Penn State Berks, and I am deeply humbled by your friendship and generosity.

Together we will continue to embody Penn State’s tag line, “Making Life Better.”

With deep appreciation,

Dr. Susan Phillips Speece, Chancellor, Penn State Berks
Outreach News

Room. Contact Ralph Tutlane, 610-507-5449, gnkmanmiller@verizon.net.

January 18–February 26

January 21

Alumni Society Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Janssen Office Building. Contact Gretchen Mannelli, 610-507-5649, grnakeller@verizon.net.

January 22

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February 10

Lecture: “The Creative Life Coach,” Elaina Williams discusses her experience overcoming an eating disorder with humor and empathy, 7:30 p.m., Perkins Student Center Auditorium.

February 16

WM Meeting, 3:00 p.m., Janssen Office Building.

February 17

Lecture: “The Science of Love, Sex, and Relationships” by Joe Guld, author of It’s Not You. It’s Biology and other related books. Guld discusses these topics with wit, 7:30 p.m., Perkins Student Center Auditorium.

March 18

Lecture: “The Story of Stuff,” environmental activist Annie Leonard exposes the hidden cost of accumulating more and better stuff, 7:30 p.m., Perkins Student Center Auditorium.

April 14

Cultural Event: Gabriela Garcia Medina, international spoken-word artist and award-winning poet, covers a wide range of topics from social injustice to lingerie, 7:30 p.m., Perkins Student Center Auditorium.

April 19

5th Annual Spring Equinox Festival and Labyrinth Walk, featuring live music, poetry, spirituality, and crafts, 1:00–6:00 p.m., Labyrinth Garden on the Janssen Conference Complex.

April 20

WM Breakfast, 8:30 a.m., Perkins Student Center Lions Den. Cost: $6. RSVP by April 13 to the Alumni Office, 610-396-6052, or berks-alumni@psu.edu.

April 20

Alumni Society Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Thun Library. Contact Gretchen Mannelli, 610-507-5649, grnakeller@verizon.net.

April 29

11th Annual Spring Equinox Festival and Labyrinth Walk

Bilingual and multilingual musical acts from around the globe.

Saturday, April 20, 2019, 1:00–4:00 p.m.

Labyrinth Walk

Garden on the Janssen Conference Complex

Meditation and yoga circle

12 acres of nature

Weaving and fiber art

Lighthouse Cafe

Penn State Berks Alumni Association

Alumni & Student Mixer

Thursday, February 6, 2020, 6:00–8:00 p.m.

Penn State Berks Office of Alumni Relations

The Alumni Office is hosting an Alumni & Student Mixer to give alumni the opportunity to connect and reconnect with current students.

RSVP by February 3 to Tatyana Rudder, 610-396-6057, TLC1@psu.edu.

Penn State alumni events are open to all Penn State alumni and friends of the college. For more information or to RSVP for any of these events, call the Alumni Office, 610-396-6057 or visit berks.psu.edu/alumni.

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April 21

Blue & White Society Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser benefitting the IM Able Foundation, 5:00–8:00 p.m., Perkins Student Center Auditorium. Cost: $10 for adults, $8 for Penn State Berks students and those 18 & under. Contact the Alumni Office, 610-507-5649, grnakeller@verizon.net.

April 27

Memorial Celebration for Dean Emeritus Fred Gilboy, 2:00–5:00 p.m., Perkins Student Center.

May 29

Alumni Society Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Janssen Office Building. Contact Gretchen Mannelli, 610-507-5649, grnakeller@verizon.net.

June 15

WPI Meeting, 2:00 p.m., Janssen Office Building.

June 17

Alumni Society Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Janssen Office Building. Contact Gretchen Mannelli, 610-507-5649, grnakeller@verizon.net.

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April 19–23

Theatre: NOW at Berks One-Act Student Play Festival, a collection of new, one-act plays written, performed, and directed by students, 8:00, Perkins Student Center Auditorium.

April 29

Annual Alumni Society Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Student Center. RSVP by February 3 to Heather Angstadt, 610-396-6052, HLA2@psu.edu.

May 8

White House & Capitol Building Tour: Bus departs 7:30 a.m., Franco parking lot. Cost: $35. RSVP by February 20 to Gretchen Mannelli, 610-507-5649, grnakeller@verizon.net.

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Flemming parlays experience to help student entrepreneurs

By Ryan C. Szivos

Throughout his professional career, Gregory Flemming ’63, has had the opportunity to be part of, and witness firsthand, the computer industry’s growth and impact on our society. Now retired, Flemming is sharing his expertise in the industry to help cultivate young entrepreneurs at Penn State Berks.

Flemming grew up in Reading as one of eight children in a working-class family. After graduating from Reading Central Catholic High School, he could not afford to attend college. However, when he heard about WPI’s Plastics Technology Institute, Flemming saw an ideal way to further both his educational and professional career.

“WPI offered the opportunity to take on an apprenticeship for two-and-a-half years, where you had the chance to alternate between working and attending classes,” Flemming explains.

After completing the two-year WPI engineering degree, Flemming decided to further his studies at Penn State’s University Park campus with a four-year degree in Mechanical Engineering.

Flemming was met with more than a dozen job offers after graduation. Eventually, he decided on a career at IBM. Shortly thereafter, he pursued a master’s degree in industrial administration—an “engineer’s MBA”—at Purdue University.

Flemming’s work in other parts of the globe and to tackle new challenges.

Flemming also has the distinction of being part of the inception of the personal computer in 1979.

This experience dealing with a wide range of people, Flemming was invaluable at his next position. After returning to the United States in 1972, he was appointed to a position in which he oversaw a variety of people in other areas of the world. For the people I worked with in Sweden, what really motivated them wasn’t financial gains, but the opportunities to start their own businesses locally, I hope to see the area boom like it once did when I was a student.”

What we’re looking for in board members:

Alumni Society board members love Penn State. While no single characteristic defines an ideal member of the board, the society seeks nominees who are highly motivated to commit themselves toward serving Penn State.

The Berks Alumni Society brings together alumni of the college through a variety of events and activities. Their mission is to enhance the interests and reputation of the college and to achieve a closer fellowship between alumni, students, faculty, staff, and the community. The society also encourages support for scholarships, professional development of students and alumni, and fosters a sense of pride and commitment to the college. For more information contact Gregg Young at ggyoung@psualum.com or 717-964-8988.

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### Spaghetti Dinner Benefits IM ABLE Foundation

By Heather L. Angstadt

Last spring, with a little less than two months until the end of the semester, members of the Blue & White Society, the student contingent of the Penn State Alumni Society, decided to hold a fundraiser. The students decided that they wanted to provide a donation to a local foundation that had a Penn State connection.

On April 22, the first Berks Blue & White Society Spaghetti Dinner was held to benefit the IM ABLE Foundation, founded in 2004 by Berks alumni Christopher Kaag. The IM ABLE Foundation seeks to raise funds to purchase age-specific hand cycles (arm-powered bicycles that range from $1,500 to $2,500) and to provide additional financial resources for disabled children.

The fundraiser was a great success, raising $600 for the IM ABLE Foundation, despite the short amount of time the students had to organize and publicize the event. Kaag was extremely appreciative that the students had not only chosen his foundation to receive the proceeds, but that he in return was able to form a relationship with the students.

When Justin Thomas, president of the Berks Blue & White Society, was asked to reflect on last year’s event, he stated, “With a goal in mind, anything can be accomplished.”

The Blue & White Society is pleased to announce the Second Annual Spaghetti Dinner to benefit the IM ABLE Foundation, which will be held on Wednesday, April 21, from 5:00–8:00 p.m. in the Perkins Student Center.

By purchasing your ticket today, you can help the Blue & White Society reach its goal of selling 150 advance tickets. Tickets purchased in advance are $10 for adults, $8 for Penn State Berks students and those age 18 and under. Tickets purchased at the door will cost an additional $2. To purchase your tickets today, contact Heather Angstadt at 610-396-0852 or via e-mail at HLA28@psu.edu, or Adam Check at 570-269-1328 or ARC3171@psu.edu.

### WPI Book of Years Now Online

Alumni and friends of Wyoming Polytechnic Institute can now view the WPI Book of Years online. The project began in February 2009 when the University Libraries Digital Review Team called for proposals for projects, according to Barb Lessig, Library Assistant at Penn State Berks.

“With the advent of La Ve being available online, it seemed fitting to request to have the yearbook of the Wyoming Polytechnic Institute made available in digital format as well,” states Lessig.

Thanks to the support of Dr. Harold W. Perkins, Dean Emeritus of Penn State Berks, WPI alumnus Vincent Iannucci; and David Delozier, Director of Development and Alumni Relations at Penn State Berks, as well as the expertise of Sue Kellerman and Diane Kunitz in the University Libraries Digitization and Preservation Department, the WPI Book of Years officially became available online on October 19, 2009. The book was scanned in its entirety and can be viewed by visiting: http://resources.libraries.psu.edu/pibooks/34559610.

### Join the Penn State Alumni Association

Want to stay connected to Penn State? Joining the Penn State Alumni Association, or renewing your membership, is quick and easy. Just visit the Web site at alumni.psu.edu, click on Member Center on the left, fill out your alumni/friend online application, and enter your credit card information (Visa, MasterCard, Discover, or AMEX) onto the electronic application. All transactions are fully encrypted and secure.

### Penn State Alumni Association

Want to stay informed about the latest alumni news and events at Penn State Berks? It’s just a click away when you visit the Penn State Berks Alumni Facebook fan page, which can be found online at facebook.com/pennstateberksalumni. The fan page includes news and feature stories, invitations to campus events, photos, and much more. Become a fan today!
STEVEN SIEGEL: WONDERFUL LIFE
The Freyberger Gallery will be one of three venues to feature the exhibition titled Steven Siegel: Wonderful Life, which showcases fifty-two new sculptures made of everyday objects that reflect the internationally renowned artist’s interest in biology and growth. Over six years in creation, these works consider the progression of cellular and biomorphic growth and its cumulative changes over time, if not influenced by other factors.

The exhibition will run concurrently at the Pen State Berks Freyberger Gallery, Albright College’s Freedman Gallery, and the GoggleWorks Center for the Arts in Reading from January 18–February 26. Artist receptions will be held at the Freyberger Gallery on January 21 from 6:00–8:00 p.m., the Freedman Gallery on January 21 from 5:00–7:00 p.m., and the GoggleWorks Center for the Arts on January 22 from 4:00–5:00 p.m., followed by the artist’s visual lecture at the Reading Public Museum beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Coordinated by Marilyn J. Fox, Director of the Freyberger Gallery, this exhibition will provide a county-wide opportunity to experience the monumental scope of this exhibit.

Two of ‘Em by Steven Siegel

This past fall, Penn State Berks has brought increased awareness to recycling through a residency in which artist Steven Siegel created site-specific sculptures from recycled materials collected on campus. Siegel worked with students and community volunteers to create the sculptures, titled Two of ‘Em. The large-scale work was the result of more than 175 man hours, and it was made from bamboo/cut and trimmed on campus, as well as recycled plastic and aluminum cans.

The materials define the work in many ways, such as helping the viewer to consider the amount of waste that we as a society create, its impact on the environment, and uses for recycled materials. The sculpture will remain on view indefinitely.

“This kind of art is testing the boundary between nature and culture,” explains Siegel.

ART AND ENGINEERING: THE BIRDHOUSE
Challenging students to work within the realms of art to explore engineering concepts was the mission of a first-year seminar, taught by Barbara Mizdail, Senior Lecturer in Engineering and Program Coordinator for the Mechanical Engineering degree, and Marilyn Fox, Director of the Freyberger Gallery. Students Chris Keller, Ryan Marvan, Jacob Spreen (pictured left to right), and Patrick Erickson were asked to develop architecture with organic design.

“In creating art, Waring’s influences are in constant flux—from rust and erosion, to live music and time—nothing is fixed. In conjunction with his exhibition, Waring held a student workshop featuring live musicians. The goal of the workshop was to help students visualize music and to create art—not only with charcoal, paper, and pastels—but also using materials to create sound. Many of these works will be presented in a Student Art Exhibition this April.

Waring is the director of Highwire Gallery, one of the first co-op galleries in Philadelphia, formed in 1988.

Steve Siegel: Wonderful Life

By Lisa R. Weidman

By Chris Keller

By Barbara Mizdail
New Campus Entrance
Sign Greets Visitors
By Lisa E. Weidman

Visitors to the campus will be greeted by a new entrance sign on Broadcasting Road, a monument with serpentine walls made of Pennsylvania stone. The project integrates walkways and lighting with landscaping to be installed in the spring.

The work is part of the University’s branding efforts. Initially identified in a comprehensive marketing study, the University created Campus Exterior Architecture Plans (CEAP) for each location. To encourage campus beautification projects, the Campus Beautification Grant program was established.

Funds are administered at University Park and must be matched by the campus. Berks has received two such grants: the first supported new directional and building identification signs and the second supports the location. To encourage campus beautification, Exterior Architecture Plans (CEAP) for each location. To encourage campus beautification projects, the Campus Beautification Grant program was established. Funds are administered at University Park and must be matched by the campus. Berks has received two such grants: the first supported new directional and building identification signs and the second supports the location.

“Our matching funds came from an endowment specifically dedicated to campus beautification,” explains Chancellor Susan Phillips. “The Valeria E. Hoffert Memorial Endowment for Capital Improvements was established in 1990 and is designated for capital improvements to the campus. We had been saving the interest from the fund for a few years so that we could match the Campus Beautification Grant funds for projects identified in the CEAP. We are not using operational funds or tuition dollars for this work.”

A third Campus Beautification Grant was recently awarded to Berks to begin design work on campus core improvements identified in the CEAP.

Education Expert Visits Student Teachers
Award-winning author Jonathan Kozol expresses his respect for teachers

Student teachers in the Elementary and Kindergarten Education degree program received a personal lesson from an expert in urban education when Jonathan Kozol, author of more than ten best-selling books who is best known for his books on public education, paid a visit to 16th and Haak Elementary School in Reading. While there, Kozol visited classrooms and spoke to the students about their dreams and career aspirations.

Following this visit to the elementary school, Kozol joined seniors majoring in Elementary and Kindergarten Education for dinner and spoke with them about their classroom experiences. He spoke to the students about their dreams and career aspirations.

Then as part of the college’s Arts and Lecture Series, Kozol spoke about his most recent book, The Shame of the Nation, in which he expresses deep respect and empathy for teachers. “Jonathan Kozol has inspired me to teach in the urban school setting,” comments senior Tiffany Brower. “When speaking about his work with Mr. Rogers on the issue of equity education, a question that he posed has stayed with me: ‘When will we welcome them all to our neighborhood?’”

Student INVENTORS
Student invention could make life easier for elderly, disabled
By Jacki Venneker

When Tracy Cantafio would visit her 84-year-old grandmother, she noticed how hard it was for her to bend down to feed her beloved dog. But it wasn’t until she started taking classes in the Penn State Berks Occupational Therapy degree program that she had the opportunity to develop an idea that had been inspired by those visits.

“Being part of the Occupational Therapy program has changed my mindset,” Cantafio explains. “Now I’m always looking for ways to make things easier.”

Through a college program titled “Devices for People with Disabilities” in which Occupational Therapy and Engineering students work together in small groups to create tools to make life easier for the physically disabled, Cantafio was able to bring her idea to life for an automated pet feeder, which raises and lowers two bowls.

She was part of a group, which consisted of four Occupational Therapy students, including herself, Heidi Eberly, Lindsay Penny, and Judy Hospices-Earnest; and four Engineering students—Alex Crawford, Keith Martin, Brandon Miller, and Joseph O’Leary. Each member of the group had a specific role in the development of the project.

The first plan of action was to conduct research on the Web to find out if a similar device existed. Then the Occupational Therapy students provided guidelines to the Engineering students, who built the feeder in Cantafio’s garage since she lives the closest to campus.

Counter heights were taken into consideration for persons needing wheelchair access. “We designed the pet feeder to raise and lower the bowls from a standard counter height of thirty-six inches in less than thirty seconds,” Cantafio says.

The group was given an allowance of $200 for the project, and according to Cantafio, one of the members of the group—Keith Martin—put some extra money into the construction. Made of composite board, a steel bottom plate and top, steel rod, motor mount, and some recyclable parts, the machine cost $350 to build.

The completed project was unveiled during a public presentation in April 2009.

“The team that Tracy was part of worked really hard—from conception of the idea to finished prototype—to create a unique device that has a real potential for helping individuals with disabilities,” states David Reese, Senior Lecturer and Program Coordinator for Occupational Therapy. “Their creative, resourceful thinking embodies the Occupational Therapy profession’s goal of helping people to live as full and independent lives as possible.”

The “Love Your Pet Feeder” has two buttons, one for up and down and the other to stop it. Future plans for the device include some fine-tuning and a patent.

“Not only people who use wheelchairs and have assist dogs can benefit from the pet feeder,” adds Cantafio. “People who get light-headed when bending over or who tend to lose their balance can also benefit.”

For now, Cantafio is concentrating on completing her degree program and graduating in 2010. But it was a winding road that led her back to school.

When asked why she chose Penn State Berks, she explains, “Originally I chose the college because it was close to home and one of the only colleges to offer Occupational Therapy programs in this area.

“Going back to school, I was so afraid I wouldn’t be able to do it, but the campus environment is so comfortable. I wasn’t afraid to ask questions. It’s a great place for adult students.”

She adds that both she and her son are sophomores at Penn State—although she is technically not considered a sophomore because she is enrolled in an associate degree program. Her son is studying biology at University Park campus. In addition, her daughter also spent her first year at Penn State Berks, and she is now employed as an Occupational Therapy Assistant, working for ManorCare in Yardley, Pennsylvania.

“It’s great having my daughter to talk to about school and her experiences in the real world of occupational therapy,” comments Cantafio.

While she is still deciding where she would like to put her degree to work, she enjoys all her fieldwork experiences. So far, she has observed at Phoebe Berks Health Care Center, The Reading Hospital and Medical Center Spruce Pavilion, and Easter Seals “Camp Lily,” a six-week summer camp for children ages 8 to 21, with and without special needs.

“This program is great because you get to experience a lot of different work environments before you graduate,” she states.

For more than a decade, Penn State Berks has been pairing Occupational Therapy and Engineering students in this unique program that utilizes the skills and knowledge of each discipline.
BY LISA R. WEDMAN

In today’s job market, many college students are worried about finding a good position in their field when they graduate. At Penn State Berks, some students have already found their dream jobs—at their own companies.

As part of an Entrepreneurship Speaker Series, a panel of five student entrepreneurs discussed starting their own companies and their future plans. The panelists included Dale Lefever ’19, Automatic Computer Technologist, Franco Urbanez ’19, Golden Eagle Transportation, senior Daryl Davis and Stanley Griggs ’19, co-founders of Cotton Manufacturing; and junior Teresa Arana, Eminence Publishing.

The Engineering Entrepreneurship minor was added to the college’s curriculum this fall, and these students shared their entrepreneurial efforts with nearly 150 fellow students, faculty, staff, and community members.

Lefever, an Information Sciences Technology major who graduated in December, began creating Web sites for businesses while he was still in high school. His company, Automatic Computer Technologies, a networking information technology company, seemed to be a natural extension of his education at Penn State Berks.

“The IT industry is growing, and companies need to keep up,” comments Lefever, who is always on call due to the immediacy of the IT industry. He troubleshoots IT problems and conducts business remotely using his iPhone. In fact, he has even developed applications for the iPhone.

For Urbanez, a Business major, transportation is a family affair. His father, a native of Venezuela, started his own courier company and he served as company vice president.

“I was always careful to wear a suit when I’m on a sales call, to make a good impression,” explains Urbanez. “I even rent a nice car to make those calls because I have to convince potential customers that, even though I am a student, I am absolutely serious about this business.”

Darryl Davis credits his mother, who owns and operates a daycare center, as being his inspiration to start his own company. He plans to work in the corporate sector after graduation. Meanwhile, Griggs plans to work at a daycare center started by his sister, who got start-up advice from Davis’ mother.

Both Davis and Griggs plan to continue running their business while employed at other full-time jobs.

Meanwhile, Arana, an Applied Psychology major and single mother, wanted to publish her poetry, so she joined an association for small, independent publishers, attended a publishing conference in Los Angeles, and began her own publishing company. Her first book, titled ‘Daf Sia Ew Root Love,’ was released in June 2009 in both English and Spanish. Currently, she is working on a children’s books, which she also plans to publish in both languages.

These student entrepreneurs are part of a growing trend, according to Dr. Sajan Kuiai-Konak, coordinator for the Entrepreneurship minor.

“Most of our students are very entrepreneurial and they enjoy being creative,” explains Kuiai-Konak. “All of our courses in the Entrepreneurship minor are based on problem-based learning. It is delightful to see that some of our students are already entrepreneurs, and other students enjoyed listening to their stories as they can easily relate to some of these experiences.”

“Balancing work, academics, and a social life is no easy task. In addition to time management, students discussed the challenges they face, ranging from always needing to be accessible for Lefever, to compliance with legal complications for Urbanez, to accessing capital for Davis and Griggs, to overcoming shyness in the case of Arana.

But these entrepreneurs say it’s worth the effort.

When asked what advice they would give to students, Arana states, “Get some form of leadership training, it’s a strong foundation for success. Always be positive. Be prepared to make mistakes.”

“Find your niche and do research,” Davis adds. “Tell everyone you know what you’re doing to help generate publicity. You won’t know if you’ll be successful unless you try.”

What motivates children who have faced challenges and obstacles in their young lives? Students at Penn State Berks tried to answer that question by creating motivational t-shirts and donating the shirts to The Children’s Home of Reading.

As part of a psychology class, students were assigned the task of creating a design depicting a motivational concept and applying it to a children’s t-shirt. Approximately fifty students participated in the project, resulting in an array of different designs.

Debbie Hartman, Director of Marketing and Development, and Mindy McIntosh, Development Coordinator, both from The Children’s Home of Reading, visited the class on Monday, December 7. They had an opportunity to tell the class about The Children’s Home of Reading and to hear from the students about their designs.

The Children’s Home of Reading responds to the needs of children and families in crisis in Berks County and the surrounding communities. The services provided are vast and many are treatment-oriented because many of the children who pass through their doors face mental health and behavioral challenges, according to Hartman.

“The t-shirts will be shared and discussed with children in all the programs,” comments Hartman. “Most of these children haven’t had a lot of motivation in their lives. I think participants in every program we have can benefit from these messages.”

Dr. Jim Huber, who teaches the Introduction to Psychology course, wanted the shirts to go to underprivileged children who may benefit from the inspirational message. Huber is also a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist and Director of Huber Interactive.

Many of the t-shirts bear messages promoting individuality and a positive attitude.

“My t-shirt quote, ‘Be yourself, everyone else is already taken,’ was influenced by what I have learned during high school and college,” explains Lynda Blogg. “Forming your own identity and finding what is truly important to you is essential for a happy and stable future. Merging your personality into something that other people find acceptable rob you of your individuality.”

Joyce Wingley chose the quote, ‘Hakuna Matata,” from The Lion King, which means “no worries for the rest of your days.” She explains, “Most children know this quote from the movie. I picked this saying because everyone has worries and struggles, but if children remember this quote, it may give them hope.”

While the students created the shirts outside of the classroom, and covered the cost of purchasing a t-shirt, markers, paints, and any other material they used in creating the design, they all seemed to thoroughly enjoy the process.

“This motivational t-shirt project was a great idea,” comments Glenda Ngo. “It was a creative assignment because it made me really think about what could motivate a person. Making these t-shirts for children made the assignment that much more special. It’s a good feeling when you’ve reached out and made a difference in at least one person’s life.”

The assignment had a profound effect on Krystal Wilson, who states, “One of my lifelong goals is to help children in need, so knowing that this t-shirt is going towards a good cause made me feel like some part of that goal is being accomplished.”
After thirty years at Penn State Berks, Dr. James Bardi has quite a loyal following among alumni of the college’s associate degree program in Hotel, Restaurant, and Institutional Management. So it should come as no surprise when one of those alumni nominates him for an award.

Bardi was honored with the Pennsylvania Restaurant Association’s William S. Lapp Keynote Award during the seventy-first PRA Annual Meeting and Awards Gala held at the Hilton Harrisburg in November. The award recognizes significant and noteworthy contributions to the industry and community on behalf of the PRA at the chapter and statewide levels.

“What makes this award so special is that I was nominated by a former student of mine, Steve Stetzler, who is now a restaurateur, president of our local PRA chapter, and very active at the state PRA level,” comments Bardi.

Stetzler ’93, owner of The Drinik-Erk Restaurant in Lebanonville, explains, “I nominated Dr. Bardi because of his teaching, his many years of participation in the PRA, and his contributions to the future of the restaurant industry.”

Bardi has served on the board of directors of the Schuylkill Valley Chapter of the PRA, which serves both Berks and Schuylkill counties, for the last thirty years. He also served on the scholarship committee, where he developed the scholarship application and guidelines, and advertised the scholarship to high school guidance counselors in Berks and Schuylkill counties. He did not conduct interviews because of the conflict of interest with his position as Penn State Berks dean.

“When I was a student at Penn State Berks, I received two scholarships from the PRA, so it’s nice to see something coming full circle,” states Stetzler.

Bardi, coordinator for the Hotel, Restaurant, and Institutional Management (HRIM) associate degree program and Assistant Professor of Hospitality Management, joined the campus in the fall of 1979. Bardi also attended graduate work in hospital administration and management at the University of Pittsburgh. In addition, he has taught hospitality and tourism courses in several universities in the United States and abroad over his thirty-year tenure at Penn State Berks.

As a Penn State alumus, Bardi recognizes the value of staying connected to former students. He has been very active with the HRIM alumni group, helping them to plan and organize their annual five-course dinner, which has been held at several alumni-owned restaurants, such as Sedona Castle (formerly owned by Scott Quade ’83) and the Lantern Lodge in Myerstown (owned by Jeff Hollembach ’82). This event has also been hosted by Penn State Berks Food Services (managed by John Walker ’93, Director of Housing and Food Services).

Bardi also advises the Hotel Restaurant Society, a student group on campus. He helps them to organize their weekly meetings and annual ice cream fundraiser, and he chauffeurs them on a trip to the annual New York Hotel and Restaurant Show each November. Under his guidance, the group provides refreshments for several events on campus, including late night coffee-shop performances.

“These jobs give the students an opportunity to get real-life experience and practice ways to motivate others to participate,” explains Bardi. “I have enjoyed watching the students grow and prosper, and progress from their first to their second year in the program.”

His students—both current and former—appreciate all his efforts on their behalf.

“Dr. Bardi is not only a mentor and one of the best teachers I’ve ever had, but a friend and inspiration,” comments Melissa Navaro, student leader of the Hotel Restaurant Society. “He commits himself 100% to his students. He makes me strive for my hardest to become a leader in the hospitality industry.”

A certified hotel administrator, Bardi serves on the International Council on Hotel, Restaurant, and Institutional Education (I-CHRIE), where he chairs a special interest group on distance education. He is a member of the board of contributing editors for I-CHRIE’s Journal of Hospitality and Tourism Education. He is also a long-standing member of the Greater Reading Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Currently, he is working on the fifth edition of his textbook, titled Hotel Front Office Management, published by John Wiley & Sons.

A Groundbreaking Academic Year
Two Berks professors awarded Fulbright grants, make college history

For Penn State Berks, 2009–2010 was a groundbreaking academic year. Two of the eleven Penn State University faculty members to receive Fulbright grants are from Berks: Dr. Randall Newnham, Professor of Political Science, and Dr. Malika Richards, Associate Professor of Management. This marked the first time in campus history that two faculty members were awarded Fulbright grants in a single year.

Newnham spent two weeks during the summer in Berlin and other cities in Germany as part of a Fulbright German Studies Seminar titled “Germany’s Future: New Parties–New Solutions?” Meanwhile, Richards will spend the spring and summer semesters teaching at Soochow University in Taipei, Taiwan on a Fulbright lecturing grant.

A German scholar and author of Deutsche Mark Diplomacy, Newnham was one of fourteen professors chosen from American universities to attend the German studies seminar.

Taking place during the twentieth anniversary year of the fall of the Berlin Wall, the seminar looked at German politics over the past twenty years and how the multiparty system Germany currently uses is more complex than its former system.

“One of the big questions the Germans are challenged with—and we discussed at length—is how to form a stable government when there are a number of small parties competing for power,” states Newnham.

The seminar also compared German political campaigns with American campaigns. Newnham pointed out that Germans are interested in learning more about virtual campaigns and the use of technology in politics.

“We discussed things like Facebook and Twitter as tools, and how many American politicians are successfully using them in campaigns.”

While the seminar concentrated on modern Germany, Newnham also had the opportunity to visit historical sites from the time Germany was divided—the most obvious being the Berlin Wall.

His first visit to the Wall was in 1987 as an undergraduate student. “People were still being shot at them,” he says. “Now, there is a four-lane highway where the Wall once stood in some places.”

Another reminder of Germany’s turbulent past was his visit to the headquarters of the East German secret police, the Stasi. Such a visit, Newnham says, “makes you happy to live in a society that doesn’t have a government that distrusts its own people.”

As a political science professor teaching classes such as International Relations and Comparative Politics, Newnham says the Fulbright seminar served as an event from which he can draw on many first-hand experiences in the classroom.

Meanwhile, Richards is preparing to move to a classroom in Taiwan as part of her Fulbright lecture grant. In January, she will be traveling to Taipei, Taiwan, where she will be a visiting professor at Soochow University, teaching International Management to both graduate and undergraduate business students.

“I wanted to be in a Chinese-speaking environment because I see China as so important in the global economy,” Richards explains.

She says that she plans to continue her studies in Mandarin during the trip and sees the experience as an opportunity for the sharing of cultural information.

“The Taiwanese students will be able to learn about U.S. culture from me, including business etiquette and negotiating styles, which is important if they are going to do business with Americans in the future,” says Richards. “The students will also get to know a real American firsthand, instead of forming opinions about Americans based on stereotypes. The Fulbright program sees us as ambassadors in this sense.”

This will be Richards’ third trip to Taiwan. Of course she also plans to bring new insights and observations about International Management back to Berks, where she currently teaches classes in Negotiations, Strategic Management, and International Management.

“The most valuable information I can bring back with me is in the form of stories I hear about students’ experiences working in Taiwanese companies, as well as sharing what I learn about business norms there,” she states.

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Dr. Susan Phillips Specce, Penn State Berks Chancellor, commented on Berks receiving two Fulbright grants this year: “It is extremely rare for an institution of our size to have one Fulbright, let alone two. The fact that we had two scholars qualify for the scholarships speaks volumes about the quality of faculty and staff that we have here at Penn State Berks. We are incredibly proud of both Dr. Newnham and Dr. Richards.”

The Fulbright program, the government’s flagship international exchange program since 1946, will send 1,250 scholars and more than 1,500 students abroad this academic year. Financed jointly by the United States and partner governments around the world, the program received nearly $235 million in funding this year. U.S. President Barack Obama has requested that be increased to $254 million in 2010.
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Would you like to help students with career decision making? It’s as simple as posting internships and job shadowing opportunities on the Berks Works Website: berkswerks.org
Berks Works is a program designed to connect the employers and students of Berks County through internships and other work-based experiences. The goal of Berks Works is to demonstrate to students the wealth of career opportunities available here in Berks County, thus slowing the exodus of talent the county has experienced in the past.

The employers in Berks Works are encouraged to connect with students via posting internships (for college students) and registering to provide job shadowing experiences and career advice to both high school and college students. Students from the five area colleges (Albright College, Albright University, Kutztown University, Penn State Berks, and Reading Area Community College) are eligible to utilize Berks Works’ database, as are those students who study elsewhere, but return to Berks County during their college breaks. High school students can also use the program with the assistance of their school counselors.

Berks Works is supported by a grant, funded by the Berks Business Education Coalition, the Berks County Community Foundation, and Keystone Innovation Zone. The grant was awarded to Patricia Jepson, Coordinator of Career Services/Internships.

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Grobman Honored by NAACP for Outreach

By Lisa R. Weidman

Dr. Laurie Grobman, Professor of English and Women’s Studies at Penn State Berks, was honored at the NAACP-Reading Branch banquet in November with the Appreciation for Outreach to the African American Community Award. This award recognizes Grobman’s work on the documentation of African American history in Berks County, resulting in the publication of a book titled, Woven with Words: A Collection of African American History in Berks County, Pennsylvania.

This history book describes the rich--and previously untold--heritage from Berks County’s eighteenth-century inception to present day. Woven with Words was written by Penn State Berks students and edited by Grobman, project coordinator, and Dr. Gary Rankelman, Instructor in Professional Writing at Penn State Berks. A grant from the Department of Community and Economic Development to the NAACP--Reading Branch and funding sources within Penn State covered the project costs.

Grobman also coordinated the publication of The Future’s Past: Life Narratives of 17 African American Residents of Berks County, PA, a fifty-page compilation of life histories written by her students.

“Woven with Words and the subsequent The Future’s Past projects brought an entirely new dimension to my teaching and my professional life, for which I am so grateful,” comments Grobman. “I have learned to be more creative and innovative in order to see and think about connecting literature, art, life, narratives, stories, and histories in new and multiple ways. With my many students, we cross and re-cross racial boundaries and barriers in literary and real-world communities, and we all realize that doing so is vital and complex and multilayered. I am truly honored by and deeply appreciative of the recognition from the NAACP-Reading Branch of my outreach work. It has been a labor of love.”

Currently, she is working with students and Centro Hispano Daniel Torres on a similar publication documenting local Latino history. In addition, Grobman has garnered a national reputation for her work in multiculturalism. Her first book, Teaching at the Crossroads: Cultures and Critical Perspectives in Literature by Women of Color (2001), offers a transformative model for teaching literature by women of color. Her most recent book, Multicultural Hybrids: Transforming American Literary Scholarship and Pedagogy (2006), examines and addresses the difference paradigm in multicultural literary studies: how to acknowledge difference in multicultural literature, yet treat all texts equally as part of the broader category of American literature. Woven with Words and the subsequent The Future’s Past projects brought an entirely new dimension to my teaching and my professional life, for which I am so grateful,” comments Grobman. “I have learned to be more creative and innovative in order to see and think about connecting literature, art, life, narratives, stories, and histories in new and multiple ways. With my many students, we cross and re-cross racial boundaries and barriers in literary and real-world communities, and we all realize that doing so is vital and complex and multilayered. I am truly honored by and deeply appreciative of the recognition from the NAACP-Reading Branch of my outreach work. It has been a labor of love.”

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Ed Wiswesser, Associate’s Degree in Engineering, was recently featured in both the Reading Eagle and Berks County Living magazine for his and train enthusiasm. He chronicled the history of the steam locomotives of Reading and Philadelphia in a book titled Steam Locomotives of the Reading and PM Railroad, published by Greenberg Publishing in 1998. He continues to build and display steam locomotives in the basement of his Reading home. In 2008, the Reading Historical Society displayed a number of Wiswesser’s trains in an exhibit commemorating the 175th anniversary of the Reading Company titled “All Aboard.”

Bob Laino, Dave Fouse, Danielle Pariseau, and Patti Robertson Swoyer, Chris Patton, Patty Magee Foster, right) are Susan Dell’Elmo with fellow Penn State Berks alumni Dell’Elmo, have a 6-year old daughter, Victoria. Pictured (left to right) are Susan Dell’Elmo with fellow Penn State Berks alumni Patt Robertson Sawyer, Chris Patton, Patty Magee Foster, Dave Fouse, Danielle Pariseau, and Bob Laino.

Gerald B. Heydt, B.S. in Metallurgy, retired from Carpenter Technology after working in their research department for 38 years.

Lou Anthony, B.S. in Food Service and Housing Administration, Masters in Management in Environmental Relations, is a food service consultant. He resides in Wyomissing, PA.

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Frances Davitt ’81, Associate’s Degree in Agronomy, is employed by Kutztown University, and also works as a golf course consultant. He and his wife, Jill A. Davitt, have two sons, France iv and John Lucas.

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Christopher Schmid, B.S. in Accounting, works as an Account Controller for Lancaster Newspapers, Inc. He and his wife, Kristie (Roth) ’78, B.S. in Marketing, have three daughters, Olivia, Gracey, Caroline.

Allison (Ravert) Plevrakis, B.S. in Accounting, is the Assistant Vice President; Securities and Exchange Commission reporting for Sovereign. She is married to Anastasios Plevrakis ’98. B.S. in Marketing, who works for Merrill Lynch.

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Rachel (Gager) Bondi, Associate’s Degree in Hotel, Restaurant, and Institutional Management, is employed as Assistant Manager at Lucky Bum’s. She resides in Cape May, New Jersey and was married on September 25, 2009.

Mary Ann Watts, B.A. in Professional Writing, is a retired teacher. She earned a B.S. in Elementary Education from Cheyney University. She and her husband, Spencer R. Watts, have three children, Shelley, Allison, Howard.

Timothy Hillert, B.S. in Business, is employed as a Financial Representative for Northwestern Mutual Financial Network. He resides in New York City.

Anastasios Plevrakis ’98 and his wife, Allison (Ravert) ’98, had a daughter, Ariana, on 9/29/09.

Births

In Memorium

Charles O. Egelmen, Jr., WM Class of 1969
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MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF
DEVELOPMENT AND ALUMNI RELATIONS

Penn State University President Graham Spanier has said that Penn Staters love a challenge. That is true whether it is on the football field, in the classroom, or in the research laboratory. Everyone is certainly familiar with the past year’s financial challenges: the stock market decline and the national recession. Yet in the midst of the gloomy financial landscape, in the past fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, Penn State University had the second best fundraising total in its history. Penn State received more gifts—more than $100,000—in this past year than at any other time in its history. Beyond that, a record number of alumni—77,658—made gifts to their alma mater.

Here at Penn State Berks, we had one of our best fundraising years as well. What that tells me is that even in the midst of challenging times, our Penn State alumni and friends still place a very high value on supporting our college and making a difference in the lives of our students. Our donors made that statement loud and clear in this past year. On the following pages are lists of those individuals who have invested in our students. For all of those who have given of your time, talent, and treasures to help make our college a success, we say a very heartfelt, “Thank you.”

I’ve said this many times before but it bears repeating that everything we do, we ultimately do for our students and for their success. It’s also true of the many talented people who work here at this institution. Our central mission remains, and always will be, to serve our students. With that in mind, next spring the University will begin the public phase of its new initiative, For the Future. The Campaign for Penn State Student. The ultimate goal is to increase scholarship support to keep a Penn State Berks education affordable for all families.

We’ll be asking each of you to continue your faithful support and for others of you to consider joining the ranks of those named here in this issue. We have set some high goals and aspirations in this campaign that will be quite a challenge. But then again, Penn Staters do love a challenge. To learn more about how you can help continue our tradition of excellence, please contact me at 610-396-6616 or via e-mail at DCD11@psu.edu. Should your plane ever bring you to campus, feel free to visit our offices in the Jameson Office Building. Also, please don’t ever hesitate to let us know if there is anything we may do to help for you.

As always, thank you for your support,

David C. Delozier ’79
Director of Development and Alumni Relations

6TH ANNUAL CHANCELLOR’S CIRCLE “GOES GREEN”

By Lauren A. Herb

“Going green” was the theme of the sixth annual Chancellor’s Circle Dinner invitations were printed on recycled paper containing seedlings that can be planted. Guest also received tote bags made from recycled materials as a token of appreciation for their support.

The dinner took place on October 8 and began with a reception in the Freyberger Gallery. Guests were then treated to a preview of the production, Dracula, performed by the Theatre students. A formal dinner at the Perkins Student Center Multipurpose Room followed the production.

The dinner opened with remarks from Chancellor Susan Phillips Spence, in which she shared a brief overview of the college’s growth and strategic initiatives. During the evening’s program, Joshua Weinstein, a junior Kinology major, expressed the importance of receiving the Irv and Lois E. Cohen Trustee Scholarship to his education. He is also a member of the Outdoors Club and Christian Student Fellowship. Weinstein graciously thanked everyone for their generosity toward his education.

Eric Oldham, recipient of the Professor Edward M. and Dorothy S. Rodenbichler Memorial Scholarship, also expressed his gratitude to the donors. Oldham, an adult student, is working toward his baccalaureate degree in Business. He is a member of the Blue & White Society and the Business Program Council. He concluded with a heartfelt thank-you to all the donors who have helped to make his dream possible.

Chancellor Speece concluded the evening with remarks on the importance of support from alumni and friends of the college. She thanked the donors for their generosity to Penn State Berks.

For more information about becoming a member of the Chancellor’s Circle and membership benefits, contact David Delozier, Director of Development and Alumni Relations, at 610-396-6616 or via e-mail at DCD11@psu.edu.

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Penn State’s benefactors are as diverse as their endowments. While donors may establish these funds to perpetuate a special cause or interest close to their hearts, one common thread unites these special alumni and friends. In every case, this common thread is a profound and abiding commitment to the protection and endowment of Penn State’s future.

The foresight and generosity evidenced by our benefactors today will perpetually shine through the endowment they each create. They become part of a rich tapestry of endowment tradition at the University—a legacy of caring individuals providing support today to ensure the strength of Penn State for all time.

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For more information about endowments, contact the Office of Development and Alumni Relations at 610-396-6536.
Every year at Penn State, we lose bright, talented students because they can’t afford to stay in school. Others work multiple jobs while carrying a full course load, and many students are graduating with an average debt burden of over $25,000. For a land-grant institution founded to build careers right here in our region.

Our students are a painful reality that must be addressed. On the principle of open access to education, the economic struggles of students with financial need. Scholarships help Penn State Berks to attract a talented and diverse group of students, who may be considering other educational options, and support them as they earn their degrees and build their careers right here in our region.

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“It was an accident. I wouldn’t have been able to stay in school if I hadn’t received scholarships. I would have dropped out of school.”

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