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Murphy and wife, Kitty

# THANK YOU CLARION

## William Michael Murphy ('88)

**Education:** B.S. in Business Administration, economics major, Clarion University  
**Career:** Economist GS-13, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Washington, D.C.  
**Home:** Germantown, Md.

After graduating in December 1988 with a bachelor's degree in business administration, Murphy's goal was to get a job in a bank in Pennsylvania. That didn't happen, but something wonderful did. At the time, he did not realize he would be working in the nation's capital in less than six months.

"When a bank job did not materialize, I took some additional classes in the spring and attended a job fair in Pittsburgh," Murphy said. "I found out the Bureau of Labor Statistics was looking for candidates who majored in economics."

Murphy applied, interviewed and has been working at the bureau ever since. For the past 21 years, he has worked with employment and unemployment numbers and, for most of the past 14 years, he has been part of the team that releases the monthly "jobs added" data—widely considered the number one economic indicator in the world.

### How It All Began

He started out as an electrical engineering student in Virginia Beach, but at age 22, after an injury, he restarted his academic career at Clarion as a finance/real estate major.

"I took an economics class with Dr. Soong Sohng and received 60 correct out of 60 on the first test," Murphy added. "Dr. Sohng said that doesn't happen often and convinced me to change my major to finance/economics."

Murphy also had a class with Dr. Chin Yang where he learned about SAS programming. About six years after starting at the bureau to help fill a growing need, his role changed as a result of this knowledge. The bureau needed an economist who could program in SAS to reduce the need for someone to translate between economists and programmers.

"Programmers and economists often have difficulty communicating," Murphy explained. "Seven years ago I was asked to move to the IT area to be a procedures person—someone who could speak both languages. The switch to the support side has evolved into the most challenging and fulfilling stage of my career so far."

### The Role Financial Support Played

"I was in vocational rehabilitation following back surgery and had two small children," Murphy said. "I needed to find financial support to ease the burden. At one point, I had to have a professor sign a form so that I could get gas money."

He applied for and received grants, loans and scholarships. While at Clarion, Murphy received both the Charles P. Leach Sr. Scholarship and a Clarion University Foundation, Inc. Scholarship. One of the scholarships was for being named the top business student for 1987-88.

### Any Regrets?

"In hindsight, I am glad I did not achieve my first goal," Murphy concluded. "The early twists and turns led me to a challenging professional opportunity. It worked out for the best, even though I did not realize it at the time. Although I regret not getting my master's degree at Clarion, after 20 years of experience I consider myself an economist."

## Suites Receive LEED Certification

In the first of what Clarion University plans to be a frequent occurrence, a ceremony was held on August 11 to recognize Campus View and Valley View residence hall suites being awarded Silver LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Certification by the U.S. Green Building Council and verified by the Green Building Certification Institute (GBCI). LEED is the nation's preeminent program for the design, construction and operation of high-performance green buildings.

"With the Silver LEED certification of these two buildings, Clarion University is realizing the first part of our commitment to be leaders in energy-efficient and environmentally friendly construction," said Clarion University President **Karen Whitney**. "I say 'first part' because there is more to come. Our commitment to pursuing LEED certification for all building projects is part of the university's strategic plan."

impact on the environment and the building's inhabitants, and have lower overall operation costs.

Opened in January 2009, Campus View and Valley View suites, one located on the Ralston flats area and the other along Wood Street, are a \$25 million project providing 361 beds for students.

The new residences feature furnished, suite-style configurations with two or four residents sharing a common living space, with one bathroom for every two residents. All units are furnished and have air-conditioning and high-speed Internet, television and phone connections. Each floor has a lounge area, and each building has a laundry room and vending area.

The suites were financed and constructed through the Clarion University Foundation, Inc., with the bonds to be repaid using student rental fees. The Foundation is a not-for-profit corporation formed to promote educational purposes in



Campus View Suites

**"Clarion University is realizing the first part of our commitment to be leaders in energy-efficient and environmentally friendly construction."**

**Clarion University President  
Dr. Karen Whitney**

**Michael Embrescia**, LEED AP education and membership manager, presented LEED plaques to place in each building. The 16-inch diameter, 3/4-inch thick glass plaques are fabricated from recycled glass. The image is sandblasted onto the surface of each plaque, avoiding toxic chemicals and energy-intensive processes involved in etching.

Five recently opened Clarion University buildings, Campus and Valley View Suites, Joseph P. Grunenwald Center for Science and Technology, Eagle Commons dining facility, and the Gregory Barnes Center for Biotechnology Business Development at Clarion University, were all designed for the energy efficient and environmentally friendly Silver LEED Rating. Buildings meeting these standards have less

connection with or at the request of Clarion University. It is the organization designated to receive and manage private sector gifts provided for the support of the activities and programs of the university. Such gifts are generated through contributions from alumni, faculty and staff, business and industry, retired faculty members and other friends of Clarion University. During the last five years, foundation housing projects have added more than 1,000 new student beds, replacing older dormitory-style housing.

Valley View and Campus View join 157 LEED-certified buildings in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The state ranks third in the nation behind California and Washington in LEED-certified buildings.

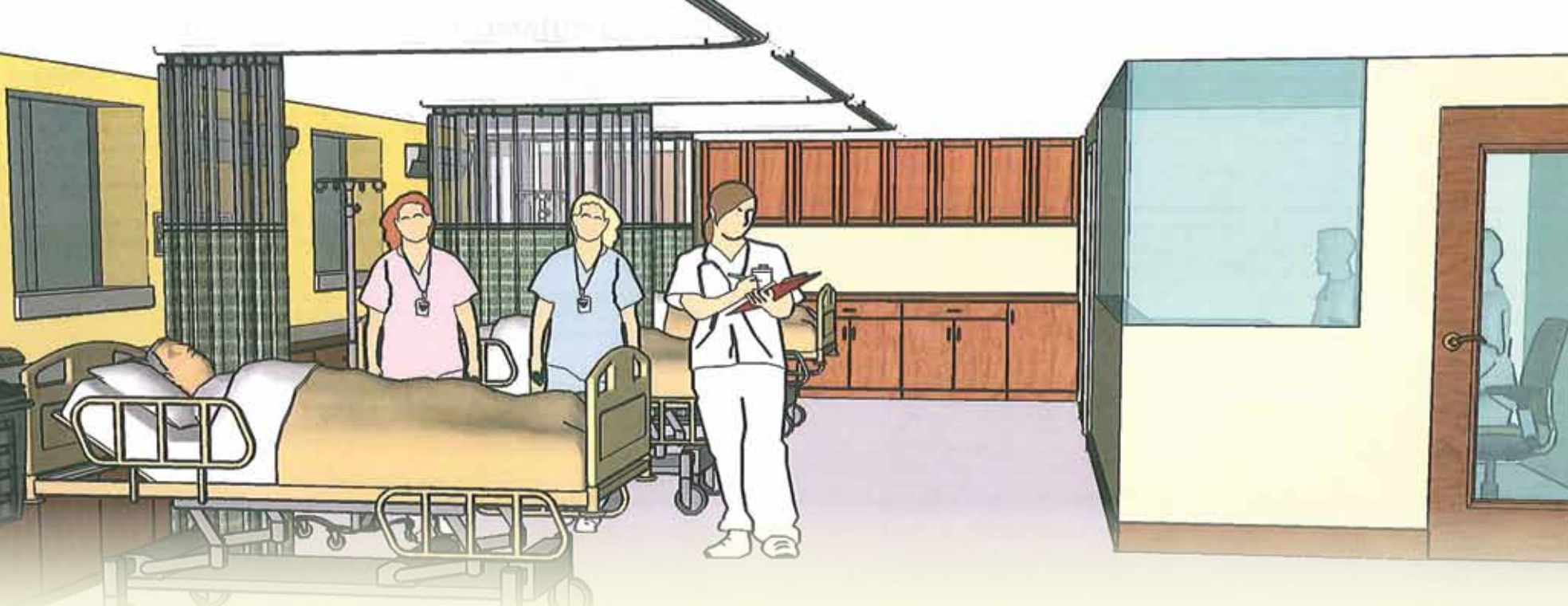
## Some Notable Points:

- The buildings were constructed to be smoke-free both during construction and after occupancy.
- More than 50 percent of the building site area has been restored to a natural site. The steep slopes that existed prior to construction have been re-graded and have been replanted with native vegetation that will hold the slope and enhance the appearance.
- Storm water retention tanks were installed to reduce the amount of water discharge from the sites during rainstorms.
- A white roof was installed that reflects the sun's rays to keep the building cooler and to lower energy costs.
- Through the use of energy modeling, highly efficient mechanical equipment, and correct insulation placement, these buildings increase energy performance by more than 25 percent.
- All refrigerants used in the building contain no chlorofluorocarbons.
- The energy for the buildings is purchased from a source that supplies energy to the U.S. power grid by using renewable energy, such as wind power, to reduce the demand for fossil fuels.
- A comprehensive construction waste management plan was used to separate all solid waste leaving the project sites.
- Close to one-fifth of the products (by cost) used in the construction of these buildings, from the special non-vinyl floor tile to the wood cabinets to the gypsum wallboard, have high amounts of post-consumer recycled content.
- Each floor of the buildings has trash rooms that are sized to accommodate paper, aluminum, glass, plastic and cardboard recycling bins.



Silver LEED plaque





## Phillips Trust Makes Lead Gift For Nursing Simulation Lab

The Dr. and Mrs. Arthur William Phillips Charitable Trust has donated a \$130,000 leadership gift toward a state-of-the-art nursing and allied health simulation laboratory at Clarion University–Venango Campus. This new laboratory will create a highly sophisticated learning facility that will transform the way students enrolled in Clarion University’s School of Nursing and Allied Health, located at Venango Campus, and other health career students throughout the region are educated.

“The Phillips Trust is pleased to be able to assist with the development of the simulation lab at Venango Campus,” said trustee **Robert W. McFate**. “It’s a great project that will enhance Clarion University’s standing in the field of nursing and allied health, which Dr. Phillips held a strong interest in advancing.”

Simulation laboratory equipment, including life-size mannequins and high-tech medical apparatuses, will give students new opportunities to apply theoretical concepts to highly concrete patient applications, under the direction of faculty, presenting exciting educational experiences that effectively bridge theory and practice. Simulation mannequins provide students realistic patient care scenarios to test their clinical and decision-making skills, while building their confidence before they enter an actual health care environment.

The lab facility will include an intensive care unit patient area with an ICU-type bed, a child/maternity patient area with a birthing bed and a medical/surgical patient area. It will include related equipment for each area, as well as x-ray viewers, ventilators, EKG monitors and other apparatuses.

A control room will be constructed to accommodate faculty and simulator technicians

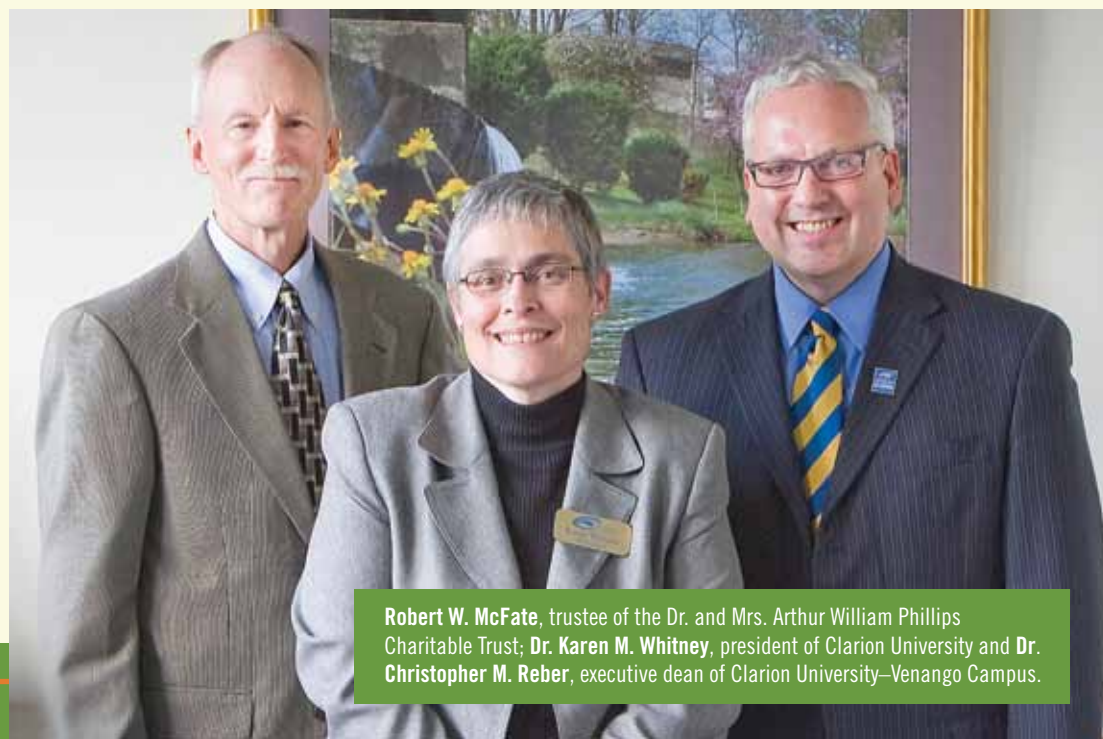
who will program the clinical scenarios and observe and video-record student performance, so that students can debrief with their professors and learn from their responses to patients’ changing conditions.

The simulation laboratory will also be used as a training center for health care professionals from local agencies seeking certification and/or training in their fields. It will be used as a recruiting and training tool for elementary and high school students, providing basic health education and an introduction to health professions as they begin to consider career options.

“My colleagues and I are immensely grateful to the Phillips Charitable Trust for their generous support of this cutting-edge new facility,” said **Dr. Christopher Reber**, executive dean of Venango Campus. “The support of

donors such as the Phillips Trust will benefit nursing and allied health professionals and their future patients throughout the region for many years to come.”

A large part of the projected \$1.75 million cost of the project has already been secured. The university received a grant last year from the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry, which enabled the purchase of three highly sophisticated simulation mannequins and other equipment at a cost of \$400,000. The equipment is already in the possession of the university and in storage awaiting a facility to effectively utilize it. An additional \$660,000 has been secured for construction in Montgomery Hall where the facility will be located. A fund drive is currently under way to raise the remaining funds needed, after which construction will begin.



**Robert W. McFate**, trustee of the Dr. and Mrs. Arthur William Phillips Charitable Trust; **Dr. Karen M. Whitney**, president of Clarion University and **Dr. Christopher M. Reber**, executive dean of Clarion University–Venango Campus.

## Falkenstern Named Director Of Nursing And Allied Health

In August, **Dr. Sharon Koval-Falkenstern** was named director of Clarion University’s School of Nursing and Allied Health. In this academic leadership position, Dr. Falkenstern oversees all programs and faculty of the school. The Department of Allied Health offers, in partnership with regional hospitals, a bachelor of science in medical imaging sciences, with concentrations in radiography and ultrasound, an associate degree in allied health with multiple concentrations and an associate degree in respiratory care. An Associate of Science, Bachelor of Science and master’s degree in nursing are offered through the Department of Nursing. The master’s program offers nurse practitioner and nursing education concentrations.

Dr. Falkenstern comes to her new position from The Pennsylvania State University, where she served on the nursing faculty since 1992, most recently as coordinator of the Master of Science Nurse Practitioner option. As coordinator of international nursing experiences, she escorted

nursing exchange students from the University of Jonkoping in Sweden to Hershey Medical Center, Veterans’ Administration clinics and hospitals, and Washington, D.C.

Dr. Falkenstern earned her bachelor and master’s degrees in nursing from Case Western Reserve University and her Ph.D. with a major in nursing and a minor in adult education from Penn State. She is a Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner (CRNP) and is board certified as a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner by the American Nurses’ Credentialing Commission. As a Certified Nurse Educator by the National League for Nursing, she developed graduate level on-line courses of nursing theory and taught videoconferenced courses in health assessment, pharmacology and child health.

She has earned awards and recognitions from the National League for Nursing; Sigma Theta Tau, the International Honor Society of Nursing; Schreyer Institute for Excellence in Teaching and Learning at Penn State; the Pennsylvania Rural Health Association; and Phi Lambda Theta,



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National Education Honor Society; among others.

Dr. Falkenstern has presented at regional, national and international conferences, and has published articles on cultural diversity, pediatric growth patterns and children with special health care needs. Newman’s nursing theory of health as expanding consciousness guides her approach to education, administration, clinical practice and research. Dr. Falkenstern said,

“I was fortunate to have **Dr. Sarah Gueldner** as chair of my dissertation committee because she led me to **Drs. Karen Morin, Carol Smith, Donna Queeney**, and to **Margaret Newman** as my special mentor. Mentorship is so important in nursing, and I hope to thank my mentors by being a caring mentor to other faculty, staff, nurses and nursing students.”

Her professional activities include memberships in the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners, the American Nurses Association, Sigma Theta Tau, the National Health Service Corps, the National League for Nursing, the Society of Rogerian Scholars and the American Holistic Nurses Association. Dr. Falkenstern is a charter member of the Pennsylvania Coalition of Nurse Practitioners and a founding member of the Midstate Association of Nurse Practitioners. She addresses community groups and serves as a clinical project grant reviewer for the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) of the federal government’s Department of Health and Human Services.

## Clarion University–Venango Campus Offers Auctioneering Program

Clarion University has been approved by the Pennsylvania State Board of Auctioneer Examiners to offer an auctioneering program through its Department of Applied Technology. The program, the only approved auctioneering training program in western Pennsylvania, prepares students to sit for the Pennsylvania State Auctioneer Licensure Exam.

The technical component of the auctioneering program is designed to provide students with knowledge of the techniques, procedures and principles of communication, appraisal, management, marketing and law necessary to conduct a successful auction in Pennsylvania. The general education component provides students with a foundation that will help them in operating an auctioneering business or for further education.

Students will earn an Associate of Applied Science in Administration Technology degree, with a concentration in auctioneering. General education courses will be taught at Venango Campus or online, and the technical component of the degree will be taught at Venango Campus by **Charlene A. Caple**, a licensed and bonded Pennsylvania auctioneer who has authored the definitive text for auctioneering courses of study in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Caple has served as an instructor in the auctioneering program at the Harrisburg Area Community College since 1983. She is a member of the Pennsylvania Auctioneer’s Association (PAA), and has served as an officer of the PAA’s Central Regional Chapter.

The 20-credit technical component of the program will be taught over a 15-week period of Saturday and Sunday classes that will begin in March with practical field experience of on-the-job training with Pennsylvania licensed auctioneers.

For more information, contact **Dr. Bill Hallock**, chair of the Department of Applied Technology, at 814-676-6591, ext. 1275, or [whallock@clarion.edu](mailto:whallock@clarion.edu).



More information is available on the website [www.clarion.edu/appliedtech-auctioneering](http://www.clarion.edu/appliedtech-auctioneering)



# Extravaganza

## Alumni Association Distinguished Awards



Saturday  
April 16, 2011  
Duquesne Club  
Pittsburgh

**J**oin the Clarion University Alumni Association to honor the 2011 class of Distinguished Award recipients, enjoy the historic Duquesne Club's atmosphere and fine cuisine and celebrate the accomplishments of the university.

Tickets for this premiere event are \$225 per person. Corporate sponsorship opportunities are also available. Proceeds will benefit the Alumni Endowment and the Alumni Association Athletic Endowment, which provide funding for student scholarships.

For more information or to request an invitation, please contact Brooke Murray of the Clarion University Foundation, Inc., at 814-393-2572, or [bmurray@cuf-inc.org](mailto:bmurray@cuf-inc.org). Formal invitations will be mailed in January.

*Make sure to reserve your seat!*

For more information, go to [www.clarion.edu/extravaganza](http://www.clarion.edu/extravaganza)



## 2011 Alumni Association Distinguished Award Recipients

### Wilma 'Wid' Logue ('32, '37) Distinguished Service

- Played an integral role in the expansion and renovation of the Knox Public Library and established a fund for ongoing maintenance.
- Employed by the Bureau of Employment Security for more than 27 years, helping people within her community find jobs.
- In 1992, established the Wilma Best Logue Scholarship Endowment for incoming Clarion students who plan to major in education.
- Provided funding for housing scholarships and campus building enhancements at Clarion.
- Shares her Clarion University experience with everyone, arranges campus tours and helps students financially, even paying application fees.



### Rose Miller ('81) Distinguished Achievement

- Has received numerous awards from the military for her dedication and service as a top-ranked, female Army colonel.
- Is a combat veteran of Operation Enduring Freedom.
- Before leaving active duty, served as senior advisor to a four-star Army commander for force protection, physical security, law enforcement, personal security and operations security for a command of more than 55,000 persons located world-wide.
- Retired in September 2008 after more than 27 years of active duty service in the Army.
- Currently works as a senior analyst at Abrams Learning & Information Systems, Inc., providing expertise to the National Guard Bureau.



### Vincent Sands ('78) Distinguished Alumni

- Serves as executive vice president of BNY Mellon Asset Servicing—Americas, with wide responsibilities including employee benefits, foundations/endowments, mutual funds, insurance, exchange-traded funds and health care.
- Is responsible for the profitability and overall performance of the U.S. Tax-Exempt, Canada and Latin America Asset Servicing businesses.
- Oversees the company's community involvement and other commitments in Pennsylvania, including oversight of BNY Mellon's philanthropic and charitable-giving activities.
- Serves on the board of directors of the Allegheny Conference on Community Development, a private, non-profit leadership organization focused on improving the economy and quality of life in the Pittsburgh region.



### James Thornton Distinguished Volunteer

- Chief-organizer and chef for the Clarion University Wild Game Dinner, which includes an extensive auction, for which he and his committee secure all donations from businesses and fellow supporters.
- The annual event is the primary fundraiser for the George Garbarino Athletic Scholarship Endowment, and has raised more than \$225,000 since 1999. For the 2010-11 academic year, George Garbarino Athletic Scholarships were awarded to 15 male and female student-athletes.
- Has been directly involved and supportive of Clarion University Athletics as the head athletic trainer and director of Athletic Training Services since 1990.



### Susan Traynor ('89) Distinguished Faculty

- Has taught at Clarion for more than 35 years, beginning in 1976.
- Serves as chair of the Computer Information Science Department since being appointed in 2001, and served as chair from 1979-80 and was instrumental in getting the department staffed and operational.
- Served two terms as APSCUF president, the faculty union.
- Authored and co-authored with other Clarion University faculty countless professional publications, bringing positive visibility to the university and her department.
- Identifies database-related projects on campus and in the community for CIS students, giving them real-world work experience in their fields.



### Samuel Zuck ('74) Distinguished Alumni—Venango Campus

- After a successful 10-year career with the Consolidated Rail Corporation, returned to school to pursue a law degree at Duquesne University.
- Upon receiving his law degree, spent a few years with a law firm and worked under the Honorable Judge Francis J. Fornelli in the Mercer County Court of Common Pleas.
- In 1991, joined the Office of the District Attorney of Mercer County, where he currently serves as the First Assistant District Attorney.
- Remains involved with the community through the Venango Campus Advisory Board and the Oil City Chapter of the American Legion.
- Described by friends as a "life-long learner" who even now listens to college lectures during his daily commute.





## NEWS FROM THE CAMPUSES

### SREB Praises Clarion's Efforts To Improve Graduation Rate

Clarion University was praised for its efforts to facilitate a four-year graduation rate for its students in a published report of the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB). "Promoting a Culture of Student Success: How Colleges and Universities are Improving Degree Completion" examined why average college-completion rates fall well below high school graduation rates. Clarion reported a graduation rate of 53 percent, a median SAT score of 915 and 33 percent of students receiving Pell Grants in 2006, the year the research started. In the report, SREB noted: "Clarion's long-standing culture was the primary reason identified in campus interviews for the university's success in helping students complete degrees."

### Founders' Day Celebrated

Clarion University President **Karen Whitney** initiated a new tradition on September 10 with the observance of Founders' Day. The celebration, which also served as a formal welcome for President Whitney, began with a prelude of the Clarion University Alma Mater and Clarion University Fight Song played on the Clarion University Bell Tower Carillon outside of Carlson Library. The program was emceed by Jay Foster, Clarion University head football coach. Whitney envisions the Founders' Day activities increasing over the next several years leading to Clarion University's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2017.



Whitney (right) and Ann Jamison, secretary to the president, with the historical Seminary Hall brick that was presented to Whitney by Dr. Todd Pfannestiel on Founders' Day.

### Clarion Trustees Honor Grunenwald

Clarion University Trustees unanimously approved a recommendation to name the Science and Technology Building in honor of former President **Joseph Grunenwald**, who retired June 30. In naming the Joseph P. Grunenwald Center for Science and Technology, trustees praised Grunenwald's role in providing leadership and seeking private funding. More than \$1 million was contributed in honor of Grunenwald.

### African American Freedom Trail Planned

The Clarion University Frederick Douglass Program received a \$1,000 grant from the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education Keystone Diversity and Equity Grants/West Chester University to present the little-known history of African Americans in northwestern Pennsylvania. The funds, awarded to Dr. Greg Goodman, professor of education, will be used to develop the Clarion University African American Freedom Trail.

### Clarion Region Is A Better, Cleaner Place Thanks To CU Students

More than 200 Clarion University students in 35 teams and litter crews swept through the Clarion region on Oct. 16, performing a variety of services and clean-up activities as part of the university's annual Community Service Day. Service sites included the Sawmill Center for the Arts, the ARC, the New Bethlehem Community Center, SAFE, the Northwest Alliance, the Area Agency on Aging, the Golden Living Center

in Shipperville, Highland Oaks, the Clarion Free Library, the YMCA and the Community Action Children's Program.

### Smoke Stack Taken Down

As part of a renovation of the Clarion University steam plant, its smoke stack was taken down. The end result is a safer and more efficient production of steam for heat across campus.



### Record Attendance For Fifth NW PA GIS Conference

A record-breaking 200 participants attended the Fifth Annual Northwestern Pennsylvania GIS Conference Oct. 14-15 at Clarion University. The conference included various speakers, presentations and workshops on subjects that impact the region economically, environmentally and socially. Challenges and potential solutions were presented. Tioga County Commissioner **Erick Coolidge** was the keynote speaker; **Dr. Yasser Ayad**, a professor in the Anthropology, Geography and Earth Sciences Department, served on the conference committee.

### CRLA Re-Certifies Tutor Program

The Clarion University Writing Center Tutor Program received re-certification from the College Reading and Learning Association (CRLA). CRLA is a group of student-oriented professionals active in the fields of reading, learning assistance, developmental education, tutoring and mentoring at the college/adult level. Certification was granted at three levels.

### Clarion University Again Named Military Friendly

Clarion University has been selected by "G.I. Jobs" magazine as a "military friendly" school for 2011. It received a similar distinction last year. Criteria for making the list included efforts to recruit and retain military and veteran students, results of recruiting military and veteran students and academic accreditations. The magazine surveyed more than 7,000 institutions in compiling the list.

## STUDENT NEWS

### Seven Receive Alumni Association Scholarships

Seven Clarion University students will receive the Clarion University Alumni Association Scholarship and Leadership Awards for 2010-11. The recipients include: **Peter Baschnagel** of Clarion, Pa., an economics and finance major; **Jon Catanzarita** of Beaver, Pa., an accounting/management major; **Joan Cullen** of Lancaster, Pa., a biology major; **Erin Grejda** of Clarion, Pa., an early childhood education major; **Nicole Halford** of Pittsburgh, Pa., a biology major; **Annette Johnston** of Brookville, Pa., an early childhood education major; and **Kelly Mapes** of Lamartine, Pa., an arts and sciences major.

The Clarion University Alumni Association Scholarship and Leadership Awards are presented for academic performance, active participation in Clarion groups and organizations and community service. Applicants meeting the outlined criteria meet with members of the Alumni Association Board of Directors. Special consideration is given to children and grandchildren of Clarion Alumni, as well as members of the Student Alumni Group, the Eagle Ambassadors.

### Survey Shows Positive Changes In Student Drug And Alcohol Attitudes

Students at Clarion University are receiving the message about drug and alcohol abuse loud and clear. CORE Survey results indicate a huge shift in attitudes about drugs and alcohol over the last five years.

The 2010 survey showed the following changes as compared to 2005: a 35 percent drop in the number of students who consumed alcohol in the past 30 days, a 46 percent decline in the number of students who reported some form of public misconduct at least once in the past year as a result of drinking or drug use, and a 31 percent increase in the number of students who would prefer not to have alcohol at parties.

The 39-question CORE Survey, so named for its core value questions, was developed by Southern Illinois University and has been in use for many years.

### Myers New Student Trustee

**Christopher Myers** of Bethel Park is the new Clarion University Council of Trustees' student trustee. The governor of Pennsylvania, following a review process, appoints all trustees, including the student trustee. Trustee duties include making recommendations, evaluating, reviewing, approving and participating in planning efforts for personnel, fiscal affairs, academic policy, strategic planning, student affairs and facilities management.



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### M.S.L.S. Student Awarded Spectrum Scholarship

**Latanya Ingraham** of Yeadon, a library science graduate student, is the first Clarion University student to be awarded a \$5,000 Spectrum Scholarship from the American Library Association (ALA). The scholarship is funded by the American Association of School Librarians.

### Kemerer And Lenhart Receive Presidential Commission Awards

**Mary Kelly Kemerer**, a physics major who graduated in Spring 2010, and **Kim Lenhart**, a junior art major, received Presidential Commission on the Status of Women Spring 2010 Project Awards. The awards support student research in fields where a recipient's gender is traditionally under-represented.

### National Champion Twirler Leads Golden Eagles Marching Band

**Jennifer Barnes** of Sharpsville, a sophomore speech pathology major, earned the title of National Intermediate Two-Baton and National Intermediate Flag Baton Champion following the American Youth on Parade competition held at Notre Dame University this past summer. She is one of the two Golden Girls who lead the Clarion University Golden Eagles Marching Band.



BARNES

### American Chemical Society Student Chapter Receives Award

The American Chemical Society (ACS) student chapter at Clarion University received an ACS Honorable Mention Award for activities conducted during the 2009-10 academic year. **Dr. Amanda Lockwood** and **Dr. Joyce Overly**, assistant professors in the Chemistry and Biochemistry Department, are faculty advisors.



Fourteen of Pennsylvania's finest students received hands-on experience in geospatial technology during Clarion University's Ninth Annual Honors Program Summer Academy, including **Peter McFadden**, **Sharon McFadden**, **Alex Milbrand** and **Elizabeth Loar** with **Dr. Yasser Ayad**, professor of geography at Clarion (far left) and **Mitch McAdoo**, a teaching assistant (far right). The 2010 Summer Academy was funded through an Educational Improvement Tax Credit donation from Pennsylvania General Energy Co. LLC, Warren.

### Chinese Students Study ESL At Clarion

Twenty-four students from Sanda University, Shanghai, China, received a three-week total immersion in United States culture by attending an English as a Second Language (ESL) Summer Camp at Clarion University. The camp, which offered the students an opportunity to study English and improve their English proficiency, is the current step in a partnership which started in 2008 between Clarion University and Sanda University.



From left: **Meng Xuan Dai**, **Yi Qiao**, **Meng Yue Hu** and **Xiao Jun Fan** in front of Founders Hall.

## FACULTY AND STAFF NEWS

### Appointments

- Dr. Susan Prezzano**, a professor of anthropology, geography and earth science, was named as Clarion University's representative to the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) Bureau of State Parks "Green Parks Consortium."

### Honored

- A presidential paper by **Dr. Kevan Yenerall**, professor of political science, was among those nominated for the best paper award by the New England Political Science Association (NEPSA). After a review of the nominated papers, NEPSA's executive board will present the award at its 2011 conference in Hartford, Conn.
- Beth Jackson**, a mathematics faculty member at Clarion University-Venango Campus, was recognized as a "Distinguished Advisor" by the Middle States Region of Phi Theta Kappa. She was also recognized as one of 30 "Outstanding Advisors" at the International Level of Phi Theta Kappa.
- Ragan W. Griffin**, financial aid associate director, was awarded the Pennsylvania Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators' Leadership Award for 21 years of service to the association.



# Alumni on the road



## 1 'Early 50s' Picnic

40 alumni attended the annual "Early 50s" picnic at the Seifert-Mooney Center for Advancement. The event was coordinated by **Pete ('53)** and **Glenna (Rose '53) Mervosh**.

Ladies of Delta Sigma Epsilon at the July 17 "Early 50s" picnic. Delta Sigma Epsilon merged with Delta Zeta in 1954.

**Front row:** Barbara A. (Faust '51) Schieberl, Marjorie D. (Dible '52) Sheffel and Lola E. Maxwell ('51).

**Back row:** Marilyn C. (Craig '53) Brandon, Beverly A. (Otto '54) George, Glenna R. (Rose '53) Mervosh, Peggy L. (Rearick '52) Phillips and Florence W. (Spak '51) Brochetti.



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## 2 The Student Prince

A group of alumni and friends enjoyed a performance of "The Student Prince" featuring CUAA Board Director **Paul "Hook" Palmer ('61)** at the Pittsburgh CLO in July.

**Front row:** Judy from Professional Graphic Communication; **Chris (Kahle '83) Rhoades**.

**Back row:** Theresa (Zacherl '91,'05) Edder, David Bailey ('65), Susan Weinzierl ('80), Palmer, Rosie Kahle and Pat Kahle ('92). (Not pictured: Mike Weinzierl ('80).



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## 3 Joint Alumni Board Event At Slippery Rock

In July, the alumni boards of Clarion and Slippery Rock universities held a joint meeting at SRU to share ideas and planning processes.

**Ronald Lucas ('82)**, **Elisabeth (Sibley '64, '80, '97) Fulmer**, **Theresa (Zacherl '91,'05) Edder**, **David Bailey ('65)**, CUAA treasurer, **Dr. Floyd Barger ('58)**, **Pat Kahle ('92)**, CUAA president, and **Bob Smith**, SRU president.

SRU Alumni Director **Mike Saraka ('86)** and VP for Advancement **Barbara Ender** joined SRU President Smith and the alumni board in welcoming the Clarion contingency to Slippery Rock.



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Half-Century Club



Class of 1970

# Alumni Reunion Banquet

## Half-Century Club

**Front row:** Fred Marshall ('38), Janice (Brazier '59) Graziano, James Graziano ('59) and Avery Miller ('50); **back row:** Janet (Maxwell '59) McNeese, Floyd Barger ('58) and Deanna Wolff ('59).

## Class of 1970 - 40<sup>th</sup> Class Reunion

**Front row:** Carol (Snyder) Bigelow, Linda James, Peg (Black) Plante, Kaye (Berkey) Stone and Norma Wagner; **back row:** Dorla (Emery) Shaffer, Ray Lichauer, Tony Mattern and Marilyn (Roslanowick) Hughes.

## Class of 1965 - 45<sup>th</sup> Class Reunion

**Front row:** Margaret (Weilacher) McGee, Susan (Gilcrest) Schall and Madelon (Delp) Callen; **back row:** David Bailey and Edward Witek.

## Class of 1960 - 50<sup>th</sup> Class Reunion

**Front row:** Peter Molinaro, Janet Decker, Emily (Calloway) Mosely, Marjorie (Clawson) Mosely, Carolyn (McKinney) Motter, Cordelia (Douds) Thomas, Sally (Gazda) Green, Joanne Nolsheim and Jean (Decker) Leety; **back row:** Lee Rouse, William Truman, Doyle Maurhoff, Nancy (Swanson) Daley, Paul Laing, Gloria (Allen) Kellon, Diana (Hemstreet) Murphy, Ruth (Wherry) Danielson, Mary (Schimp) Dinunzio, Nicholas Dinunzio and Roland Davis.



Class of 1965



Class of 1960

October 1, 2010





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# HOMEcoming AND REUNION WEEKEND 2010

1. **A. Jean (Decker '60) Leety and Janet Decker ('60)**
2. Cheerleaders with the Clarion University mascot
3. CUAA Board members and Foundation staff register alumni at pre-parade reception, including development officer **Debbie Huffman ('93)** and **Robert A. Dandoy ('74)**, CUAA board president elect (far right)
4. **Tiffany and A. J. Miller ('50)**.
5. **Alex Murnyack ('64)**.
6. CUAA Board President **Pat Kahle ('92)** and son, **Billy**.
7. **Janice** and President Emeritus **Joe Grunenwald** with **Angela (Groom '80) Brown** (center).
8. 2010 Homecoming queen, **Deanne Khazraie**, and king, **Lyle Clark**.
9. **Antoine Bets** and the Clarion University Marching Band perform during ALF parade.
10. Zeta Tau Alpha, Clarion University Dance Team and the Student Senate ALF float.
11. Clarion President **Karen Whitney**.
12. **Carolyn (McKinney '60) Motter** waves to crowd.
13. **Peter Molinaro ('60)**, class president, signs the 1960 yearbook.
14. CUAA Board members **Debbie (McNerney '06, '07) Eckelberger** and **Ashley D. Stroup-McCauley ('06)** at the Eagle Endzone event.
15. The Gammas in the ALF parade.

For more photos from this years event visit [www.clarion.edu/2010homecoming](http://www.clarion.edu/2010homecoming)



# Alumni Information Update

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First M.I. Last Maiden

Graduation Year \_\_\_\_\_ Major \_\_\_\_\_

**Birthday** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**Home phone** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**Preferred e-mail** \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's name \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's graduation year (if alumni) \_\_\_\_\_

Children's names, gender, and birth dates \_\_\_\_\_

Employer's Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Employer Address** \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**Employer Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

Position/Title \_\_\_\_\_

Comments \_\_\_\_\_

Signature (required) \_\_\_\_\_

**Submit your update online at**  
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Please send your preferred e-mail address, along with your name, to [alumni@clarion.edu](mailto:alumni@clarion.edu) or update your record using the form above.

## Help Make The 'Fly Eagles Fly' Campaign Soar

Homecoming & Reunion Weekend 2010 has come and gone, but oh, the memories! The parade was the best ever, the weather was perfect, the floats were awesome, the bands terrific and the football game exciting and close.

The best thing about meeting old friends is that you never knew who you really wanted to see until you ran into them at the tent reception, the football game or in line at the Kiwanis french fry booth. Ahh, the food—the fries, the cinnamon rolls, the wings, the hot dogs!

All of us who are Clarion graduates have different memories of different times, but we share the feelings of affection and gratitude for our school experiences. Attending football games at the old field on campus or the stadium at the other end of town; standing in line for meals in Becht, Chandler or Eagle Commons; participating in theater productions in the Chapel or Marwick-Boyd. Buildings have come and gone, some have been renovated and repurposed, and faculty have grown and changed. But we all remember the experience of learning through expanding our views, asking new questions, and being made to think.

One thing that has changed is the price of a Clarion education. Consider today's cost of \$14,000+ for an in-state, full-time undergraduate student, in comparison to less than \$1,000 per year in the 1960s. Yes, that amount was difficult to come by for many of us, but when I compare the \$500 in loans I repaid to the amount that many of today's graduates face, I am impressed with the determination of these students to achieve a college education.

With the continued dwindling of state support, the Clarion University Foundation, Inc., administers many scholarships in an effort to fill the gap. The current 'Fly Eagles Fly' campaign is dedicated to raising funds for just such student scholarships. I hope you will consider joining this campaign with a contribution that, when added to others, will make education possible for even more students.

I hope that next October you will return to Clarion University for Homecoming & Reunion Weekend to enjoy the memories and admire the changes since your days on campus. In the meantime, when you receive that phone call from a phonathon student representative, think about paying forward the gift of education so that today's students have the chance to create their own Clarion memories.



**Elisabeth Fulmer ('64, '80, '97)**  
Alumni Board of Directors

### 1956

**Samuel Rogal** has contributed eight essays to the ongoing series, "The History of Christian Hymnody," published in 2010. He resides in LaSalle, Ill., with his wife, Susan. They have two children, Geoffrey and James.

### 1962

**Dr. Harold (Hal) Guthrie** of Houston, Texas, has retired from his job as school superintendent. He operates his own consulting business, Hal Guthrie and Associates.

### 1963

**Donna (Meyer) Greenlee** has retired after 38 years of teaching. She resides in Titusville, Pa., with her husband, C. William. They have two children, Mary Kay Swanson and Meredith Warner.

### 1967

**Bruce Howarth** of Elizabethtown, Pa., has been retired for nine years and is traveling the world with his wife, Joan. They have two grown children, Kelly and Rob, and two grandchildren.

### 1968

**Owen Saylor** is an adjunct mathematics instructor for the University of South Carolina Upstate in Spartanburg, S.C. He resides in Boiling Springs, S.C., with his wife, Mary Lu.

### 1970

**Marilyn (Roslanowick) Hughes** of Eloy, Ariz., has retired after teaching in Pennsylvania for 35 years.

**Dr. Donna (Blair) Patterson** has recently retired as associate dean of the College of Education and Human Services at Clarion University. After spending many years in public education and higher education, she came back to Clarion University in 2003. It has been a pleasure for her to finalize her 40-year career at her beloved alma mater. She resides in Spartansburg, Pa., with her husband, John. She has three children, Donald Bish, Erin Patterson, and Eric Patterson, and one deceased daughter, Stephani Bish.

### 1972

**Dr. Paul Gaffney** is the dean of the Sarofim School of Fine Arts at Southwestern University in Georgetown, Texas. He resides in Georgetown.

### 1973

**Polly (Pitts) Shaw** is an elected school director in the Slippery Rock Area School District. She is a grade level chair and teaches first grade in the Seneca Valley School District in Harmony, Pa. She also is past president of the Seneca Valley Education Association. She resides in Portersville with her husband, William. They have three children, Melanie Shaw Evans, Andrew Shaw, and David Shaw.

**C. Wayne Wood** has retired from the Clearfield Area School District where he taught mathematics for more than 35 years. He resides in Clearfield, Pa., with his wife, Ann. They have three children, Adrienne, Jennifer and Megan.

### 1974

**Jean (Smith) Filetti** of Chesapeake, Va., is chair of the Department of English at Christopher Newport University. She has two children, Maria Filetti Jordan and Dana Brown Filetti.

**Melanie (Master) Finotti** recently retired from the Keystone School District after 35 years of teaching. She resides in Shippensburg, Pa., with her husband, Dennis. They have two children, Krista Finotti Lengacher and Ryan Finotti.

**Barbara (Tipton) MacDonald** is retired from the North Allegheny School District. She resides in Cranberry Township, Pa. She has one son, Toby.

**Jane (Nowak) Smith** recently retired from the Fox Chapel School District where she was a learning support teacher for 35 years. She and her husband, Mark, have been married 33 years and reside in Allison Park, Pa.

### 1975

**Dr. Robert Moore**, retired professor emeritus, resides in Lewes, Del.

**Dr. Vicki Troese** is an optometrist in Philadelphia, Pa. She resides in Deptford, N.J., with her husband, Keith.

**Anne (Creany) Weaver** recently retired from Shelby County Schools where she was an education diagnostician. She resides in Louisville, Ky., with her husband, Bill.

### 1979

**Terry Hennessy** is a systems analyst/application coordinator working on the Nationwide Children's Hospital electronic medical record system in Columbus, Ohio. He resides in Westerville, Ohio.

### 1980

**Nancy Pitts** is a program specialist for Keystone Human Services of Lancaster. She resides in Mount Joy, Pa.

### 1981

**Sally (Schiavo) Gooch** teaches eighth grade social studies for St. Joseph Regional School, Port Vue, Pa. She attended the Belfure Second Step Conference for Holocaust Education in Indianapolis, Ind., June 28-30. Thirty educators from the eastern United States attended the conference sponsored by the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum. She also studied in the death camps in Poland in 2005 and was featured

in a WQED-TV documentary "From Pittsburgh to Poland." She resides in North Huntingdon, Pa., with her husband, Paul. They have three children, Jeffrey, Sarah and William.

**Nancy (Nestich M.S. '83)** and **Michael Griffin ('83)** reside in Colton, N.Y. Michael has been elected to the board of directors of the Canton-Potsdam Hospital in Potsdam.

### 1983

**Michael and Nancy (Nestich '81 M.S. '83) Griffin** reside in Colton, N.Y. Michael has been elected to the board of directors of the Canton-Potsdam Hospital in Potsdam.

### 1984

**Leah Young** is a consultant for Grants & Research. She researches for institutional advancement, non-profits and the private sector. She resides in Millersville, Pa., with her husband, Joseph Nadu Jr.

### 1985

**Michael Miller** of Fort Belvoir, Va., is serving in the U.S. Army. He recently relinquished command of the First Information Operations Command.

## Clarion University Alumni Calendar

January 17, 2011, 4:30 p.m.

### CUAA Board of Directors Meeting

Seifert-Mooney Center for Advancement  
For more information, contact **Brooke Murray** at 814-393-1784, or [bmurray@cuf-inc.org](mailto:bmurray@cuf-inc.org).

Presentation of Alumni Association Distinguished Awards  
For more information, contact **Brooke Murray** at 814-393-1784, or [bmurray@cuf-inc.org](mailto:bmurray@cuf-inc.org).

January 17-18, 2011

### Mid-Winter Golf in Sunny Florida

Sponsored by: Alpha Gamma Phi  
For more information, go to [www.clarion.edu/floridagolf](http://www.clarion.edu/floridagolf) or contact **Fred Orozco** at 814-393-1832, or [forozco@cuf-inc.org](mailto:forozco@cuf-inc.org).

April 18, 2011, 4:30 p.m.

### CUAA Board of Directors Meeting

Seifert-Mooney Center for Advancement  
For more information, contact **Brooke Murray** at 814-393-1784, or [bmurray@cuf-inc.org](mailto:bmurray@cuf-inc.org).

April 16, 2011

### Extravaganza 2011

Duquesne Club, Pittsburgh, Pa.

October 7-9, 2011

### Homecoming and Reunion Weekend

Oct. 8—Clarion Golden Eagles vs. Lock Haven University at 2 p.m.

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## Halleman Joins Parsons As Vice President

**Mark Halleman ('78)** has joined Parsons as vice president, business development, for its water and infrastructure group. In this capacity, he will be responsible for not only developing the East Division's project and program leads, but will oversee the pursuit of large water projects.

Halleman has 30 years of infrastructure experience. Prior to joining Parsons, he served as a management consultant and provided public and private entities with a range of services, including strategic planning, performance improvement, operational analysis and organizational effectiveness. Prior to that, he held a leadership position at an infrastructure company where he was responsible for growth and operational success.

"Mark has a successful track record and a solid reputation for developing some of the largest municipal water public-private partnerships in the United States, and we're certainly pleased that he has chosen Parsons," said Rich Wankmuller, Parsons Group president.

Halleman holds a bachelor's degree in biology from Clarion University. He is based in Parsons' Washington, D.C., office.

Parsons is a leader in many diversified markets with a focus on infrastructure, environmental and defense/security.



**HALLEMAN**



## De Fina Shares Strategies, Observations With Clarion Students

In front of a classroom, **Frank De Fina ('75, M.A. '76)** is the perfect salesman, a trait that has helped him succeed with multiple international companies since graduating from Clarion University.

But it was not the career the recipient of the 2003 Clarion University Alumni Association Distinguished Alumni Award intended to pursue when he received his undergraduate degree in management and marketing in 1975 and master's degree in communication in 1976.

Currently, De Fina is senior vice president for Samsung North America. Samsung is known worldwide as a provider of defense technology, CCTV and imaging and consumer electronics. In 2006, the company surpassed Sony as the world's leading consumer electronics brand.

De Fina returned to campus to share some of his secrets with undergraduate business administration majors in their capstone course, "Administrative Decision Making," taught by Lawrence Carr.

"You need to be different," De Fina advised the students, citing the examples in the book, "Purple Cow," by Seth Godin. "How can you be distinguished from others doing the same job?"

De Fina used a sales and marketing strategy presentation to stimulate interaction with the students, who analyzed and responded to an executive summary for business development, marketing strategy support for job growth and more.

When De Fina graduated from Clarion University, he planned to be a filmmaker, but found himself not satisfied and working in the yearbook business in 1976-77. This prompted his move to RPC video where he primarily designed and built television stations in Pittsburgh for four and a half years. He also became involved in sales, a job he didn't think he would like but one that launched his career.

Joining Panasonic, he spent more than 20 years with the company, rising to the position of president. During his time as president of Panasonic Broadcast and Television Systems Company, it won 14 Emmy awards by developing technically advanced products for customers like HBO and CBS. Because Panasonic was based in Japan, De Fina had to learn about and overcome cultural differences. He retired from Panasonic, but unretired to accept his new role with Samsung.

De Fina completed his executive education at the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School of Business and international business studies at Matsushita Institute in Japan. He is the author of the recently published "The PowerZone Sales System." Outside of the business world, he spent 30 years as a guitarist with The Rangers and another five years with The Legion Brothers.

De Fina is married to, **Patricia (Ratkovich '74)**. They have two sons, Frank and James.



Frank De Fina ('75, M.A. '76) with business administration students.

**Jo Anne Sabalaska** is a producer/director/editor and instructor. She resides in Nanticoke, Pa.

### 1986

**James (Jamie) Kemsey** is a senior manager for the WWF Tiger Conservation Initiative. He resides in Petaling Jaya, Malaysia, with his wife Kayo Yamada.

### 1987

**Ruth Missfeldt** of Ambler, Pa., is a customer service representative for Careers USA of Norristown, Pa.

**Gregg Salser** is a sales education manager at Biomet, Inc. and serves on the board of directors of the Arthritis Foundation. He received his M.B.A. from Indiana Wesleyan University. Gregg also performs with the Fort Wayne Philharmonic. He resides in Fort Wayne, Ind, with his wife Karen, and two children, Derric and Elizabeth.

### 1988

The Triangle Coalition for Science and Technology Education named **Tim Spuck** its 2010-11 Einstein Fellow. The Albert Einstein Distinguished Educator Fellowship Program offers elementary and secondary science, technology, engineering and math teachers an opportunity to serve in the national education public policy arenas. Spuck, an earth and space science teacher at Oil City Area Senior High School, is one of 32 teachers serving this year.

### 1991

**Dr. Kristie (Black)** and **Chris Dworek** reside in Brookville, Pa. Kristie recently received her doctorate degree in Audiology from AT Still University in Mesa, Ariz.

### 1992

**Coleen Burk** resides in Turtle Creek, Pa.

**Rev. Thomas Burke** of Pittsburgh, Pa., is a Catholic priest, for the Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh.

**Kimberly (Faller) DeGolier** is director of business and management services for Seneca Highlands Intermediate Unit 9, in Smethport, Pa. She graduated from Wilkes University with a master's degree in school business leadership in 2009. She resides in Bradford with her husband, Matt, and children, Eric and Brett.

**James Pucci** is a model steward for Nationwide. He resides in Galooway, Ohio, with his wife Jill, and children, Reagan and James.

**Karen (Wright) Williams** is a secretary for the First Presbyterian Church in Lewisville, Texas. She resides in Lewisville, with her husband Robert, and son, Wade.

**Douglas and Mary (Popovich) Wilson** reside in Conneaut Lake, Pa., with their three daughters, Laurel, Bethany, and Emma. Douglas is principal at Saegertown Jr./Sr. High School within the Penncrest School District. Mary teaches fifth grade at Conneaut Lake Elementary in the Conneaut School District.

### 1993

**Heather (Kunkler) Dufault** is a sales training and development manager at CR Bard in Covington, Ga. She resides in Atlanta, Ga., with her husband Barry, and children, Emry and Tyler.

**David Griggs** is the new recruiter in the human resources department at Community Health Center of Snohomish County in Everett, Wash. He resides in Shoreline, Wash.

**Cherie (Boedicker) Lehmann** teaches music in the Sachem School District in Holbrook, N.Y. She resides in Kings Park, N.Y., with her husband Sean, and children, Kathryn and Sean.

**Lesley (Rhodes M.S. '97) McGill** teaches fourth grade in the Franklin Area School District, in Franklin, Pa. She resides in Franklin with her husband, Todd, and children, Lauren and Nathan.

**Mia McMillan** is an early care and education manager at the Greater Pittsburgh YWCA. She resides in Pittsburgh, Pa., with her children, Jia, Malik and Temia.

**Glenn Yetter** is currently deployed in Operation Enduring Freedom in southern Afghanistan. He was awarded the Purple Heart for injuries sustained during an IED blast. He resides in Fort Mill, S.C., with his wife, Tricia, and children, Paytann, Trenn, Tysenn and Treytann.

### 1995

**Rev. Kari (King) Hill** is the principal at Crooked Billet Elementary

School in the Hatboro -Horsham School District. She resides in Collegeville, Pa., with her husband, Warren.

### 1996

**Mary (VonArx) Bizzak** is a learning support teacher for the Johnsonburg Area School District, in Johnsonburg, Pa. She resides in Johnsonburg with her husband, Scott, and children, Bryce, Brynn and Brooke.

### 1997

**Shawn Kaciubij** is a partner with ParenteBeard LLC, in Pittsburgh, Pa. He resides in Export, Pa., with his son, Trevor.

**David Roth III** is a controller for McKinney Properties, Inc., in Pittsburgh, Pa. He resides in Pittsburgh with his wife Colleen, and children, Lauren and David.

**Ted Williams** resides in Astoria, N.Y.

### 1998

**Kimberly (McAdams) Cossar** is an executive director. She resides in Mechanicsburg, Pa., with her husband, Ethan, and children, Addison and Brendan.

**Kimberly (Hillwig) Goodman** is a secondary marketing analyst for Howard Hanna in Pittsburgh, Pa. She resides in Pittsburgh with her husband, Patrick, and children, Nicholas and Abigail.

**Jeremy Knapp** is principal at J.P. King, Jr. Middle School, in Franklin, Va. He resides in Franklin.

**Heather (Reash) Stankan** is a school social worker for Appalachia Intermediate Unit 8, in Somerset, Pa. She resides in Somerset with her husband, Travis.

**Matthew Wilson** is a senior territory manager for Zimmer Holdings, Inc. in Carlsbad, Ca. He resides in Greensburg, Pa., with his wife, Wendy, and children, Baily and Maddie.

### 1999

**Crista (Foradori M. Ed. '01) DeGregorio** is a coordinator of staff development in the West Shore School District in Lewisberry, Pa. She resides in Camp Hill, Pa., with her husband, John, and son, Luca.

**Heather (Shultz) Dippold** is an attorney for Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney, in Pittsburgh, Pa. She resides in Pittsburgh with her husband, Michael, and daughter, Keara.

**Sara Miller (M.S. '02)** of McDonald, Pa., teaches secondary special education and is the head girls' varsity track and field coach in Penn Hills School District, Pittsburgh, Pa. The Penn Hills varsity girls captured the team title at the PIAA Track & Field meet, the first ever by a AAA WPIAL school. They scored 48 points in the state meeting, winning the 400 meter relay with the best time in WPIAL history and the 1600 meter relay in 3:46.31, setting a new PIAA record.

### 2000

**Dr. Frank Ammer** was named the Wildlife Society's Student Chapter Advisor of the Year. Ammer teaches biology at Frostburg State University.

**William and Brooke (Irvin '01) Dawson** reside in White Oak, Pa., with their children, Alexander, Taylor and Quinn. William is a senior engineer at Westinghouse Electric Co. in Cranberry.

**Thomas Martin** resides in Tonawanda, N.Y.

**Nancy (Mackin M.S. '01) Stevens** resides in Pittsburgh, Pa., with her husband, Brian, and daughters, Claire, Sarah and Emily.

**Adrienne (Boddorf) Stiteler** is an educational consultant for the ARIN Intermediate Unit 28 in Indiana, Pa. She resides in Punxsutawney, with her husband, Chad, and son, Gavin.

### 2001

**Patrick (M.B.A. '03) and Lindsay (Kevech '06) Aaron** reside in McMurray, Pa. Patrick is a relationship manager for PNC Financial Group in Pittsburgh.

**Melissa (Bartell) and Frederick ('02) Berg** reside in Cranberry Township, Pa., with their daughter, Brianna. Melissa is a reading specialist in the Butler Area School District. Frederick is a data analyst for MSA.

**Brooke (Irvin) and William ('00) Dawson** reside in White Oak, Pa.,

## Coyer, Kunselman Receive Master Of Divinity Degrees

Two Clarion graduates, **Jeremy Coyer ('99)** and **Ronald Kunselman ('01)**, were among a record 23 graduates during commencement ceremonies at Reformed Presbyterian Theological Seminar, Pittsburgh, Pa., on May 21. Both received a Master of Divinity degree.



COYER

KUNSELMAN

Coyer is a member at Westminster Presbyterian Church in America, Butler, Pa., where he serves as the director of student ministries. He plans to continue to serve the church in this position while completing his internship and seeking ordination to the pastoral ministry.

He resides in Butler, Pa., with his wife, Katie, and three children, Hannah, Ezekiel and Elizabeth.

Kunselman, a native of Hawthorn, Pa., came to the seminary from Westminster, Colo., where he is a member of Tri-City Baptist Church. He plans to seek a full-time pastorate after graduation and continue his theological development in post-graduate education.

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with their children, Alexander, Taylor and Quinn. William is a senior engineer at Westinghouse Electric Co. in Cranberry.

**David and Tricia (Grden '02) Hepler** reside in Sligo, Pa., with their children, Stephen, Marshall and Dawson. Tricia teaches fourth grade for the Keystone School District in Knox, Pa.

**Julie (Ginther) and Casey ('02) Lundy** reside in Youngsville, N.C., with their children, Lindsey, Paige and Tyson.

**Michelle (Foote) Pinckney** is employed by the Loudoun County Public Schools, in Ashburn, Va. She resides in Frederick, Md., with her husband, Ryan, and son, Camden.

**David Woods** teaches communications in the Big Beaver Falls Area School District in Beaver Falls, Pa. He resides in Aliquippa.

### 2002

**Frederick and Melissa (Bartell '01) Berg** reside in Cranberry Township, Pa., with their daughter, Brianna. Frederick is a data analyst for

MSA. Melissa is a reading specialist in the Butler Area School District.

**Melanie (Kondor) Dotson** is a client account manager for Sequent in Dublin, Ohio. She resides in Dublin with her husband, Eric.

**Carolyn (Herdman) Fisher** teaches in the Charles County Public Schools in LaPlata, Md. She resides in LaPlata with her husband, Thomas, and children, Mary and John.

**Tricia (Grden) and David ('01) Hepler** reside in Sligo, Pa., with their children, Stephen, Marshall and Dawson. Tricia teaches fourth grade for the Keystone School District in Knox, Pa.

**Kristin (Beresik) Horneman** teaches second grade in the Leechburg Area School District in Leechburg, Pa. She resides in New Kensington with her husband, Joshua, and son, Ashton.

**Casey and Julie (Ginther '01) Lundy** reside in Youngsville, N.C., with their children, Lindsey, Paige and Tyson.

**Amy (Tanski) and Christian ('03) Stinelli** reside in Allison Park, Pa.,



with their son, Julius. Amy teaches elementary learning support at North Allegheny School District in Pittsburgh, Pa. Christian teaches third grade in the Highlands School District in Natrona Heights, Pa.

### 2003

**Adam Barnett** is an attorney with Bernard & Stuczynski in Erie. He resides in Erie.

**Jared and Katerilynn (Cattau '05) Chase** reside in South Park, Pa., with their daughter, Lilian. Katerilynn is a speech therapist for the Early Learning Institute.

**Robert and Kimberly (Powell '04) Majewski** reside in Glenshaw,

Pa., with their daughter, Haylie. Kimberly teaches special education for Holy Family Learning in Penn Hills.

**Meredith (Monkelis) and Mark Miller** reside in Lansdale, Pa., with their son Mark (Tripp). Meredith is a behavior specialist for Bucks County Intermediate Unit 22, in Doylestown.

**Christian and Amy (Tanski '02) Stinelli** reside in Allison Park, Pa., with their son, Julius. Christian teaches third grade in the Highlands School District in Natrona Heights. Amy teaches elementary learning support at North Allegheny School District in Pittsburgh.

## Sander Appointed NCC Director Of Library Services

**Sandra Sander ('03)** has been appointed director of library services at Northampton Community College (NCC), Bethlehem, Pa.

A native of Michigan and present resident of Lehigh, Pa., Sander received her Bachelor of Science degree in forestry from Michigan Technological University. She earned a Master of Science degree in library science from Clarion University.

Before entering the library profession, Sander worked as a utility forester, managing tree trimming and herbicide spraying for electric line clearance.

Prior to NCC, she was the library director of Lackawanna College in Scranton.

She also is highly involved in athletics, having coached both cross country and track and field and directed road races and cross-country meets. She started and coached the men and women's cross country program at Lackawanna College.

As director of library service at NCC, Sander looks forward to continuing the renovation of the periodicals room to make space for an additional library classroom and to further integrate the library into course curricula. She wants to keep the library in the forefront of the educational experience and to encourage the NCC community to use its services, both physical and virtual. With oversight of both the Paul & Harriett Mack Library and the new Monroe Campus Library, she plans to make the new library an active component of the new Monroe Campus.

Sander believes that community colleges fill a key niche in society. She says that community colleges' open admissions policies enable everyone to pursue higher education. The academic assistance that is available at these institutions builds students' confidence.

"The library is an important piece of this," Sander said. "Some students are reluctant to come through the library door. They feel intimidated. But once they come in and meet the staff and see what is here, they often become repeat customers."

Sander is delighted to be at NCC and looks forward to meeting more faculty and staff. "NCC has a great reputation, and I am honored to be a part of it," Sander said.



SANDER

### 2004

**Jeffrey Alley** is a senior revenue accountant with Genband, Incorporated in Plano, Texas. He resides in Dallas, Texas.

**Christine (Buday) Block** resides in Aliquippa, Pa., with her husband, Sam, and son, Christopher.

**Melissa (Bebko) King** is program lead for the Joint Base MDL Child Development Center, in Fort Dix, N.J. She resides in Browns Mills, N.J. with her husband, Jason.

**Alison (Morber) Kitchin** is a fifth grade teacher for the Prince William County Public Schools in Nokesville, Va. In May 2010 she received her M.A. in teaching from George Mason University. She resides in Manassas, Va., with her husband, Christopher, and stepdaughters, Haley and Mariah.

**Jennifer (Ramsdell) Knowlton** is a marketing manager for the American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases, in Alexandria, Va. She resides in Chantilly, Va., with her husband, David.

**Kimberly (Powell) and Robert ('03) Majewski** reside in Glenshaw, Pa., with their daughter, Haylie. Kimberly is a special education teacher for Holy Family Learning in Penn Hills.

**Corry Riley (M.B.A. '05)** is an outreach business consultant for Clarion University Small Business Development Center. He resides in Brookville, Pa. with his wife, Lisa, and children, Hannah and Casey.

### 2005

**Katerilynn (Cattau) and Jared ('03) Chase** reside in South Park, Pa., with their daughter, Lilian. Katerilynn is a speech therapist for the Early Learning Institute.

**Chelsey Donegan** is a national account executive for Fox Television in New York City. She resides in Union City, N.J.

**Christy (Ross) and Jake Halasowski** reside in Sarver, Pa., with their daughter, Adalyn. Christy is an elementary teacher in the Plum Borough School District.

### 2006

**Lindsay (Kevech) and Patrick ('01 M.B.A. '03) Aaron** reside in McMurray, Pa. Patrick is a

relationship manager for PNC Financial Group in Pittsburgh.

**Dr. Phillip and Angela (Toscolani) Adams** reside in Pittsburgh, Pa. Phillip graduated in May 2010, from the Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine. He is an anesthesiology resident for UPMC in Pittsburgh.

**Lance and Victoria (Lucas) Astorino** reside in Inwood, W.Va., with their daughter Adelyn. Lance teaches fifth grade for the Frederick County Public Schools in Winchester, Va.

**Sara (Altimus) Barnett** teaches speech education in a multiple disabilities support classroom for the Barber National Institute, Erie, Pa. She and her husband, Steven, reside in North East, Pa.

**Christina (Allendorfer) Derby** resides in Las Vegas, Nev., with her husband, Anthony.

**Devon (Pacek) Matchok** teaches pre-kindergarten for the Charles County Public Schools in Waldorf, Md. She resides in Waldorf with her husband, Joseph.

**Michelle Rupert** is chief operations officer for Conservation Consultants, Inc., in Pittsburgh, Pa. She resides in Pittsburgh.

**Nicholaus and Jill (Waltenbaugh) Wranich** reside in Kittanning, Pa., with their children, Jerah and Mitchell. Nicholaus is an IT security specialist for PPG Industries, Inc., in Pittsburgh, Pa.

### 2007

**Amanda (Goe) and Joshua ('08) Pierce** reside in Orlando, Fla. Both teach for the Seminole County Public Schools in Sanford, Fla.

**Meagan Wrhen** teaches at Abraxas in Marienville, Pa. She resides in Clarion with her husband, BJ.

### 2008

**Joshua and Amanda (Goe '07) Pierce** reside in Orlando, Fla. Both teach for the Seminole County Public Schools in Sanford, Fla.

**Jennifer (Dettore) and Mark Pisarcik** reside in Brockway, Pa.

**Frank Swick** is a packaging process assistant for General Nutrition Centers, Inc., in Pittsburgh, Pa. He resides in Pittsburgh.

### 2009

**Ashley Connor** is a production assistant for WPXI in Pittsburgh, Pa. She resides in Pittsburgh.

**Malorie Parry** is a category buyer for Giant Eagle, Inc., in Pittsburgh, Pa. She resides in Cranberry Township.

**Cybill Swab** is an early intervention special education teacher for Riverview Intermediate Unit 6, in Clarion, Pa. She resides in Brookville.

**Corrinne (Tettis) and Andy Yost** reside in Clearfield, Pa.

### 2010

**Mallory Geesaman** teaches social studies for the Berkeley County Schools. She resides in Waynesboro, Pa.

### Marriages

**Dr. Vicki Troese ('75)** and Keith Walker, Sept. 13, 2009.

**Alison (Morber '04)** and Christopher Kitchin, Sept. 19, 2009.

**Sara (Altimus '06)** and Steven Barnett, Oct. 24, 2009.

**Corrinne (Tettis '09)** and Andy Yost ('09), April 24, 2010.

**Melanie (Kondor '02)** and Eric Dotson, April 24, 2010.

**Christina (Allendorfer '06)** and Anthony Derby, June 12, 2010.

**Melissa (Bebko '04)** and Jason King, June 19, 2010.

**Jennifer (Dettore '08)** and Mark Pisarcik ('08), June 19, 2010.

Kayo Yamada and **James (Jamie '86) Kemsey**, June 26, 2010.

**Lindsay (Kevech '06)** and Patrick Aaron ('01, M.B.A. '03), July 17, 2010.

**Heather (Reash '98)** and Travis Stankan.

**Jennifer (Ramsdell '04)** and David Knowlton, Sept., 18, 2010.

**Justine (Bristol '06)** and Christopher Buchanan ('07), Aug. 28, 2010.

### Births

**Victoria (Lucas '06)** and **Lance Astorino ('06)**, a daughter, Adelyn Kathryn.

**Melissa (Bartell '01)** and **Frederick ('02) Berg**, a daughter, Brianna Claire, Aug. 27, 2010.

**Christine (Buday '04)** and Sam Block, a son, Christopher Samuel, July 28, 2010.

**Katerilynn (Cattau '05)** and **Jared ('03) Chase**, a daughter, Lilian Faith, Dec. 1, 2009.

**Kimberly (McAdams '98)** and Ethan Cossar, twins, a daughter, Addison, and a son, Brendan, Aug. 9, 2009.

**Crista (Foradori '99)** and John DeGregorio, a son, Luca, Jan. 22, 2010.

**Heather (Shultz '99)** and Michael Dippold, a daughter, Keara, May 17, 2010.

**Heather (Kunkler '93)** and Barry Dufault, a son, Tyler Beck, July 26, 2010.

**Carolyn (Herdman '02)** and Thomas Fisher, a son, John Talbert, Feb. 2010.

**Kimberly (Hillwig '98)** and Patrick Goodman, a daughter, Abigail, June 16, 2010.

**Christy (Ross '05)** and **Jake Halasowski ('05)**, a daughter, Adalyn James, May 1, 2010.

**Tricia (Grden '02)** and **David Hepler ('01)**, twin sons, Marshall Alexander and Dawson Bryce, July 8, 2010.

**Kristin (Beresik '02)** and Joshua Horneman, a son, Ashton Joseph, May 2, 2010.

**Cherie (Boedicker '93)** and Sean Lehmann, a son, Sean Patrick, Aug. 2, 2009.

**Julie (Ginther '01)** and **Casey Lundy ('02)**, a son, Tyson Daniel, Jan. 14, 2010.

**Lesley (Rhodes '93, M.S. '97)** and Todd McGill, a son, Nathan Michael, March 24, 2010.

**Meredith (Monkelis '03)** and **Mark Miller ('03)**, a son, Mark (Tripp) Allan Miller III, July 24, 2010.

## Wilhelm Receives Telly Award

**David Wilhelm**, a May 2010 Clarion graduate with a degree in mass media arts, journalism and communication studies, received two bronze 2010 Telly Awards.

Wilhelm's television documentary "Niagara Falls: A True Wonder?" was recognized in the student category, where he competed against students from throughout the United States; and in the TV documentary category, where he faced off against professionals in the field.

Telly Awards honor the very best local, regional and cable television commercials and programs, as well as the finest video and film productions, and work created for the Internet. Since 1978, its mission has been to strengthen the visual arts community by inspiring, promoting and supporting creativity. The Annual Telly Awards receive more than 13,000 entries from all 50 states and five continents.

"This award means opportunity," said Wilhelm. "It is a boost to keep me working hard and drive for success. I enjoy graphic design and Web design, but this award will have me examining multi-media design more closely."

He worked on "Niagara Falls: A True Wonder?" with Pakistani exchange student Mansah Pasha Memon. Wilhelm was the producer and did the filming, while Memon wrote the script, edited the film and did the voice-over.

"The idea for the documentary came to me on New Year's Eve 2007," said Wilhelm. "I had gone to New York City with a friend to see the ball drop in Times Square. He told me about spending the summer in Niagara Falls, N.Y., helping with a human services agency. We drove to Niagara Falls and, with no prior knowledge, I got the gritty details and the idea for a story."

What Wilhelm found was the reality beyond the natural beauty of the city's namesake.

"How misleading it was," he said. "The falls are beautiful, but when you get into the city on the United States side, you find poverty, drugs and crime. After I saw it, I promised that I would come back and tell the story."

That opportunity presented itself during his field production class. The chance to go back to Niagara Falls was not something he had anticipated.

"I expected the opportunity to do this type of production, but not the kind of freedom I had," he explained. "I thought I would be limited to doing a story in the Clarion area, so I was excited to be able to take the equipment and venture outside of Clarion for the production."

With the Telly Award, "Niagara Falls: A True Wonder?" became a multiple competition winner. During the Fall 2009 semester, it won first-place in the News, Documentary or Public Affairs/Interview Video category at the National Broadcast Society Regional Conference at Millersville University.

Attracted to Clarion by the mass media arts, journalism and communication department's outstanding reputation and Clarion's closeness to his home, Wilhelm found opportunities to branch out into areas including media design, radio, and working on "Bazaar Magazine." He was a member of Clarion's Interschool Christian Fellowship, where he was a team leader, led Bible study and did the organization's media design; and participated in ultimate Frisbee.

Wilhelm would like to open his own multi-media business doing Internet, multi-media and print design.



WILHELM



**Michelle (Foote '01)** and Ryan Pinckney, a son, Camden Thatcher, April 26, 2010.

Colleen and **David Roth III ('97)**, a son, David P. IV, May 11, 2010.

**Nancy (Mackin '00, '01)** and Brian Stevens, a daughter, Emily Faith, July 16, 2010.

**Amy (Tanski '02)** and **Christian Stinelli ('03)**, a son, Julius, Aug. 4, 2009.

**Adrienne (Boddorf '00)** and Chad Stiteler, a son, Gavin David, Jan. 27, 2010.

Wendy and **Matthew Wilson ('98)** a daughter, Maddie Sophia, Oct. 18, 2009.

**Jill (Waltenbaugh '06)** and **Nicholaus Wranich ('06)**, a son, Mitchell Leon, May 10, 2010.

## Deaths

**David Spencer ('91)**, Oct. 23, 2008

**Chester Fleming ('51)**, June 22, 2009

**Perry Berardino ('81)**, Dec. 22, 2009

**Joyce (Ferguson '49) Hill**, Feb. 8, 2010.

**Thomas Valentine ('77)**, Feb. 24, 2010.

**Frank W. Redding ('83)**, April 23, 2010.

**Karen Lee Bautz ('64)**, May 22, 2010.

**Robert Lang ('69)**, May 25, 2010.

**Glenn Speedy ('62)**, May 27, 2010

**Kathryn (McDonald '68, M.Ed. '72) Today**, May 31, 2010.

**Michael Vender ('78)**, June 7, 2010.

**Pauline Smith ('36)**, June 7, 2010.

**Richard Schmeltz ('65)**, June 21, 2010.

**Patricia (Rockhold '98) Powers**, June 29, 2010.

**Marguerite (Holtz '62) Shaw**, July 9, 2010.

**George C. Hamilton ('86)**, July 15, 2010.

**Charlene Rudisille ('92)**, July 15, 2010.

**Sara Lynn Kuhn ('94)**, July 17, 2010.

**Harry Harlacher, Jr. ('49)**, July 25, 2010.

**Elna Niederriter Whitting ('64)**, Aug. 2, 2010.

**Kurt Snyder ('78)**, Aug. 4, 2010.

**Catherine (Dougherty '38) Shannon**, Aug. 14, 2010.

**Donald Andrekovich ('56)**, Aug. 15, 2010.

**Patricia (Fantuzzo '63) Hoffman**, Aug. 21, 2010.

**Marybelle (Calhoun '37) Corbett**, Aug. 22, 2010.

**Monica L. Held ('96)**, Aug. 23, 2010.

**Kathy Darlene Karns ('99)**, Aug. 26, 2010.

**Brian Rozanski ('06)**, Aug. 27, 2010.

**Alan L. Pryor ('78)**, Sept. 4, 2010.

**Marjorie A. Hughey ('64)**, Sept. 8, 2010.

**Hazel (Mertz '50) Montebell McCoy**, Sept. 9, 2010.

**Ronald M. McCoy ('62)**, Sept. 11, 2010.

**Marilyn (Blair '70) Black**, Sept. 16, 2010.

**Amos Bartoli ('51)**, Sept. 25, 2010.

**Jack Lee Edwards Jr. ('10)**, Oct. 2, 2010.

**Shirley (Crowley '54) Casaday**, Oct. 4, 2010.

**David Parker ('70)**, Oct. 8, 2010.

## Dr. Hugh Park, Retired English Faculty

**Dr. Hugh Park**, 86, who taught at Clarion University from 1959-86, died Dec. 30, 2009, at his home in Ft. Myers, Fla.

Park joined the English Department in 1959, swelling the faculty for the department to five. He taught a variety of subjects during his 27½ years at Clarion.

"I liked the school; it has a certain appeal," Park is quoted in a news release announcing his retirement. "Seminary Hall was still standing and it made a nice centerpiece for the campus. I've never regretted the decision."

A native of Akron, Ohio, Park was familiar with Clarion because his father was originally from Indiana, Pa. His first love was opera and he attended Hiram College, Hiram, Ohio, where he studied voice and earned a B.A. in music.

He attended Western Reserve where he received his M.A. in theater. After directing and teaching theater arts at Purdue University, UC Santa Barbara and University of Florida, Tallahassee, Fla., he then attended the University of Utah, where he earned his Ph.D. in theater, before coming to Clarion.

He is survived by his wife, Laurie, daughters, Vanessa, Melan and Shannon, five grandchildren, two sisters and a brother.



PARK

## Margaret Buckwalter, Clarion University Librarian

**Margaret Buckwalter**, 90, former Clarion University librarian, died Aug. 25, 2010, in Clarion, Pa.

In 1965, she began her successful career at Clarion. She retired in 1982. She was born April 29, 1920, in Delmar, N.Y. She was married to Tracy Vere Buckwalter Jr. who preceded her in death in 1989. She graduated from the University of Michigan in 1941 where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in geology. She continued her education and earned two advanced degrees: a Master of Science in Geology/Micropaleontology from the University of Michigan in 1943, and a Master of Science in Library Science from the University of Pittsburgh in 1962.

Buckwalter started her career as a librarian at the University of Pittsburgh in 1962. She set up the campus library at the newly formed University of Pittsburgh branch campus at Titusville.

Buckwalter was active in many organizations throughout her life, such as the Girl Scouts, the Clarion County Planning Commission, the League of Women Voters, SAFE shelters for abused women and the Clarion Food Co-op.

She is survived by two sons, Jeff and his wife, Regina, living in California, and Theodore and his wife, Rose, of Pittsburgh; and a grandson, Derek.

## Dr. Richard Redfern, Retired English Faculty

**Dr. Richard K. Redfern**, 93, of Bradenton, Fla., died on Aug. 3, 2010. Redfern was a professor of English at Clarion University from 1968 until his retirement in 1981.

Redfern was born Nov. 23, 1916, in Dixon, Ill. He received his B.S. degree in journalism from the University of Illinois in 1937. He was a reporter for the Rockford Morning Star, Rockford, Ill., and assistant editor of the book editorial department, Prentice Hall, Inc., New York City, N.Y., before serving in a U.S. Army anti-aircraft unit in World War II, during which he earned the rank of captain. He went on to earn his M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in English from Cornell University.

Before arriving at Clarion, he taught at the University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, Iowa; Parsons College, Fairfield, Iowa; State University College, New Paltz, N.Y., and Geschwister-Scholl Gymnasium in Duesseldorf.

He moved to Bradenton following his retirement, where he gave programs on cartoon humor in "The New Yorker" magazine and Elderhostel courses.

Redfern is survived by his wife, Helen, of 66 years, and four daughters: Jane Scanlan, Amelia Island, Fla.; Susan, Iowa City, Iowa; Lee, Sarasota, Fla.; and Nancy Freedman, Collingswood, N.J.; and grandsons Alan and Justin Freedman and Richard Redfern.



REDFERN

# Caliparis Create Two New Endowments

**John ('82)** and **Ellen Calipari** have created two new endowment scholarships in the Clarion University Foundation, Inc., in honor of former Clarion head basketball coach **Joe DeGregorio** (1975-82) and former Moon High School coach and Clarion grad **Bill Sacco ('66)**.

The full men's basketball scholarships are meant to honor the dedication, hard work and sacrifice that DeGregorio and Sacco had coaching young men and to recognize the positive impact they had on Calipari and all the lives they have touched.

"Both men had such a huge impact on my life and my career that I could never thank them enough," said current Kentucky men's basketball coach John Calipari. "They taught us the meaning of honor, character, integrity and the value of passing that all on to a new generation. I would not be where I am today if it were not for these men. Ellen and I wanted to thank them and honor them for what they have done."

"I am humbled and appreciative of this honor," said DeGregorio. "John and Ellen are simply the best. John is a great example for people who attain success—he has never forgotten the people who have helped him along the way. And to have quality young men be able to get a college education from this is something really special."

"To have a scholarship in my name is something I don't have the words for—this is just beyond belief," said Sacco. "Words can't express my feelings for John—I'm so appreciative of everything John has done

for me and my wife. We talk all the time. I really value his friendship."

The Caliparis also wanted to honor former Clarion President **Dr. Joseph Grunenwald** by creating the endowment before his retirement. He retired June 30 after seven years as president and more than 30 years in various positions at the university, including his start as a professor in the College of Business.

"Dr. Grunenwald was one of my professors when I was at Clarion and the reason I got into the marketing field," said Calipari. "Things he taught me I have used my entire career and still use today here at Kentucky. I always admired Joe as a professor and leader on campus. He had such an impact on all students at Clarion, this was an easy way for Ellen and I to say thank you to him for his years of service."

"We want to thank John and Ellen for their generous gift to the Clarion University Foundation, Inc., in support of the Joe DeGregorio and Bill Sacco men's basketball scholarships," said Dr. Grunenwald. "John has great character and represents the best of what Clarion University has to offer. He has always given back to Clarion University and we appreciate that. I also want to thank John for his kind words on my behalf. It's students like John that have made my experiences in education so great."

Calipari, a 1978 graduate of Moon High School, played point guard at Clarion on the 1981 and 1982 basketball teams. The 1981 squad went 23-6 under Joe DeGregorio, was the first team to qualify for the NCAA Tournament and reached the East Region Title game before losing to Cal Poly.



DEGREGORIO AND CALIPARI



SACCO AND CALIPARI

Clarion's 1982 team started the season 7-0 and ranked third in Division II. That team finished 16-11. His 143 assists in 1982 were the ninth most in school history at the time and still ranks 14<sup>th</sup> in school history. He also led the Golden Eagles in free-throw percentage

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~John Calipari ('82)



GRUNENWALD, RIGHTER, DEGREGORIO AND CALIPARI AT RUPP ARENA ON NOV. 6, 2009





# Russ Ford

Success—It's All About Hard Work

**H**ard work and determination do pay off. Just ask **Russ Ford ('87)**. Ford, who played football for Clarion from 1983-86, was never the fastest, quickest or most athletic player on the field, but his hard work and determination helped make him an Associated Press Honorable Mention All-American by his senior season.

Ford took the same hard-work-and-determination approach into the real world, working his way through the corporate world to get to where he is today—owner of Core First Mortgage with offices in Pittsburgh, Chicago and South Carolina. Core First is Ford's second mortgage company. He owned Core One Mortgage from 2001-05.

"It's all about hard work," Ford said. "In football, I was never the fastest, never the quickest player. But I knew what I did well. I knew what I was good at doing. I learned that from hard work in football and in school. That has helped shape my life. I've taken that into the job market and with my family and kids."

Ford believes Clarion has a lot to do with where he is now.

"My educational and football experiences at Clarion helped me a lot when I got out in the real world," Ford said. "A lot of the companies I started with were a lot like Clarion with the smaller environments. They were small communities with personal relationships. There were ground-floor opportunities, just like there were ground-floor opportunities when I played football at Clarion. What you put into it (the companies) is what you got out of it. It was the same way when I played football. You might have had potential but you were also given the opportunity to grow."

Ford learned a lot about taking advantage of opportunities when he played football for the Golden Eagles under head coach **Gene Sobolewski** and receivers coach **Clyde Conti ('73)**.

"I had the chance to be part of the 1983 PSAC Championship team my freshman year," Ford said. "I was one of the few freshmen who not only had the chance to be on the travel squad, but also had an opportunity to see some playing time. Sobie and Conti gave me a chance to be part of the organization."

Ford saw limited playing time in 1983 catching three passes for 97 yards and a touchdown, but having the opportunity to play behind one of the all-time great receivers at Clarion, **Terry McFetridge ('85)**, helped Ford become a receiver who ended up catching 85 career balls, the sixth-best mark in school history at the time, for 1,304 yards, the seventh-best mark at Clarion at the time.

"Terry McFetridge, in my opinion, is the best receiver to ever play at Clarion," Ford said. "He was poetry in motion."

But even more important than his statistics or the team's wins and losses – Clarion was 29-12 in his four years – Ford's best memories of Clarion are the relationships he made with his coaches and teammates.

"I still have good personal relationships with the coaches," Ford said. "They were not only coaches who helped groom me, but close friends as well. They taught you the right way."

**"I think everybody in certain ways has the ability and should give back."**

~Russ Ford ('87)



"I have Sobie's home number in my cell phone, and if I called right now and he wasn't there, he would call back within two hours. I love when he comes down to play golf with me."

Outside of Sobolewski, the coach Ford believes had the biggest impact on him was Conti.

"Clyde's a Freeport guy and I'm a Mars guy," Ford said. "The first day I showed up, Clyde knew of me and everything I had accomplished in football. I think he knew enough about me that he gave me an opportunity. He is one of the best coaches I've been around. He was a wonderful coach, a little crazy, but a wonderful coach."

While Ford has ended up back in his hometown of Mars, Pa., where he serves on the local elected Board of Supervisors for Adams Township and is a member of the Board of Directors for the volunteer fire company, he has never forgotten Clarion and gives back to the university in various ways.

"I think everybody, in certain ways, has the ability and should give back," Ford said. "Certain people have more means to give back than others, but everyone should find a way to give back."

Ford said it's easy to give back to Clarion, and especially Clarion football, with such great people in charge.

"I love **Jay Foster** (Clarion's fifth-year head football coach)," Ford said. "I love his attitude, I love the direction he is taking the program. He is taking it the right way."

"With someone like Jay in charge, if there are things you can do, ways you can give back, you should."

"People like Jay and **Bo Garritano ('66)**, who is doing so much through the alumni organization, are making a difference. You don't build a house from the roof down, you build it from the foundation up. What you see Bo doing, Jay doing, Clarion Athletic Director **Dave Katis ('85, M.Ed. '88)** doing, that's how it should be done."

Clarion holds a special place in Ford's heart for another reason. His wife, **Sharon (Holtz)**, also is a 1987 Clarion graduate.

"We love to come up to Clarion," Ford said. "We can't get up as much as we use to, but when we do the first place we go is Bob's Subs."

Russ and Sharon are the proud parents of 16-year-old daughter, Nicole, and 14-year-old son, Brandon.

"I try to let my kids know that in college, it's not where you go but what you do with it," Ford said. "I'm fortunate that Clarion gave me the opportunity, and I was able to do something with it."

## Golden Eagles Wrestlers Ready For Action In 2011

**A**n action-packed season of wrestling is in store for Clarion wrestling fans at Tippin Gymnasium as fifth-year head coach **Teague Moore** prepares his Golden Eagles for 2011.



FLEMING

A program with a storied tradition in NCAA Division I wrestling, the Golden Eagles hope to challenge for a top-two finish at PSACs and EWLs on its road back to becoming a top-25 ranked team.

Last year's Golden Eagles were 8-8 overall, placed third at PSACs and third at the EWL championships. Clarion had impressive wins over No. 25 Old Dominion (20-18), North Carolina (25-19), Bloomsburg (22-17) and West Virginia (20-14). Moore has a four-year record of 33-50-1 and has really advanced the program after taking over a team that went 0-17 in 2006.

The 2011 team will be led by returning starters **James Fleming** (So., West Mifflin) at 157, **Alex Thomas** (So., Seaford, Del.) at 197, **Cliint Podish** (Jr., Sycamore, Waynesburg Central) at 184, **Quintas McCorkle** (Jr., Alexandria, Va.) at heavyweight, **Joe Waltko** (So., Allison Park) and **Jay Ivanco** (Sr., Monroeville) at 133 and **Scott Joseph** (Sr., Export) at 174.

Fleming had a tremendous freshman season posting a 28-8 record at 149 pounds, placed second at EWLs and qualified for the NCAA D-I Nationals. He will move up to 157 this year.

Thomas, another outstanding freshman last year, was the PSAC champion and second at EWLs at 197. Thomas was 18-14 overall and narrowly missed a trip to nationals.

Podish was 18-12 last year and 20-15 in 2009 when he was PSAC "Freshman of the Year" at 184 pounds.

McCorkle made huge strides at heavyweight posting a 26-18 record in 2010 and finishing fourth at EWLs.

The battle at 133 will be between Waltko and Ivanco. Waltko is moving up to 133 pounds this season after going 15-16 at 125 last year placing fifth at EWLs. Ivanco was 11-20 at 133 last year and placed second at PSACs. He was 19-14 in 2009, was a PSAC Champion at 125 and qualified for nationals. He has a career record of 57-47.

Joseph returns after sitting out last year with illness. A tenacious wrestler, he was 14-15 in 2009 at 174 and was sixth at EWLs and second at PSACs.

Returnees battling for starting time include **Trey Hicks** (So., 9-13; Amityville, N.Y.) at 125 and **Cameron Moran** (Jr., 10-5; James City) at 141 and **Steven Cressley** (So., 17-23; Punxsutawney) at 184.

Newcomers battling for the starting lineup include **Colby Pisani** (Jr., Ridgway/Penn State) at 141, **Anthony White** (Fr., Philadelphia, North Catholic) at 149 and **Bekzod Abdurakhmonov** (Jr., Tashkent, Uzbekistan) at 165. Pisani was 6-7 at Penn State last year at 141. White, from North Catholic High, was a two-time PIAA placewinner and Abdurakhmonov was a two-time junior college runner-up at Colby J.C. in Kansas.

## Johnson And Kelosky Lead Nine Returning All-Americans

**T**he Golden Eagles Women's Swimming and Diving tradition is set to continue in 2011.

Eleventh-year head coach **Mark VanDyke ('80)** welcomes back another strong team led by three-time D-II Diving Champion **Kayla Kelosky** (Sr., Ellwood City) and 21-time All-American **Kaitlyn Johnson** (Sr., Uniontown).

Clarion was 3-1 in duals last year, second at PSACs and sixth at the NCAA D-II Nationals.

Kelosky, the NCAA D-II "Diver of the Year" in 2010 (first on one-meter; second on three-meter), also won the award in 2009 after winning both boards. She is a six-time A-A.

Johnson, a seven-time A-A last year, was fourth in the 100 fly and fifth in the 100 free at nationals. In 2009, she broke the Clarion 50 free record at nationals placing fourth with a time of 23.15.

All-Americans returning include **Kayla Shull** (So., Franklin/Rocky Grove), **Kelly Connolly** (Sr., Cranberry Twp.), **Gina Mattucci** (Sr., Jeannette), **Courtney Bogue** (Jr., Glastonbury, Conn.), **Morgan Oberlander** (So., York)

and **Samantha VanDyke** (So., Maineville, Oh.).

Shull, a backstroke specialist, set a new Clarion record last year placing third at nationals in the 100 back with a time of 56.27. She was a five-time A-A.

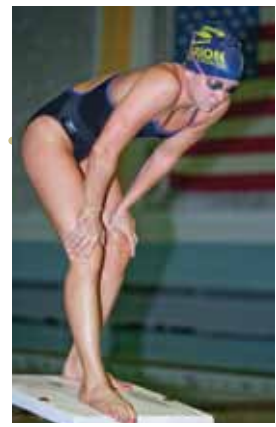
Connolly, a breaststroke specialist, was a five-time A-A last year including a sixth place in the 100 breaststroke. She has 12 A-A honors in three seasons.

Mattucci, a four-time A-A last year in relays as a freestyler, is an 11-time career All-American.

Bogue was a two-time A-A in 2009, while Oberlander was a two-time A-A last year as a freshman.

Van Dyke earned an A-A placing in relay competition.

Diver **Kim Ogden** (Sr., Canton, Oh.) was ninth on three-meter and 14<sup>th</sup> on one-meter last year at nationals and 15<sup>th</sup> on three-meter in 2009.



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## Clarion Men Return Six All-Americans

**T**he Clarion Men's Swimming and Diving tradition is expected to continue in 2011 under eleventh-year head coach **Mark VanDyke ('80)** with a very balanced team.

In 2010, Clarion placed second at PSACs and 13<sup>th</sup> at the NCAA Division II Nationals.

The Golden Eagles are led in 2011 by six returning All-Americans including 2010 and 2009 national champion diver **Logan Pearsall** (Sr., Port Allegany).

Pearsall was named the NCAA Division II Men's "Diver of the Year" after winning both boards at nationals in 2010. He set a new D-II record scoring 557.50 points on three-meter. He is a three-time NCAA Champion.

All-Americans back in the pool include **Jon Kofmehl** (Sr., Johnstown, Richland), **Garet Weston** (Sr., Indiana), **Joseph Ward** (So.,



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Johnstown, Westmont Hilltop) and **Ben Appleby** (So., York, Suburban).

Kofmehl, a backstroke specialist, earned two A-A honors in 2009.

Weston, a relay All-American in 2010, is a two-time career A-A.

Ward was a two-time A-A in 2010, while Appleby earned one A-A award in their first nationals trip.

Diving coach **Dave Hrovat** also returns All-American diver **Justin Duncan** (Jr. South Park). Duncan was eighth on three-meter and 12<sup>th</sup> on one-meter at nationals last year.



## Exciting Men's Hoop Season Ahead

Tippen Gym is ready to roar in 2010-11 as the Golden Eagles Men's Basketball team welcomes back eight lettermen from a team that was 18-11 overall and second in the PSAC-West a year ago at 9-5.

Coach **Ron Righter**, who begins his 23<sup>rd</sup> season at Clarion, has a fabulous 22-year record at Clarion of 359-237 (60%), which includes PSAC-West titles in 1997, 2000 and 2005, plus a PSAC crown in 2001. With 12 trips to the PSAC playoffs in the last 14 years it's easy to see why Eagles fans are excited about the coming year.

2011? "I'm really excited about this team," reflected Righter. "If we do that and stay healthy we will really be a fun team to watch. Our goals are to challenge for a PSAC title and make the NCAA playoffs."

Senior guards **Lloyd Harrison** (Detroit, Mi., Southwestern), **Jamar Harrison** (Washington, D.C., Dunbar) and **Mike Sherry** (Pittsburgh, Chartiers Valley) return as captains for the 2010-11 season.

Lloyd Harrison was a second-team PSAC-Western Division selection last year while averaging 14.9 points-per-game (ppg). He led the team in assists (134) and steals (77), plus grabbed 142 rebounds and shot 75 percent from the free throw line.

Jamar Harrison, an explosive guard/small forward, was also a second-team PSAC-West choice last year. He led the Eagles averaging

15.6 ppg, chipped in 139 rebounds, handed out 60 assists and made 54 steals.

Sherry, Clarion's three-point sharpshooter, 8.8 ppg, had 53 assists, 42 steals and shot 86 percent from the free throw line. He canned 44 of 120 three point shots (36.7%). Sherry currently has 822 career points, 169 assists, 104 steals, made 172 of 430 three-pointers (40%) and has made 112 of 129 career free throws, an amazing 86.8 percent.

The Golden Eagles also have five veteran lettermen returning to the hardwood including senior forward **Shameel Carty** (Queens, N.Y., Holy Cross), forward/center **Paul McQueen** (Jr., Garfield Heights, Oh.), forward **Denzil Dennison** (So., Jeannette, Pa. Caroline HS-Va.) and centers **Mike Nealis** (Jr., Drexel Hill/Episcopal Academy) and **Julius Berry** (Sr., Leland, N.C./Waterloo East - Iowa) all in the mix.

Carty, a small forward, averaged 14.3 ppg, 7.5 rebounds, 49 assists and 36 steals last year. In his career he has 703 points, 356 rebounds and is a 75.1 percent free throw shooter (211 of 281).

McQueen, a forward, averaged 11.1 ppg, 7.2 rebounds, handed out 48 assists, made 33 steals and blocked 17 shots a year ago.

Dennison, a strong, physical, defensive forward, contributed 3.8 ppg, 3.0 rebounds, plus made 17 steals and 17 assists.

Nealis, a backup center, played in 24 games last year and contributed 45 points and 32



LLOYD HARRISON AND JAMAR HARRISON

rebounds. Berry, provides a quality depth player at center and posted 31 points and 48 rebounds. Other veterans returning include forwards **David Colbert** (So., Youngstown, Oh., Christian) and **Lonnie Perry** (Jr., Philadelphia, Roman Catholic).

Newcomers expecting to make contributions include guards **Brandon Winbush** (Fr., Alexandria, Va.), **Leonard Patterson** (So., Cleveland, Oh., JFK) and **Tarran Prince** (Fr., Philadelphia, Bodine) and forwards **Mike Kromka** (Fr., Monroeville, Gateway) and **Quintus Teer** (Jr., University Heights, Oh., Cleveland Heights).



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while helping Clarion rank in the NCAA Division II Top 20 both seasons.

"Coach DeGregorio and Coach Sacco have stayed very close to me since I started my coaching career," said Calipari. "I still speak to them at least once a week and they still come to my games. They have always supported me, and this is a way for me to honor them and the sport we love."

In 2010-11 Calipari begins his second year as head coach at Kentucky after taking the Wildcats to a 35-3 record last year, a number-one national ranking and an Elite 8 NCAA tournament finish. He was named the Adolph Rupp National Coach of the Year.

John has an 18-year collegiate record of 480-143 (77%). His 480 wins is second all-time in the first 18 years of coaching behind only Roy Williams. His winning percentage is third among active D-I coaches and 10<sup>th</sup> best in the history of college basketball.

Prior to Kentucky he posted a 252-69 record at Memphis (2001-2009) where he led the Tigers to the 2008 NCAA title game and was named the Naismith National Coach of the Year. He started his head coaching run at UMASS (1989-96) where he took the Minutemen to the NCAA Division I playoffs in each of his final five seasons, including a berth in the Final Four in 1996. He was named the 1996 Naismith National Coach of the Year.

John and his wife, Ellen, have two daughters, Erin and Megan, and a son, Bradley.

## Blue & Gold Kickoff Days

Clarion University football and the 1980 Clarion PSAC championship gridiron team were featured at two "pep rallies" in downtown Clarion as part of a unique fall partnership that included the Clarion Area Chamber of Business & Industry, the Clarion Conservancy and the Athletics Department.

The trio combined forces to promote Golden Eagle football and area businesses with "Blue and Gold Kickoff Days."

The kickoff days were pep rallies in downtown Clarion, across from the Captain Loomis, that brought students, faculty, families, friends and alumni into the business district to rally support for football.

The pep rallies featured football student-athletes, the 1980 Championship team, past and present coaches, the CU Pep Band, CU Cheerleaders, CU Dance Team, administrators and local businesses. The partnership included 30 area businesses sponsoring the two events on Thursday, Sept. 2, and Saturday, Sept. 18.

Enjoy a few photos from these two events.



## Golden Eagles Field Youngest Team Under Parsons

Like a new Golden Eagle hatching out of its egg, the Clarion University Women's Basketball team will start anew in 2010-2011 with the youngest team in head coach **Margaret "Gie" Parsons'** 22 years at the school.

Clarion enters the new season with 14 players, only two of whom have ever suited up for the Golden Eagles - juniors **Courtney Healy** (Jr., Chrinside Park, Australia) and **Joanna Catalano** (Jr., Joppa, Md.) - and the roster contains 11 freshmen/first-year players.

Healy, a forward who started 19 games last year before a shoulder injury sidelined her the rest of the way, averaged 6.4 points and 4.3 rebounds per game while blocking 30 shots. She averaged 4.3 ppg and 4.5 rebounds while blocking 30 shots in 2009.

Catalano, a center, played in 22 games and contributed 20 points and 23 rebounds last season. As a freshman, she played in 26 games and had 53 points and 34 rebounds.

Red-shirt freshman point guard **Raven Jones** (Philadelphia, Prep Charter), an All-Public league player, will make an immediate impact.



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Freshman forward **Ann Deibert** (York, West York) is also talented. She was a second team York Daily Record player while at West York last season where she averaged 8.8 points and 5.8 rebounds per game.

Junior guard **Miranda Payne** (Chambersburg, Hagerstown C.C.) and freshmen **Emma Fickel** (Carlisle, Cumberland Valley), **Mackenzie Clark**

(Mentor, Oh.) and **Jennifer Linkchorst** (Barnesville, Marian Catholic) are all expected to contribute this season.

Payne, who is out until January with an illness, averaged 18.2 points, 5.6 assists, 4.2 rebounds and 3.0 assists per game at Hagerstown CC last year. She scored nearly 2,500 career points at Cumberland Valley Christian School and was the 2008 Chambersburg Public Opinion Player of the Year.

Fickel, a shooting guard, averaged 11.5 points per game for Cumberland Valley last season, while Clark averaged 17.8 points and 10 rebounds per game while helping Mentor to a district title and the Ohio Elite 8 last season.

Linkchorst was a member of the 2008 PIAA Class A Champion Marian Catholic and was a Times News Honorable Mention player last season.

Also looking to contribute this year are **Lauren Savulichak** (Fr. Pittsburgh., North Catholic) and red-shirt freshman **Michaela Hardy** (Greenland, N.H., Milton Wright).

## Sandusky Inducted Into Pa. Sports Hall Of Fame



**Alex Sandusky ('54)** (second from right) was inducted into the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame on Saturday, October 16, at the Days Inn & Convention Center in Danville, Pa. Part of the Clarion contingent attending to honor Sandusky were L-R **Steve Zinram ('85, '88)**, director of development, former A.D. **Frank Lignelli ('50)**, Sandusky and Clarion SID **Rich Herman**.

1. 1980 Championship Team
2. **Bob Beatty ('80)** (left) and **Steve Scillitani ('81)** (right), 1980 captains with former Head Coach **Al Jacks**.
3. Clarion Mayor **Andrea Estadt ('92)** and Clarion University President **Dr. Karen Whitney**.
4. On Clarion Firehouse #1, **Tom Wuycsik ('83)**, **Bill May**, **Joe Bordini ('84)** and **Al Pizzurro ('78)**.



# A Will Obligation and Privilege

The planning and writing of a will is both a family obligation and a personal privilege.

We live in a nation of laws. During our lives, different laws apply to us. When we are born, our birth is registered as required by law. As adults, we comply with legal requirements in purchasing a home, in paying taxes, in securing a passport and in many more of life's activities.

When we die, our life's passing is noted in securing a death certificate and in the probate process. In all of life's activities, the law is there.

One of the most important legal opportunities each of us faces pertains to the future ownership of our possessions. Before we die, we can make a will that determines who will receive our estates.

In the event we do not have a will, the court or others will decide for us, often ignoring our important preferences. Deciding not to write a will suggests a lack of civic responsibility and a lost opportunity to demonstrate our love to those whom we cherish.

Every person has the legal right to make a will. Details of your will include the naming of an executor, deciding who will serve as guardians of minor children, providing guidelines concerning how the children will be raised, determining the use of accumulated wealth and expressing gratitude for all of life's blessings by giving to the charity or charities of your choice. Life involves a string of choices, and the most important choices we make involve the use and disposition of what we have. This is called stewardship, the management of our resources.

We exercise privilege when we plan and write a will. Our last act, our will, serves as a final testimony of our journey in life.

Those whose journeys, whether for a passing moment or a life-long relationship include Clarion, consistently remember the university when they make choices in preparing their estate plans. Throughout the past year, bequests totaling in excess of \$1 million have been received by Clarion University Foundation, Inc.

- A bequest from **Edna (Ahlgrim '42) Holler** was designated to two existing library science endowments, the Eleanor DeWald Moore and the Charles R. Flack Scholarships.
- **Barbara Oldt ('51)**, a former visiting faculty member, created two new endowments by way of her bequest. In honor of her 40+ year career in school libraries, she created the Barbara Oldt Library Science Scholarship and in honor of her mother, the Mary Ellen Horlacher Oldt Nursing Scholarship.
- An estate gift from **Mrs. Helen (Ferry '47) Shields** created a scholarship endowment honoring her career. Ms. Shields worked in public and school libraries, and volunteered in church libraries and university archives. The Helen Ferry Shields endowment annually funds three awards to library science students; one to recruit a new or transfer student, one to an academically strong junior or senior and one for a graduate student.
- **David C. Smith ('64)**, a high school guidance counselor, designated a legacy gift supporting areas of greatest need and student scholarships.

For additional assistance, you may want to contact your attorney. Or, you may first want to talk with a member of the Clarion or Clarion University Foundation, Inc. staff. Our staff members can provide basic information about wills and bequests, as well as relate various ways others have included Clarion University Foundation, Inc. in their estate plans.

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## Three Join Clarion University Alumni Board



Three new members joined the Clarion University Alumni Association (CUAA) Board of Directors on July 1.

- **Kraig Koelsch ('95, M.S. '97)** received both his B.S. and M.S. degrees from Clarion in communication. Originally from Irwin, Pa., he resides in Chicago, Ill., where he is editor, e-commerce for Sears Holdings Management Corporation.
- **Dr. A. Floyd Barger ('58)** received a B.S. in mathematics/education from Clarion and went on to earn M.S. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Minnesota. He taught at Saranac Lake High School in New York State, 1958-59; College of St. Thomas, St. Paul, Minn., 1961-67; and Youngstown State University, Youngstown, Ohio, 1970-05. He is now retired and resides in Austintown, Ohio.
- **Brian Perkins ('09)** received his B.S. degree in business management/real estate/industrial and labor relations from Clarion. He is a human resources generalist for Precision Defense Services Inc., Irwin, Pa., and is enrolled part-time in an M.B.A. program at Duquesne University. Perkins resides in Irwin, Pa.

The CUAA Board of Directors is a 25-member board serving as a major communication link between the university and alumni. The CUAA fosters a spirit of loyalty among alumni, students and friends of Clarion University.

### 2010 Holiday Ornament Features West End Pond



Some of the most beloved Clarion landmarks adorn the collection of Clarion University holiday ornaments, including Seminary Hall, Hart Chapel and the "Strutting Eagle." The tradition continues this year with the Clarion University—Venango Campus West End Pond, a treasured community landmark and important natural resource that was restored to its original size in 2009.

To order the West End Pond ornament and past ornaments for \$21.99 each (plus \$2.99 s&h) go to [www.clarion.edu/ornaments](http://www.clarion.edu/ornaments).

## Keefe Appointed CEO Of Foundation

**Michael R. Keefe**, FACHE, was appointed chief executive officer of Clarion University Foundation, Inc., on September 1, 2010. Keefe, a nine-year employee of the foundation, accepted the position of administrative director in 2001. Last year he was promoted to chief operating officer.

Keefe earned a bachelor's degree in public administration with a minor in health science from Slippery Rock University and a master's degree in community systems planning and development with an emphasis in health planning and administration from The Pennsylvania State University. Keefe is board certified in Health Care Management with a sub-specialty in behavior health and a Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives. He also is a member of the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE). Before joining the foundation, for many years Keefe was a hospital administrator working in five different hospitals and having served as CEO in two.

Keefe resides in Limestone Township with his wife, **Cathy (Rhodes '86, '93)**, who is currently director of Brookville-New Bethlehem Home Health Care, a service of Brookville Hospital.

Clarion University Foundation, Inc., is a Pennsylvania not-for-profit corporation organized in 1969 to promote educational purposes in connection with and at the request of Clarion University. It is the organization designated to receive and manage private sector gifts for the support of the activities and programs of the university.



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### King New Annual Funds Officer



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**Holly King ('08)** has joined the Clarion University Foundation, Inc., as annual funds officer, in charge of the phonathon, Employee Appeal and SPIRIT of Giving campaigns. King received her bachelor's degree in business administration with a marketing concentration from Clarion University. She is currently working on a master's degree at Strayer University, where King previously worked as an admissions officer.

King is a daughter of Richard and Donna King of Emlenton. She has two brothers, Brandon and Andy. She is engaged to Jonas Pipher of Parker.



## Communication Graduates Establish Scholarship

Following an on-campus reunion, more than \$31,430 in donations and pledges were received from graduates of Clarion University's Department of Communication to endow the new Henry "Hank" Fueg Scholarship. The following alumni attended the reunion: **Keith Abrams ('82)**, Cleveland, Ohio; **Elizabeth (Sandvik '85) Abrams**, Cleveland, Ohio; **Bill Adams '86, M.S. '89)**, Clarion, Pa.; **Scott Bechtel ('86)**, Clarksville, Tenn.; **Barbara (Gardill '83, M.S. '86) Bright**, Pittsburgh, Pa.; **Kevin Bright ('87)**, Pittsburgh, Pa.; **Dr. Mark Demyanovich ('73, M.S. '78)**; Merrimack, N.H.; **Karen (Berlin '74) Demyanovich**, Merrimack, N.H.; **Mike Dixon ('83, M.S. '85)**, Pittsburgh, Pa.; **Joseph Dornbrock ('84)**, Pittsburgh, Pa.; **Dr. Michael Downing ('86, '87, M.A. '88)**, Kempton, Pa.; **"J.D." Dunbar ('77, M.S. '79)**, State College, Pa.; **Michael Griffin ('83)**, Potsdam, N.Y.; **Nancy (Nestich '81, M.S. '83) Griffin**, Potsdam, N.Y.; **Franklin Hallett ('81)**, York, Pa.; **Jeanne (Burger '86) Hammerstrom**, Cleveland, Ohio; **Jon Hartwell ('87)**, Darlington, Pa.; **Pete Johnson ('84)**, Nashua, N.H.; **Kris Kaufmann ('84)**, Pittsburgh, Pa.; **Joanne (Alfieri '87) Kaufmann**, Pittsburgh, Pa.; **David Love ('86, '87)**, Clarion, Pa.; **Deborah Magness ('86)**, Pittsburgh, Pa.; **Kevin McCullough ('85)**, Pittsburgh, Pa.; **Beth (Koop '85) Muccigrosso**, Winter Park, Fla.; **Larry Richert ('81)**, Pittsburgh, Pa.; **Bill Robb ('85)**, Pittsburgh, Pa.; **Scott Shewell ('84)**, Mechanicsburg, Pa.; **Dr. Nelson Smith ('85)**, Edinboro, Pa.; **Ron Sylvester ('85)**, Long Beach, Calif.; **Stephen Tweed ('72)**, Louisville, Ky.; **Cindy (Ricke '84) Zinram**, Clarion, Pa.; and **Steve Zinram ('85, M.S. '88)**, Clarion, Pa.

Faculty emeriti attending included: **Dr. Arthur Barlow**, Clarion, Pa.; **Dr. Allan Larson** and his wife, Mary, who retired from Clarion University's Book Center, Melbourne, Fla.; and **Dr. Adam Weiss**, St. Petersburg, Fla.

Current Communication Department faculty members **Drs. Scott** and **Myrna Kuehn**, attended, along with Clarion University President **Karen Whitney** and **Dr. Rachelle Prioleau**, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.



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## Alumni Help Recruiting Effort

Fourteen Clarion University alumni were recruited by the Clarion University Admissions Office to help at college fairs and in recruitment efforts for new students in eastern Pennsylvania, Maryland, New York, New Jersey and Ohio. Five of the 14 trainees had worked with the admissions office previously. The remainder were recruited through invitation, which concentrated on those who received their degrees in education or library science since 1990.



Alumni recruiters front row: **Joseph Martinelli ('81)**, **Sheila (Anderson '94) Mikkelson**, **Karen Toth ('85)** and **Amanda Lavelle ('99)**. Back row: Admissions Counselors **Jodie Mount** and **Merrilyn (Murnyack '93) Dunlap**, **Lindsay (Swab '05) Ewing**, **Amanda Blackhurst ('06)**, **Michelle Serviss ('05, M.B.A. '06)**, **Vicky Amsdell-DePiere ('87)**, **Anwar Karim ('89)**, **Steve Arthur ('85)**, **Serah Njeri ('02)**, **JoAnn Miller ('93)** and Admissions Counselor **Saqib Chowdhry**. Not pictured: **Jennifer (Quel '90) Barkey** and **Stephanie (Schulz '96) Harden**.

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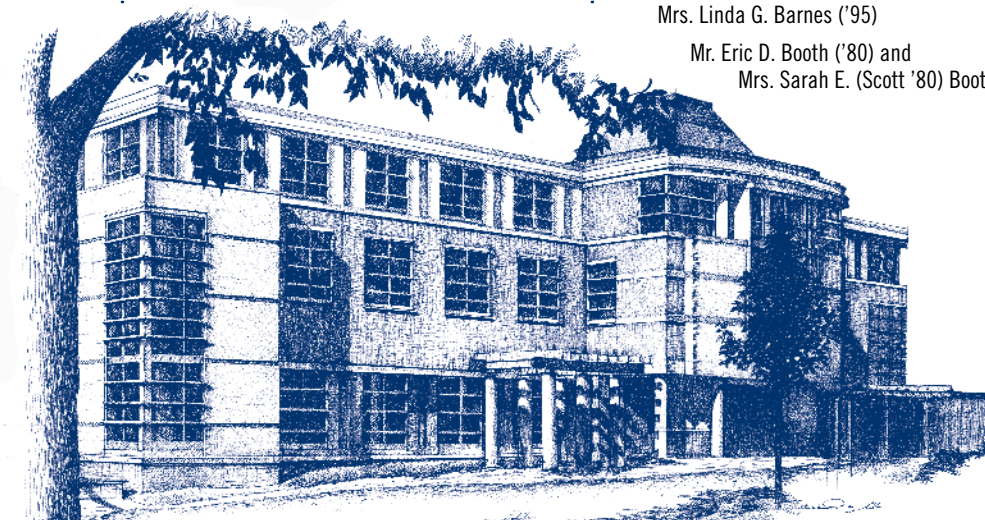
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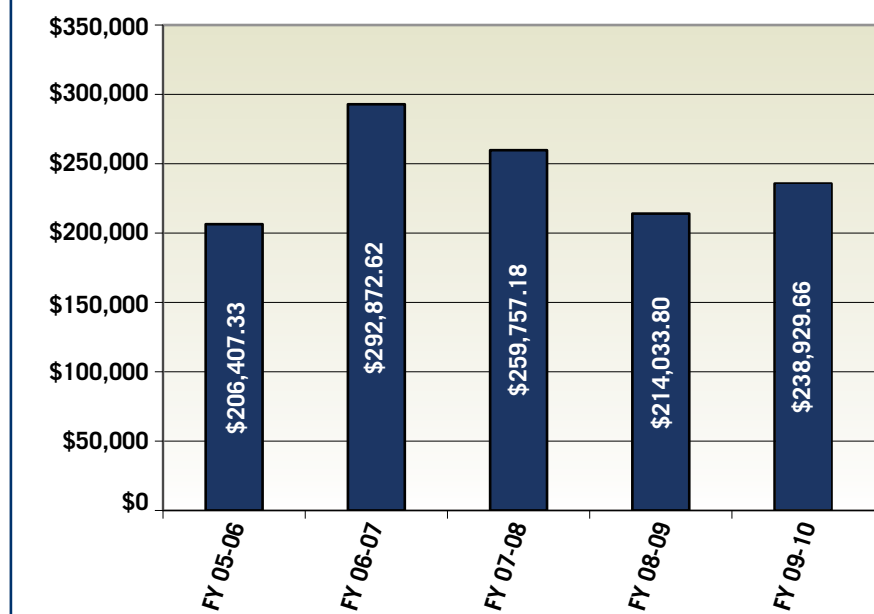
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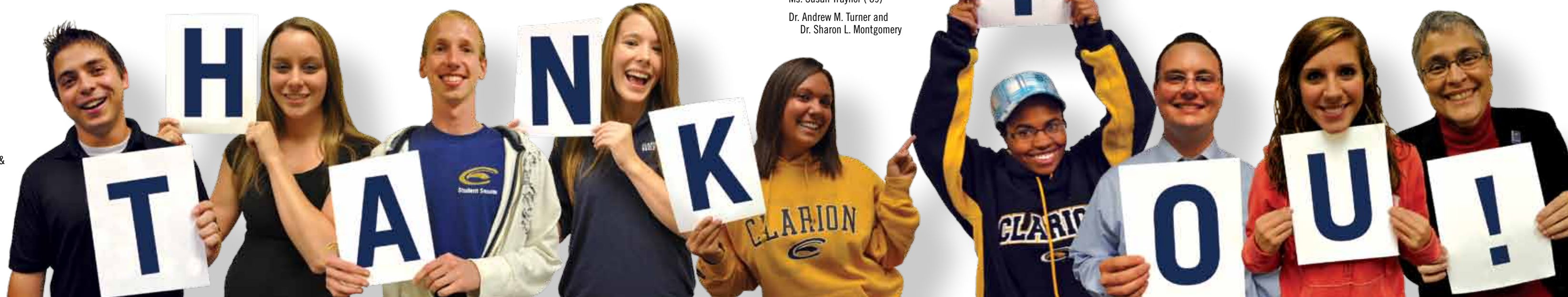
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3. Golden Eagles Alfonso Hoggard (right) in action

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7. President Whitney with the Eagle Ambassadors in ALF parade