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Dr. Karen Whitney**



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# THANK YOU CLARION!

## What have you been doing since graduation?

After I graduated from Clarion University in 1996, I accepted a position with the Department of Army at Rock Island Arsenal in Rock Island, Ill., as a computer specialist. I left there to return home for family reasons in 1997. From there I held various computer positions.

In 2001, I left the computer field to work for Abraxas in Marienville, Pa., as an addictions counselor (I had never given up my sociology major and psychology minor so my Clarion University degree meant I was highly qualified for that field). I fell in love with the opportunity to help people get their lives back on track and I've been in the field ever since. In 2003, I earned my criminal justice addictions certification.

Currently I work as a case manager specialist for Clearfield-Jefferson Drug & Alcohol Commission in Falls Creek, Pa. I have a special assignment working with Jefferson County Adult Probation Department through their Pa. Coalition on Crime & Delinquency (PCCD) grant helping inmates get appropriate treatment for their addiction issues. Working with adjudicated, addicted individuals is a particular area of interest for me and I find it very rewarding.



**By: Becky Hetrick ('96)**

## How important was it to you to receive scholarship support as a student?

VERY, it was simple...it was the difference between seeing a dream come true and not. Being a stay-at-home mom, and raising two boys on one salary, didn't leave money for me to pursue my dreams. Utilizing student loans also was not an option as there was no money in the budget to repay them. The scholarships I received allowed me to get the education and have an experience that wonderfully surpassed all expectations! Everything about the process went so smoothly that I knew it was God's will for my life.

## How did receiving scholarships impact your time as a student and, now, in your career?

The scholarships I received allowed the experience to be enriched by the fact I wasn't stressed out worrying how I was going to pay for everything. My scholarship included a book allotment as well which meant I didn't even have to worry about how I was going to afford my books each semester. This permitted me to focus on my studies and projects. I wanted to show my appreciation to scholarship donors by working hard and getting the most from the experience.

Being a parent and commuter limited time that I had to be involved in campus activities. Having the financial end met permitted me to get involved in at least a few such as public speaking contests, a few clubs, etc.

In my career, the scholarships helped me to help others! It has also relieved a huge burden of stress knowing that I can pick my positions according to career satisfaction and not just financial motivation. In the social services field, a person receives their rewards by means of helping others rather than monetary rewards, so not having to worry about the repayment of loans is truly a blessing.

## What would you like to say to the donors whose scholarships you received as a student?

I'd like to say, "I hope I've made you proud and that you feel your money was a sound investment. Your generosity made my dreams come true and I'll be forever grateful!" I like to think those scholarships have had a ripple effect in that my education continues to help people. I hope those that have provided money toward my scholarships, or any others, see that it has the potential to continue giving for many years beyond the diploma.



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# Governor Rendell Announces Additional \$850,000 For Barnes Center At Ribbon Cutting

**P**ennsylvania Governor **Edward Rendell** had good news for the entire region, on June, 18, 2010.

Rendell announced an additional \$850,000 in state funding for the Gregory Barnes Center for Biotechnology Business Development at Clarion University during a ribbon cutting ceremony and grand opening at the facility located in Monroe Township's Trinity Point Development near I-80.

Although his schedule did not permit him to attend in person, the governor joined the program via telephone and soon electrified the crowd.

"To be sure, the Barnes Center will mean so much for the northwestern Pennsylvania region in terms of jobs and attracting additional private investments that will help to revitalize the region," said Rendell.

Highlighting the local leadership that brought the center to reality over a ten-year period, including Clarion University President **Joseph Grunenwald** and the Clarion Trinity Development Co., the governor cited the initial \$1.2 million gift from retired faculty member **Gregory Barnes** that propelled the project.

"I want to start off by acknowledging the generosity of Mr. Barnes who couldn't be with us today but is being represented by his daughter, Laura," continued Rendell. "His contribution of \$1.2 million is one of the largest contributions by any Clarion University donor and is a testament to the opportunities that this high-tech facility promises."

## Additional \$850,000 Project Funding: It's All About Economic Development

"That's why the state has stepped up and invested four and a quarter million dollars to date in the Barnes Center at Trinity Point, but I'm also pleased to announce today that we're going to continue investing in the project to help bring it further along. We're announcing another \$850,000 investment through our Redevelopment Assistance Capital Project (RACP) program to help complete the third floor, outfit it with office space, technology and equipment that will enable companies like NanoBlox and Clarion Research Group to come into the center and continue their research and development work.

"All totaled, this will be more than a \$5 million commitment on behalf of the Commonwealth. I'd like to thank **Senator (Mary Jo) White** for her leadership in enacting the original economic stimulus program that has allowed the Commonwealth to do so much... so many good things in a short period of time.

"**Representative (Donna) Oberlander**, there are many things that we disagree on in Harrisburg when it comes to Republican, Democrat, conservative, progressive...but there is always one thing we agree on. It is the need for economic growth and development. I want to thank the senator and the representative for their hard work. Congratulations to a great project at the business center for a great Clarion University. I hope it is going to be a big success."



## Ribbon Cutting Program

**Charles P. Leach, Jr.**, president of the Clarion University Foundation Inc., served as emcee for the program that also offered remarks from **Laura Barnes**, daughter of **Gregory Barnes**, **Tim Reddinger**, representing Clarion Trinity Development Co., **Peter Winkler**, representing U.S. Congressman **Glenn 'GT' Thompson**, State Senator **Mary Jo White**, State Representative **Donna Oberlander**, and Grunenwald.

The Gregory Barnes Center for Biotechnology Business Development represents Clarion University and Clarion University Foundation, Inc.'s vision for economic development in the region. The building is owned and operated by the Clarion University Foundation, Inc.

The center houses local economic support organizations, including the Small Business Development Center and Trinity Development Co.; newly formed biotechnology and nanotechnology companies, including Clarion Research Group (CRG) and NanoBlox; and Clarion University's new Center for Applied Research and Intellectual Property Development, part of the university's College of Business Administration.

The three-story, brick-veneer, steel-frame building was designed to meet the Silver certification level of the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Green Building Rating System. The current 23,000 square-foot building offers one-quarter of the potential space available. Three more pod areas are ready for development that could expand the Barnes Center to 80,000 square feet.



**VIDEO ON THE WEB AT:  
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# Dr. Karen Whitney

## Named 16<sup>th</sup> Clarion University President

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**D**r. **Karen M. Whitney**, vice chancellor for student life and dean of students at Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI), was selected to serve as the next president of Clarion University of Pennsylvania, effective July 1. Her first day was July 19.

She succeeds retiring **Dr. Joseph P. Grunenwald**, who served the university in various positions for more than 30 years, including the last seven as president.

"We are excited to have Karen Whitney agree to join us as Clarion's 16<sup>th</sup> president," said Grunenwald. "She possesses the skills, work ethic and personal commitment to Clarion's momentum and to reach even higher levels in the future."

The appointment was made in a special meeting of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE) Board of Governors meeting.

"We have chosen an excellent individual to join our presidential leadership team," said PASSHE Board of Governors chairman **Kenneth M. Jarin**. "These are challenging times for PASSHE and for all of our universities. I am confident the strong leadership in place will allow us to successfully meet all of the challenges we face as we strive to continually enhance the quality of education our students receive."

"Dr. Whitney has had an extraordinary academic career, and I am certain she will contribute significantly to PASSHE's leadership team," added PASSHE Chancellor **Dr. John C. Cavanaugh**.

"We are very pleased with the appointment of Dr. Whitney as Clarion University's next president," said Council of Trustees chair **R. Lee James**. "Given her distinguished career and exceptional leadership in public higher education, she will serve the university very well. I am grateful to everyone who contributed to this very important decision."

"I am thrilled and honored to be given the opportunity to serve the Commonwealth, the northwest region and Clarion University." Dr. Whitney said. "I look forward to building on the history of accomplishments that define Clarion."

Dr. Whitney served as vice chancellor and dean of students at the 30,000-student IUPUI since 1999. Previously she was associate vice president for student life at the University of Texas at San Antonio. She began her academic career as an instructor at the University of Houston in 1980.

Dr. Whitney earned both a bachelor of arts degree in psychology and a master's degree in public administration from the University of Houston and a doctoral degree in higher educational administration from the University of Texas at Austin.

In her IUPUI position, Dr. Whitney was directly responsible for 12 departments and a \$12 million budget. Her responsibilities included institutional strategic finance and planning, policy development and budget oversight. She worked closely with community organizations and civic leaders on behalf of the university and has helped lead two capital campaigns.

Dr. Whitney is affiliated with several professional organizations, including the Association of College and University Housing Officers International and the Association of Public and Land Grant Universities. She has published numerous academic papers and has presented at a variety of professional conferences.

## Hello CLARION!

As your newest Golden Eagle, I am humbled and inspired by the opportunity to serve this incredible university as your next president.

Clarion University is a wonderful and special place that embodies a tremendous history and commitment to learning, research and service.

It is clear that the Clarion way is one that is about the students and the community. I look forward to working with President Emeritus Grunenwald to continue and to build upon our great traditions. At the end of the day it is about our commitment to working with our students to realize their dreams and for the communities we serve to thrive.

It is also clear to me that the Clarion way is about hard work and a commitment to quality. We all know that our nation and the Commonwealth have faced many challenges over the last few years and it is precisely during these "tough times" that higher education has stepped up and often been the solution to the greatest problems of our time.

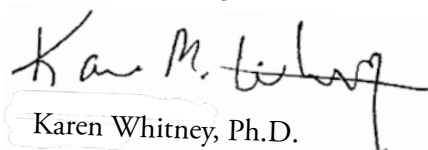
Whether it is putting "a man on the moon" or ensuring that every child is well educated, higher education has been part of the solution and so shall we be again. In fact, I firmly believe that public higher education is the cornerstone of our democracy and to ensuring a quality of life for future generations and us.

I am passionate about higher education and the important role that Clarion holds for our community. With this passion is also the commitment to an inclusive approach as we map out the future of our university. I love the Clarion call of "Together We Can." Over the next several months you may expect me to actively engage students, alumni, faculty, staff and friends of the university to advise me on charting the future work of the president.

I look forward over the next several months in getting to know you and the entire Clarion family.

See you soon.

Sincerely,  
Your newest Eagle



Karen Whitney, Ph.D.





# Alumni Association Extravaganza Supports Student Scholarship

Clarion University feted its Alumni Association Distinguished Award recipients at Extravaganza 2010 on April 24, 2010 at the Duquesne Club in Pittsburgh, Pa. Words cannot capture the elegance, excitement and magic of the evening, but photos can.

Congratulations to the award recipients and the evening's entertainment: the Clarion University Show Choir. The choir performed at Disney World in May and received an open invitation from Mickey to return anytime.

A special thanks to the sponsors: Northrop Grumman, UPMC, Dura-Bond Industries, Kriebel Wells and the Charles P. Leach Agency, Inc. We will return to the Duquesne Club next year for Extravaganza 2011. The date will be announced soon.



**Pat Kahle ('92)**, Clarion University Alumni Association president; **David Gibbins ('86, '92)**, Clarion University – Venango Campus Distinguished Alumni; **Reggie Wells Jr. ('08)**, Distinguished Achievement; **Joyce Rocco**, wife of **Dr Frank Rocco ('62)**, who received a posthumous Distinguished Service; **F. Suzanne Jenniches ('70)**, Distinguished Alumni; **Dr. Robert Girvan**, Distinguished Faculty; **Wayne Norris ('65)**, Clarion University Foundation, Inc. vice president and Alpha Gamma Phi fraternity brother (Alpha Gamma Phi received Distinguished Volunteer); and **Joseph P. Grunenwald**, Clarion University president.



## NEWS FROM THE CAMPUSES

### Clarion Ranks High In U.S. News And World Report Survey

U.S. News and World Report magazine listed two of Clarion University's on-line programs as among the largest on-line graduate programs in the United States in its May 2010 issue. Clarion was ranked fourth in enrollment in library science and 19<sup>th</sup> in enrollment in education. The magazine surveyed 635 institutions, with 369 responses, to compile its list of graduate-level programs in business, education, engineering, library science, nursing and public health. The report shows the largest programs, measured by enrollment and the key attributes of the learning experience.

### Counseling Services Reaccredited

The Clarion University Department of Counseling Services has received a four-year reaccreditation from the International Association of Counseling Services, Inc. Clarion's Department of Counseling Services has been continuously accredited since 1979. It is one of only 13 accredited college counseling departments in Pennsylvania and one of only seven accredited departments within the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education.



Counseling staff from left: **Marla Harp**, **Melissa Volitich**, **Mark Lepore** and **Ellen Hurd**.

### Phi Theta Kappa Chapter Earns Five-Star Status

The Clarion University–Venango Campus Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa was recognized for achieving Five Star Status, the international organization's highest level of excellence, at the Phi Theta Kappa Middle States Regional Convention held in Long Branch, N.J. Chapter president Jody Ion said that the honor was the result of the support of the campus and the local community, in addition to the hard work of the membership, and its advisor, **Beth Jackson**, assistant professor of mathematics, who was recognized as an Outstanding Chapter Advisor for her 10 years of service with the Venango Campus chapter.

### Team Pennsylvania Spotlights Clarion University Accomplishments

Two articles featuring Clarion University are included in the February 2010 Team Pennsylvania Foundation Newsletter. The articles focus on science, technology and economic development and the future of Clarion University President **Joseph Grunenwald**, also a Team Pennsylvania Foundation Board of Directors member, who retired at the end of June. Both of the articles can be read in full at [www.teampa.com/newsletter/fullNewsletter\\_02\\_10.html](http://www.teampa.com/newsletter/fullNewsletter_02_10.html)

### Veterans Web Site Launched

Already declared "military friendly," Clarion University launched a new portion of its Website, [www.clarion.edu/veterans](http://www.clarion.edu/veterans), devoted entirely to military veterans interested in attending college. Links at the Website will take veterans to additional information about Clarion University, a complete list of programs and majors, the college catalog and Virtual Campus, Clarion University's online programs. It also has links to the GI Bill and Clarion University's veterans' benefits, veterans resources and resources.

### Clarion Contributes \$75,000 To Fire Department Campaign

Three Clarion University groups, Clarion University, the Clarion University Foundation, Inc., and the Clarion Students' Association, presented a total contribution of \$75,000 in support of the recently launched Clarion Fire & Hose Co. No.



Pictured are Clarion University President **Joseph Grunenwald**, Clarion Students' Association President **Garrett Mincin**, Clarion University Foundation, Inc. President **Chuck Leach**, Campaign Chairperson **Joanne Vavrek**, Fire Relief Association President **Tim Magrini** and Assistant Chief **Glenn Laforme**.

1 Building Fund Campaign. The \$550,000 campaign supports critical repairs for the Clarion Fire Department's home on Wood Street in Clarion. The building repairs are concentrated on the original, historical building.

### Clarion Video, Alumni Recognized At Conference

A video conceived and created for Clarion University freshman convocation by **Ron Wilshire** ('72, '74), assistant vice president for university relations, and **Dr. Nicholas Neupauer** (M.S. '93), were recognized at the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual CUPRAP—The Association of Communicators in Education conference held in Hershey, Pa.

Wilshire accepted the Bronze CUPPIE Award presented in the Electronic Media—CD ROM/Video category. CUPPIE Awards are presented by CUPRAP for creative excellence in marketing and communications in education. More than 300 entries were received in 23 categories from institutions in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland and Arkansas.

Neupauer, the president of Butler County Community College, received the Arthur V. Ciervo Award, named in honor of one of CUPRAP's founders and presented annually to a public relations professional, president, higher education advocate, public official or outstanding faculty or staff member who exemplifies CUPRAP's fundamental purposes of supporting and advancing the understanding of higher education.

### Clarion University–Venango Campus New Web Designer Program

Clarion University–Venango Campus announced a new Certified Web Designer Program, a new concentration within its Associate of Applied Science in Administration Technology (AAS-AT) degree. The concentration will prepare students for a wide range of employment opportunities designing and enhancing Websites.

### Sustainability, Ethnology All Part Of Environmental Congress



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The messages range from environmental to ethnological preservation of indigenous people during the Fourth International Congress on Critical Perspectives on Energy, Environment, Technology and Water Development and Protection Worldwide held in April at Clarion University. **Dr. Robert McAfee**, climatologist to the Arkansas Governor's Commission on Global Warming and chair of the OMNI Center for Peace, Justice and Ecology's Carbon Caps Task Force, was the keynote speaker.



## Spirit Day Draws Donations

Two SPIRIT (Students Producing Innovative Recognition for Incoming Students of Tomorrow) Scholarship days were held during the Spring 2010 semester. Combined, the two SPIRIT Days attracted 86 student donors and seven faculty and staff contributors. The SPIRIT Scholarship was started in Spring 2009 to initiate a student culture of giving. Clarion University's Greek organizations, Panhellenic Council and Interfraternity Council were the initial backers pledging \$1,000 a year for five years to start the endowment. The Eagle Ambassadors have joined the effort and **Annette Johnston**, a junior early childhood education major from Brookville, became the first individual student to contribute to the SPIRIT Scholarship. An endowment must reach \$25,000 or more before a scholarship can be distributed.



Clarion University's cheerleaders gather donations in Gemmill Student Complex during the Spirit Day drive.

## Steffee Receives Honorary Degree

**Dr. Arthur Steffee**, retired surgeon and Clarion County leader in community and economic development, was the keynote speaker and received an honorary Doctor of Public Service degree at Clarion University's Spring 2010 commencement ceremonies, May 8, 2010. A total of 1,023 students received their degrees during two ceremonies in Waldo S. Tippin Gymnasium. Graduating senior Heather Puhalla of Aliquippa, Pa., was the student speaker for the 10 a.m. ceremony during which she received her B.S. degree in business administration.

## Clarion Hosts Successful 'Women & Sports' Night

A successful "Women & Sports" event and the first of its kind at Clarion University, was held on April 19, 2010, in the Science and Technology Center Auditorium. The event highlighted the achievements of women by informing students of past and current issues that have affected women



Recognized at the Women & Sports program are from left: Lauren Eonta, Amanda Gough, Jamie Maloney, Shaina Smith, Lori Sabatose.

in sport, recognized their achievements, and honored those student-athletes who have gone above and beyond in their academic efforts at Clarion. Award winners at the program included: Outstanding Contribution to Sport – **Amanda Gough**, Chesterton, In., volleyball; Leadership Award- **Lauren Eonta**, Pittsburgh, tennis; Courage Award - **Shaina Smith**, Greenville, Pa., basketball; Achievement Award - **Marissa Myers**, Harrison City, Pa., softball; Spirit of Sport Award – **Jamie Maloney**, Dallastown, Pa., swimming and track; and Coach's Equity Award, **Lori (Berk '92) Sabatose**.

## STUDENT NEWS

### Graduate Student Participating In National Program

Graduate student **Ann Vogan** of Shipperville, Pa., participated in The National Training Institute for Child Care Health Consultants program in May. Vogan is currently working as a Child Care Health Consultant (CCHC). She was among 12 trainers from across the United States, including one other CCHC from Pennsylvania, attending an on-site program. The program is followed by 16 weeks of distance education.

## Clarion University Students Premiere Short Film

On May 27, 2010, eleven Clarion University students premiered a short film, "Reclamation," at Destina Theatres in Clarion. The showing of the high-definition, 20-minute film was free and open to the public. **Dr. Robert G. Nulph ('80, M.S. '87)**, assistant professor of communication at Clarion University, is the teacher of MMAJ 476: Short Film, and also performed in the film.

Students **Jamie Richard ('10)** of Reading, Pa., and **Stephanie Parker ('10)** of Bernville, Pa., served as the producers with the remainder of the class, **Katie Berry ('10)** of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, **Sean Montgomery ('10)** of Washington, Pa., **David Hollis** of Clarion, Pa., **Brayton Wike ('10)** of Shipperville, Pa., **Lenore Watson** of Centerville, **Ray Peace ('10)** of Mahaffey, Pa., **Ryan Auvil ('10)** of Pittsburgh, **Toby Bullers** of Rockton, Pa., and **Kennan Kimes** of Grove City, Pa., handling all of the crew positions, splitting the duties so everyone got an opportunity to experience all of the different positions necessary for film production.

"Reclamation," written by Jerod Brennen, tells the story of a father desperate for money to support his family, accepting the offer of a corrupt city councilman to burn down buildings, because reclamation costs too much.

## FACULTY NEWS

### Seven Faculty Members Retire

Seven Clarion University faculty members with 132 years of teaching experience were recognized during a retirement reception held in Moore Hall. Finishing their careers were **Dr. John Colantonio**, **Dr. Robert Girvan**, **Dr. Joan Huber**, **Dr. Frederick Keen**, **Dr. Joyce Keenan**, **Dr. Fred Park** and **Judith Sparlin**. Together they represent Clarion University's campus in Clarion, Clarion University – Venango Campus in Oil City and Clarion's West Penn Hospital Nursing Program in Pittsburgh.



Attending the faculty retirement ceremony from left were: **Dr. Fred Park**, **Dr. Robert Girvan** and **Dr. Fred Keen**.

### Appointments/Elections

**Dr. Andrea Miller**, professor of library science, was appointed to the board of program reviewers of the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education, until Aug. 31, 2011.

**Dr. Henry A. Alviani**, associate professor of music, was elected president of the Pennsylvania Collegiate Choral Association for 2010-2012.

**Dr. Rachelle Prioleau**, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, was appointed to serve as a member of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education International Education Council.

### Honored

**Dr. Benjamin Freed**, professor of mathematics, Certificate of Meritorious Service Award for service to a section of the Mathematics Association of America (MAA).

Clarion Men's Basketball coach **Ron Righter** was named Clarion County YMCA Sportsmanship I "Sportsman of the Year."

**Beth Jackson**, mathematics faculty at Clarion University – Venango Campus was recognized as a "Distinguished Advisor" by the Middle States Region of Phi Theta Kappa. She also was recognized as one of 30 "Outstanding Advisors" at the International Level of Phi Theta Kappa.

### Art Exhibition

**Mark Franchino**, chair of the art department, 2009 Resident Artists Exhibition, Artists Image Resource, Pittsburgh.

## Clarion University–Venango Campus, Erie Institute of Technology Partner

Students in the Erie area and beyond can now earn a Clarion University associate degree partly or completely in Erie, Pa. The degree is offered through Clarion’s Department of Applied Technology, located at Clarion University–Venango Campus in Oil City.

The unique program incorporates general education courses offered by Clarion on-line or at the Venango Campus in Oil City with technical education provided through Erie Institute of Technology (EIT) in Erie.

Students will earn a Clarion University Associate of Applied Science in Industrial Technology or Administration Technology degree, with technical concentrations through EIT in the following programs: network and database professional; electronic engineering technology; electronics technician; biomedical equipment technology; industrial automation and robotics technology; CNC/machinist technician; maintenance technician; refrigeration, heating, ventilation and air conditioning technology; welding technology; and business office professional.

Founded in 1958 as A.T.E.S. Technical School and renamed Erie Institute of Technology in 1976, EIT is a recognized regional leader in electronics education. In 1986, it was authorized by the Department of Education of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to award an expanded curriculum in Electronic

Engineering Technology. The EIT facility features a large manufacturing bay, specialty labs, and classrooms.

“This is a wonderful partnership of two great educational institutions. We are excited that EIT students will be able to earn the Clarion University degree at the Venango Campus, but we are equally pleased that Clarion students can receive the technical portion of their training at EIT,” said Executive Director **Tony Piccirillo**.

“Affiliating with EIT presents a unique opportunity to work with an important member of the Erie educational community,” said Clarion University President **Dr. Joseph P. Grunenwald**. “EIT is the seventh technical partner in our growing applied technology program, which offers high-quality educational opportunities for students and addresses an important need in our region for employees who possess needed technical skills and the solid educational background to advance into management positions.”

Over 100 students are currently enrolled in the Venango Campus’ applied technology programs and graduate job placement exceeds 90 percent. More than 30 technical concentrations are available to students through Clarion’s technical education partners.

“This program has provided life-changing opportunities for residents of the region,” said **Dr. Christopher M. Reber**, executive dean of the



Clarion University – Venango Campus and Erie Institute of Technology sign the agreement. From left to right: **Joseph P. Grunenwald**, President of Clarion University, and **Tony Piccirillo**, Executive Director of EIT; and second row from left: **William Hallock**, chair of Clarion’s Department of Applied Technology; **Paul Fitzgerald**, EIT Director; and **Christopher Reber**, Executive Dean of Clarion University–Venango Campus.

Venango Campus. “It has helped many people enter and progress in high-demand technical fields and offered retraining for displaced workers, very often assisted through financial aid or scholarship support.”

The Clarion University–Venango Campus Industrial Technology program was awarded national accreditation by the Association of Technology, Management, and Applied Engineering (ATMAE) in November 2009.

## Clarion University–Venango Campus Receives Partner In Business Award

Clarion University – Venango Campus was named the first recipient of “The Partner In Business Award” presented by the Venango Area Chamber of Commerce. The Partner in Business Award recognizes a non-profit, governmental or educational organization that has developed a close partnership with the business community as a means to achieve its mission.

Venango Chamber Executive Director Susan Williams said, “Clarion University – Venango Campus not only has a history of being an outstanding organization in our region but continues to seek ways to better serve the community. They exemplify the traits that lead to success. Even the smallest business can learn from their example.”

“Clarion University–Venango Campus has been providing life-changing opportunities for the residents of Venango County and the region for 49 years,” said **Dr. Christopher M. Reber**, executive dean. “From the very beginning, when community leaders and members of the Oil City Area Chamber of Commerce envisioned the need for a higher education presence in Venango County, to the present, Venango Campus has been the product of community and university, working together to advance the needs of the region.”

Clarion University–Venango Campus has more than doubled its enrollment in recent years due in large part to its growing network of educational partnerships with organizations in business, industry, health care, education, and other sectors. Through these partnerships, students at the campus have access to educational opportunities at facilities as far away as Tennessee, North Carolina, New Jersey, New York, and Ohio, in addition to educational partnership programs throughout Pennsylvania. “Our partnerships allow us to meet the workforce needs of the region,” said Reber, “by educating future employees who are skilled in their technical fields and have the educational foundation to move into management positions. In this way, we help to keep jobs—and the people who need them—here at home.”

Partnerships have also enabled the development of innovative programs in imaging sciences and nursing and the expansion of the delivery of nursing programs to employees at area hospitals, allowing the hospitals to “grow their own” nursing workforce. Hospital partners include UPMC Northwest, Meadville Medical Center, and West Penn Hospital in Pittsburgh.



From left: **Lance Titus** of Northwest Savings Bank, which received the Business of the Year Award; **Susan Williams**, executive director of the Venango Area Chamber of Commerce; and **Dr. Christopher M. Reber**, executive dean Clarion University – Venango Campus.

Over \$10 million has been raised through gifts and grants to enable the campus to add programs, support student scholarships, renovate facilities, and grow enrollment. Since 2004, five of a proposed seven-building student apartment complex have opened, enabling the campus to recruit students from outside of commuting distance.

# Top 10 'Gruneys' Honor Student Accomplishments



**P**resident Joseph Grunenwald retired at the end of June, but he continued a tradition of announcing the last of the Gruney Awards, the top ten list of student accomplishments for the current academic year, at a meeting of the Clarion University Council of Trustees.

## And The Awards Go To:

**1** Five Clarion students were accepted to professional schools, including: **Amanda Leavitt** of St. Marys, Pa. – University of Pittsburgh for Ph.D., chemistry; **ReGina Lannigan** of Shippenville, Pa. – Albany College of Pharmacy; **Ben Smith**, Meadville, Pa. – University of Tennessee for Ph.D., chemistry; **Lisa Fustine**, Brockway, Pa. – LECOM College of Pharmacy; and **Kyle McMunn**, Knox, Pa. – Belmont University School of Pharmacy.



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**2** Two Clarion students have secured positions with “Big Four” public accounting firms: **Kenneth Bonus**, Butler, Pa., KPMG; and **Sean Indick**, Cicero, N.Y., Pricewaterhouse-Coopers.



BONUS

**3** For the 11<sup>th</sup> consecutive year, a Clarion University student or faculty member received an Excellence in Design Award at the Kennedy Center/American College Theatre Festival Region II competition:

**Audrina Zaczyk**, Yatesboro, Pa., a junior theatre major, received a Barbizon Award for design for the production of “Mr. Happiness/The Water Engine.” By winning at the Region II level, she advanced to compete for the national award at the Kennedy Center, Washington, D.C.



ZACZYK

**4** The Clarion University student Chapter of the National Broadcast Society (NBS) received the “Most Improved Chapter Award” and two of its members won first place in a production competition at the NBS Regional Conference at Millersville University. **David Wilhelm**, Clymer, Pa., a junior communication major, and **Mansha Pasha Memon** of Pakistan, a freshman communication major, won first place in the News, Documentary, or Public Affairs/Interview Video category for their sensitive and moving story about the decaying living conditions in the area around Niagara Falls.

**5** **Rich Eckert**, Versailles, Pa., an Honors student, a management major, and a member of the Men’s Swimming and Diving team, served as the president of the Pennsylvania State Athletic Association Student Athlete Advisory Council, and was selected to represent more than 7,000 Pennsylvania student athletes as the student representative to the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA). As a member of the swimming and diving team, he was a multiple-time NCAA qualifier. He will pursue a master’s degree in sports management at Illinois State University next fall.



ECKERT

**6** **Jared Schmader**, Cooperstown, Pa., was a May 2009 NCAA Division II National Qualifier (awarded after last year’s Gruney’s were announced).



SCHMADER



MALONEY

**7** **Jamie Maloney**, York, Pa., received the NCAA Sportsmanship Award for Women’s Swimming.

**8** Clarion University’s Diving Team once again garnered national recognition: **Kayla Kelosky**, Ellwood City, Pa., was named NCAA D-II Diving Champion and National Diver of the Year; and **Logan Pearsall**, Port Allegheny, Pa., is two-time NCAA D-II Diving Champion and National Diver of the Year. **Dave Hrovat** was selected as NCAA D-II Men and Women’s National Diving Coach of the Year, the 19<sup>th</sup> time Hrovat has earned the award in 20 years at Clarion University.



KELOSKY

**9** **Jon Catanzarita**, Beaver, Pa., was selected to attend Sigma Phi Epsilon’s Ruck Leadership Institute. The Ruck Leadership Institute is SigEp’s “Top Gun” leadership program and only the best of the best are selected to participate. This year there were more than 380 applicants.



CATANZARITA

**10** **Katie Harbison**, Pittsburgh, Pa., was awarded the Zeta Lady collegiate award for Province II Gamma at Zeta Tau Alpha Day 2010 for the Pennsylvania/West Virginia Region. She has been hired by Zeta Tau Alpha as a traveling leadership consultant.

# A Class (of 1961) Act

The Clarion 1961 graduating class, which will celebrate its golden 50<sup>th</sup> during the October, 2011 Homecoming festivities, has shared a collectively unabashed and incredibly passionate love affair with our Alma Mater since that memorable day we first gathered together on campus way back in September, 1957.

And why not love the old girl!

For starters, the price tag for an entire year of first-class education, including the per diem requisite “three hots and a cot,” was a bargain-busting \$675. Throw in an incredibly erudite and totally committed faculty and don’t forget to include in the mix a campus that rocked every weekend with more social life than would ever have been expected of a sleepy little borough tucked quietly away in north-central Pennsylvania. Only then do you begin to understand why the special class fundraising initiative we undertook (which is described in the next few paragraphs) had such a happy ending (and we ain’t done yet!).

Independent elements of the Class of 1961 had been returning informally for Homecoming ever since we were first granted alumni status but our first serious attempt to assemble as a class was at Homecoming 1996, marking

our 35<sup>th</sup> “post-Clarion” year. It was during that October weekend that we began to discuss our “fast-approaching” 50<sup>th</sup> celebration and the talk soon turned to what should be an appropriate class gift to commemorate the occasion.

One class member reminded us that the cost of our Clarion educations seemed like a bargain because, in fact, we had only been obligated to pay a small percentage (somewhere between 20-25 percent) of our true educational costs. The rest of the financial support for each of us was borne by the taxpayers of Pennsylvania and, as stated before, we were under no obligation to repay the Commonwealth for the financial “free ride” we all enjoyed at taxpayer expense.

So then another classmate suggested that perhaps the most appropriate way to say thank you to those “long ago” state officials and taxpayers would be by establishing a “Class of 1961 Scholarship Endowment” initiative. This gift would be a means to “pay forward” and assist worthy Clarion University scholars, both current and future, who do not receive a level of state aid even remotely near the amount



**PAUL “Hook” PALMER ‘61**  
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we had been given. I am pleased and proud to state that as of June 1, 2010, our scholarship initiative has surpassed the new required endowment level (instituted Jan. 1, 2007) of \$25,000, thanks to the generous spirit and unwavering commitment of many of the 140 plus surviving members of the Class of 1961.

But this article is not intended as a self-aggrandizing statement in praise of the Class of 1961. Rather, it is a direct and urgent challenge to all Clarion graduating classes from the Class of 1962 all the way forward to the most recent Class of 2010 and beyond. If you truly want to pay back even a small portion of your own Clarion education that was underwritten by unknown, albeit hardworking Pennsylvania taxpayers (and we sincerely hope that you do), you can begin by networking among your own classmates, forming a class gift committee, creating (with the help of the Clarion University Foundation staff) a current class contact list that includes both home and electronic addresses and phone information, and then establishing your own class scholarship endowment. Each class has the option to develop its own unique scholarship criteria and the good folks of the Clarion University Foundation are ready and willing to assist you in this task.

Our Class of 1961 model initially encouraged classmates to give according to their means up to the 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary year. At that point, your own endowment campaign might consider swinging into higher gear with a challenge to classmates to declare a five-year financial gift commitment payable in annual installments. The end result should be an endowment fund at a monetary level capable of awarding scholarships during your 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary year, if not sooner. We can assure you that this model worked very well for our campaign.

Our Class of 1961 initially had only 193 total graduates and our endowment is the first to have attained scholarship award status at this level simply because we valued, perhaps even cherished, our “Clarion experience” and considered our Alma Mater a worthy place to reinvest a portion of the money our own Clarion educations enabled us to earn throughout our professional careers. It is our fervent hope that every class that has followed us out of the “college on the hill” feels the same way about your own unique “Clarion experiences.” And hopefully those classes with 10 and 20 times the number of graduates that we had can establish endowments with scholarship amounts that can really make a difference for many more worthy recipients as our university moves further into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

## Clarion University Alumni Calendar

August 5-7 and 11-14

**Clarion University Theatre presents “The Pirates of Penzance”**

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

August 13, 2010

**Communication Department Alumni Reunion**

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

September 18, 2010

**Family Day** (Clarion Golden Eagles vs. Shippensburg University), 6 p.m.

October 1-3, 2010

**Homecoming and Reunion Weekend**

Oct. 2 -- Clarion Golden Eagles vs. Slippery Rock University at 2 p.m.

October 4, 2010, 4:30 p.m.

**CUAA Board of Directors Meeting**

Seifert-Mooney Center for Advancement. For more information, contact **Theresa Edder ('91, '05)** at 814-393-1776 or [tedder@cuf-inc.org](mailto:tedder@cuf-inc.org)

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

**CUAA Board of Directors Meeting**

Seifert-Mooney Center for Advancement. For more information, contact **Theresa Edder ('91, '05)** at 814-393-1776 or [tedder@cuf-inc.org](mailto:tedder@cuf-inc.org)

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

**CUAA Board of Directors Meeting**

Seifert-Mooney Center for Advancement. For more information, contact **Theresa Edder ('91, '05)** at 814-393-1776 or [tedder@cuf-inc.org](mailto:tedder@cuf-inc.org)

September 17, 2011

**Family Day** (Clarion Golden Eagles vs. Gannon University), 6 p.m.

October 7-9, 2011

**Homecoming and Reunion Weekend**

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

**State System Event**

August 23-September 7, 2010

**PA State System of Higher Education Alumni & Friends Venice/Athens Voyage**

For more information and reservations, please call our PASSHE Travel Partners at Cruisin' & Main Line Vacations at 800-506-7447 (Christie ext. 107, Craig ext. 103).

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**1949**

**Dr. William Martin** of Greenville, N.C., has been retired since 1991. He received his master's degree from Arizona State University and Ed.D. degree from Vanderbilt University. He taught in Arizona, Tennessee and Connecticut, the University of Nevada and from 1962-91 at East Carolina University. He has been a member of Phi Delta Kappa for 55 years and Kappa Delta Rho for about 40 years and currently serves on Kappa Delta Rho's education foundation. Two of his nephews graduated from Clarion and a great-niece is a current student.

**1969**

**Robert Schmidt** of Lexington, Ky., is chief executive officer for Central Kentucky Radiology. He has a son, Rob.

**Joan (Durham) Wilson** recently moved to Duncannon, Pa. She works for Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit #27 and Adult Literacy Action.

**1970**

**Peg (Black) Plante** retired from her job as resource specialist with Denver Public Schools in June 2009. She resides in Indiana, Pa., with her father.

**1971**

**Robert and Deborah (Duke '75) Abbott** reside in Suffolk, Va.

**James Gallucci** of West Leechburg, Pa., retired from teaching. He was re-elected to a seventh term as mayor of West Leechburg Borough and was elected president of the Mayors Association for the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs. He enjoys fishing and going to his camp at Pymatuning. He has two grown children, Nicole and Michael.

**1972**

**John Shreve** of Ormond Beach, Fla., was selected as the 2010 Elementary Reading Coach of the Year for the Seminole County Public Schools. He is a reading coach for Seminole County Public Schools, Sanford, Fla.

**1973**

**Paul Fronczek** of Avalon, Pa., was unanimously appointed by the Avalon Borough Council to a three-year term on the joint planning committee of Avalon, Bellevue and Ben Avon boroughs, all in Pittsburgh. He was elected to a three-year term as the commission's vice chair and appointed as interim finance committee chair until Jan. 1, 2011. He also is serving his second year as president of the Langley High School Alumni Association.

**Connie (Buckley) Sitterley** of Spartansburg, Pa., retired from Penncrest Schools, Saegertown, Pa., with 36 years of service. She was a learning support teacher for 24 years before moving into the technology department, where she spent the last seven years as department head.

**1975**

**Deborah (Duke) and Robert Abbott ('71)** reside in Suffolk, Va.

**1976**

**Beverly (Shipman) Collins** retired after 30 years of teaching special education. She resides in Ruther Glen, Va., with her husband, Colby. They have four grown children, Kristin, Jennifer, Melinda and Jonathan.

**Ken Mohney (M.B.A. '79)** retired from Disney Company, where he held various financial positions for 30 years, and is now operating his own company, [www.ropeatowel.com](http://www.ropeatowel.com). He resides in Windermere, Fla., with his wife, Bonnie. They have two grown children, Ryan and Caitlin.

**Susan Stephenson** resides in Slippery Rock, Pa.

**1978**

**Alexa (Costanza) Hansen** was recently appointed director of corporate development, Tepper School of Business, Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh. She resides in Westlake, Ohio, with her husband, Michael. They have three children, Samantha, Alexandra and Oliver.



LARRY RICHERT ('81) (LEFT) AND BO GARRITANO ('66) (RIGHT).

## 'Fly Eagles Fly' With A Marine Corps Twist

**Larry Richert ('81) and Bo Garritano ('66)** were guests of the United States Marine Corp at the Spring 2010 Educators Conference at Parris Island. Thirty-six educators from around Pittsburgh, Richert and his cameraman from KDKA got a chance to see how the drill instructors and the officers of Paris Island "Make Marines!"

Richert was on assignment to do a story that lifted the veil of training and gave KDKA viewers a chance to see what few people have ever seen. Garritano, interim assistant principal for Kiski Area School District, was invited to learn about the procedure and share it with fellow educators, parents and students.

Both enjoyed being placed into a platoon, motivated by a drill sergeant, and learned to march, follow orders and shout cadence. Both Eagles fired live rounds with an M-16A rifle and witnessed recruits going through drills.

Garritano said, "It was a thrill of a lifetime, and it was the first addition to my 'Bucket List'."

Richert's report can be found at <http://kdka.com/local/marines.boot.camp.2.1562914.html>

### ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

**1979**

**Mark Hooven** is a vice president for sales and marketing at AirBorn Interconnect Inc. He resides in Girard, Pa., with his wife, Rebecca, and their daughters, Sarah and Brittany.

**David Spierto** of Pittsburgh, is owner/president of PuroClean Restoration, Bethel Park, Pa. He has three children, Michael, Maria and Meg.

**Thomas and Anna Maria (Czlonka) Whiting** reside in Laurel, Md. Thomas is a purchasing and supply management specialist and was promoted to team leader of non-mail freight transportation logistics for the U.S. Postal Service.

**1980**

**Daniel Devine (M.B.A. '83)** recently became the analyst relations manager for LSI Corporation, Allentown, Pa., with responsibility

for directing all industry analyst communications for the \$2.2 billion company. He resides in Slatington, Pa., and has three children, Amanda, Lauren and Nicholas.

### 1983

**Vincent Benz** of Chesterfield, Mo., is senior director for Gartner Inc., Philadelphia.

**Joette (Fearn) Tripodi** of Brookfield, Ill., is administrative manager for Sword Diagnostics Inc., Chicago. She planned the company's move from Summit, Ill., to its new location.

### 1984

**Joseph Dornbrock** is executive director of Keystone Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA), Pittsburgh, the Pennsylvania state chapter of the PVA. He has worked for Keystone PVA since 2005. He resides in Penn Hills, Pa., with his wife, Sylvett, and child, Chance.

**Amy (Snyder) Murphy** of Punxsutawney, Pa., is marketing manager for Paris Companies, DuBois, Pa. She has a daughter, Sara.

### 1986

**Laura Halsey** is marketing manager for Deloitte Services LLP, Pittsburgh. She resides in Pittsburgh with her husband, John Smith II.

**Michael Saraka** completed the Warrior Leader Course conducted by the Third BN 166<sup>th</sup> Regiment, Non-Commissioned Officer Academy at Ft. Indiantown Gap, Pa., in February. The director of alumni relations at Slippery Rock University, he also is a member of the Pennsylvania Army National Guard.

### 1989

**Mimi Benjamin** of Endicott, N.Y., is associate director for faculty programs in residential communities for Cornell University.

### 1990

**Mark Huffman** is a financial advisor with Merrill Lynch, Williamsport, Pa., managing investments for non-profit organizations, municipalities

and high net worth individuals. He attended Central Atlantic School of Trust at Bucknell University—National Graduate Trust School at Northwestern University, obtaining a certified trust financial advisor designation. He is enrolled in the certified financial planner program. He is a board member of the Plankenhorn Foundation, immediate past chair of North Central Sight Services Inc., a trustee for North Central YMCA and is affiliated with Lycoming County United Way. He resides in Montoursville, Pa. and has a son, Noah.

**Michael Rodi** is director of global human relations for Mylan Inc. He resides in Bethel Park, Pa., with his wife, Diane, and son, Marco.

### 1991

**Diane (Henry) Guntrum** is an income maintenance caseworker for Clarion CAO. She resides in Clarion, Pa., with her husband, Randy.

**Suzanne (Wallace) Odom ('93)** is patron services librarian for Florida Institute of Technology, Melbourne, Fla. She resides in Palm Bay, Fla., with her husband, Wesley, and son, Garrett.

### 1992

**Harry Hartman** is owner, president and publisher of Eagle Printing & Publishing LLC, Claremont, N.H. He resides in Garnet Valley, Pa., and has two children, Pauline and Rita.

**Gabe Stepanic** of Cary, N.C., was promoted to branch vice president of Coda Financial Group, Honolulu, Hawaii, in November 2009. He has two children, Matthew and Maya.

### 1993

**Julie (Snyder) Jacobs** of Falconer, N.Y., is controller for Lutheran Social Services Group Inc., Jamestown, N.Y.

### 1994

**Kathleen (Fonger) Campbell Templeton** was named 2008-2009 Teacher of the Year at West Ridge Middle School in Austin, Texas. West Ridge Middle School in the Eanes Independent School District is rated as an exemplary school by the state of Texas. Templeton has

taught special education at the school for seven years.

### 1995

**Teresa (Morelli, M.S. '97) Groves** is director of rehabilitation for Ambassador Rehabilitation, Cheswick, Pa. She resides in Tarentum, Pa., with her husband, Bret, and children, Brady, Logan and Delaney.

**Amy (Donahue) Snyder** is associate dean of university life for George Mason University, Fairfax, Va. She resides in Manassas, Va., with her husband, Jeff, and children, Moira, Emma, Evan and Caroline.

**Christina (Zacherl) Murdock** teaches third grade for Clarion Area School District, Clarion, Pa. She resides in Brookville, Pa., with her husband, Dan, and children, Jacob and Sydney.

### 1996

**Laura (Banker) Bowen** of Gore, Va., is a substitute teacher for Frederick County Public Schools. She has three children, Darby, Charlie and James.

### 1997

**Debbie (Wilcock) Kenworthy** is a senior manager and market researcher for Johnson & Johnson, Titusville, N.J., and is chairman of the board for the Pharmaceutical Marketing Research Group. She and her husband, Scott, reside in Perkasio, Pa., with their children, Megan and Ashleigh.

### 1998

**Shawn Kelly** is school counselor for his home high school, Karns City, Karns City, Pa., He resides in Petrolia, Pa., with his wife, Rachel, and son, Brenden.

**Shawna (Reynolds) Peters** resides in Cranberry Township, Pa., with her husband, Scott, and daughter, Sophie.

**Christine Swift** resides in Lake Worth, Fla.

### 1999

**Donnelle (DJ) Washington** of Pittsburgh, is employed in fiber optic sales for Verizon.

**Erica (Logero) Wisler** is senior quality analyst for Allegheny Ludlum, Brackenridge, Pa. She resides in Ford City, Pa., with her husband, Jeremy, and son, Tytan.

### 2000

**Jennifer (Shipp) Gallaher** teaches fourth grade for Bethel Park School District, Bethel Park, Pa. She resides in Jefferson Hills, Pa., with her husband, Samuel, and children Abigail and Emily.

### 2001

**Lauren (McLaughlin) Augenbaugh** of DuBois, Pa., teaches 12<sup>th</sup> grade English for the DuBois Area School District, DuBois, Pa. She has a son, David.

**Kimberly Douglass** resides in Pittsburgh, with her husband, Ryan, and children, Brayden and Dean.

**David Hammond** is operations manager for Conspirare, the five-time Grammy nominated professional choral organization based in Austin, Texas. He and his wife, Karon, reside in Austin.

**Melissa (Getchell) Leonard** resides in Meadville, Pa., with her daughter, Lucille.

### 2002

**Dawn Breski** is a special education teacher and softball coach for Prince William County Schools, Woodbridge, Va. She resides in Woodbridge, with her husband, Grant Shaffer.

**Christy (Hummel) McMillen** is a special education learning support teacher for Cornell Abraxas, Marienville, Pa. She resides in Summerville, Pa., and has three children, Laura, Jonah and Katie.

**Ronice (Nolt) Sceski** is owner/photographer of Ronice Kay Photography, Lancaster, Pa. She resides in Lancaster, with her husband, Jason, whom she married Sept. 19, 2009.

**Tina (Beer) Tolkacevic** is special education supervisor for Allegheny Intermediate Unit, Pittsburgh. She resides in Crafton, Pa., with her daughter, Macy.

**2003**

**Linsey (Durstine) Brown** resides in Export, Pa., with her husband, Andrew, whom she married May 16, 2009.

**Anne (Golden) Vazquez** is a media planner for CMI. She resides in Norristown, Pa., with her husband, Joel.

**Janie Hershberger** of Mountain Top, Pa., is a lab analyst for Troy Manufacturing, Hazleton, Pa.

**2004**

**Tim** and **Katie (Lokar '05) Breen** reside in Seven Fields, Pa. Tim is the network administrator for Enterprise Bank. Katie teaches kindergarten in the Pine-Richland School District, Wexford, Pa., and is completing a master's degree at Slippery Rock University.

**Rebecca (Thielet) Godlove** of Pittsburgh, Pa., is a manager for Dollar Bank, Pittsburgh, Pa.

**Charles Linhart** teaches ninth grade at his alma mater, Perry Traditional Academy, Pittsburgh, where he also coaches football, basketball and boys volleyball. He resides in Pittsburgh, with his wife, Cari, and daughter, Alison.

**Kimberly (Powell) Majewski** resides in Glenshaw, Pa., with her husband, Robert, and daughter Haylie.

**Natalie Weleski** of Harford, Md., is a high school science teacher at Edgewood High School, Edgewood, Md. She is completing her master's degree in science education at Towson University, Baltimore, Md. She is engaged to Jacob Reitz with a wedding planned for Fall 2011.

**2005**

**Katie (Lokar)** and **Tim Breen ('04)** reside in Seven Fields, Pa. Katie teaches kindergarten in the Pine-Richland School District, Wexford, Pa., and is completing a master's degree at Slippery Rock University. Tim is the network administrator for Enterprise Bank.

**Lisa Egeland** of Pittsburgh, is therapeutic staff support for Community Psychiatric Centers, Monroeville, Pa.

**Nathan** and **Lindsay (Swab) Ewing** reside in Newport, Pa.

**Jennifer Godown** of Arlington, Va., is a crime analyst for Fairfax County Police Department, Reston, Va.

**Cara (Butera) Moore** is a shelter director for Onslow Community Outreach, Jacksonville, N.C. She resides in Jacksonville, with her husband, Brandon, and son, Michael.

**2006**

**Alexandra Batouyios (M.Ed. '10)** of Verona, Pa., is a Spanish teacher for Pine-Richland High School. She received her M.Ed. in curriculum instruction from Clarion University in May 2010.

**Kelly (Yackovich) Corwin** resides in Batavia, Ill., with her husband, Luke. She received her master's degree in computer science from The Ohio State University in December 2009 and is working on a doctorate in computer science at The Ohio State University.

**Zach ('08)** and **Emily (Reel) Ramsey** were married on June 19, 2009. They reside in Scranton, S.C., where they both teach in the Florence County School District, Lake City, S.C.

**April Sheatz** of Gibsonia, Pa., is a human resources generalist for NEP Broadcasting LLC, Pittsburgh.

**Kara (Zatezalo) Strauch** works for Cumberland County Schools. She resides in Fayetteville, N.C., with her husband, Bryan.

**2007**

**Evan Carr** of Ft. Myers, Fla., is a photographer/editor and live truck operator with WBBH radio, Ft. Myers.

**Terry Fowler** resides in Cochran, Pa.

**Greg Larson** of Baltimore, Md., is an account manager for Transcend Information Inc., Linthicum, Md. He plans to marry **Jenny Contenta ('06)** on July 31, 2010.

**2008**

**Kevin Brady** of Middletown, N.Y., is a financial advisor for PCP Financial Partners, New York, N.Y.

**Emily (Reel)** and **Zach Ramsey ('06, '08)** were married on June 19, 2009. They reside in Scranton, S.C., where they both teach in Florence County School District, Lake City, S.C.

**Carla (Seifert) Slagle** resides in New Freedom, Pa., with a daughter, Cassandra.

## Dr. Susan Winters Heads Regional Nursing Program

**Dr. Susan (Cramer '85) Winters**, a registered nurse with a doctorate in nursing, has been named director of Southern Illinois University Edwardsville's Regional Nursing Program located on the SIU Carbondale campus.

Winters received her associate degree in nursing and B.S.N. degree from Clarion University – Venango Campus; M.S. and Ph.D. from the University of Virginia School of Nursing. She was the 1999 recipient of the Clarion University Alumni Association Venango Campus Distinguished Alumni Award.

Last year, the SIUE School of Nursing joined forces with SIUC to address a statewide nursing shortage in opening the regional nursing program at SIUC. Beginning in August, more than 80 freshmen were accepted

at Carbondale as pre-nursing students.

Winters, a nursing educator for nearly 20 years, comes to SIUE after serving as a member of nursing faculties at McKendree University in Lebanon and at John A. Logan College in Carterville. She also has held several positions at the University of Virginia Medical Center, including education coordinator and as a clinician specializing in cardiovascular nursing.

For SIUE, Winters has responsibility for all facets of the nursing program at the regional campus location. "This collaborative endeavor between SIUC and the SIUE School of Nursing is truly a win-win-win situation for SIUC, SIUE and, perhaps most importantly, for Southern Illinois," Winters said.

"Prior to this point, any student in the area who wished to pursue a traditional B.S.N. degree had to leave the area. To have an accredited program of the SIUE School of Nursing's caliber available in Carbondale is deeply thrilling," she said. "I look forward to our graduates contributing to the health of the Southern Illinois region, and I relish the opportunity to bring the program to life in Carbondale."

Through the partnership, SIUE nursing faculty teach classes at Carbondale, while other select classes are offered via tele-education between the two campuses. The SIUE nursing faculty also provides clinical supervision of the nursing students in the Carbondale area.

Since the SIUE School of Nursing – fully accredited by the



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Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education—is the official home of the program, a B.S.N. would be conferred by SIUE even though a student is taking program classes at SIU Carbondale.

Winters and her husband, Todd, and their children, Sloan and Luke, reside in Carbondale.

**Kristy (Marchal) Stauffer** is an accountant for Marchal & Marchal PC, Shippensburg, Pa. She resides in Chambersburg, Pa., with her husband, Todd.

**Melissa Zandier** resides in Clarion, Pa., and is engaged to **Jordan Kifer ('10)**.

## 2009

**Emily Hulburt** of Sykesville, Pa., teaches 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade English at Clearfield High School, Clearfield, Pa.

**Randy Seitz** is president and COO of Oil Region Alliance of Business, Industry & Tourism, Oil City, Pa. He resides in Franklin, Pa., with his wife, Guadalupe, and children, Anthony and Deborah.

## MARRIAGES

**Ronice (Nolt '02)** and Jason Sceski, Sept. 19, 2009.

**Linsey (Durstine '03)** and Andrew Brown, May 16, 2009.

**Lindsay (Swab '05)** and **Nathan Ewing ('05)**, Sept. 5, 2009.

**Kelly (Yackovich '06)** and Luke Corwin, Dec. 12, 2009.

**Emily (Reel '08)** and **Zach Ramsey ('06, '08)**, June 19, 2009.

## BIRTHS

**Gabe Stepanic ('92)**, a daughter, Maya, Feb. 3, 2010.

**Shawna (Reynolds '98)** and Scott Peters, a daughter, Sophie Kay, Sept. 6, 2009.

**Erica (Logero '99)** and Jeremy Wiser, a son, Tytan Richard, Nov. 19, 2009.

**Jennifer (Shipp '00)** and Samuel Gallaher, a daughter, Emily Renee, Dec. 8, 2009.

**Kimberly ('01)** and Ryan Douglass, a son, Dean Joseph, March 26, 2010.

**Melissa (Getchell '01) Leonard**, a daughter, Lucille Ann, Jan. 22, 2010.

**Christy (Hummell '02) McMillen**, a daughter, Katie Renee, Dec. 11, 2009.

**Tina (Beer '02) Tolkacevic**, a daughter, Macy Jane, March 29, 2010.

Cari and **Charles Linhart ('04)**, a daughter, Alison, Aug. 30, 2009.

**Teresa (Morelli '95, M.S. '97)** and Bret Groves, a son, Logan Bret, March 23, 2010.

**Cara (Butera '05)** and Brandon Moore, a son, Michael Anthony, Aug. 30, 2009.

## DEATHS

**Deborah G. Root ('70)**, Feb. 15, 2010.

**Frances J. (Zito '54) McAllister**, Feb. 15, 2010.

**Raymond W. Koerber ('52)**, Feb. 17, 2010.

**Donald A. Mikus ('66)**, Feb. 20, 2010.

**James J. Rhoads ('59)**, Feb. 20, 2010.

**Violet J. (Vukoslavich '48) Janich**, Dec. 12, 2009.

**Evalyn L. (Meabon '49) Haines**, Aug. 11, 2009.

**Alfarata (McElhatten '36) Walley**, Feb. 19, 2010.

**Robert J. Austen ('67)**, Feb. 20, 2010.

**Mark Turner ('89)**, Feb. 23, 2010.

**James Richard Helmintoller ('48)**, Feb. 27, 2010.

**Elaine (Brugh '50) Clark**, March 5, 2010.

**John R. Kerr ('50)**, March 6, 2010.

**William R. Schall, ('64)**, March 6, 2010.

**Harry E. Wolfe ('43)**, Feb. 3, 2010.

**Patricia E. Forejt ('65)**, Jan. 23, 2008.

**Marjorie Lenore (McClain '45) Taylor**, Feb. 28, 2010.

**Beverly A. Strain ('89)**, March 19, 2010.

**Bernard V. Shinal ('79)**, Nov. 23, 2009.

**Mabel (Robertson '51) Pitocco**, March 18, 2010.

**Jennifer L. Alexander ('79)**, April 4, 2010.

**Vincent J. Nelson Sr. ('59)**, March 31, 2010.

**E. Elizabeth (Silves '41) La Fave**, Aug. 29, 2009.

**Ed H. Morrison Jr. ('69)**, April 8, 2010.

**Marshal L. (Triponey '86) Hall**, April 8, 2010.

**Barbara (Eaker '57) McVay**, April 9, 2010.

**Pearl (Clutter '63) Foster**, April 6, 2010.

**Leatrice S. (Smith '48) Rowan**, Feb. 12, 2010.

**Brenda (Goughler '89) Thomason**, April 13, 2010.

**Ethel C. (Freedline '32) Edwards**, March 6, 2010.

**Mary L. (Hollingshead '30) Shaw**, March 16, 2010.

**Bernard Shinal ('79)**, Nov. 23, 2009.

**Susan Anne Wheeler ('09)**, Aug. 31, 2009.

**James H. Hutchison ('63)**, May 14, 2010.

**Dennis R. Sinclair ('69)**, May 17, 2010.

**Danene M. (Sweet '82) Mattern**, April 4, 2009.

**Carol A. (Bastkowski '62) Bransfield**, Feb. 25, 2009.

## CLARION UNIVERSITY RELATED DEATHS

**Daniel Fecko**, former computer science/mathematics faculty, May 1, 2010.

**Jenna Gilmore**, junior management major, May 16, 2010.

**Michael Pleskovich**, junior environmental geosciences and geology major, May 16, 2010.

## Frank Clark

**Frank Clark**, Clarion University faculty member, administrator and 1995 Clarion University Outstanding Faculty Award recipient died May 23, 2010, in Leesburg, Fla.

Clark spent 41½ years teaching, the final 27½ at Clarion University between 1967-94 as professor of speech communication and theatre.

Originally from Punxsutawney, Pa., Clark earned his B.S. from Indiana University of Pennsylvania and M.F.A. from Ohio University, Athens, Ohio. He completed graduate courses at University of Pittsburgh, Penn State University and University of Miami; and Wroxton College, Oxford University and Royal Holloway College, all in England.

He taught at Cranberry High School, Seneca, Pa. for 15 years prior to joining Clarion State College in summer 1967 as an assistant professor of speech. In addition to his teaching duties, Clark twice served as acting administrator of the Clarion University-Venango Campus in 1976-77 and 1982-83. He also served on many committees for Clarion University, Venango Campus and his department; obtained several grants for the campus; and added three courses to the speech communication and theatre curriculum at Venango Campus.

Theatre was a passion for Clark. He was employed with the Summer Theatre Guild, Indiana, Pa.; William Penn Playhouse, Delmont, Pa.; Sherwood Forest Theatre, Murrysville, Pa.; and Ohio Valley Summer Theatre, Athens, Ohio, in addition to acting, directing and designing productions for high schools, colleges, universities and amateur theatre companies. He authored articles on 19<sup>th</sup> Century theatre in northwest Pennsylvania and critiqued articles for publication by the Western Pennsylvania Historical Society.

He established the Frank Clark Scholarship for an incoming freshman planning to attend Venango Campus.

In retirement, he continued to offer classes in drama and perform in shows. He and his wife, Margaret, who survives, also traveled extensively.



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## Dean Jim Cole

**Dr. James H. Cole**, former dean of the College of Communication and Computer Information Science, was born April 11, 1924, in Macedonia, Ill., and died in Albuquerque, N.M. on June 28, 2010, at age 86.

He grew up in Hammond, Ind., where he attended both grade and high school.

During WWII he enlisted in the Navy, receiving training at Great Lakes, the Universities of Wisconsin, Texas A&M and communication facilities in Cheltenham, Md. His overseas duty was with Joint Combat Communication on Guam and after war's end he led a Navy communication team, attached to a Marine unit, in the possession and occupation of Truk, a Caroline Island in the Pacific. Following his discharge in 1946, he married Wilma Anderson of Hammond, Ind., and they raised two children, Sheri Cole Heying and Cyndi Cole Johnson, wife of Wayne D. Johnson, now residing in Albuquerque, N.M.

In 1953, he completed a bachelor's degree at Eastern Illinois University majoring in biology. He was a member and President of Kappa Sigma Kappa social fraternity, a member of Kappa Delta Pi and Theta Alpha Phi, national honorary scholastic and honorary dramatic fraternities.

In 1955, he earned a Master of Science and, in 1964, a Doctorate in Systems Technology from Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana. Cole's career included serving as science and media supervisor for the Lake County Indiana public schools, as an executive with the American Book Company, New York City, seven years as a faculty member and supervisor of field services at Indiana University and more recently retiring after 21 years as Dean, College of Communication and Computer Science at Clarion.

In 1976, he married Alberta Nelson, of DuBois, Pa., and after retirement they traveled extensively, and then moved to Hartwell, Ga., in June 2000. In July 2007, he and his wife moved to Albuquerque, N.M. During his career he served as a deacon in the First Baptist Church, Bloomington, Ind., a member of the First Methodist Church, Brookville, Pa., and was active in many local, state and national organizations.

He held private pilot and ham radio operator's licenses, was a tournament racquetball player and avid fisherman. In 1976, he received the L.C. Larson Leadership in Instructional Technology Award from Indiana University and, in 1994, was designated by Clarion University as Dean Emeritus and was given the Alumni Association Distinguished Service Award.

The family requests that contributions in his memory be sent to the James H. Cole Scholarship Endowment, Clarion University Foundation, Inc., Seifert-Mooney Center for Advancement, 840 Wood Street, Clarion, Pa. 16214-1232

## John Joseph McNulty

**John Joseph McNulty**, 87, a former Clarion University trustee, died Wednesday, June 2, at his home in Brockway, Pa. McNulty was a member of the trustees from 1972-82 and served a term as chair.

He was born in Germantown, Pa., Oct. 27, 1922. He was married to Janice R. McNulty. She preceded him in death in 2005.

Following his graduation from Roman Catholic High School in Philadelphia, McNulty was employed by the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia for a year before enrolling at Lock Haven State Teachers College in 1941. He enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1942 and was a veteran of World War II, serving with the 411<sup>th</sup> Infantry in the European Theater and becoming a decorated combat infantryman.

After the war, he returned to Lock Haven and graduated in 1948. While in college, he lettered in two varsity sports. He began his teaching career at Brockway in 1948 and retired 45 years later, in 1993. He taught government, American history, driver education and health and physical education. He was head boys' basketball coach and athletic director for 35 years. In 1993, he was named Region 2 Athletic Director of the Year by the Pennsylvania Athletic Directors Association. He was named Brockway's Sportsman of the Year in 2004.

He is survived by four children: Thomas of Homer City, Pa., John W. of DuBois, Pa., Bridget Swartzlander of Golden, Colo. and Deirdre of Brockway; several grandchildren, nieces and nephews; and two sisters, Margaret Dougherty of Cape May, N.J., and Ann Ennis of Kissimmee, Fla.



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## Dr. Leroy "Lee" Olson

**Dr. Leroy "Lee" Olson ('49)**, 83, the 1972 Clarion University Distinguished Alumni Award recipient, died Dec. 5, 2009, in West Grove, Pa.

Born in Kane, Pa., he enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1944 following his high school graduation and served two years in the South Pacific. Upon discharge he enrolled at Clarion State College, receiving his education degree in 1949.

He went on to earn both an M.Ed. and D.Ed. from Penn State University. He was a teacher and counselor in school districts in Pennsylvania and Delaware before joining Temple University in Philadelphia. After 26 years, he retired as professor emeritus in 1992.

Olson was a member of Phi Delta Kappa, Phi Kappa Phi, the NEA, AAUP, the Council of Professors of Instructional Supervision and many other educational organizations. He was a member of the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd for 52 years, serving as a trustee and chairman of the board, serving on various committees and founding the health ministry program for the church. He also was a member of the American Legion.

He is survived by his wife, Miriam; three sons, David of High Point, N.C., **Thomas ('83)** of Southamptton, N.J., and Steven of Vienna, Va.; three grandchildren; and a brother, Russell, of Sheffield, Pa.

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# Mother, Son Graduate Together At Commencement

Two stories of determination reached a happy conclusion at Clarion University's commencement ceremony on May 8, when **Nathan Griffin** and his mother, **Phyllis**, both received undergraduate degrees in liberal studies.

Both overcame challenges to reach their goal of a college degree – Phyllis, who started at Clarion in 1973 and left to get married; and Nathan, who had to sit out a semester and earn money so he could return to Clarion from his native San Antonio, Texas, and finish his degree.

"This means so much to me; my mom is a great mom," said Nathan. "I will be accomplishing what she told me I should accomplish and having her reach her goal at the same time is tremendous."

Phyllis was relaying the feelings of her mother to her son. "My mother told me I would never go back when I quit in 1978," said Phyllis about the diploma she received. "I am really happy to be doing this, but I don't want to outshine Nathan because I am really proud of him. He has always been a good student and a good person. It means everything to be graduating with my son because he had some struggles while he was finding himself in college. He is my youngest and he means everything to everyone in the family."

Phyllis was originally from New Brighton, where she still has relatives, and came to Clarion University as a special education major. She earned 102 credits, 18 short of graduation, between 1973 and 1978. She met her future husband, **Morris Griffin**, also a Clarion student, and both of them dropped out of college to get married.

Morris and Phyllis went on with life, raising three children, Noelle, who attended Columbus State College in Georgia, Greg, who is attending University of Texas at San Antonio, and Nathan. Morris completed a degree in business administration with a major in management in 2007 from University of the Incarnate Word in San Antonio, and is employed as a quality engineer for Sikorsky Aircraft. Phyllis works with the homeless for First Presbyterian, San Antonio.

Nathan accepted a football scholarship from Clarion University, returning to his parents' roots in western Pennsylvania. "I liked the commitment coach **Malan Luke** and Clarion University showed to me by offering me a scholarship," he recalled. "I wanted to finish college here to make sure the family had a legacy at Clarion."

Joining the football team, Nathan earned two letters with the Golden Eagles before academic issues prevented him from playing. It was one of the "downs" in what he refers to as an "up and down" career at Clarion.

"I am finishing on an up," he said. "I came to Clarion ready to spread my wings. I got by for three years and then I slipped up and lost my scholarship. I had to stay home and go to work if I wanted to finish. I figured out that with the changes taking place in society that I needed a college degree. I came back to Clarion to finish with a no-quit mentality and had a 3.0 quality point average my last two semesters."

Phyllis found her inspiration to finish college from a story in the July 2008 issue of the Clarion University magazine, *Clarion & Beyond*, concerning the graduation of **Reggie Wells Sr. ('08)** and **Reggie Wells Jr. ('08)**, both of whom

left Clarion University before completing a degree, but returned to achieve that goal. The Griffins had attended Clarion with Wells Sr. and his future wife, **Diane (Logan '79)**.

"That inspired me," said Phyllis. "I decided I could graduate with my son."

After making some contacts, Phyllis applied and was accepted into Clarion University's on-line liberal arts degree. "I loved on-line classes," said Phyllis. "If they had on-line classes when I was going to college I probably wouldn't have quit. I didn't like going to class. Online is convenient, you go when you can. I did homework in the middle of the night and it was wonderful. I would recommend it to everyone, particularly if you don't like to go to class."

Phyllis took classes in women's studies, taking inspiration from the on-line teaching of **Dr. Deborah Burghardt**, director of women's studies, and **Dr. Donna Ashcraft**, professor of psychology. "I plan to use what they taught me in my work with the homeless," said Phyllis. "I want to be kinder and more understanding and the courses I took in women's studies will help me with that."

Nathan plans to return to Texas and seek certification to teach history or geography and coach football. He credits **Dr. Gerald Thomas**, professor of geography, as being a major influence for him, and **Dr. Brenda Dede**, assistant vice president for academic affairs, as being like a mother away from home for him. "He has been so knowledgeable," said Nathan about Thomas. "That's why I have geography as a minor. I learned so much from him, including some help with finances."

# Legum Ready To Bridge Business And Science

Looking around a now empty 2,500 square-foot laboratory at the Gregory Barnes Center for Biotechnology Business Development at Clarion University, **Benjamin Legum** envisions a future where the NanoBlox facilities will provide employment for the region and research opportunities for Clarion University students.

Legum is excited to be part of Clarion University's new Center for Applied Research and Intellectual Property Development (www.clarion.edu/CARIPD/), part of Clarion University's College of Business Administration. He views the center as, "a bridge between business and science."

The center is dedicated to the development and transfer of its research and technology to the public sector for the general economic benefit of Clarion University, the region and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. It is designed to complement the work of Clarion University's Small Business Development Center (SBDC), which aids small business development in the area.

"Though I am a scientist, the business end is familiar to me because I have independently done this type of work in the private sector," said Legum. "I have written grants and I know how to start a small business. The hardest part in the process is perseverance."

"A scientist is charged to do specific things within their fields, but after they have developed an idea in the laboratory, they are not trained in what their next step should be to market their idea. The Center for Applied Research and Intellectual Property Development will help all inventors develop their ideas in a way that will help the region."

His other role is to support the firm NanoBlox, more specifically nanodiamond research and development, in the growing field of nanotechnology. Nanodiamonds represent unlimited potential with commercial applications of lubrication, coatings, composites, drug delivery and medical imaging.

Nanotechnology is any technology related to features of nanometer scale, one-billionth of a meter: thin films, fine particles, chemical synthesis, advanced micro-lithography and atomic/molecular engineering. This research has triggered a sci-tech revolution based upon the ability to systematically organize and manipulate matter on the nanometer length scale.



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The NanoBlox laboratory will process nanodiamonds for industrial uses and be a center for research and development. This environment can provide excellent internship opportunities for Clarion University students.

"I anticipate student researchers from both the sciences and business," said Legum. "Their numbers will be determined by the amount of projects and funding available. I am looking for the best and the brightest. I want them to be paid because it is easier to have an appreciation of your work when you are paid; and I want them to know

how to use the tools because it makes a world of difference to have this experience in the real world.

An inter-disciplinary engineer with experiences ranging from the development of biodegradable scaffolds to the optimization of experimental manipulation devices gaining a wide range of proficiency with scientific instruments and techniques, Legum most recently was a medical device manufacturing/process engineer for Globus Medical Inc. He previously worked as a molecular biology laboratory technician for Cephalon, Inc., and as a biomaterials technician for CLEO Cosmetics & Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

"This is exciting to start bringing interdisciplinary research to Clarion," said Legum.

Legum grew up in Fairfax, Va., and after serving five years in the U.S. Navy as an information systems technician he was honorably discharged. He went on to earn a biomedical technician certification from the Community College of Philadelphia in 2003, a Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Engineering degree

with a concentration in materials and tissues in 2007 and a Master of Science in Materials Science and Engineering degree in 2007, both from Drexel University. He completed several practicum experiences and graduate research projects while at Drexel ranging from inhalation toxicity of nanoparticulates to conductivity experiments of individual nanoparticles.

Legum's office is at the Barnes Center, located at Trinity Point, Exit 62, I-80 in Monroe Township in a KOZ/KIZ area, which encourages businesses to locate and stay in the area. The center houses local economic support organizations and provides space for business incubation of newly formed biotechnology and nanotechnology companies whose ownership and management are committed to Pennsylvania and its northwest region. By linking research taking place in the new science and technology center with the development of the Barnes Center, Clarion University will further its vision for economic development in the region.

The Barnes Center will continue to look for additional tenants as it has one laboratory space left to be leased. The current 23,000 square-foot building offers only one-quarter of the potential space available. Three more pod areas are ready for development that could expand the Barnes Center to 80,000 square-feet. Situated on 3.4 acres of land will allow for additional expansion in the future.

The center is designed to achieve LEED (Leadership in Environmental Energy and Design) certification. These new "green" buildings will teach young people and the entire community, the value of sustainable energy and conservation.

The first occupant of the Barnes Center was Clarion University SBDC, which assists businesses with critical business 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.



# O'Toole Presides Over Top School District

**Dr. Patrick O'Toole ('79)** operates the top school district in Pennsylvania.

The Pittsburgh Business Times rated the Upper St. Clair School District, located in the South Hills area of Pittsburgh, as the number one school district among the 501 in Pennsylvania. The publication bases its rankings on its analysis of the Pennsylvania System of School Assessment Exam results. Upper St. Clair was number one in western Pennsylvania for a fifth consecutive year.

"Upper St. Clair is a high-performing school district with a generational commitment to excellence in education," said O'Toole. "I am fortunate to be the superintendent and to work with an outstanding group of educators, a supportive school board and highly motivated students."

O'Toole is in his fourth year as superintendent at Upper St. Clair, where he completed an internship 22 years ago. "This gives credence to the power of internships as far as careers are concerned," O'Toole said. "Clarion provided me with a strong foundation of knowledge and skills about teaching and learning."

His education and Clarion University background run deep. His parents, **Mary (Schierberl '48)** and the late **Michael O'Toole Sr. ('51)**, both were Clarion graduates, teachers and members of the Clarion State Teachers College Board of Trustees. They and their families established the Mary Catherine Murphy Schierberl Leadership Scholarship in memorial to **Mary Catherine Murphy Schierberl (1909)**. They raised nine children in Tionesta, Pa., with **Michael Jr. ('76)** and **Erin (O'Toole '86) Brannon** also graduating from Clarion.

O'Toole's road through college was not simple. He paid his own way with a work-study job in sports information and refereeing basketball and umpiring baseball

games.

"These jobs helped prepare me for coaching and leadership positions," he recalled. "Education is what I wanted to do, but there were not many teaching positions available when I was in college. Business was the most popular major. I was fortunate that I stayed the course and followed my passion."

Following graduation with a degree in elementary education, O'Toole taught in Sandusky, Ohio; was an assistant principal in Greenville, Pa.; a principal and superintendent in Shenango Township School District, New

Castle, Pa.; and superintendent for South Butler County School District, Saxonburg, Pa. He earned both a master's and Ed.D. degrees from the University of Pittsburgh.

All of this led O'Toole to the job as the chief administrator in Pennsylvania's number one school. He credits a team effort with the success.

"We have a commitment of providing a high quality education, which focuses on the whole child not just test scores," O'Toole said. "We enjoy the notoriety of high achievement, but education is more than what is done on a paper and pencil test. It all starts with motivated students, a supportive community that prioritizes education, effective teachers and effective instructional leadership at all levels is critical."

"Each child is challenged to achieve their fullest potential. There is a strong commitment to preparing students to work and engage in an interconnecting world. The jobs of today are global and they need to be prepared for that environment."

**"Every time I interview a teaching candidate I recall what I learned in the classroom at Clarion."**

~Dr. O'Toole



Dr. O'Toole speaking to the Upper St. Clair High School graduating class of 2010.

O'Toole finds himself relating back to his Clarion education several times each year.

"Every time I interview a teaching candidate I recall what I learned in the classroom at Clarion about teaching reading, mathematics, science, social studies and physical education, taught to me by **Dr. Arnold Zaeske, Dr. John Moorhouse, Dr. Robert**

**Yoho and Gene Sobelewski,**" he said. "They were a very powerful influence for me to be an effective teacher. Clarion's education program is as good any education program in the country."

O'Toole resides in Butler, Pa., with his wife, Tracey, a chemistry teacher in the Seneca Valley School District, and a son, Patrick.

## Wild Game Dinner 2010



L-R, **Barry Garbarino** (son of late George Garbarino), former Clarion A.D. **Bob Carlson**, nationally known sculptor **Michael Hamby** and Clarion University Game Dinner Chair **Jim Thornton** at the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual George Garbarino Wild Game Dinner on March 27 at Clarion Moose Lodge #101. Hamby presented a special sculpture (displayed below) for the event that was auctioned for the George Garbarino Scholarship Endowment. The overall event raised more than \$15,000 for the endowment and now has a total endowment value of over \$177,000 which benefits Clarion student athletes. The dinner has been organized from its inception in 1999 by head athletic trainer Jim Thornton.

# Sandusky Heading To Pennsylvania Hall Of Fame

(Ed Note. Clarion and Baltimore Colts football great **Alex Sandusky ('54)** will be inducted into the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame Oct. 16 in Danville, Pa.).

Of all things, deer hunting might be the reason **Alex Sandusky ('54)** became perhaps the first in a long-line of great Clarion athletes to go on to national and international fame.

Sandusky, who played on Clarion's first undefeated football team in 1952 before being drafted in 1954 by the Baltimore Colts where he played 13 seasons and was on the Colts 1958 NFL Title team which beat the N.Y. Giants in what has been titled the "Greatest Game Ever Played" ended up at Clarion because he liked to hunt.

Like many high-school seniors in the late 1940s and early 1950s, Sandusky was accepted at Penn State. But at the time, Penn State was sending many of its freshmen to the State Teacher Colleges, of which Clarion was one.

"I had my choice of a few State Teacher Colleges," Sandusky said. "I chose Clarion because I had been up in the area deer hunting while in high school. I liked to hunt, so I decided to go to Clarion."

The Golden Eagles, under **Ben Kribbs**, went 2-5 in 1950. But things started turning around in 1951 when Clarion went 4-2-1.

In 1952, Clarion, under new-old coach **Waldo S. Tippin** who replaced Kribbs that season after coaching from 1935-47, went 9-0 including a 13-6 win over East Carolina in the Lions Bowl.

"Under Kribbs we started to get a desire to win," Sandusky said. "Tippin picked up on that. He was a coach where you always knew where you stood. He was a straight shooter who was always fair."

"We were a team that had a great will, a passion to win and play. (Our record) was quite an achievement considering we had no scholarships or financial aid. It was a group of guys who came together there and wanted to play and wanted to win with a great passion."

As a starting d-lineman, Sandusky was a key member of a defense that allowed four TDs all season (Clarion gave up 30 points on the year).

"Our front five and our three linebackers basically controlled the game," Sandusky said.

As a starting end (sort of a combination of today's tight end and wide receiver), Sandusky was also a key member of a Clarion offense that scored 20 or more points six times thanks to what had to be considered a passing attack that was ahead of its time. He caught five touchdown passes from quarterback **David "Red" Bevevino ('53)**, who threw for a then school-record 18 touchdowns on the season.

"I think the number-one thing is we had a guy who could throw the ball very well in Bevevino," Sandusky said. "We didn't really have pass routes. I was a little bigger than the linebackers and I would catch jump passes over the middle. When the linebackers started coming up on me tighter, **John Lovre ('57)**, who caught 11 TDs that season, was open deep. Then we had such good pass protection that if Lovre was covered I would keep going and get open a little longer down the field. It just worked out real well."

After Clarion finished its regular-season 8-0 with a 14-0 win over Geneva, the Golden Eagles received an invitation to the Lions Bowl. But that wasn't an automatic thing. The team held a vote to see if it wanted to go.

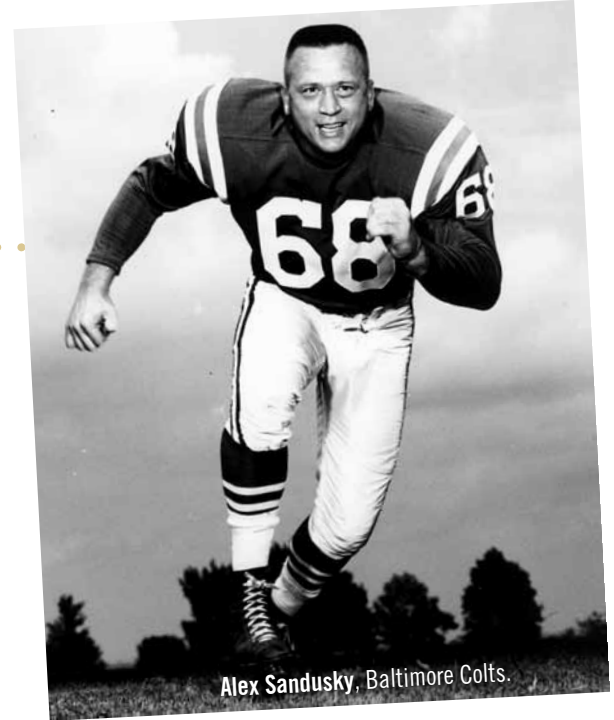
"We had a meeting of the team," Sandusky said. "We had a vote to see if we wanted to play because of the holidays. A lot of the guys had to go back home and work during the holidays, so we had to decide whether we wanted to give up some of our vacation to play in the bowl game. We decided we did."

Traveling to Salisbury, N.C., Clarion faced a much bigger team in East Carolina. It didn't matter, as Clarion won with Sandusky catching a 38-yard touchdown pass in the game.

"We were absolutely outmatched size wise," Sandusky said. "The big thing I remember from that game was their halfback going back to the huddle and me hearing him say 'They're small, but man they hit hard.' That spoke of the character of our team."

In 1953, Clarion won its first five games to run its winning streak to a school-record 15 before California ended it with a 6-0 win. Slippery Rock was up next at home at the old football field where the new Science and Technology Center now stands.

"I remember Coach Tippin knocking on my door at 7 a.m. that Saturday," Sandusky said. "He asked if I had looked outside. It had snowed



eight inches and Slippery Rock was on the phone wanting to know if the game was cancelled. He wanted to know what I thought. We decided we were going to play, and we would shovel off the football field. **President (Paul) Chandler** gave us the use of the campus's only dump truck and sent someone up town to buy 36 snow shovels. We shoveled the field end line to end line, got back in time to eat our pregame meal and called the girls' dorm to have them shovel the bleachers off. We then went out and beat the heck out of Slippery Rock (30-0). If you don't call that passion, I don't know what you call it."

When Sandusky was drafted by the Colts it was a pretty easy decision to play football.

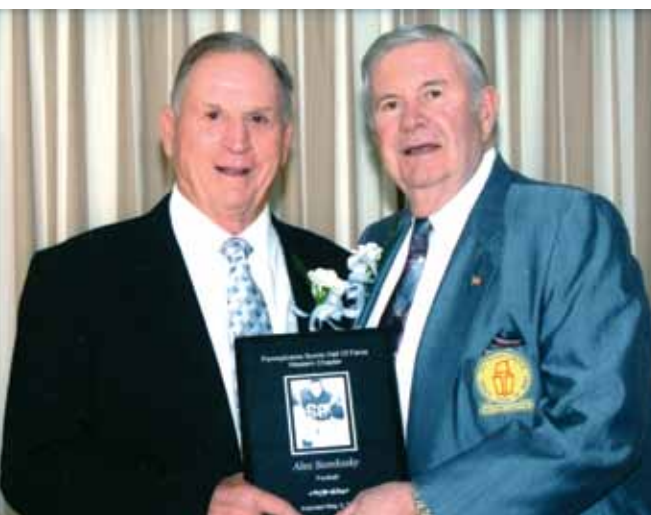
"The starting teacher's salary in Pennsylvania at the time was \$2,100," Sandusky said. "The Colts offered me a contract for \$5,000. I didn't get a signing bonus. I won't make a dime unless I made the team. They gave me \$20 to get to Baltimore."

"It was a tough training camp. I was way, way over my head. Thank goodness the coaches saw something."

Future Hall of Fame head coach **Weeb Ewbank** converted Sandusky from an end to an offensive guard. That ended up working out well for Sandusky, as he helped the Colts to eight winning seasons in his 13 years including the 1958 and 1959 NFL Championships. He was named a second-team All-NFL performer in 1964 by four different organizations and was also a UPI Honorable Mention All-Pro in 1958 and 1965. Sandusky started all but two games in his Colts' career, his first one and one due to an injury.

The highlight of his career probably came in the 1958 title game. It's the game credited by many as jump starting the NFL to what it is

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Alex Sandusky ('54) and Robert "Tic" Cloherty ('62) at 2008 Western Pa. Sports Hall of Fame Induction ceremony.

# Wells Inducted Into Western Pa. Hall

**R**eggie Wells Sr. ('08), former Golden Eagle basketball star from 1976-79, was inducted into the Western Chapter of the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame on May 1, 2010 at the Pittsburgh Sheraton North in Warrendale, Pa.

Clarion had a contingent of more than 25 representatives in attendance to honor Wells for his induction including **President Joe Grunenwald**, Board of Trustees member and former teammate **Jeff Szumigale ('83)**, **AD Dave Katis ('85, M.Ed. '88)**, **SID Rich Herman**, former head basketball coach **Joe DeGregorio**, former **AD Frank Lignelli**



Reggie Wells Sr. ('08), Coach Joe DeGregorio (1975-82) and Diane Logan Wells ('79).

('50), Director of Development **Steve Zinram ('85, MS '88)** and Assistant Vice President **Dr. Brenda S. Dede** to name a few.

One of the top small college basketball players ever to don a uniform in Western Pennsylvania, Wells led Clarion to a combined record of 85-29 from 1976-79, and an amazing PSAC-West record of 33-7. He led the 1977 squad to a school record 27 wins (27-3), PSAC-West title, NAIA D-18 title and a berth in the NAIA National Tournament. The Eagles also won the PSAC-West in 1979.

Individually, Wells set the school record for career points (2,011) and was second in rebounding with 1,120. A PSAC-West first team selection from 1977-79, Wells was a three-time NAIA All-American and NAIA District 18 MVP in 1977 and '78.

"He was the greatest player to ever play at Clarion," former coach Joe DeGregorio said. "He was coachable. He was a tremendous athlete who perhaps could have found himself in other places. But thank goodness he chose to come to Clarion. We were very fortunate to have him for four years."

He met his wife, **Diane (Logan '79)** at Clarion and his two children, **Reggie Jr. ('08)** and **Ryan ('05)**, are both Clarion graduates after stellar athletic careers for the Golden Eagles. Reggie Jr. was an All-American offensive lineman for the Golden Eagles and was drafted by the Arizona Cardinals in the sixth round of the 2003 NFL draft. He is the starting left guard for the



2010 Western Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame. Clarion Alumni seated L-R, **Carl Grinage ('77)**, **Chuck Bell ('83)**, **Lou Tripodi**, **Ralph Naples ('84)**. Standing L-R, **Ron Phillips**, **Mike Sisinni ('79)**, **Alvin Gibson**, **Jeff Szumigale ('82)**, **Joe Malis**, **Nick Nuzzo ('79)**, **Dr. Grunenwald**.

Arizona Cardinals. Ryan followed in his father's footsteps and was an All-PSAC forward for the Golden Eagles basketball team helping Clarion to the 2005 PSAC-West title. In just two years, Ryan scored 772 career points and grabbed 474 career rebounds.

"Clarion is a sacred place for me," Wells said. "It allowed all the dreams I had in life to come through and to fruition. Clarion prepared me for everything I've faced later in life. Everything I've accomplished is through Clarion. It's unbelievable that one institution had such an impact."

**CLARION NOTES: Robert "Tic" Cloherty ('62)**, president of the West Penn Hall of Fame, introduced Wells, while the Master of Ceremonies was **Bill Hillgrove**, the voice of the Steelers and Pitt Panthers.

## Alumni, Boosters And Friends Of Clarion University: NCAA Recruiting Rules You Should Know

Clarion University is committed to full compliance with all NCAA and Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference rules and regulations. It is our responsibility to ensure that boosters are in compliance with the NCAA guidelines. Please take a moment to read this article carefully. It is important to Clarion University and its student-athletes.

If Clarion University and/or anyone associated with the university (e.g., booster, alumnus, faculty, staff or coach) violates an NCAA rule, the following penalties may be applied:

- ◆ The student-athlete may be declared ineligible to represent Clarion in intercollegiate athletics,
- ◆ Clarion may have to forfeit a conference and/or NCAA title, and
- ◆ The NCAA may place Clarion on probation (i.e., ineligible for championship participation)

### General Recruiting Rules

Division I (Clarion's Wrestling Program): Only coaches are permitted to be involved in the off-campus recruitment process. No one else is permitted to contact a prospective student-athlete or members of his/her family by telephone, letter or in person for the purpose of encouraging participation in athletics at Clarion University.

Division II (all Clarion programs except wrestling): Only coaches and certified athletics department staff are permitted to recruit off-campus.

Telephone calls and correspondence from individuals outside the athletics department must be coordinated by the coaching staff of each individual program.

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today. The Colts, behind legendary quarterback **Johnny Unitas**, and Giants battled all game before a **Steve Myhra** field goal with seven seconds left tied the game at 20 for the Colts and sent the contest into sudden death overtime for the first time in NFL history. Baltimore won the game on a 1-yard **Alan Ameche** run.

"I wouldn't term it the 'Greatest Game'," Sandusky said. "But I would term it the 'Most Meaningful Game'. After that game is when the public really caught on to the NFL. It's when the endorsements started coming in."

Sandusky developed many life-long friendships from his playing days with the Colts including with Unitas. The two became godfathers to each other's children and remained friends until Unitas' death in 2002.

"John was a good person," Sandusky said. "On the field, he was a no nonsense type of guy. Off the field, he was a great guy who you would go and have a beer with."

Unitas was one of eight Hall of Fame players Sandusky played with on the Colts. Two of his head coaches, Ewbank and **Don Shula**, with whom he also played, were also Hall of Famers, while a young defensive assistant coach who

would go on to be a Hall of Fame Coach with the Pittsburgh Steelers, **Chuck Noll**, coached with the Colts in Sandusky's final season.

"I played with so many great players," Sandusky said. "I can't pick one out as the best."

After retiring from football after the 1966 season, Sandusky, who had worked for Westinghouse during most of his playing days, got a job offer from the state of Maryland where he worked in the Waterway Improvement Division until he retired in 1989.

After retirement he moved to Florida, where he lives with his wife of 55 years, Mary. The couple has four children, Vincent, Michael, Stephen and Constance Mueller-Sandusky.

A McKees Rock native, Sandusky was elected into inaugural class of the Clarion Sports Hall of Fame in 1989. He was inducted into the Western Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame in 2008 and on October 16, 2010, he will be enshrined into the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame at ceremonies held at the Days Inn in Danville, Pa.

"The moons were right in order for me to make it," Sandusky said of his playing career. "I was quite fortunate."



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# Clarion Gridders Return 19 Starters And 38 Lettermen

The 2009 PSAC-West Coach of the Year **Jay Foster** and his Golden Eagles are coming off an exciting season where Clarion surged to an 8-3 overall record, a second-place finish in the PSAC-West with a 6-1 mark, and an eighth-place ranking in the NCAA Division II East Region's final poll.

The Eagles host Fairmont State in the season opener on Thursday, September 2, with 19 starters and 38 lettermen ready to take the field. The schedule will be a tough one however, as Clarion will play three 2009 D-II playoff teams, including four who were ranked in the region's top 10.

Clarion finished 2009 on a six-game winning streak defeating Gannon (42-21), Slippery Rock (27-10), Mercyhurst (29-25), IUP (30-28), Edinboro (30-17) and Cheyney (32-12).

The offense returns eight starters on a unit that averaged 28.6 ppg and 343.7 yards per game. Clarion averaged 139.9 rushing yards and 203.8 passing yards per game.

Senior All-America running back **Alfonso Hoggard** led the PSAC last year with 104.6 yards per game, rushing for 1,046 yards and a school record 17 tds. The 2009 PSAC-West Offensive "Player of the Year" had 19 total tds and 1,798 all-purpose yards. He has 94 career catches for 1,063 yards and 6 tds.

Also toting the pigskin will be **John Fuhrer**, who rushed 58 times for 200 yards and 2 tds in 2009.

Two-time All-Region receiver **Jacques Robinson** grabbed 70 passes for 819 yards and 5 tds in 2009. In 2008, he also latched onto 70 aerials for 849 yards and 8 tds. He ranks fourth in Clarion history, 144 catches for 1,795 yards (7<sup>th</sup> at Clarion) and 13 tds.

Also returning from 2009 are senior receiver **Craig Bunney** (34 catches, 459 yards) and junior **Matt Ward** (27 grabs, 310 yards, 1 td). Tight end **Rob Irwin** (5 receptions, 74 yards) is expected to replace All-Region tight end **Matt Foradora**, who has graduated.

The QB position is still up in the air with red-shirt sophomore **Eric Coxon** or red-shirt freshman **Ben Fiscus** battling for that spot. **Tyler Huether** (2,242 passing yards, 10 tds) graduated.

The "O" line expects to have four experienced starters returning with guard **Vince Bazzone** (Jr. 6-2, 290) moving to center, while the guard spots are manned by veterans **Danielson Gilbert** (Sr. 6-5, 300) and **Gerald Hudson** (Jr. 6-3, 330). Junior **Eli Morres** (6-5, 280) is back at right tackle.

Defense wins championships and the Golden Eagles return nine starters on a defense that ranked fourth in total defense in the PSAC and third in rushing defense. Clarion limited opponents to 118.5 rushing yards, 184.4 passing yards and a total of 302.9 yards of total offense per game.

Senior All-America strong safety **Nick Sipes** leads the secondary after posting 112 tackles, 12 tfl's and six sacks last year.

He is joined in the secondary by safety **Shawn Sopic** (56 stops, 7 break-ups), safety **James Eckels** (30 tackles), safety **Chris Smeltzer** (30 stops, 4 tfls) and corners **Chris Wilson** (67 hits, 2 ints), **Andrew Paronish** (17 hits) and **Anthony Stimac** (19 jolts).

The linebacking corps is strong with senior all-PSAC selection **Joe Fox** (62 stops, 9 tfls) leading the way. **Steven Moyemont** (44 tackles, 7 tfls), **Reggie Robinson** (23 stops), **Arminas Maciulis** (38 hits, 1 int) and **Bob Verdun** will all make contributions.

Up front the Eagles are looking 2009 all-PSAC end **Ben Maund** (38 tackles, 7 tfls), along with **Barrington Morrison** (48 hits, 15 tfls), **John Hackel** (54 stops, 8 tfls), **David Dunn** (23 tackles, 8 tfls) and **Kory Kusick** (10 stops) to anchor the front wall.

Senior placekicker **Robert Mamula** and sophomore punter **Nathan Conway** return to the special teams. Mamula booted 12 of 16 field goals last year and has made 26 in his career. Conway averaged 37.9 yards per punt last year.

**CLARION NOTES:** Clarion is tradition rich in football... 27 straight non-losing seasons from 1961-87, a 49-year (1961-09) record of 273-211-6 and 10 PSAC-West titles (1966, '67, '69, '77, '78, '80, '83, '92, '96 and 2000).



## Clarion University Golf Classic

Event: Four-person scramble  
Lunch: 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.  
Shotgun Start: Noon

Entry Fee: \$175  
Hole Sponsor: \$200

Fee Includes: greens fees, cart, lunch, tee prizes, hole prizes, par 3 prizes including hole-in-one and nearest to the pin, team prizes, door prizes, refreshments, buffet dinner and much more.

Registration Info: Contact A.D. Dave Katis ('85, M.Ed. '88) : 814-393-1997.  
Make checks payable to: Clarion University Foundation, Inc.

Friday,  
Sept. 10, 2010  
Clarion Oaks Golf Club



# Eaton Starts 'New Era' In Women's Soccer In 2010



It's a new era for the Golden Eagles women's soccer program, as **Rob Eaton** enters his first season as the Clarion head coach.

Eaton replaces **Christina Alonzo**, who stepped down as head coach Oct. 3 to accept a position at Midwestern State (Texas). The founder and owner of the "Soccer Training Network", a developmental youth soccer academy, for the last eight year, Eaton has 13 years of collegiate head coaching experience with a combined men's and women's record of 146-11-13.

"I'm very excited to be at Clarion," Eaton said. "The transition is going

well. I've been rejuvenated being back in the college game, and we had four good weeks of training in the spring. I would like to think we can improve on last year."

A year ago under Alonzo and interim head coach Marcie Fyock the Golden Eagles went 4-14-2.

"Our goal this year is to be a disciplined team that plays to a tactical level that these players might not have played to in the past," Eaton said. "The players very much understand what I want from them. The biggest question is whether they can do it on a consistent level

throughout the season."

Team leaders for Clarion include forwards **Jill Miller** (Sr., North Huntingdon; 3 goals, 7 points) and **Jordan Daloisio** (Jr., Kittanning; 3 goals, 6 points), goalie **Jenna Kulik** (Sr., North Huntingdon; 1.99 GAA, 5 shutouts), midfielder **Gina Shero** (Jr. South Park; 1 goal) and defensemen **Danielle Riley** (Sr. Murrysville) and **Alaina Tintera** (Sr. Harrison City; 1 assist).



# Eagle Spikers Excited For 2010 Season

With nearly every key player back from a team that went 26-10 overall, 15-4 in the PSAC-West last year while advancing to the PSAC semifinals and qualifying for the NCAA Division II playoffs for the sixth time since 2002, the Golden Eagles women's volleyball team has high expectations in 2010.

"We are looking forward to the opportunity to improve on last year," Clarion's fourth-year head coach **Jennifer Harrison**, who was the AVCA Division II Atlantic Region Coach of the Year last season, said. "One of the areas we would like to see improve is in our overall consistency. To help with that, we are trying to create more competition in the gym. We have an incoming freshman class that will force our returning athletes to get better. I'm excited to see what the new players bring to the table and how the returning players have improved from last season."



BARTMAN

Four players who earned postseason accolades will lead the Golden Eagles, who have averaged nearly 25 wins per season since 2001.

Outside hitter **Kellie Bartman** (Jr., New Eagle; 422 kills, 270 digs) and **Libero Rhianon Brady** (Jr., Canal Winchester, Ohio; school-record 729 digs; third in PSAC, 13<sup>th</sup> in nation in digs per set with 5.52) were both named All-

Region performers by Daktronics and the AVCA with Bartman earning All-Region honors by the AVCA and second-team honors by Daktronics and Brady earning first-team Daktronics honors and Honorable Mention AVCA accolades.

Meanwhile, middle hitter **Nicole Andrusz** (Sr., Lockport, N.Y.; 302 kills, 109 blocks) was an Honorable Mention AVCA All-Region performer as well as a first-team ESPN The Magazine/CoSIDA Academic All-District team member, and setter **Amanda Gough** (Jr., Chesterton, Ind.; 1,205 set

assists, 355 digs, 77 blocks, 62 kills) was a second-team All-PSAC-West performer. Gough was joined on the All-PSAC-West team by both Andrusz and Bartman, who were first-team selections.

Additional key returnees include middle hitter **Rebecca Webb** (So., Fallston, Md.; 251 kills, 141 blocks), right-side hitter **Danielle Brunot** (Jr., Guys Mills; 170 kills) and outside hitter **Kaitlyn Anderson** (Jr., Lusby, Md.; 170 kills).



Amanda Gough and Rebecca Webb

# Kelosky & Hoggard Named Clarion's 'Athletes of the Year'

Junior diver **Kayla Kelosky** (Ellwood City/Riverside) and junior running back **Alfonso Hoggard** (Philadelphia/Caravel Academy) were named the Female and Male "Athletes of the Year" by Athletic Director **Dave Katis** on April 30 as part of the Sports Hall of Fame induction ceremonies.

Kelosky won the award for the second straight year. She won the NCAA Division II one meter title, and was second on three meter in 2010. She was also named D-II Female "Diver of the Year" for the second straight year. Last year Kayla won both one

and three meter titles at nationals. She is now a three-time national champion and six-time All-American.

Hoggard, an outstanding multi-dimensional football player, was named the 2009 PSAC-West Offensive "Player of the Year" by the league coaches. A third team FB Gazette All-American and first team FB Gazette and Daktronics Regional selection, Hoggard rushed for 1,046 yards and a Clarion record 17 rushing td's. He led the PSAC in rushing, scoring, rushing td's and all-purpose yards.



Associate A.D. Wendy Snodgrass, Kayla Kelosky, Alfonso Hoggard and A.D. Dave Katis.



## GOLDEN EAGLES ATHLETES ENJOY SUCCESS DURING WINTER/SPRING

Golden Eagles athletes enjoyed plenty of success during the winter and spring sports season including the men's basketball team reaching the PSAC semifinals for the first time since 2004, the wrestling team gaining its highest EWL placing in 14 years, a pair of Golden Eagles divers taking home a total of three national titles and the men's golf team qualifying for the NCAA Division II national tournament for the first time in school history.



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### Basketball

The 2010 season marked the return of the Clarion men's basketball team to the elite of the PSAC. The Golden Eagles finished 18-11 overall, 9-5 in the PSAC-West and advanced to the PSAC semifinals for the first time since 2004 with a 76-69 home playoff win over Mercyhurst in front of more than 1,600 fans decked out in white shirts. On another "White Out" Day at Tippin, Clarion scored a 71-62 win over eventual PSAC champ and national runner-up IUP handing IUP its only PSAC-West loss and one of just three on the year.

Leading the way for the Eagles were a pair of second-team All-PSAC-West performers in newcomers **Lloyd Harrison** (Jr., PG, Detroit, Mich.) and **Jamar Harrison** (Jr., SG, Washington, D.C.). Jamar led the team with 15.7 ppg while shooting 55.4 percent, while Lloyd stabilized the point guard spot with 14.9 ppg and 134 assists, the eighth most in 22<sup>nd</sup>-year head coach Ron Righter's time at Clarion. Also key to Clarion's success were **Shameel Carty** (Jr., G/F, Queens, N.Y.; 14.3 ppg, 7.5 rpg), **Paul McQueen** (So., F, Garfield Heights, Ohio; 11.1 ppg, 7.2 rpg), **Mike Sherry** (Jr., G, Chartiers Valley; 8.8 ppg, 44 3's), **Denzil Dennison** (Jr., F, Ruther Glen, Va.) and senior guard **Greg Parker** (Sr., G, Chester).

The women's team under 21<sup>st</sup>-year head coach **Margaret "Gie" Parsons** also found itself battling for a PSAC playoff spot into the final game of the year despite losing a

pair of starters to season-ending injuries and having a third miss half the conference slate because of an injury. Even with the injuries, the Golden Eagles finished 14-13 overall marking the third time since 2005 they have been above .500.

Highlighting the season was the play of **Lizzie Suwala** (Sr., G, Ford City), who went over 1,000 points in her career (1,017 while at IUP and Clarion) and scored 18.1 ppg – the sixth-best all-time at Clarion – while being named first-team PSAC-West. Her season included an incredible month-long stretch



J. HARRISON

that ranks as one of the greatest months in school history when she averaged 25.3 ppg while shooting 54.5 percent and 57.4 percent from 3-point range from Jan. 30 to Feb. 24. During that stretch, she had a streak of five straight 20-point games while becoming the first Golden Eagle to score 25 or more points

in four straight games. In addition to her all-conference honor, she also was named a Winter PSAC Top 10 Academic Award winner.

In addition to Suwala, the Golden Eagles also got solid contributions from fellow seniors **Bethany Koch** (F, Sligo; 16.3 ppg, 6.8 rpg), **Sara Pratt** (F, Clinton, Ohio; 9.1 ppg, 7.3 rpg) and **Janelle Zabresky** (F, Dallas, Pa.; 7.0 ppg, 6.7 rpg).

Sophomore **Rachel Graeff** (Reading) was forced into the starting role at point guard in late December and finished



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with 9.1 ppg and 118 assists. Also contributing key minutes before having their seasons ended due to injuries were **Shaina Smith** (Jr., G, Greenville) and **Courtney Healy** (So., F, Chrinside Park, Australia; 19 games, 6.4 ppg, 4.3 rpg).

### Wrestling

The Golden Eagles wrestling program continued its resurgence under fourth-year head coach **Teague Moore** finishing third at both EWLs and PSACs. The third-place finish at EWLs was the highest since taking third in 1996. Clarion also posted a strong 8-8 dual-meet record (4-2 EWL) including wins over ranked opponents Old Dominion (20-18) and North Carolina (25-19).

**Alex Thomas** (Fr., Seaford, Del.) won the PSAC Championship at 197 pounds while finishing second at EWLs. Also joining Thomas as EWL runners-up were **James Fleming** (Fr., West Mifflin) at 149, **Hadley Harrison** (Sr., McKean) at 157 and **Greg Lewis** (Sr., New Providence) at 141 while **Jay Ivanco** (Jr., Monroeville) was second at PSACs at 133 pounds and Harrison third.

Harrison, who was 38-11, and Fleming, who was fourth at PSACs, both qualified for NCAA D-I nationals, with Fleming named the PSAC Fr. of the Year after going 28-8 including 16-straight wins and a ranking 15<sup>th</sup> nationally. It marked the second straight PSAC Freshman of the Year award for Clarion, as **Clint Podish** (Sycamore) won last year. Harrison ended his career ranked 18<sup>th</sup> on the all-time win list with a career mark of 102-56.

### Swimming & Diving

A pair of national title divers headlined another successful year for the Eagles men and women's swimming and diving team.

**Logan Pearsall** (Jr., Port Allegany) won both the one-meter and three-meter NCAA Division II championships while being named the D-II Men's

Diver of the Year, while **Kayla Kelosky** (Jr., Ellwood City) defended her women's D-II national title in the one-meter event with a stirring come-from-behind victory while also taking second in



PEARSALL

the three-meter event and earning her second consecutive D-II Female Diver of the Year Award. Their coach, **Dave Hrovat**, earned both the Men and Women's D-II Diving Coach of the Year honors giving him 19 NCAA national awards in his 20 years as head coach. It was his second sweep of the men and women's awards (2002).

Clarion's success wasn't limited to the diving board.

**Ryan Thiel** (Sr., Ligonier) earned six All-American awards to give him 19 in his career for the men's swim team while also winning five PSAC Championships including three individual titles (50-yard freestyle, 100 freestyle, 200 freestyle). He joined **Joseph Ward** (Fr. Johnstown), **Christopher Ellison** (So., Murrysville) and **Andrew Claypool** (Sr., Kittanning) to take

# 2009 – 2010 ATHLETIC AWARDS

## Basketball (Women)

Lizzie Suwala – PSAC-West First Team. PSAC Academic Top Ten.

## Diving (Men)

Justin Duncan – NCAA Div. II All-American (2).  
Logan Pearsall – NCAA Div. II Champion (2).  
NCAA Div. II Male “Diver of the Year”.

## Diving (Women)

Jena Gardone – NCAA Div. II All-American (2).  
Kayla Kelosky – NCAA Div. II Champion. NCAA Div. II All-American (2).  
NCAA Div. II Female “Diver of the Year”.  
Clarion University Female “Athlete of the Year”.  
Kim Ogden – NCAA Div. II All-American.

## Football

Matt Foradora – FB Gazette HM All-American.  
FB Gazette Second Team Super Region 1.  
Daktronics Second Team Super Region 1.  
Cactus Bowl and East Coast Bowl Selections.  
Alfonso Hoggard – FB Gazette Third Team All-American.  
FB Gazette First Team Super Region 1.  
Daktronics First Team Super Region 1.  
PSAC-West “Player of the Year” and First Team.  
Clarion University Male “Athlete of the Year”.  
Ben Maund – PSAC-West First Team.  
Jacques Robinson – FB Gazette Second Team Super Region 1.  
PSAC-West First Team.  
Nick Sipes – FB Gazette HM All-American.  
FB Gazette First Team Super Region 1.  
Daktronics First Team Super Region 1.

## Golf (Men)

Ross Pringle – NCAA Div. II All Atlantic Region.  
Zach Schloemer – PSAC All-Conference.  
Jared Schmader – NCAA Div. II All Atlantic Region. PSAC All-Conference.  
Bill Stover – PSAC “Freshman of the Year.”

## Swimming (Men)

Ben Appleby – NCAA Div. II All-American.  
AJ Claypool – NCAA Div. II All-American (2). PSAC Champion (3).  
Rich Eckert – PSAC Academic Top 10.  
Christopher Ellson – NCAA Div. II All-American. PSAC Champion.  
Dustin Fedunok – NCAA Div. II All-American (2). PSAC Champion.  
Ryan Thiel – NCAA Div. II All-American (6). PSAC Champion (5).  
Joseph Ward – NCAA Div. II All-American (2). PSAC Champion (2).  
Garet Weston – NCAA Div. II All-American.

## Swimming (Women)

Kelly Connolly – NCAA Div. II All-American (5). PSAC Champion.  
Kaitlyn Johnson – NCAA Div. II All-American (7). PSAC Champion (2).  
Jamie Maloney – NCAA Div. II Student Athlete National  
“Sportsmanship Award”.  
Gina Mattucci – NCAA Div. II All-American (4). PSAC Champion.  
Kayla Shull – NCAA Div. II All-American (5). PSAC Champion (2).  
PSAC “Freshman of the Year”.  
Morgan Obelander – NCAA Div. II All-American (2). PSAC Champion.  
Samantha VanDyke – NCAA Div. II All-American.

## Track – Indoor (Women)

Alexis Carter – PSAC All-Conference.  
Lisa Nickel – PSAC All-Conference.  
Ciara Shorts – PSAC All-Conference.  
Molly Smathers – PSAC All-Conference.

## Track – Outdoor (Women)

Kim Hanslovan – NCAA Div. II Runner-up. PSAC Champion.

## Volleyball

Nicole Andrusz – AVCA HM All-Region.  
ESPN The Magazine First Team Academic All-District 2.  
PSAC-West First Team.  
Kellie Bartman – AVCA All Atlantic Region.  
Daktronics Second Team All-Region. PSAC-West First Team.  
Rhianon Brady – AVCA HM All-Region. Daktronics First Team Atlantic Region.  
ESPN The Magazine Second Team Academic All-District 2.

## Wrestling

James Fleming – PSAC “Freshman of the Year.”  
Alex Thomas – PSAC Champion.

## Coaching

Jay Foster – PSAC-West “Coach of the Year.”  
Jennifer Harrison – AVCA Atlantic Region “Coach of the Year.”  
Dave Hrovat – NCAA Div. II Male & Female Diving “Coach of the Year.”



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home the 200 free relay and Ward, Claypool and **Dustin Fedunok** (Sr., Gibsonia) in the 400 free relay helping Clarion finish second. Claypool also won the PSAC title in the 100 breaststroke. **Rich Eckert** (Sr., Versailles) capped off a solid career by being named a Winter PSAC Top 10 Academic Award winner. The men were 13<sup>th</sup> at nationals.

Highlighting the accomplishment of the women’s team was **Kayla Shull** (Franklin) who was named the PSAC Freshman of the Year after winning a pair of PSAC titles (100 breaststroke, 200 medley relay), earning five NCAA D-II All-American awards and setting the school record in the 100 breaststroke. Meanwhile, **Kaitlyn Johnson** (Jr., Uniontown) earned a maximum seven All-American awards giving her the maximum of 21 in her career. She was 4<sup>th</sup> in the 100 butterfly and 5<sup>th</sup> in the 100 free in individual placings. The women were a strong 6<sup>th</sup> at D-II Nationals.

At PSACs, Clarion took second with Johnson (100 butterfly) and **Morgan Oberlander** (Fr., York; 400 individual medley) joining Shull as individual PSAC champions and Johnson, **Kelly Connolly** (Jr., Cranberry Twp.) and **Gina Mattucci** (Jr., Jeannette) joining Shull on the championship 200 medley relay team.

## Indoor Track & Field

**Lisa Nickel** (Sr., Shaler H.S.) capped off a solid indoor career by scoring in three events at the PSAC Indoor Championships finishing seventh in the mile while joining **Ciara Shorts** (Fr., Waterford), **Alexis Carter** (So., Taylor Allderdice H.S.) and **Molly Smathers** (Gr., Clarion) to take third in the distance medley relay team while teaming with Shorts, Smathers and **Kait Briggs** (Fr., Kent, Ohio) to take sixth in the 4x800-meter relay.

## Golf

Behind a third-place NCAA D-II Super Regional finish by **Ross Pringle** (So., Titusville), the Clarion men’s golf team finished fifth and qualified for its first NCAA D-II championship in school history. Pringle and teammate **Jared Schmader** (Jr., Cooperstown) were first team All-Region selections for the second straight year. **Bill Stover** (Fr. Apollo) was voted PSAC Freshman of the Year.

The women’s golf team, in its second season took fifth at the PSAC Championships thanks to Top 20 finishes by **Alyssa Gerhart** (Fr., Meadville’ 13<sup>th</sup>), **Kim Dulski** (Gr., Buffalo, N.Y.; 16<sup>th</sup>) and **Samantha Veights** (So., Mt. Lebanon H.S.; 17<sup>th</sup>).

## Outdoor Track & Field

**Kim Hanslovan** (Jr., Luthersburg) highlighted the outdoor women’s track & field season by earning NCAA D-II All-American honors with a second-place finish in the javelin at the NCAA Championship, the highest-ever finish by a Golden Eagle, after winning the PSAC title in the event and setting the school record.

Also at PSACs **Erin White** (Fr., Castanea) took fifth in the javelin and **Jamie Maloney** (Sr., York) was fifth in the 400-meter hurdles while setting the school record.

## Baseball/Softball

For the 17<sup>th</sup> straight season, the Clarion baseball team had a PSAC All-Conference honoree with **Ken Morgan** (So., S. Fayette H.S.) earning second-team All-PSAC-West honors while hitting .348 with 27 RBIs and tying the modern school record with seven homers under third-year head coach Mike Brown.

The softball team highlighted its season with a season-ending sweep of a doubleheader over defending national champion Lock Haven giving the Golden Eagles three wins in their final four games. A pair of .300 hitters, **Nicole Lollo** (Jr., Callery) and **Charlie Cook** (Jr., Brookville) paced Clarion this season under interim head coach Nicole Banner.

## Tennis

Coach Lori Sabatose’s Golden Eagles were 4-7 but finished their season with an exciting 7-2 win over Shippensburg highlighted by a sweep of the doubles matches. No. 1 singles player **Jaclyn Metzger** will return next season.



HANSLOVAN



METZGER



# Huffman Named Development Officer



HUFFMAN

**Deborah Huffman ('93)** is coming home. She grew up in nearby New Bethlehem, Pa., and has accepted a position with the Clarion University Foundation, Inc., as a development officer.

"My job will be to cultivate scholarship and endowment donations and expand what is currently being done," said Huffman. "We will be using a broader scope, working as a team, to find major gift donors, annual fund donations and coordinate special events."

Huffman will work with the deans of Clarion University's College of Education and Human Services and College of Arts and Sciences.

Most recently, Huffman was vice president for advancement and communications for Lutheran Family Services in the Carolinas, Charlotte, N.C. She has previously worked in fundraising for not-for-profit groups including Parkinson Association of the Carolinas, KinderMourn, Charlotte Mecklenburg Education

Foundation, Mecklenburg Area Catholic Schools Education Foundation, Holy Angels and Community Health Services.

Huffman reconnected with Clarion University when Chuck Desch, major gifts officer for the Clarion University Foundation, Inc., contacted her about helping to form a Clarion University Alumni Chapter in Charlotte. She accepted the challenge and helped in the founding of the chapter.

"That helped me to realize that there are other ways you can be involved with a university than just giving money," she said.

Working with alumni chapters and raising money were not in Huffman's plans when she arrived at Clarion University as a student.

"I came to Clarion as an English major," recalls Huffman. "After two years, I knew I didn't want to teach and **Dr. James Knickerbocker** recommended communication to me."

Changing majors, Huffman found her career. "Communication was broad and diverse," she said.

"It touched on all four types of media and gave me hands-on experience. That was the key."

Huffman credits her time as managing editor of *The Clarion Call*, Clarion University's student newspaper, and a required internship completed with the Leader Vindicator newspaper in New Bethlehem, as a "good experience, where I learned work ethic and working under a deadline. I got experience in leadership and it served as a good stepping stone for what I would go on to do."

Following graduation, Huffman went to North Carolina where she accepted a position as communication coordinator for a non-profit United Way Community Health organization. When funding for the organization was cut, she was asked to step in as fundraiser too.

"All of it is communication; I just fell into fund raising," she said.

During the past 15 years, Huffman has worked to move

herself up toward bigger organizations. In her position with Lutheran Family Services of the Carolinas, she completed much of the strategic planning and fund raising.

"My family is from here and it was time to come back," said Huffman about her decision to join Clarion University. "I had reached a point where I could pick and choose where my skills are best used and that is what appealed to me about this job. It is easier to sell Clarion University because I am a graduate and I can give a message about why others should give back too."

## Alumni On The Road

"Chairman Lynn "Toad" Armstrong and the committee reports, "the Fourth Annual Football Alumni & Friends Golf outing set another record as we hosted 98 Golfers and raised another \$3,000 for our beneficiaries: The Dare to Dream Football Scholarship endowment and to the Adopt an Eagle Account administered by Coach Foster. A small portion of the fund goes towards the postage and printing of our annual newsletter, which this year will be sent in August. We thank all of our hole sponsors, participants and volunteers for their help.



2010 Clarion University Sports Hall of Fame inductee **Chris Weibel ('98)** (left) joins his teammates at the Clarion Football Alumni Golf Outing. From left: **Rich Walsh ('01)**, **Wayne Ailing ('98)** and **Chad Speakman ('99)**.



**Andy Brindger ('70)** (left) traveled the farthest from Valdosta, Ga., to play in the Clarion University Football Alumni Golf Tournament and, to his surprise, had a family reunion when he met his cousin **Janice Grunenwald** and Clarion University President **Dr. Joseph Grunenwald**.



Several graduated members of the 2009 football team played in their first ever Clarion Football Alumni Event. At center is senior football player **Alfonso Hoggard**.

# Advancement Center Displaying Clarion Alumni Memorabilia

The Seifert-Mooney Center at Clarion University is the home for the Clarion University Foundation, Inc., and is also the center for alumni-based activities. A special project is underway to turn the center into a home away from home for visiting alumni.

"A number of alumni have stepped forward to support a special project to purchase 10 display cases to exhibit changing displays of Clarion University artifacts and memorabilia," explained **Theresa Edder ('91, '05)**, director of alumni relations and annual funds.

Kahle's Kitchens of Leeper, Pa., custom-made the five cases currently placed in the Seifert-Mooney Center, with four more to be added. Two of the cases will house permanent exhibits, one dedicated to Mary Seifert and the second to the Clarion University Alumni Association.

The effort continues a plan set in place by the Clarion University Alumni Association Board of Directors.

**Dr. Todd Pfannestiel**, professor of history, who operates the Clarion History Project, is helping to fill

the display cases with Clarion University memorabilia. The Fall 2009 display featured homecoming and fall and winter sports.

Along with student **Amy Sikora** of Coraopolis, he recently installed displays featuring commencement and Greek life.

"All of the items are donated by alumni and friends of the university," said Pfannestiel. "A great network has been established. Items come to Theresa, the president's office, or me. Notes in the *eEAGLE* and *Clarion & Beyond Magazine* make alumni think about us. During the last 12 months we have received many amazing items."

"We want to have changing displays in the cases," said Edder. "Items will be displayed according to which group might be gathering in the building. For instance the Early 50s alumni group meets here once a year and we will be able to change the exhibit to feature items from their time at Clarion."

There are a number of phases before the project is complete. The final phase to the project includes developing a historical walking tour of campus. Some items would be



**Amy Sikora** and **Dr. Todd Pfannestiel** in front of the new display cases.

placed within Clarion University's buildings and those taking the tour would see historical items at various stops along the way.

The Clarion University History Project is a student- and faculty-led initiative seeking donations that will be researched, historically preserved and potentially displayed

as part of Clarion's permanent history collection. Anyone with Clarion University items that they believe should be historically preserved may contact Dr. Todd Pfannestiel, [tpfannestiel@clarion.edu](mailto:tpfannestiel@clarion.edu), or Theresa Edder, [tedder@cuf-inc.org](mailto:tedder@cuf-inc.org).

## Campbell Hall Letters Up For Auction



Frank Campbell during construction of Campbell Hall (1972)

You can own a piece of Clarion University history. In fact, 18 pieces: the original "Frank M Campbell Hall" letters from the dorm, which was built in 1972 and demolished in 2008. The building honored Campbell, who taught social sciences at Clarion from 1938-72. The starting bid is \$100. Auction ends September 30, 2010. E-mail bids to [tedder@cuf-inc.org](mailto:tedder@cuf-inc.org). The winning bidder will pay shipping cost or pickup items.



For more information on the auction and to follow auction activity, go to [www.clarion.edu/campbellhall](http://www.clarion.edu/campbellhall).

# 2010 Homecoming and Reunion Weekend Schedule of Events



www.clarion.edu/alumni



## Friday October 1, 2010

### Welcome Back Reception

2 p.m. – 4 p.m.  
Seifert-Mooney Center for Advancement

Stop by the Alumni Center on your way into Clarion and leave your legacy by signing your yearbook for the permanent collection. Light refreshments will be provided.

### Class of 1960 – 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion Reception

6 p.m. – 7 p.m.  
President's Residence

A special event exclusively for the Class of 1960. Be there to reminisce on the last five decades with your fellow graduates.

### Reunion Banquet Reception

6:30 p.m. – 7 p.m.  
Gemmell Rotunda

Celebrate with the classes of 1965, 1970 and Half-Century Club members who have returned to campus to mark significant milestones. Reunion yearbooks will be available to sign.

### Reunion Banquet

7 p.m. – 9 p.m.  
Gemmell Multi-Purpose Room

Enjoy “dinner and a show” as we honor the classes of 1960, 1965 and 1970 with video tributes. Graduates of 1960 will be inducted in to the Half-Century Club. Cost to attend is \$40/person. Open to all alumni and friends.

## Saturday October 2, 2010

### Brunch at Eagle Commons

9 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.  
Eagle Commons Dining Hall

This isn't your father's dining hall! All you can eat for \$6.40 per adult, \$3.99 kids 6-12, free under 5, payable at the door. Yearbooks will be available to sign in the lobby.



### Free Shuttle to Memorial Stadium

11 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Leave your car in the alumni designated lots and give your feet a rest by riding the free shuttle from Hart Chapel to Memorial Stadium, running continuously from 11 a.m. – 6 p.m.

### Autumn Leaf Festival Parade

12 p.m. Downtown Clarion



### Eagle Endzone Alumni Party

1 p.m. Memorial Stadium

Get to the Eagle Endzone and join fellow alumni to cheer the Clarion gridders on to victory. Get a 'bird's eye view' from the field as each play unfolds. Live radio broadcasts, prizes and snacks make this the place to be to show off your Clarion pride!



### Golden Eagles Football vs. Slippery Rock

2 p.m. Memorial Stadium

Cheer on the Eagles as they take on rival Slippery Rock. Reserve your tickets in advance for pick up at Will Call the day of the game for \$9/person.

### Alumni Association Parade Reception

10 a.m. – 12 p.m.  
Hart Chapel Parking Lot

We're bringing back the message boards of yesteryear, so check to see if you have a message while you leave your own mark. Visit with numerous alumni, academic and campus groups. Event pins, door prizes, free beverages and a performance by the band make it worth waking up early!

For a schedule of ALF activities visit:  
[www.clarionpa.com](http://www.clarionpa.com)

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## Alumni Association Events

Article By Dan Bartoli '81, CUA Board Of Directors

Each year, as the Alumni Association Board of Directors makes plans for Homecoming, we are presented with new challenges to surmount and ideas to consider. It is always our hope to give returning alums special opportunities to connect and socialize through events that are new and different while continuing to be enjoyable yet still affordable. Once again, this October 1 and 2 will bring a few changes to Clarion's Homecoming and Reunion Weekend 2010.

The Seifert-Mooney Center for Advancement will open at 2 p.m. Friday for all alumni and guests. On display will be a wide variety of Clarion memorabilia in the new, permanent display cases. Light refreshments will be served. The reception is very informal so take a few minutes to stop on your way into town and sign your yearbook.

Clarion University's new president, **Dr. Karen Whitney**, will honor returning alumni who graduated in 1960 and welcome them to the "Half-Century Club" with a special reception on Friday at 6 p.m.

The Alumni Reunion Banquet, recognizing the classes of 1960, 1965 and 1970, will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Gemmell Student Complex. Reservations for the banquet may be made by contacting the Alumni Office at 814-393-2572, or by submitting the form included in this magazine. The banquet is open to all interested alumni, regardless of their years of graduation.

On Saturday morning, Eagle Commons will open for a reasonably priced brunch at 9 a.m. and continue serving until 1:30 p.m. If you haven't had the opportunity to visit Eagle Commons, stop in and see how students dine in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. You'll be pleasantly surprised by the experience: it's not your father's dining hall!

The Alumni Association will host the tent reception in the Hart Chapel parking lot from 10 a.m. through the start of the Autumn Leaf Parade. Enjoy carnival-type games sponsored by various affinity and campus groups. Complimentary refreshments will be available in addition to other items for purchase.

New this year is a free shuttle bus, running from Hart Chapel to Memorial Stadium and back, beginning at 11 a.m. and continuing until 6 p.m. Also being introduced is the "Eagle Endzone" reception inside the stadium. A large tent will be set up just off the field where light snacks and refreshments will be offered.

The football team is coming off of an 8-3 season in 2009 that saw coach Jay Foster win his first PSAC Coach of the Year honor, and running back Alphonso Hoggard win the PSAC West Offensive Player of the Year. This year's homecoming opponent is Slippery Rock University, so we need every Eagles fan to be out in full spirit!

Whether at a ball game or a reception, a parade or a party, over a hot dog or a meal, one thing that doesn't change about this wonderful weekend: the people! We are looking forward to a great time this year. Be sure you are part of it by returning the reservation form on the back of this issue or by registering online at [www.clarion.edu/homecoming](http://www.clarion.edu/homecoming).

## Fourth Annual Homecoming Collector Coffee Mug

The Clarion University Book Center is offering a free limited edition coffee mug to Clarion University alumni. Coupons for the mug can be obtained upon registration at the alumni tent reception. Coupon must be presented at the bookcenter and mugs are limited to 500 while supplies last.



## Planning A Reunion During Homecoming?

Let us know! Many successful reunions have been built around majors, sports and geographic locations of alumni. The possibilities for affinity group reunions are endless, as these groups continue to grow at Homecoming & Reunion Weekend. If your group is making plans, contact the Alumni Office at [alumni@clarion.edu](mailto:alumni@clarion.edu) or 814-393-2572 to add your activities to the calendar.

### Alumni & Friends 'Oldies' Dance

Boogie the night away at Clarion's first Alumni Oldies Dance on Saturday, Oct. 2, beginning at 7 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Ballroom. All Clarion alumni and guests are welcome. Admission is \$10/person at the door, and is your ticket to fun with a local DJ spinning oldies requests, cash bar, raffles and prizes. All proceeds benefit the "Dare to Dream" scholarship for the Golden Eagles football team. Sponsored by the alumni brothers of Alpha Gamma Phi, Phi Sigma Epsilon, Sigma Tau Gamma, Tau Kappa Epsilon and Theta Chi fraternities; the alumni sisters of Delta Zeta and Sigma Sigma Sigma sororities; and the Clarion Football Players Alumni Organization.

### Black Student Reunion

Celebrate "the magic" of Clarion during the following Black Student Reunion events:

- Friday, Oct. 1 - Welcome Reception (6:30 p.m.)
- Saturday, Oct. 2 - Dinner Buffet (7 p.m.)
- Sunday, Oct. 3 - Farewell Prayer Service (10:30 a.m.)

For more information, contact **Angela Groom '80**, [lashonlashon@earthlink.net](mailto:lashonlashon@earthlink.net) or 301-292-6105.

### Honors Program Alumni

Connect with fellow Honors Alumni and their families during a special reception in Moore Hall, Friday, Oct. 1, from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. For more information, contact **Joe Fiedor '09** at [jfiedor@clarion.edu](mailto:jfiedor@clarion.edu).

### Phi Sigma Epsilon

Alumni brothers of Phi Sigma Epsilon have a full schedule of events planned, starting with the Gamma's golf scramble at Hi-Level Golf Course in Kossuth on Friday, Oct. 1. Shotgun start at 9 a.m.; \$40 fee per golfer includes 18-holes, golf cart for each pair of golfers, food and drinks. A hospitality suite will be open at 6 p.m. that evening at the Holiday Inn. On Saturday, Oct. 2, all

brothers are invited to participate in the ALF parade by accompanying the historic Phi Sig Cannon. At 6 p.m., a "100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration" banquet will take place at Clarion Oaks Golf Club, with the hospitality suite set to reopen at 9 p.m. For more information, contact **Larry McElwain '62** at [phisigsclarion@aol.com](mailto:phisigsclarion@aol.com) or 706-258-77831.

### Alpha Gamma Phi

All Fraternity and Sorority Alumni are invited to join the Gammas as they host their annual golf scramble Friday, Oct. 1. The event will take place at the Hi-Level Golf Course in Kossuth. Shotgun start at 9 a.m.; \$40 fee per golfer includes 18-holes, golf cart for each pair of golfers, food and drinks. For more information, contact **Wayne Norris '65** at [wnorris@dura-bond.com](mailto:wnorris@dura-bond.com) or 724-327-0280.

### Sigma Tau Gamma/Sigma Tau

Make plans to attend Sig Tau's third annual Homecoming gathering! Sig Tau alumni will join in the Gammas annual golf scramble at Hi-Level Golf Course in Kossuth on Friday, Oct. 1. Shotgun start at 9 a.m.; \$40 fee per golfer includes 18-holes, golf cart for each pair of golfers, food and drinks. The Sig Tau hospitality suite will be open following the tournament in the Cook Forest Room at the Clarion Holiday Inn. The hospitality suite will reopen Saturday at 5 p.m. Food and drinks will be available in the room throughout the weekend. For more information, contact **Paul Palmer '61** at [ppalmer@isd.net](mailto:ppalmer@isd.net), and alumni brothers can watch their mail for more information.

### Sigma Sigma Sigma

The Alpha Pi Chapter of Sigma Sigma Sigma would like to invite all Tri Sigma Alumnae and their families to attend an open house immediately following the parade on Saturday, Oct. 2, 2010, at the Chapter House (located at 11 Wilson Ave). For further details, please contact **Shannon Fitzpatrick Thomas '92** at [s.fitzpatrick@rcn.com](mailto:s.fitzpatrick@rcn.com) or 610-721-6472.

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# Homecoming & Reunion Weekend 2010

## October 1-3, 2010



### Homecoming and Reunion Weekend Registration Form

#### Friday, October 1, 2010

- 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion Reception**  
Exclusively for Class of 1960  
# reservations \_\_\_\_\_
- Reunion Banquet**  
Gemmell Multi-Purpose Room  
# reservations \_\_\_\_ X \$40 = \_\_\_\_

Please indicate events you will be attending and the number of reservations. Payment must accompany reservation.

Please make checks payable to Clarion University Foundation, Inc.

#### Saturday, October 2, 2010

- Alumni Association Parade Reception**  
Hart Chapel  
# reservations \_\_\_\_\_
- Eagle Endzone** (game ticket required for entry, purchased ahead or day-of)  
# reservations \_\_\_\_\_
- Homecoming Football Game**  
**Golden Eagles vs. Slippery Rock**  
Memorial Stadium  
# reservations \_\_\_\_ X \$9 = \_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Alumni Class of \_\_\_\_\_

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