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Theatre professor Marilouise “Mel” Michel (left) and alumna Tammy Pawlak (’94) embrace as they await a procedure to transplant part of Michel’s liver into Pawlak. Michel learned about Pawlak’s need through a mutual friend and another Clarion alumna, Stevette Wano Rosen (’96).

To read about this life-saving Clarion connection, visit [www.clarion.edu/liver/](http://www.clarion.edu/liver/).

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## New face leads alumni engagement

Ann E. Thompson has joined the staff of Clarion University Foundation, Inc., as director of alumni engagement.

Thompson has an extensive history and proven success in working with alumni and engaging them as active participants in their universities. As executive director for alumni relations for Eastern Michigan University, she collaborated with the schools and colleges to provide leadership and strategic direction to the alumni relations program. She identified new alumni and engaged them as volunteers and advocates for the institution, and she created opportunities to engage alumni through activities such as serving as guest speakers and interviewers in the presidential scholars competition. Previously, she increased alumni engagement by 180 percent at Anna Maria College in Paxton, Mass.

Her goal at Clarion is similar: to expand the engagement of alumni. In her first months, she created the Clarion University Alumni Facebook page and developed a process for introducing the alumni family to new students through events during orientation week.

"I am very passionate about creating opportunities for alumni to interact with students. Whether that be through the admissions process, career mentoring, or serving as a guest speaker in the classroom, students need to experience first-hand how alumni can give back in their time and expertise. Only in this way will they learn what it means to give back once they become alumni themselves."

For details, visit [www.clarion.edu/homecoming](http://www.clarion.edu/homecoming).



## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Clarion Family,

Sept. 10 begins our 150th year of transforming and saving lives through teaching, learning, research and service. For a century-and-a-half, we have steadfastly dedicated ourselves to the needs of our students, our community and our state, and we will continue for another 150 years and beyond. We will celebrate with a year-long series of events and celebrations; visit [www.clarion.edu/about-clarion/clarion-150th-anniversary](http://www.clarion.edu/about-clarion/clarion-150th-anniversary) to learn more.

Coincidentally, just as Clarion celebrates this milestone, I, too, will reach a milestone. After seven Eagletastic years as your president, I will be leaving Clarion University Sept. 12 to serve as interim chancellor of the State System of Higher Education. Just as I have committed myself to Clarion, I will commit myself to the State System with an ultimate goal of serving the students of Clarion and its 13 sister universities.

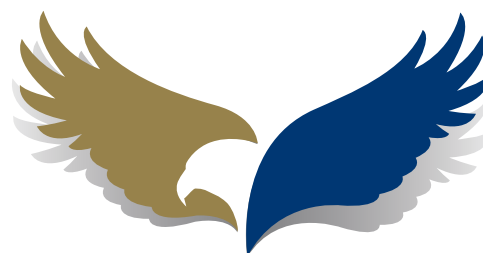
Clarion is special because of its people. As the university moves forward and selects its 17th president, I know that we'll embark on the next 150 years, always **COURAGEOUS. CONFIDENT. CLARION.**

Happy Birthday to all of us!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karen M. Whitney". The script is fluid and cursive.

Karen M. Whitney  
President  
Clarion University

Go Eagles!



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*spotlight on:*

**REHABILITATIVE SCIENCES**

**WHY IT'S HOT**

The program prepares students for general human service positions in the areas of aging, developmental disabilities and substance abuse.

Graduates assume a variety of positions, including case managers, residential program managers, therapeutic staff support, day service directors, rehabilitation program specialists, mental retardation personnel, substance abuse prevention specialists and activities directors.

**WHAT IT'S GOT**

Rehabilitative sciences is an interdisciplinary program that combines the resources of the departments of psychology, sociology, health and physical education, and nursing with the resources of special education and rehabilitative sciences. Concentrations are available in: addictions, courts & community service, developmental disabilities, gerontology and pre-professional studies.

**WHAT'S NEXT?**

The MS in clinical mental health counseling program is designed to meet the requirements for the Licensed Professional Counselor credential in Pennsylvania. The online MS in clinical mental health counseling is intended for students who are pursuing careers in human services, e.g., those working with individuals diagnosed with mental health problems, individuals diagnosed with addiction problems, elderly citizens, persons with developmental disabilities in residential and day program settings, adult and juvenile offenders, and in public and private human service agencies.

Center for the Arts founder named **YOUNG ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR**

BreAnna (Kirkland '14) Liberto, founder and director of Clarion Center for the Arts, was named the Small Business Administration's Pittsburgh 2017 Young Entrepreneur of the Year. Liberto, who holds a bachelor's degree in business management, opened CCA in 2013, her junior year. Liberto's mission is to partner with families in nurturing aspiring artists to grow into compassionate, confident and creative young people. The center offers classes in dance, music and theater.



**Nellis nets EXPANSION FUNDS in business plan competition**

Bri Nellis ('16), was awarded a second place prize of \$5,000 in the sixth annual PASSHE Student Business Plan Competition. Nellis, of Clarion, who holds a bachelor's degree in communication with a minor in marketing, will use the funds to expand her business, Bri Nellis Photography, into the Pittsburgh market, as well as to add drone photography/videography services to her menu



of sports, portrait and commercial photography services. The annual competition provides student entrepreneurs a real-world opportunity to pitch their original business plans and win funds to assist in the start-up of their businesses. Students from the 14 State System universities are invited to participate.

# STUDENTS WRITE *with professionals* AT ANNUAL FESTIVAL



Clarion English professor Dr. Philip Terman accompanied six students to the 2017 Chautauqua Writers' Festival June 15-18. The annual festival brings six established professional, award-winning writers

who work with attendees on fiction, nonfiction and poetry. Since the festival began in 2003, at least four Clarion students per year have participated. Students who attended this year include:

Imarii Anderson, Erie; Martin Mateer, Strattanville; Olivia Stuckley, Cheswick; Erica Greer, Pittsburgh; Andrew Skubisz, Dubois; and Katrina Hoff, Oil City.

## DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE PROGRAM GRADUATES FIRST CLASS



The first graduates in the Doctor of Nursing Practice program were among the nearly 1,000 students to receive degrees at spring commencement in May. Nine students completed the program which began in 2014 in partnership with Edinboro University: Patience Ngozi Agbodzie, Melanie Christine Best, Cynthia Lee Blevins, Anita Lynn Booth, Pamela S. Karg, Stacey Lutz-McCain, Susan Elaine Montag, Jaime L. Piccola and Megan Elizabeth Witherow.

# JUNETEENTH

Fred J. Hodges Jr., director of multicultural student services at Robert Morris University, was keynote speaker at the 15th annual Juneteenth celebration June 15 in Hart Chapel. The theme was "Love and Courage." The program included special music and poetry, and an interpretive dance by alumna Marishika Wright. Sponsors were Clarion University

and its African American Caucus and NAACP Student Chapter, and Clarion Chamber of Business and Industry.

Juneteenth began in Texas. Although the Emancipation Proclamation was issued Jan. 1, 1863, slaves in Texas didn't receive word until two-and-a-half years later, June 19, 1865, that they were free.

## Love and Courage

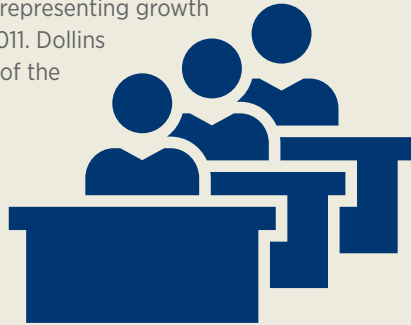
Marishika Wright ('15) performs during the Juneteenth celebration.





## Dollins employs best practices in *bolstering enrollment* efforts

David Dollins began work July 10 as associate vice president of enrollment management. He most recently served as executive director of undergraduate admissions and orientation at Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff, which, under his leadership, recruited and enrolled its sixth straight, record first-year class, representing growth of 41.5 percent since 2011. Dollins plans to employ some of the same, best-practice strategies to grow Clarion's enrollment.



### GREER, SHERMAN AND KOSHAK JOIN DEVELOPMENT TEAM

Clarion University Foundation, Inc., has welcomed three new staff members to its team. Mike Greer, as the director of development, will provide leadership to the development office. Colleen

Sherman and Jamie Koshak have joined as development officers and will work with alumni and friends of the university to generate philanthropic support.

## SCHOOL OF EDUCATION *welcomes* TWO



Dr. Gwyneth Price began work as director of the School of Education in June, and Dr. Timothy Stevenson began as director of the Office of Field Services in July.

Price taught at Edinboro University since 2008 and served as director of accreditation and program improvement. "This position will allow me to have a significant role in maintaining the excellent teacher preparation programs, in facilitating the work and vision of the education faculty, and in spurring change that will lead to exciting learning experiences for a growing number of Clarion students," she said.



Stevenson had been a music educator in the Brookville Area School District since 2002 and was an adjunct instructor at local colleges. He said he is eager to build relationships with surrounding school districts to provide the best possible field experiences for Clarion students. "Through these cooperative experiences, Clarion University will continue its legacy as a distinguished provider of teacher education throughout the state," he said.



## Nellis leads SBDC

Cindy Nellis of Clarion has been named director of Clarion University Small Business Development Center. Employed with the program for more than 20 years, she brings significant experience in program management, business and economic development. Since her start with SBDC in September 1996, she has been outreach consultant, assistant director and interim director, and she recently completed her MBA degree at Clarion University. To learn how SBDC can help your business grow, visit [www.clarion.edu/sbdc](http://www.clarion.edu/sbdc).



## BOARD OF GOVERNORS WILL USE REPORT TO CRAFT ACTION PLAN

The National Center for Higher Education Management Systems delivered its final report on the strategic review of the State System. Among the recommendations are that all of the 14 universities should remain open, and none should be merged.

"After just a brief review, it's clear that this document pulls no punches," said Board of Governors chair Cynthia D. Shapira. "These recommendations take on decades of systemic issues that must be addressed now. We will review the report thoroughly in the coming weeks and use it to help shape an action plan for the future that focuses on students first."

The report is the result of a widely inclusive process with more than 120 meetings across the state, including sessions held on each of the State System campuses with students, faculty, staff, alumni, business and community leaders and elected officials. In addition, more than 800 individuals offered comments and suggestions through the website established for the project. NCHEMS also analyzed student, program and financial data, as well as regional and national trends in higher education and workforce demands to provide insights and recommendations.

"The NCHEMS recommendations are rightly focused on the overall organizational challenges facing our System, including its complicated governance structure," Shapira said. "We must tackle these foundational issues in order to ensure a strong future for our universities."

The final report is available at <http://www.nchemsproject.com/system-review/>.

## CLARION *alumna* NAMED PRESIDENT OF SHIPPENSBURG UNIVERSITY



The State System of Higher Education Board of Governors has chosen 1984 Clarion graduate Laurie A. Carter to be the next president of Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania, effective Aug. 7. Carter was executive vice president and university counsel for Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond, Ky. She previously served as vice president for arts education at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center and vice president and general counsel of The Juilliard School.



"Laurie Carter will bring to Shippensburg University a wide range of experience and success in a variety of educational settings," said Board of Governors Chair Cynthia D. Shapira. "She has demonstrated outstanding leadership and vision in each of those settings and throughout her career. We are confident she will do the same in her new role as university president and will be an excellent leader for Shippensburg."



# GRADUATES CELEBRATE

during spring commencement  
May 13 at Tippin Gymnasium,  
many using their caps to  
express themselves.









# COMBATING THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC

In response to the growing opioid epidemic in Pennsylvania and in the nation, Clarion University College of Health and Human Services has launched an opioid treatment specialist certificate, which will be offered online, beginning this fall.

“The certificate was developed to educate treatment professionals in prevention and treatment of opioid abuse and addiction,” said Dr. Ray Feroz, professor and chair of the department of human services, rehabilitation, health and sport sciences. “It is one way Clarion can aid in combating the statewide and nationwide opioid crisis.”



Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Wolf announces the opioid treatment specialist program. With him are President Karen Whitney and Dr. Ray Feroz, chair of the department of human services, rehabilitation, health and sport sciences.

Photo by Commonwealth Media Services

**A**ccording to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Pennsylvania was fourth in the nation in drug overdose deaths in 2015 – an increase of 28 percent over 2014 statistics – and the epidemic continues to grow. Drug overdose has surpassed traffic accidents and gun deaths as the leading cause of death in the United States. More than 33,000 people in the United States died of opioid overdoses in 2015.

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GOV. WOLF

“Fighting the ongoing battle against heroin and opioid abuse in the state is a top priority of my administration,” Gov. Wolf said. “I’m proud to announce this new curriculum with Clarion University, because education is a powerful force in this fight, and it is my sincere hope that people take advantage of this opportunity to learn more about opioid addiction and what part we can each play in this effort.”

“The opioid epidemic has reached into every community, creating a need



to have highly skilled professionals dedicated to helping people with addiction,” said State Rep. Donna Oberlander ('91) (R-Clarion/Armstrong/Forest). “This certificate program will help ensure that those who want to help can be trained in the best and newest treatment methods, without having to travel far away for that education.”

Faculty experts in addictions, rehabilitation, social work, psychology and nursing contributed to the design of the certificate, which addresses the specific challenges brought on by the opioid crisis. The coursework provides advanced information on opioid abuse and its prevention, education and treatment. Participants will learn in-depth opioid diagnosis, detox, treatment and recovery aspects, as well as empowerment of patients and advocacy for individuals, and skills to influence legislation and public policy.

**Participants will:**

- **Develop working knowledge of commonly abused opioids and drugs, both legal and illegal.**
- **Plan and evaluate prevention and treatment programs for opioids and other chemical dependency.**
- **Assess clients’ medical and psychosocial needs and assets for developing comprehensive treatment plans for opioids and other chemical dependencies.**
- **Develop advocacy skills for individual clients and larger systems improvement.**

The 12-credit certificate requires no prerequisites. Anyone may pursue the certificate, but it is particularly beneficial to professionals who want to strengthen their credentials and students who want to graduate with stronger job prospects. Feroz said the

## Pieces in the Prevention and Treatment of Opioid Abuse

**Clarion University**  
**Addiction as Brain Disease Education**  
**Opioid Inpatient**  
**Detox Case management Opioid**  
**Student Assistance Programs**  
**Tools Treatment Evaluation**  
**Mental Health co-morbidity Screening**  
**Naloxone Clarion University**  
**Opioid Specialist Studies**  
**Family Involvement Peer Self Help Groups**  
**Criminal Justice System Public Policy**  
**Demand reduction strategies**  
**Workplace Issues Certificate**  
**Crisis and Overdose Ambulatory**  
**Individual Therapy Mindfulness**  
**Medication Assisted Therapies**  
**Group Therapy Recovery Philosophy**  
**Aftercare Clarion University**

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certificate is particularly pertinent to drug counselors, nurses, prevention specialists, case managers, EMTs, emergency room personnel, social workers, HIV/AIDS treatment specialists, school counselors, probation and parole staff, law enforcement, children and family therapists, assessment specialists and other human services professionals who work with impacted clients and families.

“Combating the disease of addiction will take a collaborative effort that includes community education, provider education,

addiction treatment, faith-based support and much more,” said Sen. Gene Yaw (23rd District). “I commend Clarion University in offering a new certificate program, allowing clinicians to focus specifically on the disease process and how individuals can best be helped.”

Yaw is chairman of the Center for Rural Pennsylvania Board of Directors, which has held public hearings since 2014 to examine and discuss current policies and practices related to heroin and opioid addiction, including prevention, treatment and law enforcement efforts.

**“... there is no single solution to combating this disease of addiction.”**

BARRY DENK

Dr. Nancyann Falvo, assistant professor of nursing at Clarion University, is also a board member and has participated in the public hearings and in two statewide telephone town hall meetings on heroin and opioid abuse in Pennsylvania. She is among the faculty members who will teach courses for the opioid specialist certificate, and she has found her position on the Center for Rural Pennsylvania board to be vital in staying informed and contributing to potential solutions.

“This certificate program is a good fit for Clarion, as the university has always been a leader in health care,” Falvo said. “In my 29 years here, the

university has continually responded to the health care needs of the citizens of the commonwealth and has repeatedly become engaged with legislators, health care administrators and local residents.”

Falvo incorporates information on heroin addiction into every one of the courses she teaches. “I have seen that our nursing students are witnessing opioid addiction in every clinical setting, from pediatric through geriatrics, inpatient and outpatient settings, and communities across the country,” she said. “This is a significant problem in both urban and rural areas, where heroin is now the drug of choice. Heroin addiction is seen across all socio-economic groups, races and genders.”

“The public hearings and work

of the Center for Rural Pennsylvania have confirmed that there is no single solution to combating this disease of addiction,” said Barry Denk, director of the center. “The new certificate program developed by Clarion will enhance the skills of current and future health care practitioners to understand the factors contributing to substance use disorder and the varied treatment plans to help a person achieve recovery.”

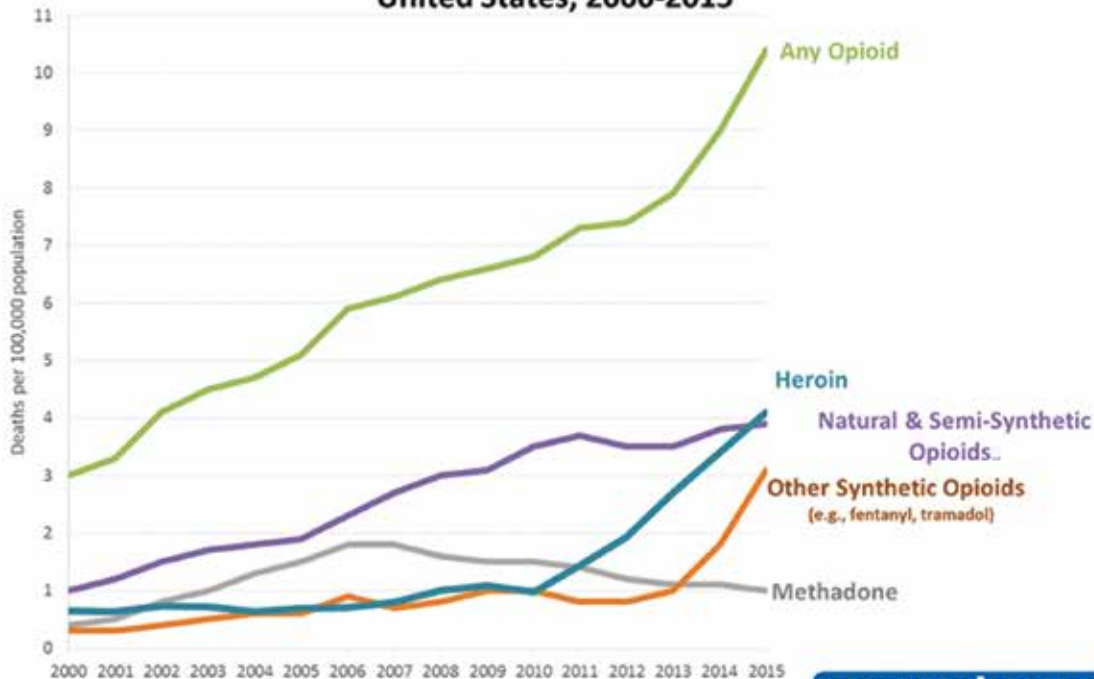
State Rep. Lee James (R-Venango/Butler) calls the program a “regional blessing.” “We are fortunate to have an asset like Clarion University in our area, where people committed to fighting the opioid epidemic can go to learn life-saving and treatment techniques,” James said.

Visit [www.clarion.edu/opioidspecialist/](http://www.clarion.edu/opioidspecialist/) to apply or request information. ■

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DR. NANCYANN FALVO

**Overdose Deaths Involving Opioids, by Type of Opioid, United States, 2000-2015**



SOURCE: CDC/NCHS, National Vital Statistics System, Mortality. CDC WONDER, Atlanta, GA: US Department of Health and Human Services, CDC; 2016. <https://wonder.cdc.gov/>.



# NALOXONE

Naloxone is a medication that can reverse an overdose that is caused by an opioid drug. When administered during an overdose, naloxone blocks the effects of opioids on the brain and restores breathing within two to eight minutes. Naloxone has been used safely by medical professionals for more than 40 years and has only one function: to reverse the effects of opioids on the brain and respiratory system in order to prevent death. (PA Department of Health)



Sgt. Frank Remmick shows a naloxone kit. For the past two years, each university police officer has carried naloxone while on duty. They have not yet had to use the lifesaving drug.

**FDA-approved naloxone nasal spray is supplied as a single 4 mg dose of naloxone hydrochloride in a 0.1 ml nasal spray device. The device requires no assembly. No specialized training is required to administer the dose.** (PA Department of Health)



# The right stuff

**To make a good craft beer you need the right basic ingredients, a little artistic flair and the passion for beer. A few Clarion University alums doesn't hurt either.**

When CU alum Andrea Maitland Estadt ('92) floated the idea of a brewery in her then Sixth and Main Market, it didn't take long for the idea to ferment and for Clarion River Brewing Co. to have a home.

Estadt was put in touch with Doug Caldwell ('01), another Clarion grad who is a brewmaster. Caldwell believed Clarion was the right location for a brewery and was surprised there wasn't one already in Clarion.

"It's perfect," Caldwell said of the Clarion location.

He said the location has the makings for a successful brewery with it being in the county seat and its proximity to the university, Interstate 80, Cook Forest and the river. It didn't hurt that weren't any other breweries in the county.

The closest breweries are in Titusville, Slippery Rock and DuBois. "Clarion would be the next logical place for it," Caldwell said.

That isn't to say the brewery didn't have to go through the long process of securing a brewer's license, a liquor license and all of the necessary permits. The brewer license was finally secured in August 2016 – two years after they began the process.

"There is a huge process. You just have to be persistent," Caldwell said.

Estadt said the process probably should have taken them much longer but they had the support of the community, the borough and elected officials like Con. Glenn G.T. Thompson (R-5). They also managed to obtain a liquor license quickly and were able to open before they secured their brewer's license. This helped them stay afloat while they were awaiting the brewer's license.

"We kind of did things the opposite way and were able to succeed," Estadt said of opening without a brewer's license.

Fellow business partner Bryan Smith, who manages the pub side of the business, was able to obtain the brewing system, Estadt said.

"Everything just fell into place for us," Estadt said.

The endeavor seems to be paying off with reservations almost necessary on a Friday or Saturday night.

"Overall, the community has been very supportive," said business partner and restaurant manager Jeremy Borkowski, ('06, '07).

# THE RIGHT ATMOSPHERE

In addition to the brewery, Clarion River Brewing Co. is known for its foods that range from quick sandwiches and burgers to four-course meals. Some of its best-selling specialties include a giant soft pretzel served with beer cheese, spinach artichoke dip, Chicken Oscar and Salmon Wellington.

Estadt said the menu has always had traditional favorites with a twist and people enjoy it making foods into staple menu items.

“So far the food reviews have been fabulous,” Estadt said.

Borkowski said Clarion River Brewing Co. likes that the community has been so responsive and it aims to please its customer base, which is why it evaluates its menu every six months.

“It’s a way of providing them what they’ve asked for but trying to change things so it doesn’t get old,” Borkowski said.

The attention to customer needs is why the restaurant now offers \$8 to-go options Thursdays and Fridays and crowlers (aluminum cans) and growlers (beer served airtight in a glass, steel or a ceramic jug) to-go any day the establishment is open.

While Estadt is no longer involved in the day-to-day affairs of the business, she said it was always her vision that the names of the craft beers would have a local historical flair. With craft beer names like Leatherwood, Iron Furnace, 1841, Clarion River, Voycheck & Stupka, and Autumn Leaf Fiest, it creates conversation starters with customers and connections with the Clarion area.

Estadt said sometimes locals will suggest a beer name and it gives the brewmaster an idea, allowing him to be creative.

“I think it’s developed into its own identity,” Borkowski said of the establishment.

On any given day you can find business colleagues having lunch or couples on a date.

“What we’re trying to do is provide more of an experience,” Estadt said.

It’s also become a local hotspot for fundraisers with its dining-to-donate program, rehearsal dinners, family parties and showers. The Clarion Free Library recently held a fundraiser there with local celebrities serving as bar tenders.

The pub side has a rustic atmosphere and is made with recycled barn wood,



while the restaurant side offers a spirited and colorful setting partially from its time as Sixth and Main Market.

“He really put his heart and soul into that,” Estadt said of Smith’s bar design.

Clarion River Brewing Co. also has entertainment every weekend and open mic nights the last Saturday of every month. Participants of open mic night receive a free drink for their performance.

## THE PERFECT PARTNERSHIP

The proximity of Clarion River Brewing Co. to Clarion University has provided for a solid partnership between the two organizations, as well as with many other area entities.

“By bringing something to town that does have the longevity, you’re able to create partnerships,” Estadt said.

For one, it’s given them a pool of employees. There are 28 employees at the establishment, 11 of whom are college students and four of whom are alumni.

Because Clarion River Brewing Co. is connected to Clarion University, it struck up a partnership with Gary Greenberg, assistant professor of art, to create pottery mugs/beer steins for a special mug club promotion in the pub, Borkowski said.

Those who join a special year-long membership will receive a mug/stein which stays at the pub. When the year is over, members get to take a mug/stein home.

The process of creating the mugs involved alumni, students and members of the ceramic community.

Greenberg worked with a former student Frank Rodgers (’07, ’09) to

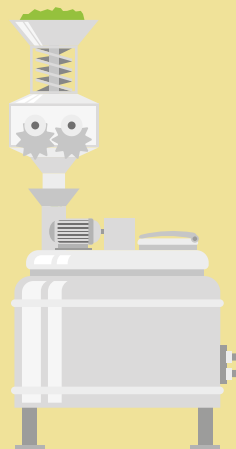
create the mugs. Rodgers maintains his own studio, Oil Creek Pottery, in Oil City. He said they used the kiln that his predecessor, Jim Brashear and his classes built. The Anagama style, wood-fired kiln is located between the two ball fields in Clarion.

“Each firing takes approximately 12 hours to load, 36 hours of continuous stoking and two-and-a-half cords of wood which must be hauled, cut, split and stacked in advance. The kiln then cools for a week, before unloading. The firings involve my students, former students, students from other schools and members of the local, regional and national ceramic community,” Greenberg said. “The necessity of communal

## THE PROCESS OF MAKING BEER

The first steps of making a craft beer are to have the basic ingredients of malted barley, hops, water and yeast. Other flavor enhancing ingredients like corn and chocolate come later.

The first step is the infusion process. “It’s where I start to mix grain and water together to convert starch sugar into fermentable sugars,” Caldwell said. Time and temperature are key in this step with one batch of grain and water blending together for eight-12 hours depending on the beer type.





endeavor, and the unique qualities of wood-fired ware are the primary reasons the mugs were fired this way, which are the things I wanted to highlight in working with CRBC, to increase the profile and visibility of CU ceramics.”

The hope is that Greenberg will make the next batch of membership mugs when the year is over.

“It was my understanding that the brewery wants to commission new sets of mugs for their mug club each year or so, choosing from prototypes submitted from different individuals or groups. With that in mind, I look forward to the future possibility of involving Clarion Association of Ceramic Artists or established former students

to participate in the process more fully,” Greenberg added.

The collaboration with Greenberg isn’t the only partnership Clarion River Brewing Co. has with the university. Borkowski said they’ve been working on a fundraising idea with President Karen Whitney and North Country Brewing Co. in Slippery Rock. While the project is still in the works, they hope that it can benefit the scholarship fund in some way.

Estadt said they’ve had partnerships with local high school and CU art departments by having art shows or by having them design things for the business like caddies for take-out beer. A local industrial arts program built the frames for the flagship beer posters that adorn the

walls of the restaurant.

“It was really just a way to show these small departments. By involving the local community it can keep these departments going,” Estadt said.

## THE RIGHT TIME

Borkowski said employees enjoy working at Clarion River Brewing Co. because it’s a fun atmosphere and they know they’re part of something special.

Borkowski, who has worked at such well-known restaurants as the Captain Loomis Inn in Clarion and the Allegheny Grille in Foxburg, understands what makes a successful establishment.

“You want to make sure it’s an experience,” Borkowski said.

He also believes Clarion River Brewing Co. is coming to Clarion at the right time as it’s attracting not only locals, but also travelers which is helping to revitalize the downtown – an integral part of the community.

“There’s a hustle and bustle in the area,” he said. “It’s exciting.”

For Estadt, it’s nice to see her idea fueling other people’s dreams referring to the people who manage and work at the establishment.

“It’s something that hopefully will stay for years to come,” Estadt said. ■

The next step is known as the sparging or the rinsing process in which the brewmaster rinses the sugars from the grain to get the sugar water known as wort.

Next comes the boil kettle where the wort spends the next 60 to 90 minutes.

Then hops are added and the beer is chilled to a fermentable temperature. Beer will ferment anywhere from three days to two weeks depending on the type of beer, Caldwell explained.

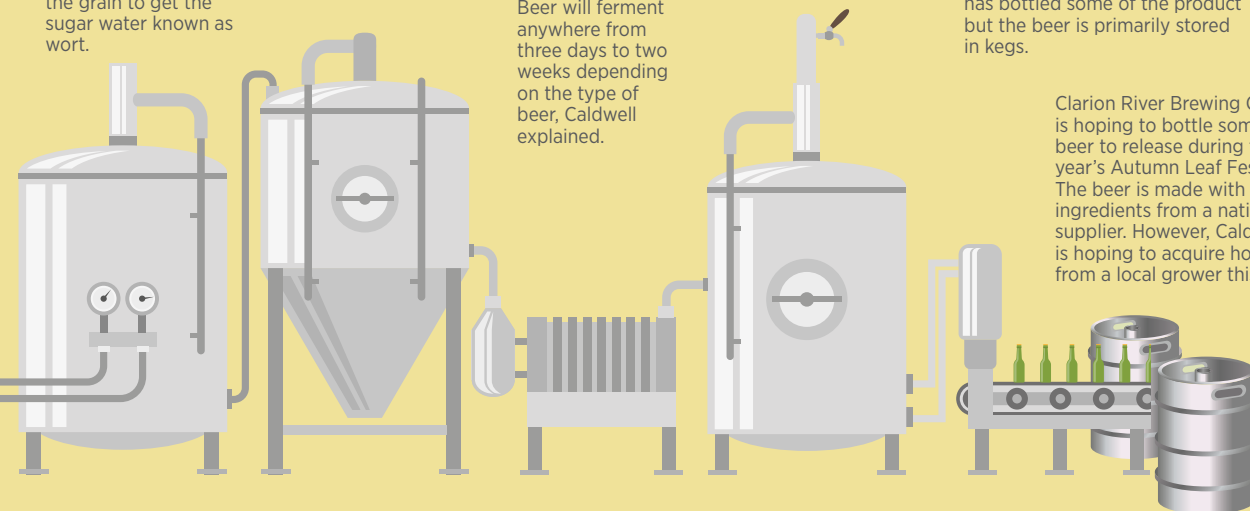
After the fermentation process, the beer is placed in the bright tank. “It’s where I let it age and blend,” Caldwell said. “It needs time for flavors to blend and develop.”

The beer is then carbonated and taken to the tap. Caldwell has bottled some of the product but the beer is primarily stored in kegs.

Clarion River Brewing Co. is hoping to bottle some beer to release during this year’s Autumn Leaf Festival. The beer is made with ingredients from a national supplier. However, Caldwell is hoping to acquire hops from a local grower this fall.

The final step in any brewing process is the cleanup. “Ninety percent of my job is cleaning,” Caldwell said. “Sterilization is key.”

With its equipment and space, Clarion River Brewing Co. has the capability of brewing once a week.



# Serving and learning in Navajo Nation

**T**his past May, Joseph Croskey, director of the university Advising Services Center and assistant professor, took a group of students to the Navajo Nation as part of a service and learning experience.

The trip was run in partnership with IUP.

“Dr. Melanie Hildebrandt is a professor of sociology from IUP. She goes every other year to the Navajo

Nation so that students can learn about the culture and provide some service to people and organizations in the Navajo Nation,” Croskey said.

The group not only experienced the culture, but they also performed a variety of service projects in both Arizona and New Mexico.

“One project we worked on was that they wanted to expand a sweat lodge. We leveled out some ground

next to the current lodge and they will be able to build another sweat lodge so they can run two groups concurrently. Right now, men and women go separately. Instead of making them wait they can both go in at the same time and be a more efficient process,” Croskey said.





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It's just a big learning experience for everybody.”

JOSEPH CROSKEY

Cassie Williams enjoys a bird's eye view of Navajo Nation.



**THE SWEAT LODGE** is used in a variety of ceremonies throughout the Navajo nation. Medicine Men and Women facilitate rituals that are said to repair damage done to the mind, body and spirit. Those who enter the sweat lodge can seek answers from spiritual beings, the Creator, Mother Earth and totem helpers; it is supposed to be a place of refuge and guidance for those who need it.

Traditionally, sweat lodges are constructed of withes of a strong sapling tied together with raw hide or grass root. The withes are bent to make the dome shape and mud is often used to add a layer of security. When the construction is complete, blankets or sheets are added to retain the steam and heat. The entrance of the sweat lodge always faces toward the east. Each day begins in the east with the rising of Father Sun and the fire within the lodge is the light within the world.

The goal for each sweat is for spiritual cleanliness. Many ceremonies begin with participants fasting for an entire day. Before entering the lodge, each person is usually given a smudge of sweet grass, sage or cedar smoke on their forehead as part of the cleanse. Unnatural items such as watches, earrings, silver, gold, glasses, false teeth and many others are not allowed in the lodge.

Traditionally, only men participated in ceremonies in the sweat lodge. As time has passed, there have been sweats for women and even ceremonies when both genders participated.

Another project that the group assisted in was the maintenance of a women's shelter. They sorted through donations and helped go through recently damaged goods from a rainstorm.

"The women's shelter had gone through different philosophies and settled on a blend of western and traditional, but part of their helping includes they can work at the shelter until they start to get some job skills or they can get another job somewhere else," Croskey said.

The group was also able to take in the culture and sites while out west. They participated in ceremonies, saw the Grand Canyon, and saw Native American petroglyphs.

"I learned so much on this trip from culture

**“ I do not take anything for granted now because some people always have it much worse.”**

SARAH WATTERS



Students Sarah Watters and Cassie Williams learned about the culture while helping the people of Arizona's Navajo Nation.

to how the Navajo people live, what food they eat, ceremonies, but the biggest thing for me was I learned to not stereotype these people. The Dine people live just like you and me with schools, hospitals, stores, colleges, but they also preserve their culture and are very proud of it. I also learned that even though they have all the tools to survive, they are still struggling. Most people have running water and electricity, but some do not. I do not take anything for granted, now, because some people always have it much worse," said Sarah Watters, a Clarion University student who participated in the trip, said.

"The experience changed my way of thinking about Native Americans and people on the reservation. Navajo people are very welcoming and want you to learn about their culture. People place such harsh stereotypes on these people that are so far from the truth. I have learned to not judge anyone before getting to know a person," Watters said.

"They are working hard now to retain and restore the native language, the native heritage and traditional things that have kept their culture strong, but that's a battle. They are battling all of the



Watters uses a selfie stick to capture photo of herself and Williams exploring with their group.

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**WATTERS**



A hogán is used for ceremonies and sometimes as living quarters. The entrance always faces east.

# Kinaalda

## Traditional Native American ceremony

When Joseph Croskey and his group traveled to the Navajo Nation this past spring, they were able to participate in a traditional Native American ceremony. Though the version that the group participated in was not the entire ceremony, the roots of the ritual remained.

Kinaalda is a four-day ceremony for girls who have reached puberty. The young woman who is partaking in the ceremony must bathe and then dress in her finest clothing.

Customarily, the ceremony is to take place at the hogán, the traditional family home. The ceremony begins with the young woman stretched out on a blanket just outside of the hogán, facing downward with her head toward the door. A close female relative then begins to “remold” her. She will have her muscles pressed to make her well-formed.

After the molding, the women of the neighborhood dress the girl’s hair in a knot and wrap it in deerskin strings, called tskólh. If there are any babies present, the girl must go to them and lift them from the neck. This is to help them grow faster. After this, she is to run off toward the east, running out a quarter of a mile and back. She does this to assure a strong and active life in her womanly years. She must do this each morning until after the public ceremony.

The four days before the ceremony are that of self-discipline. The girl cannot scratch her body because marks made by her nails may become ill-looking scars. Only mush and bread may be eaten and they cannot contain any salt. They believe indulging in



Williams, the youngest female in the service group, is dressed in the ceremonial clothing worn during Kinaalda.

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finer foods would invite in laziness. During the ceremony, the women grind corn for the first three days, and the meal is mixed into a batter for a large corn cake.

A medicine man is in charge of the ceremony and is often paid for his services with blankets, grain and other items of value. Friends and family are called to the family’s hogán in the early evening. When dusk arrives, the medicine man begins his various songs. The singing and rituals continue

until sunrise, when the mother washes the girl’s hair with yucca suds. Cornmeal is used to dry her hair. After this process, she takes her last run toward the east, and this time, the young children in attendance follow her. This is symbolic of the kind of mother she will be and that her children will always follow her.

During her run, the medicine man sings eight songs. When she returns, the corn cake the women made is served and the girl can loosen her hair from the knot and eat any food that she pleases.

<http://navajopeople.org/blog/kinaalda-celebrating-maturity-of-girls-among-the-navajo/>

forces of comfort and easy life and Anglo-world,” Croskey said.

Both Croskey and Watters made it clear that trips like this are very important, not only as a learning experience but as a way to understand another culture.

“We can talk a little bit more accurately about the Navajo Nation and some other Native American experiences,” Croskey said.

“Study trips like this are so important because they get you out of your comfort zone and make you push yourself to your learning edge. Learning is so much fun and whenever you can get out of the

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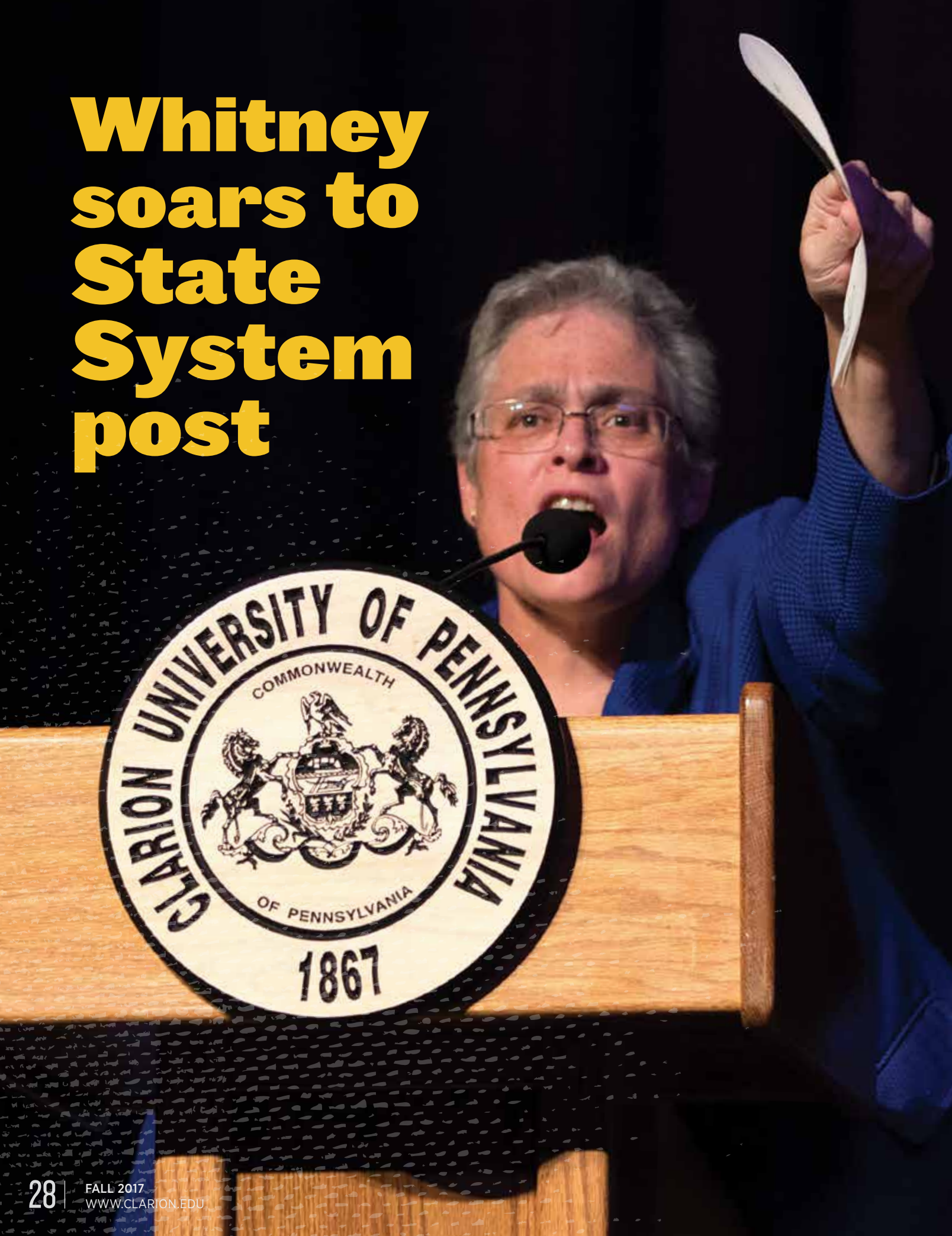
classroom and visit different places like I did, it is a completely different type of learning,” Watters said.

Croskey said that he intends to take a group of students back to the Navajo Nation next May. He wants to broaden the trip to more schools, in hopes of expanding this service and learning opportunity. ■

Petroglyphs are rock carvings made by using a stone chisel and a hammerstone. When the desert varnish (or patina) on the surface of the rock was chipped off, the lighter rock underneath was exposed.



# Whitney soars to State System post



**WHITNEY HAS BEEN A VISIBLE AND ACCESSIBLE PRESIDENT WHO HAS ANNUALLY LED, ATTENDED, AND HOSTED AND/OR SPONSORED MORE THAN 550 EVENTS, PROGRAMS AND MEETINGS.**



Whitney is pleased with the progress made under her leadership, most notably:

- The distinction of being a university that prepares students to enter professions, including those in teaching, business, and health and human services;
- Working with faculty to develop new academic programs; and
- Increased ethic of care for students and a student-centered perspective across campus.

Through a streamlined process for creating, developing and launching programs, Clarion has developed 10 new academic programs, including its first doctorate degree, during Whitney's tenure. Five additional credentials are planned to be launched by 2019. The new programs reflect student interest and workforce needs.

Whitney's commitment to students is further reflected by the renovation of Becht Hall as a student success center that brings student services to one location and by the replacement of outdated student housing with suite-style housing that has helped to increase student recruitment and

President Karen Whitney will leave Clarion University next month, but not in the way she envisioned when she announced earlier this summer that she would retire in June 2018; Whitney has accepted the position of interim chancellor of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education.

In that role, her goal will mirror her lifelong work – making a difference for students.

"I wholeheartedly believe that Clarion and every university in our State System is important and will succeed in continuing to offer relevant and inspiring learning experiences that will enable students to have great lives

and livelihoods," Whitney said. "For seven years, I have worked with the State System board, the university presidents and many other wonderful people throughout the state to advance Clarion's interests. Now, I can build upon these experiences to advance all 14 state universities."

Whitney became president in summer 2010, following a nationwide search. She immediately embarked upon a 90-day listening tour from which she developed priorities that ultimately helped to drive the university's strategic directions. The directions have four areas of focus – encourage student, faculty and staff success; create equitable, diverse environments; expand our engagement with society; and thrive financially – guided by the mission, Clarion University of Pennsylvania provides transformative, lifelong learning opportunities through innovative, nationally recognized programs delivered in inclusive, student-centered environments.

# Whitney appointed State System interim chancellor

The Board of Governors of Pennsylvania's State System of Higher Education has selected Dr. Karen M. Whitney to serve as interim chancellor, beginning Sept. 12. Clarion's interim provost and vice-president of academic affairs, Dr. Todd Pfannestiel, will step in as acting university president until an interim president is selected.

"On behalf of the Clarion University Council of Trustees, and from my personal perspective, we are proud of President Karen Whitney advancing to a key leadership post in our commonwealth," said J.D. Dunbar, chair of the Clarion University Council of Trustees. "She has been a strong leader through some very turbulent times for Clarion, always putting the needs of students first. As interim chancellor, she will tackle tough issues with the same confidence that she has demonstrated during her seven-year tenure here. I am pleased that the Board of Governors has affirmed Dr. Whitney's efforts, along with the stellar work of faculty and staff at Clarion University in the wake of persistent whitewater challenges. Their decision to select President Whitney is, indeed, a measure of their confidence in the future of Clarion University, a confidence we share."

During President Whitney's tenure, Clarion has become more professionally focused in providing programs which meet both student and workforce needs.

Nursing programs are more in demand than ever, and the four-year Bachelor of Science in Nursing program is at capacity for the 2017-2018 school year. Education enrollment numbers have rebounded and are showing growth in secondary education certification fields and elementary education, and new programs

the Chancellor. The National Center for Higher Education Management Systems recently announced its recommendations, and the Board of Governors is developing an implementation plan based on the review's analysis.

"Though I'm leaving Clarion sooner than anticipated, it is to take on a role that will benefit both Clarion students and students at our 13 sister universities." President Whitney said. "I'm proud of our collective work over the past seven years and the advances we've made to become recognized as a leader in professional programs that meet the needs of the commonwealth. Clarion University leads the State System in professionally accredited credentials, particularly in education, business, information, and health and human services. As president of one of the smaller State System universities, I am well positioned to understand the challenges all 14 universities face and how the State System can be a force for positive change."

President Whitney's successor will be selected through a national search, which will begin in the next academic year. The Board of Governors is responsible for hiring university presidents within the State System.

**SHE HAS BEEN A STRONG LEADER THROUGH SOME VERY TURBULENT TIMES FOR CLARION, ALWAYS PUTTING THE NEEDS OF STUDENTS FIRST.** - J.D. DUNBAR

in nutrition & fitness, data analytics, and counseling continue to reflect strong student interest.

Gov. Tom Wolf recently joined President Whitney in announcing the launch of the commonwealth's first online Opioid Treatment Specialist certificate program, available at Clarion Online.

President Whitney will assume her new role of interim chancellor at a pivotal time. Last year, the Board of Governors launched a strategic review of the system's 14 universities and the Office of







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retention. The \$60 million housing project is a portion of the \$150 million in construction and renovations projects underway or completed during her tenure, all designed to enrich the student learning and community engagement experience.

Whitney has been a visible and accessible president who has annually led, attended, and hosted and/or sponsored more than 550 events, programs and meetings. She implemented the popular Late Night Breakfast in which she and other administration, faculty and staff members serve students the Sunday night before finals week.

Whitney said Clarion's greatest strength is its people – the employees, the community, and, especially, the students whom she describes as “hardworking students who sacrifice

much to come to Clarion to make better lives for themselves.”

During Whitney's leadership, she has changed, too.

“I've become more thoughtful about how we should organize our collective time, talent and resources to achieve what we believe in the most,” she said.

She hopes, when people reflect on her time at Clarion University, they will remember working together to offer

outstanding learning opportunities and life-changing experiences.

If the next president seeks words of advice from Whitney, she will give these: Listen thoughtfully before taking action.

Whitney and her wife, Dr. Peggy Apple, an education faculty member, will retain a residence in Clarion, where Apple will continue to work. They have a dog, Clare. ■

# BUILDING MOMENTUM

CLARION UNIVERSITY BASEBALL enjoyed a resurgence in 2017, with first year head coach Anthony Williams guiding the Golden Eagles to their most successful season since 2009.

Spurred on by a combination of veteran leadership and a group of promising underclassmen, the Blue and Gold posted a 13-31 overall record, including a 5-21 mark in PSAC play, the most wins of any CU team in the last eight seasons.

Earning their first win of the season over West Virginia State Feb. 25, the Golden Eagles followed it up the next weekend when the team headed to Wilson, North Carolina, for their annual spring training trip where the Golden Eagles rattled off wins against Fairmont State and fellow PSAC foe Kutztown.

The Eagles faltered against some tough PSAC competition before putting it together for a four-game win streak, their longest of the season. After a 4-2 victory over conference powerhouse Lock Haven March 29, CU won three consecutive

shutouts against Cal U, outscoring the Vulcans 13-0 over three games.

While the Golden Eagles know this season was a step in the right direction, coach Williams and his squad are looking to improve even more in 2018.

Clarion will lose the services of seven seniors, including several who were mainstays for CU in 2017, perhaps none greater than first baseman Tyler Falk.

A two-time Academic All-District and a 2017 Academic All-American, Falk led the Golden Eagles in a number of offensive categories, including batting average (.384), slugging percentage (.534%) and total bases (39). Compounding the loss is the departure of shortstop Joey Lopez and right-handed hurler Kane McCall, both major contributors to Clarion's success in 2017.

Those losses will sting, but there are still plenty of reasons to get excited about the Golden Eagles next year.



Rising sophomore Cole Schaffer made 42 appearances for the Blue and Gold in 2017, including 40 starts at third base. The Indiana (Pa.) native hit .219 with five extra-base hits in his rookie campaign and will be part of the core of this CU team moving forward.

Same goes for catcher Mike Connell. The younger brother of Clarion catcher Tom Connell, Mike made 26 appearances behind the dish for Clarion, including 16 starts. Throw in the likes of Matt Kamenicky and Austin Mike, and there's still plenty of returning talent to help offset the loss of the strong senior class.





## BASEBALL'S Tyler Falk

# GO LDEN EAGLE

**Clarion baseball player Tyler Falk is used to making history. In 2016 he became the first Golden Eagles baseball player to earn Academic All-American recognition, and this year he wrapped a stellar career on the playing field with Second Team All-PSAC West honors for the second time in his career.**

However, the best was yet to come for the Fombell native. On June 1, the College Sports Information Directors of America announced that Falk was the Division II Baseball Academic All-American of the Year, one of the highest honors given to student-athletes. He is the fourth Clarion student-athlete and fifth overall to earn Academic All-America of the Year and the first male student-athlete at the school to do so.

The Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference also lauded Falk as a Spring Top 10 selection for the second straight year in 2017. The annual Top 10 award goes to five males and five females who exhibit excellence in the classroom and in competition. He is the first Clarion athlete to repeat since Kristin Day (2014-15) and the first male athlete to win it twice since Gary Aughinbaugh (2001-02).

**Falk graduated in May with a perfect 4.0 GPA and a degree in finance, but his performance on the diamond was not too shabby, either.**

He hit the ground running as a freshman in 2014, winning PSAC West Freshman of the Year honors with a .363 batting average, an OPS of .871 and a team-high 18 RBIs. Falk earned his first national academic recognition as a sophomore in 2015, taking home CoSIDA Academic All-District 2 honors while tying the program's single-season

home run record with seven blasts and a 14-game hitting streak that ranked second in school history, and in 2016 broke through by earning Academic All-America Second Team honors as a junior 2016.

**All of that was a prelude to a masterful senior campaign, when Falk authored maybe the best season of his college career.**

He hit .375 with a staggering 1.030 OPS and paced the Golden Eagles in numerous offensive categories, including batting, slugging percentage, on-base percentage and walks. The entire team showed growth under first-year head coach Anthony Williams, winning more games than in any of the five seasons prior.

**That paved the way for the Academic All-America of the Year honor in 2017, a year that also saw Falk finish near the top of nearly every career offensive category at Clarion.**

He finished his career ranked second all-time in batting (.371), fifth in slugging (.531), third in on-base percentage (.452), second in games played (159), second in games started (158), third in runs (91), second in hits (186), fourth in home runs (12) and third in RBI (96).

**After graduation, Falk put his degree to work.** He is an investment advisor representative at Centauri Advisory Group and is also an insurance agent through Jack Bonus Insurance. Falk hasn't completely walked away from the game of baseball, however. He intends to volunteer coach with his former high school coach's fall team.

# SOFTBALL



Clarion softball added another dose of youth for the 2017 season, with the hopes that the transfusion of young blood will help the program in its growth under head coach Cheryl Peterson.

THIS YEAR'S ROSTER was dotted with underclassmen, with 11 of 20 players either with either freshman or sophomore eligibility. Those young players played in key situations, too, with five freshmen starting more than half of this year's games in the field and another (freshman Macy Rubin) ranking fourth on the team in pitching appearances.

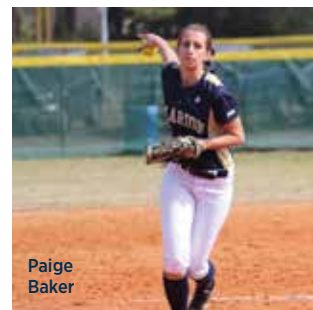
Senior Paige Baker provided what had to be the highlight of the season, earning PSAC Central Pitcher of the Week honors May 1 with a gem of a game against Lock Haven. She capped off what had been her best week of the year with her first career complete-game shutout, wiping out the Bald Eagles in a 1-0 win. It was the first Clarion win over Lock Haven since 2010 and proved to be an exciting closing performance for the 2017 season.

Fellow senior Rachel Hoffman authored a similar performance earlier in the year, in another game fraught with emotion and excitement. A transfer from Pitt-Johnstown two years ago, Hoffman

shut out her former teammates with a complete-game shutout on April 21. The Golden Eagles walloped the Lady Cats to the tune of a 7-0 victory that saw freshman Haley Pszyk crush a three-run homer over the centerfield fence.

Offensively, sophomore Taylor Nonnenberg was the iron woman of the group, playing in all 48 games in her second campaign. She led the Golden Eagles in hits and runs and ranked just behind senior Casey Wilcox in extra-base hits. Sophomore Cassidy Runyan led the team in home runs (2) and RBI (10) as she developed into a potent middle-of-the-order bat, while five of her teammates also contributed home runs on the year.

Baker and Hoffman both finished their final years at the top of the pitching staff, with the duo turning over the ball to underclassmen like Rubin, Sarah Gossard and Kira Smith. With another large influx of freshmen expected for 2018, the Golden Eagles will continue to rebuild and retool for more success.



Paige Baker



Haley Pszyk

Aryn Boyer



Rachel Hoffman

## TRACK AND FIELD



CLARION UNIVERSITY TRACK AND FIELD team enjoyed a number of dynamic individual performances throughout the 2017 campaign, culminating in a 12th-place finish at the PSAC Championships May 6 in Bloomsburg.

Senior Tatiana Cloud took fifth overall in the 400-meter hurdles, touching out with a final time of 1 minute, 3.48 seconds. The Leechburg native was a force all season for the Blue and Gold and earned an NCAA Championship provisional qualifying mark in the 400 hurdles after she took first at the Paul Kaiser Classic with a remarkable 1:01.61 finish.

Both relay teams enjoyed successful showings at PSAC Championships. The 4x100 team of Courtney Young, Courtney Corban,

Jess Shomo and Amanda Batey took seventh overall, while the 4X800 team of Danni Tarr, Letizia Collini, Rikki Brumbaugh and Breanna Leidy earned a top-five finish, running a 9:33.65 to earn fifth.

Finally, the 4X400 squad of Corban, Tarr, Collini and Cloud took sixth with a time of 3:58.15.

In the field events, Kari Steuer took eighth in the discus with a distance of 34.38 meters, while Abby Gluvna took 10th in the javelin with a mark of 33.67 meters.

The 4x400 relay team shattered the previous Clarion record by almost two full seconds, running a 3:53.67 at the Paul Kaiser Classic to cement themselves into the record books. In addition, Jess Shomo and Amanda Batey moved to #2 and #3 in program history for the 100-meter dash, running times of 12.36 and 12.45, respectively.

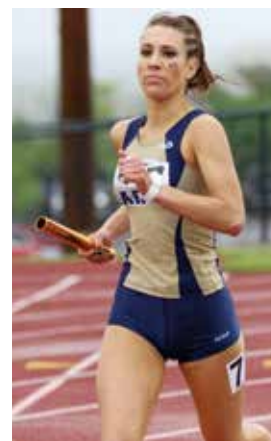
## by the numbers

<b>1</b> 4x400 team CU record <b>3:53.67</b>	<b>1</b> Tatiana Cloud 400 hurdles 1:01.61	<b>2</b> Jess Shomo 100 m. dash #2 Clarion <b>12.36</b>	<b>3</b> Amanda Batey 100 m. dash #3 Clarion <b>12.45</b>
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## AT THE PAUL KAISER CLASSIC

<b>5</b> 4x800 team 9:33.65	<b>6</b> 4x400 team 3:58.15	<b>7</b> 4x100 team	<b>8</b> Steuer - discus 34.8 meters
			<b>10</b> Gluvna - javelin 33.67 meters

## AT THE PSAC CHAMPIONSHIPS

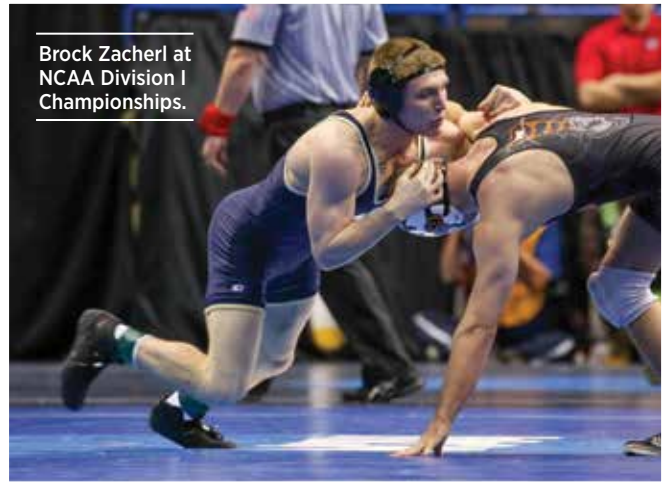


# WRESTLING WRAP-UP

**T**he progress of the Clarion wrestling program during the 2016-17 season lives just under the surface. Scratch some of that away, and you will see a team continuing to grow in its third season under head coach Keith Ferraro and staff.

For the second straight season, the Golden Eagles sent two competitors to the NCAA Division I Wrestling Championships, with redshirt sophomores Brock Zacherl and Jake Gromacki – the latter a transfer from Pittsburgh – both earning trips to St. Louis in March. Zacherl enjoyed another honor earlier in the year, when he was chosen to compete in a special exhibition at the National Wrestling Coaches' Association All-Star Classic at Quicken Loans Arena in Cleveland.

Brock Zacherl at NCAA Division I Championships.



NCAA Division I Wrestling Championships in St. Louis in March.



**For the second straight season, the Golden Eagles sent two competitors to the NCAA Division I Wrestling Championships.**



Brock Zacherl



Jake Gromacki

As a team, the Golden Eagles finished the year with a 6-10 overall record in dual matches and a 3-3 mark against Eastern Wrestling League opponents, but the real signs of progress were apparent on the mat if not on the scoreboard. Clarion won three of its last four conference matches of the year, including blowout victories over Bloomsburg (27-13) and Cleveland State (34-6).

That led directly to an impressive day at the EWL Championships, hosted this year at Bloomsburg. Zacherl and Gromacki both officially cemented their spots at the NAAs by reaching the championships matches of their respective brackets. Juniors Dustin Conti and Evan DeLong were in the mix for NCAA Championship berths as well, with both coming up just one win shy of punching their tickets to St. Louis

**Juniors Dustin Conti and Evan DeLong were in the mix for NCAA Championship berths with both coming up just one win shy of punching their tickets to St. Louis.**

in the 197- and 165-pound brackets, respectively. Conti was a finalist at 197 pounds, falling in a close match to Rider's Ryan Wolfe, while DeLong took third place at 165 pounds with a decision over Cleveland State's John Vaughn.

## Evan DeLong earned Outstanding Wrestler honors at the 2016 Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference Championships.

DeLong's season also included one of the top individual highlights of the season. He earned Outstanding Wrestler honors at the 2016 Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference Championships after claiming the 165-pound championship at the event. He is the first Golden Eagle to win Outstanding Wrestler at the long-running tournament since James Fleming in 2012. All told, 10 Golden Eagles have won PSAC Tournament Outstanding Wrestler, dating back to 1959.

Only a small handful of seniors graduate from this year's team, leaving plenty to be excited about in the years to come. Seven of last year's 10 starters, including NCAA qualifiers in Zacherl and Gromacki, return to the fray, as do Conti, DeLong and veterans Dom Rigous and Roshuan Cooley. Internal additions will buoy the lineup as well, with a number of talented competitors redshirting in 2016-17 set to compete for starting spots. Among them is freshman Greg Bulsak, a 184-pounder who posted a 14-2 record as an unattached wrestler at open tournaments this year.



Coach Ferraro

Ferraro and his staff, which includes assistant coaches Kyle Kiss and Joe DeAngelo, also made a significant impact on the team on the recruiting trail this year. In what has been an annual occurrence for the Golden Eagles under Ferraro, this year's crop ranks in the top 25 in the nation according to FloWrestling.

The success does not stop at the mat, as the emphasis on well-rounded student-athletes saw the team garner academic honors. Zacherl and DeLong both earned NWCA All-Academic recognition in April, the second year in a row for both. The process of qualifying for the recognition is rigorous: a wrestler must have completed at least one full year at his institution with a cumulative GPA of 3.20 or better, while also winning 60 percent of his total schedule.

# HALL OF FAME



**CLARION SPORTS HALL OF FAME** inducted seven members May 5, with nearly 250 attending the ceremony at Eagle Commons. Doris Black, Gary Frantz, Kayla (Kelosky) Renninger, Dave Sheets, Frank Supancic,

Craig Turnbull and Art Walker were recognized for the honor they brought to Clarion in their time wearing the Blue & Gold, both as players and as coaches. After greetings from retired sports information director Rich Herman

(standing, right) and President Karen Whitney, master of ceremonies Bill Miller (standing, left) introduced the Class of 2017.

“When I coached here, I always told my players, ‘You set your sights and your goals, and if you can’t be anything else, be a good person.’ I can say that these women are all good people.”

*- Doris Black*

“Coach (AI) Jacks used to tell us, ‘There are many young men in our nation that would want to be in your position right now, playing college football. Take advantage of it.’ He was right: enjoy it, savor it, have fun.”

*- Gary Frantz*



# CLASS OF 2017



DORIS BLACK  
GARY FRANTZ  
KAYLA (KELOSKY) RENNINGER  
DAVE SHEETS  
FRANK SUPANCIC  
CRAIG TURNBULL  
ART WALKER



“So much of my growth as a swimmer came from the people around me. I’m so blessed to have been part of the best men’s team in Clarion history, and train with some of the best we ever had.”

**- Dave Sheets**

“The entire coaching staff at Clarion taught us about winning, and they taught us about life. They were our coaches, our teachers in school, and they always supported us.”

**- Frank Supancic**

“I’ve never been more moved, touched or changed than in my four years at Clarion.”

**- Kayla (Kelosky) Renninger**

“You don’t have any responsibility for the cards you’re dealt in life, but you are responsible for how you play them. As I reflect back, the most important card was the one that led me to Clarion.”

**- Craig Turnbull**

“It was always my dream to be a college football player. Motivation is great and it’s needed. It’s a push. Inspiration, though, is what pulls us, and what makes a legacy.”

**- Art Walker**

# A look back...

1967 Clarion Call staff



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# ALUMNI NOTES

## SUMMER 2017

### 1969

**Dr. Thekla (Weissig) Fall** is employed with Owl Testing Software. She is retired from Pittsburgh Public Schools. She was awarded approximately \$2 million in state and federal funding to develop proficiency-oriented, standards-based foreign language instructional programs. She was able to expand the world languages program from three languages to six languages including Chinese, Japanese and Italian and grow three language programs from seven- to 12-year sequences. Fall developed and implemented the nation's first district-wide, online, oral proficiency assessment system to collect and rate more than 1,300 speech samples annually. Fall received the Northeast Conference Brooks Award for Outstanding Leadership in the Profession. The Brooks Award recognizes the exceptional leadership Fall provides to the field, which is remarkable for its professional integrity, unflinching dedication, and willingness to disseminate best practices to educators around the country. In 2017 she received the Northeast Conference on the teaching of Foreign Languages.

### 1975

**Fran (Wonner) Eckert** is a senior solutions consultant for Unit4, Ellisville, Mo. She resides in Greenville, with her husband, Jack.

### 1987

**Michael Leonheart** is a general manager for Fairway Vacation Rentals, Palm Desert, Calif. He resides in Palm Desert.

**Terrence Smith** is an assistant principal for Woodland Hills School District, North Braddock. He resides in Aliquippa with his wife, Jamie and children: Terrence II, Alicia and Zoe.

### 1989

**Jane (Williams) Binley** is a director of development for the University of Pittsburgh. She resides in Pittsburgh, with her husband, Chris, and children, David and Lauren.

### 1991

**Cheryl (Shrauder) Boyanowski** is a voucher analyst for Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency, Harrisburg. She resides in Mechanicsburg with her sons, Timothy and Zachary.

### 1998

**Jeff Levkulich** is a reporter for WFTV, Orlando. He resides in Oviedo, Fla., with his wife, Jennifer, and children, Mason and Lily.

### 2000

**Ben Stentz** is an executive director for the Municipality of Princeton. He resides in Hamilton, N.J., with his son, Michael.

### 2003

**Mike Fareri** is a property manager for the Solomon Organization. He resides in Bethlehem, Pa.

### 2004

**Samuel Carroll** is a teacher in the Bedford Area School District, where he also coaches wrestling and football. He resides in Bedford.

**Teresa Denchfield** is an int. systems analyst for DigitaliBiz, Rockville, Md. She resides in Washington, D.C.

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## 2005

**Madeline (Baldizar) and Daniel ('04) Anderson** reside in Gibsonia with their daughters, Violet and Gwendolyn. Madeline is employed with the Pine-Richland School District.

**Michelle (Montgomery) Barnes** is a social services security director. She resides in Mercer with her husband, Benjamin, and son, Jacob.

## 2008

**Lacey Klingensmith** is an academic advisor, ALM Sustainability Program for Harvard University Division of Continuing Education, Cambridge, Mass. She received a Master of Liberal Arts in Sustainability from Harvard Extension School in 2016. She resides in Boston.

## 2010

**Randall and Amber (Seslar '11) Oaks** reside in Jeannette. Randall is an event manager for the Westmoreland Museum of American Art, Greensburg.

## 2011

**Ian Catherine** is an on-air personality for Colonial Radio Group of Williamsport, LLC. He resides in Williamsport.

**Amanda Yetter** is a youth services librarian for Perry Memorial Library, Henderson, N.C. She resides in Henderson.

## 2017

**Katie (Martin) Kewish** is an audio transcriber for Auscript, Perth, Australia. She resides in Spearwood, Australia, with her husband, Martin.

## MICHALSKI *awarded* MEDAL OF HONOR

Landsgardeforeningen Association of Danish Marching Showbands presented its Medal of Honor to Dr. Stanley F. Michalski Jr., the first American to receive the award.

In presenting the award, Landsgardeforeningen noted that Michalski "has dedicated his life to music, which has brought him all around the world and is furthermore author of numerous published articles on music education. In more than 40 years, he has been a member of the prestigious American Bandmasters Associations, which is considered the highest honor achievable by an American bandsman.

Michalski directed Clarion's band from 1961 to 1992. Under his leadership, the Clarion band program was launched into direct comparison with the finest collegiate music ensembles, one with a reputation for performance excellence.



Carsten Petersen, Landsgardeforeningen's national chairman, presents the Medal of Honor to Dr. Stanley Michalski.

## IN MEMORIAM

### 1930s

Dorothy Pearson ('37), March 19, 2017

### 1940s

William Crissman ('48), April 27, 2017

### 1950s

E. Helmintoller ('52), June 20, 2017

Nancy George ('58), March 16, 2017

James Graziano ('59), March 15, 2017

### 1960s

Karlene Molinaro ('60), March 20, 2017

Lee Rouse ('60), April 16, 2017

Herbert Burns ('61), May 18, 2017

William Powell ('65), May 8, 2017

Adele Gammieri ('66), May 11, 2017

### 1970s

Elaine Schreibeis ('70), March 15, 2017

Deborah A. (Turcheck '71) Chislock,  
Feb. 7, 2016

Roberta Couch ('72), May 7, 2017

Martha Kline ('73), April 5, 2017

Sara Steffee ('73), May 15, 2017

Earl H. McDaniel Jr. ('73), June 19, 2017

Mary Reese ('74), March 16, 2017

Joyce Rowland ('75), April 2, 2017

Joan Ellis ('78), April 24, 2017

Maxine King ('78), June 9, 2017

Deborah Fleming ('79), Dec. 12, 2016

### 1980s

James Caldwell ('81), April 1, 2017

Susan Almes ('82), April 12, 2017

### 1990s

Roberta Wielandt ('91), June 20, 2017

Christine Slippy ('95), May 22, 2017

### 2000s

Eric O'Neil ('05), May 12, 2017

### 2010s

Frederick Clark ('10), April 13, 2017

### Friends

Don McCormac, March 25, 2017 (former staff)

Roger Horn, June 6, 2017 (retired faculty)

Ernie Goble, June 23, 2017 (retired staff)

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**DAVID**  
David Anthony Braunstein, son of Michael and **Brianne "Bree" (Simpson '02) Braunstein**, born July 18, 2016



**MAELEIGH**  
Maeleigh Joe Zimmerman, daughter of **Sean ('11) and Emily (Hulburt '09) Zimmerman**, born Oct. 8, 2016



**LUCILLE**  
Cole Haney, son of **Matthew ('08) and Britney (Boulton) Haney**, born Oct. 20, 2016



Brooklyn Marie Abercrombie, daughter of Richard and **Christina (Steiner '08) Abercrombie**, born Oct. 30, 2016



Samuel "Ryan" Swartzfager II, son of Samuel and **Alyssa (Marchand '12, '14) Swartzfager**, born June 29, 2016



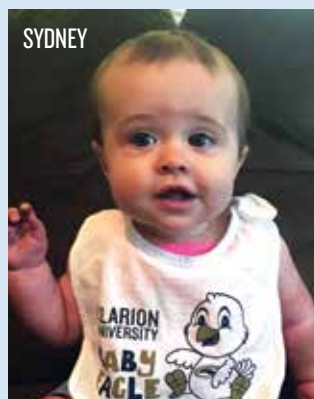
Lennox Fremer, daughter of **Andy ('10) and Katie (Miller '12) Fremer**, born March 19, 2017



Alex Alan Soety, son of **Tyler ('08) and Kelly (Allen '08) Soety**, born Jan. 22, 2017



Grayson Boyd, daughter of Ree Boyd and **Casey Keck ('01)**, born Jan. 10, 2016



Sydney Rose Burnsworth, daughter of Matt and **Lee (Caffrey '07) Burnsworth**, born Nov. 2, 2016



Adalynn Joy Reed, daughter of **David K. ('09) and Kayla J. (Rush '09) Reed**, born Sept. 9, 2016



Paint Party participants show their Clarion love.



Cloey Bonzo and mom Autumn (Chrobak '05) Bonzo have fun in the Blue & Gold Color Run.



Max Schang sings the blues.

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Class of 1967 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion: (Bottom row, from left) Maria (Santarelli) Tallarico, Dr. Karen Whitney, Marlene Eaton; (second row) Philomena (Galek) Patterson, Francine (Appel) Pratt, Therese (Pugliese) DiCicco; (third row) Gary Tucker, Richard Shevchik, Edward Sarver; (fourth row) Jim Patterson and Leonard Sarnosky.



Tiki Kahle ('87), Jon Catanzarita ('11), Ginna (Cole '88) Vasko and Emily (Hoover '09) Weaver hang out with Ernie at his Ice Cream with the Mascot event.





# GOLDEN EAGLE TAKES FLIGHT



Maddie Thomas, second-year BSN student with a minor in psychology, job shadowed a STAT MedEvac flight nurse. On campus, Maddie is a SOAR mentor, orientation leader and a member of the Zeta Tau Alpha sorority.



# COURAGEOUS *endeavors*

TORRON MOLLETT '17

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Torron Mollett describes the neighborhood where he grew up as “rough.” As a young teen, he lost his father to gun violence, and the formerly bubbly kid began to act out. His school placed him in a program that helped kids with behavioral difficulties.

He took back to his neighborhood what he learned in the program and became a peer mentor to other kids, encouraging them to get more involved with academics.

Fast forward to college. Mollett visited several schools, but “Clarion felt like home,” he said. He was invited to take part in the Summer Bridge Program, in which incoming freshmen can strengthen their academic skills.

“I felt like it would give me that jump start – if I didn’t take it, I feel like I wouldn’t have been here,” he

said. “It made me understand, ‘I can do this. If I put my mind to it, I can study and get that degree.’”

As he pursued his degree, he continued to serve his peers and was among the first mentors for the Golden Eagle Men’s Success program, which helps African American males stay focused on academics.

“I worked in the office of Minority Student Services, and we got yearly statistics on retention rates for African American students. Females were graduating, but males weren’t,” Mollett said. “I felt it was important to step up, be a leader and help young men graduate.”

When Mollett graduated in May with degrees in political science and criminal justice, he addressed fellow graduates as student commencement speaker. Among them were six young men, the first cohort of graduates from GEMS. He has promised to be at

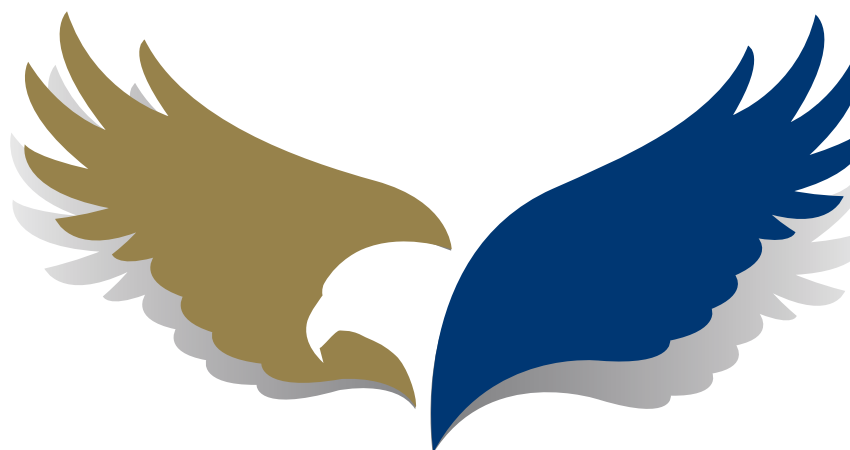
commencement ceremonies through 2020 to see other young men whom he mentored walk the stage and get their degrees.

Mollett, the oldest of four children, is the first member of his family to graduate from college. He wrote a 20-page letter to his mother, thanking her for being his rock throughout his life. Mother’s Day followed spring commencement; Mollett wrapped his diploma and presented it to her as a gift.

He will begin graduate school this fall at University of Baltimore. His ultimate goal is to open a non-profit organization through which he can continue to help people.

“It’s important – giving back.” Mollett said. “I feel like everyone should give back; life repeats itself, so giving back and helping someone is something you should do.”

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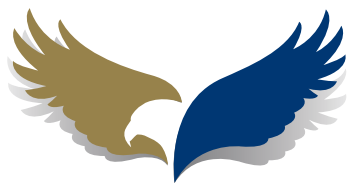
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