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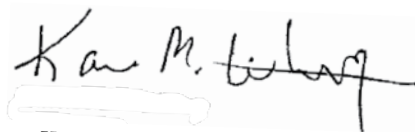
Dear Golden Eagles,

The Clarion University leadership is working in a focused and increasingly evidence-based manner to systematically advance the university. Our institutional efforts include increasing the number of Clarion graduates annually, cultivating a culture of civility, enhancing the quality of life for the regional community, establishing a stable financial environment and creating an organizational culture that encourages the university community to pursue their highest, best work.

During the 2010-11 year, these institutional efforts were advanced through the establishment of a working group dedicated to institutional planning, assessment and improvement. With a commitment to excellence and service, we are engaged in a multi-year strategic planning effort which will launch us into the next era of achievement for the university through a renewed vision, mission and strategic directions.

As president I have outlined my actions in the "President's 500 Day Plan: October 2010 - May 2012." The full plan and updates are posted online at www.clarion.edu/cuplan.

In closing, I am again inspired and grateful to the many alumni and donors who have given their time, talent and financial support to our students and to the Clarion University community. I look forward to the new year and working with each of you as we make Clarion University even better.



Karen M. Whitney
President, Clarion University



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Mmm mmm Good Memories

got together in Cook Forest State Park in July, they brought the letters as party favors.

"Everyone got a letter. I gave them the first letter of their first name or nickname," said Funk, who purchased and distributed the letters. She said most of the ladies hung their letters in their office or displayed them on bookshelves in their homes as a token of their friendship and years in Campbell Hall.

Funk used four of the letters in her decorating. "I actually spelled out my last name and have it propped up on the hearth of my fireplace. There is no 'U,' so I used the 'C' tilted on its side."

Funk recognizes Campbell Hall as the home away from home that brought her together with her best friends.

"When we get together with each other or anyone else from 'back in the day,' we just seem to pick up where we left off. All of a sudden, we're 20 years old again," she said. "These Ladies of the 80s are my dearest friends. Our lives have gone in many different directions, yet our friendships have stayed constant and strong, all because of the friendships that began at Campbell Hall!"



The Ladies of the 80s gather regularly to reminisce about their days at Clarion. From left are **Ann (McElwee, '89, '93) Fagley**, **Tammy Winegardner ('90)**, **Ruth Mitchell ('90)** and **Barb (Smith) Funk**. Missing from the photo are **Eileen (Albanese) DeCecco** and **Lisa (Walthour, '89) Bruce**.

The Frank M. Campbell Hall dormitory stood on Clarion's campus for 36 years. From its construction in 1972 to its demolition in 2008, Campbell Hall saw generations of students come to Clarion as homesick teenagers and leave as young adults, well prepared to succeed in the world. It witnessed lifetime friendships blossom over late-night sled riding parties across the street and innocent pranks and silliness inside its own walls.

Campbell Hall was an especially important part of college for a group of sixth-floor residents in 1986. The group of six girls met in the dormitory and instantly became great friends.

"There is a closeness that comes with living with people. Good, bad or indifferent, these people become a part of you," said **Barb (Smith) Funk**, one of the six friends.

Years after leaving Clarion, the "Ladies of the 80s" are still a very close group, despite being spread throughout the country. Once a year they get together to see each other and relive some of their college memories. This summer, they got to share a solid piece of history with each other – the letters that spelled out "Frank M. Campbell Hall" on the side of the dormitory.

The year 2011 marked 25 years since the group became friends, so when the letters were auctioned off in 2010, the Ladies of the 80s made sure to place the winning bid. When they



FAR FROM HOME AT THE GRAND CANYON, RICHARD ('63) AND NANCY (COAX '63) MALACARNE SHOW THEIR CLARION UNIVERSITY SPIRIT.

How Do You Show Clarion Pride?

Time and distance neither erode nor diminish Clarion University spirit. If you have it, you'll always have it. Whether you are five miles from campus or 5,000 miles away, opportunities are unlimited to show you are proud to be a Clarion University graduate. We want to know how you display your pride. Send photos to clarion.account@gmail.com showing how you let others know Clarion is tops in your book. Photos we receive by Jan. 15, 2012, will become part of a Facebook photo gallery contest at www.facebook.com/clarionu, which will run Jan. 22-25. Facebook fans will have the opportunity to vote for ("Like") their favorite photo. The individual who submitted the photo that receives the most votes will win a Clarion spirit basket, including a limited-edition "Fear the Bird" T-shirt that is only available as part of the university's Spirit Campaign. You cannot buy it anywhere. You must win it!



Venango Continues to Celebrate 50 years

The Community Read

“Operating Instructions: A Journal of My Son’s First Year,”

by Anne Lamott
7 p.m. Wednesdays,
Jan. 25, Feb. 1 and 22,
March 21, April 18
CrossRhoades Café, Robert W. Rhoades Center

Golden Eagle Speaker’s Series

Comedian Suzanne Westenhoefer, “The Semi-Sweet Tour”

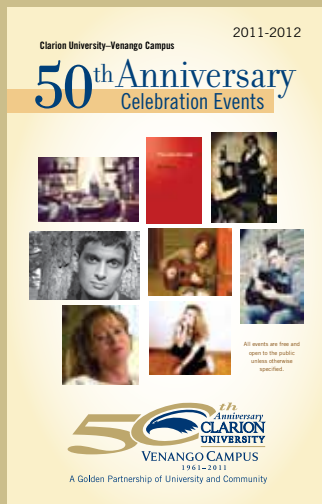
7 p.m. March 23
Robert W. Rhoades Center
gymnasium
Tickets: \$10 at the door for non-students

50 Minutes of Fabulous: The Coffee House Series

7 p.m., CrossRhoades Café, Robert W. Rhoades Center
Feb. 15 Clarion University English professor
Dr. Philip Terman
March 9 The Venango Brigade
March 28 Kazim Ali
March 30 Aiden James

50th Anniversary Founders Dinner

April 26, Robert W. Rhoades Center
Tickets: Call 814-676-6591, ext. 1215,
or visit www.clarion.edu/venango after Feb. 1



Academic Combination Puts Clarion at Forefront of a Growing Field

Clarion University–Venango Campus is offering Clarion’s rehabilitative sciences degree with a new court and community services concentration that will begin in fall 2011. Approved by the American Bar Association, the degree program is designed for students who are interested in the growing human services fields that work closely with the court system.

The program is offered at the Venango Campus in collaboration with Clarion’s College of Education and Human Services and the College of Business Administration. Graduates of associate degree programs in paralegal studies or rehabilitative services may build upon those degrees to complete the bachelor’s degree.

“My colleagues and I are very pleased to announce this outstanding opportunity,” said Dr. Christopher M. Reber, executive dean of Venango Campus. “The demand for paralegals and related court-directed services careers is tremendous, with job growth projected to grow by 28 percent nationally in the next seven years.”

Graduates of the rehabilitative sciences/court and community services bachelor’s degree program will have a strong understanding of the rehabilitation process and its interaction with the court system. They will

work in organizations such as victim and witness assistance programs, protection from abuse programs, adoption services, child abuse agencies such as Children and Youth, foster care agencies and work release agencies, among others.

Frank Shepard, director of paralegal studies and the new court and community services degree programs, proposed the degree along with Dr. Rick Sabousky, chair of the department of special education and rehabilitative sciences.

“This unique academic option combines a traditional rehabilitative science program with the paralegal education necessary to bridge the gap between the courts and social services,” Shepard said. “As the only such program in the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, this course of study will put Clarion University at the forefront of a growing field.”



Keep up to date with what is happening at www.clarion.edu/Venango



Clarion University Class of 1961 gathered for its 50-year reunion during Homecoming 2011. As part of the celebration, they awarded the first Class of 1961 Honors Education Scholarship to **Anna Olszewski** (back row, center). Olszewski is a freshman early childhood education major from Boonsboro, Md. Criteria for the scholarship are: 3.4 or above quality point average; good standing in the Honors Program; major in the College of Education and Human Services; dedication to teaching; and demonstrated financial need. For identification of the classmates pictured, please visit www.clarion.edu/class1961.

Good as Gold

Joseph P. Grunenwald Center for Science and Technology & Barnes Center for Biotechnology Business Development Receive LEED Gold Certification



“**E**quipped with his five senses, man explores the universe around him and calls the adventure science,” wrote astronomer Edwin Powell Hubble.

From archaeology to astronomy, the Joseph P. Grunenwald Center for Science and Technology (STC) facilitates the exploration of the universe, and it serves that purpose with good stewardship of the planet on which we live.

When Clarion University approved its last strategic plan in 2005, university leaders included a commitment to build all new structures for certification in Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design. Six years later, five new buildings have been erected and all meet LEED standards. Two buildings – STC and Barnes Center for Biotechnology Business Development – are LEED Gold certified. LEED Silver buildings include Eagle Commons dining facility and Campus View and Valley View student residence suites.

The Barnes Center houses the Center for Applied Research and Intellectual Property Development, part of Clarion University's College of Business Administration. Part of that entity is a biotechnology and nanotechnology business incubator, where sustainability is a focus. The Center for Applied Research is designed to complement the work of the Small Business Development Center, also housed at the Barnes Center, which assists businesses with critical issues such as marketing, tax compliance and financial analysis, in addition to providing educational programs that assist business owners with operating and growing their business.

“I think it shows a great leadership role for Clarion University in western Pennsylvania,” said Valerie Beichner, LEED green associate and manager for Green Building Products, Policy and Business Outreach at Green Building Alliance, Pittsburgh, and a 2005 Clarion graduate with a degree in political science.

“We’re talking about not just environmental impacts. LEED buildings can reduce energy costs up to 50 percent, solid waste by 70 percent and emissions by 39 percent. It lends to health benefits and overall benefits in our communities,” she said.

The STC features a gas micro-turbine and solar panels on its roof, which provide electricity for the building. The design emphasizes more than 50 percent natural light through the use of large outside windows and glass walls on many of the seminar rooms. An automatically controlled heating, ventilation and air conditioning system, combined with electric eye controls, drop or raise temperatures accordingly in unused rooms and turn off lights not in use. Other resource-maximizing features include a rainwater gathering system which reclaims the water for other uses in the building, a white roof to reflect heat and a heat recovery system to lower energy consumption.

The Barnes Center has light sensors in every room that brighten or dim each space to reach a predetermined candle level, and extinguish the light when no motion is detected in 20 minutes. Water outlets in the restrooms are controlled by motion, and toilets are low-flow models. The heating, ventilation and air conditioning system

recycles to capitalize on air that has already been heated or cooled. Showers were installed to encourage occupants to bike, run or walk to work.

Eagle Commons boasts energy-conserving mechanical/electrical systems, energy-efficient cooking equipment and water conservation measures projected to reduce usage a minimum of 30 percent.

Campus View and Valley View suites have special carpeting at the entryways that traps dirt and particulates. The exterior lighting was designed to reduce “sky glow,” which impacts the nocturnal environment. Each floor has an area sized to accommodate recycling stations for paper, aluminum, glass, plastic and cardboard.

All LEED-certified buildings have in common that finishing materials contain very low, if any, volatile organic compounds. Care was taken to disturb as little earth as possible in the building process and to restore what was disturbed. Landscape vegetation consists of plants native to North America. Many of the building materials are made from recycled materials, many of which were harvested from within a 500-mile radius of Clarion.

“Having LEED-certified buildings lends to the assets of communities. It means healthier places for people to work, for students to live and learn,” Beichner said.



Extravaganza 2012

Saturday, April 14, 2012

Duquesne Club, Pittsburgh

Alumni Association Distinguished Awards

Join the Clarion University Alumni Association to honor the 2012 class of Distinguished Award recipients, enjoy the historic Duquesne Club's elegant atmosphere and fine cuisine, and celebrate the accomplishments of the university.

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

For more information or to request an invitation, please contact **Laura King ('09)**, Clarion University Foundation, Inc., at 814-393-1784, or lking@cuf-inc.org. Formal invitations will be mailed in January.



Dr. G. Richard Bennett ('75), Distinguished Alumni

- Principal investigator of the Ocular Hypertensive Treatment Study (OHTS), a multi-center clinical glaucoma trial
- Maintains a private practice in Philadelphia
- Director of the Glaucoma Center of Excellence in the Eye Institute of the Pennsylvania College of Optometry; course director for diagnosis and management of the glaucomas at the college
- Professor of optometry at the Pennsylvania College of Optometry; adjunct associate professor of ophthalmology, Department of Ophthalmology at Drexel University School of Medicine
- Has researched extensively in area of glaucoma; research interests include epidemiology and pathophysiology of chronic open angle glaucoma
- Has lectured extensively nationally and internationally in the area of medical and surgical management of glaucoma



Dr. Brenda Dédé, Distinguished Volunteer

- Member of Clarion County Chamber of Business and Industry, Clarion Borough Planning Commission, Clarion County Ethnic Tolerance Coalition, Clarion Community Relations Committee and Clarion Community Choir
- Member of First Baptist Church, Clarion, where she is Vacation Bible School director and teacher; Sunday School coordinator, superintendent and teacher; choir member; chairman and member of the Christian Education Board; member of the Mission Board; and volunteer for Clarion County Food for Friends
- Board chairman of Stop Abuse for Everyone (SAFE); board member of Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Clarion County
- Participant in walk-a-thons for United Way, Alzheimer's Foundation and March of Dimes
- Advisor of Clarion University Student Chapter NAACP
- Chairwoman of Martin Luther King Holiday Community Celebration and Juneteenth Celebration



Dr. Janet E. Stout ('79), Distinguished Achievement

- Microbiologist; founder and director of Special Pathogens Laboratory and associate research professor, University of Pittsburgh Swanson School of Engineering
- Internationally recognized authority on Legionnaire's Disease; discovered link between presence of Legionella bacteria in hospital water systems and occurrence of hospital-acquired Legionnaire's disease; instrumental in developing prevention strategy
- Director and microbiologist with the infection disease section at Pittsburgh VA Medical Center from 1984 to 2007
- National and international speaker
- Holds Master of Science degree (1982) and a doctorate (1992) in infectious disease microbiology from the University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Public Health; has written extensively on the environmental microbiology and epidemiology of Legionnaires' disease



Cynthia E. Urban ('00, '03), Venango Distinguished Alumni

- President and CEO of Klapec Trucking, Oil City, Pa., with 80 trucks, 150 trailers and 90 employees.
- In 2011, Klapec was named Pennsylvania's safest trucking company by Pennsylvania Motor Truck Association; in 2010, it was recognized as a Patriotic Employer; and was honored for support of Operation Enduring Freedom
- 2009 recipient of Venango Area Chamber of Commerce's Woman in Business Award
- Founding member and board member of Venango Area Chamber of Commerce; board member of Oil City YMCA; involved in Oil Heritage Festival
- Active member of St. Stephen Church
- Member of National Federation of Independent Businesses, Customs Trade Partnership Against Terrorism, Pennsylvania Motor Truck Association and American Trucking Association and steering committee member for Erie Shippers' Association



Dr. Bernard Vavrek, Distinguished Faculty

- 35-year library science career
- Specialized in rural librarianship, with which his name is virtually synonymous
- At Clarion University (1971-2008), taught reference, research and marketing; developed and taught two graduate courses in rural librarianship; served as director of the department's Center for the Study of Rural Librarianship
- At Clarion, secured more than \$1 million in grants to underwrite the work of the center
- Founded the Association of Rural and Small Libraries
- Developed Clarion's online graduate programs for which he wrote a \$298,000 grant to launch
- Founded the Information Futures Institute, a think tank of information specialists around the nation

News from the Campuses

CU Gets Third Nod as Military Friendly School

For the third consecutive year, G.I. Jobs, the premier magazine for military personnel transitioning into civilian life, has awarded Clarion University the designation of Military Friendly School. The 2012 Military Friendly Schools list honors the top 20 percent of colleges, universities and trade schools that are doing the most to embrace America's military service members and veterans as students.

Industrial Relations Major Earns Alignment Recognition

Clarion University College of Business Administration announces that its industrial relations major fully aligns with criteria established by the Society for Human Resource Management's "HR Curriculum Guidebook and Templates," which defines the content areas that should be studied at undergraduate and graduate levels. Throughout the world, only about 200 educational institutions have programs acknowledged by SHRM as being in alignment with its suggested guidelines and templates.

Clarion Identified as One of Best Colleges and Universities for Disabled Students

Clarion University was named one of the Best Colleges and Universities for Disabled Students by About.com. Many colleges and universities offer special services, housing accommodations and special accommodations in-class; however, not all colleges and universities create special programs and services for their disabled population. The About.com list includes the best colleges and universities for disabled students in the United States that have gone beyond the minimum requirements of the Disabilities Act of 1990 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

Inclusion and Empowerment Encouraged During Equity Week

Joe Wilson, creator of the Emmy Award-winning documentary, "Out in the Silence," kicked off Equity Week Nov. 7 at Clarion University with a showing of the film. "Out in the Silence" campaigns for justice, equality and human rights for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people in rural and small-town America. Other Equity Week events included a roundtable discussion by the Presidential Commission on LGBT Concerns and the Equity Dinner and Awards Ceremony. The week's theme was "Building Communities of Inclusion and Empowerment."



WILSON

Clarion NSSHLA Chapter Earns Recognition for Its Work

The Clarion University chapter of National Student Speech Language Hearing Association has been awarded NSSHLA Bronze Chapter recognition. The honors are awarded to chapters that demonstrate an awareness of student issues and concerns, outreach to the community, educational opportunities and social and fundraising activities promoting both the professions and the national association. Chapter advisors are **Dr. Mary Beth Mason-Baughman** and **Dr. Janis Jarecki-Liu**. Chapter president is **Leslie Sunder**, a graduate student in speech language pathology.

Clarion University Launches Programs to Help Students Succeed

Clarion University has launched two initiatives aimed at retaining students. Clarion Attendance Initiative for Retention (CAIR) targets freshmen and transfer students. "This initiative is based on national data that shows we can save many students who are not acclimating to academic responsibilities through early intervention," said **Dr. Ron Nowaczyk**, provost. Academic advisors of identified students will meet with their advisees, and together they will develop a learning contract. A second retention initiative, Freshman 411, is a collaboration between the Center for Academic Achievement and the Center for Leadership and Involvement and is intended to help students become engaged in university life. "The literature on freshman retention identifies the first six weeks of students' transition as the crucial period to get students connected and involved with the life of the campus," said **Shawn Hoke**, director of the Center for Leadership and Involvement.

Student News

Criminal Justice Students Host Domestic Violence Symposium

The Criminal Justice Society, a student-based community service organization at Clarion University-Venango Campus, hosted its first Domestic Violence Symposium Oct. 25. Domestic violence specialists and a self-defense expert were among the speakers. "We must strive to educate and inform all members of our community so that we can begin to deal with this harmful behavior," said **Dr. Paul Klenowski**, CJS advisor, assistant professor and director of Clarion's criminal justice program. CJS plans to make the symposium an annual event.

Clarion Student Journalists Cover Flight 93 Memorial Dedication

Five members and an advisor of Clarion University's student media organizations joined a media entourage that included local, national and international journalists to cover the Flight 93 National Memorial Dedication and 10th Commemorative Service Sept. 10-11 in Shanksville, Somerset County.

Dr. Laurie S. Miller, advisor of The Clarion Call, and student media representatives **Russell Pekelnicky** of the Clarion Call; **Matthew Knoedler**, **Kelly Prozialeck** and **Katie Anderson** from WCUB-TV; and **Brittany Bender** from WCUC-FM obtained National Park Service and White House press credentials and teamed up to provide coverage of the events. Student media covered the ceremonies and interviewed such dignitaries as former U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security and former Pennsylvania **Gov. Tom Ridge**, **Sen. Bob Casey**, former **Gov. Ed Rendell**, Flight 93 families and other visitors to the memorial site.

Clarion University Senior Serves Internship with Bureau of Historic Preservation

Abby Norton of Kittanning, a senior liberal studies major and art studio minor at Clarion University, is working for the Bureau of Historic Preservation as part of a 15-week internship sponsored by the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education. Norton is one of 14 students participating in The Harrisburg Internship Semester (THIS) program, which provides students the opportunity to work in all areas of state government while earning a full semester's worth of credits. Norton, a daughter of Robert and Jane Norton, is a 2008 graduate of Kittanning Senior High School. She and the other students participating in the program will attend several academic seminars during their fall semester



NORTON

internship. Each of the students also will complete an individualized research project. More than 500 students from PASSHE universities have participated in THIS since the program began in 1989, each gaining valuable insight into the workings of state government at the policy-making level. Interns have worked with dozens of state agencies, as well as in the offices of the governor, the speaker of the House of Representatives and the attorney general.

Clarion Alumna Places in National Social Networking Video Contest

Carly Masiroff ('11) took third place in an Amzini Video Contest with, "The Social Butterfly Effect," which she originally created as a senior film project at Clarion University. Amzini, a specialized search and review site designed to help social media users find, compare and learn about social networks, asked its members to submit videos depicting interesting stories of a social network or social networking moment. Amzini users chose the winner via social voting. "Not many people realize how many social networks they are a part of, and if they post a comment on one network, it gets posted to other networks, to emails, to cell phones, to laptops, to desktops—really anywhere it can," Masiroff said. "It's rather ridiculous and quite amazing, all at the same time." Masiroff, of Erie, holds a bachelor's degree in mass media arts, journalism and communication studies with concentration in film, with minors in women and gender studies and speech communication.



MASIROFF

Clarion Student Named CASE ASAP Outstanding Student Leader

Clarion University's **Jonathan Cantanzarita ('11)** was recognized as Outstanding Student Leader at the Council for Advancement and Support of Education Affiliated Student Advancement Programs' 38th annual Network Convention in Nashville, Tenn. He graduated in May with a bachelor's degree in business administration. Cantanzarita served as president of the Clarion University Alumni Association Eagle Ambassadors during his senior year. He was part of a Clarion University team that brought home top honors from the 2011 Society for the Advancement of Management International Conference.

Cantanzarita, recipient of a 2010-11 Clarion University Alumni Association Scholarship and Leadership Award, is a son of Stephen and Susan Catanzarita, Beaver, Pa.

Clarion Graduate Student Earns Lead Authorship on Collaborative Project

Keri Ei, Pleasantville, Pa., a 2007 Clarion graduate with a bachelor's degree in speech communication who is pursuing a master's degree in speech-language pathology, was named lead author on a collaborative project she worked on with **Kenneth J. Staub**, assistant professor of communication sciences at Clarion; Jennifer Bozard, a doctoral student at a Medical University of South Carolina; and **Dr. Charles Ellis**, a faculty member in MUSC's College of Health Professions. Ellis requested to work on a project with Staub and one of his students after being impressed by past presentations by Staub and Clarion students at ASHA conferences. Staub selected Ei as his student research partner. Ellis was so impressed by Ei's exemplary work that he named her lead author on the presentation. The project has been accepted for presentation at the national conference of The American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, Nov. 17-19 in San Diego.



Ei

Faculty And Staff News

Art Department Chair Has Solo Exhibition in Nova Scotia Gallery

The paintings of Clarion University Art Department chair and associate professor **Melissa Kuntz** were featured during a solo exhibition Oct. 29 to Nov. 26 at Gallery Page and Strange, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada. This is Kuntz's second solo exhibition at Gallery Page and Strange, which represents her work exclusively in eastern Canada. The first was in May 2009. Her current paintings can be seen at www.melissakuntz1.com.

Clarion Counseling Supervisor Voted 2011 Educator Hero by American Red Cross

Mark Lepore, clinical coordinator and supervisor for Counseling Services at Clarion University, has been voted the 2011 Educator Hero by the American Red Cross in southwestern Pennsylvania. Lepore helps people cope with the emotional trauma caused by disaster situations. He also shares his psychological expertise by teaching other Red Cross volunteers how to help disaster victims cope with trauma. In his role as a disaster mental health volunteer, he provides victims of natural and manmade disasters with emotional support and counseling. He has done this both locally, such as the LA Fitness shooting in Collier Township, and nationally, such as 9/11 and Hurricane Katrina.



LEPORE

PA Small Business Development Center Names Nellis as State Star

Pennsylvania Small Business Development Center named **Cindy Nellis**, assistant director of Clarion University Small Business Development Center, as the 2011 State Star for Pennsylvania. Nellis was chosen for being an outstanding performer, making a major contribution to the Pennsylvania SBDC program and showing a strong commitment to small business in the Clarion University SBDC region.

"Cindy has been a strong contributor to the Clarion University SBDC and the Pennsylvania SBDC for more than 15 years," said **Dr. Kevin Roth (MBA '81)**, director of Clarion University SBDC. "This is a well-deserved recognition of her efforts and exceptional work with small business and entrepreneurs in our region."

Donato Publishes Article in International French Journal

Dr. Elisabeth Donato, associate professor of French in the department of modern languages and cultures, recently published an article, "Suis-je Rock?: Defining French Rock and Roll and Rock Artists in Rock & Folk, 1966-67," in *Contemporary French Civilization* (Vol. 36, Nos. 1-2). *Contemporary French Civilization* is an international journal devoted to all aspects of civilization and cultural studies in France and the Francophone world, and published by Liverpool University Press.



DONATO

Terman's Book of Poetry Explores Being a Jew in America

Clarion University professor of English **Dr. Philip Terman** has written "The Torah Garden." The book, published by Autumn House Press, is a collection of poetry which explores the meaning of being a Jew in America through personal and family history, prayer, religious exploration and political invective.

Terman is the author of four full-length collections of poetry.



Clarion University Seeks Inclusiveness in Determining Strategic Directions

Work has begun on Clarion University's Strategic Directions for July 2012 to June 2017, and President Karen Whitney wants everyone to be a part of it. "Strategic directions' literally means we have to decide where we're going," said Dr. Todd Pfannestiel, who was appointed earlier this year as faculty fellow for planning, assessment and improvement. "We have to decide what we do really well, and we have to be clear about what should not be on our plate."

Pfannestiel, the point person for the process, is coordinating an effort of the entire university for their voice to be heard. No single person will have a greater voice than any other person in setting those directions.

"It needs to be a living, breathing document, subject to change," Pfannestiel said. "The president wants to steer away from the mentality of developing a five-year plan and sitting back and waiting for it to run its course."

The university community – faculty, staff, students, administration and alumni – along with the Clarion community, gathered to kick off the planning process Sept. 23. Pfannestiel introduced Dr. Andrea Lex, an external consultant hired to facilitate the planning process. Lex has extensive experience in higher education,

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– Todd Pfannestiel*

specifically university planning. She is dean of planning, assessment and institutional research at Prince George's Community College, Largo, Md., and is past president of the Society for College and University Planning. She presents in the areas of accreditation, institutional effectiveness, planning and resource allocation.

An external consultant provides the benefit of an outside view, Pfannestiel said. She has worked with colleges and universities of varying sizes and knows what does and does not work on a grand scale.

"It buys us the outside critical eye that doesn't have a vested interest, other than helping us develop a plan we can live with for the next five to seven years," he said.

Lex is training Pfannestiel to work with the various constituencies in gathering information and developing surveys, focus groups and open forums to make opportunities readily available to give input. Time will be scheduled in Clarion and Oil City for Whitney and Pfannestiel to sit down and talk with members of those communities.

"This is not a rubber stamp process. We want your buy-in," Pfannestiel said. "This is us. This will be done, then presented to President Whitney and the trustees."

Eventually, any new university mission statement must receive the approval of the Council of Trustees.

Initially an advance team of Pfannestiel and Dr. Jing Qi, who recently joined Clarion University as director of information management and institutional research, will coordinate the gathering of information. Only after feedback is gathered will a steering committee be formed.

The entire process will be transparent via the Planning, Assessment and Improvement page at clarion.edu. Any person at any time can view the Web page to learn what is happening and how to participate. Several open forums were held this fall for members of the Clarion University community to begin shaping a new mission statement for the institution.

Pfannestiel said the 2012-17 Strategic Directions will contain eight key components:

- Mission – a sharp, focused statement of who we are and why we exist
- Vision – a two- to six-word picture of what we will be in five to seven years
- Core values – value statements which all units and constituents embody
- A publicly engaged university – a description of our definition of being a publicly engaged university
- Positioning statement – the one-paragraph “elevator speech” on the added value we bring to society
- Attributes of the Clarion University experience – statements describing our characteristics
- Reasons to believe in Clarion University – statements that let others know what they can believe about us
- Strategic directions – Five to seven overarching themes/broad efforts which would guide every unit within the university for the next five years. Measurable results will be established for each strategic direction, including the source of the measures that will be used to define the extent to which we achieve the desired results.

The directions are an investment in the university, according to Pfannestiel, and just as a person wouldn’t invest in a stock portfolio and not watch it, neither will the university continue in a direction that isn’t serving its best interests.

“As times change, we need to be able to adapt to them,” he said. “While maintaining our values as a liberal arts institution of higher learning, programs need to be market driven to a degree – almost able to turn on a dime to quickly develop the programs that the market demands.”

Pfannestiel recognizes that faculty will have concerns about programs.

“That’s why we need their voice, because they can best explain, defend and justify,” he said.

A reduction in funding from the state and anticipation of further state funding decreases in the future have created a greater need for fiscal autonomy, and these directions are intended to work with the Responsibility Centered Management budgeting model introduced last spring to address that.



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“We’re not only going to survive the budget crunch – we’re going to grow our way out of it,” Whitney said.

Whitney said she has no preconceptions of what the finished product will look like. “Wherever we are on May 1 is where the people want us to be,” she said.

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Would you like to lend a hand in shaping the directions in which Clarion University will go? Visit www.clarion.edu/pai.

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Homecoming and Reunion

1. **Dr. Stanley F. Michalski**, director of the Golden Eagles marching and symphonic bands from 1961-92, was guest conductor for the Jazz Band Concert and Reunion
2. **Alva (Epps '76) Edwards** and **De'Borah Spicer-Sanders ('76)**
3. Gammas **John Dudo ('64)**, **Robert Cornali ('65)** and **Robert Dominici ('66)**
4. **Jacqueline McDavitt** and **Laura King ('09)**
5. Clarion University cheerleader in the ALF Parade
6. Former Golden Eagles football players **Nick Sipes ('11)** and **Alfonso Hoggard ('11)** reunite
7. Future Golden Eagle at the Clarion University Alumni Parade Reception



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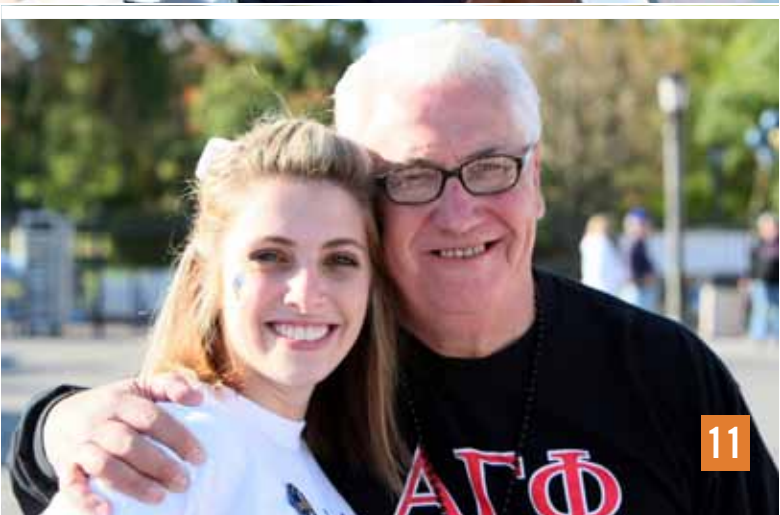


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8. Angela (Groom '80) Brown
9. Merrilyn (Murnyak '93) Dunlap and daughters, Alyssa and Madelyn
10. Clarion University President Karen Whitney in the ALF parade
11. Gamma Terry Koelsch ('64) with a Clarion University Cheerleader
12. Hip Hop Dance Team member Lindsay Lippert entertains during the parade
13. Golden Eagle Patrick Graham-Murphy
14. President Whitney and Paul "Hook" Palmer ('61)
15. Class of 1961 members Dick Howells, Bob Volanksy, Slats Schuster and Rita Hilty Laing



Clarion Remembers

Vets/First Responders Appreciation Day

Clarion University, Clarion County, Clarion Chamber of Business and Industry and Clarion Borough joined with Clarion VFW Post 2145 and Post Commander Don Montgomery for a memorable Veterans/First Responders Appreciation Day on Sept. 10 in Clarion.

The event was spearheaded by Clarion sports information director Rich Herman and Clarion Chamber of Business and Industry executive director Tracy Becker.

In remembrance of the fallen of 9/11 and all veterans and first responders, a parade in downtown Clarion started at 11 a.m. and proceeded to Memorial Stadium for ceremonies prior to the Clarion–Bloomsburg football game. More than 50 units participated in the parade, including 10 Clarion County fire companies, military units, police departments, VFW and American Legion posts and much more.

Honored during the parade and at Memorial Stadium were deceased soldiers PFC Ross A. McGinnis, Sgt. Joseph M. Garrison and SPC Carl Curran. Romyne McGinnis and David C. Curran, parents of the soldiers, participated in both events.

Speaking at Memorial Stadium during the ceremonies were Clarion County Commissioner Chairman Dave Cyphert, Pennsylvania State Rep. Donna Oberlander, President Karen Whitney and John Laursen, Retired Officer Port Authority NY/NJ.

1. U.S. Army Recruiting Company – Clarion, Pa.
- 2 & 3. Clarion County Firemen Honor the Fallen - “Ring the Bell” and “Lay The Wreath”.
4. **Romyne McGinnis** and **David C. Curran** honor their sons, **PFC Ross A. McGinnis** and **SPC Carl Curran**.
5. Clarion VFW Post 2145 with Honor Guard.
6. Pa. National Guard – Oil City - B Btry 1/107 F.A. and Shipperville Fire and Hose.
7. Clarion sports information director **Rich Herman**
8. Clarion County Commissioner chair **Dave Cyphert**, President **Karen Whitney**, Rep. **Donna Oberlander**.



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FRANK EDGAR

Former Golden Eagle Now a World Champion

It's Oct. 8, 2011, homecoming Saturday night in Clarion, Pa., and the locals are all celebrating a big victory for their Golden Eagles over Lock Haven.

And more than 1,400 miles away in Houston, one of the school's more famous alumni is celebrating by getting a big victory of his own.

At 3:54 of the third round of UFC 136, **Frankie "The Answer" Edgar ('05)** landed a series of punches that resulted in a TKO of Edgar's archrival, Gray Maynard, giving Edgar his second UFC Lightweight Championship defense and his first win over Maynard in three tries (he was 0-1-1 against his rival).

"When you are in the midst of training for a fight and fighting a fight, you don't realize it's a rivalry," Edgar said. "But when you get a chance to reflect on it, you realize the fight has a good history. It's the type of fight that builds your legacy. When you have an opponent like that, it forces you to get the best from yourself. It makes you a better fighter, a better person."

Edgar has come a long way since his wrestling days at Clarion, where he accumulated 120 wins (120-55), 11th best in school history, including the 2005 EWL title at 141 pounds and the 2004 and 2005 PSAC Championships at 141 pounds, one of only 12 Clarion wrestlers to win at least two PSAC titles.

"My senior year at Clarion was the first year Ultimate Fighting was on TV," Edgar said. "After the season was over, I felt like a retired athlete. But I saw other wrestlers doing well in the sport, and I knew a guy a couple of towns over from me that had a shop, and I got involved. I was fighting two weeks after I started training."

According to Edgar, the transition from freestyle wrestling to mixed martial arts (a combination of wrestling, boxing and various martial arts) was fairly easy, and there is no question he has enjoyed success, going 14-1-1 in his MMA career.



"I've made a pretty good transition and adapted well," Edgar said. "Wrestling is such a big part of MMA, and I was always scrappy growing up. I seemed to have a knack for (MMA), which has led to a smooth transition."

His 12th win, April 10, 2010, was the most important, as he won a unanimous decision, five-round bout over BJ Penn at UFC 112 to take home his first UFC Lightweight Championship.

"Before the decision came down, I felt like I had won, but I knew it was a close fight. Penn is a legend," Edgar said. "When it happened, it was the best day in my competitive career. I always set high goals. I didn't always get to accomplish them in wrestling. It feels good to know you are the best in the world at what you are doing."

Edgar didn't have much time to celebrate his title, as a rematch with Penn was scheduled four-and-a-half months later. But the outcome was the same, as Edgar toppled Penn again by unanimous decision in a five-round bout at UFC 118 to retain the Lightweight title.

So how does one become a world champion?

Edgar's story isn't all that different from that of a lot of kids who get involved in wrestling.

"I really got involved in wrestling through my family when I was in seventh grade," Edgar said. "My father was a wrestler and my cousin was a wrestler, so that is how I became a wrestler."

From those humble beginnings, he became a two-time district champion and placed second and fifth in New Jersey in high school, while also taking second at the high school nationals.

It was while he was at Toms River East that Edgar found out about Clarion.

"I went to the NCAA (Division I) tournament as a junior and senior in high school, and I was always hearing about guys from Clarion," Edgar said. "Then when it came time to start looking at schools, Clarion was close enough to home but not too close. It seemed like a good fit."

Edgar said one of the major reasons he ended up with the Golden Eagles was because of the atmosphere in the wrestling room.

"The room, at the time, was a perfect fit for me," Edgar said. "I know you should pick a school for more than the wrestling room, but that was my mindset. It was a great room with a great atmosphere. It was a perfect fit."

Edgar had success from the very beginning with the Golden Eagles, qualifying for the NCAA Division I championships as a freshman while picking up 18 wins, including one at the NCAA tournament, and finishing fourth at both PSACs

and EWLs. After redshirting in 2002, he came back in 2003 and went 26-18, finishing fifth at both PSACs and EWLs. In 2004, he exploded for 36

wins, which ranks as the 20th most in a season at Clarion, and won his first PSAC title while again placing fifth at EWLs. Then, as a senior in 2005, he had his best season, going 40-9, tied for the sixth-most wins ever at Clarion, and winning both the PSAC and EWL titles. He also went 2-2 at the NCAA Tournament as a senior, just missing becoming an All-American.

"Winning that EWL title at Tippin Gym my senior year is probably my best memory," Edgar said. "I really wanted that title."

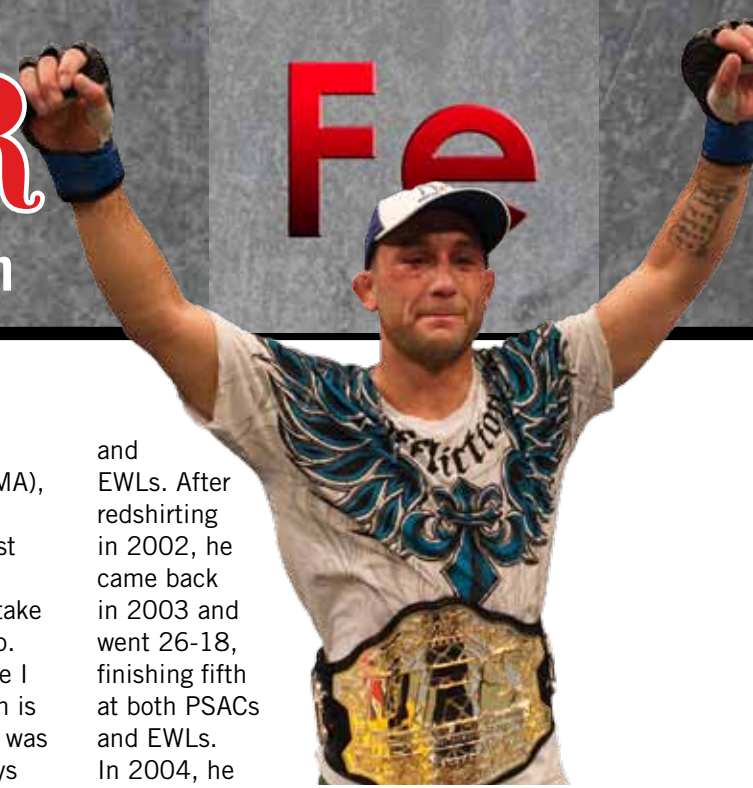
Clarion is a family affair in the Edgar household. Along with Frankie earning his bachelor's degree in political science, his wife, **Renee (Nappi '04, MBA '05) Edgar** is also a Clarion graduate. The couple has two sons, Francesco, who will be 3 in January, and Santino, 17 months.

"Clarion holds a special place for me," Edgar said.

One of the cooler things Edgar has gotten to do because of his MMA background is address the New York Jets football team, which he has now done twice.

"One of the guys on their staff emailed me about addressing the team," Edgar said. "I was pumped and a little nervous at the same time. It was definitely an honor being a Jersey kid getting to address the Jets. I had been to plenty of their games."

"The guy is barely taller than this podium," Jets quarterback **Mark Sanchez** was quoted by MMAfighting.com after the game. "And this guy beats BJ Penn in a UFC Championship bout. Everybody counted him out. They wanted a rematch, and then he went back and beat him even worse. Talk about a guy who's mentally tough, physically tough. It was great for Frankie to come in."



Edgar's career can be followed online at
www.frankieedgar.com

Eagles Men's Basketball Returns Two Starters in 2012

Two starters and seven lettermen return for the 2011-12 Clarion University men's basketball team as the Golden Eagles look to qualify for the PSAC playoffs for the 13th time in the last 16 years.

Head coach **Ron Righter**, who begins his 24th season at Clarion, has already posted an incredible 23-year record of 374-248 (60%) with the blue and gold.

Under Righter's tutelage Clarion has won PSAC-West titles in 1997, 2000 and 2005, plus captured a PSAC crown in 2001, not to mention a second-place finish in the West in 2010.

What does the 2012 season have in store for Golden Eagles fans?

"We have a mix of veterans and newcomers that will play a very unselfish style," said Righter. "Our style may be a little different than in past years, since we'll likely play more to our inside strengths, but I believe we can reach the PSAC playoffs this season with a balanced attack and strong defensive play."

Seniors **Paul McQueen** (Garfield Heights, Ohio) and **Bud Teer** (University Heights, Ohio) and sophomore **Mike Kromka** (Monroeville/Gateway) return to give Clarion a formidable front line.

McQueen, a three-year letterman and two-year starter at power forward, averaged 10.7ppg and 6.7 rebounds last year and has career totals of 683 points, 455 rebounds, 118 assists and 60 steals.

Teer, who will anchor the center spot this year, was a monster inside in 2011. "Bud" led the entire PSAC with 10.5 rebounds a year ago to go with his 11.8 rebounds, 45 assists and 39 steals.

Kromka, an athletic forward who runs the floor well, contributed 4.7ppg, 4.9 rebounds and blocked 14 shots a year ago and expects to up the ante this season.

Other veterans ready to make contributions will be guards **Leonard Patterson** (Jr., Cleveland, Ohio), **Brandon Winbush** (So., Alexandria, Va.) and center **Mike Nealis** (Sr., Drexel Hill).

Patterson averaged 2.4ppg, 1.3 rebounds and collected 16 assists, while Winbush netted 34 points in 16 games as a freshman. Nealis, meanwhile, played in 13 games in 2011 and 24 games in 2010 when he posted 45 points and 32 rebounds.

Talented newcomers are expected to give the Eagles a lift this year. Guards **Calvin Edwards** (Jr., Delaware, Ohio), **Winfield Willis** (Fr., Baltimore, Md.) and **Patrick Zedreck** (Fr., McDonald/South Fayette), along with forward **Drew Vandermeer** (Jr., Clarion) will be vying for starting spots.

Edwards averaged 15ppg, 3.9 rebs and 3 assists at Ohio Community College last year, while Willis averaged 21ppg at St. Paul's in 2010 and was a standout last year at Westwind Prep. Zedreck was the point guard the last two seasons at South Fayette, which won the PIAA Class AA title in 2010. He averaged 16ppg, 8 assists and 5 steals in 2011 and 15.3ppg and 7.6 assists in 2010. Vandermeer comes to



Clarion from Grove City College where he helped lead the 2010 team to the P.A.C. title, getting 7.8ppg and 4.4 rebounds, with a team-leading 44 blocked shots.

CLARION NOTES: Coach Righter needs two wins this year to reach 400 wins in his collegiate career (398-272) ... Righter has an unbelievable home record at Tippin Gym of 234-95, a 71.1% winning rate over his 23 seasons... The last 14 years Clarion is 162-56 at home, a winning rate of 74.3% ... Dating back to 1971 (40 years), Clarion has an overall men's record of 677-425, a 61.4 % winning percentage.



Clarion Men Return Five All-Americans in 2012

The Clarion men's swimming and diving team is expected to have another strong, balanced team in 2012 under 12th year head coach **Mark VanDyke ('80)**.

Last year's Golden Eagles were second at PSAC's and 15th at the NCAA Division II National Championships, after swimming a tough dual-meet schedule.

Back to lead the way for the 2012 Golden Eagles are five returning All-Americans including **Joseph Ward** (Jr., Johnstown, Richland) and **Ben Appleby** (Jr., York, Suburban) in the pool and **Ethan Merritt** (So., San Luis Obispo, Ca.), **Seth Brandenburg** (So., Canton, Oh.) and **Justin Duncan** (Sr., South Park) on the diving boards.

Ward had an outstanding D-II Nationals in 2012 placing fifth in the 100 and 11th in the 50 freestyles. He is a four-time All-American. Ward also won the 50 and 100 at PSACs last year.

Appleby, a relay A-A in 2011, was a PSAC champ in the 200 free last year and is the team captain in 2012.

Diving coach **Dave Hrovat** returns All-Americans Merritt, Brandenburg and Duncan. Merritt was fourth on both one- and three-meter boards, while Brandenburg was 12th on one-meter and 16th on three-meter. Duncan, who was 10th on three-meter and 16th on one-meter, returns as a four-time All-American.

Other returnees in the pool include **Matt Bojalas** (Jr., DuBois), **Sean Donohue** (Sr., Crescent Twp.), **Casey Dunleavy** (Jr., McMurray), **Scott Harvey** (Macungie, Emmaus), **Mark Krchnak** (Clearfield), **Derek Nelson** (So., Mt. Joy) and **Joe Welch** (Jr., Erie/Strong Vincent).

CLARION NOTES: The Golden Eagles have won 24 PSAC titles in the past 41 years ... Coach VanDyke has an 11-year dual-meet record of 61-40-2 ... Diving Coach Dave Hrovat begins his 22nd season ... A 21-time NCAA "Coach of the Year", he has crowned a total of 38 national champions and 217 All-Americans in men and women's diving.

Young Golden Eagles Focused for 2012

A young but experienced Golden Eagles Women's Basketball team will rely on its focus, intensity and the little things to be competitive in what is always a tough PSAC West.

"We are young, but we are experienced," Clarion's 23rd-year head coach **Margaret "Gie" Parsons** said of her team that started four freshmen in 2011 while going 7-19 overall and 4-10 in the PSAC West. "We're improved. Our intensity and focus is a lot clearer this year, and keeping our focus and intensity will be the key to a good season."

Clarion had its share of learning curves in 2011, starting four freshmen, but it also had its good moments including wins over three PSAC playoff teams (West Chester, IUP and Mercyhurst).

The Golden Eagles will be tough to defend in 2012 since they will have the potential to score both inside and outside.

The outside game starts with sophomore shooting guard **Emma Fickel** (Carlisle, Cumberland Valley), who was the top freshman three-point shooter in the entire NCAA regardless of division last year with 3.4 made threes per game, which led the PSAC and was fifth in Division II. She was also the 13th leading scorer in the PSAC at 13.3ppg.

Joining Fickel in the starting backcourt are fellow sophomores **Raven Jones** (Philadelphia, Prep Charter; 8.7ppg, 4.2rpg, 4.2apg) and **Mackenzie Clark** (Mentor, Ohio; 7.0ppg, 4.3rpg, 63 assists) while the Eagles will also get a lift at guard in January with the return of swing player **Lauren Savulchak** (So., Pittsburgh, North Catholic, 8.9ppg, 6.0rpg), who is rehabbing from an injury suffered late last season.

Additional guards for Clarion are senior **Miranda Payne** (Chambersburg, Cumberland Valley Christian School, 1.4ppg), sophomores **Jennifer Linkchorst** (Barnesville, Marian Catholic) and **Tanea Lehman** (Portage), freshman **Nicole Miloser** (Home, Marion Center) and senior **Amanda Gough** (Chesterton, Ind.), who is in her first season with the basketball team after being the starting setter in volleyball the last four years.

In the post, Clarion will look toward sophomore **Ann Deibert** (York, West York, 9.6ppg, 6.2rpg), seniors **Courtney Healey** (Chrinside Park, Australia; 7.0ppg, 5/6rpg; 94 career blocks which ranks fifth in school history) and **Joanna Catalano** (Joppatowne, Md., Aberdeen), junior **Aleya Miller** (Philadelphia/Prep Charter), who is back with the team after taking last year off, red-shirt freshman **Hannah Heeter** (Seneca, Pa., Cranberry), who will join the team following volleyball season, and junior **Michaela Hardy** (Greenland, N.H., C. Milton Wright High, Md.).

New in the PSAC this year, for both men's and women's basketball, will be a new conference rule that counts all games against PSAC teams in the PSAC-Western division record. The 16 PSAC-West games and six Eastern foes will combine for a 22-game conference record.

CLARION NOTES: Parsons begins her 23rd year at Clarion with a record of 321-286, and with her eight years at Thiel, has a collegiate record of 431-359... she led Clarion to PSAC titles in 1991, '92, '93, '94 and '95 ... Clarion reached the "Elite 8" in 1991 and '94, and "Sweet 16" in '92 and '93... She was PSAC-West "Coach of the Year" in 2008, 2005, 1992 and 1991 and Western Pa. Sports Hall of Fame in 2011.



FICKEL



OBERLANDER

Shull and Oberlander Lead Six Returning Swimming A-As in 2012

The Golden Eagles women's swimming and diving tradition will continue in 2012 led by **Kayla Shull** (Jr., Franklin, Rocky Grove) and **Morgan Oberlander** (Jr., York), part of six returning All-Americans.

Twelfth-year head coach **Mark VanDyke** ('80) lost 28-time A-A swimmer **Kaitlyn Johnson** and five-time NCAA Diving champion **Kayla Kelosky** to graduation, but a strong recruiting season and six returning A-A swimmers will keep the Eagles at the top.

Clarion posted a quality 8-3 dual meet season, placed second at PSACs and fourth at the NCAA D-II Nationals in 2011. Van Dyke led the Golden Eagles to the team's 26th PSAC title in 2006.

Shull, a five-time A-A last year, including a fifth-place finish in the 100 back at nationals, while setting a new school record (55.94). She was third at nationals in the 100 in 2010 and is a 10-time career A-A.

Oberlander placed seventh in the 200 fly at nationals and was part of one relay to earn two A-A honors. She is a four-time career All-American.

Also returning with A-A honors for the blue and gold are **Courtney Bogue** (Sr., Glastonbury, Ct.), **Megan Burrows** (Sr., Canton, Oh.), **Rachel Tano** (Jr., Butler, Knoch) and **Samantha VanDyke** (So., Maineville, Oh.).


Bogue was strong at nationals last year placing eighth in the 100 backstroke while earning an A-A relay placing for two awards. She is a career four-time A-A.

Burrows, Tano and VanDyke were all A-A's in their first national trip in 2011. Tano earned two A-A honors placing 16th in the 200 breaststroke and the 800 free relay, while Burrows was part of the 800 free relay and VanDyke on the 400 medley relay.

Also back for the Eagles in the pool will be **Holly Nedley** (So., Uniontown), **Paige Quigley** (Sr., Highlands Ranch, Co.), **Madi Sewell** (Jr., Walled Lake, Mich.) and **Sheryl Symosko** (So., Clinton, Hopewell).

Diving coach **Dave Hrovat** has no returning All-America divers, but with a quality recruiting year, he will be looking to get someone to the award stand in March.

CLARION NOTES: Clarion has won 26 PSAC of the 36 PSAC titles decided since 1976 ... VanDyke's 11-year dual record is 82-30 ... A 1980 Clarion grad, VanDyke was a 12-time D-II All-American ... He was an assistant coach for 12 years prior to taking over the head coaching reigns.

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Dernlan New Wrestling Coach

Matt Dernlan, 39, who spent the last seven seasons as an assistant coach at 2011 NCAA champion Penn State, was named Clarion's new head coach July 25, 2011.

Dernlan replaced **Teague Moore** who is now the head coach at American University.

Matt was the PSU director of operations (2009-11) and first assistant and recruiting coordinator (2005-2009).



DERNLAN

Dernlan grew up in West Liberty, Ohio, attended Salem High where he was a three-time Ohio Class III State Champion and posted a 120-0 record over those three years (1989-91). He attended Liberty University and was an NCAA D-I National Qualifier in 1993. Liberty dropped wrestling, but he stayed and finished his degree and graduated in 1996 in sport management.

He was Inducted into the Ohio High School Wrestling Hall of Fame in 2002.

"I am excited to announce that Matt Dernlan will be our next head wrestling coach at Clarion," said athletic director **Dave Katis ('85, M.Ed. '88)**. "He possesses all the attributes we were looking for in a head coach."

"I am honored and humbled to accept the opportunity to become the next head wrestling coach at Clarion University," said Dernlan. "I have been overwhelmed by the level of support the program attracts from our alumni, the community and the institution itself. I will work every day to reconnect the program to its rich tradition."

Matt and his wife, Carie, have two daughters, Ava and Aubrey.

Letters Named Wrestling Assistant Coach

Troy Letters, 29, a former PIAA & NCAA Division I Champion who spent the last three years at Penn State as an assistant coach, was named Clarion's first assistant wrestling coach Sept. 14, 2011, by athletic director **Dave Katis ('85, M.Ed. '88)**.

A native of Pittsburgh and a 2001 graduate of Shaler High School, Letters compiled a 145-5 record at Shaler and won PIAA State titles as a junior in 2000 (152-pounds) and a senior in 2001 (160-pounds).

Letters went on to wrestle at Lehigh and amassed a career record of 115-9 (31 falls) from 2003-2006. He was an NCAA D-I National Champion at 165-pounds with a record of 36-1. He was second at nationals in 2003, third in 2005 and qualified for nationals his senior year but a knee injury kept him from placing.

"I am thrilled to have Troy Letters here at Clarion," said coach Dernlan. "Troy and I share a common belief of what Clarion wrestling can be again, and have a unified vision on what it will take to lead Clarion back to national prominence. That's our goal."

Letters and his wife, Concepcion, have two daughters, Blythe and Concetta.



LETTERS

Clarion Wrestlers Plan Exciting 2012 Season

If the Clarion wrestling team can stay healthy in 2012, first-year head coach **Matt Dernlan** is hopeful that loyal Golden Eagles wrestling fans will have a lot to cheer about at Tippin Gym, the PSACs, EWLs and at the NCAAs in March.

Dernlan, who came to Clarion from 2011 NCAA National Champ Penn State in July, features the return of nine starters to the 2011-12 lineup. The roster is thin, however, with only 20 grapplers, so avoiding injuries will be a key factor in the team's success.

A program with a storied tradition in NCAA Division I Wrestling, the Golden Eagles hope to be able to repeat the PSAC title from last year and challenge the top teams of the EWL. Last year's PSAC title was the Eagles' first since 1994.

Last year's Golden Eagles were 4-10 overall, PSAC Champions, fourth at EWLs and 48th at the NCAA Division I Championships.

"I really like our starting lineup," said Dernlan. "We have some outstanding wrestlers in this lineup and we expect our fans will have an exciting year watching some great wrestling if we can stay away from injuries."

Leading the 2012 Eagles will be NCAA Division I Qualifiers **Bekzod Abdurakhmonov** (Sr., Tashkent, Uzbekistan) at 165 and **James Fleming** (Jr., West Mifflin) at 157, along with PSAC "OW" **Alex Thomas** (Jr., Seaford, De.) at 197.

Abdurakhmonov posted a 38-12 record last year, was a PSAC champion, placed third at EWLs and posted a 3-2 record at D-I Nationals before losing in the All-America round.

Fleming, ranked as high as fifth at 157 pounds last year, was the EWL "Co-OW" winning the 157 pound EWL title, as well as at the PSAC's and was fourth at Midlands. He notched a 31-4 record in 2011 and was 28-8 at 149 as an NCAA Qualifier in 2010. He

has a career record of 59-12.

Thomas, the PSAC "OW" in 2011 after winning the 197 pound title with four pins, had an overall record of 20-11 and narrowly missed being an NCAA Qualifier after finishing fourth at EWLs. He has a career record of 38-25.

Starters returning to the 2012 lineup include **Joe Waltko** (Jr., Allison Park) at 133, **Cameron Moran** (Sr., James City) at 149, **Nick Milano** (So., Erie/Prep) at 174, **Steven Cressley** (Jr., Punxsutawney) at 184, **Quintas McCorkle** (Sr., Alexandria, Va.) at 285 and part-time starter **Trey Hicks** (Jr., Amityville, N.Y.) at 125. Red-shirt sophomore **Tyler Bedelyon** (Lewistown) will likely be in the lineup at 141.

McCorkle was 23-13 last year at heavyweight and was also close to qualifying for nationals. He placed third at EWLs and has a record of 49-31 in the last two years.

Milano, who sported a 12-19 record at 165-pounds in 2010, was fourth at EWLs but red-shirted last year.

Cressley was 12-22 at 174 last year, while Waltko and Moran were part of the PSAC Championship team, but did not wrestle after the first week of January. Waltko was 18-4 and second at PSACs and Moran was 10-7 at 141 and second at PSACs.

CLARION NOTES: Since 1959-60, Clarion has a dual meet record of 510-316-13 and had wrestlers win 111 PSAC and 52 EWL individual titles... Clarion also has had eight individual NCAA Division I Champions and 43 D-I All-Americans... The first home match is Dec. 19 vs. Edinboro.



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1952

Donna (Mortland) Leone is retired from Montgomery County Public Schools, Rockville, Md. She resides in Ocean City, N.J., with her husband, Frank. Donna has two daughters, Glori and Joy.

1964

Linda (Bogardus) Cvetnic is a retired teacher. She resides in Englewood, Ohio. Linda has three children: Tammi, Wendy and Steven.

Judith (Cain) Havasky is a retired librarian and English teacher. She resides in Louisa, Va., with her husband, Richard. She has a son, Richard Jr.

1966

Peggy (Garthwaite) Karrasch is retired from the Bradford Area School District, Bradford, Pa., where she was an elementary teacher. She resides in Bradford with her husband, Donald. She has two sons, Christopher and Ryan.

Linda (Beers, M.Ed. '69) and **James ('69) Wilson** reside in Oakland, Tenn. They have five children: Troy, Jeff, Chris, Mark and Kevin. James is a retired entrepreneur.

1968

Charlotte (Demme) Ewald recently retired. She resides in Hickory, N.C., with her husband, Gene.

1969

Elaine (Newhouse) Ciuffoletti is retired from the Kiski Area School District. She resides in Apollo, Pa., and has a son, James.

James and **Linda (Beers '66, M.Ed. '69) Wilson** reside in Oakland, Tenn. They have five children: Troy, Jeff, Chris, Mark and Kevin. James is a retired entrepreneur.

1970

Milton Shaulis has retired from Penn State University, where he was an instructor of architectural engineering technology. He is a registered architect for Shaulis Design Group in Acme, Pa., where he resides. He has two children, Stephen and Maggie Jo.

Ray Yutzky is a retired social studies teacher. He resides in Sturgeon, Pa.

1971

Carolyn (Hartner) Brior is an information technology applications analyst at the Warren Hospital, Phillipsburg, N.J. She resides in Easton, Pa.

Patricia (Petruska) Drogowski was selected as North Boroughs YMCA Volunteer of the Year for 2010. Patricia is a retired teacher/librarian. She resides in Pittsburgh with her husband, Robert. She has a daughter, Laura.

Ellen (Campion) Keefer is retired from the Wallenpaupack Area School District, Hawley, Pa. She resides in Hawley with her husband, Robert. She has a son, Brian.

1972

Richard Keefner is retired. He resides in Hilton Head Island, S.C., with his wife, Gretchen.

Linda (Novak) Ferguson recently retired from teaching in the North Allegheny School District. She continues to work at McKnight Elementary as co-director of the Nature Quest Program. She has two sons, Scott and Brad. Linda resides in Wexford, Pa.

Thom McDaniels is a retired teacher. He was recently inducted into the Ohio High School Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame. He was presented for induction by his son Josh, the new offensive coordinator for the St. Louis Rams. Thom retired as a head football coach with a record of 206 wins and 74 losses, including a USA Today National Championship in 1997 with his

son, Ben, as the quarterback. He serves as the quarterback coach at Massillon Washington High School. Thom has three sons: Jason, Josh and Ben. Thom resides in Massillon, Ohio, with his wife, Chris.

1973

Randall Tenor recently retired from the State Library of Pennsylvania.

Randall Silvis has written his 12th book, the suspense novel "The Boy Who Shoots Crows," to be released in December. He currently teaches writing at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania and in the MFA Professional Writing Program at Seton Hill University. He resides in Mercer, Pa.

Kathleen (Myers) Crooks recently retired from DuBois Area School District. She resides in Reynoldsville, Pa., with her husband, Kevin.

John and **Diana (Mikita) McDonnell** reside in Delmar, Del. John is a town manager. Diana is an office manager.

1974

Mona (Klushin) Libhart is a pharmacy technician at Penn State University, State College, Pa. Mona resides in State College with her husband, Karl. She has two children, Ben and Maggie.

Birds of a Feather Work Together at Pittsburgh PR Firm

Mike Sisk ('76), Jonathan Weir ('87) and David Altschaffl ('92) share a common bond of being Clarion University alumni, and reminiscing about their student experiences makes for good conversation around the water cooler at PT Marketing Group, Pittsburgh, where each of them works.

Although their time at Clarion spans three decades, Sisk, Weir and Altschaffl had similar experiences as students. They recall excellent professors who enhanced their years at Clarion with personal attention and informal gatherings, including dinners and activities such as tennis and pick-up basketball games.

The welcoming atmosphere of the town itself also made an impression.

"A lot of friends I grew up with would go to college towns where

people hated the students. It's not like that in Clarion – the people embrace the students," Weir said.

They agree that Clarion provided an excellent education which has served as a foundation for their lives and careers.

PT Marketing firm supports financial services companies. Sisk, who holds a bachelor's degree in business administration, marketing and management, works with PT Marketing's executive compensation. Weir, whose bachelor's degree is in communication, is manager for benefits, property and casualty. Altschaffl, who has a bachelor's degree in accounting, works with the retirement division. The firm represents clients all over the United States.



David Altschaffl ('92), Jonathan Weir ('87) and Mike Sisk ('76) find camaraderie not only in their work at PT Marketing Group, Pittsburgh, but also in their status as Clarion University alumni.

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Jeanne (Cotters M. Ed. '75) Monroe recently retired after more than 30 years in the field of speech pathology. She resides in Youngstown, Ohio. Jeanne has two children, Eric and Alyssa.

1975

Jeanne (Zawacki) Carpenter recently retired after 33 years as a media specialist. She resides in Olmsted Falls, Ohio.

Danny (M.B.A. '77) Cheung is a sales representative for Landpower Real Estate Ltd., Markham, Ontario. He resides in Markham with his wife, Peggy. He has a son, Aaron.

Yvonne (Albaugh '75 M.Ed. '81) and Ronald ('76) Paranick reside in Cranberry, Pa. Ron recently retired as superintendent of schools from Franklin Area School District, Franklin, Pa. Yvonne recently retired as Title I coordinator and reading supervisor from Oil City Area School District, Oil City, Pa. They have two children, Megan and Amber.

1976

Christine (Aungst) Findlay recently retired from Centerville City Schools after 35 years with the district as a library media specialist. She resides in Dayton, Ohio. Christine has a son, James.

Lou Faulx is a retired elementary teacher. He resides in Little River, S.C., with his wife, Toni. Lou has a daughter, Ashley.

Leslie McAllister is retired from the Altoona Area School District, where she was a reading specialist. Leslie resides in Hollidaysburg, Pa.

Robert Wachob recently retired from teaching in the Forest Area School District. He resides in Tionesta, Pa., with his wife, Ann. He has three children: **Matt ('04) Wachob**, **Michelle Schneider** and **Mick ('06) Wachob**.

Barbara (Newell) Armstrong is a Spanish teacher at Havre De Grace High School. She resides in Bel Air, Md., with her husband, Mike, and son, Christopher.

Ronald and Yvonne (Albaugh '75 M. Ed. '81) Paranick reside in Cranberry, Pa. Ron recently retired as superintendent of schools from Franklin Area School District, Franklin, Pa. Yvonne recently retired as Title I coordinator and reading

supervisor from Oil City Area School District, Oil City, PA. They have two children, Megan and Amber.

1977

Lt. Col. Chester Krokoski is retired from the United States Army. He has two sons, Chester III and David. He resides in Franklin, Pa.

William Haubach is a senior systems analyst for UPMC-Askesis Development Group, Pittsburgh, Pa. He resides in Pittsburgh with his wife, Beth.

Margaret (Cancilla) Kamp is a loan specialist for Conway National Bank, Surfside Beach, S.C. She resides in Surfside Beach and has a daughter, Nicole. Margaret is a co-director at Camp Sandy Ridge, Girl Scouts of Eastern South Carolina.

Mark Radosevich is president and COO of PetroProperties & Finance, LLC. He resides in Madisonville, Tenn., with his wife, Debbie, and children, Nicholas and Alexander.

1978

Judith (Mock) Hall recently retired as a library media specialist at Frost Elementary School, Frostburg, Md. She resides in LaVale, Md., with her husband, David.

1979

Tim and Janet (Crowl) Williammee reside in Cooperstown, N.Y. They have two children, Jeremy and Ian. Tim is a network laboratory director for Bassett Medical Center, Cooperstown. Janet teaches fourth grade at Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School, Cherry Valley, N.Y.

Craig and Stasia (McBride '80) Coon reside in Brookville, Pa. They have a daughter, Kayla. Craig is a business banking officer for First Commonwealth Bank, Brookville.

1980

Stasia (McBride) and Craig ('79) Coon reside in Brookville, Pa. They have a daughter, Kayla. Craig is a business banking officer for First Commonwealth Bank, Brookville.

1982

Netta (Benamati) Lacy is a teacher/testing coordinator for the Liberty County School System, Hinesville, Ga. She resides in Savannah, Ga.

Brenda (Rock) Diener is retired from the Brookville Area School District. She resides in DuBois, Pa. She has two children, Stephanie and Travis.

Michael Robinson is a director of community outreach and hiring/human resources at Temple University, Philadelphia, Pa.

1983

Lisa (McCrea) Queeney is vice president of finance and operations for Health Industry Distributors Association, Alexandria, Va. She resides in Springfield, Va., with her husband, John, and children, John and Anna.

Dr. Judith Anne (Lakawicz) Losh is an assistant professor/department chair of educational specialties at the University of North Carolina at Pembroke. She resides in Lumberton, N.C.

James Budzilek is a superintendent for the Leechburg Area School District, Leechburg, Pa. He resides in Freeport, Pa., with his son, Adam.

1984

Laurel Wessels is a flight attendant for US Airways, Philadelphia, Pa. She resides in Santee, Calif.

1985

Frank Stasik is a safety director for Greenstar-North America, Houston, Texas. He resides in Imperial, Pa., with his wife, Andrea, and children, Sarah and Steven.

Bernie Gallis is a senior application architect for manufacturing execution systems for General Motors, Warren, Mich. He resides in Sterling Heights, Mich., with his wife, Shelley, and daughters, Kristi and Karly.

Dr. Tammy Fisher is director of bands at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse. She resides in Holmen, Wis.

Dawn (Muroski) Hendrick is a principal at Woodlawn Elementary School in the Fairfax County Public Schools, Fairfax, Va. She resides in Alexandria, Va., with her husband, John, and children, Rodney and Megan.

1987

Michael and Becky (Hetrick) Nesbit reside in DuBois, Pa., with their children, Lauren and A.J.

Michael is a vice president at Swift Kennedy & Co. in DuBois. Becky is an administrator at Hillside Rehabilitation and Nursing Center.

1988

Rev. Scott and Linda (Loichinger) Schul reside in Martinsburg, Pa., with their children, Annika and Emilio. Scott recently graduated from The Lutheran Theological Seminary in Gettysburg, Pa., with a Master of Divinity degree. He was awarded special honors for excellence in preaching and New Testament studies. Scott is a pastor at St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Martinsburg, Pa.

Tracey (Barbarino) Beaty obtained a license as a professional counselor. She is a call center counselor for Carolinas Medical Center, Charlotte, N.C. Tracey resides in Charlotte with her daughter, Madeline.

Diane (Sabow) Szydlak is a retired school guidance counselor. She currently volunteers as a regional vice president of the American Wine Society, Englewood, Ohio, and president of the Lone Star Chapter. She resides in Double Oak, Texas, with her husband, David.

Bena (Hefflin) Hartman is a children's author. She resides in Okemos, Mich., with her husband, Douglas, and children: Vail, Laya and Bethany.

1989

Brian Henry is project manager for Universal Hi-Tech Development, Rockville, Md. He recently earned a Master of Library Science in archives, records and information management/eGovernment at the University of Maryland. He resides in Baltimore.

Patrick Yough is an emissions monitoring and reporting supervisor at NRG Energy, Inc., Princeton, N.J. He resides in Westfield, N.J.

Stephen Penhollow is a superintendent of schools for Falconer Central School, Falconer, N.Y. He resides in Sinclairville, N.Y., with his wife, Lisa, and sons: Bradley, Zachary and Jacob.

1991

Lynn (Novakoski) Manganaro is a program coordinator for Recovery In Sight, Inc., Lancaster, Pa. She resides in Sinking Spring, Pa., with her husband, Kevin.

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Kristin (Smith) Robertucci is a senior vice president/chief financial officer at Farmers and Merchants Bank of Western Pennsylvania, Kittanning, Pa. She resides in Scottsdale, Pa., with her husband, Chris, and children, John and Olivia.

Michael and Amy (Anker '99) Baer reside in Monroeville, Pa. Michael teaches seventh grade earth and space science at Elizabeth Forward Middle School, Elizabeth, Pa. Amy teaches seventh grade life and environmental science at Gateway Middle School, Monroeville.

1992

Jeffrey Gorman is an e-commerce analyst for Family Dollar Stores, Matthews, N.C. He resides in Matthews with his wife, Tammy, and children: Megan, Katie, Hunter, Arianna and Toby.

Thomas Burke is a Catholic priest in the Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh. He resides in Braddock, Pa.

1993

Dr. Stephen Caliendo received the 2011 award for Outstanding Faculty Scholarship for his professional development in the past year. He has been a faculty member at North Central College, Naperville, Ill., since 2005.

1994

Stephanie (Rough) Carlson is an audiologist for Queen City Ear Nose Throat, Cincinnati, Ohio. She resides in Lebanon, Ohio, with her husband, Mark, and daughter, Andrya.

John Moffett is retired. He resides in Kushequa, Pa., and has two children, John Jr. and Courtney.

Dr. Richael (M.S. '97) Barger-Anderson is an associate professor at Slippery Rock University, Slippery Rock, Pa. She is also co-owner of Keystone Educational Consulting Co. She resides in East Brady with her husband, Phillip, and sons, Luke and Levi.

BJ Taraszewski is employed by the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission. He resides in Lower Burrell, Pa., with his wife, Meghan, and daughter, Autumn.

1995

Cheryl Brosious is an instructional/special needs aide in the Dallas

School District, Dallas, Pa. She resides in Falls, Pa.

Master Sgt. Greg Clemenson is currently stationed in Okinawa, Japan. Greg recently ran military radiation monitoring operations during Operation Tomodachi in mainland Japan. He has a son, Justin.

Dr. Adam (M.S. '99) and Dr. Mary Beth (Curry '97, M.S. '99) Earnheardt reside in Youngstown, Ohio, with their children: Ella, Katie and Sadie. Adam was recently tenured and promoted to an associate professor of communication at Youngstown State University.

Jeffrey (M.B.A. '99) Balcom and Dr. Heather ('97 M.S. '00) Ochs-Balcom reside in Snyder, N.Y., with their daughters, Lucy and Charlotte.

1996

Carrie (Tuller) Holton resides in Spring Valley, Wis., with her husband, Jeff, and children: Micaiah, Gabriel, Simon-Charles and Berea.

Nikol (Orner) Galentine is a reading specialist for the Bethel Park School District, Bethel Park, Pa. She resides in Pittsburgh with her husband, Daniel, and children, Sean and Max.

1997

Tricia (Wright) Gonzalez teaches second grade language arts for the Cypress-Fairbanks Independent School District, Katy, Texas. She resides in Katy with her husband, Edwin, and children, Shay and Jonathan.

Sean (M.Ed. '01) and Antoinette (Parker '00) McDonald reside in Woodbridge, Va., with their children, Seani and Sean. Sean is an assistant principal at Saunders Middle School, Manassas, Va.

Mark and Kaylyn (Amelio '98) Talton reside in Mars, Pa., with their daughter, Lily.

Dr. Mary Beth (Curry M.S. '99) and Dr. Adam ('95, M.S. '99) Earnheardt reside in

Dave Lytle ('97) and Jim Cox ('97)

look back on their years at Clarion University with fondness. From the time they were sophomores until they graduated in 1997, they lived on the same floor of Ballantine Hall. There they forged a close friendship. They attended Bible studies together, went to the same church while at Clarion and were in each other's weddings.

"Dave and I were very close during our times in college, but once we graduated, we found it difficult to stay in contact," Cox said.

"Living on opposite sides of the state (Lytle lives in Beaver, Pa., and Cox lives in Bernville, Pa.), we share the same common bond of Clarion University and the best years of our life," Lytle said.

Within a few years of graduation, each became interested in competing in endurance events, and they found that competing together not only kept their bodies in shape, but it fortified their friendship.

Each year they choose an event in which to compete with each other: Lehigh Valley Half-Marathon in 2006, Marine Corps Marathon in 2007 and 2008, Cleveland Triathlon in 2008, Steelman Triathlon in 2009 and backpacking portions of the Appalachian Trail in 2010.

In December 2010 they embarked on a rigorous six-day-a-week training schedule, with their sights set on the June 12, 2011, Eagleman Triathlon in Cambridge, Md.

"This is a difficult commitment with family responsibilities and work obligations," Lytle said. "Jim has four school-age children, and I have three school-age children. The meat of the training schedule was during the winter months and a very cold and rainy spring. Training for the Eagleman was not the easiest time, with difficult climate and long training days on the weekends.

"The half ironman was the culmination of all our long distance events," Cox said. "Many early mornings were spent running in the freezing cold or swimming lap after lap or biking in the early spring when it was cold and raining."



Jim Cox (left) and Dave Lytle, both 1997 Clarion University graduates, competed in and finished the Eagleman Half Ironman Competition June 12 in Cambridge, Md.

The triathlon consisted of a 1.2-mile swim, 56-mile bike and 13.1 mile run. Cox finished in five hours, 41 minutes, eight seconds; Lytle finished in five hours, 44 minutes, 21 seconds.

"We both are very competitive and want to beat the other person but, always, the first person to cross the finish line is the first person to congratulate the other and that is a testament to our friendship," Cox said.

"The reason Jim and I continue to pursue endurance sports is for a healthy lifestyle, but foremost is that it gives a connection and a reason to get together throughout the year," Lytle said. "Jim and I spoke almost daily about the training schedule and to encourage each other in keeping up with the workouts."

"Long-distance events require dedication and commitment," Cox said. "These same principles apply to our studies at Clarion University as well as our professional careers. When the task is great, you need a singular focus and cannot waver in your preparation."

Lytle holds a bachelor's degree in speech communication and is employed by Wallover Oil Company, Cleveland. Cox has a bachelor's degree in accounting and is the controller for Weidenhammer Systems Corporation, Wyomissing, Pa.

On the Wild Side

As a wildlife biologist for URS Corporation, every day brings new opportunities for **Bradley Burford ('09)**.

He could find himself working on small wildlife studies, wetland delineation or environmental litigation. He works with federal, state and local agencies. His primary role is environmental compliance and permitting. Burford, who holds a master's degree in biology with concentration in wildlife biology/management, spends about 25 percent of his time in the field and 75 percent in the office, where he can access websites of regulatory agencies for mapping protocols and determining the impact of particular activities on the environment.

Burford's home office is in Germantown, Md., but URS is a worldwide company, so he could be sent out of state or even overseas.

"As a student you become acclimated to that repetition of 'show up to class, learn this material.' As a student, you don't quite grasp how all this will tie into a working relationship out of college," Burford said. "It's amazing how much (URS) encourages you to keep developing your knowledge. I'm learning constantly and expanding my credentials."

He has been with URS since February.

Long-term, Burford wants to remain with URS and take further advantage of the multi-faceted work and many learning opportunities. He holds two certifications through the National Wildlife Society – as an associate wildlife biologist and as a wildlife technician – and he plans to work toward becoming a certified professional wildlife biologist.

"I want to make it to a management and team leader position where I would oversee individuals that focus on environmental issues, wetland issues, permitting and suburban wildlife management programs across the globe," he said. "The sky's the limit here. If you can think it, you can make it happen."

Burford did his undergraduate work at Penn State. He came to Clarion for a graduate assistantship,



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in which he worked with Dr. Valerie Bennett, Dr. Kurt Regester and Dr. Steve Harris. He said 95 percent of the experience that helped him get his position at URS came from his two years at Clarion. He cited as particularly valuable his time working with Harris on macroinvertebrates in the Allegheny National Forest, and studying snapping turtles with Regester at state gamelands, then preparing a report that they submitted to the Pennsylvania Game Commission.

Along with the learning opportunities, Burford enjoyed working individually with the professors and his fellow graduate students in the biology department.

"At larger universities, you tend to have a serial number stamped across your forehead instead of having a name," Burford said. "I'm eternally grateful to Clarion."

Burford said he's honored to have worked with every single one of his professors, as well as his fellow graduate students, and he stays in contact with many of the people he met on campus.

"If I could sum up my experience at Clarion in one word, it would be 'invaluable,'" Burford said. "The experiences and personnel at that university are unparalleled. Clarion is just an amazing campus. I had so much available to me. I wouldn't trade it for the world."

Burford and his wife, Randi, an art teacher, reside in Frederick, Md.

Youngstown, Ohio, with their children: Ella, Katie, and Sadie. Adam was recently tenured and promoted to an associate professor of communication at Youngstown State University.

Dr. Heather (M.S. '00) Ochs-Balcom and **Jeffrey ('95, M.B.A. '99) Balcom** reside in Snyder, N.Y., with their daughters, Lucy and Charlotte.

Ted "Jake" Williams is medical records manager for Weill Cornell Medical College, New York City, N.Y. He resides in Astoria, N.Y.

Michael Forney has become an Ameriprise Platinum Financial Services® advisor, based on the success of his financial services practice in 2010. His office is located in Pittsburgh, Pa.

1998

Eric and **Rachael (Gemza) Vollmer** reside in Charlotte, N.C., with their son, Benjamin. Eric is an information technology project management office manager at Duke Energy in Charlotte.

Wayne Alling is owner/agent of Alling Insurance Agency, LLC, Allison Park, Pa. He resides in Pittsburgh.

Shawn Kelly resides in Karns City, Pa.

Kaylyn (Amelio) and **Mark ('97) Talton** reside in Mars, Pa., with their daughter, Lily.

Kristin (Gallew) McNeal is an English department chair at Cathedral High School, Los Angeles, Calif. She resides in Sierra Madre, Calif., with her husband, Jeff, and children, Abrielle and TJ.

Amanda (McCartney M.S. '00) Harris is a speech language pathologist for the West Branch Area School District, Morrisdale, Pa. She resides in Houtzdale with her husband, Dan, and children, Ashton and Brennan.

Jeremy Knapp is a principal at Port St. Joe Junior-Senior High School. He resides in Port St. Joe, Fla.

1999

William Di Santo is a senior financial services manager for D&H Distributing Co., Harrisburg, Pa. He resides in Harrisburg with his wife, Sarah, and children: Isabella, Victoria and Dominic.

Amy (Anker) and **Michael ('91) Baer** reside in Monroeville, Pa. Amy is a seventh grade life and environmental science teacher at Gateway Middle School, Monroeville. Michael is a seventh grade earth and space science teacher at Elizabeth Forward Middle School, Elizabeth, Pa.

Derra (Gregorich) Banks is a librarian in the Prince William County Public Schools, Woodbridge, Va. She resides in Dumfries, Va., with her husband, Garry, and sons, Koldin and Kenai.

2000

Antoinette (Parker) and **Sean ('97, M.Ed. '01) McDonald** reside in Woodbridge, Va., with their children, Seani and Sean. Sean is an assistant principal at Saunders Middle School, Manassas, Va.

Dr. Chris and **Jennifer (Kibler) Davis** reside in Plum, Pa., with their children: Emma, Noah, Addison and Kristen. Chris recently completed the Ph.D. program in instructional management at Robert Morris University. He is director of the educational technology center at Robert Morris University.

Kristi (Knott) Moore is a senior consultant for Ann Green Communications, South Charleston, W.Va. She resides in Millersburg, Pa., with her husband, Douglas, and daughter, Alivia.

Dr. James and **Heidi (Young) Gould** reside in Lexington, Mass., with their daughter, Lucinda. James is a director, office for postdoctoral fellows, at Harvard Medical School, Boston.

2001

April (Lutz) Nicotero teaches middle school English in the West Mifflin School District. She resides in Pittsburgh, Pa., with her husband, Ross, and son, Ross IV.

Brianne (O'Hara, M.S. '03) Brinkley resides in Baltimore, Md., with her husband, Tom.

Jennifer (Muns) Basinger is a special education department chair for Anne Arundel County Schools. She resides

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in Odenton, Md., with her husband, Scott, and son, Liam.

Tristen (Neely) Blair teaches middle school social studies in the Warren County School District. She resides in Warren, Pa., with her husband, Jeff, and children, Addison and Colin.

Michael McCarren is employed by GNC. He resides in Pittsburgh, Pa., with his wife, Betsy.

Cindy Brown resides in Franklin, Pa.

2002

Donald Hosford is a senior vice president for Hosford International, Erie, Pa. He resides in Erie, with his wife, Michelle, and children, Aidan and Soraya.

Christy (Hummel) McMillen is a high school emotional support teacher for New Story, DuBois, Pa. She resides in Summerville, Pa., with her children: Laura, Jonah and Katie.

Kenyata (Dawson) and Mustapha ('04) Issa reside in Duluth, Ga., with their children, Zahna and Brayden.

Ronice (Nolt) Sceski is owner/photographer of Ronice Kay Photography. She resides in Lancaster, Pa., with her husband, Jason, and daughter, McCartney.

Michelle (Fencil) Craig is an owner/teacher at Mother Goose Christian Preschool, East Brady, Pa. She resides in Chicora, Pa., with her husband, Bradley, and son, Wyatt.

2003

Julie (Casillo) Storm is a reading teacher/department chairperson for the Altoona Area School District, Altoona, Pa. She resides in Duncansville, Pa., with her husband, Christopher, and daughters, Reese and Makenna.

Christine (Hanson) Pagano is a recruiting coordinator for Executive Health Resources, Newton Square, Pa. She resides in West Chester, Pa., with her husband, Joseph.

Tim and Danielle (Iorio '05) Desch reside in Monroeville, Pa., with their son, Lucas. Tim is employed with PNC Mortgage.

Stephen Sikon is an assistant principal for Propel McKeesport K-8 School, Pittsburgh, Pa. He resides in Pittsburgh with his wife, Katie, and daughter, Giada.

Beth (Langel) and David ('05) Anzaldi reside in Freedom, Pa., with their children, Natalie and Jackson. Beth is a speech therapist at the Early Learning Institute, Pittsburgh.

Janna (Martin) Michaluk was the 2010-11 teacher of the year in Caroline County. She is an English teacher for the Caroline County Public Schools. Janna resides in Easton, Md., with her husband, Jesse, and son, Jax.

2004

Christina Meehan is a marketing director for Start Me Up Sport Fishing, Lahaina, Hawaii. She resides in Lahaina.

Kelly (Dorsch) Hess is a certified public accountant for Frank P. Hess & Company, Inc., Pittsburgh, Pa. She resides in Glenshaw, Pa., with her husband, Brian, and son, Xavier.

Mustapha and Kenyata (Dawson '03) Issa reside in Duluth, Ga., with their children, Zahna and Brayden.

Beth (Myers) and Jamie ('05) McSwaney reside in Butler, Pa., with their children, Collin and Camryn. Beth is a speech language pathologist for Condordia Lutheran Ministries, Allison Park, Pa.

Jamie (Burgun) and Michael ('06) DePew reside in North Huntingdon, Pa. Jamie teaches fourth grade for the Norwin School District in Irwin. Michael is a fisheries biologist for the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission.

Michelle (Miller) Sakovics is a registered nurse care manager for Complex Care Solutions, Rochester, N.Y. She resides in Hamburg, N.Y., with her husband, Eric, and son, Austin.

Jeffrey Alley is a revenue manager for Genband, Frisco, Texas. He resides in Dallas.

2005

2nd Lt. Kirk and Kayla (Polliard) Engel reside in Colorado Springs, Colo., with their children, Bret and Elin. Kirk is a second lieutenant in the United States Army, Fort Carson, Colo.

Chelsey (Donegan) Pendock is a national account executive for Fox Television, New York City, N.Y. She resides in New York City with her husband, Charles.

Jamie and Beth (Myers '04) McSwaney reside in Butler, Pa., with their children, Collin and Camryn. Beth is a speech language pathologist for Condordia Lutheran Ministries, Allison Park, Pa.

Danielle (Iorio) and Tim ('03) Desch reside in Monroeville, Pa., with their son, Lucas. Tim is employed with PNC Mortgage.

Lee and Sheila (Murphy) Kahle reside in Greensburg, Pa.

David and Beth (Langel '03) Anzaldi reside in Freedom, Pa., with their children, Natalie and Jackson. Beth is a speech therapist at the Early Learning Institute, Pittsburgh.

Kacie (Lowery) Robinson is a literature and composition teacher at Northern Bedford County High School. She resides in Julian, Pa., with her husband, Zachary, and children, Kennedy and Kelton.

Corry Riley is an outreach coordinator at Clarion University Small Business Development Center, Clarion, Pa. He resides in Brookville with his wife, Lisa, and daughters: Hannah, Casey and Ali.

Amanda (Selfridge, M.S. '08) Cserr is a prevention coordinator for Clarion County's Promise, Inc., Clarion, Pa. She resides in New Bethlehem with her husband, Sandor, and son, Caleb.

Danyielle (Haws) Komar resides in Pittsburgh, Pa., with her husband, Andy, and son, Ashton.

2006

Michael and Jamie (Burgun '04) DePew reside in North Huntingdon, Pa. Jamie teaches fourth grade for the Norwin School District in Irwin. Michael is a fisheries biologist for the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission.

Heather (Morrow) Orr is a teacher for Talbot County Schools. She resides in Hurlock, Md., with her husband, Jock.

Krista Higham recently earned a master's degree in information systems from Penn State—Harrisburg.

Haley (Hynes) Noonan teaches second grade in the Erie School District, Erie, Pa. She resides in Erie, with her husband, Steve.

Jennifer (Tubbs M.S. '07) Ascher is a speech language pathologist for Milestone Therapy. She resides in Bradley, Ill., with her husband, Tabb.

2007

Robin (Eiler M.S. '08) Beige is employed at Talktime Speech Therapy. She resides in Ellwood City, Pa., with her husband, Jonathon, and son, Brian.

Milena Smith teaches kindergarten for the Accomack County Public Schools. She resides in Painter, Va.

Dr. Steven Potwin is completing his residency in cornea/contact lenses at the Illinois College of Optometry. He resides in Chicago with his wife, Stacy.

Kelly (Devlin) Harper teaches for the York Suburban School District, York, Pa. She resides in York with her husband, Shane, and daughter, Madison.

Sheena Zawacki is an assistant director of student affairs at Nova Southeastern University, Tampa, Fla. She resides in Tampa.

Jennifer (Fryer) Long teaches special education in the Warren County School District. She resides in Warren, Pa., with her husband, Joshua.

2008

Brett O'Neil resides in Bellevue, Pa.

2009

Frank Kosnosky Jr. is nursing faculty for the Conemaugh Health System—Memorial Medical Center, Johnstown, Pa. He resides in Johnstown.

Michael Stephens is a librarian at West Georgia Technical College, Douglasville, Ga. He resides in Cedartown, Ga.

Mark Snavely is a supervisor for Mid-Atlantic Youth Services, Emlenton, Pa. He resides in Franklin with his daughter, Abigail.

Andrew and Lindsey (Weidner) Petruska reside in Mulberry, Fla. Andrew teaches sixth grade math in the Polk County School District, Bartow, Fla. Lindsey teaches first grade in the Polk County School District.

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2010

Caitlin Vancas is a social media and public relations coordinator for 4C Technologies, Pittsburgh, Pa. She resides in Elizabeth, Pa.

Katie Harbison is a communications specialist for Allegheny County, Pittsburgh, Pa. She resides in Pittsburgh.

Cynda (Mitchell) Cherish is employed with the Armed Services YMCA of Alaska, Fort Wainwright, Alaska. She resides in North Pole, Alaska, with her husband, Caleb.

Craig Butler is an assistant sports information director at King's College, Wilkes-Barre, Pa. He resides in Pittston, Pa.

Gregory and Jennifer (Wagner) Cherry reside in Oil City, Pa.

Autumn Crawford is an administrator for Heckathorn Personal Care Home, Jamestown, Pa. She resides in Jamestown.

2011

Susan Kane is a library assistant/technical services at Alvernia University, Reading, Pa. She has

three children: Jared, TrishaLyn and Tessa. Susan resides in Reading.

Christine (Campbell) Preston resides in Williamsport, Pa., with her husband, James.

Carly Masiroff is a school photographer for Lifetouch Photography, Erie, Pa. She resides in Erie.

Jena Gardone teaches high school special education for Colonel Richardson High School, Federalsburg, Md.

Marriages

Andrew ('09) and Lindsey (Weidner '09) Petruska, July 2010

Lee ('05) and Sheila (Murphy '05) Kahle, Dec. 31, 2010

Joseph and **Christine (Hanson '03) Pagano**, April 2011

Charles and **Chelsey (Donegan '05) Pendock III**, May 7, 2011

Tom and **Brianne (O'Hara '01, M.S. '03) Brinkley**, July 16, 2011

Joshua and **Jennifer (Fryer '07) Long**, Aug. 12, 2011

Births

Beth (Myers '04) and Jamie ('05) McSwaney, a daughter, Camryn Marielle, May 14, 2010

Amanda (McCartney '98, M.S. '00) and Dan Harris, a son, Brennan William, June 30, 2010

Danyielle (Haws '05) and Andy Komar, a son, Ashton, Oct. 5, 2010

Robin (Eiler '07, M.S. '08) and Jonathon Beige, a son, Brian David, Oct. 16, 2010

Carrie (Tuller '96) and Jeff Holton, a daughter, Berea, November 2010

Jennifer (Muns '01) and Scott Basinger, a son, Liam, Nov. 23, 2010

Beth (Langel '03) and David Anzaldi, a son, Jackson, Dec. 8, 2010

Kaylyn (Amelio '98) and Mark ('97) Talton, a daughter, Lily Rae, Dec. 9, 2010

Rachael (Gemza '98) and Eric ('98) Vollmer, a son, Benjamin Paul, Dec. 26, 2010

Mark ('09) Snavely, a daughter, Abigail, Dec. 28, 2010

Kenyata (Dawson '03) and Mustapha ('04) Issa, a son, Brayden, Jan. 4, 2011

Tracy and **Jeffrey ('93) Wilcox**, a daughter, Brynlee Catherine, Jan. 21, 2011

Tristen (Neely '01) and Jeff Blair, a son, Colin Jeffrey, Jan. 29, 2011

Katie and **Stephen ('03) Sikon**, a daughter, Giada, Feb. 11, 2011

Heather Ochs ('97, M.S. '00) and Jeffrey ('95, M.B.A. '99) Balcom, a daughter, Charlotte Rose, March 22, 2011

Julie (Casillo '03) and Christopher Storm, a daughter, Makenna Faith, March 24, 2011

Kelly (Devlin '07) and Shane Harper, a daughter, Madison Rose, March 24, 2011

Janna (Martin '03) and Jesse Michaluk, a son, Jax Martin, April 20, 2011

Amanda (Selfridge '05, M.S. '08) and Sandor Cserr, a son, Caleb Sandor, April 15, 2011

Danielle (Lorio '05) and Tim ('03) Desch, a son, Lucas James, May 3, 2011

April (Lutz '01) and Ross Nicotero, a son Ross IV, May 8, 2011

Kayla (Polliard '05) and Kirk ('05) Engel, a daughter, Elin, May 24, 2011

Derra (Gregorich '99) and Garry Banks, a son, Kenai Brant, May 31, 2011

Kelly (Dorsch '04) and Brian Hess, a son, Xavier Brian, June 13, 2011

Sarah and **William ('99) Di Santo**, a son, Dominic, June 16, 2011

Ronice (Nolt '02) and Jason Sceski, a daughter, McCartney Jade, July 6, 2011

Lisa and **Corry ('05) Riley**, a daughter, Ali, July 16, 2011

Michelle (Fencil '02) and Bradley Craig, a son, Wyatt Paul, July 21, 2011



Members of ZTA sorority, class of '69, recently gathered at Seven Springs Mountain Resort, Champion, Pa. From left are: **Ruth Anne Swartzwelder Papa, Linda Dezenrick Lloyd and Gerry Trozzi Butera**, and **Lynn Schuler DeMao** all of Pittsburgh; **Paula Zezza Herskowitz**, Charlotte, N.C.; and **Barbara Dimmerling Becker**, Pittsburgh.

In Memoriam

Rodger L. Cowan '63, Sept. 6, 2010

Anna-Marie (Verderosa '43) Fraley,
Oct. 26, 2010

Donna Lee Schulze-Gullett '73,
Nov. 24, 2010

John L. Foster '63, Jan. 2, 2011

Eugene M. Desch '65, March 3, 2011

Blaine E. Todd '61, April 4, 2011

Robert E. Brior '72, April 5, 2011

Thomas W. Hall '65, May 2, 2011

Cynthia I. (Stevenson '94) Linnon,
May 29, 2011

Thomas E. Nindle '77, June 11, 2011

M. Elaine (McCall '43) Kapp,
June 17, 2011

Shirley (Allen '51) Pecora,
June 17, 2011

Margaret R. (Hecei '51) Herriott,
June 18, 2011

John J. Rodgers '00, June 28, 2011

Linda J. (Sims '06) Taylor,
July 2, 2011

Bernice (Chovanec '69) Young,
July 4, 2011

Grace H. (Wolbert '68) O'Neill,
July 8, 2011

David M. Hallstrom '54, July 9, 2011

Shirley L. (Robb '48) Aber, July 9, 2011

Patricia J. (Richards '74) Kocher,
July 11, 2011

David P. Mottorn '61, July 16, 2011

Ruth L. Slater '40, July 17, 2011

Orville Bowser '75, July 18, 2011

Joanne (Regis '65) Ruby,
July 22, 2011

Beth Ann Altier '89, July 29, 2011

Samuel W. Schafer '54, Aug. 6, 2011

Donald I. Hincken '35, Aug. 8, 2011

Ronald E. Ditz '89, Aug. 10, 2011

Polly L. (Ritts) Conner, '66,
Aug. 12, 2011

Dr. Forest Carter, Aug. 19, 2011

Sarah M. Wright '93, Aug. 19, 2011

James A. Barlett '76, Aug. 24, 2011

Debra L. (Slater) Huff '75,
Aug. 26, 2011

Mary K. Beabes '43, Aug. 29, 2011

John P. Busch '52, Aug. 31, 2011

Anthony W. Banner '81, Sept. 2, 2011

Verne (Cuthbert '45) Bixby,
Sept. 9, 2011

Dorothy M. Master, Clarion's Oldest Alumna, Passes Away at 104

Dorothy M. Master ('30), 104, of Bradford, formerly of New Lebanon, passed away Sept. 4, 2011, at The Pavilion at Bradford Regional Medical Center.

She was born Aug. 2, 1907, in Hawthorn, a daughter of the late Albert E. and Annie Catley Taylor.

On May 29, 1937, she married the Rev. Alvin E. Master, who preceded her in death on May 25, 1999.

She was a graduate of New Bethlehem High School and a 1930 graduate of Clarion State Teacher's College. She had the distinction of being the oldest living alumna of Clarion University.

She was a teacher at the Tanyard School, Armstrong County, where she taught all eight grades. She later taught grades 1-3 in Oakridge and again in Salem.

She was a member of United Church of Christ, where she belonged to various church organizations. She was also a former member of the New Vernon Grange and a former volunteer for the Red Cross.

She is survived by eight nieces and nephews: June Silvestri, Murrysville; Mary Bodie, Prescott Valley, Ariz.; Donald Taylor, Ellicott City, Md.; Robert Taylor, Raleigh, N.C.; Albert Best, Lancaster; James Master, Smethport; Beth Kee, Henderson, Texas; and Cindy Benedict, Bradford.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by five brothers: Raymond, Chester, Arthur, William and Stanley Taylor.



MASTER

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Creative Ways to Make a Gift That One is Not Able to Accomplish Now...

Through the generosity of members of the Clarion University family, estate gifts continue to have a tremendous impact on our university. Over the past five years, bequests totaling nearly \$5 million have funded scholarships, academic programs and a cultural lecture series, and other initiatives to enhance the campus.

In addition to a bequest via your will, there are many ways to remember Clarion in your estate plans. You may be surprised to discover how easy and inexpensive most are to accomplish.

- Amend an existing insurance policy to add Clarion University Foundation, Inc., as an additional beneficiary. You could also purchase a new policy for Clarion's benefit.
- Visit your personnel office and ask to amend your group life insurance policy or retirement plan to add Clarion University Foundation Inc., as one of your beneficiaries.
- Instruct your attorney to prepare a simple, inexpensive codicil to your existing will, creating a bequest for Clarion.
- Leave written or verbal instructions for your surviving spouse to include Clarion when redrawing his or her will.
- If you're disappointed with the income you are receiving from your long-term stocks or your certificates of deposit, consider our foundation's charitable gift annuity program. Besides providing attractive tax benefits, this easy-to-accomplish gift may reward you with higher annual income.
- Let us show you how a charitable trust may benefit both you and Clarion.

Some of the gift arrangements are revocable and others cannot be changed once established. Some work better with cash and others with appreciated assets. There are many variations, enough so that a giving plan can be tailored to your needs, desires and capabilities.

There is Still Time...

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

Through Dec. 31, 2011, legislation permits donors aged 70 ½ or older to make tax-free withdrawals from certain retirement assets and transfer to a qualified charity any amount up to \$100,000. Another potential benefit is that the limits of contribution deductions (50 percent of adjusted gross income for cash gifts and 30 percent for long-term capital gain property) do not apply.

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

Clouners Pay Forward Generosity Shown to Granddaughter

When **Bob and Lois Clouner's** granddaughter went off to college, she was the first person in the family to pursue higher education. Her financial burden was lightened because of several scholarships.

As a young woman, Mrs. Clouner herself had wanted to go to college, but her family couldn't afford it. "I had to go straight to work," she said.

That memory, along with the opportunity afforded their granddaughter through others' generosity, inspired the Fryburg couple to help area students.

The Clouners contacted Clarion University Foundation, Inc., and spoke with development officer **Debbie Huffman ('93)**, who helped them set up The Clouner Family Scholarship, which will be initiated through a bequest when they pass away.

The scholarship will be available to students at North Clarion High School, from which both of the Clouners' children graduated, for use at Clarion University. The recipients do not have to be straight-A students, but they must have financial need.

"If they go into the next year of college, they can reapply, if they keep their grades up," Mrs. Clouner said.

She never dreamed that she and her husband would have a scholarship named for them.

"It makes me feel really good inside," Mrs. Clouner said. "I feel very relaxed and confident with this."

Kelleys Thank Clarion Through Creation of Scholarship

During their marriage, the late **James Kelley** often told his wife, Patricia, how much he loved his time at Clarion University, and they discussed initiating a Clarion scholarship.

Kelley completed his master's degree at Indiana University of Pennsylvania, then earned his doctorate from Penn State, where he became dean of continuing education. He saw that Penn State had so many generous donors, and he felt that Clarion could benefit from the support.

After his death, Mrs. Kelley approached Clarion University Foundation, Inc.

"I called out of the blue. I talked with (development officer) **Debbie Huffman ('93)**, and she came to State College and we had lunch. We began to formulate the ideas for the criteria," Mrs. Kelley said.

"He loved basketball and baseball and played both when he was at Clarion. He wanted to honor a student in either of those two fields," Mrs. Kelley said. She included academics among the criteria.

The E. James and Patricia M. Kelley Honors/Athletics Scholarship will be awarded to a student-athlete involved in Clarion's Honors Program. Mrs. Kelley had planned to name the university as a beneficiary to a life insurance policy that would be paid upon her death, but she wanted to start the scholarship sooner. She decided to give half – \$50,000 – now and the remainder upon her death.

"I'm really glad I started it now," Mrs. Kelley said. "The first scholarship will be awarded next year."

Mrs. Jane (Mahey '31) Gackenbach, a Clarion native and 1931 graduate, received her bachelor's degree in library science. She spent her career as school librarian for State College Area High School. In honor of her time at Clarion, Mrs. Gackenbach created an endowment, by way of a bequest. Her will provided that income from the endowment would be directed for student aid.



GACKENBACH

New Band Scholarship Has Noteworthy Namesake

Dr. Stanley F. Michalski Jr., distinguished emeritus professor of music and conductor of bands at Clarion University from 1961 to 1992, returned during Homecoming 2011 for the announcement of the Dr. Stanley F. Michalski Scholarship for Marching Band, honoring his development of the marching and symphonic bands at Clarion University. Under his leadership, the Clarion University band program grew from 17 to 120 pieces and was launched into direct comparison with the finest collegiate music ensembles.

At alumni gatherings, former band members often tell how being part of the band helped to shape their lives, but more specifically, how Dr. Michalski influenced them and was a father figure to them.

"Ninety-six percent of band is made up of non-music majors, and when they get to be juniors and seniors they become involved in their majors and don't have time for band," said **Debbie Huffman ('93)**, development officer with Clarion University Foundation, Inc. The hope is that the scholarship will incentivize the students to remain as band members.

The foundation identified major donors and contacted alumni personally to request donations. The scholarship is endowed at \$25,000. Criteria are that the recipient must be a marching band member in his or her sophomore through senior year, with a grade point average of 3.0 or above. Awards will begin in 2013-14.

After retiring, Michalski moved to Charlotte, N.C. He came out of retirement upon learning that there was no band program in the Catholic schools there, and now is coordinator of instrumental music for the Diocese of Charlotte, as well as adjunct professor of music at Winthrop University. He is adjudicator for the St. Patrick Day Parades in Limerick and Dublin, Ireland, and was recently named artistic director of the Lord Mayors New Year's Day Parade in Dublin.



MICHALSKI

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Catone Named Director of Development at Clarion University Foundation, Inc.

John D. Catone joined Clarion University Foundation, Inc., as director of development on Aug. 22. He is responsible for assisting the foundation in the creation and implementation of its overall fundraising plan in response to university needs, and directly coordinating and participating in the day-to-day fundraising efforts of the foundation, including the supervision of the fundraising staff.

Catone has broad experience in senior management and fund development for non-profit entities and has an extensive history in media/public relations and communications. Prior to coming to Clarion, he was president of Catone & Associates, an independent contractor that provided a variety of services to non-profit corporations.

He served as deputy director of institutional advancement for Enoch Pratt Free Library,



CATONE

Baltimore; director of development for Bishop Canevin High School, Pittsburgh; and director of communication and development for Sisters of St. Francis, Millvale, Pa. He has worked in the for-profit, non-profit and government sectors.

Catone is a graduate of Edinboro University with a bachelor's degree in library science/education.

Wood Joins Clarion University Foundation, Inc., as Athletics Development Officer

Shawn P. Wood has joined Clarion University Foundation, Inc., as athletics development officer.

He is responsible for developing and securing gifts of \$10,000 and more that target and support athletic programs at Clarion University.

Prior to coming to Clarion, Wood was assistant director of admissions at Argosy University Online, Pittsburgh. Previously he managed several stores in the Pittsburgh and



WOOD

Morgantown, W.Va., areas and has worked with large corporate accounts. He also worked as director of Goodwill Industries of North Central West Virginia.

Wood grew up in Buckhannon, W.Va., and attended West Virginia Wesleyan University where he earned a bachelor's degree in history and government in 1993.

He and his wife, Alea, live in Clarion with their daughters, Jamison, 6, and Camryn, 3.

King Appointed Director Of Alumni Relations

Laura C. King ('09) has been appointed director of alumni relations and annual fund for Clarion University Foundation, Inc. She assumed her new duties Sept. 6.

King has been with the foundation since Oct. 2010, working in major gift development.

She is a Clarion graduate who began her degree previously and then returned via distance learning to complete her degree in 2009.



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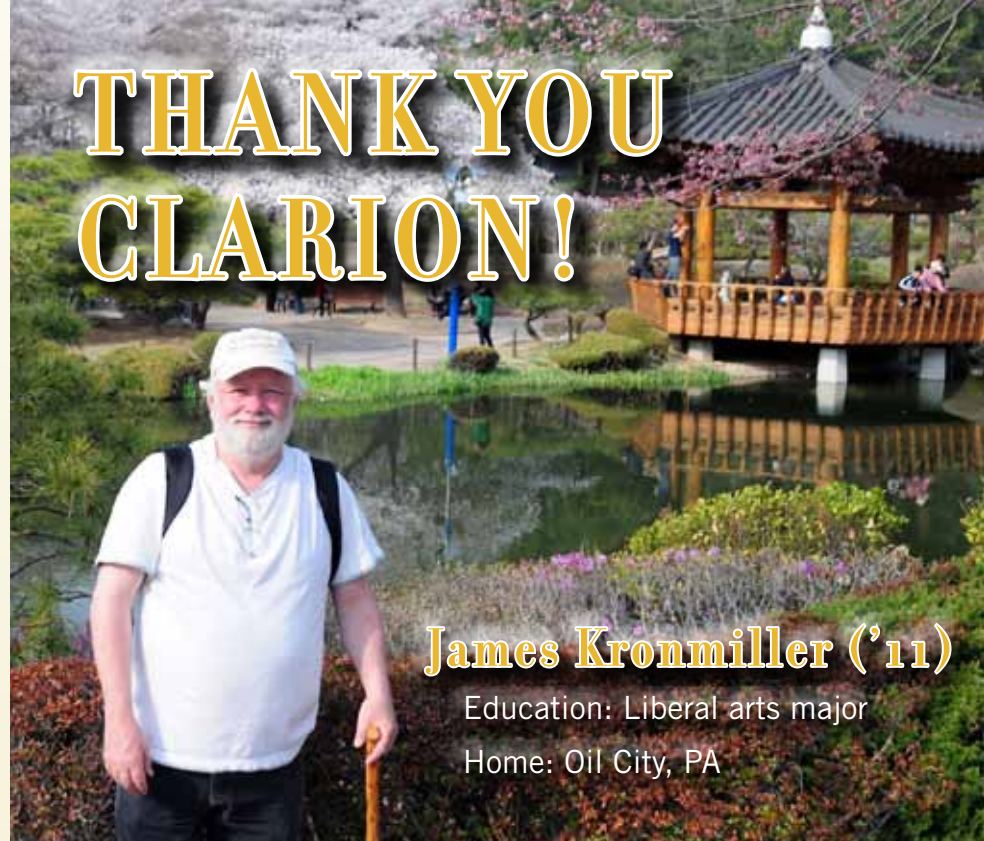
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James Kronmiller ('11)

Education: Liberal arts major

Home: Oil City, PA

Fly, Eagle, Fly

Non-traditional student **James Kronmiller**, 57, embarked on a five-month study abroad program last February at Daegu University, South Korea, as part of Clarion University's Discover Korea Scholarship Program. "I have never been to Korea. I just thought it would be an interesting, life-changing experience."

New Culture

The Air Force veteran has traveled abroad, but never as a student fully engulfed in another culture. "It was an incredible experience to see a different culture and see how a university works in comparison." Bowing when greeting others and being served rice at every meal were among the cultural practices to which he was exposed. "I was even lucky enough to participate in a traditional Korean tea ritual, which was a real highlight."

New Friends

"The friendships I made were pretty unique. I could sit in my dorm and not only be with other Korean students but students from China and Pakistan." One friendship that Kronmiller will continue is with Tony, a Chinese student. In December, Kronmiller and Tony, who received an internship in Manhattan, will reunite in New York City.

New Perspective

Kronmiller was able to visualize American culture as perceived by the world and broaden his views of the Korean culture. "It gives you a much clearer grasp of our world and the people in it. It is a wonderful way to open your mind to a truly global society."

Thank You, Clarion!

In addition to the \$5,000 Discover Korea scholarship, Kronmiller received the \$5,000 Gillman Scholarship. "Without the scholarships, I would not have been able to take advantage of this incredible experience."



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1. Gamma **Jack Bertani ('61)** with Jeannie Cloherty
2. **Eileen Love**, mother of four Clarion alumni, with her ALF survival kit

3. **Cody Rapp** and **Bri Jefferson** in the ALF Parade
4. **Eugene Sheffer ('61)** with President Whitney
5. Need we say more?
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7. **Pauletta Williams Brown ('73)**
8. Clarion University Class of 2026?



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