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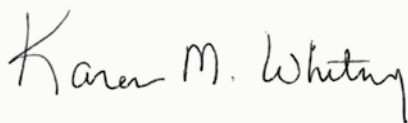
Research endeavors distinguish a university.  
Research, frankly, makes a university a university.

It was not long ago that conducting research, pursuing the truth and creating original pieces of scholarly work were the exclusive realm of the faculty and perhaps the occasional stellar graduate student.

Today, undergraduates with passion, curiosity and the ethic of hard work, along with the mentorship of dedicated faculty, are making significant discoveries of their own. I am proud to tell you that Clarion University students are involved in research projects that make a real difference in our lives.

Translating research to practice is one way Clarion University transforms lives and communities.

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Karen M. Whitney  
President, Clarion University



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# Ernie sports a new look

Clarion Spirit

After two years of dancing, cheering and all-around spirited, Ernie the Eagle was looking a little worse for wear. Fortunately, after some reconstructive surgery, Clarion University's proud mascot is leaner, meaner and more pumped up than ever.

Ernie's previous getup – designed by former theatre faculty member Julie Findlan-Powell – served the bird well through six athletics seasons.

According to Shawn Hoke, director of the Center for Leadership and Involvement, though, structural and functional challenges began to take their toll.

“A significant amount of wear and tear was put on the costume in that two-year period, and many of the

performers who wore the costume found the oversized head to be challenging to wear,” Hoke said.

“So we decided to pursue a new suit.”

Designed by BAM! Custom Mascot Creation and Design, the new Ernie takes after the university's “strutting eagle” logo.

According to Zack Rosen, one of Ernie's student handlers, the bird's new digs come with a fresh attitude.

“We're going for a new look and a new image to promote a new, younger side of Clarion,” Rosen said.

## Clarion's proud mascot is leaner, meaner and more pumped up than ever.

Rosen and the rest of the mascot's team are hoping to develop Ernie as a campus icon. To support his superstar status, Ernie is becoming a larger part of campus life, often attending university-related events. When he's not rallying the troops at a football game or lending a feathered-hand at Community Service Day, though, Ernie can occasionally be spotted strutting around the university grounds.

Apart from his on-campus role, Ernie will serve as one of the university's community ambassadors.

“We want to strengthen the ties between campus and the community,” Rosen said.

So far, it looks like Ernie is the right bird for the job.

Ernie Eagle

2004



2009



# COLD CASE 101

A full-time emergency medical technician, volunteer firefighter and member of the U.S. Army Reserves, 20-year-old Ethan Fritz of Falls Creek lives his life doing things that most 20-year-olds don't do. The summer 2013 graduate of Clarion University's associate degree program in criminal justice, who is applying to the Pennsylvania State Police when he reaches the minimum age of 21 in September, is also doing something many law enforcement personnel never get the opportunity to do: work to solve a cold case homicide.

Fritz is assisting Dr. Paul Klenowski, assistant professor and director of the criminal justice program at Venango College, in his volunteer work as a criminologist with the Ohio Valley Cold Case Task Force. Fritz, Klenowski and other task force members are re-examining evidence to try to solve a decades-old murder case. This unique task force is completely comprised of volunteer members, many of whom are retired federal, state and local investigators and detectives. Aside from retired officers, a number of criminologists and investigative journalists have offered to volunteer their time and skills to assist the task force in their attempt to solve a number of cold case homicides in the greater Ohio Valley area.

The textbook definition of a cold case, according to Fritz, is "any unsolved crime; a crime in which all potential leads have gone 'cold.'" It usually refers to homicides. After some time goes by with no new leads, law enforcement personnel must discontinue the investigation in order to pursue investigative leads on current cases. It's the task force's objective to open it back up and attempt to solve the crime.

Fritz said in some instances, his role was simply to observe and learn, but he has also been given the unique opportunity to play an active part as an investigative assistant.

"My role is to help the task force look through the evidence and pick out irregularities, discrepancies and inconsistencies; to re-examine everything, trying to find that one piece of evidence that may prove important to

finally solving the case," Fritz said.

Klenowski recommended Fritz for Clarion University Honors Program, in which the student must take an honors class or complete an honors project. Fritz opted to do a project, and as they discussed ideas, Klenowski suggested that Fritz consider

said. "I wanted Ethan to understand and experience the very strong emotional and psychological component to this type of work; it does impact one's life, whether you want it to or not."

Klenowski said working on the cold case gives Fritz the unique opportunity to apply



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**Dr. Paul Klenowski and Ethan Fritz**

joining the volunteer efforts of the task force's investigation as his final project.

"He wanted to incorporate (in the project) what he wants to do for his career, so why not get him involved in an investigative experience to introduce him to what it will be like to work with current and retired investigators and police officers, crime scene analysts, criminologists, victims' families, attorneys, and, of course, witnesses and persons of interest," Klenowski

what he has learned in the classroom to a real life case. According to Klenowski, roughly 19,000 people are murdered in the U.S. every year. Of that number, nearly 5,000 of these cases become cold cases due to the lack of significant evidence. Many cities and states simply do not have the funds or the manpower to reopen cold cases since so many new crimes are committed on a daily basis. As Klenowski points out, police agencies are spread very thin and are in need of assistance when it comes to these types of cases. Thus, the goal of the task force is to do just that, provide as much volunteer assistance as possible so that these departments can hopefully solve all of these homicides.

“We are simply a group of volunteers who want to see justice served for the victims and their remaining family members and friends,” Klenowski said.

“Ethan has assisted us by providing a fresh pair of eyes as we continue to comb through countless files comprised of hundreds of pages of case-related information and evidence, including official statements, police and medical reports and other case-related documents,” Klenowski said. “In particular, Ethan was asked to assist me in looking for irregularities and inconsistencies in the file information, especially official statements and reports.”

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**“When it comes to cold cases, sometimes it’s something small that, once teased out, rekindles that fire that provides a new source of light for a case.”**

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In addition, Fritz was also able to participate in talking to victims’ families, asking them to recall anything at all out of the ordinary, beyond the point of the tragedy, talk to current members of law enforcement who are the liaisons for this case, along with witnesses and others who may have direct and pertinent information that may be beneficial for solving this case. When it comes to cold cases, sometimes it’s something small that, once teased out, rekindles that fire that provides a new source of light for a case.”

Fritz, Klenowski and the task force have made progress on many of the cold cases. Although Fritz completed his honors project and formally graduated from Clarion, he continues his volunteer work with Klenowski and the task force, hoping to finally solve the case he was assigned, to bring closure and justice for the family. At this time, the task force cannot release details of any of these investigations, due to the ongoing status of the cases.

“A lot of (law enforcement personnel) can spend their whole careers in the field and not get to be involved (in a cold case investigation). I’m just a student and I have already been exposed to this experience,” Fritz said.

Becoming a Pennsylvania State Police trooper is a lifelong dream for Fritz. He said he doesn’t feel as if he chose that career, but rather that it chose him.

“I’ve always been attracted to the opportunity to help people,” he said. “I work at the ambulance station and volunteer at a fire department. If someone is having a bad day, I like being the one to make it better.”

# Justice for all

Clarion University’s Associate of Science in Criminal Justice degree program, housed at Venango College in Oil City, provides a comprehensive educational experience for students seeking potential employment in one of the many areas that comprise the American criminal justice system. Upon completion of the degree, students will have acquired the foundational knowledge necessary to gain entry-level employment within the field. The entire degree is offered in two distinct formats: face-to-face classes for traditional students or completely online to accommodate the working professional or preferred at-home learner.

Dr. Paul Klenowski, assistant professor and director of the criminal justice program, said his program has been described as rigorous, thorough, yet enjoyable.

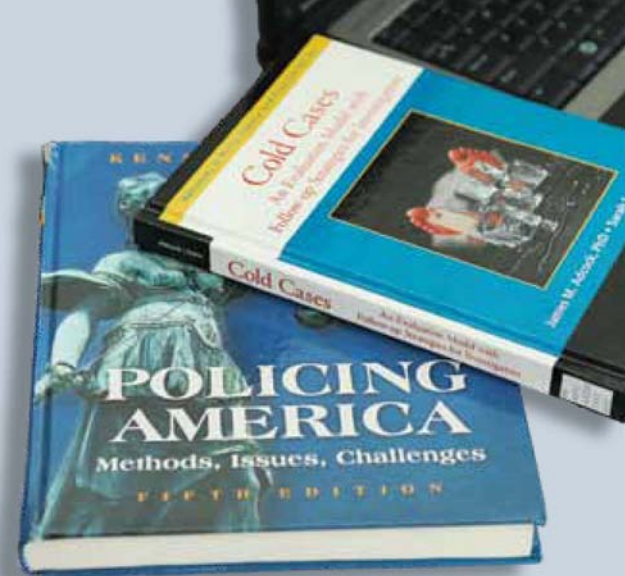
“As professors in the criminal justice field, we have to give our best to prepare our students for the next step. The stark reality is that within six months to a year of graduation, most of my graduates will have obtained employment, completed their formal academy training, and will then be in a discretionary position of power, literally having the authority, if need be, to take another person’s life,” Klenowski said. “That’s a great deal of responsibility bestowed to a young man or woman who is starting their professional career. Thus, as professors in this discipline, we are responsible for ensuring that our students have the requisite skills and

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knowledge base necessary to progress to more formalized training, leading to entry-level employment.”

For Ethan Fritz, the degree provided the necessary 60 hours of educational instruction required for someone to be eligible to apply to the Pennsylvania State Police.

In his six years of directing the program, Klenowski has witnessed a large percentage of his graduates, like Fritz, obtain employment within various local, state and federal criminal justice agencies and departments. More specifically, past graduates of the program have acquired employment with state and local police agencies both within and outside of the commonwealth, local, state and federal correctional organizations, adult and



juvenile probation departments, juvenile correctional centers, federal investigative agencies, and drug and alcohol rehabilitation centers.

“The program introduces and familiarizes the student with the various and extremely complex components of the criminal justice system,” Klenowski said. “Students gain a foundational understanding of all the interrelated agencies that comprise all levels of law enforcement, courts and corrections. In addition, students are also introduced to such areas as criminology, juvenile justice and criminal law and procedure.”

Upon completion of the Associate of Science in Criminal Justice, students may wish to continue their educational experience at Clarion by obtaining a Bachelor of Science in Rehabilitative Services with a court and community services concentration, a program approved by the American Bar Association and the only such program in Pennsylvania.

In addition, Clarion is also set to launch in 2014 a new post-bachelor’s certificate in forensic nursing, a collaborative effort

between the university’s nursing and criminal justice faculty. This specialized certificate will not only prepare nurses to treat victims of violent crimes who enter an emergency room of a hospital, but it will also train them to formally assist criminal justice officials with formal investigation and ultimate prosecution of the responsible parties.

For information about the forensic nursing certificate, contact Venango College admissions at 814-676-6591, ext. 1211.

For information about the criminal justice program, contact Klenowski at [pklenowski@clarion.edu](mailto:pklenowski@clarion.edu).

## News from the campuses

### Clarion partners with BC3 for degree completion program

Clarion University of Pennsylvania and Butler County Community College signed a joint degree completion agreement April 29. Through the agreement, BC3 graduates with associate degrees in early childhood education will be able to remain at BC3 to complete the bachelor's degree from Clarion University, an opportunity not previously available to them. Students in the program will enroll with Clarion University for their junior and senior years and will be instructed by Clarion faculty who will travel to the BC3 main campus. The program will begin in fall 2013.



Clarion University President **Karen Whitney** and Butler County Community College President **Nick Neupauer (M.S. '93)** sign the joint degree completion program agreement.

### Venango College offers new professional pilot program

Clarion University Department of Applied Technology at Venango College is partnering with Clarion State Aeronautics to offer in fall 2013 a new professional pilot concentration in Clarion University's Associate of Applied Science in industrial technology degree program. The program will provide the foundation that students need to begin their path toward becoming a professional commercial pilot. Students who earn the associate degree can continue on in Clarion's fully online Bachelor of Applied Science in technology leadership program to achieve leadership and management training while working as a professional pilot, accruing flight time. Students who attain a bachelor's degree and a minimum of 250 flight hours are eligible to seek a commercial pilot's license.

### Clarion University SBDC recognized for service excellence

The U.S. Small Business Administration Western Pennsylvania District Office presented the Clarion University Small Business Development Center with the 2012 Small Business Development Center Annual Impact Award for the center's outstanding service to small business owners and entrepreneurs.



**Natalie Olson-Urtecho**, regional administrator for the Small Business Administration, presents the SBDC Annual Impact Award to Clarion University SBDC director **Dr. Kevin J. Roth (MBA '81)**.

In 2012, Clarion University SBDC provided more than 9,700 hours of one-on-one consulting to 644 clients. The SBDC assisted 79 clients with securing financing for projects totaling almost \$9,000,000, and a total of 76 clients started businesses. In addition, the SBDC provided more than 6,300 hours of training to 1,513 individuals at 94 events.

### Spike Lee, niece of MLK speak at Clarion



**Dr. Alveda King**

Director Spike Lee visited Clarion University April 3, and Dr. Alveda King, civil rights activist and niece of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., visited April 8, both as part of the Mary L. Seifert Cultural Series.



**Spike Lee** speaks with communication students before his evening lecture.

Lee met with communication students and answered questions about the film industry in the afternoon, and in the evening, he lectured. King presented "The True Meaning of the Dream." Their visits were part of the Mary L. Seifert Cultural Series, "Realities of Race." The Mary L. Seifert Cultural Series Endowment of the Clarion University Foundation, Inc., was established to provide the Clarion University community with cultural experiences that inspire learning through thoughtful discussions.

### Online MSRS program cited as 'Best Buy'

Geteducated.com has recognized Clarion University's Master of Science in Rehabilitative Sciences as a top "Best Buy" for psychologists, counselors and social scientists seeking high quality, low-cost online master's degrees. This is the third CU program to earn a Best Buy ranking. Clarion's part-time, online Master of Business Administration program and the online Master of Science in Library Science program were named Best Buys in 2012. Clarion's Master of Science in Rehabilitative Sciences ranks 14<sup>th</sup> on Geteducated.com's list of Best Online Master's in Psychology programs for 2013.



## Student news

### Clarion University singers perform with Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra

Twenty-four members of Clarion University Chamber Singers joined the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra and 2,500 singers from the Pittsburgh area April 20 at University of Pittsburgh Petersen Events Center, for a performance that featured the finale from Mahler's *Resurrection Symphony* and *Dies irae* from Verdi's *Messa di Requiem*. The "Singing City" concert was directed by Dr. Manfred Honeck, and the chorus was rehearsed by Grammy-award winning conductor Dr. Robert Page.

Chamber Singers include: students Jared Albright; Joe Bazzone, Natalie Bond, Hayley Bowders, Alecia Collins, Michelle Dew, Drew Dismuke, Nick Duffy, Jennifer Grenus, Kyle Hart, Maura Keck, Paola Madero, Emily Manhart, Corbyn Minich, Cas Morris, Chelsea Patterson, Seth Robertson, Carrie Rugh, Holly Symosky, Taylor Thomas, Tom Thompson, Nikki Toy, Josh Warren and Matt Younger; and community member Dave Parsh. The ensemble is directed by associate professor of music, Dr. Hank Alviani.

### 'Meg 5 and 10 Kays' race memorializes '12 alumna

The evening of Jan. 7, 2013, Megan Kays ('12) posted on Facebook: "3,228.5 miles biked, 883.88 miles ran, 3 charity bike rides, 2 sprained ankles,

1 pelvic stress fracture. Couldn't ask for a better life!" While she was running the next day, she was hit by a truck and died from her injuries, less than a month after having graduated early from Clarion University with a bachelor's degree in business marketing. Students Josh Domitrovich, Rachel Farkas and Dan LaFata, all spring 2013 graduates, along with spring 2012 alumnus Cody



Megan Kays

Rapp, organized the Meg 5 and 10 Kays in her memory, donating the \$1,400 in proceeds to the local YMCA.



Megan Kays' mom, Michelle Kays (right), and lifelong friend, Mary McLachlan, finish the 10k loop of the Meg 5 and 10 Kays.

### Students' work combined 532 hours on Community Service Day

With a combined total of 532.5 hours served, 205 Clarion University Golden Eagles volunteered at 19 sites during Community Service Day in April. Of the sites, a number of participants volunteered at the homes of private citizens. Always happy to help out the community, Ernie the Eagle was able to clear his schedule and serve alongside the service day volunteers.



Students rake leaves in a park at Marianne Estates. It was one of 19 local work sites for Community Service Day.

## Faculty and staff news

### Alumna publishes book of Clarion professor's poetry

Poets Dr. Philip Terman, professor of English at Clarion University, and Jamie Wyatt ('12), Clarion University alumna, read their work together

April 26 in Franklin and April 30 in Clarion. The readings were to launch Wyatt's recently-published book of Terman's poetry, "Among the Scribes," a project for

her MFA in creative writing program at Chatham University. Wyatt read poetry from her graduate work, and Terman read from the book.



Dr. Phil Terman holds "Among the Scribes," a book of Terman's poetry published by Jamie Wyatt ('12).

### Sabatose elected to lead PIRSA

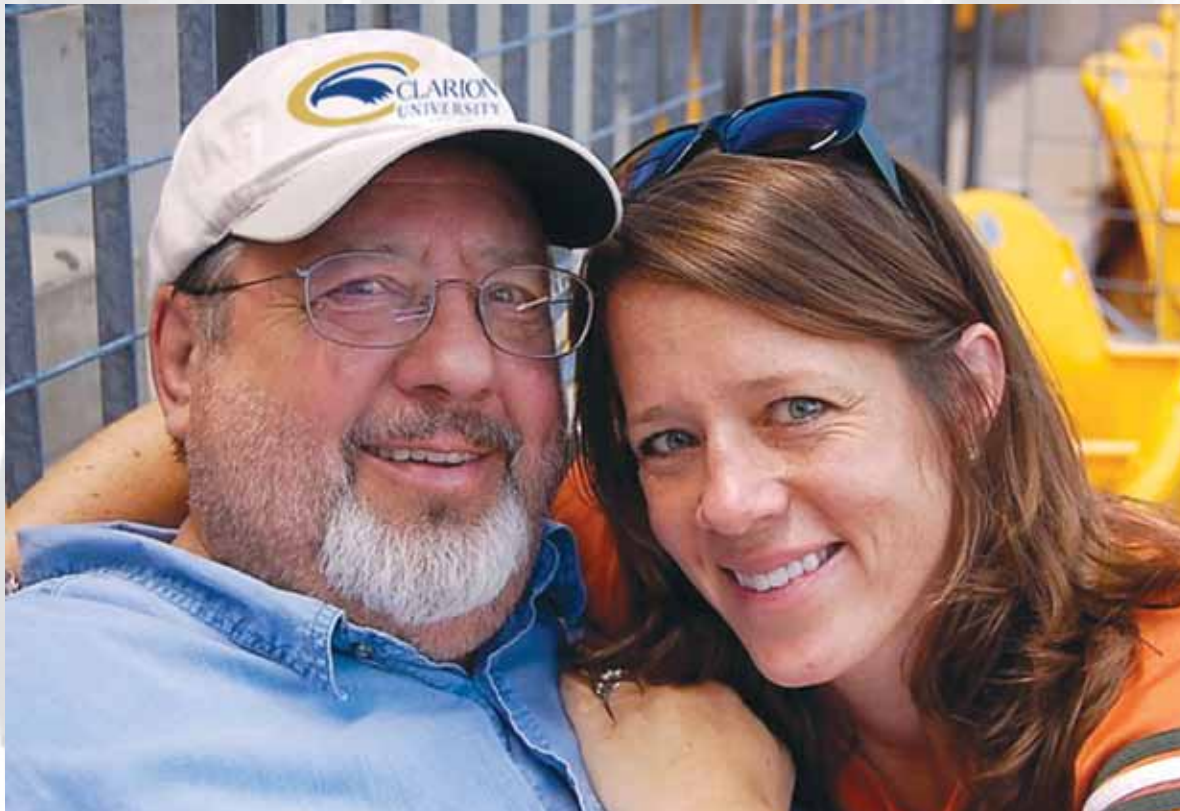
Clarion's Student Recreation Center director Lori Sabatose has been elected to a two-year term as president of the Pennsylvania Intramural and Recreational Sports Association.

At Clarion, Sabatose is responsible for the supervision of the 48,000-square-foot Student Recreation Center, is in charge of the indoor climbing wall, fitness areas (cardiovascular and weight room areas), open recreation, indoor track, three gym courts, scheduling, staffing, employment, training, budget and community membership sales. Sabatose holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from Clarion and a master's degree in physical education recreation sport management from Kent State.



Lori Sabatose ('92)

# 26.2 <sup>for</sup> Poppy



In Meredith's words:

"The idea to run 26.2 for Poppy came in the wee hours of a sleepless night ... in that early morning sleeplessness as I thought about my dad, I decided it would be extremely worthwhile to figure out a way to connect my running to the newly established scholarship in Dad's name at Clarion University. I felt like I was channeling my "inner-Dad" that night, so I was satisfied and excited to personally connect in assisting a young athlete to his higher education while honoring my Pops ... I called Mom the next morning.

My talk with Mom led me to work with the fine folks at Clarion University Foundation, Inc. ... I hoped to raise 100 times the mileage I would run: \$2,620. I don't think I can clearly articulate the amount of love I felt when I would receive texts, emails and letters from Clarion updating me on the fundraising progress.

**JIMMY KNOWLES** grew up on the campus of Clarion University, often tagging along behind his father, former baseball coach Joe Knowles. After high school, he attended Clarion. Although he completed his degree elsewhere, he always had an affinity for and cherished his memories of the university. Knowles passed away of heart attack in August 2012, leaving his wife, Maxine, and three adult children: Jim Jr., Meredith and Marley.

After Knowles' death, his family established The Jimmy Knowles Football Scholarship at Clarion University. Football, too, was among his passions. Daughter Meredith Knowles Abramson, a long-distance runner, was training for the April 2013 Knoxville (Tennessee) Marathon at the time.



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# SPIRIT OF PHILANTHROPY



Clarion University Foundation, Inc., recognized individuals who created scholarships at Clarion University by bringing them together with the students who were the recipients of their generosity at a Spirit of Philanthropy event May 7. Twins **Jarred Ray Gerasimek** (far left) and **Justin John Gerasimek** (far right) from Oil City received the Dr. Glenn R. McElhattan Scholarship. Jarred is an early childhood/special education major; Justin is a liberal studies major. They are pictured with Mary ('72) and Glenn ('56) "Dick" McElhattan.

On the morning of the race, I did not get those typical pre-race jitters. I was calm. I was ready. I can't say I've ever approached a starting line with such a sense of serenity, but I attribute (the love and support of donors) to that feeling ... All the names of those who supported me in this effort were listed on the back of my shirt. On the front, my dad's signature smiley face.

When I finished the race on the 50-yard line of Neyland Stadium ... I slipped under the rope that kept runners on the outside perimeter of the field and proceeded to the middle of the field to pay homage to my dad. He also had a thing for college football and getting into stadiums to stand on the 50-yard line, so it seemed appropriate to ... take a moment to send some love to my dad.

Like all marathons, this trek was a special and emotional one, and I thank (everyone) for supporting me along the way. To date, we have collected close to \$4,500 for the scholarship that will enable a student athlete to play football at Clarion University in my dad's name."

(Meredith finished the race in 3 hours, 51 minutes, 26 seconds. For information about contributing to the Jimmy Knowles Football Scholarship, contact Shawn Wood, Clarion University Foundation, Inc., at 814-393-1832 or email [swood@cuf-inc.org](mailto:swood@cuf-inc.org).)



## Alex Sandusky Football Scholarship

After a respected college football career at Clarion University, a successful 13-year NFL career with the Baltimore Colts, and induction into the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame, what other ways are left for Alex Sandusky ('54) to make his mark?

Ensuring that others will have the same opportunity that led to his success: a Clarion University of Pennsylvania education. He has done that by establishing the Alex Sandusky Football Scholarship.

To be eligible for the scholarship, a student must be a member of the Clarion University football team, meet eligibility requirements of the NCAA and maintain at least a 2.0 QPA at Clarion. Coaches will make the offer to one of those student athletes in his group of recruits and team members.

# Extravaganza 2013

Clarion University Alumni Association hosted Extravaganza 2013 April 13 at Phipps Conservatory, Pittsburgh.

Four alumni received Distinguished Awards: **Mark Demich ('79)**, Distinguished Alumni; **Brenda Schull-Carll ('85)**, Venango College Distinguished Alumni; **Colleen A. McAleer ('75)**, Distinguished Faculty; and **John "Jack" Bertani ('61)**, Distinguished Volunteer. Proceeds from the evening will benefit the Alumni Endowment and the Alumni Association Athletic Endowment, which provide funding for student scholarships, including the Clarion University Alumni Association Scholarship.

The CUA A Scholarship is awarded to full-time undergraduate students who have earned an overall QPA of 3.0 or better; will have completed at least 30 credit hours at Clarion University prior to the 2012-13 academic year; not graduating in or before December 2013. Special consideration is given to children and grandchildren of Clarion University alumni, as well as members of the Eagle Ambassador student alumni group. Scholarships are awarded up to \$1,500.



**John "Jack" Bertani ('61)**, Distinguished Volunteer; **Brenda Schull-Carll ('85)**, Venango Distinguished Alumni; **Colleen A. McAleer ('75)**, Distinguished Faculty; **Dr. Karen Whitney**, Clarion University president; **Mark Demich ('79)**, Distinguished Alumni; and **Bob Dandoy ('74)**, Clarion University Alumni Association president.

## CUAA Scholarship Recipients



**Anne Brady**

Junior

Rehabilitative Sciences,  
Developmental Disabilities  
Concentration



**Michelle Clay**

Junior

Molecular Biology/  
Biotechnology



**Samuel Allen Curtis**

Senior

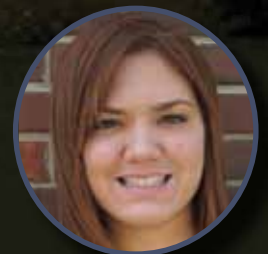
Mathematics Major,  
Honors Minor



**Nicole Moira McCullough**

Junior

Speech Pathology Major,  
Psychology Minor



**Danielle Nespor**

Senior

Communication Major,  
Public Relations/Advertising  
Concentration

# Giving beyond a lifetime

Wilma E. Best Logue, better known as Wid, passed away last September, but decisions she made in her lifetime ensure that her spirit of philanthropy will live on.

Evidenced by one of her earliest acts of generosity, Logue was passionate about helping Clarion University students. As an undergraduate in the early 1930s, she was aware that many women in her class could not afford dresses to wear in their senior pictures. She arranged for the students to borrow dresses from her mother's small dress shop in Knox.

Her love for Clarion continued after graduating in 1932 with a teaching certificate. Logue not only advocated for a Clarion education, but also recruited new students, driving them to campus, paying their application fees and, in 1992, establishing the Wilma Best Logue Scholarship for education majors.

Her giving, including support of various funds and campaigns, as well as donations of artwork, led to recognition in Clarion's lifetime giving society. In 2011, Clarion University Alumni Association honored her with a Distinguished Service Award.

Logue graduated in 1932 with a teaching certificate from what was then Clarion State Teachers College and began a 10-year teaching career, first in the one-room Criswell School in Richland Township, then teaching sixth grade at White Memorial School in Knox. She continued helping people in her subsequent career with the Bureau of Employment Security, Clarion, where she matched unemployed people with available jobs.



**LOGUE**

Her generosity, with both her time and financial resources, went beyond Clarion University. As a member of the Knox Junior Civic Club, she was part of a group that established the Knox Public Library, which she supported generously in her lifetime. She arranged for the support to continue after her death, through a bequest that is being administered by Clarion University Foundation, Inc.

Because Logue wanted to support the university and other community organizations, she and others

sparked the idea of the foundation's move toward expanding its ability to help others in supporting other community organizations.

Like Logue, the late Robert Crawford, a former geography professor, physical plant director, and vice president for finance and administration at Clarion University, believed in giving to others. Along with his wife, Dorothy, who survives, Crawford was a generous annual donor to Clarion University, and they wanted their giving to continue after their passing.

**“He believed in education and knew that not everybody had the money to attend college.”**

Dorothy Crawford, talking about her late husband, Robert.

To that end, the couple began directing their annual gifts to a fund that eventually became the Robert E. Crawford Scholarship Endowment.



**CRAWFORD**

“We had been talking about it every year when we made a donation to the university,” Mrs. Crawford said. “We thought it would be nice to have a scholarship in my husband's name. He was very interested in education.”

Dorothy completed the establishment of the Crawford endowment utilizing a benefit of the recent reinstatement of tax legislation, the Charitable IRA Provision. The Charitable IRA Provision allows individuals to make tax-free direct transfers from certain retirement funds to qualified charities. Clarion University Foundation, Inc., is eligible to receive such transfers.

Mrs. Crawford knew her husband since he was 16, and she recalls on one of their early dates, he talked about going to college. He believed in education and knew that not everybody had the money to attend college. Crawford, himself, struggled to afford college. He earned his bachelor's degree in geography from Slippery Rock University and his master's degree from University of Pittsburgh. He did additional studies at University of Washington.

## Charitable IRA Rollover Provision reinstated for 2013

**ATRA 2012 allows individuals to make tax-free direct transfers from traditional and Roth IRAs to charitable organizations such as Clarion University Foundation, Inc.**

The American Taxpayer Relief Act (ATRA) of 2012 provides for reinstatement of the Charitable IRA Rollover Provision, allowing favorable opportunities for donors and charities. ATRA 2012 allows individuals to make tax-free direct transfers from traditional and Roth IRAs to charitable organizations such as Clarion University Foundation, Inc.

The Charitable IRA Rollover Provision, permits donors aged 70½ or older to make tax-free withdrawals from certain retirement assets and transfer any amount up to \$100,000 per year to a qualified charity.

Donors may make a 2013 qualifying gift any time before Dec. 31, 2013, by contacting their custodian and arranging for a transfer. Who should consider this option?

- Donors who do not itemize deductions.
- Donors for whom withdrawal of IRA income would cause more Social Security income to be taxable.
- Donors already giving at the 50 percent deduction limit (30 percent for long-term appreciated assets).
- Donors who exceed income levels that would cause them to lose a portion of their itemized deductions.
- Donors who pay state income tax but cannot claim charitable deductions on their state return.

For additional information contact development officer **John Mumford (73)**, Clarion University Foundation, Inc., at 814-393-1926 or [jmumford@cuf-inc.org](mailto:jmumford@cuf-inc.org), and contact your personal advisors to determine if the Charitable IRA Rollover may provide some worthy options for your tax planning as you consider your annual charitable support.

*The above information is intended to provide general information, not legal or professional financial advice. Because individual circumstances vary greatly, we recommend you consult your own advisor/s when considering these ideas.*

# CLARION UNIVERSITY

## 2013 graduates

**Marissa Beveridge**, a May graduate of Clarion University Honors Program with a bachelor's degree in psychology, examined the psychological benefits of pet ownership for her senior honors project.



Beveridge, of Punxsutawney, expanded upon prior research that focused on the connection between pet ownership and psychological symptoms such as loneliness and depression. She created an online survey that added two variants – effects of pet ownership on psychological well being and how pet ownership is related to personality.

The online survey consisted of four sections:

- Demographic information, including age, gender, marital status, average annual income, etc.
- Big 5 personality scale
- Well being measure
- Pet-specific questions such as how many and what kinds of pets

Of the 418 participants, 350 were pet owners and 68 were not pet owners; of the pet owners, 66 percent felt closer to a dog, 27 percent felt closer to a cat, and 7 percent reported feeling closer to a different species of pet.

“Those closer to a dog reported a higher level of extraversion and higher levels of environmental mastery – dog owners perceive more control of their environment than cat owners,” Beveridge said.

As a whole, results indicate that pet owners are more emotionally stable and less reactive to stress than non pet owners.

Beveridge, recipient of the France Allison Honors Scholarship, said her interest in the study was piqued by her love for her 12-year-old border collie mix, Hershey, and her involvement in a Christian summer camp for kids in which horseback riding is a prominent part of activities.

The research process itself was a valuable learning experience for her, allowing her to put into practice research methods she learned through her course work.

“It was rewarding, and I feel that I learned a lot,” she said. “When you start (a research project), it's yours, you know everything about it. You're the expert on that topic.”

Beveridge plans to pursue a master's degree in educational psychology at Indiana University of Pennsylvania, where she has been awarded a full graduate assistantship.



**Raphael Williams**, a May graduate of Clarion University with a bachelor's degree in molecular biology, conducted a study of protein interactions between components of nano-syringes – or molecular syringes

– on bacteria.

As Williams, of Monroeville, explained, some forms of bacteria have become resistant to common antibiotics, including penicillin. Salmonella, for example, injects bacterial proteins that mimic proteins of the host cell and help the pathogen avoid destruction.

In studying the nano-syringe proteins found on bacteria, Williams, under the tutelage of Dr. Helen Hampikian, hoped to explore how many proteins must fit together to have a syringe that functions. By potentially blocking proteins from interacting, the syringe could be disabled in bacteria, making them less harmful.

“The foundation of the experiment is to

help the scientific community better understand how these work together,” Williams said.

“Understanding how the secretion system (nano-syringe) builds itself and which proteins are essential for function can lead to a novel target for drug delivery against emerging pathogens with similar syringe systems.”

Donning his lab coat in the winter of 2012, Williams began by copying six genes from nano-syringe proteins. He then studied which proteins connected with one another – a sign that the proteins are functioning together – and inserted them into yeast. If two proteins match up together, it allows the yeast to grow in an environment that normally would kill it.

Directed by Hampikian with background help from graduate student Tracy Smith, Williams performed all of the lab work on his own.

“(The experience) brings practical application of what you do in the classroom to real life,” Williams said. “I had more freedom to figure out how to solve the problems that came up, and was able to use more convenient methods than the long-form methods taught in the classroom.”

This summer Williams will begin work at Aptagen LLC, a biotechnology company in Jacobus, Pa. Williams also hopes to attend graduate school for molecular biology.

## College of Business Administration

Department of Accountancy

**Lauren M. Anderson**  
Small Business and Etsy



Etsy Inc., an online marketplace, appears to be a great opportunity for craft-related entrepreneurs to market their products and develop small businesses.

Indeed, several entrepreneurs have used the Etsy.com website as a starting point for their new businesses with great success. However, Etsy is not without its controversies. For example, Etsy was recently caught up in a privacy scandal that involved several other online businesses, leaving many users feeling vulnerable and victimized. Another problem that faces Etsy is resellers, people who take advantage of the system in order to sell mass-produced goods, which defies the very nature of what Etsy is about. Users of Etsy are also faced with a common problem for many small businesses: accounting systems.

This proposed research highlights the successes and failings of Etsy through careful analysis to show potential users whether or not Etsy is the place to start their new business, along with accounting system implications.

## College of Arts and Sciences

Department of Biology

**Rachele Siegel**

The Development of Biofilm-Resistant Eye Care Materials



Biofilms are multi-cellular communities of microorganisms that form by attaching to various solid surfaces including living tissue, medical equipment, household items and, particularly for this study, contact lenses and cases. After adhering, biofilms are notoriously difficult to eliminate

by providing a protective exopolysaccharide matrix for the organisms that live within, making them resilient to disinfecting agents and antimicrobial compounds. Eye infections can occur due to bacterial biofilm formation on eye care materials and severe cases can damage the eye permanently, resulting in blindness.

The focus of this study is to develop an antimicrobial that will reduce or eliminate the formation of biofilms on contact lens materials. Commonly encountered infectious agents that cause microbial keratitis in contact lens wearers, including *Escherichia coli*, *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Staphylococcus epidermidis*, *Serratia marcescens* and *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* were grown overnight on contact lens and case materials in the presence of the antimicrobial substance. The amount of biofilm produced was assessed via phase contrast microscopy.

# ACADEMIC RESEARCH

## College of Education and Human Services

### Stephanie Spence

Literary Discrimination: The Inclusion and Exclusion of Graphic Novels in Pennsylvania School Library Collections

Graphic novels are a unique kind of book that offers a different format for storytelling. There are many benefits from reading graphic novels for all people, and especially students. These benefits include an increased vocabulary, increased interest in reading, increased understanding and development of visual literacy, different formats for a different educational experience, they create an expansion effect and they help students that generally do not read, such as reluctant readers and visually dependent readers.

Despite these findings, many professionals characterize graphic novels as being childish and believe they have no place in the school setting. Fifty Pennsylvania high schools were selected at random to look at their collections to determine whether schools are providing graphic novels to their students.



### Koren Beardshall

Training of Speech-Language Pathologists for the Assessment and Intervention of Bilingual Clients

In the United States, the number of people who represent culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds continues to increase. Bilingual individuals are often either over-assessed or under-assessed due to speech and language concerns. This may occur when speech-language pathologists are unfamiliar with how best to provide services to bilingual clients. The purpose of this research study was to determine the extent to which SLPs believe graduate school and other training prepares them to work with bilingual clients. A 20-item questionnaire was developed and distributed to 395 SLPs in Pennsylvania employed in a school setting. The survey items were developed to collect information pertaining to the SLPs' experiences assessing and treating bilingual clients for speech and language concerns, as well as their educational background related to bilingual clients. The results of this study will explore the importance of graduate education and continued training for SLPs in Pennsylvania to meet the needs of bilingual clients.



## Venango College

Venango Humanities and Sciences

### Rebecca Webb

A Volleyball-Specific ACL Injury Prevention Program

More than 200,000 athletes suffer an injury to their anterior cruciate ligament every year. Moreover, there is a two- to eightfold greater rate of injury in female athletes than in males, and the majority of these ACL injuries are non-contact injuries.

Research has shown that it is possible to decrease the risk of these injuries through the implementation of one of the many possible prevention programs. The objective of my project was to study the risk factors associated

with the injury, research the programs already available and their effectiveness, and, ultimately, create a volleyball-specific prevention program that is readily accessible to both high school and collegiate teams.



## Clarion University Libraries: the one-stop shop for research

Clarion University's libraries, apart from being great places for students to catch up on homework and reading, are the go-to sources of academic research for both faculty members and students.

When an undergraduate, graduate or professional researcher undertakes a project, Clarion's talented reference librarians at both Carlson Library in Clarion and Suhr Library at Venango College serve as navigators, directing those seeking information to the best sources available.

"We assist (researchers) in defining their information needs during a reference interview," said **Mary Buchanan** (MSLS '93), librarian at Carlson Library. "Then we assist them in locating the information resources, guide them in determining if the resource is appropriate for their needs, and educate them in citation management."

Buchanan mentioned that research tasks may range from simple to challenging, but that the library's commitment to helping information-

seekers remains the same.

"In some situations, after the reference interview, the librarians consult with one another and then conduct database searches and email results to the student or faculty member to evaluate (the item's) usefulness for their project," Buchanan said.

Clarion's extensive collection of resources ranges from books and eBooks of all varieties, to scholarly, peer-reviewed journals and access to online databases.

In order to further aid student researchers in their academic pursuits, the staff at Carlson Library has created a program called "Roving Reference." With convenience in mind, librarians set up shop in various areas around campus – Still Hall, the Science and Technology Center, Gemmell and Reinhard, to name a few – to provide research aid for those unable to take their research to the library's physical location.

"We want students to be aware that not everything is available on the open Web, and that being successful in college means you have to start using resources that scholars in your field of study



**Mary Buchanan helps a student locate resources.**

use," Buchanan said.

Though Clarion is not known as a "research university," Buchanan believes research is important to the betterment of the university and the educational community as a whole.

"The benefits of academic research for faculty are important to their teaching here at Clarion, but also to their profession in contributing to the body of knowledge in their discipline," Buchanan said. "For students, academic research introduces them to and educates them in the scholarly activity of their professions of choice."

Buchanan believes research skills to be vital even in non-academic environments.

"Learning about research makes us better consumers of research; that is why we have the skills to better evaluate the 'research' used in our daily lives."

# To be, or not to be?

Michel  
explores  
parallels  
in yoga  
and  
acting.



**I**t starts with a connection – a single spark that leads to a series of discoveries, eventually known as “academic research.”

For Clarion University theatre professor Marilouise Michel, that initial link appeared between two of her fields of expertise: theatre and yoga.

While training to become a certified yoga instructor, Michel noticed a number of similarities between the mental, center-seeking aspect of yoga, and the mindset actors must adopt in order to perform believably. The latter mindset was first accounted for by Russian director Constantin Stanislavski, whose work Michel has studied extensively.

“In both yoga and acting – in order to be successful – you can’t be thinking about what you need at the grocery store, or the fight you had with your boyfriend,” Michel said. “You have to be in the moment, which requires what both yoga

instructors and Stanislavski call ‘dual consciousness.’”

Essentially, as Michel explained, this duality allows one to separate the internal voice that worries about what to make for dinner from the more peaceful voice focused on the task at hand.

“Practicing yoga shows you what it means to simply be,” Michel said. According to Michel, if an actor can get into this “in the moment” mindset, he will be more successful at portraying his character.

Despite what appeared to be a clear connection for Michel, for years, she was unable to find any scholarly evidence to support the link between Stanislavski and the ancient practice of yoga. Nonetheless, she began to explore the two concepts on her own, developing a course called “Yoga for Acting,” in which student actors learned to apply lessons and techniques from yoga to their on-stage performance.

Through teaching the course three times, Michel said the relationship between Stanislavski and yoga became more and more clear, but it wasn’t until she discovered the work of Russian theatre professor Sergei Tcherkasski

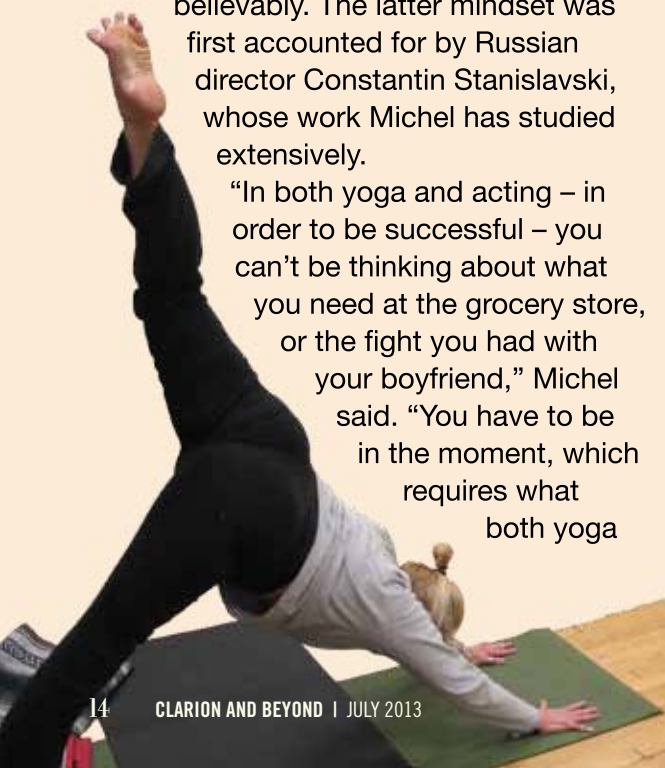
“Practicing  
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that she could find a genuine association. Head of the Acting Studio at St. Petersburg Theatre Arts Academy in Russia, Tcherkasski

published an essay in 2012 that proved, through Stanislavski’s letters and in-text notations, yoga’s influence on the director’s theatrical assertions.

Excited that someone else could demonstrate the connection, Michel contacted Tcherkasski and the two have communicated regularly since. In fact, Michel will take her sabbatical during the 2013-2014 academic year in order to further her research and work toward publications of her own. During this time, she hopes to visit Tcherkasski in Russia and share their findings in person.

Using Tcherkasski’s foundation, Michel will explore the more practical nature of the Stanislavski-yoga connection, hoping to further the impact of Stanislavski’s acting system by combining with it her own studies in yoga.



# Homecoming & Reunion Weekend



*Opening doors to the past*

[www.clarion.edu/homecoming](http://www.clarion.edu/homecoming)

What if you could open a door that, once you step through, would magically transport you back to Davis Hall for Dr. Dana Still's memorable antics during his lectures or to Becker Hall, where Dr. Mary Hardwick slipped Winnie the Pooh references into her communications lectures.

What if there was an entryway that could bring everything you love about your present life and introduce it to the cement block room in Nair Hall that you called home for four years, or that secluded corner of Carlson Library where you crammed for finals, or Tippin Gym, where you cheered wrestler Kurt Angle to victory.

What if you could turn a knob and go back to being 19 years old, laughing with your friends, hanging out at ALF, eyeing that cute undergrad that now stands beside you as your spouse.

You can, at Homecoming and Reunion Weekend 2013!

"Homecoming is the largest annual gathering to celebrate what Clarion stands for," said **Jessica (Tenfelde '04) Zacherl**, assistant director of alumni relations and annual fund. "It is a great way to relive memories and make new ones."

If homecoming means reuniting with cherished Golden Eagles friends from your college days,

we've got you covered.

If it means learning about the people, organizations and students that continue to make Clarion University thrive, we can help.

If it means introducing your children to Clarion University while they enjoy games and activities with Ernie the Eagle and eat blue and gold cotton candy, look no further.

If it means restocking your supply of Clarion University t-shirts, mugs, bumper stickers, banners, stationery and key chains, there's no better place to be.

If it means all of the above, plus lining Main Street to watch the Autumn Leaf Festival Parade, eating way too much food, having way too much fun, seeing gold and blue EVERYWHERE and cheering the Golden Eagles football team to victory, then don't miss Homecoming 2013!

## *Sept. 27*

The weekend officially gets under way from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., when members of Clarion University Alumni Association Board of Directors will be on hand to greet visitors to Golden Eagle Landing. Board members will serve cookies, coffee and tea, and provide information about the association.

This year's honored class is the Class of 1963, which will celebrate its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Class members

are invited to an exclusive reception at the president's residence from 4:30 to 6 p.m. for an early cocktail or lemonade, while getting to know Clarion President Karen Whitney. Park at Eagle Commons; a shuttle will take alumni to the president's home, then to Gemmell for the alumni banquet.

All alumni are invited to the banquet from 6 to 10 p.m. to celebrate the Class of 1963 and Half-Century Club members. Cost is \$35; preregistration is required.

Also from 6 to 10 p.m., Homecoming Headquarters in the courtyard of Holiday Inn, Clarion, will be the place to gather with fellow alumni and affinity groups. Enjoy snacks and prizes while reconnecting with friends.

## *Sept. 28*

Saturday begins with brunch at Eagle Commons from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Enjoy all of the delicious food you can eat for \$7 for adults and \$4.50 for children ages 6-12. Children 5 and younger eat free.

Check out the Alumni Association parade reception from 10 a.m. to noon in Hart Chapel parking lot. Family and kid-specific activities are planned, with a fun photo opportunity, music, contests and a visit from the new Clarion University mascot. Alumni and

their families can snack on free hot dogs, popcorn, blue and gold cotton candy, and drinks. Alumni groups, campus groups and academic departments will be on hand. The History Club will have an open house in Founders Hall.

If you love the tramping of feet and every beat you hear of the drum, downtown is the place to be for the Autumn Leaf Festival Parade at noon. University groups and community groups will march down Main Street playing music, twirling, dancing, honoring and celebrating, and, of course, throwing candy to youngsters.

After the parade, join fellow alumni in the Eagle Endzone to cheer the Golden Eagles football team to homecoming victory. The party begins at 1 p.m., and the game begins at 2 p.m. Get a bird's-eye view from the field as each play unfolds. Free t-shirts to the first 100 people, prizes and snacks make the Eagle Endzone the place to be to show off your Clarion pride. Alumni and their families are invited. Tickets are available in advance for \$9 per person. A game ticket is required for entry into Eagle Endzone.

Free shuttles from designated alumni lots to Memorial Stadium will be available from noon to 1 p.m., and return trips will be made at designated times.

# JAMIE (WOLF) JACKEL

## Success is in her DNA

Striving to be on top has always been part of **Jamie (Wolf '07) Jackel's** DNA.

A seven-time NCAA Division II diving champion for the Golden Eagles from 2004-2007, Jackel is now hoping to be a champion in another way – finding a cure for cancer.

Jackel, who earned a bachelor's degree in molecular biology/biotechnology from Clarion University, recently earned her doctorate degree in molecular genetics from Ohio State University.

While at Ohio State, Jackel spent time studying the DNA of genetic diseases, including cancer.

"Cancer is a heavily genetic disease," said Jackel, who attended Ohio State on the prestigious NCAA Post-Graduate scholarship. "In my research, I was working on the DNA level, the genetics of the cell."

Jackel, who is living in Albany, N.Y., with her husband Matt (the couple was expecting their first child in June) recently defended her dissertation and is hoping to study the viruses that are known to cause cancer and find a way to defeat them.

"A lot of viruses are known to cause cancer," Jackel said. "I would like to move into an applied science like vaccines, something where people can see the tangible benefits of my research. I really like studying the viruses."

The experiences she had as a diver at Clarion, where she won seven of a possible eight national titles in her four years – the only NCAA Division II diver to do that – and earned eight All-American awards, have a carry-over effect in her work as scientist.

"Both diving and molecular biology take a lot of self-motivation," Jackel said. "Beyond the obvious one of time management, (Clarion diving) Coach Dave (Hrovat) taught me a different level of focus."

The level of focus is one of three very important similarities Jackel sees between her diving and being a scientist – knowing she isn't going to be perfect all the time and being able to do her best and work hard every day are the other similarities.

"All scientists, like divers, want to be perfect," Jackel said. "It's frustrating when you aren't. But you aren't going to be perfect when making a dive. Mistakes are bound to be made. But like every dive, you learn from those mistakes with every experiment that goes wrong. You learn from it. You have to forget about it and move on. Knowing those things help me maintain focus on a daily basis."

Jackel was well decorated for her classroom achievements as well. She was a 2008 NCAA Top VIII Award Winner (most outstanding student-athletes in NCAA recognizing athletics success, academic achievement and community service), 2007 NCAA Woman of the Year finalist, as well as an ESPN The Magazine/CoSIDA Academic All-American of the Year and the 2007 PSAC's Pete Nevins Award Winner as the PSAC Scholar-Athlete of the Year as well. She believes the education she received at Clarion through the biology department set her up to succeed in life.

"I can't tell you how grateful I am for my experience at Clarion," Jackel said. "My husband and I talk about the difference between a small-school atmosphere and a large-school one all the time. I wouldn't trade Clarion for anything."

When she first started her graduate classes at Ohio State, Jackel wondered if she belonged with students from bigger, so-called more prestigious universities. She quickly found out that she more than belonged, she excelled among them.

"I was really nervous when I started graduate school," Jackel recalled. "How can I, a girl coming from such a small school, succeed with students from large universities? What I truly found was Clarion prepared me on so many levels. I felt really prepared because of the one-on-one teaching experience I got at Clarion. I had the experience at Clarion of working with PhDs that students from bigger schools don't get. Like at Ohio State, when undergraduates came into the lab for the first time as junior and seniors, I was the one working with them as a graduate student. At Clarion, full professors were working with me. The hands-on-experience with undergraduate



**Matt and Jamie Jackel**

research at Clarion is better than at bigger schools."

Jackel also believes Clarion's classes are well designed for students who go on to graduate school.

"Biology, as an undergraduate degree, is a lot of memorizing," Jackel said. "But once you get to graduate school they want you to think, to design experiments and the like. At Clarion, you learn to critically think. The experience is phenomenal. I was extremely well prepared for a graduate career."



## 2013 Golden Eagles Football Preview

### Eagles return 19 starters and 36 lettermen

Clarion is looking for an exciting 2013 football season led by the return of 19 starters and 36 lettermen under the direction of eighth-year head coach Jay Foster.

The Golden Eagles were 4-7 overall last year and 2-5 in the PSAC-Western Division. Wins came against Fairmont State (7-0), Gannon (13-7), East Stroudsburg (31-27) and Lock Haven (30-28).

Foster also led the 2009 team to an 8-3 overall mark, second in the PSAC-West with a 6-1 record and an eighth place ranking in the NCAA Division II East Region's final poll.

Six home games dot the 2013 schedule. Foster hopes to jump start the season with four straight home games, including the Family Day opener against Kutztown (Sept. 7), Lock Haven (Sept. 14), Mercyhurst (Sept. 21) and Homecoming versus Gannon Sept. 28.

The offense could be potent with the return of eight starters on a unit that averaged 17.1 ppg and 387.6 yards per game a year ago. Clarion averaged 156 rushing yards and 231.6 passing yards per game.

The offense will center around senior, dual threat quarterback **Ben**

**Fiscus**. A first team PSAC-West selection last year, Fiscus rushed for 678 yards and 5 td's a year ago, while passing for 2,480 yards and 15 td's. In



Fiscus

three seasons he has rushed for 1,997 yards and 16 td's, while passing for 4,341 yards and 27 td's.

The running game will feature junior **Bobby Thomas** and sophomores **Travis Day** and **Chris Liberto** at running back. Thomas rushed for 534 yards and 3



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td's in six games, while Day garnered 295 yards and 3 td's, and Liberto 201 yards.

Back to lead the receivers are **Jon Reid** (52 catches, 849 yards, 2 td's) and **Mark Nicholas** (7 grabs, 94 yards, 2 td's) and tight end **Mike Deitrick** (12 catches, 163 yards, 1 td).

The "O" line is anchored by two-time All-PSAC tackle **Mike Felker** (6-4, 285, Sr.), tackle **Ryan Barrick** (6-6, 280, Jr.), center **Terrance Perfilio** (6-3, 280, Sr.) and guard **Matt Kundick** (6-2, 290, Jr.). Also vying for time are **Tyler Edwards**, and brothers **Cameron** and **Shane Cress**.

Defense wins championships, and the Golden Eagles are hoping for big improvements on "D" with 10 starters returning on a unit that yielded 29.5 ppg and 387.1 yards per game. Opponents rushed for 142.5 yards per game and passed for 244.6 yards per game.

The defensive front looks strong, led by the return of third team All-America defensive end **Julian Howsare** (58 hits, 14 sacks, 16 tfl's). Also back up front are **Adam Bostick** (29 stops, 7 tfl's),

**Andrew Fragale** (23 hits, 8 tfl's), **Jacob Heintz** (53 tackles, 14 tfl's, 9 sacks), **Matt Shuey** (31 hits, 7 tfl's).

The team's two top tacklers return at inside linebacker with **Brian Palmiere** (89 stops, 8 tfl's) and **Rocco Yauger** (64 jolts, 8 tfl's).

The secondary returns **Cory McNamara** (31 hits, 1 int.) and **Malik King** (18 stops, 1 int.) at the corners, with safeties **Matt Long** (54 tackles, 5 tfl's), **Kyle McWreath** (29 hits, 5 tfl's), **Mike Zak**, **Peter Rivera**, **Ren Yonker**, **Tyler Tucker**, **Kwaku Asamoah**, **Cory Lauer** and **Adam Lynch** all looking for time.

The punting chores will rest with three-year starter **Nathan Conway**, who averaged 36.4 yards per punt in 2012. The placekicking position is wide open.

CLARION NOTES: Clarion is tradition rich in football ... 27 straight non-losing seasons from 1961-87, with a 52-year (1961-2012) record of 284-233-6 and 10 PSAC-West titles (1966, '67, '69, '77, '78, '80, '83, '92, '96 and '00).

## Wrestling posts top 10 recruiting class

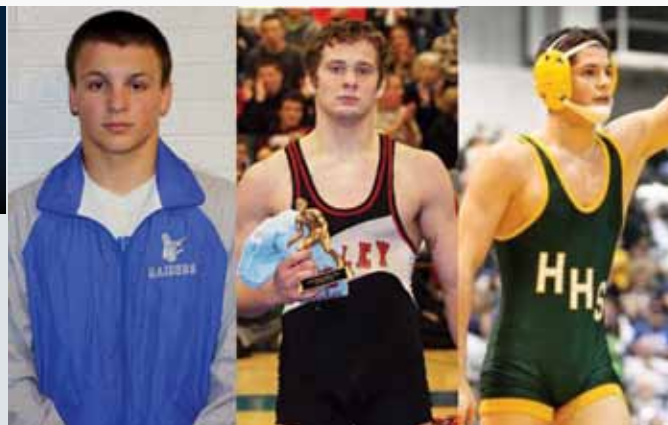
Clarion head wrestling coach Troy Letters and his staff have posted the ninth-best NCAA Division I recruiting class according to a May 28 release by Amateur Wrestling News and The Open Mat.

Michigan had the top ranked class, with two-time defending national champion Penn State ranked eighth and Clarion next in line at ninth.

"It is really an honor to have a top 10-ranked recruiting class," Letters said. "This was an important year for us to step up and get some top recruits if we want to be one of the best teams in the country."

Heading the impressive class for 2013-14 are: #28 ranked **Austin Matthews (Reynolds)**; #31 rated **Quinton Murphy (2012, Holley Central, N.Y./Indiana)**; and #97 **Justin Arthur (Huntington, W.Va.)**, of the top 100 wrestlers in the nation.

**Matthews** is a 2013 PIAA state champion at 152-pounds with a record of 49-1. He was second at PIAAs in 2012 and at 140 pounds in 2011. He posted a career record of 184-17.



L-R Austin Matthews, Quinton Murphy and Justin Arthur

**Murphy** is a four-time state champion, including the last two years at 138 pounds. He had a career record of 302-12 and is transferring from Indiana University.

**Arthur** is a three-time state champion, winning in 2013 at 145 pounds. He has a career record of 142-15.

Clarion's overall class of 24 recruits includes three state champions and 13 state place winners. A total of 12 of those 16 wrestlers hail from Pennsylvania. Read more at [www.clariongoldeneagles.com](http://www.clariongoldeneagles.com).

### AWN/THE OPEN MAT RECRUITING RANKINGS May 28, 2013

- Michigan
- North Dakota State
- Virginia Tech
- Missouri
- Pittsburgh
- South Dakota State
- North Carolina State
- Penn State
- CLARION**
- Virginia
- Oklahoma
- Rutgers
- Minnesota
- Iowa
- Rider

## Eagle spikers set high expectations for 2013



**Subject**

With four straight trips to the NCAA Division II playoffs and nine appearances in the tournament in the past 11 years, the bar has been set high for the Clarion University volleyball team entering the 2013 season.

“Our expectations are high,” said **Jennifer Mills**, Clarion’s seventh-year head coach, who became the winningest coach in school history last season. “But as always, the most important thing each year is working hard in the gym and working to get better. If we do that, everything else takes care of itself.”

Clarion returns five of its top seven players from last year’s 24-12 team including All-Region and All-PSAC West performers **Hannah Heeter** (RS/MH; Seneca, Pa./Cranberry) and **Laura Subject** (S; Novi, Mich.).

Last season, Heeter, who is also the top women’s basketball player at Clarion, came into her own in volleyball, ranking third on the team in kills (285, 2.65 per set) and blocks (102, 0.81 per set), while adding 89 digs and hitting .259 (285 kills, 111 errors, 671 attempts), the second-best mark on the team.

Subject, meanwhile, moved into the starting role as setter, and as the quarterback of the Golden Eagles had

1,157 set assists (9.56 per set) while adding 304 digs (2.51 per set) and 90 kills.

Joining Heeter and Subject as returning starters are seniors **Corinne Manley** (MH; Olmstead Twp., Ohio) and **Emily Stewart** (OH; Huron, Ohio) and junior **Carlie Bieranowski** (OH; Freeport, Pa.).

Manley led the Golden Eagles with 112 blocks (0.90 per set) while adding 176 kills (1.41 per set). Stewart tied for the team lead with 314 kills (2.66 per set) while adding 254 digs (2.15 per set), and Bieranowski was fourth with 248 kills (2.32 per set) and added 242 digs (2.26 per set).

Additional returnees who saw key action a year ago include senior defensive specialists **Megan Condit** (Cranberry Twp., Pa./Seneca Valley) and **Lauren Magalski** (Spring Grove, Pa.) and sophomore **Morgan Seybold** (Coraopolis, Pa./West Allegheny) who can play both offensive and defensive spots.

“Even with an experienced team, you still have challenges,” Mills said. “We have six very strong athletes coming in as freshmen who are eager to compete, and we expect them to do that. I don’t think anything is set in stone. Kids always come in and surprise us. It’s about finding the right combination of kids to be on the court.”



HEETER



SUBJECT

## Women’s soccer building success in 2013

Coming off the best defensive season in school history, Clarion University women’s soccer team is looking to build off that defensive play with stronger offensive production.

“Scoring goals is the key,” said Clarion’s fourth-year head coach **Rob Eaton**. “We’ve pretty much broken all the (school) records since I’ve been here, but the two records that haven’t fallen are the most goals scored and, because of that, the most overall wins. We just haven’t done that. In fairness, we have done very well except for that final putting the ball in the net.”

In 2012, thanks in large part to allowing a school record 1.29 goals per game, the Golden Eagles won a pair of games while tying five others, and goalie **Laura Saussol** (Jr., Pittsburgh, Pa./Baldwin) set the school record for individual goals against average at 1.29.

But Clarion struggled to score goals, netting just 13 in 17 games.

Eaton, though, believes that can change by getting players into roles in which they feel most comfortable.

“We have a couple of kids coming in who might help, and we have moved some players into more attacking positions,” Eaton said.

“Our spring was very productive. We score more goals in six spring (exhibition) games than we did in the fall. It’s all about having people in the right place at the right time.”

The Golden Eagles should be buoyed by a healthy **Cassandra Soars** (So., Williamsport, Pa./Loyalsock Twp.), who had already scored three goals before suffering a season-ending injury in the early part of

the season. Despite playing in just four games, she was the team’s leading goal scorer and was second on the team in scoring behind defender **Casey Harsch** (Jr., North Huntingdon, Pa./Norwin), who had seven points, including a pair of goals and three helpers.

Four additional players who scored a goal each return in **Jordan Bahr** (Sr., Wyomissing, Pa.), **Autumn Rosenberg** (Jr., South Williamsport, Pa.), **Alyssa Katz** (Sr., Allison Park, Pa./Hampton) and **Kathleen Warner** (Jr., Port Matilda, Pa./State College).



**Soars**



HARSCH



SAUSSOL



SOARS

# Golden Eagles athletes enjoy success during winter/spring

During the winter and spring seasons, Golden Eagles athletes enjoyed success both on and off the fields of play, earning both Academic and Athletic All-American awards while competing at the highest levels of their sports and bringing pride to Clarion University.

## WINTER SPORTS

### WRESTLING

The Golden Eagles had a pair of athletes qualify for the NCAA Division I championships held in Des Moines, Iowa, with both senior **James Fleming** (West Mifflin, Pa.; 157 pounds) and junior **Tyler Bedelyon** (Lewistown, Pa./Indian Valley; 149 pounds) earning berths to the national tournament.

Fleming, who was voted the PSAC's Most

Outstanding Wrestler at the PSAC Championships in December after winning his second PSAC title, earned his second consecutive Division I All-American award with an eighth place finish at the NCAA Championships after finishing second at the EWL Championships. He finished the season with a 34-5 overall record and was 126-21 in his Clarion career, the fourth most wins in school history. He was the first multiple All-American for the Golden Eagles since Mark Angle won three in a row from 1998-2000.

Bedelyon, meanwhile, was third at the PSAC Championships and fourth at the EWL Championships, and got key experience in his first NCAA appearance.

Clarion had a successful run in both the EWL and PSAC Championships as well.

The Golden Eagles were fourth at EWLs with **Tyler Fraley** (Fr., Freehold, N.J.; 125 pounds), **Sam Sherlock** (So., West Mifflin, Pa.; 141 pounds) and **Ryan Darch** (So., Batavia, N.Y.; 174 pounds) all adding third-place finishes, and Clarion took second at the PSAC Championships Fleming's PSAC title and Bedelyon's third-place finish were backed up by runner-up finishes by Sherlock, Darch and **Justin Ortega** (Sr., Oxford, Pa.; 197 pounds), and third-

place endings by Fraley and **Joe Waltko** (Sr., Allison Park, Pa.; 133 pounds).

### SWIMMING AND DIVING

It was another solid season for Clarion's most consistent program, as the women finished second at the PSAC Championships and 17th at the NCAA Division II meet, while the men were third at PSAC's and also 17th at NCAA's.

The women's team had six All-Americans with **Kayla Shull** (Sr., Franklin, Pa./Rocky Grove), **Gabriella Schaffer** (Fr., Reading, Pa./Muhlenberg), **Kristin Day** (So., Reynoldsville, Pa./DuBois), **Sarah Zerfoss** (Fr., Shavertown, Pa./Dallas) and **Lauren Slayton** (Fr., White Lake, Mich.) each earning two All-American honors, and **Emilee Gysegem** (So., Warren, Ohio) earning one.

Shull, a 15-time All-American in her career, was fifth in the 100-yard backstroke and 16th in the 200 freestyle; Schaffer, who earned her first two All-American awards, was 10th in the 200 backstroke and 13th in the 100 backstroke; Day, who has four All-American awards, was third on the three-meter diving board and fifth on the one-meter board; while Zerfoss was seventh on the one-meter board and 11th on the three-meter board; and Slayton was 10th on the one-meter board and 16th on the three-meter board. Gysegem was 10th in the 400 IM.

At the PSAC Championships, Gysegem earned a pair of PSAC titles (200 IM, 400 IM), while Shull won the 100 backstroke while finishing second in both the 50 and 100 freestyle. The 400 medley relay team of Schaffer, Shull, **Samantha Van Dyke** (Sr., Maineville, Ohio) and **Rachel Tano** (Sr., Butler/Knoch) also earned a PSAC Championship.

Schaffer was also named the PSAC Freshman of the Year, while Shull earned Capital One/CoSIDA First Team Academic All-America honors and her second PSAC Champion Scholar Award.

Four Golden Eagle men earned All-American awards with **Joe Ward** (Sr., Johnstown, Pa./Westmont Hilltop), **Heath Calhoun** (Jr., Renfrew, Pa./Butler) and **Justin Duncan** (Sr., South Park, Pa.) each earning two and **Nick Larmon** (So., Lemoore, Pa./Lemoore Union) one.

A six-time All-American Ward was sixth in the 100 freestyle and 15th in the 200 freestyle, while Duncan, an eight-time All-American, was third on the 1-meter board and fifth on the three-meter board. Calhoun, a four-time All-American, finished second on the 3-meter board and ninth on the 1-meter board with Larmon, a two-time All-American, taking 16th on the 1-meter board.



SHULL

Ward also won a pair of PSAC titles taking first in both the 50 and 100 freestyle while finishing second in the 200 freestyle.

### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

The Golden Eagles qualified for the PSAC playoffs for the first time since 2009 and were led by second-team All-Region and first-team All-PSAC West performer **Hannah Heeter** (So., Seneca, Pa./Cranberry).

Heeter, the only sophomore or freshman named All-Region, recorded her second consecutive season double-double with 14.4 points and 13.3 rebounds per game making her the only player in the PSAC this year and one of just two in the Atlantic Region to average a double-double. She broke Lisa Zitalone's 33-year old school record for single-season rebounding average and finished first in the PSAC and third in the nation in rebounding. It was the highest rebounding average in the PSAC since 1999, and she also led the PSAC in shooting percentage (51.7 percent).

She had 16 double-doubles, 22 double-digit scoring games and 19 double-digit rebounding games including nine of 15 or more rebounds, in 25 games while recording the most rebounds in game this year in D-II with 25 vs. Lock Haven, the second time in her career she has recorded 25 rebounds in a game.

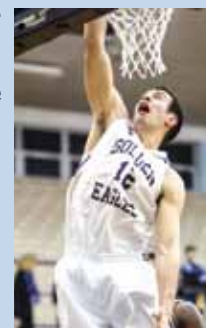
An outstanding student and two-sport star (volleyball), as well, Heeter earned her second Capital One/CoSIDA Second Team Academic All-American award in the same school year for her athletic and academic success in basketball. She was also a second-team Academic All-American in volleyball becoming the first Golden Eagle to earn Academic All-American honors in two separate sports.



HEETER

### MEN'S BASKETBALL

Junior **Mike Kromka** (Monroeville/Gateway) became the first Clarion men's basketball player to earn Academic All-American honors when he was named a second-team Capital One/CoSIDA Academic All-American. Kromka had a solid season for the Golden Eagles averaging a team-best 12.5 points and 8.5 rebounds per game.



KROMKA

### WOMEN'S INDOOR TRACK & FIELD

Thanks to a pair of All-Conference athletes The Golden Eagles earned their most points at a PSAC Indoor Track & Field championship since 2009.

**Allyson Cress** (Jr., Butler, Pa./Knoch) and **Kristen Belko** (Fr., Hermitage, Pa./Hickory) both earned All-Conference honors with Cress taking third in the shot put and Belko third in the Pentathlon.

**Sarah Loughner** (Jr., Jeannette, Pa./Penn-Trafford) also scored by taking sixth in the high jump.

## SPRING SPORTS

### WOMEN'S OUTDOOR TRACK & FIELD

**Megan Toddy** (Jr., Wadsworth, Ohio) qualified for the NCAA Division II championships in the 3,000-meter steeplechase and finished 15th in the nation in the event after taking sixth at the PSAC championships.

Toddy was joined at the PSAC's by four additional point scorers, including All-PSAC performer Cress, who earned her second All-PSAC honor in less than four months when she finished third in the shot put. Belko, meanwhile, followed up her strong indoor showing with an eighth-place ending in the Heptathlon outdoors, while Loughner (seventh in high jump) and **Anna Pfingstler** (eighth in 100-meter dash) also scored.

### SOFTBALL/BASEBALL

**Amanda Gough** (Sr., Chesterton, Ind.) became the first Golden Eagle infielder selected first-team all-conference since at least 1993 (PSAC records start in 1994) and the fifth Golden Eagle first-teamer in that span when she was named a first-team All-PSAC Central at-large infielder. She had a solid senior season that saw her lead Clarion with 15 RBIs, 14 runs, 12 extra base hits and nine doubles while tying for the team lead in home runs (2), triples (1) stolen bases (2) and hitting .357, the seventh-highest single-season average at Clarion since 1993.

It marked the second sport in which the rare three-sport athlete, who was a two-year member and starter at shortstop for softball, earned All-Conference honors, as she was also a three-time All-PSAC West performer in volleyball, a sport she played for four years, ending last season. Gough also was also a member of the women's basketball team this year.

Meanwhile, on the baseball diamond, freshman infielder/designated hitter **Jordan Mesoraco** (Punxsutawney, Pa.), the brother of Cincinnati Reds catcher Devin Mesoraco, had a solid rookie campaign, hitting .303 while finishing the season on a 13-game hitting streak that saw him rake to the tune of .474 (18 of 38).



GOUGH

## 2013-2014 CLARION UNIVERSITY FALL AND WINTER SPORTS SCHEDULES

**FOOTBALL** Coach: Jay Foster

Sept. 7	SAT	KUTZTOWN (FD)	1 p.m.
14	SAT	LOCK HAVEN	6 p.m.
21	SAT	MERCYHURST	6 p.m.
28	SAT	GANNON (HC)	6 p.m.
Oct. 5	SAT	at E. Stroudsburg	TBA
12	SAT	at California	TBA
19	SAT	at Slippery Rock	2 p.m.
26	SAT	SETON HILL	1:00
Nov. 2	SAT	INDIANA (SD)	1 p.m.
9	SAT	at Edinboro	Noon
16	SAT	at West Chester	1 p.m.

**WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL**  
Coach: Jennifer Mills

Sept. 6-7	F-S	TONY BANNER INV.	
6	FRI	GOLDEY BEACOM	1 p.m.
6	FRI	OHIO DOMINICAN	7 p.m.
7	SAT	URBANA	9 a.m.
7	SAT	CONCORD	7 p.m.
20-21	F-S	at Region Crossover+	
27	FRI	vs. Lock Haven^	2 p.m.
27	FRI	vs. Pitt-Johnstown^	5 p.m.
28	SAT	vs. Shippensburg^	2 p.m.
28	SAT	vs. Millersville^	5 p.m.
Oct. 4	FRI	at California	7 p.m.
5	SAT	at Seton Hill	TBA
8	TUE	at Indiana	7 p.m.
11	FRI	at Mercyhurst	7 p.m.
12	SAT	at Gannon	TBA
15	TUE	JUNIATA	7 p.m.
18	FRI	at E. Stroudsburg#	11:30 a.m.
18	FRI	vs. Cheyney#	5 p.m.
19	SAT	vs. Kutztown#	11:30 a.m.
19	SAT	vs. West Chester#	5 p.m.
22	TUE	at Wheeling Jesuit	7 p.m.
26	SAT	EDINBORO	7 p.m.
29	TUE	SLIPPERY ROCK	7 p.m.
Nov. 1	FRI	SETON HILL	7 p.m.
2	SAT	CALIFORNIA	1 p.m.
5	TUE	INDIANA	7 p.m.
8	FRI	GANNON	7 p.m.
9	SAT	MERCYHURST	1 p.m.
15	FRI	at Edinboro	7 p.m.
16	SAT	at Slippery Rock	TBA
19	TUE	PSAC Playoffs	
22-23	F-S	PSAC Final 4	

#- at Gannon/Mercyhurst; ^- at California; #- at E. Stroudsburg

**WOMEN'S SOCCER** Coach: Rob Eaton

Aug. 22	THU	PITT-BRADFORD (Exh.)	7 p.m.
Sept. 5	THU	SETON HILL	7 p.m.
7	SAT	at Pitt-Johnstown	TBA
10	TUE	SLIPPERY ROCK	7 p.m.
14	SAT	at California	TBA
18	WED	at Millersville	TBA
21	SAT	SHIPPENSBURG	Noon
27	FRI	at Kutztown	3 p.m.
28	SAT	at Mansfield	3 p.m.
Oct. 2	WED	at E. Stroudsburg	TBA
5	SAT	WEST CHESTER	1 p.m.
8	TUE	at Edinboro	TBA
13	SUN	ALFRED STATE	1 p.m.
19	SAT	INDIANA	1 p.m.
22	TUE	MERCYHURST	7 p.m.
26	SAT	at Gannon	TBA
30	WED	at Bloomsburg	TBA
Nov. 2	SAT	LOCK HAVEN	7 p.m.

**CROSS COUNTRY** Coach: D.J. Bevevino ('77)

Aug. 31	SAT	at Westminster	10 a.m.
Sept. 13	FRI	at Slippery Rock	5 p.m.
21	SAT	UNITED WAY	9 a.m.
28	SAT	at St. Francis	11 a.m.
Oct. 5	SAT	at Carnegie Mellon	10 a.m.
19	SAT	at PSAC's (Kutztown)	11 a.m.
Nov. 2	SAT	at NCAA Reg. (Lock Haven)	11 a.m.

**MEN'S GOLF** Coach: Marty Rinker

Sept. 8-9	S-M	HAL HANSEN (Clarion Oaks)	
16-17	M-T	at Charleston (Glade Spring G.C.)	
29-30	S-M	at Vulcan Inv. (Mystic Rock G.C.)	
Oct. 7-8	M-T	at Robert Morris Inv. (Shadow Lakes)	
19-20	S-S	at PSAC's (Hershey Links)	

**WOMEN'S GOLF** Coach: Marie Gritzer

Sept. 7-8	S-S	at Mercyhurst Inv. - Downing G.C.	
15-16	S-M	at Gannon Inv. - Whispering Woods	
22-23	S-M	CLARION INVITE - Clarion Oaks G.C.	
29-30	S-M	at Allegheny Inv. - Meadville C.C.	
Oct. 11-12	F-S	at Seton Hill Inv. - Hannastown G.C.	
19-20	S-S	at PSAC's (Hershey C.C.)	

**WOMEN'S TENNIS** Coach: Joshua Thorpe

Sept. 14-15	S-S	at PSAC Ind. - Bloom.	10 a.m.
Oct. 4	FRI	vs. Bloomsburg+	1 p.m.
5	SAT	vs. E. Stroudsburg+	9 a.m.

+ - at Shippensburg

**WRESTLING** Coach: Troy Letters

Nov. 3	SUN	KNIGHT POINT OPEN	
7	THU	at Pitt	TBA
16	SAT	at E. Michigan Duals	TBA
22	FRI	RUTGERS	7 p.m.
30	SAT	at Northeast Duals- Troy, NY	
Dec. 7	SAT	at PSAC's (Mercyhurst)	
15	SUN	EDINBORO	TBA
28	SAT	at Wilkes Open	
Jan. 11	SAT	at Pitt Duals	TBA
18	SAT	at Bucknell	TBA
18	SAT	vs. Brown	TBA
31	FRI	LOCK HAVEN	7 p.m.
Feb. 1	SAT	GEORGE MASON	TBA
2	SUN	at Bloomsburg	TBA
8	SAT	at Ohio University	TBA
9	SUN	CLEVELAND ST.	TBA
14	FRI	at West Virginia	TBA
15	SAT	OKLAHOMA ST.	1 p.m.
23	SUN	at Penn State	TBA
Mar. 8	SAT	at EWL's (Cleve. St.)	
Mar. 20-22	T-S	at NCAA's (Oklahoma City)	

**MEN'S BASKETBALL** Coach: Ron Righter

Nov. 16	SAT	PS-DUBOIS	TBA
20	WED	at Slippery Rock	TBA
23	SAT	INDIANA	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 4	WED	PITT-JOHNSTOWN	7:30 p.m.
17	TUE	KUTZTOWN	7:30 p.m.
18	WED	MANSFIELD	7:30 p.m.
21	SAT	at Lock Haven	TBA
Jan. 3	FRI	at Bloomsburg	3 p.m.
4	SAT	at E. Stroudsburg	3 p.m.
8	WED	WEST CHESTER	7:30 p.m.
11	SAT	GANNON	7:30 p.m.
15	WED	at California	TBA
18	SAT	SETON HILL	7:30 p.m.
22	WED	at Mercyhurst	7:30 p.m.
25	SAT	EDINBORO	7:30 p.m.
29	WED	SLIPPERY ROCK	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 1	SAT	at Indiana	TBA
5	WED	at Pitt-Johnstown	TBA
12	WED	at Seton Hill	TBA
15	SAT	CALIFORNIA	7:30 p.m.
19	WED	at Gannon	TBA
23	SUN	MERCYHURST	3 p.m.
26	TUE	at Edinboro	TBA

ALL CAPS HOME CONTEST

**WOMEN'S BASKETBALL** Coach: Gie Parsons

Nov. 15-16	F-S	CLARION CLASSIC (Charleston, W. Liberty, Millersville)	
15	FRI	CHARLESTON	6 p.m.
16	SAT	WEST LIBERTY	6 p.m.
20	WED	at Slippery Rock	TBA
23	SAT	INDIANA	5:30 p.m.
26	TUE	WALSH	7 p.m.
Dec. 4	WED	PITT-JOHNSTOWN	5:30 p.m.
14	SAT	at Wheeling Jesuit	6 p.m.
17	TUE	KUTZTOWN	5:30 p.m.
18	WED	MANSFIELD	5:30 p.m.
21	SAT	at Lock Haven	TBA
Jan. 3	FRI	at Bloomsburg	1 p.m.
4	SAT	at E. Stroudsburg	1 p.m.
8	WED	WEST CHESTER	5:30 p.m.
11	SAT	GANNON	5:30 p.m.
15	WED	at California	TBA
18	SAT	at Seton Hill	TBA
22	WED	at Mercyhurst	5:30 p.m.
25	SAT	EDINBORO	5:30 p.m.
29	WED	SLIPPERY ROCK	5:30 p.m.
Feb. 1	SAT	at Indiana	TBA
5	WED	at Pitt-Johnstown	TBA
12	WED	at Seton Hill	TBA
15	SAT	CALIFORNIA	5:30 p.m.
19	WED	at Gannon	TBA
23	SUN	MERCYHURST	1 p.m.
26	WED	at Edinboro	TBA

**SWIMMING & DIVING**  
Coach: Mark Van Dyke ('80)

Oct. 19	SAT	FALL CLASSIC	10 a.m.
20	SUN	DIVING INVITE	10 a.m.
Nov. 2	SAT	at Carnegie Mellon	11 a.m.
Dec. 6-8	F-S	at Zippy Inv. (Akron)	10/6
Jan. 3-18	F-S	at CSCAA Forum (Ft. Lauderdale)	
25	SAT	EDINBORO	1 p.m.
31	FRI	at Pitt (Diving)	6 p.m.
Feb. 1	SAT	at Pitt	11 a.m.
2	SUN	at Youngstown (Div.)	TBA
9	SUN	DIVING INVITE	TBA
20-23	T-S	at PSAC's (C. Valley)	10 a.m./6 p.m.
Mar. 12-15	W-S	at NCAA's (Geneva, Oh.)	10:30 a.m./ 6 p.m.

**INDOOR TRACK** Coach: D.J. Bevevino ('77)

Nov. 29	FRI	at Youngstown Inv.	4 p.m.
Jan. 18	SAT	at Edinboro Inv.	Noon
25	SAT	at Geneva, Oh. Inv.	10 a.m.
Feb. 1	SAT	at Mount Union Inv.	11 a.m.
8	SAT	at Bucknell Inv.	11 a.m.
15	SAT	at Kent State	10 a.m.
22-23	S-S	at PSAC's (Edinboro)	11 a.m.

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# Joe Boros 2013 West Penn Hall Inductee

**Joe Boros ('84)**, an All-American golfer at Clarion University from 1982-84, was one of nine athletes honored with induction to the Pennsylvania State Sports Hall of Fame – Western Chapter, May 4 at Four Points Sheraton, Mars, Pa.

Along with Boros, the inductees included Brian Baschnagel, Dick Bowen, Kirk Bruce, Jarrett Durham, Ken Macha, Bill Priatko, George Smith and John Wehner.

Boros was presented for induction by Western Chapter president Robert "Tick" Cloherty ('62) and master of ceremonies Larry Richert ('81), KDKA Morning Radio show host, both Clarion alums.

Boros was a four-year starter on the Clarion golf team, coached by Frank Lignelli ('50), and a 1999 inductee of the Clarion Sports Hall of Fame.

He led Clarion to the PSAC team title in 1982 and second place finishes in 1983 and '84. As a player, Boros was a third team All-American and PSAC runner-up in 1982, first team All-American and PSAC champion and team captain in 1983, and an All-American, team captain and PSAC runner-up in 1984.

Boros missed PGA Tour qualification by only two strokes in 1987; made four cuts on the Pro Golf Tour in

1988; was Pennsylvania Open Champion in 1989 and runner-up in 1993; Tri-State Open Champ in 1995 and '96 and runner-up in 2011; and he has won many other regional, local and club championships.

Boros has been the head golf professional at Treesdale Golf and Country Club in Gibsonia since 1996, after being the assistant pro at the Pittsburgh Field Club from 1989-96.

A native of Emlenton, Joe and wife Kimberly have two boys, Joseph and Jack.

CLARION NOTES: Along with Cloherty and Richert, Clarion was also represented at the event by former athletic director Frank Lignelli (1986 West Penn Hall Inductee), current athletic director Dave Katis, sports information director Rich Herman and assistant basketball coach Al Modrejewski.



Joe Boros (second from right) inducted into the 2013 Pennsylvania West Penn Sports Hall of Fame. Left to right, standing: Herman, Cloherty, Richert, Lignelli, Boros and Katis.

## 2013 Clarion Sports Hall of Fame inductees

Clarion University Sports Hall of Fame inducted five new members May 10 at ceremonies held at Eagle Commons Dining Facility. Inductees (seated, left to right) are: **Jackie (Hill) Saad** ('04 women's volleyball) and **Shelly A. Respecki** ('92, '97 women's basketball). Standing (left to right): master of ceremonies **Barry McCauliff** ('72), inductees **Cecil D. Willoughby** ('51 basketball, football), **Cary D. Grubb** ('87 baseball), **Alex F. Murnyack** ('64 football, wrestling, baseball) and the welcome provided by provost and academic vice-president **Dr. Ron Nowaczyk**. Nearly 250 guests attended the induction, which also included a reception prior to the dinner and ceremonies. Founded in 1989, the Clarion Sports Hall of Fame celebrated its 25th induction class in 2013, bringing the induction total to 150.



## Athletics donates to Clarion Cancer Center

Clarion University athletic department donated nearly \$4,000 May 1 to The Cancer Center at Clarion Hospital.

Spearheaded by the efforts of eight Clarion athletic teams, Golden Eagle athletes and coaches raised \$3,840 that was donated to The Cancer Center at a luncheon hosted by the hospital to thank the department for its continued support of the center.

Helping with the fundraising efforts during the 2012-13 seasons were women's volleyball, football, men's and women's swimming and diving, women's basketball, softball and women's track and field and cross country teams.

With this donation, Clarion University athletics has now raised and donated more than \$11,000 in the past three years for The Clarion Hospital Cancer Center.

Left to right: Mary Rearick (Cancer Center receptionist), Mike Felker (football), Tracy Myers (nurse manager at The Cancer Center), Rebecca Webb (volleyball) and Amanda Gough (volleyball, basketball and softball).



# CLARION DIVING FAMILY PRIDE

**MARCH 8**, Clarion University's Justin Duncan prepared for his final collegiate dive. But it wasn't just any dive.

At the 2013 NCAA Division II Nationals, on the one-meter board, Duncan was looking to become the third member of his family to get his photo placed on "The Wall" (of honor) at Tippin Gym. He needed a third place finish to realize his, his family's and his mother's quest.

Needing a big dive, Duncan and Coach Dave Hrovat changed his final dive, moments before performing it, from a 5333 to a 5335, which added an extra twist and the necessary degree of difficulty to potentially get him to third place.

Duncan was not facing the dive alone. Huddled together at the Crossplex Facility and supporting him, as they had so many times before, were his sister Julie (Murray '99) Heynes, brother Ray Murray ('05), and his parents John and Debbie. Julie, a six-time All-American, and Ray, an eight-time All-American at Clarion, already had their photos hanging in Tippin.

"I was relaxed and having fun, like Coach Hrovat told us," Duncan said. "I just tried to do what I've done so many times in practice."

It happened. Justin nailed the dive, the huddled family members and Clarion supporters went wild, and Duncan joined the family tradition of success and "The Wall."

"As I reached the bottom of the pool after my last dive, I stood on the bottom for just a second to take it all in," a smiling Duncan said. "I could hear them all screaming; it was a big moment for me. I knew I hit the dive."

Spanning three decades, the entire family, including Clarion's trio of divers, have attended 11 NCAA Division II Nationals to support each other at the championships. Julie participated at nationals from 1997-99, Ray from 2002-2005 and Justin from 2010-13.

"We looked at going to nationals as our family vacation," John and Debbie Duncan said. "We are a family – we always supported each other."

The family trail to Clarion started with Julie in the fall of 1995 in an unconventional way.

"Originally I was going to attend Allegheny, but changed my mind after attending a meet at Allegheny in February of 1995 where Clarion was also competing. My high school coach, Bob Kane (South Park), had told me I should look at Clarion, but I wasn't listening then. What I saw at that meet made me change my mind. I actually followed the team back to Clarion and walked around the campus. As soon as I stepped on campus I knew this is where I wanted to be. I enrolled immediately."



**Justin Duncan, Julie (Murray '99) Heynes and Ray Murray ('05)**



***"We looked at going to nationals as our family vacation. We are a family – we always supported each other."***

Julie narrowly missed qualifying for nationals as a freshman, but qualified in 1997 and placed at nationals on both boards. In 1998 she finished sixth on both one- and three-meter boards, but hadn't finished high enough to get her photo on "The Wall." She accomplished that her senior year, placing third on one-meter in her final event – similar to her brother's accomplishment 14 years later.

"Getting my photo on the wall at Tippin was a big motivational tool for me and a lot of other athletes," Murray said. "I wanted it so bad. My senior year I finally relaxed at nationals, and it happened. I was so happy."

Ray followed in the 2001 season, but red-shirted his first year. He placed second at nationals on three-meter in 2003, was second on one-meter and third on three-meter in 2004, and second on one-meter and fifth on three-meter in 2005.

"There was never a doubt I was coming to Clarion – I loved it here and just followed Julie," Ray said. "I didn't even look anywhere else."

Between them, Julie, Ray and Justin have earned 22 NCAA Division II All-America honors, and they proudly displayed their hardware in May at Tippin Natatorium.

"We are a proud Clarion family," Mrs. Duncan said, pointing out that daughters Brandi ('00) and Cheri also attended Clarion, along with Julie's husband, Christian Heynes, a 1999 Clarion grad and former swimmer.

Success. It's written all over this family. But attending Clarion, supporting each other and returning to their alma mater is a matter of family pride.

"Best decision we ever made and best four years of our lives," Julie said. "If we had to make the decision all over again – hands down it's Clarion."

# Alumni Notes

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1965

**Linda Keener** is a volunteer with Edgar Cayce's Association for Research and Enlightenment and the Judeo-Christian Outreach Center. The center, sponsored by more than 100 synagogues and churches, provides food and shelter for the hungry and homeless. She resides in Virginia Beach, Va.

1970

**Dr. Linda Lauer** was recently elected to the New Hampshire House of Representatives. Linda retired in 2006 from Lockheed Martin Corporation, where she managed the Orlando facility's Materials Evaluation Laboratories. She resides in Bath, N.H.

1972

**Galen and Laura (Schreiber '73) Kilmer** reside in DuBois, Pa. Galen

retired after 40 years of teaching in Dubois Area School District. They have two children, Andy and **Rachael '12**.

1974

Nancy (Eiswerth) Carroll recently retired from Zurn Industries where she was an engineer. She resides in Burkeye, Ariz.

1975

**Carolyn (Clark) Kucharcik** is retired. She resides in Curwensville with her husband, Steve. She has a son, Jim.

**Scott Drake**, CPA, member of the firm Smith Elliott Kearns & Company, serves on the Financial Institutions Community of Practice. Scott focuses on providing specialized services to financial institutions and is the lead member of Smith Elliott Kearns & Company's Financial Institution Services Group.

**Daniel Roseman** is retired from YRC Worldwide, where he was an account executive. He resides in Nazareth, Pa. He has three children: Matthew, Jamie and Benjamin.

1976

**Sandra (Rose) McCoy** recently published a book, "The Seductive Schoolhouse Scandal."

1977

**Kim (Lehman) Dismuke** is a director of rates, budgets and resources for Northrop Grumman, McLean, Va. Kim was recently appointed chair of the Women in Technology mentor-protégé program. She resides in Alexandria, Va., and has a son, Drew.

1978

**Raymond Woloszyn** is a legal entity controller for Tyco Electronics

Ukraine Limited, Ukraine. He will be based in the Western Ukrainian city of Ivano-Frankivsk and will oversee financial operations at a manufacturing operation there and a representative office in Kiev.

1979

**Wendy McIlvaine** recently retired after 27 years as a telecommunications officer for Westmoreland County Department of Public Safety. She resides in Greensburg.

1980

**Daniel Devine (M.B.A. '83)** retired after a long career with AT&T and its related companies and is now vice president of community relations for PBS39 WLVT-TV, Bethlehem, Pa. He resides in Slatington with his wife, Sherry, and children: Amanda, Lauren and Nicholas.

## Ion: Positively charged to save lives



ION

Saving a life in a helicopter at 3,000 feet, attending to a patient in a hospital intensive care unit or burning the midnight oil to study for a final – that's a typical day for **Joseph (Jody) Ion ('10)**, who graduated from Venango College of Clarion University with an

associate degree in nursing and is a few semesters shy of earning his bachelor's degree.

His journey to this point has been both non-traditional and exciting. He credits Clarion with helping him open doors.

"I went back for a degree because I wanted to make myself recession-proof," said Ion, 41. "I've been married for 16 years and have two sons, so I wanted to provide more stability in our lives."

Going back to school after so long was daunting for the Knox resident who grew up in East Brady, but attending that first open house at Clarion reassured him he was in the right place.

"I thought I would find a lot of 18-year-olds, but when I walked in, there was a room full of people just like me," Ion said. "The average age was 34. They were all people needing a new start."

Ion found his professors to be supportive. "They always had time and worked with me, because they understood I had a life beyond college, with kids and a family," he said.

Now a flight paramedic and intensive care nurse, Ion began his medical training by taking a nine-month paramedic course in 1992. He began working as a paramedic for a local hospital in 1993.

"I will never forget picking up a guy on one of my first calls who eventually died. There was nothing we could do and his death was inevitable, but this lit a fire in me," Ion said. "I didn't want to stand by and be helpless. I wanted to further my education so I could be there to do all I could to save them."

Five years later, Ion became a flight paramedic for STATMedEvac, where he continues to work. In 2007 he began nursing classes at Venango. Ion got his Associate of Science in Nursing degree in 2010, graduating with honors. He is now completing his bachelor's degree online through Clarion University.

Two years ago Ion began working as a casual nurse in the intensive care unit and currently holds this position at Butler Memorial Hospital.

"I can now see the whole picture," he said. "Before having

the nursing education, I only saw one side of the story as a paramedic. I really have the best of both worlds now."

In addition to his paramedic and nursing responsibilities, Ion is building a salon in his home for his cosmetologist wife, Jolene, and enjoys hunting and geocaching with his sons Nathan, 12, and Austin, 15.

He is contemplating pursuing a master's degree in education.

"I have taught EMT and paramedic classes, as well as specialty certification classes, and I really enjoy showing people new things. I would like to someday teach at the college level," Ion said. "I would really like to give something back and make those apprehensive students feel comfortable. I know what it's like to be in their shoes."



# Authority on human resources



**GAMBLE**

Sometimes the first time is the charm. Such is the case for **Sheila Gamble's ('82)** foray into writing. Her book, "The HR Suite at Erie Technical," was published in 2012 and is receiving favorable reviews.

Gamble, who worked in the human resources field for 13 years, used that experience and her imagination as the basis for the novel.

The story is about a human resource director, Carla Blackstone, and how she deals with twists and turns in her workplace, as they related to violence, betrayal, dating, legalities, sexuality, drug trafficking, safety and more. Although fiction, this human resource department could be located within any company.

"Almost everyone has a job or has had a job and will find something they relate to," she said.

Gamble, whose previous writing experience was handbooks and policies, initially planned to pen a how-to book for human resource professionals, but when she began to write, it quickly evolved into a fictional piece.

She wasn't sure if she would ever submit it to a publisher, but during a time of unemployment in 2009, she pulled out the manuscript, which she had begun in 2005, and gave it to a neighbor to read. With that neighbor's encouragement, she finished the last couple of chapters and submitted it in late 2011 to Tate Publishing, which accepted the manuscript.

The book became available to the public in January 2013. Sales are good and reviews have been positive. The book is available through Gamble's website, [www.gam-books.com](http://www.gam-books.com), as well as online through Amazon and Barnes and Noble.



Gamble said her Clarion education has been integral to her success. In particular, an internship, required as part of her psychology degree program, helped her hone the skills necessary to talk with people about sensitive issues.

"I worked at a family planning clinic, which allowed me to be very comfortable talking about sensitive issues with young ladies," Gamble said. "For me, being a shy person at the time, that was probably the best experience I had while I was at Clarion."

Gamble enjoyed writing "The HR Suite" and is close to completing a science fiction novel.

**William "Chip" Richards** is production manager for WLRN, Miami. William was elected president of the Suncoast chapter of the Emmy Awards and trustee to the national daytime Emmy Awards. He resides in Weston, Fla., with his wife, Nancy, and son, William.

## 1984

**Chris Clewell** is a program director for WQXA-FM, The X and WHBG Sports Radio 95-3 and 1400 (Cumulus Media), Harrisburg. He resides in Hummelstown with his son, Jake.

**Edward and Cheryl (Liko '89) Finnegan** reside in Cary, Ill. Ed has just become qualified on the North American B-25 Mitchell bomber. He is employed by American Airlines as a captain on the Boeing 737, based at Chicago O'Hare International Airport.

**Mike Ferlazzo** is a media specialist II for Geisinger Health System, Danville. He resides in Northumberland with his wife, Kim, and children, Kaitlyn and Kristopher.

## 1990

**Laura (Kidder) Reese** published her third novel, "Stardust Summer," under the pen name "Lauren Clark." She resides in Mobile, Ala.

## 1992

**Jeff Walch** is an Allstate Insurance agent, owner of the Walch Agency. He resides in Wexford with his wife, Kristen, and daughter, Alexa.

**Betsy (Littlejohn M.S. '93) and Carl Siewert** reside in Downingtown with their children: Jaclyn, Christina and Katie. Betsy is a speech language pathologist.

## 1993

**Sharon (Grove) Johnson** is deputy general counsel for VCE Company, LLC, Richardson, Texas. She resides in Grapevine, Texas, with her husband, Tommy, and son, Pierce.

**Kerry Beveridge** is owner of Half Nych Hot Dogs, Sewickley. She resides in Fair Oaks with her children, Sky and Malika.

**John Zenone** is supervising producer of Lifetime's #1 reality hit, "Dance Moms." It's his second season working on the show, which shoots around the Penn Hills/Monroeville area. John resides in Los Angeles.

## 1996

**Lisa (Bane) Twomey** resides in Millville, N.J., with her husband, Damon, and daughters, Clare and Charlotte.

## 1997

**Sean (M.Ed. '01) and Antoinette (Parker '00) McDonald** reside in Woodbridge,

Va., with their children, Seani and Sean II. Sean is a middle school assistant principal and Antoinette is an elementary school assistant principal, both in Prince William County Schools.

## 1998

**Barbara and Richard ('00) Beideman** reside in Pittsburgh with their sons, Calvin and Micah. Barbara home-schools their children.

## 1999

**Jason and Kara (Heavenly) Neuhoff** reside in Glenmoore with their daughters, Lauren and Paige. Jason is a learning support/gifted support teacher for the Lower Merion School District. He recently received a Master of Education in special education from Penn State.

**Carla Johnson** is a laboratory manager for the University of Pittsburgh. She resides in Brackenridge.

## 2000

**Cory Neely** is a career studies teacher for Sparrows Point High School in the Baltimore County School District. He resides in Nottingham, Md., with his wife, Jennifer, and daughters, Maggie and Zoey.

## 2001

**Mackenzie (Maricone) Fleischman** is a learning support aid for Central Valley School District, Monaca, Pa. She resides in Beaver Falls, Pa., with her husband, Justin.

## 2003

**Nicole (Bonini) Cristini** is a technical business analyst for Highmark, Camp Hill, Pa. She resides in Harrisburg with her children: Aidan, Celeste and Nicholas.

**Cheryld Emala** is a clinical director for SPSHS Care Center. She resides in Crafton with her husband, Tim Leidig, and daughter, Leona.

**Dr. Doug Marshall (M.S. '07)** recently finished his doctorate in rhetoric at Duquesne University.

## 2004

**Jodi (Latosky) Oppel** is an emotional support teacher in the Bellefonte Area School District, Bellefonte. She resides in Phillipsburg with her husband, Nicholas.

**Emily Bugbee** is nominated to be Cecil County Teacher of the Year. She resides in Elkton, Md.

**Michael Falcon** is a sergeant in the United States Army. He resides in Greensburg.





## 2005

**Chad Quinones** is an assistant director, Seaver & GPC Alumni Affairs, for Pepperdine University, Malibu, Calif. He resides in Los Angeles.

**Patrick Chovan** was recently named to Shenango Valley/Lawrence County Chamber of Commerces' Top 40 Under 40. He is a vice president for Omega, Inc. Patrick also serves as sales representative for Troymill Wood Products (Middlefield, Ohio) and director/coach of PA Kings Basketball Club (Sharon). He was recently nominated to join the Sharon Community and Economic Development Commission. He resides in Sharon with his wife, Kyleigh, and daughter, Pearl.

**Diane (Rylander) Baranski** is employed at Bechtel Plant Machinery, Inc., Monroeville. She resides in Apollo with her husband, Chris.

## 2006

**Sara Collins** is a human resource manager for Community Care of Western North Carolina, Asheville, N.C. She resides in Asheville.

## 2008

**Elizabeth Presutti** is a senior centric district manager for ADP, Pittsburgh. She resides in Coraopolis.

## 2009

**Gina (Fazenbaker) and Steven McNulty** reside in Somerset. Gina is program director of The Boys and Girls Club of Somerset County. Steven is a property service representative for Jones Lang LaSalle, Pittsburgh.

**Danielle (Allen) Churchill** is a teacher at Erie First Christian Academy, Erie. She resides in Erie with her husband, Tim, and son, Colton.

**Benjamin Kunkle** is a recruiter for The Dubin Group, Bala Cynwyd. He resides in Philadelphia.

**Justin Keally** is a business development analyst for FedEx Corp Services, Reston, Va. He resides in Herndon, Va.

**Britney (Olsavsky) Berezansky** is employed with Cambria County Association for the Blind and Handicapped, Ebensburg. She resides in Revloc with her husband, Nathan.

## 2011

**Amanda Vita** is a financial sales consultant III for PNC Bank,

Pittsburgh. She resides in Pittsburgh.

**Kimberly Jacobs** is finishing her first year of dental school at Temple University. She resides in Philadelphia.

## 2012

**Joseph Fornataro** is an advertising specialist for the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette. He resides in Delmont.

**Brady Young** is an environmental engineer for The Fourth River Company, Crafton Heights. He resides in Monroeville.

**Samantha Tenfelde** is an organ recovery coordinator at the Center for Organ Recovery and Education, RIDC Park, Pa. She resides in Monroeville.

**Kelsi (Wilcox) Boyles** recently received a master's degree in education, technology and instructional technology specialist certificate from Clarion University. She is a 7<sup>th</sup> grade English teacher and cyber school monitor for the Keystone School District. She resides in Emlenton with her husband, Charles.

## Marriages

Nicholas Oppel and **Jodi Latosky '04**, June 16, 2012

**Steven McNulty '09** and **Gina Fazenbaker '09**, Oct. 6, 2012

Jesse Sayre and **Deserie Vendetti '09**, March 23, 2013

**Chad Dolby '10** and **Breanne Biernesser '10**, May 26, 2012

**Mike '84** and **Kim Ferlazzo**, April 6, 2013

## Births

**Tim '02** and **Sarah (Zygowski '04) Connors**, a son, Logan Alexander, Feb. 27, 2012

**Jeff '92** and Kristen **Walch**, a daughter, Alexa Marie, Sept. 4, 2012

**Cory '00** and Jennifer **Neely**, a daughter, Zoey, Nov. 19, 2012

**Michael Bartley Jr. '13** and **Megan Bush '11**, a son, Aiden Bartley, March 20, 2013

**Patrick '05** and Kyleigh **Chovan**, a daughter, Pearl, March 26, 2012

# Research maps unknown land



McCULLOUGH

**Corey McCullough ('10)** published his first novel "The Fallen Odyssey" in March, after eight years of development. An anthropology major with a keen interest in history, McCullough worked on the novel as an undergraduate student at Clarion University.

"I was actually writing this book while I was a student at Clarion, in the wee hours of the morning, beneath a desk lamp in Nair Hall," he said.

Three years after his graduation, the book is now available on Amazon under his pen name, C.B. McCullough.

A fantasy novel about a 17-year-old boy who finds himself in an unknown land, "The Fallen Odyssey" required a great deal of research for it to take shape. In fact, McCullough credits his Clarion education for expanding his ability to research for the book.

"Anthropological theory has had a profound effect on my writing," he said. "Studying anthropology at Clarion taught me that there is much more to the world, and certainly much more to human culture."

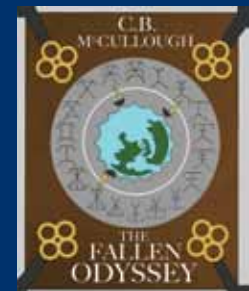
"I was actually writing this book while I was a student at Clarion, in the wee hours of the morning, beneath a desk lamp in Nair Hall."

Corey McCullough

"You won't see terms like 'cultural ecology,' 'transhumant pastoralism' or 'historical linguistics' in my writing, but all of these ideas – and many more – play a role in 'The Fallen Odyssey,'" he said.

McCullough credits Drs. Susan Prezzano and Laurie Occhipinti as two professors who helped influence him in the research and writing of his novel.

Beyond anthropology, McCullough studied history at Clarion as well. Drawing from lectures throughout his years at the university, he has incorporated features of various ancient civilizations and cultures into the societies of the novel.



McCullough also used his research skills in determining the best method for publishing his novel, choosing to self-publish via Amazon.

"Self-publishing is akin to starting a small business, so I had a lot to learn about the industry before I could attempt this undertaking," McCullough said. "I read books on the subject. I studied trends in the sales of similar titles."

Even after seeing the book published, the author continues his studies.

"I'm still learning. Every day I put time aside for market research."



# Alumni Information Update

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Employer address \_\_\_\_\_

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Employer phone \_\_\_\_\_

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# In memoriam

**Lea (Ward '72) Banner**, Feb. 16, 2013

**Michael Joseph Kopsnitsky '55**, Feb. 17, 2013

**Stephen M. Webb '80**, March 8, 2013

**Wilda F. (Faison '63) Hunter**, March 15, 2013

**Herb E. Elias '52**, March 18, 2013

**William C. Schultz '54**, March 21, 2013

**Darl C. Keister '66**, March 21, 2013

**Nancy M. Corbett '46**, March 26, 2013

**Doreen A. Hanlon '92**, March 28, 2013

**Helen W. (Deily '40) Songer**, March 30, 2013

**Dixie Humphrey**, April 4, 2013

**Charles Edward Galbreath '65**, April 9, 2013

**Berlie J. Etzel '53**, April 10, 2013

**Sue (Alexander '79) Miller**, April 20, 2013

**Chester Jay Billings '58**, May 3, 2013

**John Garneau**, May 14, 2013

**Richard J. Hosey '62**, May 17, 2013

**Edward C. Swab '65**, May 20, 2013

**Lisa A. Mitchell '96**, May 24, 2013

**William Bradley Girt '96**, May 26, 2013

**Deborah A. (Patterson '71) Fromherz**, May 27, 2013

**James H. Brock '78**, May 27, 2013

**Frank J. Augustine '52**, May 30, 2013

**Richard Schmader**, May 30, 2013



## Dr. Suzanne Van Meter

Dr. R. Suzanne Van Meter, 78, passed away May 31, 2013, at home, in Lincoln, Neb. She was born Feb. 18, 1935, in Hastings, Neb.

Dr. Van Meter graduated from Hastings High School in 1951 and Hastings College in 1954. In 1953, she married Robert Van Meter. She earned a PhD in history from Indiana University.

She subsequently taught in Clarion University Department of History until her retirement in 1993, offering the first courses in African American History.

She is survived by three children: Catherine, of Portland, Ore.; Richard, of Duluth, Minn.; and Frankie Condon of Lincoln, Neb.; and 11 grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents and husband.



**MITCHELL**

## Melvin Mitchell

Melvin Mitchell, 79, of Graham Avenue, Brookville, passed away April 4, 2013, surrounded by his children and grandchildren.

Born Oct. 5, 1933, in Punxsutawney, he was a 1952 graduate of Punxsutawney High School and served in the United States Air Force from 1951 to 1955 during the Korean Conflict with both foreign and domestic duty stations. Later in his work life, he took great pride in participating in educational liaison efforts by the United States Navy.

In 1965, he joined Clarion University, eventually rising to the rank of professor of mathematics until his retirement in 1991. He was one of the developers of the mathematics curriculum for the school of business in 1966. During his academic career, he was recognized for excellence as an educator: He was a Commonwealth Distinguished Teacher, and he received Clarion's Distinguished Teaching Award in 1981. His efforts to help teachers integrate personal computers into the classroom were recognized by the governor's office. His former students describe him as having high expectations but possessing a passion for helping his students to meet and exceed those expectations.

Mitchell served as a member of the board of directors of Clarion University Foundation, Inc., from 1982 to 1995.

Mitchell was an advocate for students and for scholarships for students. Along with colleague Tom Carnahan, he established a scholarship endowment that continues to benefit Clarion students enrolled in the secondary education mathematics degree program. In 1994 he received the Clarion University Alumni Association Distinguished Award for Service.

He is survived by his six children: **Melvin Jr. ('80)**, Louisville, Ky.; Mary Ann Himes Fields, Charlottesville, Va.; **Maggie Montana ('82)**, Fryburg; Michele Hetrick, Brookville; Mark, Myrtle Beach, S.C.; and Matthew, Knox. He is also survived by many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and step-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife of 53 years, Mary (Pattison) Mitchell, his parents, and his brother, Hans Eugene "Fritz" Mitchell.



# Thank You, Clarion!

## Terrance Vaughns '07

Bachelor's degrees, management and industrial relations  
 Manager of territory sales with W.W. Grainger

“The culture and the people are what make any institution worth its salt, and at Clarion, everyone wants you to be successful.”

Former Clarion University student athlete **Terrance Vaughns ('07)**, who graduated with a double major in management and industrial relations from the College of Business Administration, was considered a scholar-athlete because of his excellent grades, as well as his role in the basketball team as shooting guard and point guard. His sports skills led him to being named Male Athlete of the Year in 2006 when he was a senior.

Currently a manager of territory sales with W.W. Grainger, a Fortune-500 industrial supply company, Vaughns, who lives in Elgin, a suburb of Chicago, believes his quickly ascending management path is connected to life lessons he learned at Clarion University.

### That personal touch

“I remember being a freshman and taking a business course with Dr. (Kevin) Roth, and I wasn't doing my absolute best. He put some time aside from his busy schedule and sat down with me to talk through how I could get better with the coursework and pointed out some additional things I could get out of the class. He recognized potential in me and was concerned I might be dropping the ball. It's that personal touch that remained with me.”

### Life after basketball

“I spent a lot of time with my grandma because I was raised in a single-parent home. She instilled a lot of my DNA with her core values such as work ethic and treating people with respect ... But my grades were always important to me. It's important to not go through your high school and college career and just play a sport, but to use your brains as well, because there's got to be life after basketball.

### Personal development

“Clarion had a lot to do with helping me develop as a man. You come into college young, eager, mischievous. Clarion helped me face life in the real world. I learned a lot of those life lessons through the classroom and the people I interacted with, and that helped me be successful at an early age in my career.”

### Success

“The culture and the people are what make any institution worth its salt, and at Clarion, everyone wants you to be successful. That really shined through.”

## Retirees for 2012-2013

Clarion University held a reception in April to honor and wish well its retiring faculty members. Also included in the photograph are: Dr. Karen Whitney, president; Dr. Ron Nowaczyk, provost; and Dr. Jamie Phillips, faculty APSCUF representative.  
**Row one, seated:** Dr. Patricia Kolencik (education); Dr. Barrie Brancato, M.Ed. '80 (education); and Catherine Joslyn (art).  
**Row two, standing:** Constance Gamaluddin (libraries); Dr. Lynn Smith (economics); Dr. Paul Kim (economics); Dr. Andrea Miller, M.A. '82, M.S.L.S. '91 (library science); Karen Bingham (academic enrichment); and Dr. Karen Whitney.  
**Row three, standing:** Dr. Jamie Phillips; Dr. Soong Nark Sohng (economics); Norbert Baschnagel (health and physical education); Marilyn Stempeck, M.S.L.S. '83, M.Ed. '04 (libraries); Dr. David Howes (anthropology, geography and earth science); and Dr. Ron Nowaczyk. Not pictured: Dr. Larry Bering (chemistry and biochemistry); James Blake (communication); James Gaggini (special education and rehabilitative sciences); Kathy Linnan '73 (communication sciences and disorders); Dr. William Stine (economics); Dr. Joanne Washington (communication); and Dr. Chin Yang (economics).



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### Friday, Sept. 27, 2013

- Class of 1963 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion Reception**  
Exclusively for Class of 1963  
# reservations \_\_\_\_\_
- Reunion Banquet**  
Clarion University Campus  
# reservations \_\_\_\_ X \$35 = \_\_\_\_

### Saturday, Sept. 28, 2013

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