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Brian Hastings ('95, '99)

Education: Bachelor's degree in secondary education/physics; master's degree in science education, both from Clarion University

Career: High school physics teacher, Spring Grove (Pa.) Area School District

Home: Spring Grove, Pa.

Hastings graduated from Clarion University's honors program with a bachelor's degree in secondary education/physics in 1995. He started working toward his master's degree at Clarion and began his teaching career at Spring Grove Area School District in 1996. He finished his master's degree in science education in 1999.

Hastings' work keeps him busy. He and his wife, Jennifer, are also kept hopping at home with their two sons, Brian Jr., 3 1/2, and Adam, 3 months. Hastings tries to return to Clarion during Autumn Leaf Festival to catch up with the news on campus.

Rocket Science

It's not just anyone who can advise Rocket Scientists. For Hastings, that's one part of his work as physics teacher at Spring Grove, where he teaches 10th through 12th grade physics. The Rocket Scientists is a group of high school scientists who compete against students from other high schools, up to the national level. "We just finished the Physics Olympics. I took two teams, and they took first and third overall," Hastings said. "In Science Olympiad, we've advanced to states every year since 2005, and in Team America Rocketry Challenge, we had two teams advance to nationals the past two years."

For the past 10 years, Hastings has taught a residential summer program for talented youth at Johns Hopkins, for the top two percent of students from around the world.

In 2007 he was named Outstanding Educator of the Year for Spring Grove Area School District.

A Perfect Fit

For Hastings, Clarion University was a perfect fit. "When I chose Clarion, they were in the top 10 in science education in the United States." For the future physics teacher, "It was the right choice." Hastings was also drawn by Clarion's honors program, as well as the size and atmosphere of the campus.

"I liked the smaller class sizes and the personal attention from the professors," he said. Hastings had a few mentors at Clarion. "My first adviser was **Dr. (Jack) Blaine**. He was my mentor for a while, until I started working more closely with **Dr. George Glander**. I was doing research for

him in the summer and working on my master's," Hastings said. He was a graduate assistant for **Dr. Ed Zielinski**. "He had what was called the 'BISCITS' (Biotechnology Initiative for Systemic Change in the Teaching of Science) program, which focused on biotechnology and improving biotechnology education in schools."

The Role Financial Support Played

Hastings didn't qualify for financial aid, so he was responsible for paying for his own education. He was awarded scholarships in varying amounts, which were helpful, he said. He received the Clarion University Alumni Association scholarship in 1994 and the Paul Shank Award for Excellence in 1994 and 1995.

The Future Of Science

The same things that attracted Hastings to Clarion University are attracting some of his students. "Spring Grove is a moderately-sized rural school. As a result, we have smaller class sizes, more personal relationships with students. Students in the (Spring Grove) area are interested in that kind of atmosphere. Couple that with Clarion's history and reputation in terms of science education – Clarion is a name that's recognized for that program," he said.

"Right now there is one of my (former) students who is attending Clarion for physics. She's a sophomore and is a lab assistant in the physics department," Hastings said. "I have another one who's a junior, who is interested in coming to Clarion for physics."



President Whitney Outlines Plan For First 500 Days Of Presidency

Last July, when Karen Whitney reported for her first day as Clarion University's 16th president, she embarked on a 90-day campaign of listening. She had more than 2,000 personal conversations on campus and in the community; she hosted open forums and attended departmental meetings; and she made available an online survey, open to everyone, which resulted in 70 pages of text.

At the end of the 90 days, Whitney used what she learned as the foundation for her 500-Day Plan, her presidential plan of action.

Whitney said the themes were so strong during that time of listening that it wasn't hard to categorize them into five key areas:

- Academic advancement
- Campus climate
- Civic engagement
- Financial stewardship
- Institutional leadership



“The role of a civically engaged university is to first commit to serving a community as central to our mission, and then to leverage our teaching, research and service activities to benefit, mutually, the university and the community.”

Campus Climate

Whitney’s 500-Day Plan calls for Clarion University to cultivate a campus culture of civility, listening, entrepreneurialism, achievement and relationships.

“A culture of civility has been a historic strength on this campus that I want to see continue, so it’s going from good to great,” she said. “Particularly when organizations are undergoing quite a bit of change, as we are with our funding, and we’re attempting to hold on to values and things we believe strongly in, a campus culture of civility and professionalism is hugely important.”

Whitney added that there’s a noticeable amount of incivility in the world today, and Clarion University has an opportunity to model civility for the rest of the world.

Civic Engagement

“It’s really simple. In working together we accomplish what we cannot do separately,” Whitney said of the relationship between Clarion University and the community. “The role of a

Academic Advancement

Whitney’s goal is to champion increasing the degree attainment of the regional community through faculty-driven programs, services and facilities which are of interest to students and employers.

“My job as president today is to provide the greatest breadth of flexibility, so as academic leaders of the university move forward, they have as many tools in the toolbox as possible,” she said.

“I think it’s important that we, at Clarion, be very clear on what our current and future strengths are and not feel like we have to meet all of the post-secondary needs ourselves,”

Whitney said. “We want to create the environment where we can be very intentional about where we go in the future in terms of our offerings, and not feel we have to be all things to all people. We won’t be all things, but we’ll have partnerships, we’ll cultivate relationships (with institutions) that may be in a better position than we are to provide what the region needs.”

The president cited, as examples, remedial courses.

“The state does not fund us to provide remedial courses, so should we actually be providing them, or should another institution that’s being reimbursed do it? That’s a question,” she said.

Pfannestiel Accepts Faculty Fellow For PAI Appointment



One of President Karen Whitney’s five areas of focus in her 500-Day Plan is institutional leadership, and one of the people who will help realize the goals in that area is Dr. Todd Pfannestiel, professor of history.

Whitney appointed Pfannestiel a faculty fellow for Planning, Assessment and Improvement. He will begin working in that role in summer 2011 and will continue through summer 2013. He will take leave from his classroom responsibilities during his tenure with PAI.

“We are most fortunate that Dr. Pfannestiel has agreed to work with

leadership of the campus to help us become a university that has a strong approach to planning, assessment and institutional improvement,” President Whitney said. “Todd is just the right person for this important endeavor.”

Pfannestiel explained that within the university’s strategic plan, every college and every division has its own plan.

“That’s where I will come in, helping the various divisions to develop their plans and make sure the left hand knows what the right hand is doing, that there’s no needless redundancy,” he said.

“There’s a lot of coordination, a lot of integration.”

Key points will be to align Clarion University plans with Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education plans and with county, regional and state strategic interests; to advance PASSHE performance funding measures; to ensure that all university plans will be specific, measureable, attainable, relevant and timely; and to ensure that all university plans include both Clarion and Venango campuses.

“It gives me a great opportunity to help the president set the course for the future of the institution,” Pfannestiel said.

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Whitney said a university brings an intellectual, cultural and economic vitality to a community, while a community brings a special sense of place and history to the university.

She wants to see Clarion University leadership meeting regularly with the leaders of target organizations ranging from the national to the local level with the goal of strengthening or establishing partnerships that contribute to achieving the university’s vision, mission and goals.

Financial Stewardship

Whitney is committed to leading the university community in reorganizing itself in a manner that will ensure the future fiscal capacity of the university.

“As we move forward to ensure our financial capacity to meet our mission of teaching, research and service, it is important to organize ourselves in such a way that allows us to thrive as a university. We will have to change some of the things we do and how we do them,” Whitney said.

“I look at measures and being clear about what we’re doing, because I want us to be in command of what we’re doing. I want us to be intentional.”

To that end, she has introduced the Responsibility Centered Management model to guide the university. The stages of RCM are expected to move Clarion, from a situation of deficits, to balancing revenues and expenditures, investing to secure the future and finally, thriving, where revenue always exceeds expenditures.

The change is necessary, the president said. “If we do not change, we will continue to suffer reductions in funding which will slowly cause us to do less and less and will force us to not fill open positions or fill them with temporary positions.”

“While I cannot guarantee our future, I do know that Clarion University is comprised of smart,

passionate and courageous faculty and staff,” she said. “I also know our students, alumni and friends in the community want to work with us to be successful. So, with excellent planning, hard work and a focus on our finances, we will thrive.”

Institutional Leadership

Whitney is putting together a team to lead Clarion in reaching its goals. She seeks to ensure that the leadership - including provost, vice presidents, associate/assistant vice presidents and provosts of the university - holds the confidence of the faculty, staff and students to the extent that focused goals can be pursued in a clear and purposeful way.

Dr. Susan Turell joined Clarion University Feb. 1, as vice provost, and Dr. Todd Pfannestiel, professor of history, has been appointed to a two-year term, beginning this summer, as faculty fellow for Planning, Assessment and Improvement. A search for provost is currently under way; the target date to have a new provost in place is July 1.

“We are building a team that is committed to leading Clarion University to meet its mission of teaching, research and service. The leadership team will work to hold the confidence of the campus through being hard-working, approachable, engaging, clear and results oriented,” she said.

Whitney wants to establish a culture of planning, assessment and improvement. Those activities will produce data, which she sees as evidence and as a source of empowerment, and which will be the driving force behind decision-making.

“I can measure pride. I can measure happiness. I can measure all kinds of things. Measuring is important because we need to be very thoughtful about how we use our resources: time, talent and treasure,” Whitney said. “I look at measures and being clear about what we’re doing because I want us to be in command of what we’re doing. I want us to be intentional.”

Whitney said the goals outlined in her 500-Day Plan are on her mind simultaneously. “Right now, in my first year, the two I find myself spending the most time on are building institutional leadership and financial stewardship.

“All of these are very important, and one isn’t subordinate to the others,” the president said. “I am very determined to ensure the financial capacity of the university. It helps to advance many of these other goals.”



The Inauguration of Dr. Karen M. Whitney

For only the 16th time in Clarion University’s nearly 150-year history, a new president will be installed on April 15. The installation ceremony for Dr. Karen M. Whitney will begin at 1:30 p.m. in Marwick-Boyd Auditorium; a public reception will follow in Carlson Library.

Details are available at
www.clarion.edu/inauguration

Prior to beginning her presidency at Clarion on July 1, 2010, Dr. Whitney served as vice chancellor for student life and dean of students at the 30,000-student Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI) since 1999. Prior to joining IUPUI, she was associate vice president for student life at the University of Texas at San Antonio. Dr. Whitney earned both a bachelor of arts degree in psychology and a master’s degree in public administration from the University of Houston and a doctoral degree in higher educational administration from the University of Texas at Austin.

In recognition of the scholarly achievements of Clarion’s students, faculty and staff, the inaugural events are being held in conjunction with the university’s Sixth Annual Academic Excellence Series (AES).

Details are available at www.clarion.edu/aes

Clarion University–Venango Campus Launches Program For Marcellus Shale-Related Career Preparation

Clarion University–Venango Campus announced a new concentration March 4 within its Associate of Applied Science in Industrial Technology (AAS-IT) degree to prepare students for upward career mobility in Marcellus shale-related and other natural gas industries. The natural gas technology concentration is offered through Clarion's Department of Applied Technology in partnership with Precision Manufacturing Institute (PMI) of Meadville.

"My colleagues and I are very pleased to announce this unique new program for the residents of our region and beyond who want to prepare for the growing employment opportunities available in this emerging industry," said **Dr. Christopher M. Reber**, executive dean of Venango Campus. "Through our partnership with PMI, students will receive technical training that is relevant for entry-level employment, and a Clarion University associate degree that will provide the foundation for upward career mobility and/or continued education immediately or in the future."

"We worked very closely with leaders in the oil and gas industry to ensure that the curriculum provides students the best foundation for upward mobility in the industry."

Dr. William Hallock

"We are excited to be partnering with Clarion University on this natural gas concentration," said **Chuck Guiste**, executive director of PMI. "Precision Manufacturing Institute has been providing technical training for industry in the region for more than 20 years. Our partnership with Clarion University has enabled us to better meet the needs of employers by offering meaningful training programs with both the technical and soft skills that are critical to all industries. The new natural gas concentration is the latest example of PMI and Clarion University's dedication to responding quickly to the changing needs of our region's industry."

The 19-month natural gas technology associate degree program will prepare students for a wide range of entry-level employment opportunities. Students earn transcripted university credit for technical as well as general

education courses and graduate with a Clarion University Associate of Applied Science in Industrial Technology degree.

The first offering of the natural gas program will begin in June 2011 and will run through December 2012. The program will continue in the future at times that meet the needs of students and the industry. A comprehensive curriculum includes industrial technology courses related to the natural gas industry and general education courses.

"We worked very closely with leaders in the oil and gas industry to ensure that the curriculum provides students the best foundation for upward mobility in the industry," said **Dr. William Hallock**, chair of the department of applied technology.

"While the development of natural gas from Pennsylvania's Marcellus shale is in its earliest phase, the demand for a skilled workforce is already expanding rapidly. The growth of the natural gas industry in the area already has created an estimated 88,000 jobs and holds the potential to more than double that number in the next decade," said **Danielle Boston**, director of public outreach for the Pennsylvania Independent Oil and Gas Association. "Clarion University's Natural Gas Technology associate degree program gives the student a strong foundation for the skills and knowledge that are needed for this industry and prepares them for many different aspects of this industry."

The curriculum is designed to blend general education and business courses with technical courses that familiarize students with natural gas industry and processes. Courses will also ensure that students receive in-depth knowledge of critical industrial safety standards and practices related to working in confined spaces with hazardous materials and energy, hazard communication, fire protection and electrical safety, welding and others. Students will learn the theory of maintenance and gain the skills necessary to maintain electrical/mechanical equipment used in industrial settings. Courses will include industrial process control instrumentation concepts, devices and systems and the basic principles of fluid power, component operation, circuit design and applications. Students also will gain an understanding of programmable logic controllers, engine and compressor operations, as well as issues and applications facing petroleum facilities and networks.



Randy Seitz, president and CEO of the Oil Region Alliance of Business, Industry and Tourism (ORA), sees the degree program as especially beneficial to the recruitment of new industry.

"The ORA is very excited about the potential for job growth and regional investment that the drilling and production of Marcellus shale will provide," he said. "Our short-term strategy is to position the Oil Region to be a 'business friendly' community, ready and poised to meet the demands of Marcellus shale producers and their suppliers. We will be aggressively going after and recruiting these companies, as well as preparing local businesses to supply to Marcellus shale gas producers. We are particularly excited because the Clarion University Marcellus shale academic program will help position us to better recruit these companies and opportunities through a better-educated and more-prepared workforce."

The industrial technology program at Clarion University–Venango Campus was awarded full national accreditation in 2009 by the Association of Technology, Management and Applied Engineering (ATMAE), the premier professional association for the accreditation of industrial technology programs in colleges, universities and technical institutes. It is the only associate degree program in Pennsylvania that is accredited by ATMAE.

For information call the office of admissions and financial aid at 814-676-6591, ext. 1211 or 1275.

Eagle Commons Is Certified Environmentally Friendly

Clarion University's Eagle Commons dining facility has been awarded Silver LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Certification by the U.S. Green Building Council.

Eagle Commons joins Campus View and Valley View residence hall suites in receiving Silver LEED Certification. Those buildings, as well as Joseph P. Grunenwald Center for Science and Technology and Gregory Barnes Center for Biotechnology Business Development at Clarion University, were designed for energy-efficient and environmentally friendly LEED rating.

"With the Silver LEED certification of our Eagle Commons, Clarion University continues to realize our commitment to the environment through environmentally responsible construction," Clarion University President Karen Whitney said. "We have a commitment to pursuing LEED certification for all building projects as part of the university's long-term strategic plan."

Buildings that meet LEED standards have less environmental impact and lower operation costs. LEED is the nation's preeminent program for the design, construction and operation of green buildings.

The LEED innovations at Eagle Commons feature:

- Building construction – an energy conserving building envelope; a cool roof; high performance glazing; space sizing to improve heating and cooling; and introduction of daylight into the interior
- Outside – native vegetation; location of the building on two different public transportation routes; areas for bicycle parking; and preferred parking for low-emission and fuel-efficient vehicles
- Inside – use of low-VOC (volatile organic compounds) products and materials; introduction of daylight into the interior; energy conserving mechanical/electrical systems; energy efficient cooking equipment; and water conservation measures projected to reduce usage a minimum of 30 percent

Eagle Commons is a "trayless" facility, which reduces food waste. In fall 2008, the former Chandler Dining Hall went trayless, resulting in an estimated 32 percent decline in wasted food.



Recycling stations are located throughout the building. A green tenant coffee bar, for which the majority of products are purchased locally, reduces transportation costs.

Along with sustainability, Eagle Commons serves palatability. Within the facility, diners can mix and match from an array of culinary stations.

Eagle Commons was a \$12 million project. Chartwell's, the university's food service provider, contributed \$1 million. The building will be paid for through the sale of meal plans and other operational income. The architect was STV of Douglassville with Hudson Construction of Hermitage serving as general contractor.

Area Resident Boosts Community With Education Degrees From Clarion

Since **Jessica Moore ('96, '00)** earned her education degrees from Clarion University, she's done plenty to give back to her community.

The Clarion resident has worked as a support teacher at five area schools and served as a developmental specialist at UPMC Northwest. Last July, Moore became director of operations at Service Access and Management, Inc., a nonprofit organization that manages many human services on behalf of Clarion County Mental Health/Mental Retardation.

"It's most certainly been a challenge," said Moore. "Often, I work up to 50 hours a week doing everything from monitoring budgets and giving community presentations to interacting with interns. The job requires lots of time management, but I sure love what I do."

Moore earned her bachelor's degree in special education from Clarion in December 1996. She returned to the university in 1997 to pursue her master's degree in special education. Since finishing that degree in 2000, Moore has continued to take graduate-level courses in

special education and rehabilitative sciences at Clarion, many of them online.

"As a parent and a full-time worker, there is no way I could have continued my education unless it was on my own time in an online format," Moore said. "Both degrees required me to take a number of courses in the rehabilitative sciences program. I didn't realize it at the time, but all of those courses applied directly to my future, and to the job I am doing now."

One of her favorite courses was "Administering Rehabilitation Delivery Systems," taught by **Dr. Ray Feroz**. "At first, I thought I would be intimidated because I didn't know much about accounting or anything

related to business," she said. "But the course was structured so that people like me could easily understand it."

According to Clarion professor **Dr. Greg Clary**, Moore's work with Service Access and Management, Inc., draws heavily upon what she learned in the rehabilitative sciences program.

"Jessica's job is closely related to her degree work, especially in terms of coordinating community-based services for youth and adults with developmental disabilities," he said.

Clarion University's Master of Rehabilitative Science program prepares students to work in a range of human services positions: mental health case managers, drug and alcohol counselors, probation and parole officers and intervention specialists with agencies on aging and assisted-living facilities. Many students are mid-career human services professionals looking to advance their careers.

Moore works with Clarion faculty to utilize interns from the rehabilitative sciences program and to expand collaborative efforts involving her corporation's psychiatric rehabilitation program.



NEWS FROM THE CAMPUSES

Emmy Award-Winning Producer Kicks Off Equity Week 2010

Mary Murphy, winner of six Emmy Awards, kicked off Equity Week 2010: Voices that Transform Communities, with a presentation on her documentary film, "Hey, Boo: Harper Lee & To Kill a Mockingbird," Nov. 8 in Hart Chapel. Murphy worked for 20 years at CBS where she produced stories for "60 Minutes," "48 Hours" and "Sunday Morning" programs. Other Equity Week events included a roundtable by the President's Commission on Human Relations and the Equity Dinner and Awards Ceremony.

Special Agent Talks About Cyberbullying

Elaine Surma, a senior supervisory special agent with the Pennsylvania Attorney General's Office, discussed cyberbullying Nov. 11 at Clarion University. Surma said the technology of computers and cell phones has expanded the platform from which bullying is done. "I think it's the enhancement of the technology where people don't feel comfortable saying things in person, so they'll go about it on Facebook, texting, e-mail or that sort of thing," said **Jim McGee ('03, '05)**, coordinator of health promotions for Clarion University, noting an increase of cyberbullying on campus.

Activities Encourage Acceptance, Tolerance

Transitions Services and ALLIES encouraged behavior of acceptance Oct. 20. The university community was encouraged to wear purple; take the tolerance and acceptance pledge; cover doors with purple paper; leave a handprint on the awareness banner; watch "Out in the Silence," a documentary about a local high school student's struggles after he came out as gay and join others at an evening vigil. The events coincided with Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ) Spirit Day.

EFSN Offers Every-Weekend Activities

It couldn't be any easier. Show up, have fun. No money? No problem. It's free. No car? No problem. It's on campus. No gadget for organizing your social activities? No problem. The fun is at 8 p.m. every Friday and Saturday night at James Gemmell Student Complex. It's a no-brainer.

"We want it to be easy for everyone, whether it's a student or an administrator, to think 8 o'clock, Gemmell, every Friday and Saturday night, there's something going on," said Brian Hoover, assistant director of Clarion University's Center for Leadership and Involvement.

'Service To Others' Is Theme Of Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration

"Service to Others" was the message at Clarion University's Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Community Celebration Jan. 19. An area high school student and a Clarion University student addressed the audience, and student poets recited. Clarion University's Lift Every Voice gospel choir performed, as did the Buffalo Soldiers, a group of young men from Vision Quest who perform stepping drills. "This program is an opportunity for local residents and students from small, rural communities to see, hear and learn about others who are a little different from them," said **Brenda Dede**, chair of the organizing committee and a founder of the event.



BRANDI COX AND GEO MILLER

STAY CURRENT ON PENNSYLVANIA BUDGET

For updates on Clarion University's response to the proposed Pennsylvania budget, go to

www.clarion.edu/pabudget

Also, look for the "Get Connected with PASSHE" button on Clarion's website for information on state-related issues, in particular, the budget.



Keeling Health Center Earns Reaccreditation

Clarion University's Keeling Health Center has earned its fourth, three-year accreditation through the Accreditation Association of Ambulatory Health Centers. Representatives from AAAHC spent two days on campus reviewing policies and procedures and making sure the center meets the 27 standards set forth by the accrediting body. "It's completely voluntary for us, and we still do it, just to show our standards of care are superior," said **Susan Bornak**, dean of student development and health center director.

Rehabilitative Sciences Programs Accredited

Clarion University's Rehabilitative Sciences associate and baccalaureate degree programs have received national accreditation from the Council for Standards in Human Service Education (CSHSE) through October 2015. The CSHSE board complimented the Department of Special Education and Rehabilitative Sciences' human services programs and described the self-study as "thorough and comprehensive."

The following faculty members earned the Human Services - Board Certified Practitioner (HS-BCP) credential: **Dr. Greg Clary**, **Dr. Raymond Feroz**, **Dr. Mark Kilwein**, **Ms. Shari Wynkoop** and **Mr. Sam Cangemi**.

Clarion's Rehabilitative Sciences Program is highly regarded throughout Pennsylvania as a producer of high-quality, entry-level rehabilitation/human services professionals.

MS In Library Science Program Reaccredited

Clarion University's Master of Science in Library Science program has been reaccredited by the American Library Association for seven years, the association's longest period of accreditation. The process involved two years of self-study, leading to the production of a 100-plus page program presentation, which was the basis for a visit to the department in September 2010. Only 57 programs throughout the United States and Canada have ALA accreditation. Clarion MSLS graduates have a strong track record of success in the profession, and are employed in libraries and other information institutions around the globe.

Keth Establishes Amphibian Research/Education Facility

Dr. Andrew Keth (M.S., '98), Department of Biology at Clarion University, in a joint venture with Clarion-Limestone Area School District, is establishing an amphibian research and education facility on the Clarion-Limestone campus. The laboratory will begin by housing two species of salamander native to the Clarion River watershed and developing research programs examining their natural history and ecology. The target organisms are the Eastern Hellbender and the Spotted Salamander. The primary research mission will be to illuminate any evolved mechanisms for disease resistance inherent in housed amphibian populations. Breeding programs can then be developed using those individuals to produce resistant "seed offspring" that can be reintroduced into the wild.

STUDENT NEWS

Clarion Student Co-Authors Paper Published In International Journal

Drs. Vasudeva Rao Aravind and **John Heard**, both assistant professors of physics, and **Hope Miller**, a junior, published an article with co-author **Dr. Mehmet Goksu** of Millersville University in the international peer-reviewed physics journal, "Latin American Journal of Physics Education" (Vol. 4, No. 3, Sept. 2010, page 552). Their article was entitled "Natural cooling of hot water: An experimental study in thermal processes."

Huebert, Marsico, Hunter Attend Collegiate Media Summit

Three representatives from Clarion University's student media traveled to Harrisburg Nov. 8 for a collegiate media summit hosted by the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE). **Kelsey Huebert**, news editor for The Clarion Call, **Alyssa Marsico** of WCUB-TV and **Ian Hunter** of WCUC-FM/WCUB-TV attended with student media leaders from other PASSHE universities. **Dr. Laurie S. Miller**, adviser for The Clarion Call, accompanied the students. The event included a conversation and question/answer session with **PASSHE Chancellor John Cavanaugh**; a discussion on "Budgets and Negotiations - What's the Real Story?" with **Vice Chancellors Karen S. Ball** and **Gary K. Dent**; and a presentation on "Campus and System Resources" with **Rita Abent**, executive director of university public relations at Slippery Rock University, and **Kenn Marshall**, PASSHE's media relations manager. Students also had the opportunity to "Talk with the Pros."

CU Senior Participates In THIS

Taylor Bricker of Karns City is working for the state Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) as part of a 15-week THIS internship (The Harrisburg Internship Semester), sponsored by the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE). Bricker is a senior political science major and business administration minor at Clarion University. Bricker, son of Tom and Donna Bricker, is a graduate of Karns City High School.



BRICKER

Clarion Students Bring Home Kennedy Center/ACTF Honors

For the 12th consecutive year, a Clarion University student or faculty member received an Excellence in Design Award at the Kennedy Center/American College Theatre Festival Region II competition. **Kevin Lichty**, senior, won the regional award for his lighting design for "Romeo and Juliet" and garnered the Stagecraft Institute of Las Vegas award. He was named first alternate to the national festival held each spring at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Arts.

- **Elizabeth Hultz**, senior theatre major, won the Regional Design Award for sound for "USA." In addition, she was awarded the Regional Design Award for properties design for the summer theater production of "Oliver."
- **Nicholas Barilar**, junior acting major, won the Regional Design Award for graphics for the projection design for last year's "Rent."
- **Samuel Levy**, senior theatre major, was a finalist in stage management for his work for "Rent" and "USA."
- **Nicolas Bigatel**, senior theatre major, was named as a finalist for scenic design for "Romeo and Juliet."

ACS Student Chapter Earns Kudos For Activities

The American Chemical Society (ACS) student chapter at Clarion University received an ACS Honorable Mention Award for activities during the 2009-10 academic year.

"**Drs. Amanda Lockwood** and **Joyce Overly** deserve special commendation," said **ACS President Joseph S. Francisco** in a letter to

Dr. Larry Bering, chair of the chemistry and biochemistry department.

Lockwood and Overly are the faculty advisers of Clarion's ACS student chapter and assistant professors in the chemistry and biochemistry department.

'Let's Be Amazing Together' Commercial Wins APSCUF-Sponsored Contest

A group of students and two faculty members are on the winning end of the Association of Pennsylvania College and University Faculties (APSCUF) 2010 television commercial contest with their 30-second "Let's Be Amazing Together" commercial. It was the creative skills of the communication students involved, with the guidance of **Bill Mushrush ('84)** and **Bill Adams ('86, '89)** of Clarion University's Department of Communication, that secured the winning spot. Participating students are **Ryan Litzinger**, **Caitlin Zarecky**, **Alyssa Marsico**, **Kelly Prozialeck**, **Laura Conti**, **Ryan Loverick** and **Becky Hoover**.

FACULTY AND STAFF NEWS

Olivas-Luján Named Editor-In-Chief Of Hispanic Business Journal

Dr. Miguel R. Olivas-Luján, professor of administrative science, was appointed editor-in-chief of the Business Journal of Hispanic Research (BJHR), a publication of the National Society of Hispanic MBAs (NSHMBA). BJHR publishes articles relevant to Hispanics and business decision-makers of any ethnicity.

Latour Will Serve As Secretary Of Americas Regional Council Executive Committee

Clarion University Dean of Libraries **Terry S. Latour** will serve as secretary of the Executive Committee of the Americas Regional Council. Latour, in his sixth year at Clarion, is responsible for library operations on the Clarion and Venango campuses.

Trio Present At National Mental Health Conference

Clarion University's **Susan Bornak**, **Mark Lapore** and **Jim McGee ('03, '05)** presented during the 2011 NASPA Mental Health Conference. NASPA is a professional organization for student affairs administrators in higher education. Bornak, dean of student development, Lapore, clinical supervisor of counseling, and McGee, coordinator of health promotions, discussed resiliency-the ability to bounce back in the face of adversity-in college-age students. About 700 presentations were submitted for review, and between 20 and 40 were approved for delivery at the conference.



Pennsylvania General Energy Co. LLC presented a check to the Clarion University Foundation Inc. for \$20,000 to support the 2011 Summer Academy. The donation was made through the state's EITC program. From left to right: **John Jarzab**, director of tax compliance and strategy, PGE; **Dr. Hallie Savage**, director of Clarion's Honors Program; **Douglas Kuntz**, president/CEO, PGE; **Debbie Huffman ('93)**, development officer, Clarion University Foundation; and **Dr. Yasser Ayad**, professor in the Anthropology, Geography and Earth Sciences Department.

Alumni Information Update

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Spouse's name _____

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Position/Title _____

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**Submit your update online at
www.clarion.edu/alumni-update**

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Looking For A Reason To Get Your Friends Back To Campus?

Homecoming Headquarters Friday, October 7 Courtyard of the Clarion Holiday Inn



For help finding your fellow alumni and getting the word out about your reunion, contact **Jessica (Tenfelde '04) Zacherl** in Alumni Relations at jjzacherl@cuf-inc.org or 814-393-2572.

Clarion University Alumni Calendar

April 15, 1:30 p.m.
**Inauguration of
President Karen M. Whitney**
Marwick-Boyd Auditorium
For more information, go to
www.clarion.edu/inauguration.

April 16, 11 a.m. (shotgun start)
Football Alumni Golf Outing
Hi-Level Golf Course, Kossuth, Pa.
For more information, contact **Bo Garritano**
'66) at robertgarritano@comcast.net.

April 16, 5:30 p.m.
Extravaganza 2011
Duquesne Club, Pittsburgh
For more information, go to
www.clarion.edu/extravaganza.

April 18, 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.

April 29, 9 a.m. (shotgun start)
Men's Basketball Golf Shamble
Pinecrest Country Club
For more information, contact **Norb
Baschnagel** at nbaschnagel@clarion.edu.

April 29, 5:30 p.m. (social hour);
7 p.m. (dinner)
Athletics Hall of Fame Dinner
Moore Hall and Eagle Commons
For more information, contact **Wendy
Snodgrass** at wsnodgrass@clarion.edu.

May 7
Theta Xi Clarion Alumni Golf Outing
Clarion Oaks Golf Course
For more information, contact **Kevin Bussey**
'87) at rkbussey@aol.com.

May 20, noon (registration);
1 p.m. (shotgun start)
Fran Shope Golf Outing
Clarion Oaks Golf Course
For more information, contact **Wendy
Snodgrass** at wsnodgrass@clarion.edu.

Oct. 7-9
Homecoming and Reunion Weekend
Oct. 8 Clarion Golden Eagles vs. Lock Haven
University at 2 p.m., Memorial Stadium

Oct. 29, 1 p.m.
Family Day
Clarion Golden Eagles vs. Gannon University
Memorial Stadium

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1963

William and Alexis (Rutko '70) Monzo recently traveled to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, to celebrate retiring from teaching after 47 years. They reside in North Versailles, Pa.

1968

Keith Will is employed part time at Home Depot, Bridgeville, Pa. He is retired from teaching and also retired from the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board. He recently traveled to Europe for 17 days. Keith resides in Carnegie, Pa.

1970

Alexis (Rutko) and William ('63) Monzo reside in North Versailles, Pa. They recently traveled to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, to celebrate retiring from teaching after 47 years.

1972

Linda McGuire recently retired from teaching in the Hancock County School District. She resides in Weirton, W.Va.

Kathleen King is president and CEO of Summer Scholars in Denver, Colo. She resides in Denver with her husband, Michael, and daughter, Alicia.

1973

Kent Kretzler (M.S. '74) is semi-retired as a broker for Coldwell Banker Residential Real Estate, Punta Gorda, Fla. He travels a few months each year, and when he is home in Punta Gorda, he spends time golfing and performing with a local bagpipe band in Ft. Myers. Kent is currently serving on the board of directors for a number of charitable organizations in southwest Florida.

Dan Dippold recently retired from teaching secondary English at Lebanon High School, Lebanon, Ind. He is also a retired adjunct professor of English at the University of Indianapolis. He resides in Brownsburg, Ind.

1975

Susan (Janson) Kardell is an account manager for Heartland Label Printers, Little Chute, Wis. She resides in Murrysville, Pa., with her husband, Michael.

Jane (Dobrosielski) Conner recently retired as director of special education at Carroll County Public Schools. She resides in Westminster, Md.

James Thieret recently retired as fire marshal of the Massillon Fire Department. He resides in Massillon, Ohio, with his wife, Sharon, and has six children: Lynae, Tonia, David, Suzanne, Christian and Jimmy.

Roberta Nelson is a special investigator. She resides in Goldsboro, N.C.

Rich and Judi (Kulp '76) Kochik reside in Raleigh, N.C. Rich is a vice president of underwriting for Redwoods Group Insurance, Morrisville, N.C. Judi is a minister of music for Berea Baptist, Durham, and owns Kochik Piano Studio, teaching piano lessons. They have four children: Susan, Scott, Stephen and Sean.

1976

Christine (Aungst) Findlay is the instructional materials center director for the Centerville City Schools. She was named the 2010 recipient of the Award of Merit from the Ohio Educational Library Media Association. The Award of Merit recognizes an Ohio certified library media specialist who has made outstanding contributions to school librarianship. She resides in Dayton, Ohio.

Deborah (James M.S.L.S. '81) Hendrickson is a media specialist/technical coordinator at Westernport Elementary, Westernport, Md. She resides in Cumberland, Md., with her husband, Gary. She has two stepchildren, Lindsey and Alex.

Ronald and Candace (Miller) Stimpson reside in Myrtle Beach, S.C. Ron is continuing his education at Florence Darling Technical College to embark on a new career in the medical field. They have three children: Amanda, Casey and Jesse.

Judi (Kulp) and Rich ('75) Kochik reside in Raleigh, N.C. Rich is a vice president of underwriting for Redwoods Group Insurance, Morrisville, N.C. Judi is a minister of music for Berea Baptist in Durham and owns

Words Of Comfort



RINKER

Most people think of Craigslist as a place to buy or sell an item. **Amanda (Kunz '10) Rinker** used it for her job search, however, and found a great deal in launching her career.

Rinker graduated from Clarion University in May 2010 with a bachelor's degree in English with concentration in writing.

"I had taken an editing course at Clarion. I was really interested in it, so that's what I wanted to do," she said.

As she searched for work, Rinker found that Craigslist provided better opportunities with smaller businesses that are just kicking off, and she discovered an opening with a web-based company, Prayables. She applied for and was hired as managing editor. The company is based in Chicago, but Rinker works out of her Columbus, Ga., home.

Prayables, accessible at www.prayables.com, is a free online prayer community that offers short prayers that reflect a woman's story. They are relevant to our times and honor all faith perspectives. Women can register at the site and receive a daily prayer in their inbox, as well as a joke of the day. Additionally, Prayables offers prayer support through a chat room and community wall posts, as well as a Facebook page that delivers another daily prayer for fans and more community prayer support.

"It's a multi-faith website that addresses common women's problems – mommy problems, relationship issues, peace, career, depression, financial problems, even death," Rinker said. "Even if you're not spiritual or religious, prayers are like poetry. It's easy for women to relate to these situations."

Rinker knows the positive impact that the written word can have. Literature, in fact, helped Rinker work through her mother's death when she was 14.

"My passion for writing and literature led me through four great years at Clarion University," she said. "Like many, I have suffered many hardships in life and have found my comfort in the pages of literature. From fiction to poetry, I believe words can help people get through the toughest of times."

She has found inspiration in the faith of the women who visit the site.

"Being involved in a spiritual website built for women is important to me because we encourage empowerment," Rinker said. "The women in our community support each other through emotional and spiritual needs."

..... **ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT**

Kochik Piano Studio, teaching piano lessons. They have four children: Susan, Scott, Stephen and Sean.

1977

Tom Bowman was recently chosen as the recipient of the Professional Association of Small Business Accountants' Spirit Award for his firm, Bowman & Company, CPA, PC. Tom was

nominated by the association's board of directors to receive this prestigious lifetime achievement award which honors a member who has consistently demonstrated the beliefs of the association's motto, Teach~Share~Learn. Tom is a frequent presenter at national conferences and has served a three-year term on the association's board of directors. In addition, Tom developed and currently teaches a course entitled "Blueprint for

Success.” The course is designed to teach accountants how to better serve their small business clients.

1979

Susan (Weinheimer) Hart has homeschooled all nine of her children. She travels with her husband and their children to the Dominican Republic to work with Haitian refugees. She resides in Midland, Pa., with her husband, Henry, and children: Katie, Stephen, Laura, Anna, Rebekah, Abigail, Emily, Caleb and Lydia.

Karen (Masters) Eggert is a deputy division chief for the Joint Bank Fund International Monetary Fund Library, Washington, D.C. She resides in Huntingtown, Md.

1982

Carol (Petras) and Joel ('83) Geary reside in Boiling Springs, Pa. They have three children: Jacob, Brianne and Victor. Joel is a teacher education liaison for the Pennsylvania Department of Education, Harrisburg, Pa.

1983

Joel and Carol (Petras '82) Geary reside in Boiling Springs, Pa. They have three children: Jacob, Brianne and Victor. Joel is a teacher education liaison for the Pennsylvania Department of Education, Harrisburg, Pa.

Vincent Benz is a senior director for Gartner Research, Stamford, Conn. He resides in Washington Crossing, Pa., with his wife, Bonnie.

1984

Jeff Cleland is a sales manager for Johnson and Johnson. He resides in Westlake, Ohio, with his wife, MaryBeth, and sons, Tyler and Jordan.

Linda Leshowitz resides in Charlottesville, Va., with her husband, Tim Brazill.

1985

Charlene (Wisniewski) and Richard ('87) Hrivnak reside in Plum Borough, Pa., with their son, Richie. Richard is deputy director of human resources for Allegheny County. He was elected to a second term as mayor of Plum Borough. He is also on the board of directors for the Soldiers and Sailors Hall in Pittsburgh and the Pittsburgh Human Resources Association.

Pam (Wheeler) Jefferson is a manager for Cardinal Health, Dublin, Ohio. She resides in Pickerington, Ohio, with her husband, Howard, and son, Taylor.

Karen Long is a dealer lending manager for Toyota Financial Services. She resides in Hackettstown, N.J.

1986

Mary Alice Ozechoski is dean of students at Wesley College, Dover, Del. She was honored in December 2010 as one of Delaware's Business Women of the Year. She resides in Dover.

1987

Richard and Charlene (Wisniewski '85) Hrivnak reside in Plum Borough, Pa., with their son,

Stebler Guides Disabled People To More Independent Lives

Wendy Stebler's ('91) ultimate goal is to help people. That's why she studied special education and rehabilitative services at Clarion University. She graduated in 1991 with a bachelor's degree in rehabilitative services, with specialization in developmental disabilities.

Stebler is self-employed as a contractor for the military. She lives with her husband in Tacoma, Wash., providing rehabilitative services to military family members who have physical or mental disabilities.

Her work is multi-faceted. One client, who now has graduated from treatment, is a mother of two who has bipolar disorder and suffers from depression and agoraphobia. The woman's son is autistic and has attention deficit/hyperactive disorder. Stebler added the boy to her caseload. Then the woman's daughter also was diagnosed with ADHD, as well as with obsessive compulsive disorder. The girl, too, became a client of Stebler.

"Through the years of working with her and her kids, we set up a nice program where she built up her abilities, learned how to work around barriers, to get resources, to learn daily living skills," Stebler said. "We worked through the ups and downs, and she got to where she was able to do it."

When Stebler started classes at Clarion, her plan was to become a special education teacher. In her senior year, one of her professors suggested she consider rehabilitative sciences, instead.

"I wanted more of a one-on-one," Stebler said of the work environment she sought. "He felt this was more for me."

Stebler has a personal appreciation for rehabilitative sciences after having suffered a head injury in a car accident during college. She was comatose for four days and missed a semester of classes while she rehabilitated.

"It helped me to understand and respect what people go through," she said. When she returned to Clarion, she found the encouragement she needed to finish her education.

"I got support (from Clarion professors) during that and was able to graduate," she said. "I had some really good professors."

In turn, she finds great satisfaction in assisting the individuals through their challenges.

"I've watched kids that were born prematurely and had developmental disabilities catch up to the point of not being developmentally delayed anymore," she said. "Another client is an autistic boy with ADHD who is 10 years old and getting a little more independent. He's really growing."

Depending on preferences, Stebler will go to the clients' homes, or they'll go to Stebler's home, where she has a room set up to work with them.

"I help to get them as independent as they can become. Each person has different abilities, but we work to get them as independent as possible," Stebler said. "I've



Stebler works with Josh to help him gain independence.

been working with people with disabilities since before I graduated from Clarion in 1991. It's what I like to do. I like to help people."

Stebler's penchant for helping others isn't limited to people. Two years ago when she was looking at a litter of kittens, considering adopting one, she noticed that one of the kittens' back legs bent the opposite direction of how it should. The people who owned the mother cat were planning to euthanize the kitten, but Stebler noticed him fighting to eat, took him home and sought veterinary advice.

"The veterinarian said the problem wasn't with the kitten's bones – its ligaments were too tight," she said. "She showed me how to give him physical therapy, which I did three days a week for six months. He just turned 2, and now he runs and jumps and plays."

Richie. Richard is deputy director of human resources for Allegheny County. He was elected to a second term as mayor of Plum Borough. He is also on the board of directors for the Soldiers and Sailors Hall in Pittsburgh and the Pittsburgh Human Resources Association.

Betsy (Rustad) Snell resides in Hummelstown, Pa., with her husband, Scott, and daughter, Olivia.

Kristen (Lepke) Mayer has been elected as partner with Tucker Ellis & West LLP. Tucker Ellis & West LLP is a full-service law firm with more than 150 attorneys with offices in Cleveland, Columbus, Denver, Los Angeles and San Francisco. Kristen resides in Hudson, Ohio.

1988

Janet (Shattenberg M.B.A '93) Stewart is a principal consultant for Siemens, Malvern, R.I. She resides in Knox, Pa., with her husband, Vaughn, and daughter, Courtney.

Dr. Carolyn (Kusbit) Dunn is an assistant professor at East Carolina University, Greenville, N.C. She recently received her doctorate in English with a concentration in technical and professional discourse from East Carolina University. She resides in Greenville with her husband, Paul, and daughters, Olivia and Katherine.

1989

Joseph Fails is an administrator of student support for Worcester Public Schools. He resides in Northborough, Mass.

1990

Jeffrey James was recently named Secret Service liaison to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children in Washington, D.C. He resides in Centreville, Va., with his wife, Julie, and children, Dalaney and Jackson.

Dr. Susan (Dutch) Batastini is coordinator of educational and psychological services for Moorestown Friends School, Moorestown, N.J. She resides in Moorestown with her husband, Frank, and children, David and Sarah.

Jim Allen is a school counselor for the J.R. Masterman Laboratory and Demonstration School in the

Philadelphia School District. He resides in Prospect Park, Pa.

1993

Dr. Stephen Caliendo was recently promoted to professor of political science at North Central College, Naperville, Ill. He published two books: "The Routledge Companion to Race & Ethnicity" (co-edited with Charlton D. McIlwain) (Routledge) and "Race Appeal" (co-authored with Charlton D. McIlwain) (Temple University Press). He resides in Chicago with his wife, Jillian, and children: Mary, Gianna and Stella.

Jim Sallay is vice president of application development for First American Title, Cleveland, Ohio. He resides in North Ridgeville, Ohio.

Mark Dressler is a technology manager/AVP for First Commonwealth Financial Corp., Indiana, Pa. He resides in Pittsburgh with his wife, Kathy, and daughter, Zoe.

Dr. Todd Eberly is the interim director of the center for the study of democracy at St. Mary's College of Maryland. In October 2010, he signed with Routledge Press to co-author the book, "America's Dysfunctional Political System: Popular Mistrust and Professional Government." He resides in California, Md., with his wife, Christina, and two daughters, Abigail and Kathryn.

Sharon (Grove) Johnson is managing commercial counsel for VCE Company, LLC, in Dallas. She received her master's degree in December 2010. She resides in Grapevine, Texas, with her husband, Tommy.

1994

Ken Dague is a self-employed naturalist/explorer. He recently spent 15 months in Tasmania searching for proof of the existence of the Thylacine (Tasmanian tiger). He resides in Victoria, Australia, with his wife, Jacinta, and daughter, Lily.

1997

Nicole (Gregorich) and Elton ('99) Sturges reside in Mount Joy, Pa., with their children, Jackson and Isabella. Nicole is a research project manager for Penn State University, Middletown, Pa.

Laura (Mynhier) Overmyer is a teacher for KinderCare. She resides in Carmel, Ind., with her husband, Chris.

1998

Dr. Kari Siko is an assistant professor of English education at Charleston Southern University, Charleston, S.C. She resides in Charleston.

Joseph Gibson is the director of Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Ithaca, N.Y. He resides in Newfield, N.Y.

Chris Sprankle is a regional director for Staples. He resides in Fairfield, Md.

1999

Elton and Nicole (Gregorich '97) Sturges reside in Mount Joy, Pa., with their children, Jackson and Isabella. Nicole is a research project manager for Penn State University, Middletown, Pa.

Carl Deiner teaches special education and is the football coach for the Palmyra School District. He resides in Palmyra, Ohio.

Aric and Kristen (Nordstrom '00) Hartle reside in Harrisville, Pa., with their three children: Alysa, Ellie and Cameron. Aric is a senior HR/IS analyst for Mylan, Inc., in Canonsburg.

2000

Emily (Loaskie) Dahlke is an account executive for Corvel. She resides in Aliquippa, Pa., with her husband, Jeffrey, and daughter, Preslie.

Shawn Morrow is a senior mortgage consultant for Proficio Mortgage Ventures, Pittsburgh, Pa. He resides in Pittsburgh.

Tonya (Thompson) Ackley is coordinator of community engagement and the Wick Chapel for the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford, Pa. She resides in Bradford with her husband, Ryan.

Kristen (Nordstrom) and Aric ('99) Hartle reside in Harrisville, Pa., with their three children: Alysa, Ellie, and Cameron. Aric is a senior HR/IS analyst for Mylan, Inc., in Canonsburg.

2001

Eric and Alyssa (Curry) Woelfel reside in West Grove, Pa., with their daughter, Addison. Alyssa is employed by the Pennsylvania Cyber Charter School, Philadelphia.

Carrie Golembeski is director of sales and move-ins for Newhaven Court at Lindwood. She resides in Monroeville, Pa., with her son, Nico.

2002

Susan Giusti is a technical services team leader librarian at Widener University School of Law, Harrisburg, Pa. She resides in Harrisburg.

Jennifer (Helt) Hertzog teaches sixth grade reading in the Chartiers Valley School District. She resides in Mars, Pa., with her husband, James, and daughter, Carys.

Beth (Griffin) Haus teaches learning support for the Hampton Township School District. She resides in Pittsburgh, with her husband, Jeffrey, and son, Tyler.

Stephanie (Apter) Paolucci supervises special education for the Allegheny Intermediate Unit 3. She resides in Pittsburgh with her husband, Dan.

Erica (Krahe) Lang resides in Lower Burrell, Pa., with her husband, Brian, and daughter, Rylee.

Mark Despotakis is a director of market development for Progressive Music, McKeesport, Pa. He also is the assistant band director for Baldwin High School. He resides in Pittsburgh.

Kristy (Sunderland) Koenig is a stay-at-home mom to her two children and works part time as a project manager for Citizens Bank, Pittsburgh. She resides in Freedom, Pa., with her husband, Wayne, and children, Zander and Katera.

2003

Karla (Kinsinger) Myers is employed by InterVarsity Christian Fellowship. She resides in Morgantown, W.Va., with her husband, Jeremy, and son, Hunter.

Geremy and Taylor (Fox '07) Hoover reside in Connellsville, Pa. Taylor is a specialist for Fayette County Drug and Alcohol. Geremy is a licensed

financial consultant for PNC Bank, Uniontown, Pa.

Robert and Carrie (Kronenberger '05) Harris reside in Lower Burrell, Pa., with their daughter, Kathryn.

James and Amanda (Beam) Hnat reside in Allison Park, Pa. James is an exploration geologist for Shell Exploration and Production, Warrendale, Pa.

Joe Harmon was awarded third place in the best civics curriculum contest, sponsored by Pennsylvania Coalition for Representative Democracy (PennCORD), the Department of Education and the National Constitution Center. He teaches eighth grade at Redbank Valley High School, New Bethlehem, Pa.

2004

Peter Yencsik is a geologist for the Maryland Department of the Environment, working in the mineral, oil and gas division in Baltimore. He resides in Parkville, Md.

Robin (Minster) DelBusso is employed by Wesley Spectrum Services as therapeutic staff support. She resides in Gibsonia, Pa., with her husband, Anthony.

2005

Tiffany (Carlin) Pedone is a line merchandiser/account executive for Steve Madden Ltd., New York City. She resides in Baldwin, N.Y.

Gerald (J.T.) and Marianne (Milnes) Halliday reside in Monaca, Pa., with their children, Anthony and Alexis.

Amber Ganoe is a billing specialist for Reed Smith, Pittsburgh. She resides in Pittsburgh.

Carrie (Kronenberger) and Robert ('03) Harris reside in Lower Burrell, Pa., with their daughter, Kathryn.

Cody Cope is a senior recruiter/CSP for ASI, in Pittsburgh. He resides in Greensburg, Pa.

2006

Crystal (Page) Midlik teaches fourth grade at George P. Phenix PreK-8 School in Hampton, Va. She resides in Newport News, Va., with her husband, Steven.

Heather (Lewis) Koharchik resides in Natrona Heights, Pa., with her husband, Thomas, and daughters, Abigail and Emily.

Joshua and Stephanie (Zents) Woodin reside in Pittsburgh.

Kara (Zatezalo) Strauch teaches kindergarten for Cumberland County Schools. She resides in Fayetteville, N.C., with her husband, Bryan, and son, Benjamin.

2007

Karen (Halesky) and Brandon ('08) Nesky reside in Wilmington, Del. Karen is a marketing coordinator for CoolerSmart in New Castle, Del.

Jamie Wolf is a graduate research associate at Ohio State University. She is starting her fourth year of graduate school working on her doctorate. She resides in Columbus, Ohio.

Marcus and Michelle (Javens) Brown reside in Millersville, Md., with their daughter, Emma.

Taylor (Fox) and Jeremy ('03) Hoover reside in Connellsville, Pa. Taylor is a specialist for Fayette County Drug and Alcohol. Jeremy is a licensed financial consultant for PNC Bank, Uniontown, Pa.

2008

Brandon and Karen (Halesky '07) Nesky reside in Wilmington, Del. Karen is a marketing coordinator for CoolerSmart in New Castle, Del.

Brett O'Neil is employed by BNY Mellon in Pittsburgh. He resides in Pittsburgh.

Brenton and Rozlynd (Vares) Awa reside in Kaneohe, Hawaii. Rozlynd is a graduate student at Carnegie Mellon University.

2009

Heather Cooney is an early intervention service coordinator for the Seneca Highlands Intermediate Unit Nine. She resides in Smethport, Pa.

Rheanne (Carr) Godfrey resides in Rochester, N.Y., with her husband, Dan.

Robyn Gray is a project management administrator for Paul C. Rizzo Associates, Inc., Pittsburgh. She resides in Freeport, Pa.

2010

Kelli Grill is employed by Argosy University – EDMC, Pittsburgh. She resides in Pittsburgh.

Richard James is a coordinator of information and technology services at the Philadelphia Academy of Natural Sciences, Philadelphia. He resides in Wilmington, Del., with his wife, Kirsten.

I Hope You Dance

Dance has always been a part of **Victoria Ames' ('01, '02)** life. She loves it so much she wants everyone to experience the joy and freedom that comes with movement, even if movement is a challenge.

In October, Ames published her first children's book, "I Can Dance, Too!" Ames wrote the book to inspire children to accomplish anything their hearts and minds desire, even if they have physical challenges.

"I've danced my whole life, and in my job I work with children and adults who have disabilities. So many parents think, 'My child has a disability and can't do things.' I wanted to put it out there that they can still do things," Ames said.

Ames works as a speech and language pathologist, and she also teaches dance and fitness to children and adults.

"I mixed my passion with my profession," Ames said of the idea for the book. Ames used to teach dance to children with disabilities at a summer camp. She modified and individualized dance moves to accommodate each child's abilities.



Ames shares her book with a young friend during a library reading.

"They just get so excited," Ames said. "I had a little girl, probably 7 or 8 years old. She had a form of cerebral palsy. She couldn't communicate very well, and it was hard to understand her talking. Every day, after she started dancing, I'd see her practicing. I'd always watch her doing my dance. As she learned it, she started bringing flowers to me. I think the kids feel a sense of accomplishment."

Ames said children with communication disorders don't always have the words to say "thank you," but their behavior improves and their confidence increases.

Ames completed her bachelor's degree in 2001 and her master's degree in 2002, both at Clarion and both in communication sciences and disorders.

As a Clarion student, Ames was a member of the dance team. She describes herself as a self-motivated person who took advantage of the educational opportunities at Clarion. Her additional motivation is children.

"It's the kids. It seriously is the kids," Ames said. "It really motivates you to want to break down that barrier. Being introduced to the world of children motivated me to push myself harder and try to help them."

"I Can Dance, Too!" is the first book in what Ames plans to be a series of five.

"All of them will be about children who have a certain kind of physical impairment, but it doesn't hold them back from accomplishing what they want to do."

She is now working on the second book.

Marriages

Rozlynd (Vares '08) and **Brenton ('08) Awa**, July 11, 2010.

Linda Leshowitz ('84) and **Tim Brazill**, Aug. 11, 2010.

Rheanne (Carr '09) and **Dan Godfrey**, Oct. 9, 2010.

Crystal (Page '06) and **Steven Midlik**, Nov. 6, 2010.

Stephanie (Zents '06) and **Joshua ('06) Woodin**, Nov. 13, 2010.

Births

Beth (Griffin '02) and **Jeffrey Haus**, a son **Tyler James**, Feb. 11, 2010.

Nicole (Gregorich '97) and **Elton ('99) Sturges**, a daughter, **Isabella**, March 30, 2010.

Betsy (Rustad '87) and **Scott Snell**, a daughter, **Olivia Elise**, June 11, 2010.

Kara (Zatezalo '06) and **Bryan Strauch**, a son, **Benjamin Anthony**, June 15, 2010.

Jacinta and **Ken ('94) Dague**, a daughter, **Lily Mae**, June 15, 2010.

Michelle (Javens '07) and **Marcus ('07) Brown**, a daughter **Emma Michelle**, June 25, 2010.

Kathy and **Mark ('93) Dressler**, a daughter, **Zoe Elizabeth**, Aug. 20, 2010.

Karla (Kinsinger '03) and **Jeremy Myers**, a son **Hunter James**, Sept. 7, 2010.

Jillian and **Dr. Stephen ('93) Caliendo**, twins, a son, **Gianna Merenda**, and a daughter, **Stella Francesca**, Sept. 7, 2010.

Jennifer (Helt '02) and **James Hertzog**, a daughter, **Carys Elisabeth**, Sept. 13, 2010.

Erica (Krahe '02) and **Brian Lang**, a daughter, **Rylee Marie**, Sept. 17, 2010.

Emily (Loaskie '00) and **Jeffrey Dahlke**, a daughter, **Preslie Monroe**, Sept. 22, 2010.

Marianne (Milnes '05) and **Gerald (J.T. '05) Halliday**, twins, a son, **Anthony James**, and a daughter, **Alexis Marie**, Sept. 23, 2010.

Carrie (Kronenberger '05) and **Robert ('03) Harris**, a daughter, **Kathryn Elizabeth**, Sept. 28, 2010.

Christina and **Dr. Todd ('96) Eberly**, a daughter, **Kathryn Argyro**, Dec. 9, 2010.

Heather (Lewis '06) and **Thomas Koharchik**, a daughter, **Emily Elizabeth**, Dec. 19, 2010.

Big Bang Creates Career Of Marvel

When **Dave Bishop ('91)** was 10 years old, he visited Mile High Comics in Denver with his dad. He told his dad that he wanted to have his own comics store someday. His dad chuckled at the boyish ambition.

Although Bishop collected comics, and never stopped enjoying them, his career goal turned toward computers. He attended Clarion University and earned a bachelor's degree in computer applications and information systems in 1991.

Around the same time that he had visited the Denver comic book store, Bishop was diagnosed with diabetes. He managed the disease according to what the medical field knew at the time, but still he found his body deteriorating as time went on, most evident in his compromised vision, weakened kidneys and congestive heart failure. He underwent medical procedures to correct problems with his eyes and heart. He had become ill enough in 2008 that he was preparing to begin dialysis treatments when a donor kidney became available.

As he recovered from the transplant, Bishop turned to comics to help pass the time. He was bored and began toying with a new line of work. He talked about an idea with his wife, **Beth (Swasta '91)**.

"A comic book store was something I had been interested in for a long time. I'm a long-time collector. I had researched it four or five years ago, but at the time I was pretty sick with kidney failure," Bishop said. "I talked with my wife and we said the economy really stinks right now, but it might be a good time to do this, because we could negotiate cheaper rent, and we'd be offering an affordable product."

The Bishops opened Big Bang Comics and Collectibles on Broad Street, Sewickley, last May. The shop is named in honor of the television show, "The Big Bang Theory," of which they are fans.

"We're just coming up in May on our first year open, and we're still seeing steady growth. As more and more people find out about us, more and more are making their way in," Bishop said.

He said comics truly offer something for everyone. His customers are an even mix of males and females, and they range in age from children to people in their 60s.

"I see a lot of parents come in, and their kids are looking at newer books like Sonic the Hedgehog, and their eye will catch Archie or Scooby Doo," he said.

Bishop said there are a lot of good stories in comic books. He compares the draw to that of a soap opera. "Once you start reading a title you're interested in, you become involved in those



Alumni Dave and Beth Swasta Bishop opened Big Bang Comics and Collectibles last spring in Sewickley.

characters. You get to the end and can't wait to see what happens next."

Bishop has between 10,000 and 15,000 comic books in his personal collection at home. The first series he collected was "Spider-man," then "X-Men." His favorite comic right now is "The Boys," which is about CIA agents charged with keeping an eye on the people with superpowers, because some of them are "dirtbags."

In addition to comic books, Big Bang Comics and Collectibles offers a line of collectible, limited-edition statues and merchandise, including statues and 12-inch figures from comics, science fiction and fantasy, animation and horror-type items.

He is proud of the wholesome entertainment his shop provides at a low price – most comics sell for \$2.99. He is particularly happy with feedback from parents.

"A lot of times people think of a comic book store as a dirty, dingy, hole-in-the-wall place with some creepy guy working there. I wanted (our store) to be clean, organized, well lit," he said. "That has definitely been noticed. I've had mothers tell me they feel safe having their kids come in."

Bishop said he still has days that he feels lousy health-wise. Regardless, he loves what he's doing.

"It's kind of like a kid working in a candy store, having the interest in the comics. It's like Christmas when the shipments come in," he said. He enjoys talking with the customers.

Bishop's father didn't live to see his son's boyish ambition realized. "Unfortunately, he passed away a couple of years ago. I think he'd get a kick out of it," Bishop said.

Look for Big Bang Comics and Collectibles on Facebook.

Deaths

Brian C. Courtney ('79),
Nov. 20, 2009

**Dana Jo (Petkash '73)
Vesperman**, Jan. 8, 2010

Florence (Ohl '50) Richards,
May 5, 2010

Catherine L. Morelli ('76),
May 8, 2010

Ralph H. Blewitt ('49),
May 20, 2010

Paul A. McCarty ('75),
July 7, 2010

Dennis D. Kukulski ('64),
Sept. 25, 2010

Caroline R. (Miller '78) DePolo,
Oct. 17, 2010

Galen F. Bloom ('49),
Oct. 28, 2010

John D. Sias ('60),
Oct. 29, 2010

Bernard L. Bienio ('78),
Oct. 23, 2010

**Helen Louise (Williams '42)
Burke**, Oct. 21, 2010

Harriet (Klein '67) Feder,
Oct. 22, 2010

Sandra W. Tarr ('79),
Nov. 2, 2010

Erin Elizabeth Kelly ('04),
Nov. 15, 2010

Linda (Shoup '68) Petrocy,
Nov. 23, 2010

Edward F. Burns ('61),
Nov. 27, 2010

Charles R. Alexander ('54),
Nov. 29, 2010

Edward James Kelley ('50),
Dec. 2, 2010

Carrie L. Danvir ('65),
Dec. 2, 2010

Harold W. Ferguson ('41),
Dec. 7, 2010

Scott M. Lang ('97),
Dec. 10, 2010

William J. Karl ('48),
Dec. 11, 2010

**Andrea M. (Dillen '96)
Eckenrod**, Dec. 12, 2010

Edward J. Walsh ('54),
Dec. 13, 2010

Regis Kessler ('66),
Dec. 26, 2010

William Smutko ('60),
Dec. 26, 2010

Marion G. McNaughton ('76),
Dec. 26, 2010

Melissa Lynch ('05),
Dec. 30, 2010

Susan (Hunter '81) Hays,
Dec. 31, 2010

Jeffrey L. Wollaston ('87),
Jan. 11, 2011

Dennis Crytzer ('75),
Jan. 14, 2011

**Ethel Alberta (Moore '32)
Jones**, Jan. 19, 2011

**Janice L. (Callihan '58)
Wrobleski**, Jan. 20, 2011

Dr. Bruce H. Dinsmore, Retired Faculty

Dr. Bruce H. Dinsmore, 95, Jacksonville, N.C., died Dec. 9, 2010, at Onslow Memorial Hospital.

Born Sept. 18, 1915, in Indiana, Pa., he was the son of the late C.C. and Abby O'Bright Dinsmore.

He was married to the former Betty Byers, who preceded him in death.

Dr. Dinsmore was a teacher in the public schools in Pennsylvania and New York from 1937 to 1947. In 1947, Dr. Dinsmore began teaching at Clarion University and was chairman of the biology department from 1964 until his retirement in 1978.

He received his doctorate in 1958 from the University of Pittsburgh. He was the recipient of the Distinguished Faculty Award by the alumni association in 1977 and was named professor emeritus in 1994.

Dr. Dinsmore retired as a lieutenant commander in the United States Navy Reserves after serving from 1942 to 1975. He was an Eagle Scout and past master for Free and Accepted Masonic Lodge 277 in Clarion.

He is survived by his three children: Barbara McNamara, Charlotte, N.C.; Scott Dinsmore, Costa Rica, Central America; and Christine Stokes, Jacksonville; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

In addition to his wife, Dr. Dinsmore was preceded in death by a sister, Doris Laymen, and a son-in-law, Michael J. Stokes.

Memorial donations may be made to the Distinguished Faculty in Ecology Scholarship Fund, Clarion University Foundation.



DINSMORE

Daniel J. Bard, Alumni Association Board of Directors

Daniel J. Bard ('74), 59, of Kabletown, W.Va., died Dec. 28, 2010, at Jefferson Memorial Hospital, Ranson, W.Va.

Daniel was born Aug. 11, 1951, in Johnstown, Pa., to Halcolm P. and Gertrude (Tadejeski) Bard. He graduated from Kiski Area High School, class of 1969, and received a degree from Clarion University.

Bard retired from the Maryland Department of Agriculture as a resource conservationist. He was a member of the Catholic faith. Daniel was an avid motorcycle rider and writer on his yellow Goldwing. He was a member of American Motorcycle Association, Between the Sheetz Gang, Goldwing Road Riders Association and Motorcycle Travel Network. He co-authored "Great Roads, Great Rides, and Moto Maps." He also was an avid photographer, Pittsburgh Steelers fan and Beatles fan.

Bard served on the board of directors for Clarion University Alumni Association from July 1, 1996, to June 30, 2004.

He is survived by his wife of 37 years, Gale L. (Watson) Bard; brother, Halcolm Barre Bard and wife Janet of Kane, Pa.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Donald E. Reno, Alumni Association Board of Directors

Donald E. Reno ('55), 84, of McMurray, died Nov. 29, 2010. Born Nov. 3, 1926, in Rochester, he was the son of the late Harvey M. and Adela MacMillan Reno.

Beloved husband for 52 years of **Mary Rose (Vescio '55) Reno**, he was the loving father of David S. (Jennifer) Reno and Elizabeth Anne (Keith) Rouleau; proud grandfather of Mary Katherine and Patrick Rouleau and Joshua Reno, and brother of the late Alan.

A graduate of Beaver Area High School, Reno received his bachelor's degree from Clarion University and a master's degree from California University. At Clarion, he was captain of the varsity basketball team and a member of Alpha Gamma Phi fraternity. A teacher of American history and assistant basketball coach in the Bethel Park School District, he retired from teaching in 1989 and coaching in 1998.

During his retirement, he enjoyed an active life, spending time with his grandchildren, trips to Hilton Head and Penn State football games, golf and various Clarion University activities. He was a member of the board of directors of the Clarion University Alumni Association and served 10 terms as president and board member of the Bethel Park Athletic Hall of Fame.



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INTERSTATE Alumni On The Road



1 Alumni and friends gathered on Feb. 8, 2011 at the Duquesne Club in Pittsburgh. Pictured are: **Wayne Norris ('65), President Karen Whitney and Scott Kroh ('74).**



2 Gamma golf event held in Punta Gorda, Fla. Pictured are: **John E. "Jack" Bertani ('61), Joseph P. Shaw ('64), James A. Morandini ('64), David J. Katis ('85, '88), Wayne Norris ('65), Stanley S. "Whitey" Rafalko ('65), Dr. Joseph P. Grunenwald, Robert J. "Tick" Cloherty ('62), Richard E. Allen ('64), Robert W. Hartz ('62), Robert W. Montgomery ('65), Carl D. McManamy ('63) and Albert C. Aston ('63).**



3 Alumni and friends gathered on Jan. 29, 2011, at the Legacy Club outside Orlando, Fla. Pictured are: Front Row (left to right): **Glenn Straub ('82), President Karen Whitney, John Shreve ('72).** Middle Row (l-r): **Bob Straub, Kim Carrick, Phyllis (Corbett '62) Pionzio, Maggie Limberty ('92).** Back Row (l-r): **Deb Huffman ('93), John Burrows ('96), Angie (Shaffer '98) Burrows, Bryan Carrick ('74), Marjorie Straub, Richard Phipps, Caroline Phipps, Kay (Ordiway '61) Clark, Frank Clark, John Pionzio.**



4 **Michael Smiley ('80)** talks to prospective students for an Admissions event at the Bel Aire in Erie, Pa., on Jan. 25, 2011.



CLARION UNIVERSITY

SUMMER 2011 SPORT CAMPS

Baseball

June 20-24: Day Camp
June 25: Father/Son Camp
June 27- July 1: Day Camp
July 2: Father/Son Camp

Boys Basketball

June 13-17: Day Camp
(at Venango Campus)
July 10-14: Individual
Overnight Camp
July 15-16: Team Overnight Camp
July 17-21: Individual
Overnight Camp

Girls Basketball

July 8-10: Senior High Team Camp
July 8-10: Junior High Team Camp
July 10-14: Elite Position Camp
July 10-14: Individual Camp
July 17-21: Individual Camp
July 22-24: Senior High Team Camp

Cross Country

July 24-28: Speed Camp (Coed)

Football

May 28: High School
Prospect Camp
June 6-10: Kids Day Camp
June 25: QB/WR Camp
July 15-16: Father/Son
Youth League Camp
July 31-Aug. 5:
High School Team Camp

Softball

June 24-26: Hitters and
Fielders Camp
July 1-3: Pitchers and Catchers

Soccer

June 27-July 1:
Day Camp-(Coed)
July 25-29: Elite Camp 9th-12th Grade
Girls Team Camp and Girls Elite
Individual Camp- Both Residential

Swimming & Diving

June 5-9: Week 1
June 12-16: Week 2
June 19-23: Week 3
July 26-30: Week 4

Tennis

June 20-23: Tennis & Swim Camp
June 24: Doubles Tournament
June 25: Singles Tournament

Wrestling

June 24-26: Father/Son Weekend #1
June 26-30: Team Camp
and Fundamentals
July 3-7: Offensive Camp
and Defensive Camp
July 31-Aug. 4:
Father/Son Week
Aug. 5-7: Father/Son Weekend #2
Aug. 5-7: Team & Club
Competition Camp
(at Sharon HS, Sharon, PA)
July 18-20: Technique Camp
(Satellite Camp)
July 18-20: Technique Camp
(at Oxford HS, Oxford, PA)

Volleyball

July 24-26: Individual Skill Camp
July 27: Setter, Serve Recover and
Defense Clinic
July 28: Hitting Clinic
July 29-31: Team Camp

Clarion Honors 134 Athletes, Tennis Team, Trejos, Wilson & Laughlin

Clarion honored 134 scholar athletes, three individuals and the women's tennis team during the 21st Annual Bob Carlson Scholar Athlete Luncheon, Feb. 4 in the James Gemmell multi-purpose room.

The total number of student-athletes honored represents 37 percent of Clarion University student-athletes.

Dr. Kevin Roth (MBA '81), faculty athletics representative, welcomed athletes, faculty, staff, administration, coaches and special guests and said that "Clarion University student athletes are graduating at a full 10 percent higher rate than the general student population."

"We are proud of our students who are both athletes and exceptional students," said Clarion University **President Karen Whitney**. "They are a credit to Clarion University, epitomizing excellence of the mind, body and spirit."

Dave Katis ('85, '88), Clarion's athletic director, said it's important for the university community to support the athletes, who are seen prominently by the community interacting with others at sporting events.

During the program, SAAC President **Jared Schmader** presented **Dr. Sandra Trejos** with the Faculty of the Year award, as voted on by the Student Athlete Advisory Committee, representing all student-athletes at Clarion.

Football player **James Eckels** described Trejos as his "mom on campus." His teammate **Ben Fiscus** noted that Trejos cuts out newspaper articles for him and lets him know he's doing a good job. Wrestler **Steven Cressley** said taking a class with Trejos last semester reinforced his decision to become a business major.

Trejos said the recognition comes at an important time in her life. "Students last semester saw me go through a health challenge. Even in tough times, we can do and achieve," she said.

Katis presented the Carlson Cup Team Award to the women's tennis team. The award goes to the team that shows the biggest overall increase in GPA during the past calendar year. Bob Carlson is a former athletic director at Clarion University.



"Faculty of the Year" **Dr. Sandra Trejos** (center), with **President Karen Whitney** (left) and SAAC President **Jared Schmader**.



Extra Effort Winners **Linda Laughlin** (left) and **Shelly Wilson** (right) with A.D. **Dave Katis**.

Shelly Wilson and Linda Laughlin, both of Clarion Students' Association, received the Extra Effort Award.

"(The CSA) is an outside organization that's an integral part of our success," Katis said. It is through CSA that the athletic department's travel allowances are disbursed and expenses are reimbursed.

To be named a Clarion University "Scholar Athlete," student-athletes must: achieve a cumulative grade point average of 3.2 or higher; have two consecutive semesters of a 3.2

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grade point average or higher in the spring and fall terms of 2010; or be a freshman or new transfer who achieved a 3.2 grade point average or higher in the fall 2010 term.

Each scholar-athlete invited a member of the faculty or staff who has been particularly influential in their lives at Clarion.

Scholar Athletes For 2011 Include:

Baseball: Josh Beimel, Eric Grejda, William Hasson, Jordan Labue, Nick Maskrey, Seth Peterson, Billy Ruhland, Samuel Skraba, Matt Warhola, Jerico Weitzel, Chad White

Men's Basketball: Mike Kromka, Mike Nealis, Mike Sherry

Women's Basketball: Joanna Catalano, Ann Deibert, Jennifer Linkchorst

Women's Cross Country/Track & Field: Alexis Carter, Alyssa Cauffman, Nicolena Guzzi, Kimberly Hanslovan, Amy Kirkwood, Marie Krchnak, Sarah Loughner, Kristine Mellor, Molly Noctor, Allison Regan, Katherine Reinhart, Ciara Shorts, Megan Toddy, Jessica Vitous, Alyssa Wittle, Jamie Wyatt

Football: Craig Bunney, Nathan Conway, Eric Coxon, Edward DeMarchi, James Eckels, Tyler Edwards, Mike Felker, Ben Fiscus, Raymond Klinger, Kory Kusick, Robert Mamula, Evan Mastele, Elijah Morres, Steven Moyemont, Jacques Robinson, Eli Rupert, Nick Sipes, Shawn Sopic, Joshua Stegena, Anthony Stimac

Men's Golf: Dylan Reinsel, Nathan Sainovich, Zachary Schloemer, Jared Schmader, William Stover, Adam Timchak

Women's Golf: Kayla Lavery, Samantha Veights

Soccer: Jordan Bahr, Lauren Barbour, Lyndsey Brechosky, Jordan Daloisio, Beth Ellen Dibeler, Tessa Endress, Emily Heasley, Alyssa Katz, Kylie Keeney, Jenna Kulik, Kathleen Lawson, Megan Lawson, Crystal Miller, Jillian Miller, Bethany Naugle, Danielle Riley, Kristen Scheutzow, Gina Shero, Lindsay Thill, Alaina Tintera, Sara Trinclisti, Erin White

Softball: Katie Baun, Jenna Dorazio, Nicole Lollo, Rebecca Lynch, Kacie Nemeth, Shelia Sheatz, Elizabeth Shiring, Meghan Stanton

Men's Swimming and Diving: Eric Beichner, Joshua Fry, Scott Harvey, Jon Kofmehl, Garet Weston, Luke Wilmoth

Women's Swimming and Diving: Whitney Dudek, Laura Herron, Kayla Kelosky, Gina Mattucci, Jessica Munoz, Holly Nedley, Morgan Oberlander, Kim Ogden, Madison Sewell, Kayla Shull, Sheri Symosko, Megan Williams

Tennis: Brittany Buchheit, Lauren Eonta, Claire Kerstetter, Jaclyn Metzger, Alysia Sturdivant, Tawyna Waggle

Volleyball: Kaitlyn Anderson, Nicole Andrusz, Leirin Baker, Kellie Bartman, Carlie Bieranowski, Rhianon Brady, Rebecca Ferragonio, Aubree Fry, Hannah Heeter, Leeann Higginbotham, Breanna Kochinsky, Lauren Magalski, Corinne Manley, Kayla Rodak, Emily Stewart, Rebecca Webb

Wrestling: Tyler Bedelyon, Steven Cressley, Ryan Darch, Jay Ivanco, Cameron Moran.



Carlson Cup Winning Clarion Tennis Team Members **Lauren Eonta, Claire Kerstetter, Jaclyn Metzger** and Coach **Lori (Berk '92) Sabatose**.

SPRING 2011

CLARION GOLF OUTINGS

FOOTBALL ALUMNI SCRAMBLE

Saturday, April 16 – 11 a.m.

Hi Level Golf Course

Entry Fee - \$80

CONTACT: Bo Garritano

724-875-7830

robertgarritano@comcast.net

MEN'S BASKETBALL SHAMBLE

Friday, April 29 – 9 a.m.

Pinecrest Country Club

Entry Fee - \$125

CONTACT: Norb Baschnagel

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FRAN SHOPE SCRAMBLE

Friday, May 20 – 1 p.m.

Clarion Oaks Golf Course

Entry Fee - \$75

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Women's Volleyball Wins PSAC/NCAA Regional Titles



Clarion Raises 2010 NCAA Atlantic Region Trophy with **Rhianon Brady**, **Leeann Higginbotham**, and **Kayla Rodack**.

It's not often a team can claim to have the best season in school history, especially when that team is part of a program that has made seven NCAA Division II national tournaments since 2002.

But the 2010 Golden Eagle women's volleyball team definitely has a strong argument for being the best team in school history.

Clarion advanced to the NCAA Division II Elite Eight for the first time in program history while winning the school's first Regional title, its first PSAC-West title and its second PSAC Title. The Golden Eagles finished with a school-record 32 wins going 32-5.

"It was great to be able to coach such an awesome group of girls," Clarion's fourth-year head coach **Jennifer Harrison** said. "I'm proud of the way they came together as a team and kept meeting challenges as the season went on."

Along the way to success, Clarion captured the imagination of the campus and the community, drawing three consecutive crowds of more than 500 to Tippin Gym for PSAC Playoff games including a school-record crowd of 665 to the PSAC semifinal win over Kutztown and another 627 to the PSAC Championship victory against Edinboro.

"I think it was awesome for us, and the girls really enjoyed it and fed off it," Harrison said. "I was proud of the community, the athletic department and our students for wanting to be part of what we consider a very successful season. It was pretty neat to see that a lot of people got to come along for the ride with us."

But Clarion was more than just about feeding off the home crowd.

On the road for the Regional Tournament at Edinboro, the Golden Eagles came away with three big wins on the neutral court, defeating Chowan (N.C.), Wheeling Jesuit, a team that had beaten the Golden Eagles earlier in the season, and PSAC rival California to win the Regional Championship.

The reward for the Regional title was a potential once-in-a-lifetime trip to the NCAA Division II Fall Championship Festival in Louisville, Ky. The NCAA rotates its championship festival, which creates an Olympic-type atmosphere with numerous championships being conducted in the same location, between fall, winter and spring sports. That means any one athlete has, at most, two opportunities to make a Championship Festival in a single sport.

"Being a part of that added something to it," Harrison said. "The NCAA does a nice job putting together an environment where kids can still have fun, be student-athletes and support each other. Hopefully, if we ever get the opportunity again, it will make us a little bit more comfortable."

While the result wasn't what Clarion had hoped for – the Golden Eagles fell 3-0 to Dowling (N.Y.) in the Elite Eight – the experience left the Golden Eagles wanting more.

"(The Dowling match) exposed us to what's out there," junior Libero **Rhianon Brady** said following the loss. "I think it kind of shows us the next level, what we need to shoot for. Being here and seeing these teams and what level they are at and the consistency they have, we will have a different mindset going into next season knowing that should be our goal."

With such a good season, individual accolades flowed freely for the Golden Eagles.



PSAC MVP **Kellie Bartman** (right) and President **Karen Whitney**.

Junior outside hitter **Kellie Bartman** was named an AVCA Honorable Mention All-American while also becoming the first Clarion player to be named PSAC-West Athlete of the Year. In addition, she was the Daktronics Atlantic Regional Player of the Year, an AVCA All-Region performer and the PSAC Tournament MVP.

Joining Bartman on the AVCA All-Atlantic Region team was Brady, while junior setter **Amanda Gough** and sophomore middle hitter **Rebecca Webb** were Honorable Mention AVCA All-Atlantic Region.

Brady, who was also a first-team Daktronics All-Region selection, is the first player in school history to earn All-Region honors in her first three years, while Gough and Webb were both second-team All-PSAC-West performers.

Harrison, meanwhile, earned her second straight AVCA Atlantic Region Coach of the Year honor while also being named the PSAC-West Coach of the Year, the first time in school history a Golden Eagle mentor has earned PSAC-West Coach of the Year honors.



Clarion Men's Swimmers Support Spikers at PSAC Championships

23rd Induction Banquet

Clarion 'Sports Hall of Fame'

FRIDAY, APRIL 29, 2011

The Clarion University "Sports Hall of Fame" Committee has announced that five new members will be inducted as the 23rd "Hall of Fame" Class in 2011.

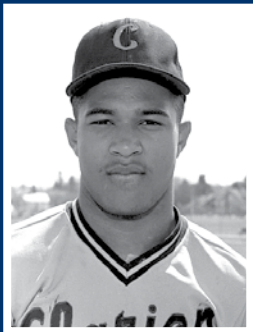
Induction ceremonies are scheduled for Friday, April 29, at Clarion's student dining facility, Eagle Commons (located at Arnold Avenue and Wood Street) beginning at 7 p.m. and all are invited to attend. A social is set for 5:30 p.m. at Moore Hall (former president's residence) on campus. Ticket orders are being handled by Associate

A.D. **Wendy Snodgrass**, 111 Tippin Gymnasium. Tickets are \$35 per person and are available by contacting Snodgrass at 814-393-1989. Checks should be made payable to Clarion "Sports Hall of Fame."

The new inductees include five former athletes: **James E. (Pint) Barton ('87)** – baseball, **Timothy D. Brown ('93)** – football, **Jacob P. (Jack) Derlink ('66)** – basketball, **Daniel F. Mahony ('60)** – football, **Tamara L. (Tammy) Myers ('91)** – women's tennis.

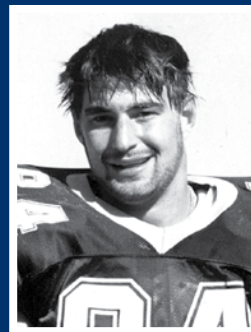
"We want to congratulate the new inductees, as well as the Hall of Fame Committee on another job well done," said sixth year Clarion A.D. **Dave Katis ('85, '88)**. "This will be another great class of inductees who made a very significant contribution to Clarion Athletics during their time on campus. We look forward to their induction on April 29."

Below is a snapshot of the Clarion Hall of Fame Careers of our 2011 inductees:



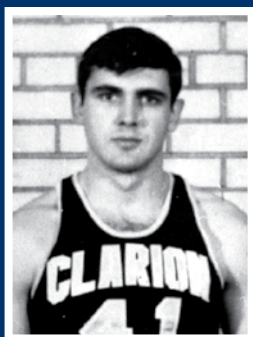
JAMES E. (PINT) BARTON – Baseball

- 1987 Clarion University Graduate
- 1984-87 Four-Year Baseball Starter – Center Field
- 1987 PSAC-West "Player of the Year"
- 1987 NCAA D-II All-Region/All-American
- 1987-Clarion Season Record Batting Average (.452)
- 1984-87 Clarion Career Record 43 Stolen Bases
- 1984-87 Career Batting Avg. 344/Slugging % (.548)
- 1985 & '87 PSAC-West First Team
- 1984 PSAC-West Champs/PSAC Runner-up



TIMOTHY D. BROWN – Football

- 1993 Clarion University Graduate
- 1990-93 Four-Year Starter – Tight End
- 1992 & 1993 First Team All-American
- 1991-93 First Team PSAC-West
- 1991 HM All-American
- 1990-93 Clarion Career Record 169 Catches
- 1992 Clarion Single Season Record 60 Catches
- 1990-93 Clarion Career Receiving Yards 1,994
- 1992 Clarion PSAC-West Champions



JACOB "JACK" DERLINK – Basketball

- 1966 Clarion University Graduate
- 1963-66 Four-Year Starter
- 1966 NAIA All-American
- 1966 Scored 30 or More Points In Eight Games
- 1966 Averaged 26 ppg, 14 rpg
- First Team All District and Conference
- Runner-up District "Player of the Year"
- 1963-66 - 1,400 Career Points (second)
- 1963-66 - 840 Career Rebounds (second)



DANIEL F. MAHONY – Football

- 1960 Clarion University Graduate
- 1956-59 Three-Year Starter
- 1956-59 Four-Year Letterwinner
- 1958 & 1959 Team Captain
- Two-Way Starter On Offense/Defense
- Tight End & DE/Outside Linebacker
- 1959 Caught 25 Passes Senior Year – 3 td's
- All NAIA & All PSAC First Team
- 1959 – Led Team To 6-1-1 Record



TAMARA (TAMMY) MYERS – Women's Tennis

- 1991 Clarion University Graduate
- 1987-88/1990-91 Four Year Starter
- Career Singles Record 70-13
- Career Dual Singles Record 49-6
- Career Dual Doubles Record 41-3
- Three-Time NCAA D-II National Doubles Participant
- 1987-90 Clarion Won 4 Straight PSAC Titles
- Spring 1988 & '89 Clarion In NCAA D-II Nationals
- 1987-90 Clarion Team Dual Record 55-1

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Clarion Benefits From Kaufmans' Savvy And Generosity

During their lives, brother and sister **Charles** and **Virginia ('37) Kaufman** gave – substantially. Their generosity has benefited many, both in Clarion, where they grew up and where their grandparents were among the town's settlers, and in Pittsburgh, where they lived and worked after graduating from college.

Neither Charles, a chemical engineer, nor Virginia, an advertising executive, married. They shared a modest home in Greentree. They spent little and invested wisely. Through savvy financial behavior, they accumulated tens of millions of dollars. The beneficiaries were their communities. Virginia passed away in 2008, and Charles died in 2010, but their legacy of giving continues.

In Pittsburgh, Virginia gave to Carnegie Mellon University School of Design, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, Pittsburgh Symphony, University of Pittsburgh School of Health and Rehabilitative Sciences and the Charles E. and Virginia Kaufman Fund of the Pittsburgh Foundation.

Charles also gave financial support to Carnegie Mellon University, as well as the American Chemical Society and American Association for the Advancement of Science. He supported his alma mater, University of Cincinnati.

They supported Clarion County Historical Society, Clarion Hospital and Clarion Free Library.

Their gifts to Clarion University have been generous and purposeful. During their lifetimes, the Kaufmans donated antique furniture from their parents' estate for use in university residences, 25 acres of property for possible future development, and financial support.

In honor of their parents, **Myer M. and Minnie Hermann Kaufman**, Virginia set up the M.M. and Minnie H. Kaufman Leadership Scholarship Endowment. First awarded in 2000, the scholarship has supported 66 Clarion University students. Virginia was interviewed after the

establishment of the scholarship.

"The Capital Campaign focused my thinking on how I could, during my lifetime rather than 'someday,' start a fund honoring my parents and, at the same time, provide scholarships for high school graduates who might need a financial boost," she said.

Clarion University senior **Regina Finelli**, a speech language pathology major and Spanish minor, received the scholarship in 2008.

"Your generosity is assisting me in the fulfillment of my life dreams," Finelli wrote to Virginia when she accepted the scholarship.

After Virginia's passing, her brother established the Charles E. and Virginia Kaufman Fund at Clarion University Foundation, Inc., to continue support of the scholarship.

At the time the scholarship was established, Virginia donated \$255,500, designated in part for the scholarship and in part for the renovation of Founders Hall.

Virginia had previously given money toward the renovation of Founders Hall. Virginia, individually, and with Charles through the Charles E. and Virginia Kaufman Fund, financially supported the construction of the Joseph P. Grunenwald Center for Science and Technology.

Each contributed individually to a scholarship endowment in honor of former Clarion University **President Diane Reinhard**. A building at Reinhard Village, a student housing complex, was named for the Kaufmans.

Part of Charles' estate will be directed to the Charles E. and Virginia Kaufman Fund at The Pittsburgh Foundation, which will provide annual support to the Clarion University Foundation, Inc., ensuring that the legacy of the Kaufman family will continue.



Former Clarion University **President Diane L. Reinhard**, who served from 1990 to 2003, and **Virginia Kaufman ('37)**.

"Charles and Virginia lived their lives in pursuit of learning and demonstrating a passion for the development of business, culture, arts and education throughout our region. It was a privilege to know them and to be a part of their ongoing commitment to service and learning," Harry Tripp, vice president for student and university affairs, said.

Charles earned a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering in 1936 from the University of Cincinnati. He moved to Pittsburgh to take a job with Hagan Corp., which later became Calgon Corp. and was acquired by Merck. He earned a master's degree in chemistry in 1942 from the Carnegie Institute of Technology and stayed at Calgon for his entire career.

Virginia graduated in 1937 from Clarion State Teachers College. She moved to Pittsburgh to work in marketing at Pittsburgh Post-Gazette. She later joined Penn-Art Associates, becoming a business partner and co-owner.

What Your Will Reveals About You

Your will says something about you. First, it says that you care about your loved ones. You want to make it easier for them by taking care of legal matters relating to the transfer of your estate.

Second, having a will means that you have sought to conserve your estate. You can reduce taxes and probate costs by designating what things will go where and who will be responsible for handling the details. The cost savings resulting from a carefully constructed estate plan means that more of your estate can go to family members and other beneficiaries.

Third, as demonstrated by **Virginia ('37)** and **Charles Kaufman**, your will provides insight into your lifetime involvements and concerns. Bequests to family members tell of your love and concern for their welfare. And bequests to organizations speak volumes about what you value.

Including Clarion University Foundation, Inc., in your will affirms your belief in the mission of the university and encourages those you leave behind to consider how they can also help worthy causes.

Further, including Clarion in your will tells us that you want us to continue our work in

fulfilling the university's mission. You reveal your vision for our future and encourage us to be good stewards of the new resources you place in our hands.

We at Clarion University want you to experience the feeling of having a well-considered and well-crafted will and encourage you to take care of this very important matter. If you would like to speak with someone or would like additional information about how to leave a bequest to Clarion, please contact us at 814-393-2572 or giving@clarion.edu.

Sands Shares Business Insight As Reed Lecture Series Speaker

Clarion University alumnus **Vincent Sands ('78)** joins two elite groups this spring.

On April 16, Sands, chairman of BNY Mellon of Pennsylvania, will receive the Clarion University 2011 Alumni Association Distinguished Alumni Award during Extravaganza at Pittsburgh's Duquesne Club. A few days later, Sands, who holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from Clarion, will share highlights of his career as the speaker for the fourth annual Reed Lecture Series at 3:30 p.m. April 19 in Carter Auditorium (room 112) Still Hall. The presentation is free.

Reed Lecture Series brings business people to campus for the benefit of students and faculty.

"We are delighted that Vince has agreed to serve as our Reed Lecture Series speaker this year," said Dr. Jim Pesek, dean of the College of Business Administration, which organizes the lectures. "Vince's talk will complement and reinforce the learning that takes place in our classrooms."

Previous speakers include **P.J. (Magaro '77) Hilbert, Roger ('76) Oxendale** and **William Lowe**.

Alumni Return As Foundation Employees

Clarion University Foundation, Inc., welcomed two alumni, Jessica Zacherl and Laura King, as new employees.

Jessica (Tenfelde, '04) Zacherl joined the Foundation, Jan. 31, as assistant director of alumni relations and annual fund.

She will plan reunions and various events with alumni, as well as raise monies for the annual fund.

"It's an honor to be able to work on behalf of the university. I wish I had known what the Foundation does for students," she said. "I'm honored to be able to help these students afford school."

Zacherl graduated from Clarion University with a bachelor's degree in marketing. Prior to accepting



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employment with the Foundation, she was branch manager for Enterprise Rent-a-Car.

Laura King ('09), the Foundation's new development officer, graduated with a bachelor's degree in liberal arts from Clarion University's Virtual Campus - while working full-time for March of Dimes in Erie. At the Foundation, she will work to establish new scholarships and build upon existing ones. She began Oct. 25, 2010.

King, active in the Miss America program, received a scholarship as part of Miss Pennsylvania and is co-director of the organization's Miss Clarion River Valley Scholarship Pageant.

"P.J. Hilbert spoke about her career and her experiences working at AT&T, when she was charged with restoring service to Wall Street and New York's financial services district after 9/11," Pesek said. "Several students were surprised that a Clarion business graduate was given that type of responsibility."

Oxendale was CEO of Children's Hospital, Pittsburgh, and Lowe is considered to be the father of the personal computer.

"We believe that these types of experiences are very valuable for our students in terms of their own professional development," Pesek said. "We want for them to hear from practitioners, from those who have had successful careers."

Reed Lecture Series was established through an endowment fund created by Dr. John H. Reed, retired Clarion University professor of administrative science who taught from 1971-2001, and his wife, Barbara.



Charitable IRA Rollover Provision Reinstated

Through the Tax Relief, Unemployment Insurance Reauthorization, and Job Creation Act of 2010 came the extension of the Charitable IRA Rollover Provision allowing individuals to make tax-free direct transfers from traditional and Roth IRAs to charitable organizations, such as Clarion University Foundation, Inc.

Through Dec. 31, 2011, legislation permits donors aged 70½ to make tax free withdrawals from certain retirement assets and transfer to a qualified charity any amount up to \$100,000. Another potential benefit is that the limits of contribution deductions (50 percent of adjusted gross income for cash gifts, and 30 percent for long-term capital gain property) do not apply.

WHO SHOULD CONSIDER THIS?

- Donors who do not itemize deductions
- Donors for whom withdrawal of IRA income would cause more social security income to be taxable
- Donors already giving at the 50 percent deduction limit for cash gifts or the 30 percent limit for gifts of long-term appreciated assets.

RULES:

- Donors must be 70½ and own a traditional or Roth IRA. Funds accumulated in 401(k) or 403(b) and other types of retirement accounts do not qualify.
- The IRA trustees must transfer the gift amount directly to the qualified organization. If a donor makes a withdrawal and then contributes to charity, the amount would be taxable income for the donor.
- Qualified organizations do not include advised funds, charitable trusts, private foundations or other supporting organizations.
- IRA gifts cannot be used to fund life income arrangements such as unitrusts, or gift annuities.
- Donors cannot receive any benefit in exchange for the gift (dinners, tickets, etc.).

Contact the Foundation at 814-393-2572 or giving@clarion.edu for additional information and contact your personal advisers to determine if the Charitable IRA Rollover may provide a worthy option when considering a gift to Clarion.

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Congratulations

2011 Alumni Association Distinguished Award Recipients



Vincent Sands ('78)
Distinguished Alumni



James Thornton
Distinguished Volunteer



Rose Miller ('81)
Distinguished Achievement



Susan Traynor ('89)
Distinguished Faculty



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



Samuel Zuck ('74)
Distinguished Alumni
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