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*Go Eagles!*

*Karen M. Whitney*

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# Clarion Style: The making of Clarion University's 'Gangnam Style' music video

**H**is hit single “Gangnam Style” has been played on news programs, sports shows and MTV. Practically overnight he became an international sensation with his bizarrely addicting music video. And now, South Korean pop-star Psy has made his way to Clarion University with a new “Eagletastic” video produced by the students from the social media group and the communication department.

Coming off of the spirit-high of Autumn Leaf Festival, the student social media group, led by graduate assistant Amy Powers, wanted to keep up the excitement.

“I challenged the group to come up with video ideas that would highlight the campus,” Powers said. Student strategist Paul Yi was quick to respond with his proposal, which would become the focus of the video.

“I’d been browsing around the Web and saw that the Gangnam Style video had gone viral,” Yi said. “As far as I knew, the fad hadn’t totally hit Clarion yet—I hadn’t seen the video. And I just thought, ‘this has millions of views. Maybe we could tap into that.’ And I guess we did.”

Powers, Yi and the rest of the social media group got to work, scripting and storyboarding ideas to “Clarion-ize” the video.

“We had some challenges,” Yi said. “Scheduling with the people in the video and the (communication) students wasn’t always easy because people are so busy. Everyone was really easy to work with, but it was hard to line up times.”

Yi also mentioned the infamous Clarion weather as a challenge.

Working through the obstacles, though, the video started to come together.

“We were able to get the mascot from Shawn Hoke (Center for Leadership and Involvement director), and we sort of centered the video around Ernie,” Powers said, referring to the Golden Eagle costume seen at various Clarion University sporting events. “Then we got the men’s swim team and members of the Hip Hop Dance Team and some other groups to show off different parts of the campus.”

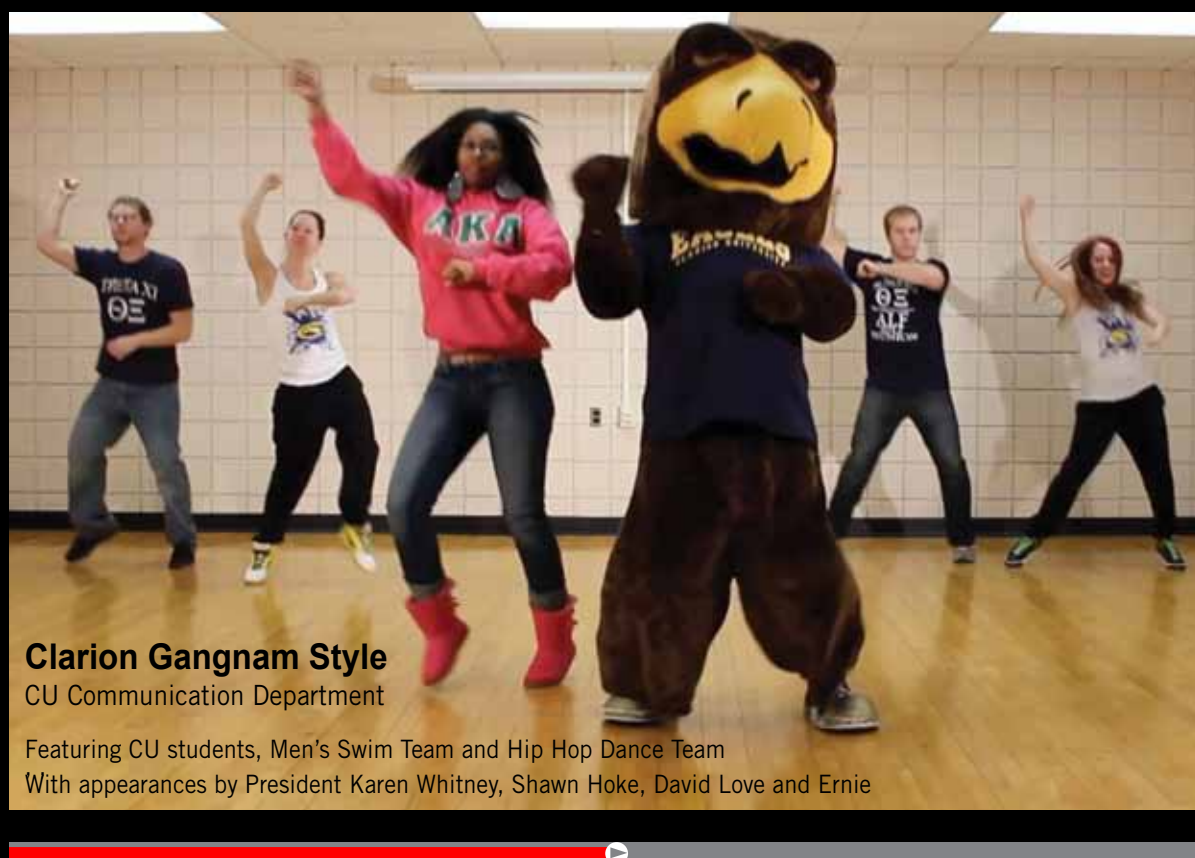
The resulting video, which owes much of its technical construction to communication students Rebecca Burkot, Chris Gillis, Cody Martyna, Alex Kozora and Frank Lemon, highlights a variety of campus locations, including the steps of Founders Hall, the natatorium, the racquetball courts in Gemmell, and even the president’s office. The Clarion connection spans beyond locations, however, as various member’s of the university’s who’s-

said. During the finale, Ernie and on-screen love interest Emily Kohlmitter dance front-and-center on the Golden Eagle logo at mid-field, while other video participants serve as enthusiastic backup dancers.

Posted on YouTube in early December, the music video—hosted on two different accounts—has accrued more than 9,000 views.

“I’m really pleased with it,” Powers said.

## Eagletastic Viral Video > CLARION GANGNAM STYLE



**Clarion Gangnam Style**  
CU Communication Department

Featuring CU students, Men’s Swim Team and Hip Hop Dance Team  
With appearances by President Karen Whitney, Shawn Hoke, David Love and Ernie

who make cameo appearances. Among this list are marketing and communication director David Love, Hoke, and even President Karen Whitney herself.

Fans of the original “Gangnam Style” video will also spot some clever homages within the Clarion version, like Psy’s now-signature dance move, which most of the students and staff stars recreate.

Clarion’s take on “Gangnam” culminates with a handful of students dancing at the football field, a scene Powers and Yi say they wanted to work in from the beginning.

“Having the football field kind of drives up the level of spirit of the whole video,” Yi

“It’s really cool to log on to Facebook and see friends re-posting something you were a part of.”

Yi seems equally pleased with the fruits of his labor. “It’s amazing how quickly we were able to pull together something so successful,” he said. “Even with some of the challenges, it turned out looking great.”

*To watch Clarion University’s take on “Gangnam Style,” enter “Clarion Gangnam Style” into the YouTube search bar.*

## News from the campuses



KING

### Seifert Series inspires 'Realities of Race' discussion

Dr. Alveda King, civil rights activities and niece of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., will present "The True Meaning of the Dream" at 7 p.m. April 17 at Clarion University as part of the Mary L. Seifert Cultural Series, "Realities of Race." The Mary L. Seifert Cultural Series Endowment of the Clarion University Foundation, Inc., was established to provide the Clarion University community with cultural experiences that inspire learning through thoughtful discussions. The series recently brought director Spike Lee and

"The Voice" finalist Jamar Rogers to campus, as well as a visit last spring by Dr. Maya Angelou. Clarion University Department of Theatre's April 24-28 presentation of Edward Albee's "Seascape" is also part of the series.

### Venango College LLC program creates full house

Venango College of Clarion University is calling its new living learning communities a success. LLCs provide students the opportunity to live in a collaborative, intellectual environment with others of similar academic and career interests and goals. They can easily form study groups and explore common career aspirations. Students really get to know their instructors and develop strong friendships with their fellow students. "The LLC's are a great attraction to students, and we quickly filled all available spaces and now have a waiting list," said Dr. Chris Reber, executive dean of Venango College. We are working with the Clarion University Foundation to raise funds for two additional future buildings."

### U.S. News and World Report ranks online MSN 19<sup>th</sup> in nation

Clarion and Edinboro universities' Master of Science in Nursing program ranked 19<sup>th</sup> in the nation in U.S. News and World Reports' 2013 Best Online Graduate Nursing Programs survey. Rankings were based on admission



selectivity, student engagement, faculty credentials and training, and student services and technology. The joint program is taught by Clarion and Edinboro faculty and administered by Venango College of Clarion University. Clarion and Edinboro, two of the 14 universities in the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education, offer entry-level nursing degree programs independently but collaborate to offer the MSN degree.

### Bachelor's-to-MBA: focused track to success

Starting in fall 2013, Clarion University students can choose to embark on an academic path that will grant them both a bachelor's degree in a business or non-business field and a Master of Business Administration in just five years. "We will be intentionally combining discipline-specific material and business applications in courses at both the undergraduate and graduate levels," said Dr. Ron Nowaczyk, Clarion University provost. Clarion University College of Business Administration and its programs are fully accredited by The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business International. The MBA program was recently recognized as a "Top 20 Best Buy" by geteducated.com.



## Student news



THORNTON

### Comm major is Student Journalist of the Year finalist

Alizah Thornton, a Clarion University senior communication major from Harrisburg, is a finalist in the 2013 Society for Collegiate Journalists' Art Barlow Student Journalist of the Year competition. The award is named for longtime SCJ executive director Dr. Arthur H. Barlow. Barlow, professor emeritus of communication, taught at Clarion and served as an advisor for Clarion University's student newspaper, The Clarion Call. SCJ is a national honorary society for collegiate mass communications. The Student Journalist of the Year award is based on outstanding contributions to college journalism.

### THIS provides accounting major with state government experience

Tayursor Zinnah, a senior accounting major from Philadelphia, is working for the state Department of Environmental Protection as part of a 15-week internship sponsored by the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education. The Harrisburg Internship Semester program provides students the opportunity to work in all areas of state government while earning a full semester's worth of credits. Zinnah will attend several academic seminars and will complete an individualized research project as part of the program's requirements.



ZINNAH

## Library science grad student helps preserve local history

Amanda Snyder of Camp Hill, a graduate student in the MSLS program at Clarion University, spent dozens of hours painstakingly restoring and cleaning a 1900 wall map that sheds light on the history of nearby Warren County. Rhonda Clark, a faculty member in Clarion University Department of Library Science, found the map while exploring the attic of her family's 1860s home and took it to colleague Dr. James Maccaferri, who used it as a preservation teaching project. Once complete, Clark donated the map to Warren's public library, whose reference librarian described it as "exceptionally rare and very useful for research."

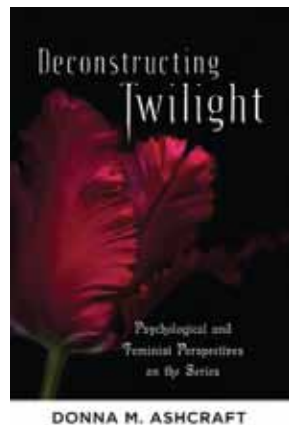


From left: Amanda Snyder, graduate student in Clarion University MSLS program; Marti Swanson, reference assistant, Warren Public Library; James Maccaferri, associate professor of library science at Clarion University; Penny Wolboldt, reference librarian, Warren Public Library; Rhonda Clark, assistant professor of library science, Clarion University.

## Faculty news

### 'Deconstructing Twilight' explores feminism in popular series

Dr. Donna Ashcraft, professor of psychology at Clarion University, recently published a book, "Deconstructing Twilight: Psychological and Feminist Perspectives on the Series." Using feminist and psychological theory, "Deconstructing Twilight" examines the behavior, relationships and gender roles depicted in the popular "Twilight" series. Integrating research findings and theories in the areas of personality and social psychology, as well as scenes from the novels and surveys of readers, "Deconstructing Twilight" separates myth from reality regarding the series' depictions of women, men, romantic relationships and motherhood. A social learning perspective is employed to demonstrate the effect the novels can have on gender role formation and the development of relationship scripts in young adult readers.



ASHCRAFT

## Research shows need for focused writing instruction



KUEHN

In a study of 860 students in mass communication programs across Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education, Drs. Andrew Lingwall and Scott Kuehn, both of Clarion University Department of Communication, have discovered that, to a great extent, millennial students are engaging in surface-level writing that is impeding their readiness for employment in the media professions. Lingwall and Kuehn also found that many students are operating with low writing self-efficacy and high writing apprehension. Lingwall and Kuehn have created the Media Writing Self-Perception scale, a questionnaire that writing instructors can use to devise individualized writing instruction. Lingwall and Kuehn plan to use the scale to pilot a high-impact educational program within the department of communication.



LINGWALL

## Education faculty member co-writes teachers' resource book

Dr. Patricia Kolencik, associate professor of education, recently co-authored a book with two professors from Robert Morris University. The book, "Beyond the Textbook: Using Trade Books and Databases to Teach Our Nation's History, Grades 7-12," is a professional resource for secondary classroom teachers. Covering topics from Native Americans to the Louisiana Purchase, the book offers evidence-based reading strategies to develop students' vocabulary and reading comprehension. During a time of standards-based instruction, the text strives to fill the gap in today's middle and high school classrooms while engaging students in effective literacy skill exercises and teaching our nation's history.



KOLENCIK

# Venango College professor facilitates cross-cultural learning through sabbatical in Egypt

Venango College psychology professor, **Dr. Carie Forden**, took a sabbatical leave as a visiting professor in the Department of Sociology, Anthropology, Psychology and Egyptology at The American University in Cairo (AUC), Egypt, during the 2011-12 academic year.

AUC is a private, independent American nonprofit institution which was founded in 1919 and is accredited in the United States by Middle States Commission on Higher Education Accreditation. It serves about 6,500 graduate and undergraduate students. About 90 percent of its students are Egyptian, and classes are taught in English.

Forden was hired to teach in AUC's Master's in Community Psychology program and also taught one section of undergraduate Introduction to Psychology each semester.

"The sabbatical was a wonderful opportunity to work with students from another culture, to teach graduate courses in my specialty field, to collaborate with Egyptian community nonprofits, and to learn about Egypt," Forden said. "I am very grateful to Clarion for making this experience possible."

Clarion students also had the opportunity to benefit from Forden's sabbatical by connecting with her students in Cairo through Facebook. Forden collaborated with Dr. Marite Haynes, also a professor of psychology at Clarion, to create a series of assignments for students in Cairo who were enrolled in Introduction to Psychology, and students in Clarion who were taking Cross-Cultural Psychology, who discussed class concepts with one another in a Facebook forum.



Based on the success of the joint exercises that Haynes and Forden conducted with their classes while Forden was at AUC, an AUC colleague and Forden participated in similar joint exercises with their Social Psychology classes last semester. They created three class assignments that examined cultural differences in attribution, conformity and prejudice, and had the students discuss them on Facebook.

This type of engagement provided students the opportunity to experience meaningful cross-cultural interaction, deepening their understanding of and appreciation for diversity. It also provided them the opportunity to apply social psychological principles to real-world problems and strengthened their critical thinking skills. For example, one of the assignments asked students to design a program that would improve relationships between Muslims and non-Muslim Westerners by using what they had learned about causes of prejudice and intergroup conflict, and methods for reducing prejudice and making peace.

After the groups designed their programs they discussed them in class, and then posted them to the Facebook page for comments. Students in both countries suggested using documentaries and reality shows to provide more accurate views of each culture. Students in both countries also thought that it would be helpful to provide

opportunities for Muslims and non-Muslim Westerners to cooperate on issues of shared concern, such as terrorism, and to give people a chance to see each other as individuals rather than stereotypes through mixed gatherings like summer camps. As one Egyptian student said in response to suggestions by the Clarion students, "Seems like we're all on the same page. I, too, like the ideas being proposed."

I think one of the main reasons for prejudice is a lack of understanding. Having people come together from all walks of life is something I think is key to eliminating prejudice ... I think that if the youth of our world understand each other, when it is their turn to be part of the political process, they will have a better understanding of each other and be able to make better decisions that will benefit everyone."

Forden also taught a graduate course, Consultation to Nonprofits, using her experience with nonprofit consultation in the United States to teach students skills related to working as a consultant to community agencies. A Web page was the result of a joint effort by Community Psychology graduate students, Forden and a colleague. The students searched for links to evaluation and prevention references and resources, especially those written in Arabic, which would be helpful to Egyptian nonprofits.





Above, Carie Forden is flanked by some of the Egyptian students she taught at The American University in Cairo. On the opposite page, Forden captures a photo of a camel resting in front of a pyramid, and Forden discusses concepts with students in her Introduction to Psychology class.

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Dr. Carie Forden

In order to understand the spoken and written language, Forden took private lessons in Egyptian Arabic, participated in many educational field trips sponsored by AUC, and learned a great deal about the history and cultural traditions of Egypt and Cairo. Forden was able to talk with Egyptians about their experiences with the revolution and the challenges they faced in their first year of democracy, and also witnessed their first democratic elections.

“I found that Egyptians were very proud of their revolution and eager to embrace democracy and create change. As time went on, I came to have great admiration for their good humor and perseverance in the face of tremendous difficulty,” Forden said.

In addition to learning about Egyptians, Forden was able to learn about other cultures as well. One of her students was from Kenya and wrote her thesis about drug abuse in

Kenya. She also connected with a South African community psychologist who spoke with her graduate students via Skype about the role that community psychologists have played in the social change that has occurred there since the end of Apartheid. Forden and her students worked with him to create a symposium on the role of community psychology in post-revolutionary Egypt.

Currently Forden is planning to reunite with her former graduate students and colleagues from Egypt when they present their research together at the 2013 Society for Community Research in Action biennial conference, Communal Thriving: Pursuing Meaning, Justice and Well-Being in June 2013 in Miami.

# Far from home

For children in Clarion Area School District, exposure to science during kindergarten and first grade is primarily through reading.

Enhancing that early exposure fit perfectly with Ruma Chatterji's combined love of children, community service and the environment.

Chatterji's work fulfills the community service requirement of her Civic Engagement

Scholarship, which pays her tuition and fees for the academic year in exchange for work in the community. The scholarship was initiated by Al Lander ('74) and his wife, Jan, to encourage students to work with the community.

"I met with Mr. Lander, and his vision was that he wanted us to focus on something we're passionate about," Chatterji said. "Science and education are two areas I'm interested in. I decided to work with Clarion Area Elementary."

"I'm not an education major, but I love children," said Chatterji, a junior environmental biology major with minors in psychology and sustainability management.

She worked with first graders, introducing scientific concepts including conservation, simple biological processes and the evolution of animals.

Teacher Heather (DeHaas '05) Larson said her first graders benefit from projects such as Chatterji's.

"It helps us continue to enrich our students in this area," she said. "The hands-on work is wonderful – it helps them to really understand."

Prior to second grade, science is embedded in the core reading curriculum, according to principal Todd MacBeth ('80, M.Ed. '85). He appreciates how Chatterji's work with the students supplements the district's efforts.

"It adds to what we're doing," he said. "It gives the kids an extra person to learn from, and it lets them see all kinds of teachers."

Chatterji was born in New York City, where she lived until she was 9 years old. Then, her parents decided to move back to their native India to instill the Indian culture in their

children. Her family remains in India, except for one sister, who is studying in Pittsburgh.

Living half a world away from her family is difficult, she said, but she's found the next best thing at Clarion University – people who treat her like family.

Chatterji wanted to attend a college in the northeast. Her academic focus was biology, and availability of financial aid was a factor, too. She applied to 22 colleges and was accepted at 16.

"I was talking to one of the colleges in New York City, and they didn't really (respond to me) about aid," Chatterji said. "Here, on the other hand, I was getting a lot of people trying to help. I hadn't even paid my deposit, but (the financial aid office) was really helpful."

Chatterji was tempted by another college in Pennsylvania where she could get a full ride, but then, "it started kicking in," she said.

"I started talking to more faculty. (Community ecologist/forest ecologist professor) Suzie Boyden wrote emails talking about Clarion's programs. I started to feel connected," she said.





I'm not an education major, but I love children.



Ruma Chatterji plays a game with first graders Abby Ochs and Maya Wilshire to show how the environment is interconnected. Their teacher, Heather (DeHaas '05) Larson, listens to her students' answers. Below, Chatterji shares a story with the children. On the opposite page, Chatterji helps Elijah Rudesyle fasten to his hand the butterfly he colored.

## “Saqib comes to Pittsburgh, picks me up, takes me to Clarion... just like family.”

Chatterji arrived in Pennsylvania in 2010. She was registered for new student orientation, but she didn't think she'd be able to attend because she didn't have transportation from where she was staying in Pittsburgh. Saqib Chowdhry ('03), assistant director of admissions/ minority recruitment at Clarion University, said they'd figure out a way.

“Saqib comes to Pittsburgh, picks me up, takes me to Clarion. He drops me in front of Gemmell and tells me what time he'll be back to pick me up – just like family,” she said. “It boiled down to the relationship and closeness with the faculty and staff.”

Chatterji knows that she made the right decision. Since the day Chowdhry dropped her off at the door of Gemmell, she has

been busy making Clarion her home away from home.

“Starting out as a freshman and getting to do research is something you don't get a chance to do at other colleges,” she said. “My advisor wasn't kidding when she said Clarion has a lot of opportunities.”

Working with Boyden, Chatterji is researching 10-year impacts on shelter wood and forest wood and comparing old growth and new growth forests. She helps with salamanders in the laboratory of Dr. Andrew Keth, forensic ecologist/conservation biologist at Clarion, learning research techniques and making connections.

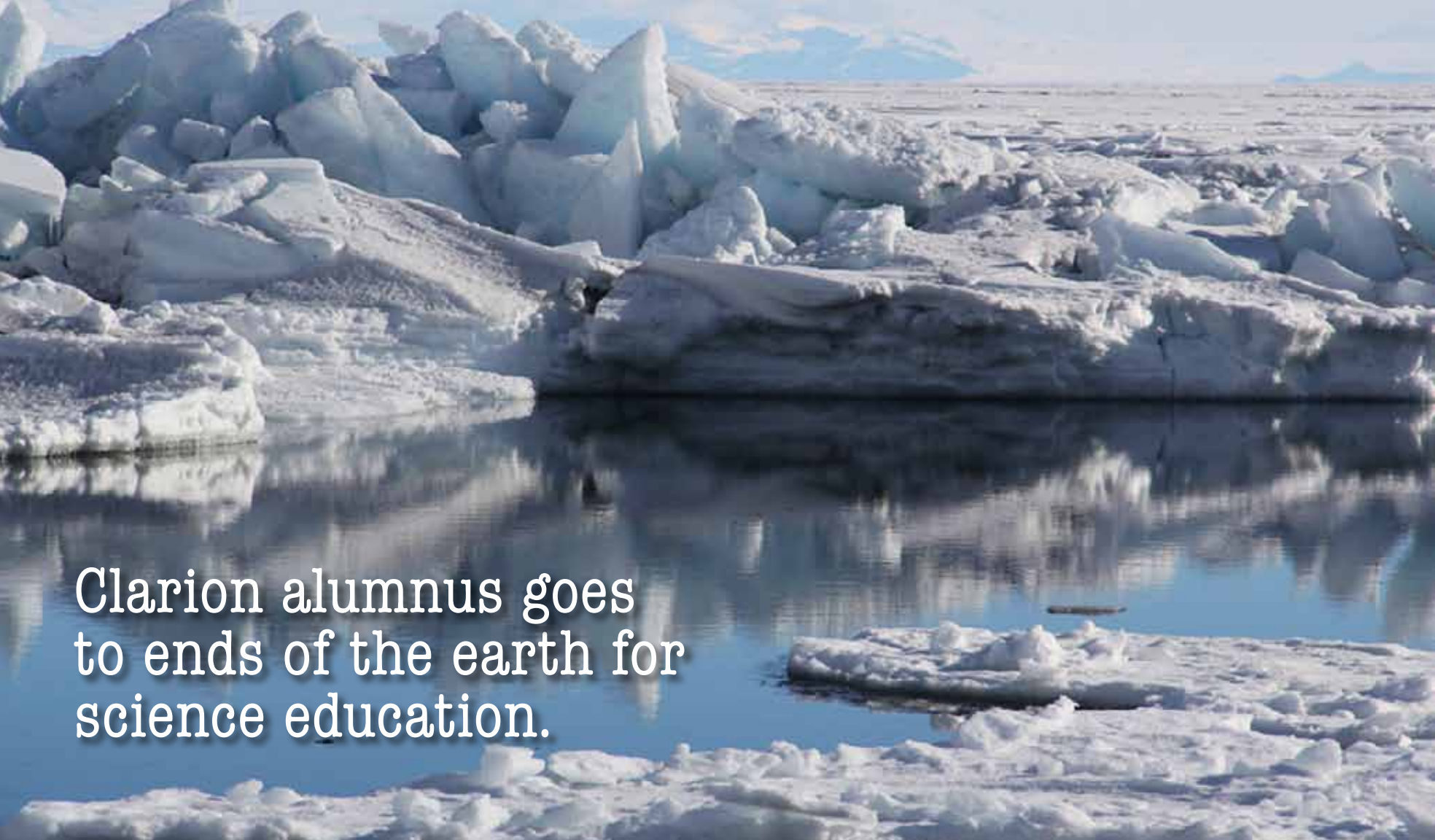


Outside of class, Chatterji is a community assistant at Campus View suites. She works with Upward Bound, where she was a tutor/ counselor before being promoted to residential coordinator. During the school year, her time with Upward Bound is one way she fulfills service requirements for her work with AmeriCorps.

Although she misses her parents, it helps that she stays busy.

“There's so much to do on campus. I've never had to worry about being bored,” Chatterji said. “I like reading. When the pool's open I love to

go swimming, I love writing a lot. I hang out with friends. I like to go to Cook Forest,” she said.



Clarion alumnus goes to ends of the earth for science education.

## meet tim spuck

**Spuck ('88, M.Ed. '92) is your average, everyday Oil City High School science teacher. At least that's what he wants you to think. In reality, this Clarion University alumnus is a globetrotting scientist, most recently spotted at South Pole Station, Antarctica.**

He was part of a PolarTREC team. According to the organization's website, PolarTREC (Teachers and Researchers Exploring and Collaborating) is a program in which K-12 teachers spend two to six weeks participating in hands-on field research experiences in the polar regions. The goal of PolarTREC is to invigorate polar science education and understanding by bringing K-12 educators and polar researchers together.

In conjunction with PolarTREC, Spuck and a team of four researchers made the 9,000-mile trip to Earth's most desolate continent. The team was tasked with performing maintenance and repair functions on five Automatic Geophysical Observatories across the Antarctic Plateau. According to Spuck, these AGOs



monitor interactions between the magnetic fields of the Earth and sun, as well as solar wind activity. The reports generated by the AGOs help scientists study “space weather,” which can affect radio transmissions and power



systems on Earth, and can even bring down orbiting satellites.

“We were on an engineering mission, really,” Spuck said. “We updated power and communications systems at the stations.” He explained that the AGOs ran on wind and solar power, and, with the amount of wind sweeping across the Antarctic plains, their generators were at risk of overheating and destroying the mechanical components. In order to keep the observatories working, the team installed voltage regulators to diffuse the excess power.

Despite his status as the “educator” on the team, Spuck was required to do everything the researchers had to do. “That’s something I found to be really true, because that’s survival,” Spuck said. “We all had to dig toilets, retrieve water and do technical research work.”

In Spuck’s time with the team, he also assisted with raising one of the AGOs.

“It’s a process that has to be done every two or three years, because the shelters get buried under the snow,” Spuck said. Along with the research group, Spuck had to uncover the shelter’s expandable legs from the hard, icy snow, and raise the AGO about six feet.

The other part of Spuck’s job was to communicate the science at hand to the public. With his background in teaching,

Spuck didn’t find it too difficult to translate the highly technical environment to those with less science training. “I used social media, the PolarTREC website, and made satellite calls into classes at Oil City High School and a high school in West Virginia,” Spuck said. The biggest issue of all? “We had very slow, sporadic Internet access,” he said. “You think the Internet in western Pennsylvania is slow ... you had to be very patient waiting for a satellite to pass over to log on.”

Aside from his experience with the maintenance team, Spuck received a surprise Antarctic opportunity just moments before embarking on his journey.

“When I was waiting in the airport to leave, I got a call from a researcher at a penguin colony,” Spuck said. Another researcher was unable to make the trip, and Spuck was offered

“When I was waiting in the airport to leave, I got a call from a researcher at a penguin colony.”

the spot. “I had to think about it for a while, because everything in the Antarctic is so time-sensitive,” he said. Spuck was worried he might miss a key flight and, in turn, be unable to meet up with his primary team. “In the end, I realized I’d regret it if I didn’t go,” he said. After training at McMurdo Station, Spuck joined a fellow researcher at Cape Royds, conducting a population study of Adelie penguins.

When Spuck isn’t exploring the Antarctic regions of the globe, he can be found applying himself to other areas of the scientific community. As a recipient of the Albert Einstein fellowship from the National Science Foundation, Spuck spent two years in Washington, D.C., helping to evaluate the way science is taught in high schools.

“I went in as a fellow with a lot of experience. I was able to provide insights to policymakers who didn’t have that experience,” Spuck said. “I had the chance to say, ‘We’re in rural Pennsylvania – this is how education works here.’”

While at the National Science Foundation, Spuck also assisted with the GK-12 STEM fellowship program, which lets graduate students in various scientific fields introduce their work into primary and secondary school classrooms.

“Putting these younger people who are passionate about science into classrooms with students who can relate to them ... it can be really inspiring,” Spuck said.

Spuck credits his success, in part, to his experience at Clarion University. As an 18-year-old coming out of Jeff Tech, a vocational high school in DuBois, he wasn’t sure at first if he was cut out for the world of academia.

“Clarion provided an option for motivated students who wanted to learn, even without

a super-strong academic background,” Spuck said. “I had professors who weren’t afraid to do what they needed to do to help students. All these people gave me the opportunity to pursue what I wanted. They helped me, believed in me and were invested in my success,” Spuck said.

After obtaining his bachelor’s degree in earth and space science education, Spuck found a job in Oil City High School Science Department. While teaching, he continued his education and earned his Master of Science Education from Clarion.

Spuck recently decided to go back to school for a doctoral degree in education. He currently is working on his dissertation, which focuses on providing science students with authentic experiences in the various disciplines.

If he manages to tear himself away from work, Spuck enjoys spending time on his 43-

acre farm, being outside, listening to blues and bluegrass music, and running.

Even after being back from the South Pole for a while, Spuck is often reminded of the journey.



At top left, Tim Spuck works on a voltage regulator at an Automatic Geographical Observatory in Antarctica. Above, the temperature inside an AGO tunnel registers -55 degrees Fahrenheit. Below, Spuck braves the cold at the Geographic South Pole.



“I went for a run in the snow the other day and – with the ice crystals in my face and the wind blowing – in a real sort of way, I missed it,” Spuck said. “There’s a strange kind of draw to it. You definitely connect to the experience.”

# Wisdom of the world

“Three challenging assignments in two years, one of them abroad. Intense training on and off the job, rewarding experiences, a lot of fun and new colleagues from around the globe.”

According to the Siemens website, that is what the Siemens Graduate Program has to offer.

According to Jean Zamzow ('07), who is currently completing the abroad portion of the program in Singapore, living abroad has both professional and personal rewards.

“From a professional standpoint, I have gained a global perspective and become familiar with the opportunities/challenges that my colleagues face in the Asia-Pacific region,” Zamzow said.

“This perspective is a requirement to be successful in today's global community, which continues to grow in complexity.”

After graduating from Clarion University in 2007 with a Bachelor

of Business Administration degree, Zamzow spent four years working as a fiscal and grants administrator at University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, while pursuing her MBA at University of Pittsburgh. When she completed her master's degree, she began working with Siemens as part of its graduate program in the healthcare sector.

Zamzow wanted, through her international rotation, to gain experience in an emerging market and new functional area, and to broaden her industry knowledge beyond healthcare IT.

"My project work has led me to Vietnam," she said. "I am working in the customer relationship management functional area, focusing on market transparency and business development for the second wave of emerging countries."

Personally, Zamzow has gained a greater knowledge of herself and of another culture.

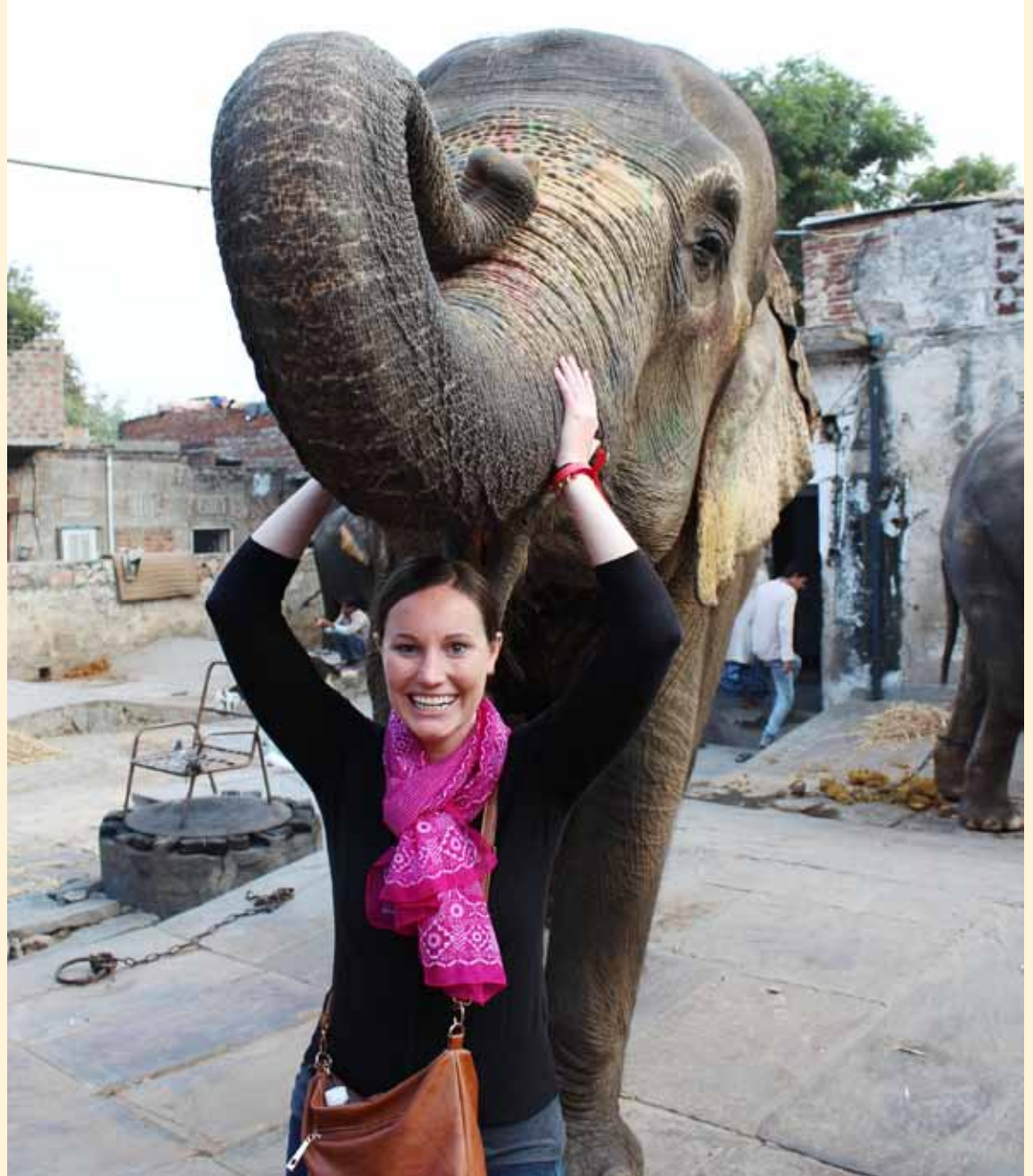
"I have gained self-awareness and the ability to cope, and in some situations achieve, in new circumstances," Zamzow said. "The reality is that working outside of



the U.S. is extremely unpredictable – and I'm a planner – so this experience has truly tested my character and ability to perform in this new environment."

She feels fortunate to have the opportunity to live in the rich and diverse region.

"Despite struggles and wars over the centuries, (the Vietnamese) are extremely hard-working and forward-looking people and a true joy to be around," she said.



**While working overseas, Zamzow was invited to Jaipur, India, for the wedding of a Siemens Graduate Program colleague (below, left). She spent some extra time sightseeing (opposite page) and making some pachyderm friends (above).**

Zamzow said Clarion University prepared her well for navigating her career path, including providing an opportunity for her to study abroad in Quito, Ecuador.

"I was able to not only study the Spanish language, but also the culture. The experience simply increased my passion and desire to see more of our diverse and fascinating world – people, cultures, customs and landscapes."

"(At Clarion) my most influential undergraduate course was 'Economic Development' with Dr. Sandra Trejos, which significantly impacted my perspective early in my academic career," she said. "The knowledge I gained in this course has motivated me to pursue and carry out interesting and gratifying work that makes a difference in people's lives."

Trejos was more to Zamzow than a professor, however.

"She not only got me excited about learning, but she also challenged me to develop. Because of her vibrant and passionate approach to life and educating others, I majored in economics."

The academic preparation, combined with the personal touch of faculty mentors, are the primary reasons she recommends Clarion University.

"The small class sizes provide more opportunities to collaborate with classmates and faculty members, lending itself to a more interactive learning environment," she said. "There was flexibility to define my own learning path, meeting my personalized interests in a variety of areas."

## 1969

**Elaine (Newhouse) Ciuffoletti** is retired from Kiski Area School District. She resides in Apollo with her husband, Mario.

**Frances (Bruculeri) Marafino** recently retired. She resides in Mason, Ohio, with her husband, Joseph. She has a daughter, Michelle.

## 1970

**Jane (Black) Tamburro** recently retired from teaching after 33 years. She resides in Ocala, Fla., with her husband, Joseph.

**Ray Lichauer** recently retired from Highmark, Inc., where he was a Medicare fraud support analyst. He resides in Pittsburgh.

**Robert Pratt** is a retired educator/administrator. He resides in Waynesboro with his wife, Bonnie Lee. He has four children: Meredith, Robert Jr., Meghan and Morghan.

## 1971

**Richard Lewis** has joined PNC's retail banking leadership team for Greater Georgia. He will serve as executive vice president and retail market manager.

## 1972

**Terry Boots** is retired. He resides in Wilton Manors, Fla., with his spouse, James.

## 1974

**Patricia (Jones) Shea** recently retired from Erie City School District. She resides in Erie with her husband, Jim. She has a son, Timothy.

**Joan (Nowak) Gustafson** recently retired after 38 years of teaching in Clarksville Montgomery County School System. She resides in Clarksville, Tenn.

## 1975

**David LaLama** is a production and distribution coordinator for Gaston County School Nutrition, Lowell, N.C. He resides in Charlotte, N.C., with his wife, Vicki, and son, Tony.

**Marty (Stanley M.Ed. '80) and Bob ('89) Collett** reside in Lucinda. Marty recently retired after 36 years of teaching at North Clarion

Elementary School. They have three daughters: Kelly, Christy and Katie.

## 1977

**Dr. Sonja (Vidunas, M.Ed. '88) Heeter** recently retired from the Department of Education at Clarion University. She resides in Rimersburg with her husband, Cliff.

**Brooke (MSLS '01) Anderson** recently retired after 35 years as library media specialist with Zanesville City Schools. She resides in Nashport, Ohio.

**Vicki Schmelzer** is a financial journalist at Market News International. She recently co-authored a book, "The Foreign Exchange Matrix" with Barbara Rockefeller of Rockefeller Treasury Services.

## 1978

**Barbara Brinkley** recently retired after 34 years as a music specialist for Clearfield Area School District. She resides in DuBois with her husband, Robert Bojalad. Barbara has a son, Matthew.

## 1981

**Alan Smith** is a QA analyst for Lash Group, Charlotte, N.C. He resides in Indian Land, S.C.

## 1982

**Dr. Curtis Fry** is an assistant principal at Chesterfield County Public Schools. He resides in Richmond, Va., with his wife, Wendy.

## 1984

**Jessica (Moore) Wolfe** works in sales for North Market Street Graphics, Lancaster. She resides in Ephrata with her husband, Michael, and children, Brennen and Aarin.

## 1985

**Jody Miller** and **Becky ('89) Koman-Miller** reside in Natrona Heights, Pa, with their daughter, Caitlin. Becky is a teacher for Pittsburgh Public Schools.

**William Eaton Jr.** is employed with NSK Corp. He resides in Germantown, Tenn.

## 1986

**Jeanne (Burger) Hammerstrom** is chief marketing and recruiting officer for Benesch, Cleveland. Benesch is a law firm which has been ranked fourth among the top 50 law firms in marketing and business development, according to Marketing the Law Firm's eighth annual MLF 50 listing, published in the November 2012 edition of the legal newsletter. She resides in Strongsville, Ohio.

**John Rodgers** is the UAW Local 3303 recording secretary for AK Steel, Butler. He resides in Chicora. John has three children: Kurtis, Makayla, and Casey.

**Paul Fox** is a lead software engineer for Westinghouse Electric Company, LLC, Cranberry. He resides in Glenshaw with his wife, Lisa, and son, Parker.

## 1987

**Patrick Pearson** is a managing partner for Pearson DeBoer Creative Solutions, Salisbury, N.C. He resides in Salisbury with his children, Amanda and Benton.

## 1988

**Lisa (Jack) Renfrew** is a treasurer/manager for KGC Federal Credit Union, Knox. She resides in Knox with her husband, Randall, and children: Randall II, Megan and Michael.

**Kutu Mphahlele** is a senior manager/knowledge management for State IT Agency, Pretoria, South Africa. She resides in Pretoria, with her son, Lesedi.

## 1991

**Angela (Everitt) Lahr** is an administrative director of laboratory services for Evangelical Community Hospital. She resides in Milton with her husband, Lee, and children, Melanie and Ryan.

**Dean Mastrangelo** plays keyboards for the national touring act The Vogues. He resides in Canonsburg.

## 1992

**Jeffrey Gorman** is a senior e-commerce analyst for Family Dollar Stores, Matthews, N.C. He recently released a book, "America on the Precipice." Jeffrey resides in Matthews with his wife, Tammy,

and children: Megan, Katie, Hunter, Arianna and Toby.

## 1993

**Jennifer (Snyder) Miller** is a technical business analyst for Highmark. She resides in Pittsburgh with her daughter, Madeline.

**Jennifer (Gutowski) Nixon** is a third grade teacher in DuBois Area School District. She resides in Dubois with her husband, Don, and children, Steven and Charlie.

## 1995

**Christina (Zacherl) Murdock** is a third grade teacher in Clarion Area School District. She resides in Brookville with her children, Jacob and Sydney.

**Debbi (Angiolieri) Sommer** is an elementary librarian for Franklin Area School District. She resides in Franklin with her husband, Mike, and daughter Peggy Rose.

## 1996

**Benjamin Morton** is an associate dean of students for University of Memphis (Tenn.) He resides in Germantown, Tenn., with his wife, Kim, and son, Lucas.

## 1999

**Jason Dambach** is a senior vice president and general manager for State College Spike Baseball Club, a minor league affiliate of the St. Louis Cardinals. He resides in Bellefonte.

## 2000

**Dawn (McElhattan) Earp** is an academic fieldwork coordinator/faculty for Mercyhurst University. She resides in Erie.

## 2001

**Bradley Jones** is a wealth planner for Coury Financial Group, Pittsburgh. He resides in Cranberry Township with his wife, Jessica.

**Mackenzie (Maricone) Fleischman** is a learning support aide for Central Valley School District, Monaca. She resides in Beaver Falls.

**Kerry (Smathers) Whitmoyer** is a kindergarten teacher in Charles County Public Schools, Indian Head, Md. She resides in King George, Va., with her husband, Kurt.

**Brian and Sarah (Zimmerman '02) Cerilli** reside in Ellwood City. Sarah is a residential case manager for Glade Run Lutheran Services, Zelienople.

## 2002

**Crystal (Little) Henry** is a community outreach coordinator for Home Instead Senior Care, State College. She resides in State College.

**Amy (Ujzdowski, M.S. '05) Salera** is a bulletin editor and safe environment coordinator for St. Victor Parish, Bairdford. She resides in Allison Park with her husband, Nicholas, and children, Charlotte and Francis.

## 2003

**John Gides** is a professor of applied linguistics for the University of Southern California, Los Angeles. He resides in North Hollywood, Calif.

## 2004

**Jessica (M.S. '06) Shirey** is an editor for GANT Media LLC, Clearfield. She resides in Clearfield.

**Laine (Mendelson) Mish** is a learning support teacher for Bedford Area School district, Bedford. She resides in Altoona with her husband, Kyle.

## 2005

**William and Kathleen (Lutz) Lehman** reside in England. William recently accepted a position as global procurement manager with Compass Group PLC, Chertsey, England.

**Kenneth and Holly (Mitchell '07) Jackson** reside in Sharpsville with their daughter, Alexis. Kenneth is a database developer for Kit Solutions, Pittsburgh.

**Ashley (Ganz) Schaus** is a paralegal for Kolesar & Leatham, Chtd., Las Vegas. She resides in Las Vegas with her husband, Benjamin.

**Mindy (Hawthorne) Harrist** received a Master of Arts degree in public history from Duquesne University. She resides in Carnegie with her husband, Daniel, and daughter, Zoey.

**Kerri (Ballina) Bauer** is a school counselor for the Avella Area School District. She resides in Washington, Pa., with her husband, Rick.

# Sparq ignites business growth



JIM BLUNDO (LEFT) AND NICK BRUCKER



**“(Finance professors) Dr. Jeffrey Eicher and Dr. Jerry Belloit would sit down with me on a personal level, and I would bounce things off of them that interested me. They gave me a sense of motivation that you can accomplish things. I realized things like (the success of Sparq Designs) could happen even at a young age.”**

Jim Blundo

another company in fall of 2012 opened the door to joining Brucker at Sparq Designs.

“Nick was in a position with Sparq that he needed to expand and needed to do it correctly,” Blundo said. It was something I wanted to be more involved in, too – helping to grow the business.”

Blundo’s strengths lie in sales and project management, while Brucker brings a strategic and creative eye and the ability to transform clients’ ideas into strategies and branding they can use to grow their businesses.

Their titles, chief creative optimist for Brucker and creative strategist for Blundo, reflect the company’s youth, energy and optimism.

Both men credit their success to their Clarion University education and relationships with faculty.

“(Finance professors) Dr. Jeffrey Eicher and Dr. Jerry Belloit would sit down with me on a personal level, and I would bounce things off of them that interested me,” Blundo said. “They gave me a sense of motivation that you can accomplish things. I realized things like (the success of Sparq Designs) could happen even at a young age.”

Brucker, who attended Clarion University on a golf scholarship, said the professors in the College of Business Administration and the relationships he developed with them were the best part of his education.

“I really enjoyed my time at Clarion. I didn’t want to leave school after four years. That’s why I decided to come back for grad school,” Brucker said.

He said the framework that he and Blundo have laid out for Sparq Designs has put them in a position to grow.

“We’re working to become a bigger part of the Pittsburgh area,” he said. In 2013 they plan to hire one intern and bring on two full-time employees.

Both men live in Pittsburgh, are single and are active in local organizations.

**A**lumni **Nick Brucker ('09, M.S. '11)** and **Jim Blundo's ('10)** new design and marketing firm is having a hot first year. With clients such as Philips and The Golf Channel, the men are in line to exceed their inaugural goal of six-figure sales.

Sparq Designs Inc., Pittsburgh, focuses on marketing, design, branding, and event planning.

Brucker and Blundo became friends during their undergraduate years at Clarion University. Both had majors in the College of Business Administration, Brucker in marketing and Blundo in finance and real estate. They lived next door to each other and had friends in common.

Sparq Designs grew out of Exel Event Management, which Blundo and Brucker started in 2010, when Brucker was completing his master’s degree in corporate communications and mass media at Clarion.

“It was a way for me, on the side, to run events, host events and help companies with event marketing,” Brucker said. “From there it transpired into more of a marketing/design agency.”

Initially Blundo’s interest in the business was as a financial investor, but a layoff from his position with

# A Thoreau-ly told story



SMITH

**C**orinne Hosfeld Smith's ('79) book, "Westward I Go Free: Tracing Thoreau's Last Journey," tells a story about Henry David Thoreau that the author himself was unable to share.

Smith came to Clarion University in 1975 with a passion for the works of Thoreau having been ignited by reading "Civil Disobedience" and "Walden" in high school. The library science major was delighted to find that Clarion's Carlson Library held an entire set of Thoreau's journals. She worked her way through all of them.

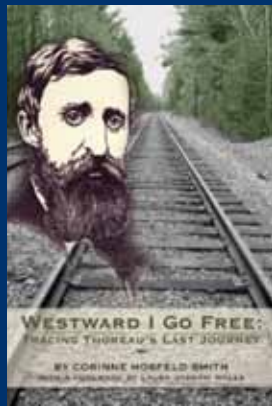
Smith graduated in 1979 and began a career as a librarian. She developed other interests, married and divorced, and for a while put aside her affinity for Thoreau. While living in Illinois in the late 1990s, the subject arose again.

There, she learned that Thoreau had passed through the Prairie State in May 1861, on his way to St. Anthony, Minn. Not much had been written

about this two-month journey west; most Thoreau biographies merely mention the trip, but the details of it remained unknown. Thoreau died of tuberculosis a year later, before he could expand upon his 100 pages of field notes.

Smith determined which railroad lines Thoreau and his traveling companion, Horace Mann Jr., had used, delighted to discover that she drove over those tracks four times a day on her commute to work at a school library. Energized by crossing paths with Thoreau, Smith set out to retrace his adventure.

The result is the book "Westward I Go Free: Tracing Thoreau's Last Journey," the story of two 19<sup>th</sup> century men and the 21<sup>st</sup> century woman – Smith – who was determined to follow their 4,000-mile route. The book was published in 2012 by Green Frigate Books.



Smith now lives in Massachusetts, an hour west of Walden Pond. She is a weekend docent at the Thoreau Farm Birthplace in Concord, where she feels fortunate to be able to chat about her favorite author on a regular basis.

## 2006

**Jessica (Sobota) Glauser** recently received her master's degree from Johns Hopkins University. She is a reading specialist for Winchester High School, Winchester, Mass. She resides in Norwood, Mass.

**Nicole (Burns) Hawk** is an internal audit manager for Koppers, Inc., Pittsburgh. She resides in Moon Township with her husband, Bryan.

**Shannon (Bochman) Williams** is a fifth grade teacher in the South Butler County School District, Saxonburg. She resides in Gibsonia with her husband, Christopher.

**Crystal (Page) Midlik** is a reading coach for Hampton City Schools, Hampton, Va. She recently received a Master of Education in curriculum and instruction from the University of Virginia. She resides in Newport News, Va., with her husband, Steven.

**T.J. (M.B.A. '08) and Halee (Schnur '07, M.Ed. '11) McCance** reside in Knox with their son, Isaac. TJ is a financial advisor for Berteotti Insurance and Financial Services, Shippenville.

## 2007

**Ali (Davis) Cox** is a life skills teacher in the Greensburg Salem School District, Greensburg. She resides in West Newton with her husband, Brandon, and daughter, Grace.

**Mark and Kristy (Clarke) Trumbo** reside in Upland, Ind., with their daughter, Avery. Kristy is a registered dietician for Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne, Ind.

## 2008

**Kristy (Marchal) Stauffer** is a payroll accountant for the College of Charleston (S.C.). She resides in Johns Island with her husband, Todd.

## 2009

**Randy Seitz** is president/CEO of Penn-Northwest Development Corporation, Mercer. He resides in Franklin with his wife, Lupe, and children, Anthony and Deborah.

**Trichelle (Hoovler) Eddy** is employed with Combined Systems, Inc., Jamestown. She resides in Greenville with her husband, Matthew.

**Ashley Moran** is employed with the University of Cincinnati Foundation. She resides in Cincinnati.

**Kayla (Rush) and David Reed** reside in Pittsburgh. Kayla is an internal communications representative for Bayer Materialscience, Pittsburgh.

**Casey (McCorkle) McVay** is an assistant coordinator of admissions and financial aid for Venango College of Clarion University, Oil City. She resides in Franklin with her husband, James, and stepdaughter, Alexis.

**Justin Keally** is a field account executive for FedEx Corp. Services, Reston, Va. He resides in Herndon, Va.

**Matthew Kreider** is a national sales coordinator for The Washington Examiner, Alexandria, Va. He resides in Alexandria.

## 2010

**Mechele Romanchok** is an instructional support assistant at Hinkle Memorial Library, Alfred State College, Alfred, NY.

**Amy (Kirkwood M.S. '11) King** is a speech therapist for Colonial Park Care Center, Harrisburg. She resides in Annville with her husband, Dan.

## 2011

**Heather (Baldwin) and Drew ('12) Karpen** reside in Erie. Heather is a teacher at the Barber National Institute.

## 2012

**Craig McFeely** is a teacher-librarian for Chambersburg Area School District. He resides in Chambersburg.

**Kevin and Sara (DeRiggi) Hart** reside in Pittsburgh. Kevin is a research specialist for the University of Pittsburgh.

**Danielle (McCauley) Emings** is an English teacher in Union School District, Rimersburg. She resides in New Bethlehem.

## Marriages

**Jessica Karenbauer '08** and Joseph Delaney, May 11, 2012

**Amy Kirkwood '10, M.S. '11** and Dan King, May 19, 2012

**Jessica Moore '84** and Michael Wolfe, June 2012

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**Sara DeRiggi '12** and **Kevin Hart '12**, July 6, 2012

**Kerry Smathers '01** and Kurt Whitmoyer, July 27, 2012

**Kayla Rush '09** and **David Reed '09**, July 28, 2012

Jessica Schmatz and **Bradley Jones '01**, Sept. 1, 2012

**Terry Boots '72** and James Ross, Sept. 21, 2012

**Stacey Belsterling '07** and **Ryan Wolkiewicz '08**, Sept. 22, 2012

## Births

Paul and **Andea (Kunselman '00) Throm**, a son, Ryland Matthew, Feb. 9, 2011

Nicholas and **Amy (Ujzdowski '02, M.S. '05) Salera**, a son, Francis, March 20, 2012

Ryan and **Kim (Brozek '01) Douglass**, a son, Camden Earl, March 12, 2012

**John ('01)** and **Erika (Clark '03) Shavulsky**, a daughter, Mackenzie Quinn, March 30, 2012

Mike and **Debbi (Angiolieri '95) Sommer**, a daughter, Margaret Rosemarie (Peggy Rose), April 24, 2012

Brandon and **Alison (Davis '07) Cox**, a daughter, Grace, May 21, 2012

**T.J. ('06, MBA '08)** and **Halee (Schnur '07, M.Ed. '11) McCance**, a son, Isaac Radlee, June 8, 2012

**Kenneth ('05)** and **Holly (Mitchell '07) Jackson**, a daughter, Alexis Grace, June 29, 2012

**Mark ('07)** and **Kristy (Clarke '07) Trumbo**, a daughter, Avery Grace, Aug. 22, 2012

**Joseph ('08)** and **Kristen (Jack '07) Cunningham**, a daughter, Lucy Lee, Oct. 23, 2012

## In Memoriam

**Noretta B. Selner '70**, April 23, 2012

**David A. Grega '06**, July 9, 2012

**Dalph Cook '59**, July 12, 2012

**Annette C. Salizzoni '72**, Aug. 30, 2012

**Richard J. Pullease '80**, Sept. 3, 2012

**Ann (Bastress) Smathers '53**, Sept. 4, 2012

**Melanie (Pulice) Malyuk '85**, Sept. 7, 2012

**Kathy C. (Walrond) Goda '75**, Sept., 7 2012

**Emma Lou (Spillane) Richardson '60**, Sept. 11, 2012

**Frederick L. Marshall '38**, Sept. 19, 2012

**Daniel J. Bilski '08**, Sept. 22, 2012

**Karin Kadar '73**, Sept. 22, 2012

**Leah M. (Bauer) Burka '74**, Sept. 24, 2012

**Terry L. Shick '84**, Sept. 25, 2012

**C. Thomas Komisak '50**, Sept. 26, 2012

**Thad A. Hoyer '55**, Oct. 3, 2012

**Thomas C. Hanley '75**, Oct. 5, 2012

**Michael R. DeVallance '93**, Oct. 6, 2012

**David G. Rhea '70**, Oct. 13, 2012

**Rosalyn M. (Szulinski) Seippel '67**, Sept. 27, 2012

**Norine McCall**, Oct. 2, 2012

**Col. Hadley Thompson, USAF (Ret) '51**, Oct. 14, 2012

**Larry J. Snyder**, Oct. 18, 2012

**Virginia Wolbert**, Oct. 20, 2012

**James R. Pounds '84**, Oct. 24, 2012

**Jeanne M. Nichols '50**, Oct. 28, 2012

**Joseph L. Sterck '68**, Oct. 31, 2012

**Annette (Zurewski) Norris '83**, Nov. 3, 2012

**Furman C. Curry Jr. '56**, Nov. 5, 2012

**Douglas S. Heberling '82**, Nov. 12, 2012

**Ruth E. (Bengtson) Buhl '34**, Nov. 14, 2012

**Brenda L. (Rock) Diener '82**, Nov. 14, 2012

**Laetitia M. (White) McHale '79**, Nov. 15, 2012

**Nancy T. (Tom) Jones '64**, Nov. 15, 2012

**Cora M. (McCue) Apple '34**, Nov. 15, 2012

**Martin L. Thompson '53**, Nov. 20, 2012

**Kendra L. Proctor '12**, Nov. 21, 2012

**Randy Hannah**, Nov. 21, 2012

**Shirley A. (Watson) DeSanto '50**, Nov. 24, 2012

**Barbara "Bebe" Utterback '82**, Nov. 26, 2012

**Thomas Nuhfer**, Nov. 26, 2012

**John P. Mills '66**, Nov. 27, 2012

**William M. Sike '66**, Dec. 8, 2012

**Paul J. Caruso '49**, Dec. 11, 2012

**Phyllis H. Johnson '67**, Dec. 13, 2012

**Lucy A. (Beyer) Stewart '43**, Dec. 15, 2012

**Richard W. Bozart '77**, Dec. 21, 2012

**Barbara Heiderscheidt '06**, Dec. 28, 2012

**John K. Shaffer '06**, Jan. 5, 2013

**Megan M. Kays '12**, Jan. 8, 2013

**Gene G. Zarnick '76**, Jan. 15, 2013

**William R. Shrum '96**, Jan. 16, 2013

**Dr. Wanda Jetkiewicz**, Jan. 19, 2013

**John L. Grogan '63**, Jan. 23, 2013

**Lee A. Dunn '60**, Jan. 26, 2013

**Clyde M. Pence '42**, Jan. 27, 2013

**Sophia (Hudsick) Griffith, '34**, Jan. 29, 2013

**Judith A. (Lieberum) Vito '61**, Jan. 30, 2013

# Pickett receives 'Men of Excellence' award



PICKETT

**L**arry C. Pickett ('77) was recognized as one of New Pittsburgh Courier's "50 Men of Excellence" for 2012, an award that honors Pittsburgh-area men who have left their mark of accomplishment, sacrifice and service on the local community and business environment.

Pickett, a project manager in the Strategic Planning and Operational Excellence department at Highmark, graduated from Clarion University with a bachelor's degree in art. He considers himself a life-long learner and holds master's degrees in science and business administration.

Pickett served as keynote speaker during Clarion University's 2012 Equity Week. He is a former member of Clarion University Council of Trustees. He is a member of the Conference Board Council for Six Sigma Executives and Smart Futures Board of Directors, and is involved with Juran Institute, American Society for Quality and Pittsburgh Chess Club.

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**Leona (Noonan) Zanot '36**, Jan. 31, 2013

**Jeanne D. Stalder '51**, Feb. 4, 2013

**George Coull**, Feb. 7, 2013

**Zora (Saula) Dukovich '39**, Feb. 7, 2013

**Pete Chernicky**, Feb. 8, 2013

**Henry Van Luther '53**, Feb. 9, 2013

**Dianne (Dean) Miller '69**, Feb. 9, 2013

**Margery Himes**, Feb. 12, 2013

**Corinne (Kress) Ray '62**, Feb. 16, 2013

**David M. Urey '79**, Feb. 16, 2013

**Jennifer M. (Moser) Chiusano '08**, Feb. 19, 2013



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### **Dr. James D. Schwab**

James D. Schwab, 86, of Oil City, died Feb. 4, 2013.

Dr. Schwab was a 1944 graduate of Cranberry Area High School. He received his Bachelor of Science degree from Clarion University and his Master of Education degree from the University of Pittsburgh and his Doctor of Philosophy degree in 1979 at the University of Delaware.

He started his education career at West Hickory Elementary School in 1950. Subsequently he was on the faculty of Cranberry Area School District. He joined Oil City Area School District in 1960, where he was counselor, assistant principal, then as director of guidance, the position he held until his retirement in July 1986. After his retirement, Dr. Schwab worked at the Adult Career & Counseling Center of Venango County Area Vo-Tech.

He served on the executive committee of the Pennsylvania School Counselors Association and was a member of the Pennsylvania Guidance Association, Pennsylvania State Education Association and National Education Association. He was selected for the 1973-74 List of Outstanding Educators in America. In 1991, he was awarded the Partners and Promoters Award by the Oil City Area Education Association.

Dr. Schwab was recipient of Clarion University's Distinguished Volunteer award in 1998, and he served on the Advisory Council at Venango College of Clarion University. He was on the Alumni Association Board and the Capital and Student-Aid Fundraising Committees for both Venango College and Clarion University.

During World War II, he enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps as an aviation cadet and served with the Ninth Air Force in Europe from 1945-1946.

### **Dr. Thomas T. Vernon**

Thomas "Tom" T. Vernon, 79, died Jan. 27, 2013.

He graduated in 1953 from Steamboat Springs High School and served with the U.S. Army during the Korean War from June 1953 to May 1955. His unit was part of the U.S. Army of Occupation in Germany in 1954 and 1955.

He attended Colorado State University. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science in economics in 1959 and a Master of Science in economics in 1961. He subsequently completed his Ph.D. in economics at Kansas State University in 1972.

Dr. Vernon had a 35-year career as a Clarion University business professor from 1969 until his retirement in 1996. The business program at Clarion began in 1967; much of his early years involved course and curriculum development. He was active in Faculty Senate and APSCUF for many years.

### **Furman Clair Curry Jr.**

Furman Clair Curry Jr., 82, of Apollo, died Nov. 5, 2012.

A 1948 graduate of Apollo High School and a 1956 graduate of Clarion University, he was employed at Apollo High School as a math teacher and football coach, then by United States Steel in Vandergrift, and the Irvin Works in Dravosburg as a foreman and systems analyst. He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving during the Korean War. He was a trustee of Clarion University.



**DUPREE**

### **Dr. Dempsey Middleton Dupree**

Dempsey Middleton Dupree, 81, of Clarion, died Sunday, Oct. 28, 2012.

With a love of learning and teaching, his career took him from interning at Peat Marwick Mitchell in 1956 to a 1967 Fellowship award with Arthur Anderson Co. All the while he escalated his academic service from assistant professor status at the University of South Carolina to full professor when he joined the faculty of Clarion University in 1967. He retired with emeritus status in 1993.

During his professorship at Clarion University, he authored two textbooks in his field: "Accounting, A Learning Experience (ALEX)" in 1973; and "Accounting Fundamentals" in 1980; both published by Prentice-Hall.

# Concentration lets Golden Eagles soar above the clouds



**C**larion University Department of Applied Technology is offering a new commercial pilot concentration in the Associate of Applied Science in Industrial Technology degree program. The concentration will provide the foundation that students need in order to begin their path to becoming a commercial pilot.

Students who earn the degree can continue on in the new Bachelor of Applied Science in Technology Leadership program to achieve leadership and management training while accruing flight time, which is required in order to obtain commercial pilot designation. Students must attain a bachelor's degree and accrue a number of flight hours in order to move to commercial status including multi-engine flying and instrument flight ratings.

## **Ernie, the Clarion University Golden Eagles mascot, takes a look at what his non-feathered friends use to fly.**

The program is offered as a partnership between Ravotti Air and the Department of Applied Technology at Venango College of Clarion University. Students will complete their flight training at one of the Venango, Clarion or Erie airports, where they will complete their pilot licenses. Students who already have obtained their private pilot license can receive credit for prior coursework.

The career opportunity for graduates is remarkable in that they will have the opportunity to be trained by industry operators as pilots in a number of areas including: air carrier operations, on-demand charter, aerial application (crop dusting), aerial photography,

survey work and even flight instructing. It can be on various types of aircraft, including single engine, multi-engine, piston engine, turbine engine, float planes, or any combination of these depending on certification levels earned.

To learn more about the program, contact Dr. Bill Hallock at 814-676-6591, ext. 1307, or [whallock@clarion.edu](mailto:whallock@clarion.edu).



## Endowment of dreams

Through a 20-year partnership, Clarion University and West Penn Hospital School of Nursing have helped nursing students reach their educational goals, and the new Clarion University Pittsburgh Site Endowment will help even more students realize their dreams.

Clarion offers courses at the Pittsburgh Site for students enrolled in West Penn's School of Nursing Diploma Program. Students complete the nursing courses offered by West Penn, and have the option of completing 30 credits of Clarion University coursework to earn an Associate of Science in Allied Health degree from Clarion. These students may then continue in Clarion's online Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree completion program and, eventually, in the Clarion and Edinboro Universities Master of Science in Nursing program, with nurse practitioner and nurse educator tracks.

The endowment will be used for scholarship and/or instructional operating support.

Scholarships benefit students who demonstrate academic promise and have financial need. Operating funding is used

to enhance instruction, including support for technology and facilities that provide the best possible learning opportunities for students enrolled in Clarion programs at the Pittsburgh site.

Lead donors for the endowment are Frank ('77) and Sharon Pici, Malvern, Pa.

"With me being a Clarion grad and both Sharon and me having grown up in Allegheny County, we were honored to fund this scholarship opportunity," Pici said. "We hope this scholarship allows many more Clarion University students the opportunity to pursue a rewarding career in nursing."

The Pittsburgh site is managed by Venango College of Clarion University, where the university's School of Nursing and Allied Health is located. Clarion's School of Nursing and Allied Health has a total enrollment of more than 600 students, one of the largest health care program enrollments in the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education. Approximately 100 students, predominantly from Allegheny County, are enrolled annually in Clarion courses/programs at the Pittsburgh site. Several of Clarion's MSN faculty have offices at the Pittsburgh Site.

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## Peseks establish scholarship

Dr. James G. Pesek retired in August 2012, ending a 32-year career with Clarion University. Although he isn't reporting to his office in Still Hall anymore, he is still helping students.

Pesek and his wife, Karen Westfall Pesek, have established the James G. & Karen Pesek Management Scholarship, which will be awarded to incoming freshmen with a minimum high school grade point average of 3.25, a minimum SAT score of 1,000, a declared major in management or human resource management and demonstrated financial need.

His wife recently retired from Immaculate Conception, where she was a middle school teacher and former principal.

"During the fall, Karen and I made the decision to create a scholarship, so we met with (director of development) John Catone and (CEO) Mike Keefer from the Clarion University

Foundation in October to discuss several options for establishing a scholarship," Pesek said.

Pesek came to Clarion University in 1980 as assistant professor and advanced to full professor in 1988 in the College of Business Administration's administrative science department. He also served as chair of the department, as well as serving as interim provost of the university, interim dean of COBA and dean of COBA.

During that time, he has seen how students benefit from scholarships, and he found it to be a perfect way to give back to the university.

"I have been fortunate to have a long and rewarding career at Clarion University," Pesek said. "Clarion University has meant a great deal to us, so Karen and I are pleased to give back to the university and its future students through this scholarship."

The Peseks expect the first awards to be made in fall 2013.



# The DEAD SCHOLARSHIPS Society

*“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.”*

– Margaret Mead

“It’s a little effort that can go a long way,” Strohm said.

Since its inception in April 2012, “The Dead Scholarships Society,” as coined by President Karen Whitney, has garnered the financial support of 33 faculty and staff members. With the help of a few lead contributions and the payroll deductions, the Economic Department Endowment gained the \$3,000 it needed for fulfillment in just six months.

“I think Jason has started something really cool,” said

Laura King, director of alumni relations and annual fund for the foundation. “When we talk about creating this culture of philanthropy – Jason kind of defines that. He took it to the next level and allowed people to see how their money is really helping.”

After successfully closing its first scholarship, the society’s funds were shifted to the next unfulfilled endowment. There are currently 23 scholarships below their minimum fulfillment balance, which, if left underfunded, will be addressed by The Dead Scholarships Society.

For information or to become a member of The Dead Scholarships Society, contact Jessica Zacherl, assistant director of alumni relations and annual fund, at 814-393-1776 or [jzacherl@cuf-inc.org](mailto:jzacherl@cuf-inc.org).

In September 2012, Clarion University Foundation, Inc., disbursed scholarship funds from the Economic Department Endowment to little fanfare. The student recipients were undoubtedly thrilled to receive the financial support, but what they didn’t know was that the scholarship was made possible through the selflessness of university faculty and staff members.

Every year, despite generous contributions from alumni and friends of Clarion University, scholarship endowments fall short of their funding goals. In order to make scholarship funding meaningful, these endowments are only fulfilled once they reach their assigned benchmarks: between \$10,000 and \$25,000. In some cases, these scholarships don’t “move” financially for years.

Clarion University Web designer Jason Strohm, along with Dr. Brenda Dédé, associate vice president for academic and student affairs, and Joseph Croskey, academic counselor for TRIO Upward Bound, noticed this trend and wanted to do something about it.

“We were talking about it over lunch one day and one of us came up with the idea of contributing a small payroll deduction to whatever scholarship endowment was closest to being fully funded,” Strohm said.

And so it began. After a few more discussions, Strohm began to lead the charge in making the idea into reality. Working with Clarion University Foundation, Inc., Strohm helped set up an account for faculty and staff to make small contributions – generally between \$5 and \$20 – each pay period.

Non-employees can participate by setting up a recurring gift.



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STROHM

## The Gift that keeps on giving

Once established, an endowment fund will last in perpetuity and will continue to provide benefit year after year after year.

The permanence of an endowment is exactly what many donors find attractive. They like the idea that the principal of their gift will stay intact. Someday they will be gone, and their outright annual gifts will no longer be available to help Clarion University. Through an endowment, however, their annual gifts continue.

Some donors are attracted to the opportunity an endowment gives to memorialize or honor someone. Other thoughtful donors want to establish a fund in their own name as a testament to their belief in and support of a particular program or cause.

An endowment can be created during life, or at death through a bequest or trust remainder. It can be restricted to specific needs or unrestricted and utilized for areas deemed as priorities by the university. Donors can create their own endowment as the Peseks did, provide a lead gift as the Picis have done, or contribute as members of the Dead Scholarship Society to assist in bringing existing funds to required levels.

Endowments can be established at once with a single gift or over time with repeated gifts. As well, they can originate from a single source or through the efforts and support of many people.

If you would like to explore the possibility of creating your own or join with others to establish an endowment, we would love to help you. Members of the development team at Clarion University Foundation, Inc., can help you plan a gift that keeps on giving. Contact us at 814-393-2637 or [giving@clarion.edu](mailto:giving@clarion.edu).

# SWIMMING ACROSS CONTINENTS

A handwritten note with a personal touch started Steven Darby's journey halfway around the world that ended in scenic Clarion.

Darby ('93), a native of New Zealand, was living in Brunei in Southeast Asia with his parents while his dad was on a teaching contract there, when he received a handwritten, personal letter from Clarion University swimming coach Bill Miller, who was responding to a letter from Darby's swim coach in Brunei, Roger Katchuck.

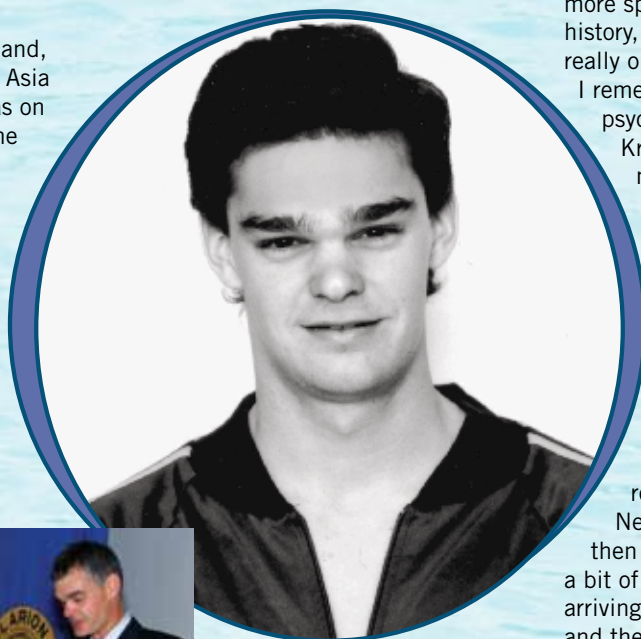
It was that handwritten note that helped lead Darby on a journey that ended with him being one of the best swimmers in Golden Eagles history.

"Back in 1989, communication was somewhat different than today," said Darby, who is living back in New Zealand. "Bill sent me the swimming brochure along with a personalized letter. I remember Roger Katchuck saying, 'Well, Bill Miller has taken the time to personalize your letter.' Most of the other replies were just a standard introductory letter along with a swim brochure. Bill also phoned me, and we had a good chat. I just got very good vibes about Coach Miller and Clarion.

"I don't regret for a minute choosing Clarion, and I owe Bill a great deal. To take me in on the basis of a letter from Roger was a big call on his behalf. There was no watching video of me swimming on the Internet to 'sample the wares,' so to speak, like would happen nowadays."

Darby, a 2008 inductee into the Clarion Sports Hall of Fame after being a 22-time All-American and a 12-time PSAC champion, has great memories of his time at Clarion.

"In a word, fantastic," Darby said when asked about his time spent at



Clarion. "From the moment I arrived, I was well looked after. Being on a swim team, you straight away have a group of friends, which made settling in easier. Bill Miller and Judy (Bill's wife)

were just brilliant. Coach (Mark) Van Dyke ('80) (now the head coach) was an amazing assistant coach. I consider Bill, Judy, Mark and Cindy (Walter Van Dyke ('79) (Mark's wife) very good friends today. Mark and Cindy, along with my best friend and swimming buddy Dave Sheets ('94 BS, '95 BSE) and his wife, Christina Tillotson Sheets ('99), both top swimmers at Clarion in their time, traveled to New Zealand for my wedding. They are true, lifelong friends."

Outside of swimming, Darby said he enjoyed his time in the International Student Association as well as the wide-range of classes he was able to take while at Clarion.

"I was the only student from this part of the world at Clarion when I was

there," Darby said. "I enjoyed meeting people from around the world. I also enjoyed the types of courses I was able to take at Clarion, courses I would never have been able to take at a university back here, as the degrees are more specialized. Learning about U.S. history, art, philosophy, psychology, really opened up my view on things.

I remember doing an introductory psychology paper for Dr. (Iseli) Krauss. In that course, I learned my relaxation techniques I used for preparing for my swimming races. I just wish I had taken the course sooner than my junior year."

Darby said there were definite adjustments he had to make after coming to the United States.

"The culture was the biggest adjustment," Darby recalled. "Coming from little old New Zealand of four million and then Brunei of only 200,000, it was a bit of an adjustment. I remember arriving at the San Francisco airport, and the activity was amazing. There were no language problems, but just getting used to a faster pace of life. Being halfway around the world, there were times when things weren't going

**"The highlight, from a swimming perspective, was winning back the PSAC title and finishing second at NCAAs in 1992."**

so well. That was hard. But I had a good group of friends, and both Coach Miller and Coach Van Dyke were more than just coaches. One other coach I would like to mention is women's basketball coach Gie Parsons. She played basketball in New Zealand, and we would often have chats, which was nice. There were lots of people on campus who were very helpful in many ways, too many to recall all at once. Clarion was just a nice-sized campus

where you got to know many different people."

Some of Darby's fondest memories of Clarion include both athletics and recreational opportunities provided by the surrounding community.

"The highlight, from a swimming perspective, was winning back the PSAC title and finishing second at NCAAs in 1992," Darby said. "Also, the Florida swimming camps were great. ALF weeks were always good fun, as was going down to the (Clarion) river in the summertime. I enjoyed many aspects of college life."

Darby, lives with his wife of 10 years, Debbie; his stepson, Siegfried; his daughters, Madison and Breanna; and his son, Jayden, in the small town of Waikato, New Zealand. He is head of the math department, while also



**Darby family 2013 (from left): Siegfried, wife Debbie holding Breanna, Steve, Madison and Jayden.**

teaching economics at Te Aroha High School. He believes Clarion trained him well for his current pursuits.

"I enjoy being a teacher," Darby said. "It's definitely a challenge and continues to be more so as the next generation of children arrives. I did a bachelor's degree in mathematics with a computer science minor, so I was well prepared academically. I really enjoyed the holistic approach to the program at Clarion. Being able to do a wide-range of papers outside of my major, I really enjoyed. I believe it has helped me be a better all-around person, which is something really needed in the teaching game these days with the many challenges students face."

# 25<sup>TH</sup> INDUCTION BANQUET

## CLARION "SPORTS HALL OF FAME"

### FRIDAY, MAY 10

Clarion University Sports Hall of Fame Committee has announced that five new members will be inducted as the 25th Hall of Fame Class in 2013.

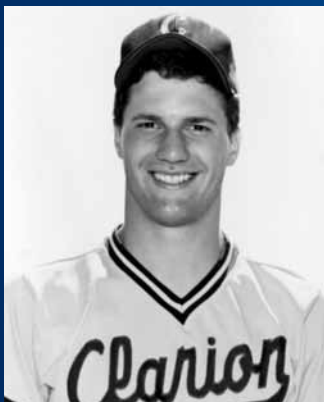
Induction ceremonies are scheduled for 7 p.m. May 10 at Clarion's Eagle Commons dining facility (Ninth and Wood streets). All are invited to attend. A social is set for 5:30 p.m. at Eagle Commons (lower level), rooms 107 and 108. Tickets are \$35 per person and

are available through associate athletic director Wendy Snodgrass, room 111, Tippin Gymnasium, or by calling 814-393-1989. Checks should be made payable to Clarion Sports Hall of Fame.

The new inductees include five former athletes: Cary D. Grubb (baseball), Jackie (Hill) Saad (women's volleyball), Alex F. Murnyack (baseball, football,

wrestling), Shelly A. Respecki (women's basketball) and Cecil D. Willoughby (basketball, football).

"Congratulations to the new inductees," said eighth year athletic director Dave Katis ('85, '88). "This is another exciting class of inductees who made a very significant contribution to Clarion Athletics during their time on campus. We look forward to their induction on May 4."



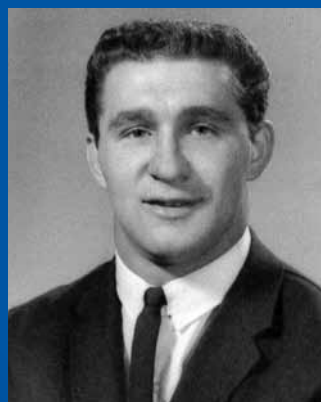
**CARY GRUBB**

CARY D. GRUBB - BASEBALL  
1987 Clarion University graduate  
1984-87 Baseball four-year starter at third base  
1986 & 87 Team captain  
1986 PSAC-West Player of the Year  
1986 Led Clarion with .426 batting average  
1985, 86 & 87 First Team PSAC-West  
1987 Batted .362, 6 hr's, 3 triples, 4 doubles  
1984-87 Career .343 Avg., 13 hr's, 68 rbi  
1987 Drafted by California Angels



**JACKIE (HILL) SAAD**

JACKIE (HILL) SAAD - VOLLEYBALL  
2004 Clarion University graduate  
2000-03 Career record assists (5,846)  
2000-03 Career fourth digs (1,460)  
2001 Single season record assists (1,552)  
2001-03 Clarion team captain  
2002 & 2003 First Team PSAC-West  
2002 & 2003 First Team AVCA/Daktronics All Region  
2003 HM AVCA All-America  
2002 & 2003 Clarion NCAA D-II playoffs



**ALEX MURNYACK**

ALEX F. MURNYACK - FOOTBALL/BASEBALL/WRESTLING  
1964 Clarion University graduate  
1961-64 Nine letters in three sports (football, baseball wrestling)  
1961- 63 FB Played Both Ways OL & DL/LB  
1963 Pre-Season All-American/First Team PSAC  
1963 HM All-State/team captain and MVP  
1961-64 starting catcher/first baseman  
1964 Team captain and MVP  
1962-64 Wrestling team (lettered junior and senior years)  
1963 PSAC runner-up at 191 lbs.

SHELLY A. RESPECKI - BASKETBALL  
1992 Clarion University graduate  
1991 & 92 Starting point guard  
1991 & 92 Single season assist records (235)  
1992 Single season free throw percentage record 84.9  
1991-92 Clarion career assist record (470)  
1991-92 Clarion career FT percentage record 81.4  
1991 & 92 First Team PSAC-West and East Region  
1991 Clarion 24-8/PSAC Champs/NCAA D-II Elite 8  
1992 Clarion 25-4/PSAC-West Champs/D-II Sweet 16



**SHELLY RESPECKI**



**CECIL WILLOUGHBY**

CECIL D. WILLOUGHBY - FOOTBALL/BASKETBALL  
1951 Clarion University graduate  
1947 & 1950 football letters at end  
1948-51 Four-year starter at forward/center  
1948-51 Clarion record 849 career points  
1948-51 Clarion record 13.1 ppg career average  
1951 - Averaged 10.9 ppg  
1951 - Team captain/Clarion 15-2 record  
1951 - Clarion won Western PA Class B title  
1951 - Clarion Teachers College Champs (8-2)  
1951 - First Team P-G West Penn All Star





## Art Walker – Former Clarion All-American named 2012 national high school football coach of the year



Art Walker, a 1991 Third Team Football All-American at Clarion and a 1992 graduate, was named 2012 National High School Football Coach of the Year by the National Sports News Service.

The head football coach at North Allegheny High School near Pittsburgh, Walker is only the third Pennsylvania coach to receive the award since 1970.

Walker led North Allegheny to a 16-0 record in 2012, the team's third straight Class AAAA WPIAL Title and the team's second PIAA Class AAAA Championship in three seasons.

Compiling an amazing 45-2 record over the past three seasons, Walker has an eight-year record of 85-18 with the Tigers. Including his seven-year stint as head coach at Central Catholic, where he was 61-23 with two WPIAL and one PIAA crown, Walker has a career coaching record of 146-41.

A 1988 graduate of Baldwin High School, Walker was recruited to Clarion by then head coach Gene Sobolewski.

"I was interested in Clarion right from the start," Walker said. "Tony Linnan first recruited me, then coaches Sobolewski and Tim Karrs made me feel right at home on my first visit. They made me feel like I was really wanted and needed there. They treated me the right way. The football program had a great reputation, and I realized it would be a great fit for me personally and for my family. My sister Carrie was already attending Clarion and playing volleyball, so I knew I was making the right choice."

A four-year starter at Clarion from 1988-91 at wide receiver, plus utilized as a punt, kickoff returner and even at running back, Walker had an outstanding senior season at Clarion in 1991 when he caught 44 passes for 673 yards and 4 td's, and was the team's captain. He was a first team PSAC-West selection and a Third Team FB Gazette All-American.

Walker also led the team in 1990 when he grabbed 26 passes for 372 yards and 3 td's. In his career, Walker finished with 86 catches for 1,316 yards and 9 td's.

A communication major at Clarion, Walker remembered former baseball coach and speech professor Barry McCauliff and academic advisor Dr. Scott Kuehn.

"Barry had a really positive effect on me," he said. "He really made me focus and sharpen my speaking and presentation skills, which I use today as an English teacher. Dr. Kuehn and I had a special relationship. He was a great advisor and always pointed me in the right direction."

When asked about his time at Clarion there was no hesitation.

"I have great memories of Clarion University and my time spent as a Golden Eagle," Walker said. "I had a great experience and would certainly do it all over again. I also learned a lot about football and life. I am especially grateful to coaches Sobolewski and Karrs, who taught me a lot about establishing strong relationships, being dedicated and the art of coaching. Those

fundamentals are things I am still applying today."

CLARION NOTES: Walker is a son of coaching legend Art Walker, who coached football at Mt. Lebanon (1967-87) and at Shadyside Academy (1994-98) where was 207-73-6 with 5 WPIAL titles at Mt. Lebo and 1 at Shadyside. Art's sister, Carrie Walker Hansberry, also attended Clarion and is a 1991 graduate. Carrie played volleyball from 1987 to 1990 and was part of Clarion's first PSAC championship team in 1988.



Art Walker with the PIAA Championship Trophy - Father Art Walker and sons (from left) Casey, Brady and Derek



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 July 7-11 – Individual Camp  
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 July 12-14 – Junior High Team Camp  
 July 14-18 – Individual Camp  
 July 19-21 – Senior High Team Camp

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 July 24 – Serve/Receive; Defense  
 July 25 – Setters  
 July 25 – Hitters  
 July 26-28 – Team Camp

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 June 28 – Defense Camp  
 June 29 – Quarterback Camp  
 July 12-13 – Father/Son Midget Camp  
 August 1-7 – Team Camp

**MEN'S BASKETBALL**  
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 July 7-11 – Individual Camp  
 July 14-18 – Individual Camp  
 July 19-20 – Team Camp

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 June 9-13 – Individual Camp  
 June 16-20 – Individual Camp  
 June 23-27 – Individual Camp

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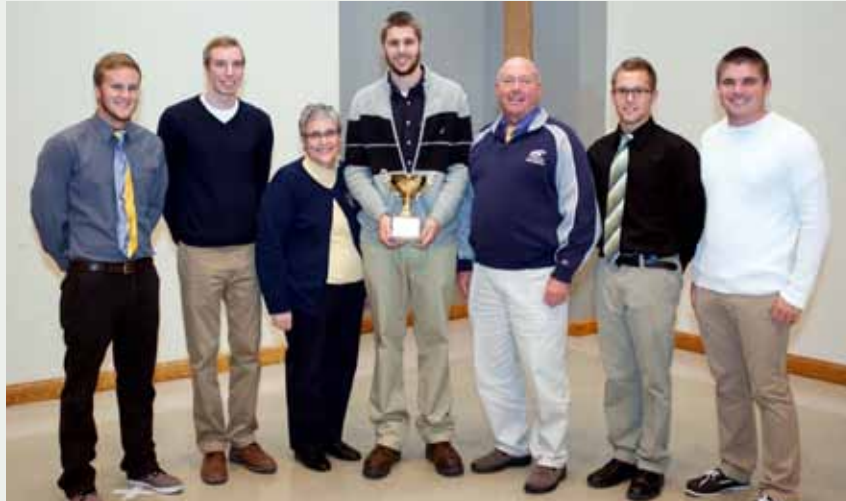




## Clarion honors 142 scholar athletes, men's swimming and diving, McAleer and Pfannestiel

An athletic program record 43 percent, including a total of 142 of Clarion University's student athletes, were honored as "scholar athletes" at the 23rd Annual Bob Carlson Scholar Athlete Luncheon Feb. 8 in Gemmell multi-purpose room.

Clarion athletic director Dave Katis ('85, '88) announced during the program that the both the 2013 scholar-athlete percentage (43 percent) and the 142 honored scholar-athletes were the highest in program history. Later in the program, Student



**Carlson Cup-winning men's swimming and diving team: (from left) Jacob Nicolella, Greg Porch, President Whitney, Casey Dunleavy, coach Mark VanDyke ('80), David Urbassik and Joey Hufnagel.**

Also honored for achievement during the luncheon were Clarion men's swimming and diving team, Dr. Colleen McAleer and Dr. Todd Pfannestiel.

Clarion president Dr. Karen Whitney praised both scholar-athletes and faculty members in her opening remarks. "To the student athletes – thank you for being outstanding



**Faculty of the Year Dr. Colleen McAleer (left) with SAAC president Ben Fiscus.**

scholars and students. To me, as president, there are two games we play – your sports and the game at being a student. You win at both. To our faculty members who have been honored by being invited today, thank you for your support of our students and student athletes."

Dr. Richard Lane, the faculty athletics representative, welcomed athletes, faculty, staff, administration and special guests.



**Extra Effort Award winner Dr. Todd Pfannestiel (right) with Dave Katis ('85, '88)**

Athlete Advisory Committee president Ben Fiscus presented McAleer, department chair of speech pathology and audiology, with the "Faculty of the Year" award, as voted on by SAAC, representing all student athletes.

"When my name was announced I was shocked, but I am so honored to receive this," McAleer said.

Katis presented the annual Carlson Cup Team Award to the men's

swimming and diving team. The award goes to the intercollegiate athletic team that shows the biggest overall increase in GPA during the past calendar year.



**President Karen Whitney**

The award is named after Bob Carlson, who started the Scholar-Athlete luncheon in 1991 and was Clarion's athletic director from 1990 – 2005.

Dr. Todd Pfannestiel, faculty fellow for planning, assessment and improvement at Clarion University and a member of the history faculty, received the Extra Effort Award from Katis for his contributions to athletics.

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 grade point average or higher in the spring and fall terms of 2012; or be a freshman or new transfer who achieved a 3.2 grade point average or higher in the fall 2012 term.

## 2013 SCHOLAR-ATHLETES

**BASEBALL:** Derek Danver, Tyler Delval, Nick Maskrey, Jon Roncolato, Chris Sarnowski, Justin Smith, Tim Staub, Ryan Voisey

**MEN'S BASKETBALL:** Calvin Edwards, Aaron Johnson, Marques Jones, Mike Kromka, Tyrone McFadden, Jeremy Schmader, Marcus Thomas, Drew Vandermeer

**WOMEN'S BASKETBALL:** Heather Barrett, Jasmine Boyd, Leisha Crawford, Ann Deibert, Mariah Gador, Hannah Heeter, Jennifer Linkhorst, Nicole Miloser, Jennifer Straw

**WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY/ TRACK AND FIELD:** Heather Barrett, Michelle Brown, Courtney Gross, Nicolena Guzzi, Erica Keck, Hannah Keck, Sarah Loughner, Kristine Mellor, Bethany Naugle, Milea Schall, Ciara Shorts, Jessica Shotts, Francheska Smith, Susan Timko, Megan Toddy, Jessica Vitous, Erin White, Jessica Wolbert, Kellie Wyatt.

**FOOTBALL:** Nathan Conway, Cameron Cress, Mike Deitrick, Tyler Edwards, Mike Felker, Ben Fiscus, Robert Irwin, Matt Koerper, Chris Libertero, Cory McNamara, Brian Palmiere, Peter Rivera, Eli Rupert, Nate Sipes, Anthony Stimac, Ren Yonker, Mike Zak

**MEN'S GOLF:** Jeff Brunozzi, Adam Harrington, Dylan Reinsel, Nathan Sainovich, Adam Timchak

**WOMEN'S GOLF:** Kayla Lavery, Ashley Longstreth, Erin Lynch

**SOCCER:** Lauren Barbour, Alyssa Katz, Megan Lawson, Crystal Miller, Bethany Naugle, Alexa Ream, Autumn Rosenberg, Cassaundra Soars, Kathleen Warner, Erin White

**SOFTBALL:** Shawna Crago, Kiersten Gromley, Emily Leininger, Lydia Middaugh, Kacie Nemeth, Taylor Powell, Elizabeth Shiring, Julie Sokol, Kirsten Wilcox, Chelsea Zola

**MEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING:** Justin Duncan, Casey Dunleavy, Joey Hufnagel, Chris Kostelnik, Travis Myers, Jacob Nicolella, Greg Porch, David Urbassik

**WOMEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING:** Jennifer Ard, Kelsie Conrad, Kristin Day, Dominique Gerlach, Emilee Gysegem, Caitlyn Kaufman, Anna Marie McNurlen, Noelle Melani, Mallory Moore, Holly Nedley, Tyler Ness, Morgan Oberlander, Madison Sewell, Kayla Shull, Kelsey Slayton, Lauren Slayton, Lauren Szoszorek, Rachel Tano, Sarah Zerfoss

**TENNIS:** Megan Bettwy, Caitlin Clemons, Michaela Hardy, Jessica Kennelly, Madeline Robinson, Lauren Zezenski

**VOLLEYBALL:** Kristine Aurand, Rebecca Beightol, Carlie Bieranowski, Emma Carter, Megan Condit, Laura Duncan, Rebecca Ferragonio, Hannah Heeter, Amber Litwiler, Lauren Magalski, Brooke Mako, Corinne Manley, Morgan Seybold, Emily Stewart, Laura Subject, Jocelyn Uchic, Rebecca Webb

**WRESTLING:** Tyler Bedelyon, Phillip Catrucco, Steven Cressley, Dean Moffo, Joe Waltko

# SPORTS

## Live from Washington, D.C.



Clarion University head athletic trainer Jim Thornton, president of the National Athletic Trainers Association, was interviewed by several national media outlets, including CNN, CBS, ABC and NBC news Feb. 4 and 5 at the fourth annual Youth Sports Safety Summit in Washington, D.C.

“At the summit, we finalized the first-ever National Action Plan for Sports Safety and a Secondary School Student Athlete’s Bill of Rights,” Thornton said. “Both items were then sent to Capitol Hill.”

The National Action Plan for Sports Safety is meant to ensure comprehensive action to protect America’s student athletes.



“Our prior summits provided the foundation for this National Action Plan, the critical next step that will help keep young athletes on the field and off the sidelines with chronic, catastrophic or fatal conditions,” Thornton said. “These conditions can be largely prevented, managed and treated if the right protocols are in place and properly trained medical personnel, including athletic trainers, are available to provide immediate care. Only 42 percent of secondary schools in the United States have access to athletic trainers, and a significantly lower percentage have athletic trainers full time.”

In addition to interviews with the major networks, Thornton also did four live radio shows ranging from Baton Rouge, La., to Toronto, as well as recorded radio interviews that reached across the country.

“In the first 12 hours, we had 19 million public relations impressions,” Thornton said.

Thornton is in his 23<sup>rd</sup> year as the head athletic trainer at Clarion and is also a member of the Clarion University faculty.

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# Danke Ihnen, Clarion!

**Tobias Siegler**

**Senior, International business/international economics major  
Sommerau, Rhineland-Palatinate, Germany**



Tobias Siegler is a typical Clarion University student. He works hard, studies hard, is involved on campus and likes to hang out with his friends. With a keen eye on his future, the international student from Germany is embracing his Clarion University education and experiences.

## If you do something you love ...

After Siegler completed his schooling, served mandatory time in the German military and had worked two years as an industrial mechanic, he decided he wanted to do something different with his life. "I've always looked up to my father," Siegler said. "He runs his own business (I grew up on a farm), and he loves what he does. He says, 'If you do something you love, you'll never work a day in your life.' I took that to heart."

## From Germany to Clarion University

Siegler arrived in Pittsburgh from Germany in 2009 to study English as a second language, which made him eligible to study in 500 American universities. "I went to the ESL Language Centers, and one of my teachers there recommended Clarion University for the business school," Siegler said. "The main reason (I chose Clarion) is the international accreditation of the business school. I don't know where I'll end up after my studying. Clarion's accreditation means I can work anywhere in the world."

## The personal touch

"I like that (Clarion) is a small campus and you have good relationships with the professors," Siegler said. In comparison, in Germany a class could have hundreds of students. "(At Clarion) you can personally talk to a professor, they can help set you up with internships and help you out with class." He particularly appreciates the help and guidance he's received from his academic advisor, economics professor Dr. Sandra Trejos. "I personally have a strong drive for my career, but Dr. Trejos encourages me to keep focused. She's definitely the number-one person to talk to when it comes to academics and my career path."

## Working hard

Siegler is serving an internship at Clarion Chamber of Business and Industry, where he creates surveys to measure member satisfaction. "Right now I'm focused on my internship and the four classes that I have," he said. Outside of class, he is a community assistant in Wilkinson Hall and a brother of Theta Xi, of which he is recruitment chair. He has also served as president and vice president of Clarion International Students' Association.

## Embracing America

Siegler has seen more of the United States than many Americans have. He has visited 20

states and is looking forward to his summer internship in South Carolina, and to seeing California when his family visits the U.S. for his December 2013 graduation. He finds many similarities between America and Germany, such as entertainment – which Germany mainly imports from the United States – but some things are entirely new. "I had no idea about country music, but I'm a big fan of it," he said. A roommate's father jokingly described Siegler as "more American than most Americans."

## After Clarion

"My future goals are always changing. I don't know if I want to be in the U.S., Germany or somewhere else. I'd definitely like to extend my stay here for another year and take advantage of the options for international students who complete their degree here," Siegler said. Part of his future could also include pursuing his MBA.

"Since I like diversity, I also want diversity in my education; I want to study in Germany or another country."

# Bird and Mumford join Clarion University Foundation, Inc.

Clarion University Foundation, Inc., welcomed Jim Bird and John Mumford to its team Jan. 7. Bird is director of corporate and foundation giving, and Mumford is a development officer.

Bird served as director of development for 6½ years at George Junior Republic, a Mercer County facility for detained youth. Prior to GJR, Bird was ordained in the Catholic priesthood and served the Diocese of Erie in various capacities for 13 years, much of it in development and advancement at the high school level.

"I made a big vocation change in 2003," Bird said. "It wasn't a crisis of faith, but really a development of self, how I wanted to live my life."

Bird said he brings to Clarion University Foundation, Inc., a passion for people, places

and things. He and his wife, DeAnna, live in Hermitage.

Mumford comes to Clarion after 20 years at University of Pittsburgh-Titusville, where his last 13 years were spent as executive director of enrollment management.

Mumford and his father are Clarion University alumni. While he was a Clarion undergrad, Mumford met his wife of 41 years, Katrina, a Clarion native. Among his three children and their spouses, seven Clarion University degrees have been awarded.



**BIRD**



**MUMFORD**

"I've had so many opportunities, as have my children, because of the degrees from Clarion," he said. Mumford and his wife live in Titusville.

# Congratulations 2013 Alumni Association Distinguished Award Recipients



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