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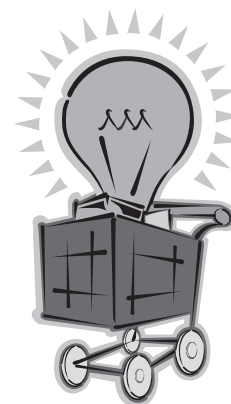
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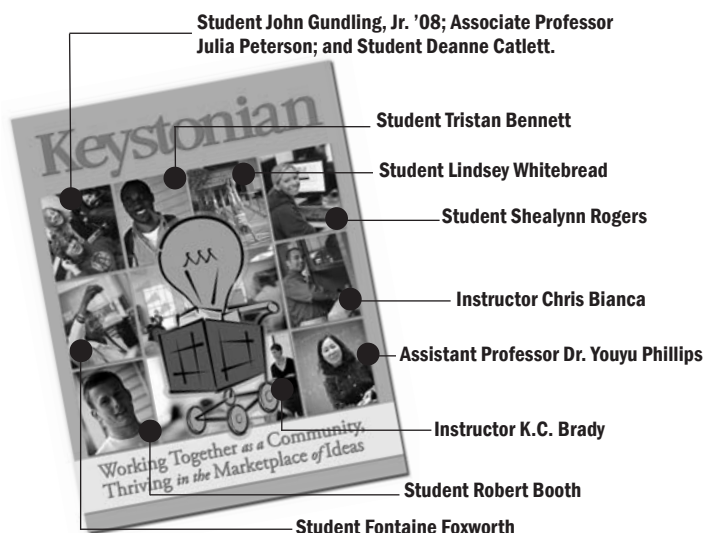
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**Dr. Edward G. Boehm, Jr.,  
President**

Dear Friends of Keystone College:

As I walked across our beautiful campus this morning, I was struck by the collaboration of community and what a unique story it tells about this special place called Keystone College.

In Brooks Hall, an art professor constructively evaluates her student's latest painting in preparation for an upcoming exhibit. Just up the hill in Harris Hall, students sit in seminars as they confer with faculty members to develop skills that will serve them well long after they leave campus.

Across College Avenue, in Gambal Athletic Center, a basketball player takes a quick pass from a teammate and drives for a layup, ending the day's practice on a perfect note. In the Hibbard Campus Center, two communications students prepare for their upcoming radio shows on WKCV, while several students in the Giants' Gill study for their next exam over steaming cups of coffee. Nearby, in the College's new Student Success Center, counselors meet with a group of Keystone first-year students to help master the rigors of college life. Meanwhile, Keystone colleagues are hard at work preparing for our literary conference The Gathering, featuring internationally celebrated authors including Salman Rushdie, and the College's successful Jazz Institute.

These scenes are not unusual. They happen each day in virtually every location across campus. There are no 500-seat-amphitheaters where students receive instruction from graduate assistants. Teaching and learning at Keystone is personal, and faculty members, administrators, and staff take a unique interest in each and every student.

We often say, "We know students not only by their names but by their dreams," but these words are much more than an advertising slogan. They are a way of life.

In this issue of the *Keystonian*, we take a look at how this close knit community comes together in many different ways. We invite you to be a part of this dynamic interaction as the College's more-than-century-old tradition of commitment to both scholarship and students continues to unfold across our College Green.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Edward G. Boehm, Jr.". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Edward G. Boehm, Jr.  
President

## Network with Alumni

Are you interested in connecting with fellow alumni? Join the Keystone Alumni Group on LinkedIn and network with other Keystone College alumni in your field.

LinkedIn is an interconnected network of experienced professionals from around the world, representing 170 industries and 200 countries. You can find, be introduced to, and collaborate with qualified professionals that you need to work with to accomplish your goals. When you join, you create a profile that summarizes your professional expertise and accomplishments. You can then form enduring connections by inviting trusted contacts to join LinkedIn and connect to you.

Join the Keystone Alumni Fan Page on Facebook to reconnect with fellow Keystoneians. Facebook is a social network that helps people communicate more efficiently with their friends, family and coworkers.

To access LinkedIn and Facebook, visit [www.keystone.edu/alumni](http://www.keystone.edu/alumni) and click social networking opportunities.



## Refer a Student

Do you have high school aged friends or family who are starting to look at colleges? Encourage them to take a look at Keystone! To “refer a student” go to our web site, [www.keystone.edu/alumni](http://www.keystone.edu/alumni) and click on the “refer a student” link. If we receive your referral prior to their application to Keystone, their application fee is waived.

Student Kierstan Dozaok



1983 Art Club

## Lost Alum?

Some of our alumni have lost touch with their alma mater. Help the Alumni Office rediscover our lost alumni. If you know of alumni who have recently relocated, have a different e-mail address or phone number, please contact us at [alumnirelations@keystone.edu](mailto:alumnirelations@keystone.edu) or 1-877-4COLLEGE option 5.

## Alumni E-Newsletter Launched

Stay connected with Keystone College by signing up for the Alumni E-newsletter. Published monthly, the e-newsletter is your resource for the latest information on alumni events and benefits, campus activities, athletics, and College news. To sign-up for the e-newsletter, visit [http://www.keystone.edu/alumni/keep\\_intouch/](http://www.keystone.edu/alumni/keep_intouch/)

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### ALUMNI NEWS

**Greetings Iris,**

You are invited back to campus to see the great work of Keystone students during the Spring Undergraduate Research Celebration on April 29, 2009 from 1:00-4:00 p.m. in Evans Hall. The event, sponsored by the Office of Undergraduate Research, will showcase projects from all divisions and will allow the undergraduate researchers the opportunity to shine.

We are proud to announce President and Mrs. Boehm have been selected by B'nai Brith as the recipients of the 57th Americanism Award and will be honored at a dinner on May 17, 2009. For further details, please contact Susan Colombo or Richard S. Bishop, Esq. at 570-585-1027 or 570-346-8414.

**Best wishes,**  
Christina Fenton-Mace  
Director of Alumni Outreach

**Upcoming Alumni Events**

- May 1 Towanda Area Alumni Gathering, 5:30 p.m.
- June 4 Lehigh Valley Alumni Happy Hour, 5:30 p.m.
- July 18 Alumni Day at Sno Cove Water Park, 10 a.m.
- August 17 Keystone Open Golf Tournament to benefit the Alumni Association Scholarship Fund - Save the Date - brochures will be mailed in May
- October 16-18 Homecoming - Don't be left out e-mail Kate Dempsey Jones

**Alumni Benefits**  
As a Keystone College alum, you qualify for several benefits. This month's featured benefit is the Fornicola Wellness Center and Weight Room. Use of the facility is available free of charge to alumni. Please contact the alumni office to obtain a photo access card for the Center.

**Submit Class Notes**  
What have you been doing? The Class Notes section of the *Keystonian* magazine allows you to keep your classmates informed about new jobs, awards, marriages, births, or other special

## Alumni Association Awards Scholarship

Six Keystone students started classes in the fall with a little more money in their pockets thanks to the Alumni Association. Nicodemo Baggetta, Maureen Harding, Heather Jones, Lyndsey Lombardo, Zachary Morahan and Anthony Pipitone were each awarded Alumni Association Scholarships. Students were selected in recognition of their academic excellence, overall achievement and contributions to the campus community.

Applications for 2009-10 Keystone Keystone College Alumni Association Traditional and Weekender Scholarships are available through contacting Christina Fenton-Mace, director of alumni outreach, at [christina.fentonmace@keystone.edu](mailto:christina.fentonmace@keystone.edu). Students who are directly related to a Keystone alumnus/a, i.e., parent, grandparent, child, sibling, spouse, are eligible to apply. To qualify, students must have completed a minimum of 18 credit hours (acquired from Keystone), currently be registered for at least six credit hours, and have a 3.2 GPA or higher.

Members of the Alumni Association gather with scholarship recipients at the Scholarship Luncheon. From left: Board members Gail Rees '72, Patti Davis '80, and Barb McNally '04; scholarship recipients Anthony P. Pipitone, Zachary Morahan, Nicodemo Baggetta, Lyndsey Lombardo, and Maureen Harding; and Board members Carol James '60 and Curt Stevens '64.



Adjunct Instructor Nikki Moser



## Alumni Benefit Offers Discount on Auto and Home Insurance

The Keystone College Alumni Association has partnered with Liberty Mutual, the nation's fifth-largest auto and home insurer. Through Liberty Mutual's Group Savings Plus® program, Keystone graduates may save up to 20 percent on their auto insurance and 10 percent on their home, condo or renters insurance\*. That can be hundreds of dollars back in your pocket. Plus Liberty Mutual offers their customers who have both auto and home policies an attractive added multi-policy discount.

In addition to discounts, Group Savings Plus® offers Keystone alumni:

- The freedom to purchase insurance the way you want: through a personal sales representative at more than 400 offices country wide, a toll-free telesales center, or online.
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- 24-hour emergency roadside assistance
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To find out how much you can save, call 1-800-310-6764 or visit [www.libertymutual.com/lm/keystone](http://www.libertymutual.com/lm/keystone) for an immediate, no-obligation quote.

The Liberty Mutual offer is just one of many benefits available to Keystone College alumni. For a complete listing of available benefits, visit [http://www.keystone.edu/alumni/alumni\\_services\\_benefits.dot](http://www.keystone.edu/alumni/alumni_services_benefits.dot).

\*Discounts are available where state law and regulations allow, and may vary by state.





## Alumni Association Bestows Awards



Thomas (Tim) Speicher '72 (second from left) accepts the Distinguished Service to Keystone Award from Jamie Constantine '06, secretary of the Keystone College Alumni Association Board of Directors. Also joining in the award presentation are Keystone College President Dr. Edward G. Boehm, Jr. and Vice President for Institutional Advancement, Guy Calcerano.

The Keystone College Alumni Association honored Thomas (Tim) Speicher '72 and Robert Swartley '75 for their outstanding achievements.

Thomas (Tim) Speicher, was selected as the Distinguished Service to Keystone award recipient. This award recognizes an individual for outstanding loyalty, service and long-standing commitment and dedication to Keystone College.

Mr. Speicher, Archbald, Pa., is founder, president and CEO of TR Associates, Inc., an export services and computer technology firm in Archbald.

He currently serves as second vice chair of the Keystone College board of trustees and was instrumental in the success of The Keystone Open, the College's annual golf tournament. Mr. Speicher has also served on the boards of numerous organizations including Allied Services, Marywood University, Maxis Health Systems, Telespond

Senior Services, the Northeast Tier Ben Franklin Technology Center, and the Greater Scranton Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Speicher received the Outstanding Community Achievement Award of Vietnam Era Veterans presented by President Jimmy Carter. Mr. Speicher attended Keystone College, the University of Scranton, Penn State University and Harvard University Business School.

Robert Swartley, was recognized with the Keystonean of the Year award. This award is presented annually to the graduate who has attained career success and has made significant contributions to his or her profession or volunteer field.

Mr. Swartley, Colledgeville, Pa., serves as president and majority shareholder of Swartley Brothers Engineers, Inc., a firm specializing in industrial and commercial electrical engineering and construction in the Delaware Valley. He is a member of the Keystone College President's Advisory Council.



## Call for Nominations

The awards committee of the Alumni Association is seeking nominations for the Distinguished Service to Keystone, Keystonean of the Year Class Correspondent, and Young Alumni award. New for 2009, the Young Alumni award recognizes a rising star in their field or vocation ten years or less after graduation. This individual is making a difference in the world leveraging their Keystone education, serving as an example to future graduates.

To nominate alumni, visit [http://www.keystone.edu/alumni/alumni\\_awards/](http://www.keystone.edu/alumni/alumni_awards/). Nominations must be received by June 1, 2009.

## Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteer to help your fellow alumni with events and programs across the country. Opportunities are available to serve as:

- Class Correspondent
- Regional Volunteer
- Class Reunion Event Volunteer
- Alumni Admissions Representative

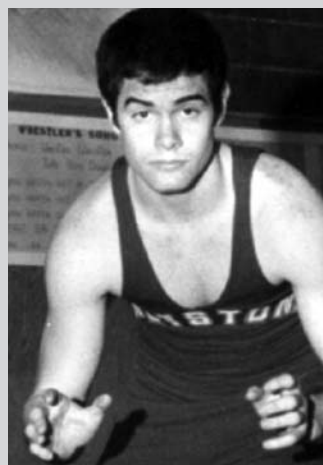
If you're interested, contact the Alumni Office at [alumnirelations@keystone.edu](mailto:alumnirelations@keystone.edu) or (570) 945-8162. We would welcome your help!

## Keystone College Inducts the Fourth Class to Athletics Hall of Fame



Keystone College President Dr. Edward G. Boehm, Jr., congratulates Neil Duncan '70, Robert L. Kagler '57 and Dennis Mishko on their induction into the Hall of Fame.

Keystone College once again honored those who have contributed to the success of the College's athletic programs when it welcomed its fourth Hall of Fame induction class during Homecoming Weekend. The 2008 class included Neil Duncan '70, Robert L. Kagler '57 and Dennis Mishko.



**Neil Duncan '70** was Keystone's second national champion, accomplishing the feat by capturing the 134- pound weight class during the 1970 National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) National Wrestling Championships.

Mr. Duncan captured the national title with relative ease as he recorded a 12-2 decision in the championship match. He also added a NJCAA Region XIX title in the 134-pound weight class prior to the tournament. His impressive performance at nationals helped Keystone capture third place overall in the team event.

In 1988 Mr. Duncan was inducted into the National Wrestling Coaches Association's NJCAA Wrestling Hall of Fame.





**Robert L. Kagler '57** is recognized for his outstanding accomplishments on the basketball court and the baseball diamond. Mr. Kagler was an integral part of the men's basketball team during two of its most successful seasons in school history. A starter on both the 1955-56 and 1956-57 teams, he was selected as a Pennsylvania Junior College Athletic Association (PJCAA) All-Star following both seasons, while also earning a

spot on the PJCAA All Tournament teams each year. His post season accolades within the PJCAA were highlighted in 1956 when he was named as the Most Valuable Player of the PJCAA Tournament as Keystone captured its first and only PJCAA championship.

During his two-year career, he netted 1,016 points, which currently ranks eighth all-time at Keystone and third all-time among junior college players at the College. He averaged 24.2 points per game over two seasons, a total that still ranks first in career per game average. His 24.8 points per game average during the 1956-57 season still ranks fourth best in Keystone men's basketball history. Also a 40-point performance during the 1956-57 season against Cortland State is tied for the fifth best single game performance in program history. He also added a pair of 39-point outings during his

career against Blair Academy in 1957 and Hershey Junior College in 1956.

During the 1956 PJCAA semi-finals and finals, he scored a tournament best 63 points, including 31-points in the title game against York Junior College.

On the diamond, Mr. Kagler was the number one pitcher in the Giants' rotation, while also taking care of duties as the team's cleanup hitter.

A member of the Board of Trustees at Keystone College, Mr. Kagler had the honor of addressing the graduating class of 1999 as that year's commencement speaker. Mr. Kagler and his wife, Mary Lu '59, are members of the College's Evergreen Society, and have also established an endowed scholarship.

**Dennis Mishko** is recognized for his contributions to the coaching arena as well as the classroom at Keystone.

An educator for 36 years, he began his coaching career at Keystone in 1972 and for 25 years mentored one of the most successful programs in the College's history. As head coach of the men's basketball program he compiled a mark of 520-160 (.765), the highest win total of any coach of any sport at Keystone.

During his coaching tenure, the Giants captured two Region XIX basketball championships and earned two trips to the NJCAA National Championships (1986, 1989). The two-time Region XIX Coach of the Year came within one victory of a national crown in 1986 when his Giants advanced to the national title game.

Under Mr. Mishko three men's basketball players became 1,000 point career scorers, quite an accomplishment since Keystone was a two-year college at the time. He also coached the top five single season point leaders, as well as the top three single game point leaders.



Other teams coached by Mr. Mishko also set many Keystone records, including single-game records for the most points, field goals, rebounds, and blocks. He led his teams to six of the eight winningest seasons in Keystone history, as well as the top six highest scoring teams in program history. He produced 24 NJCAA Region XIX All-Region selections and four NJCAA All-American basketball picks.

In addition to serving as basketball coach, Mr. Mishko also led the men's soccer program from 1972-1992. During that span, he compiled a mark of 122-114-15, making him the winningest soccer coach in Keystone history. Many players benefited from his

coaching tutelage as 28 student-athletes were selected as Region XIX All-Region selections, 11 were named as NJCAA National Soccer Coaches Association All-Americans and nine picked up NJCAA All-American recognition.

Mr. Mishko also served the Keystone athletic department in an administrative capacity, serving as the director of athletics for six years. Today, he still serves as a professor at Keystone in the Division of Natural Sciences and Mathematics.

**Call for Nominations: Nominations for the 2009 Keystone College Athletics Hall of Fame are being accepted through June 15. To nominate an individual, visit <http://www.gokcgiants.com/hof.aspx?tab=halloffame>.**

## Keystone College Unveils New Athletic Web Site

The Keystone College athletic department recently launched the College's new athletic web site, [www.gokegiants.com](http://www.gokegiants.com).

The face-lift for the new site began in September 2008 and was designed by the College's sports information office and Internet Consulting Services (ICS) of Syracuse, N.Y.

ICS has designed numerous athletic Web sites for institutions on the Division I, II and III levels and is also the designer of the Colonial States Athletic Conference (CSAC) Web site, as well as many of its member's athletic departments.

"This new Web site is a tremendous asset to both the athletic department and the College," stated Dr. Matthew Grimaldi, Keystone College Director of Athletics. "In today's world it's all about technology. This new site will give us a greater presence on the Web, as well as the capability to offer expanded options to parents, families, alumni, faculty and staff in keeping updated with our

student-athletes and athletic programs. As we continue to grow as both a department and a College, this site is further evidence of our administration's commitment to our student-athletes and Keystone athletics."

By partnering with ICS on this project, the new Keystone athletics site will benefit from the use of SIDEARM technology. SIDEARM is a web-based content management solution that includes everything from press release and roster management, dynamic scoreboards, sponsorship recognition, interactive polls, SIDEARM STATS (live in-game statistics), streaming audio and video, photo gallery, online storefront, blogging, podcasting, SMS alerts, newsletter and recruiting components.

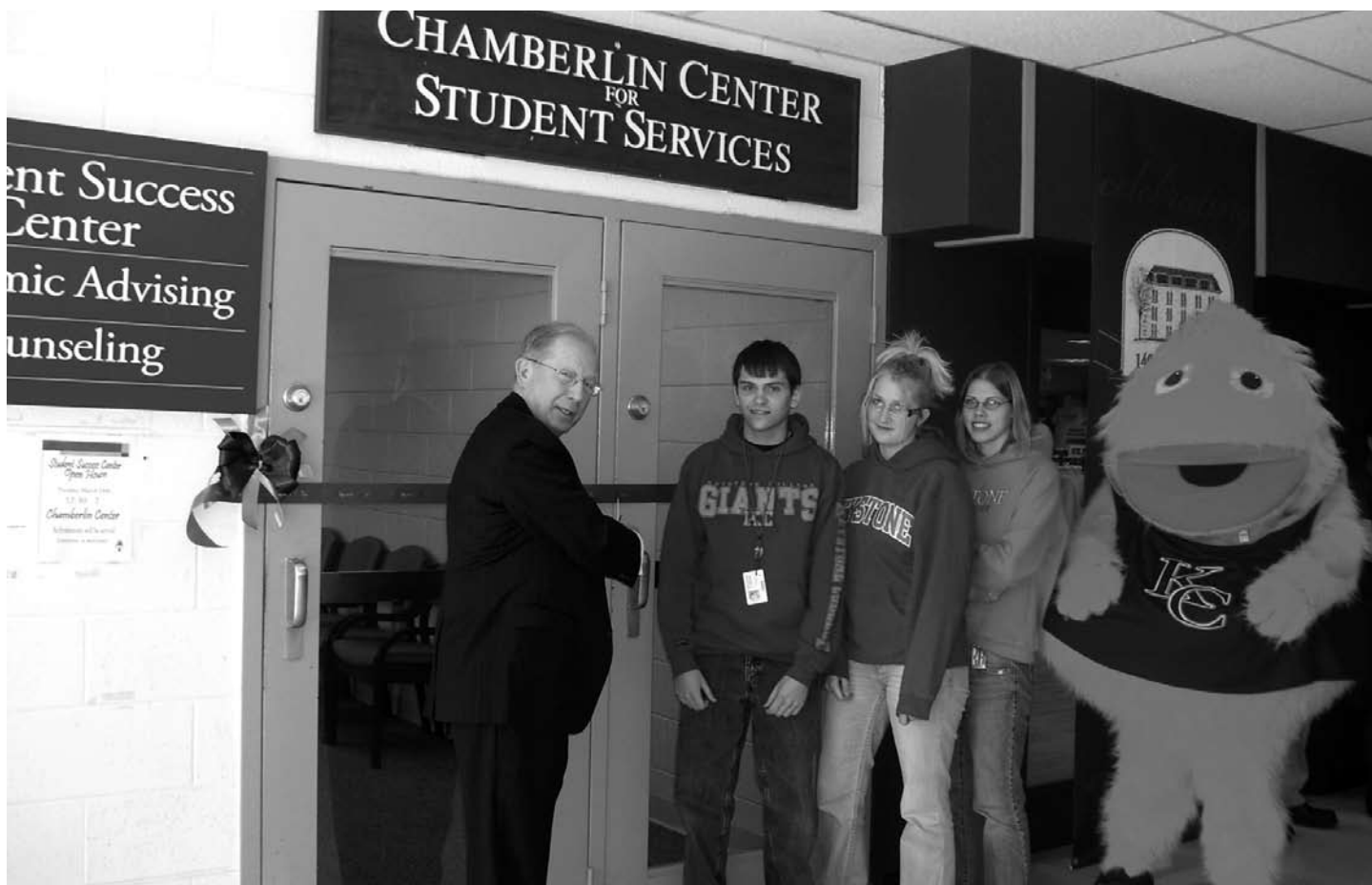
Keystone College currently offers 17 varsity intercollegiate sports and competes as a member of the Colonial States Athletic Conference (CSAC).



“This new Web site... is a tremendous asset to both the athletic department and the College.”  
Dr. Matthew Grimaldi



## Keystone College Establishes Student Success Center



In an effort to provide the best possible academic and personal guidance for all of its students, Keystone College recently opened the Student Success Center on campus.

The Student Success Center, located in the Chamberlin Center for Student Services in the Hibbard Campus Center, provides a variety of academic, financial, and personal support services to all full-time and part-time Keystone students.

The Student Success Center consists of two major components: an Academic Advising Center and a Student Success Early Alert System.

The Academic Advising Center assists students with registration and course selection throughout the year. The center will be especially useful in helping students connect with their faculty adviser and providing academic guidance between semesters and

during the summer. The Academic Advising Center assists students using “KC Connect,” the College’s online student academic information resource.

The Student Success Center centralizes availability to services such as tutoring, student accounts, financial planning, registrar services, residence life, health services and counseling from one convenient location.

Another major component is the Student Success Early Alert System. The Early Alert System is a tool that can be used by any Keystone faculty or staff member to refer any student with an issue or concern to the appropriate staff member for assistance.

The Early Alert System facilitates contact with students at the earliest possible opportunity to assist them in resolving any type of financial, academic, or counseling issues.

**Cutting the ribbon at the grand opening of the Student Success Center, from left: Keystone College President, Dr. Edward G. Boehm, Jr.; students Eric Hinkel, Courtney Mauger, and Shannon Golden; and KC.**

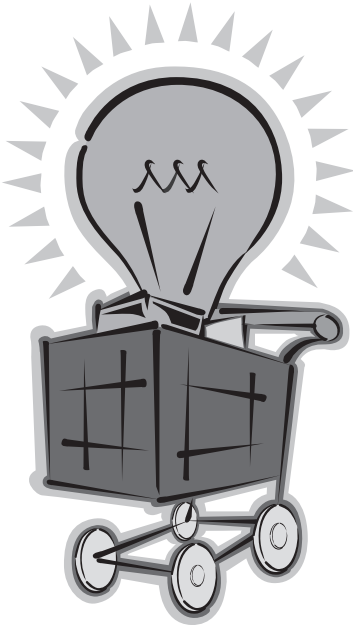
Once a student has been referred to the Student Success Center, he or she will be assigned an advocate who will refer that student to the appropriate college offices and monitor the situation. The Early Alert System can be accessed through an online form on the College’s web page.

The Student Success Center is another example of ongoing and expanded services provided by Keystone College to maximize the educational opportunities for its students.



# Keystone College: Working Together *as a Community,* Thriving *in the Marketplace of Ideas*

by Vince Coveleskie '78



In this issue of the *Keystonian*, we take a look at how Keystone's close knit community comes together in many different ways. Despite the current economic climate, Keystone is thriving in the marketplace of ideas. As a symbiotic clearing-house of collective talents, Keystone is branching out through a host of innovative endeavors.

We will explore involvement by our students and faculty as they partner together inside our research facilities; our alumni, as they share success with students through internships; and our donors, as their benevolence bestows essential building blocks to future generations of *Keystonians*. Finally, we will see how Keystone's physical attributes are transformed into interactive venues for non profits and civic-minded community organizations.

Keystone's outreach, however, extends far beyond the campus. In northeastern Pennsylvania, alumni networks are providing opportunities for students in a variety of work environments, offering hands-on experience to help them meet their career goals. Did you know that our College has a stellar reputation for problem solving at the Greater Scranton Chamber of Commerce?

All of these relationships are priceless, as the Keystone community comes together to build a great college.

## Students, Faculty *are Partners in Learning*

Inform, educate and entertain.

Ease the suffering of cancer patients.

Discover new ways to feed the world.

And do it all from La Plume? Absolutely, according to students and faculty at the heart of the college community who are ratcheting up their research to address humanity's most basic needs and pressing problems.

While Keystone consists of many diverse elements, it speaks through one voice on campus – 103.5 WKCV-FM. But the student-run station does much more than provide a wide variety of music and educational programs to its listeners. It is a 24 hour-a day tribute to dynamic forces that converged within the community to achieve a common goal.

New partnerships were forged out of necessity, as the "Voice of Keystone College"

emerged from a complex construction and legal process to begin on-air broadcasting in 2005. Administrators, faculty, physical facilities and IT personnel were involved in every painstaking step along the way.

WKCV is available as an educational platform to all students, who have an opportunity to participate in every aspect of radio operations, along with experiential learning in areas like graphic design, music programming and Web site development.

"Every day students are getting something different out of our radio station," says Julia Peterson, associate professor, who creatively carved two studios from very limited space in the Hibbard Campus Center. One booth lets students broadcast live, while the other permits them to observe those broadcasts through sound-proof glass, and pre-record programs for future use.

"I wanted to replicate the commercial environment . . . it had to have that real world application, but it also had to function as a learning environment," she explains. "We have these two tasks of making sure students are learning, having freedom to make mistakes, at the same time trying to have a certain quality of programming that goes out on the air."

Offering an eclectic mix of musical genres, community event and public service announcements, the fully-automated station strives to build new student membership each semester, while keeping up with fast-paced technological challenges.

At the helm is Ryan Miller, a senior pursuing a bachelor's degree in communications who holds an associate degree in music recording from Luzerne County Community College. He credits Peterson and Justin



Kraky '06, the station's former operations coordinator, with helping him decide on his career path, which will include continuing education in multi-media studies. For now, he is committed to mastering the technical aspects of production while refining his on-air personality and writing skills,

"Keystone just drew me in," says Ryan, who aspires to become a media mogul, perhaps in the fashion of late 60's media guru Marshall McLuhan. Peterson believes he is heading in the right direction.

"Ryan's looking outside the box at some of the new models of music distribution, marketing promotion and sales. If he keeps on looking forward to different trends in other media, not just music, he can be that media mogul. He has accomplished much to get himself ready for that goal," she asserts.

Because of regulatory restrictions, the station cannot accept paid advertising. But WKCV may be able to follow the lead of other public radio outlets by attracting underwriters to help finance future initiatives.

**Julia Peterson and Ryan Miller take a moment to review upcoming programming for WKCV-FM.**

"I think we're still in what I would see as a growth phase. I don't think we've reached maturation yet," Peterson observes. "That's an on-going struggle. When this was all in the planning stages, I assumed it would take years to hit a plateau and I don't think we're there yet, technologically, in terms of membership, or audience saturation."





## Capwell Collaboration Gives Promise, Hope for Future

Of all the exciting student-teacher collaborations under way inside the laboratories of Capwell Science Hall, one effort stands out for long-term potential to treat patients dealing with the ravages of pancreatic cancer.

Chris Bianca, a chemistry instructor who specializes in small molecule drug development, brought his ongoing cancer research to Keystone several years ago. And his students eagerly embraced the challenge.

“The main goal is experience; to have them see what’s involved in undergraduate research and to get them prepared so when they go out in the world that they have basic knowledge of what research is all about,” Bianca says.

As for the future, he prefers taking one step at a time. “My goal at this point is not to try to cure cancer. That’s a very difficult

thing . . . it is a very complex disease. My goal simply is to prove what we have right now. Can we use better drugs that are more efficient and less toxic?”

Assisting in the endeavor are juniors Jennifer Fancher, Melanie Krecker and Christopher Berg, whom Bianca considers his partners in learning. “They help me with everything. I can bring them an idea, and they basically make it a reality,” he says, quickly adding that collaboration is a two way street. Students are actively engaged in the research and free to inject their own thoughts and opinions.

“We bring in our own ideas. We’ve already run into certain methods that we came up with that we changed a little,” says Jennifer, a natural science biology major interested in the study of oncology. The ability to work closely with teachers like Bianca played a big role in Melanie’s and

**From left: Jenna Fancher, Christopher Berg, Instructor Chris Bianca and Melanie Krecker.**

Christopher’s decision to come to Keystone. Christopher plans on pursuing a career as a physician’s assistant and Melanie in the field of veterinary medicine.

Bianca wants to insure they will be well equipped for what lies ahead. “My main goal personally is to make sure that they get good enough experience and quality work here so when their boss asks them if they can do a task, they will be able to do it,” he says.

Although teaching at Keystone is his top priority, Bianca carries a full schedule. He is completing a doctorate degree and performing research at the University of Chicago, consulting with Merck and Argonne/UC Chemical Analytical Labs, completing research at Princeton University, and reviewing science journals for Wilney Publishing.





Vicki Stanavitch '92

### It's all in the Genes -- a Major Coup for Keystone

Keystone is expected to become the first school in northeastern Pennsylvania to add a state of the art gene sequencer to its research arsenal later this year. The Li-Cor Gene Sequencer has a host of applications for molecular biology and is considered an excellent tool for virtually any type of study.

The treasure hunt began when Sharon Burke, director of grant support, floated an application across the desk of Instructor Vicki Stanavitch '92, who teaches microbiology and specializes in the study of viruses.

"We will be able to sequence the genome, the genetic material of microbes that we're working with," Stanavitch points out with more than a touch of exuberance in her voice. Students will be able to raise the bar in terms of their own work. "One student is developing new antibiotics. As he takes the next step in his research, he will be able to test it with the sequencer," she says, noting that users will be able to draw sequenced results directly on a computer screen.

Perhaps the biggest advantage stems from hands-on experience, with some learners expected to use the sequencer as a springboard into graduate programs once they leave Keystone. "Just being able to learn how to use it is a great job skill," she says.

Armed with her prized possession, Stanavitch is looking off campus to enhance Keystone's undergraduate research programs.

Already, she contacted the new Commonwealth Medical College in Scranton with the idea of collaborating on sequencer projects to provide opportunities for her students. Keystone's forensic science program will also benefit from the new equipment by using it to analyze DNA samples.

### Soil is Key to Feeding the World

Some 2000 years ago, there were 300 million people roaming the earth. In 2050, the United Nation's Department of Economic and Social Affairs Population Division projects that figure will reach 9.2 billion, with most growth expected in developing countries already stretched in terms of adequate food and water supplies.

"With the world's population growing as fast as it is, we need to start producing more food on less land," says Jason Zarnowski, a senior majoring in environmental resource management. Aiming to maximize crop yields, Jason is collaborating with Dr. Robert Cook for an in-depth study of soil erosion at a lake in Susquehanna County.

"There's less land available for food production. And one of the main causes of soil degradation is soil erosion, so if we can understand soil erosion patterns, how to prevent it, how to minimize it, I think we could probably save a lot of farm land that's being lost," he explains.

Despite advances in agricultural science, top soil for the most part remains a non-renewable resource. "Once the top soil is gone, it's hard to turn the sub-soils into top soils.

They just don't have the same properties as top soils," Jason says. "It's very important to understand where our soil is going, and to try and keep in place."

Knowing how much soil is being eroded is critical, especially before any procedures are put into place in order to curb it. "Dr. Cook and I are going to keep working on collecting more soil cores," he says, noting the process requires more time than labor. Soil samples are run through a gamma ray spectrometer, and the process takes about six weeks. Jason believes more accurate readings may be available using Geographic Information Systems (GIS) interpolation, a computer program that turns point data into spatial data.

A vegetarian with a passion for organic foods, Jason enjoys field work, but also wants to learn more about GIS. "My ideal job would be to go out and collect data in the field all summer, and when it's nice and cold outside take it all back to the office and sit in front of the computer where it's nice and warm," he admits.

Jason attended another school before coming to Keystone and found the "faculty was there, but if you didn't seek them out, they didn't help you. Dr. Cook was constantly asking me if I needed help. This project would have been way over my head without his help. . . just knowing I have people to back me up and help me out is really reassuring," he says.



Jason Zarnowski

# Community Ties *that* Bind: Keystone Alums Opening Doors *for* Students



Austin Burke '70



Jim Davis '79



Tim Speicher '72

Employers throughout northeastern Pennsylvania are discovering that Keystone College is a great partner, as alumni carry on the tradition of providing opportunities for students transferring their skills from the classroom to the corporate world.

“Keystone always comes to mind early on as one of our partners when we’re looking to meet community-wide needs and challenges,” says **Austin Burke '70**, who serves as president of the Greater Scranton Chamber of Commerce.

Joining with a consortium of regional colleges and universities, Keystone is gaining recognition for its initiatives on and off campus. “We maintain a source of contacts and it goes both ways,” Austin notes. “When the business community calls on Keystone, or Keystone calls on the business community, we’re able to match the appropriate skills with the right talents.”

Keystone produces newly-minted

workers with the tools to adapt and adjust to a changing work environment. “The economy is calling for a lot more in the way of right-brain thinking, and the humanities and liberal arts provide that broad perspec-

tive,” he adds.. “What’s called for is the generalist who can bring more creative ways of doing things . . . from writing, to using to the computer; to incorporating the arts . . . all of these things are going to be increasingly valuable to our economy. That’s where Keystone can capitalize on its unique assets.”

Keystone was a “hand in glove” fit that enabled him to advance through a lifelong career in economic development. He obtained a bachelor’s degree in economics from Dickinson College, and still pursues his passion of assisting employers in finding ways to create new jobs.

“Keystone provides for its students through excellent faculty and administrators, who have always been willing to extend their connections to help them when they leave the college and enter into the broad community,” says Austin.

“Keystone was a good bridge for me, educationally and personally.”

Thomas “Tim” Speicher '72

The Scranton Chamber executive could have been talking about **Jim Davis '79**, who went to Elizabethtown College for a bachelor's degree in economics. Today, Jim wears many hats at DGK Insurance & Financial Services, a regional insurance broker in Factoryville. DGK is a growing employee-owned agency with 20 workers that traces its Wyoming County roots to 1917.

He credits former Dean William Messner with providing the spark that got him into the world of business. Jim maintains close ties to his alma mater, serving on the President's Advisory Council and helping with the Keystone Open, an annual golf outing benefiting the alumni association scholarship fund. His son, Ethan, plans on attending Keystone in the fall.

Over the years, DGK has had capable people from Keystone pass through its doors. "They're ready to handle. . . I won't say everything we throw at them, but certainly what's expected of them," Jim says.

Tom Piasecki, a senior at Keystone, is pursuing a bachelor's degree in information technology and has been busy applying his talents at T-R Associates. Jessica Manley '07, with an associate degree in business administration, also worked for the Archbald-based company that offers export services and computer technology to a client base that extends throughout the globe.

"We've had good experiences with interns from Keystone," says T-R President **Thomas "Tim" Speicher '72**, who serves on Keystone's Board of Trustees. While conditions make it difficult to project too far into the future in terms of hiring, T-R is "always happy to get applications from Keystone. We have some definite needs in technical software engineering and other needs in fabrication and assembly," he says.

Following a stint in the U.S. Air Force, Tim found himself searching for direction in life. He found a compass at Keystone. After receiving an associate degree in general studies, he continued his education at the University of Scranton, Penn State University and the Harvard University Business School.

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**Austin Burke '70**

"Keystone was a good bridge for me, educationally and personally," says Tim, adding he retains strong feelings about the College to this very day.

"They're filling an educational market niche that no one else does. Kids from larger metro areas as well as smaller rural areas are finding things at Keystone that they can't

find anywhere else," he adds.

Keystone students learn about integrated life support systems at Gentex Corp. in Carbondale, where the company has provided summer internships through the years. The Gentex experience cuts across a spectrum of administrative duties and technical sub specialties.

**John Pullo '69**, vice president for technology and business development, says communication skills are critical for any student to be able to succeed in today's environment. Creating a "zone of credibility" is most important.

"The ability to articulate an idea and present it effectively, provide a good presence when presenting the idea or assignment . . . that's key," he stresses.

John remembers Keystone for its mentoring nature. "I suspect a lot of people place a lot of value on a small school environment. There is one on one time with instructors and others who play a role in your life."

In the late 60s, the College transitioned from a traditional academic environment, as male students traded their coats and ties under a much more informal dress code. "That changed the character of the school. There weren't more than 500 students at the time, and it was a very comfortable environment," he recalls.

John had a touch of déjà vu when he returned to campus in the 1990s to teach management courses for the Weekender Program. After Keystone, he received a bachelor's degree in economics from Wilkes, an MBA from the University of Scranton, and an advanced degree in technology management from the University of Pennsylvania.

By working together through mutually beneficial employment opportunities, alumni and students are giving back to the community. The College also plays a critical role as a job creator in its own right, as one of Wyoming County's largest employers with more than 400 full and part-time positions.



# Keystone *touches* Lives of Many People, *from all* Walks of Life

Through donor-based scholarship assistance, totaling \$557,000 for the 2008-2009 academic year, students benefit from caring individuals who recognize the importance of giving back to the school and community that gave them so much.

The generosity of **William O. '47** and **Mrs. Jeanne S. Fleckenstein, '43**, as well as the late Roy W. Piper are just two examples.

Bill Fleckenstein's Keystone experience is best captured through the sage teaching of the late Professor Ben Trapani. Ben taught math and physics before moving on to a more lucrative career in the insurance business. He decided to leave teaching because he felt he wasn't being fair to his family. Bill was so moved by his favorite mentor that when he learned of his passing on June 7, 2008, he wrote to College President Dr. Edward G. Boehm, Jr., and got the ball rolling with a way to honor his memory.

"In my gift this year, part of it will be dedicated to him and I hope other people will join me in doing the same," Bill says. Just how influential could one Keystone educator be to an eager student? When he transferred to Lehigh College in Bethlehem, Bill recalls a stern-looking teacher eyeing him from underneath his horn-rimmed glasses with a touch of skepticism. But it turns out Bill's advanced engineering courses at Lehigh "were a breeze because I had Trapani behind me."

Bill and Jeanne provide three scholarships to deserving students in the fields of math and science, early childhood education and biological science: the August and Helen Dippre Fleckenstein Scholarship; Lowell and Nora Swarts Scholarship; and the Jean and

Frank Woodward and Helen Woodward Myers Scholarship in Biological Science.

Jeanne spent time at Keystone before attending the nursing school at Moses Taylor Hospital in Scranton. The long-term success of Keystone is important to the Fleckenstein's for many reasons.

"I received a terrific education from one of the very best teachers," says Bill, adding that Ben gave him a solid foundation in early math and physics. It was in the classroom where he spent his most satisfying time at Keystone. Bill applied the lifelong standards of honor, integrity and hard work that would

stone was a stepping stone" to bigger and better things. "I got a good start there, and I was very happy with my career path," he says.

As far as advice for the new millennial students, Bill believes they should stick with basic core values. "If people went down that path, I think they would do good things," he adds.

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Good things, it seems, have a way of happening throughout the Keystone College community.

**Roy W. Piper** owned a construction company in Tunkhannock and he wanted to assist regional high school students interested in continuing their studies at Keystone. He passed away on July 3, 2007, but his dream will become reality when the Roy W. Piper Scholars Program begins with the fall semester. Roy set up full scholarships – tuition, room, board, books and supplies. Roy spent his life working in Wyoming, Lackawanna and Luzerne counties, says Robert W. Browning, a trustee for the Roy W. Piper Charitable Trust. Keystone was selected for the scholarship program largely because of its close proximity to his hometown.

He never got around to meeting President Boehm because he was always too busy pouring concrete, according to the trustee. But Roy may have been happy in the knowledge that a number of applications poured into the office before the March 15 deadline.

"Roy wanted to give everything back to the community, the children, and he did," says Mr. Browning.

**“I received a terrific education from one of the very best teachers,”**  
**Bill Fleckenstein '47**

follow him through a rewarding career with Bell Laboratories.

The Fleckenstein's have attended scholarship lunches and dinners in recent years, and Bill observes that the La Plume campus hasn't changed in terms of its natural beauty.

Asked if he would do anything differently, Bill has absolutely no regrets. "Key-

# Keystone *in the* Community

As part of the Northeastern Pennsylvania community, Keystone College is part of a vibrant and diverse area. Partnering with nonprofits, organizations and friends of the College creates remarkable opportunities for civic-based projects, service-learning, and intercultural learning that benefit students and the greater community. Below are just a few of the ways Keystone College is at work in the community:

## The Gathering



Mr. Salman Rushdie

For the third consecutive summer, a group of the most talented authors and poets in the nation will visit Keystone College for a unique four-day literary conference and workshop, The Gathering.

Highlighting the festivities this year is a visit by Salman Rushdie, one of the world's best known authors. His visit is possible thanks to a unique collaboration between Keystone and the Lackawanna County Library System.

Mr. Rushdie will speak at the Scranton Cultural Center on Friday, July 17, 2009 at 8 p.m. during a free lecture that is part of the Library System's Lecture Series. On Saturday, July 18, he will visit Keystone to attend The Gathering, to participate in a conversation with Gregory Maguire, author of the book, "Wicked, The Life and Times of the Wicked Witch of the West."

The theme for this year's Gathering, being held at Keystone from July 16-19 will be, "There and Back Again: Time, Place and Story." The conference features lectures, readings, workshops, discussion groups, panels and social events. In addition to Mr. Rushdie and Mr. Maguire, other nationally known presenters include author Gail Carson Levine, documentary filmmaker Rebecca Marshall Ferris, poet and educator Ibtisam Barakat, author Nancy McKinley, and children's author Jennifer Armstrong.

In addition to collaborating with the Lackawanna County Library System on The Gathering, other sponsors include WVIA, Lackawanna Heritage Valley Authority, and the Willary Foundation.

For more information or to register visit [www.gathering.keystone.edu](http://www.gathering.keystone.edu).

## Jazz Institute



Keystone College will again welcome a wide variety of jazz aficionados -- from students to educators and amateurs to professionals -- from July 27-31, 2009 on campus.

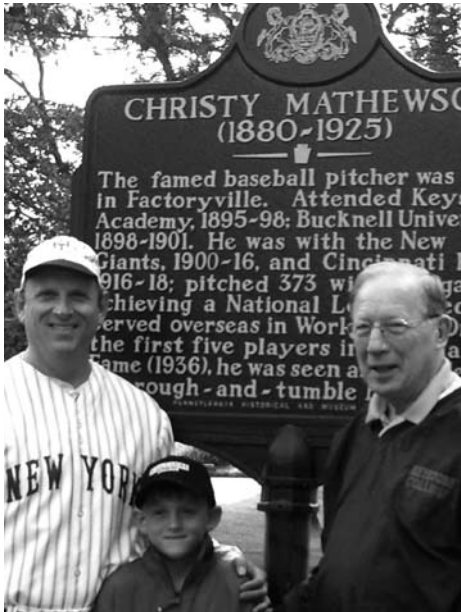
The Jazz Institute, presented in partnership with the Pennsylvania Jazz Alliance, will offer an opportunity for local musicians to study and perform with several of Northeast Pennsylvania's finest touring and recording jazz artists. Participants will gain experience in the varied styles of music they will create and perform in their future musical careers. Jazz Institute participants will present a student jazz ensemble at the Scranton Jazz Festival following the week-long educational event.



Left: Marko Marcinko, instructs a student during the Jazz Institute.

Above: Students perform during the week long Jazz Institute.

## Christy Mathewson Days



Eddie Frierson, as Christy Mathewson, his son Matty Frierson, and Keystone College President, Dr. Edward G. Boehm, Jr. gather near the Christy Mathewson historical marker during Christy Mathewson Days.

Northeastern Pennsylvania residents enjoy a slice of Americana each summer thanks to a unique partnership between Keystone College and the borough of Factoryville, Pa.

Each August, hundreds of guests visit campus to celebrate the legacy of Keystone alumnus, baseball Hall of Fame pitcher, and Factoryville native Christy Mathewson with Christy Mathewson Days. Highlights of the celebration include an ice cream social, theatrical performance, parade, and race.

Through this unique partnership, the Keystone College and Factoryville communities collaborate to welcome hundreds of guests to our area to honor one of our region's greatest athletes and citizens, and at the same time, gather in the spirit of camaraderie and friendship in one of the most memorable events of the summer. Mark your calendars for the 2009 celebration, which will be held August 7-8, 2009.

## Concerts and Lectures

The Keystone College Concerts and Lectures Series presents artists of international and local reputation, various musical performances, service organizations, educational institutions, and professional

and ethnic groups in a variety of diverse and stimulating projects that reach a broad cross-section of the community.

To date, the Series has presented performing artists, lectures, and composers from around the globe at the College. Events celebrate the many cultures and creativity found in our region, support the curriculum by bringing experts at their craft to the College, address current issues and events in the world, and bring together the many diverse points of view found in our community.

The Concerts and Lectures Series reaches out to the community at large by inviting local residents to participate in these events, all of which are free and open to the public. For the most current Concerts and Lectures Series schedule, visit [http://www.keystone.edu/about\\_us/concertlectureseries.dot](http://www.keystone.edu/about_us/concertlectureseries.dot).

## Community Outreach

In addition to spending many hours pursuing their academic goals, Keystone College students participate in a variety of volunteer service projects through the Center for Community Outreach. Students completed 4,200 hours of community service through participating in 40 separate volunteer projects in Lackawanna and Wyoming counties during the fall 2008 semester working with a variety of organizations including the United Way, the Humane Society, Genesis Wildlife Center, and Saint Joseph's Center.

In addition to students volunteering with many service organizations, the College also supported a number of community events including the United Way Day of Caring, the Clarks Summit Ice Festival, and the Northeastern Pennsylvania Philharmonic.

## Economic Impact

In addition to supporting the community through the many initiatives listed, Keystone College also plays a major role in supporting the local economy. With over 200 full-time employees and 241 part-time employees, the College is one of the largest employers in our region. Money spent by Keystone employees and students helps other businesses succeed and create jobs for Northeastern Pennsylvania residents.

Following are important statistics highlighting just how important Keystone is to our local economy:

- Keystone has an annual operating budget of about \$25 million and a capital spending budget of more than \$1.5 million.
- Studies show that for every \$1 of spending by an institution of higher learning, there is an economic benefit of approximately \$1.60 to the community. Keystone's \$25 million budget translates into an annual impact of \$42 million into the local economy

Keystone College does more than just provide a great education to our students. Through initiatives, programs, and partnerships with the local community, the College helps make Northeastern Pennsylvania a better place to live and work. For over 140 years, Keystone has called Northeastern Pennsylvania our home and we're proud to contribute to this great region.



For the 2009-2010 schedule of events please visit  
[http://www.keystone.edu/about\\_us/concertlectureseries.dot](http://www.keystone.edu/about_us/concertlectureseries.dot)

**Keystone College**  
**Concerts and Lectures Series**



**1. Binghamton Wine Tasting  
Black Bear Winery  
Binghamton, N.Y.**

**September 13, 2008**

Seated, from left: Eleanor Farbarish and Paul Farbarish '56. Standing, from left: Dianne Caviston '08, Linda Howath '97, Marie Lewis, and Christina Fenton-Mace.



**2. Lehigh Valley Luncheon  
Green Pond Country Club  
Bethlehem, Pa.**

**September 16, 2008**

From left: Barbara Walters, Bill Walters '66, and President Dr. Edward G. Boehm, Jr.

**3. Wilkes-Barre Scranton  
Penguins Event  
Wachovia Arena  
Wilkes-Barre, Pa.**

**March 8, 2009**

*(Box courtesy of Pennstar Bank)*

Front row, from left: Debbie Barvenik '06, David Paczkowski, Kim Kalsinski Ezman '80, and Tony Ezman. Back row, from left: Judie Mock and Olivia Mock.





**1. Harrisburg Area**

**Alumni Event**

**West Shore Country Club**

**Camp Hill, Pa.**

**April 2, 2009**

*(Hosted by Trustee Gretchen Zeidler Miller '51)*

From left: Trustee Gretchen Zeidler Miller '51, Dick Miller, President Dr. Edward G. Boehm, Jr., First Lady Regina Boehm, Dan Lake '52, and Trustee Curtis Stevens '64.



**2. Alumni Career**

**Forum Series**

**Keystone College**

**October 17, 2008**

From left: Professor Patti Davis '80, Jim Mirabelli, Jr. '05, Shane McGuire '07, and Associate Professor Kevin Vinson.



**3. Chef's Table**

**Valentine's Day**

**Keystone College**

**February 12, 2009**

Seated, from left: Kathy Chase and Karen Bonda. Standing, from left: Gordon Chase and Robin Bonda '74.



## Keystone College Class Notes • Spring 2009

The following classes are in need of class correspondents: 1942, 1944, 1946, 1959, 1963, 1982, 1983, 1993, and 2000. Please contact the Alumni Office at (800) 824-2764 option 5, if you are interested in serving as your class correspondent.

**'36 Helen Davies Ward '36** passed away October 12, 2008 in Park Forest, Ill. She was especially proud of having been part of the first graduating class of Keystone Junior College. Helen's parents, Helen Clarissa Bard and William Rowland Davies, attended Keystone Academy.

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**Jeannette Mena Bush '47**, Glendale, Calif., is semi-retired and keeps busy with gardening, household chores, and her job in the retail business.

**Bill Clover '47**, Warr Acres, Okla., and wife Paula are both retired and keep busy with golf, gardening, and sharing household chores. These are hobbies that make for a happy couple.

**Bette Burwasser Davidson '47**, Linwood, N.J., and husband Marvin, both retired, decided to spend their winter months in Boynton Beach, Fla.

**Jean Weber Davis '47**, LeRaysville, Pa., is proud to announce the birth of second great-grandchild, Jimmy. Congratulations! Her extended family includes six children and 19 grandchildren. Jean is a regular at Keystone College Reunions!

**Emerson Davis '47**, Scranton, Pa., and wife Marianne are enjoying their retirement years. They sold their home and moved to an apartment.

**Walter Gantz '47**, Scranton, Pa., is one of our regulars at Keystone College Reunions, but due to heart surgery he was unable to attend 2008. However, he has made a remarkable recovery. See you at Reunion 2009!

**Marjorie Bates Hamlin '47**, Farmville, Va., has no desire to retire. She continues to help her daughter, Judy, with raising show horses and dog grooming business. Way to go, Marge.

**Jean Lewis Hines '47** recently moved from Hamilton, Ohio to Raleigh, N.C. to be near her two daughters. She is living in a retirement community and sends best wishes to all her Keystone alumni friends. She also wrote that her thoughts are of some-day attending a Reunion at Keystone College.

**Don Hoyt '47**, Hatboro, Pa., retired and to keep busy enjoys his hobby of woodworking. He is also a regular at annual Keystone Reunions.

**Jack Kostige '47**, Nicholson, Pa., continues to promote the Keystone College Military In Memoriam Endowment Fund which stands at \$5,400. Jack reports that one final letter will go out in late summer/fall only to donors thus far and will continue to be open for future donations.

**Steve Krysko '47**, New York, N.Y., wrote that he is trying his best to overcome some health problems. Steve, we're all thinking of you and send our best wishes. Just remember the "good ole days" at Keystone College.

**Joan Hoffman Lyman '47**, Springville, Pa., was a regular at our College Reunions, but health issues prevented Joan from attending in 2008. Your alumni friends hope to see you at Reunion 2009. It will be our 62nd year.

**Janet Michel McGurrian '47**, Sparta, N.J., and husband Ted recently celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary. They are proud to announce the birth of their first great-grandchild, Jack Aloysius McGurrian. Congratulations!

**Ann "Noirie" Smith Pisarek '47** has moved from Upper Black Eddy, Pa., where she resided with her son, to an assisted living center in Doylestown, Pa.

**Ann Fields Suskind '47**, Lexington, Mass., and husband Frank recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. To mark this milestone they went on a cruise on the Danube, beginning in Budapest and ending in Prague. They spend the winter months in Boca Raton, Fla. and keep busy with golf, book groups, bridge, and Mah Jong.

**Bill Weibel '47**, East Arlington, Vt., and wife Jeri are both retired and are enjoying the ski slopes in Vermont. Gardening is Bill's hobby when ski season ends.

**Janice Carey Wolfe '47**, Jeannette, Pa., writes she is retired from a family business and is enjoying her 16 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. That is enough to keep her busy.

**Ann Wullert '47**, Scranton, Pa., is retired, but continues to do volunteer work for her church and various organizations. Ann's hobby is polka dancing and attends many polka festivals. She is a regular at annual Keystone College Reunions and Chef's Table dinners.

I would like to say thanks to all 1947 alumni who contributed to this column of class notes. Please feel free to continue writing or phone me at 570-347-7607. All news is appreciated.

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**Elmer Hawk '48** and his wife Louise celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on June 12, 2008. The couple has four children: David and Bob, Dunmore, Pa., and Nancy Hawk and Janice Liddic, both of Clarks Summit, Pa. They also have 11 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. They marked the occasion with a party at Waverly Country Club hosted by their children.



**'50 Charlie Werner**  
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Despite the difficult times the nation and world are experiencing, we Keystone old-timers seem to hold on. I didn't get to the October Reunion. It was just a few days after I had a new pacemaker, with a defibrillator in it, installed in my chest. Due to complications from a bad fall a few weeks later, I couldn't make the Scholarship Luncheon a month later. By Christmas the worst was over and, like Ed "Zeke" Prebor '49, I have resumed more activities. It was good getting his beautiful card and upbeat letter. Keep it up, Zeke. Your contagious hope and optimism are the only infections we need!

A group of members from the Classes of 1950 and 1951 gathered for a luncheon on June 12, 2008 at Smuggler's Cove in Tannersville, Pa.



**Standing from left: Bob Sykes, Marge Meredith '51, Charlie Werner '50, Cora Schrader, Kathy Statsman, Christina Fenton-Mace, and Bill Lees '51. Seated: Bill Meredith '51 and Fred Friden '51.**

Cliff Ness '50 and his wife, Marilyn, are redoing their house and planning trips to the Carolinas and Florida to visit relatives. Cliff has been putting the finishing touches on the hull of a new submarine, with a presentation to the Navy soon. No plans for a quiet retirement soon. Cliff, I think you are working too hard for a man your age.

Bob Ostwald '50 had a knee replacement in October 2008 and will soon get his other knee replaced.

Art Stucklen '50 writes his wife Shirley's Alzheimer's is getting much worse. His family and friends are a source of encouragement to him during this difficult time.

Millie Melia Walker '50 and her husband, Jim, sent a note. She doesn't know if she will make the 2009 Reunion. Millie is not well.

Norma "Nan" Waters '50 made it to her class 60th

anniversary class reunion from Jermyn High. Of the 34 who graduated in the class, the 28 survivors attended. Nan said they had a wonderful time.

In closing, this "ain't the Super Bowl" but it is time for a bit of "commercial arm-twisting." Just because I wasn't up to the trip, I could still send checks, and I did. So, you should also contribute to the Annual Fund, or the Shirley M. Friden '51 Memorial Scholarship Fund, or any combination of the above! So, consider your "arm twisted."

**'51 J. Fred Friden**  
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Bill Lees '51 and his wife Doris could not make it to 2008 Reunion or the Scholarship Luncheon. They hope to get together with us this year.

Wade Whitney '51 just celebrated the baptism of his 41st grandchild; number 42 is on the way. He has also been busy working with his church, Our Lady of Snows, for the Jamaican missionaries as well as helping plan his 60th high school reunion.

**'52 Margaret Thomas Buchholz**  
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In October 2008 we celebrated our 55th Reunion. Attending were 12 classmates, six spouses, including Bob Garth '52. Traveling the furthest was Marilyn Lovelass Rodenburg '53 from Prescott, Ariz.



Members of the Class of 1953 enjoy the Homecoming Parade.

Ronald Bayliss '53 has a new address and welcomes news. Please contact him at 25421 Pine Cone Court, Millsboro, DE 19966. He has set up a scholarship for a deserving art student in memory of his wife N. Ruth Theisz Bayliss. The College welcomes donations in her memory to this fund.

Charlotte Moser Davis '53 and Tom Davis '52 are awaiting the birth of a great grandchild.

Allan Granger '53, class president, passed away November 27, 2008.

Nancy Kerns Van Scoyoc '53 and Gardner Van Scoyoc '52 announce the birth of their fourth grandchild, Theo.

Marlene Chase Wrigley '53 reported the birth of her 13th grandchild.

**'54 Gene Barashes**  
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Fernandina Beach, FL 32034

We will be celebrating our 55th reunion during Homecoming October 16-18 please make plans to return to campus. Also, if you are interested in celebrating with a cruise out of Florida, or would like special room rates at the Amelia Island Plantation, Amelia Island, Fla., please contact me at 904-415-0973. Hope you have a healthy and happy 2009!

**'55 Gail Lunde Dreas**  
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Julie Walker Blevins '55 recently joined the League of Women Voters in Long Beach, Calif.

**'56 Paul Farbanish**  
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At the end of my update is a report on the Mike Thomas Scholarship Fund. Please take time to read it.

Deanne Caselli Bechetti '56 hibernates in the winter here in Upstate New York, although she ventures out a couple of times a week to work out at Curves. In the summer she follows her husband, Leonard, from one softball tournament to another.

Ski Colorado, golf daily in Alabama, drink scotch as the sun sets, who else but Bill Briggs '56? Since he retired after 40 years with Raytheon, he and his wife, Dell, have devoted their time to their three children and six grandchildren. He promised he will try to attend the Keystone Open one of these years, did you hear that Charlie?

We all know people that have had bypass surgery that became couch potatoes, well not **Bob Cetta '56**. Not only has he resumed golfing but he won a gold medal in the Brower County Senior Olympics (in the 75-79 age bracket). This qualified him to participate in the State Games in which he won a silver medal. His latest success qualifies him to participate in the National Senior Olympics in San Francisco in August. I wonder if he will ask Jan to go along as his caddy?

**Ruth Bower Colmer '56** sold her restaurant business a couple of years ago and still lives in Owego, N.Y. with her husband, Phil. Phil and I see each other on the softball field during the summer months.

There is an open invitation from **Luke '56** and **Chris Cunningham** to stop in for a drink if you're in south-west Florida. They left Pennsylvania for good and are now enjoying the good life Florida offers. Does golfing every day ever get monotonous? You'd better call ahead as some of their 22 grandchildren may be visiting.

**George Fray '56** and wife, Marjory, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in October 2008. George retired in 1998 and they now spend the month of March at the Phillies spring training camp in Florida. George attends all of the Penn State football games and invites you to stop in for a drink at spots 380/381 in the parking lot.

As far as I know, **John Gorski '56** is alive and well in Rochester, N.Y. We had dinner with John and Carol a couple of years back when our granddaughter was at a gymnastic meet in Niagara Falls.

Now for some sad news. Blanche Jones wrote that her husband, **J. Leslie Jones '56**, died on December 8, 2008. They were married 48 years and have three children and four grandchildren.

**Jim Nocera '56** will argue that Old Forge has the best pizza parlors in the country. That's why he settled back to his hometown so he could be near Ghigarellis and Revellos.

I had a nice long chat with **Bernie Peckman '56**. He attended Keystone for a year and transferred to Rutgers University to be near his family. He lived in Moore Hall and was a roommate of Joe Babiasz. Bernie owns a pharmacy in Jersey City. He asked a lot of questions about the Olyphant, Pa. girls: Mary Lou, Mary Ann, and Nancy.

**Betsy Nicholas Santomen '56** and husband, Joseph, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in September 2008. Their four daughters and families traveled from Philadelphia, North Carolina and Ohio to help them celebrate. Joe retired as a pastor of a

church near Cleveland and they chose to remain in that area (Browns and Indians?). Betsy and Joe had a great time at the Reunion and are looking forward to the next one.

**Mary Lou Jurkovic Serafin '56** and husband, **Bob '55** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in July 2008. They now reside in a senior community in Bethlehem, Pa. No more snow shoveling or lawn mowing. Bob suffered some physical problems, so a note or card from his and Mary Lou's classmates would be appropriate.

We finally caught up with **Bob Visbisky '56**. After he graduated from Lehigh University he spent time in Long Island, Reading, Pa., Columbia, S.C., Monroeville, Pa., and eventually on to Tampa. He's retired and he and his wife, Patricia, visit their three sons. Bob still has pierogie and kielbasa shipped from Dickson City, Pa. to Tampa.

**Myriam Wellner Walsh '56** writes that things are well with her and nothing much is new down in Tennessee.

A warm hello from **Sandy '56** and **Ken '56 Williams** from San Diego. Ken retired from his medical practice three years ago. Their four children, 11 grandchildren and a great grandson are keeping them busy. They send their best to all.

We cannot track down Hyung C. Chung, Mrs. Janet Thompson, John Laffey and Elbert Rowlands. If anyone knows their whereabouts, please contact me.

Things are just fine here in Vestal, N.Y. My wife and I didn't go to Florida this winter, but are traveling to gymnastics meets to watch our granddaughter who is at Temple University. Feel free to contact me at any time with your news items.

To the Classes of 1955, 1956, 1957: Almost three years has past since the 50th Reunion of the Class of 1956. At that Reunion, one of our classmates, **Mike Thomas**, was inducted into the Keystone Athletic Hall of Fame. It was decided at that time to start a scholarship to be given annually in Mike's name. To date, we have raised approximately \$33,000 and have awarded three scholarships. I ask any class members from 1955, 1956 or 1957 who knew Mike to consider making a donation to this scholarship fund. We hope to grow this fund to \$50,000. If you have any questions concerning this scholarship, please contact Donna Clemens at 570-945-8155 or [donna.clemens@keystone.edu](mailto:donna.clemens@keystone.edu). You may also contact Luke Cunningham, at 23948 Creek Branch Lane, Bonita Springs, FL 34135, 239-947-8513 or [LPCCRC@aol.com](mailto:LPCCRC@aol.com). Thank you in advance for any contribution you can make. Luke Cunningham

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'58

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Thank you to all that returned to campus October 16-18, 2008 to celebrate our 50th Reunion including: **Bill Friedel '58, Simone Harris Gentile '58, Judith Welbey Harris '58, Dawn Ramsden Hughes '58, Ronald Hughes '58, Anita Keller '58, Constance Smith Lockett '58, Jo Anne Evans Matechak '58, Olga (Candy) Vescey McGarvey '58, Karen Kennedy Monaghan '58, Cliff Nichols '58, Sue Chisholm Peck '58, Robert Pettinato '58, Elaine Aagard Sales '58, and John Simpson '58.**



Members of the Class of 1958 enjoy a reception during Reunion 2008.

**Jerry Cohen '58** recently retired from Universal Studios-Hollywood, Calif. after 34 years. He worked as a film and music editor and music supervisor.

**Jim '58** and **Jackie Ruch '58 Love** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on February 6, 2009. They are still in good health and enjoying retired life.

**Walter Morton '58** and his wife recently celebrated their eighth wedding anniversary.

**Elaine Aagard Sales '58** would like to hear from classmates at [eaagaard@aol.com](mailto:eaagaard@aol.com).

**'60 Joseph Tarkett**  
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**Jerry Bender '60, Koo Chung '60, Tom Cupillari '60, Joseph Tarkett '60, and Barbara Isgar Vernovage '61** visited campus on October 28, 2008 for breakfast and a tour.



**Alumni gather at the Moore Hall Garden during a campus tour.**

**'61 Barbara Isgar Vernovage '61**  
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**'62 Charles Root**  
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**'63 Jane Glenn '63** recently received her bachelor's degree in art from Adams State, Alamosa, Colo.

**'64 Pat Riley**  
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**Curt Stevens**  
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**Carol Sumilas Boshears '64** wrote a book entitled "The Chronicles of Blitzen- the Original Bad Boy Black Kitty."

**Mary Heslin '64** recently retired from Canaan Business Solutions.

**'65 Susan J. Nathan, Ph.D.**  
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**Jon Mertis '65** recently celebrated the birth of his grandson, Tristan. He and his wife are very excited about being grandparents.

**'66 Allegra Campbell**  
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**'67 Betsy Kaufman**  
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**'68 Dennis Coffinberger**  
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Hello classmates! Just wanted to let you know that back in October we held the "Great Reunion III." A fun time was had by all. Some members from the Classes of '67 and '69 attended and it was great to see some old and new faces. A special thanks to **Frank Brown '68** for organizing and planning this event. As usual, Frank's power point presentation brought back many memories. Thanks to those who made phone calls and encouraged classmates to attend, and a big thank you to **Colleen Rowland Casciari '68** for coming all the way from California. Also at the Reunion was **Susan Hunter Braido '55** (former Alumni Director when we were there) and **Marisa Steinas '06**, who helped get the Great Reunion celebrations started. We played a little golf, ate, were in a parade, ate, danced, ate, talked about old times, ate, and spent a little time in Sammy's room. Even though I go back to Keystone on a regular basis, it still gives me a good feeling every time I step back on campus. Plans are already being made for a Great Reunion IV to be held in 2013. If you have time, stop by campus and take in the changes. Or if you want to get together sometime give me a call or e-mail. I know times are tough, but if you have a couple of extra bucks send them to Keystone and keep the memories alive. I know Keystone meant a lot to us, so if you can, try to give a little back. Go Little Giants, right **Kevin McCann '69**? And one final note, a big special thanks to Kate and Christina for all your hard work in making our weekend a time to remember. If you have news to share about your life now or in the past, let me or the College know and we will see that it gets into Class Notes. Take care everyone.



**Alumni gather during Great Reunion III.**

**'69 Michele Simonetta Thatcher**  
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**Sheldon Lehner '69** recently completed the prestigious excellence in government fellows program designed for mid to senior level government leaders throughout the nation.

**'70 Jay A. Lambert**  
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Phoenix, AZ 85003

**Austin Burke '70** and his wife Marianne celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on September 2, 2008. They marked the occasion with a family dinner.

**Marilyn Morgan King '70** recently retired as principal at Riverside Elementary West School in Taylor, Pa. She began her career as a first grade teacher in the Riverside School District. After 22 years as a first grade teacher, she was promoted to instructional support teacher, then served as principal for the past seven years. Marilyn lives in Scranton, Pa. with her husband Craig. They have two daughters and two grandchildren.

**'71 Susan Sekol Leonard**  
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**'72 William Brandt**  
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**Josephine Gallo '72** recently published her second book, "Schoolhouses of Early Bernards Township."

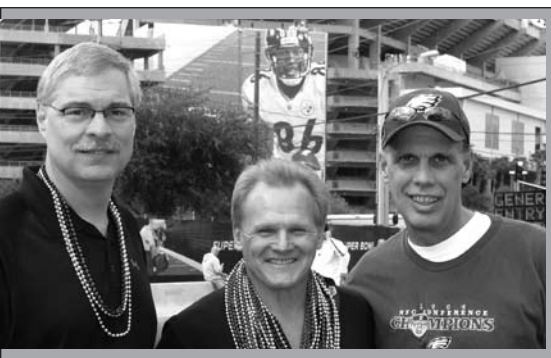


**'73 Gerald Creedon**  
129 West Thomas Court  
Kennett Square, PA 19348-1851

**'74 Janet Chambers Farrand**  
248 West Mill Road  
Long Valley, NJ 07853

**Neil Kevles '74** recently returned to campus to speak to a web programming class through the Alumni Career Forum Series. Neil currently serves on the Alumni Association Board of Directors.

**'75 Reagan McLane**  
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Eagles fans **Bob Swartley '75**, **Scott Updegrave '75**, and **Bob Duff '75** enjoy tailgating festivities before Super Bowl XLIII in Tampa, Fla.

**Michael James '75** recently received the Joel Nelson Award from the Hinsdale Chamber of Commerce and Illinois State Senate Recognition.

**'76 Lin Nasatka Williams**  
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Big Springs, WV 26137  
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**Pamela Rees Pagonis '76** was recently named center director of United Rehabilitation Services, Inc., Tunkhannock, Pa.

**Lin Nasatka Williams '76** moved to her new farm Serenity in the hills of north central West Virginia. After 30 years of living and working in the city, she is enjoying her new adventure. She hopes to hear from her fellow classmates with some news for Class Notes. Take a few minutes to let her know what's happening in your neck of the woods. Write or e-mail: *linw1424@hotmail.com*.

**'77 Susan Huber Bisignani**  
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**'78 Cynthia Caporaso**  
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**Cynthia Caporaso '78** earned a M.Ed. degree from Lehigh University.

**Carl Pardoe '78** recently celebrated his 26th wedding anniversary to his wife, Gina. Together they have three children; Ryan who attends Cornell University, Tyler, and Miranda, both at Milton High School.

**'79 Marjorie Crawford Paradise**  
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**'80 Penny Jo Carter Musto**  
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**'81 Deborah Lumley**  
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**'86 Brian Pevac**  
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**Mikal E. Belicove '86** now lives in Laguna Beach, Calif., where he is an author, ghost blogger, and corporate communications and business management consultant. His latest book, "2009 Internet Directory: Web 2.0 Edition," was recently published by Pearson/Que Publishing. Starting in April 2009, you can read Mikal's column on website management, usability, and design in Entrepreneur Magazine. When he's not working, Mikal can be found musing about the world around him on his blog, *www.Belicove.com*.

**Shiladitya Paul '86** is currently employed at the largest home health care company in the New York metro area in the area of risk management/corporate governance. She also started her own company, Avarah, LLC, which specializes in financial planning.

**'87 Eric Chase**  
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**Craig Fortenbacker '87** was recently promoted to vice president within the controllers area of Goldman Sachs in New York City. He is married and has two boys (9 & 7 years old). He sends his congratulations to Pinch on winning a state championship with Berwick baseball this year and would like to hear from any Phi Drinka Lotta or 21 Club members.

**Ladonna Valentine Martin '87** is an online teacher for Agora Cyber Charter School based in Devon, Pa. She lives with her husband, Don and children, Merre (13) and Christian (8) in Shickshinny, Pa.

**'88 Jacelyn Jenkins Beynon**  
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**Jeffrey Edmondson '88** and his wife, Maria, announce the birth of their son, Noah.

**'89 Kathleen Driscoll-Lines**  
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**'90 Travis Rodgers**  
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**'91 Jennifer Ellis Ford**  
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**Susan Bellock Orfie '91** married Carl Orfie on August 11, 2007. The couple resides in Dundee, Ill.

**'92 Jeremy Bruce**  
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**Bobby Galella '92** and his wife, Suzanne, recently celebrated the birth of their daughter, Olivia. Bobby is currently the middle school principal and curriculum director for the Dunmore School District.

**Michelle Pompey Leonard '92** and her husband just adopted their second daughter, Annabelle Faith Leonard, from China.

**Suzanne Meyer '92** recently had her artwork on display at Blue Stone Gallery in Denver, Colo. The exhibition was called "Contemporary Colorado."

## class notes

**John Rushefski '92** has been named principal of Lackawanna Trail High School.

**Frank Scavo '92** is chairman of the Voice of the People USA (Border Group) and is currently serving his second term as director of Old Forge School District.

**'93 Damon Bowen '93** was recently honored as one of the "Top 20 Under 40" by the Northeastern Pennsylvania Business Journal.

**'94 Kimberely Shaffer**  
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**Tom Dower '94** has been named vice president at Lighthouse Consulting Group. He resides in Kensington, Md. with his wife, Erin.

**Jennifer Radzwillowicz '94** is working with Keystone's women's tennis team to collect eyeglasses for the Taylor Lions Club.

**'95 Cornell Davis**  
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**'96 Lisa Marie Hall**  
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**Karyn Conner '96** and Lee Kemmerer are engaged. Karyn is a day care teacher at the Goddard School. Lee is employed by Cobham. A summer wedding is planned.

**Jime Alena Grabowski '96** had an art display at the Southern Union Building during First Friday.

**Lisa Marie Hall '96/'02** was named one of the "Top 20 Under 40" by the Northeastern Pennsylvania Business Journal.

**Richard '96** and **Kathy '96 Krebs** are the proud grandparents of Theodore Dailey Krebs, who just celebrated his first birthday. Kathy recently announced her retirement from the Lawrenceville School where she has been both an administrator and mathematics teacher since 1987. Ric was appointed to the Keystone Alumni Board in December 2008.

**Kirsten Kovalski Piccini '96** and her husband, John, became parents in January 2008 after struggling with infertility. Twin sons, Giovanni and Jacob, just turned a year old. Kirsten and John are still working

for Weichert Realtors Headquarters in Morris Plains, N.J. and reside in Freemansburg, Pa.

**Fran Valentine '96** works for Northern Tier Industry Educational Consortium, a program that mentors students into the workforce. Her twins will be four in March.

**Robyn Sanford Vamosy '96** and her husband AJ are proud to announce the birth of their son, Logan Robert.

**'97 Danielle Gautier Paul**  
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**Ellen Keeney '97** and her husband Rob welcomed their second daughter, RaeAnne Mary, to the family on November 20, 2008.

**Barbara Suszynski Lavalette '97** announces the birth of her second child, Broderick Arthur Suszynski Lavalette. He is pictured below with his five year old sister, Isabelle.



**Isabelle and Broderick Lavalette.**

**Mark Shiffer '97** and Nicole Kowalewski were married June 16, 2008. Nicole is a senior client liaison for TMG Health, Dunmore, Pa. Mark is an associate with D.P. Shiffer Jr. Masonry. The couple resides in Union Dale, Pa.

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**'00 Jamie Burns**  
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**Alicia Polansky Cole '00** and Benjamin Cole were married August 18, 2007. Alicia is self-employed at A.M.R. Gymnastics Center and is a religion instructor at St. Thomas Aquinas Church. Benjamin is a forensic recreational worker at SCI Waymart's Forensic Treatment Center. The couple resides in Archbald, Pa.

**'01 Robert Buscavage**  
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**Sharon Primich '01** and John Boandl were married October 3, 2008 in Christ the King Church, Dunmore, Pa.

**Kathryn "Katie" Schmicking '01/'03** received a masters of arts in teaching from New Jersey City University in Jersey City, N.J. on May 14, 2008.

**Bridget Tiscio '01** and Peter Staffaroni are engaged. Bridget is employed by AT&T and Peter is employed by Kalinsky Landscaping Inc. A spring wedding is planned.

**'02 Bre Albertson Reynolds**  
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**Nikki Springer Allen '02** was married to Erwin Toby Allen on November 29, 2008. She is currently pursuing a master's degree in psychology at Capella University. The couple resides in Fabius, N.Y.

**Brighid Demas '02** and Joseph Snedeker are engaged. Brighid is a medical social worker for Allied Skilled Nursing and a server at Gourmet Restaurant. Joseph is a pipefitter for G.C. Fire Protection and is co-owner of Twin Forces Paving. A fall wedding is planned.

**Jennifer Flyte '02** recently wrote and published a children's book, "Zack Learns to Love His Neighbor." She lives in Wyalusing, Pa.

**Lisa Marie Hall '96/'02** was named one of the "Top 20 Under 40" by the Northeastern Pennsylvania Business Journal.

**Kevin McAndrew '02** and Gina Daigeaun were married on October 25, 2008. Kevin is a computer support technician in the Abington Heights School District. Gina is assistant solicitor for the city of Scranton. The couple resides in Scranton, Pa.

**Patrick Salvaggio '02** and Carla Shiner were married June 14. Patrick is manager of Vincenzo's Pizzeria, Scott Township, Pa. Carla is a cosmetologist at Allied Skilled Nursing Center and is employed by Vincenzo's Pizzeria. The couple resides in Scranton, Pa.

**David Solfanelli '02** was recently honored as one of the "Top 20 Under 40" by the Northeastern Pennsylvania Business Journal.

**Terra Steele '02** had an art showing at the Bog during a First Friday in Scranton, Pa.

**'03 Sarah Kubrick Litz**  
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Simpson, PA 18407  
[sarahkubrick@hotmail.com](mailto:sarahkubrick@hotmail.com)

**Ronald Kelley, Jr. '03** and Tracy VanLuvenden were married on October 5, 2007. Ronald and Tracy are both employed by the commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The couple resides in Taylor, Pa.

**Janet Kuhlthau Lawrence '03** was recently married and is working on her New Jersey teacher certification at Rider University.

**Kathryn "Katie" Schmicking '01/'03** received a master's of arts in teaching from New Jersey City University in Jersey City, N.J. on May 14, 2008.

**'04 Bre Albertson Reynolds**  
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**Tressa Mellow Bargella '04** and Todd Bargella were married July 26, 2008. Tressa is a kindergarten teacher at Valley View School District and is the varsity football cheerleading coach. Todd is an administrative officer for the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission. The couple resides in Eynon, Pa.

**Carolyn Mecca Chupko '04** and **William Chupko III '03** have two children, Angelina and William. Carolyn is an adjunct accounting instructor at Keystone.

**Chris Davis II '04** and Margaret "Maggie" Langan were married on August 30, 2008 at St. Patrick's Church, Scranton, Pa. Chris is employed by Lackawanna County Juvenile Probation and is a baseball coach at Lackawanna College and West Scranton Legion Post 920. Maggie is a biological product associate in vaccine sales at Sanofi Pasteur. The couple resides in Clarks Green, Pa.

**Collen Farry '04** is working as an interior architect at The Palumbo Group, Scranton, Pa. She recently curated an architecture exhibition at Marywood University.

**Kira Demianovich Holeva '04** and her husband Mark announce the birth of their son, Nicholas, on October 28, 2008.

**Ryan Patrick Joyce '04**, a second-year Chrysler automotive designer, is the lead interior designer on the 2009 Chrysler Show Car.

**Kim Lowe '04** and **Mike Deitzer '07** are engaged. Kim was also recently promoted to behavioral specialist and mobile therapist for Family Enrichment Center.

**Heather Brunozzi Milewski '04** and Frank Milewski were married October 17, 2008. Heather is a sixth grade science teacher at Pocono Mountain School District. Frank is employed by Lockheed Martin. The couple resides in Jessup, Pa.

**Amanda Wheeler Roe '04** was married in April 2007. She has two daughters, Mackenzie (4) and Leah (6 months). Amanda is currently an executive/human resources assistant at Barnes Kasson Hospital.

**'05 Charmaine Walker**  
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**Karen Wilcox**  
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**Julia Mariani '05** was engaged and is planning a wedding.

**Abby McClain '05/'08** just celebrated the birth of her son, Owen.

**Jessica Barone Rabel '05** and Dale Rabel were married on September 15. Jessica is a substitute teacher at Mid Valley Elementary Center. Dale is a building automation field specialist at NRG, Harrisburg, Pa. The couple resides in Peckville, Pa.

**Karen Potter Wilcox '05** recently joined the Keystone College Alumni Board of Directors. She hopes to help keep the Towanda students in touch with the College and classmates.

**'06 Linda Priestner**  
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**Elizabeth DeMarco '06** and Joseph Vohar were married on July 11, 2008 at the Inne of the Abingtons, Dalton, Pa. Elizabeth and Joseph are both employed by Anne Arundel County Public Schools. The couple resides in Swoyersville, Pa.

**Colette Hughes '06** was named 2008 Woman Entrepreneur of the Year on October 21, 2008. Colette is the proprietor of Colette's Clean with Care. Her company has been in business for about 10 years servicing residential and commercial.

**Amanda Yerke Jones '06** and AJ Jones were married August 9, 2008. Amanda is an international accountant at UPS Supply Chain Solutions. AJ is a reservist in the Army and is employed by Northeast Eagle Distributors. The couple resides in Clarks Summit, Pa.

**Jon Kojtek '06** and Camille Frye were married December 27, 2008. Jon is employed by Holsum Butter Krust Baking Co. and Camille is a catering manager at Cooper's Seafood House. The couple resides in Scranton, Pa.

**Jeremy Pierson '06** and **Jessica West '08** announce their engagement. Jeremy is a grounds technician and pitching coach for the baseball team at Keystone College. Jessica is the annual fund coordinator at Keystone College. A fall wedding is planned.

**Dominick Siciliano '06** and Patricia Uher were married on May 31. Dominick is employed by Prudential Financial and Patricia is employed by First National Community Bank. The couple resides in Scranton, Pa.

**'07 Shannon O'Connor**  
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Towanda, PA 18848  
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**Krystal Ceccarani Blepp '07** and Robert Blepp, Jr. were married September 13, 2008 on Keystone's campus. Krystal is an office manager for Core Rehabilitation. Robert is owner of Image One Landscaping. The couple resides in Dunmore, Pa.

**Evan Brandt '07** and Elizabeth Garvey were married. Evan is manager of Miller's Country Store and Elizabeth is a cosmetologist at Lox Unlimited. The wedding was September 20.

**Harry Brown '07** is attending graduate school at Hood College in Maryland to obtain his MBA.

**Mike Deitzer '07** and **Kim Lowe '04** recently announced their engagement.

**James Dougherty IV '07** has joined the district staff of Congressman Christopher Carney as veteran's outreach and advocacy coordinator through the House Wounded Warrior Fellowship Program. The program was established to create fellowships that will provide employment opportunities for wounded or disabled veterans within the House of Representatives.



**James Galvin '07** and Jacquelyn Borthwick were married October 11, 2008. James is an associate in the retirement services division of Prudential Financial and is the Old Forge, Moosic and Taylor sports writer for *The Triboro Banner*. Jacquelyn is a graphic designer, writer and editor in the office of college marketing and advertising at King's College and the Avoca and Duryea community news columnist for *The Sunday Dispatch*.

**Jennifer Rohwedder '07** celebrated the birth of her daughter, Natalie Colleen Brunson, on September 30, 2008.

**Nicholas Roscioli '07** and Brenda Melucci were married on December 5, 2008. Nicholas is an accountant at Rapid Pallets, Jermyn Pa. Brenda is a county caseworker for Luzerne County Children and Youth, Wilkes-Barre. The couple resides in Old Forge, Pa.

**Sara Schmidt '07** and Jason Shilinski are engaged. Sara is pursuing a degree in nursing at Broome Community College and Jason is employed by BAE Systems, Johnson City, N.Y.

**Mark Yazinski '07** and Nicole Hetsko were married November 1, 2008. Mark is a technical analyst at First National Community Bank. Nicole is a teller services supervisor for Fidelity Bank. The couple resides in Dunmore, Pa.

**Jeffrey Zelno '07** and Jennifer Black announce their engagement. Jeffrey is a systems administrator for Guardian Warranty Corp., Avoca, Pa. Jennifer is a tech support analyst for Siemens Business Solutions, Clarks Summit, Pa. The wedding is set for July 25, 2009.

**'08 Sonya Metzger**  
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**Timothy Bachak '08** and Aimee Gillard were married May 17. Timothy is a partner in the accounting firm of Daniel Bachak. Aimee is employed at Scranton Counseling Center. The couple resides in Mayfield, Pa.



**Timothy '08 and Aimee Bachak.**

**Tiffany Britton '08** recently worked with the Broadway show "Ain't Misbehavin" and had the chance to meet Ruben Studdard.



**Tiffany Britton '08 and Ruben Studdard.**

**Kayleigh Dzik '08** started the graduate program at Marywood University and is furthering her studies in communications.

**Deserae Gondella '08** and Cliff Malone were married. Deserae is employed by Allied Services and Nicholas Chomko Funeral Home. Cliff is employed by United Communities. The couple resides in Scranton, Pa.

**Abby McClain '08** just celebrated the birth of her son, Owen.

**Kimberly Charney Serge '08** and Stephen Serge were married. Kimberly is a substitute teacher in the Abington Heights School District and Stephen is self-employed. The couple resides in Clarks Summit, Pa.

**Jessica West '08** and **Jeremy Pierson '06** announce their engagement. Jessica is the annual fund coordinator at Keystone College. Jeremy is a grounds technician and pitching coach for the baseball team at Keystone College. A fall wedding is planned.

## In Memoriam

- '36 Helen Davies Ward, Dec. 31, 2008
- '36 Elinor Cairns Gentilman, Jan. 9, 2009
- '38 Richard W. Fish, May 30, 2008
- '38 William W. Davis, Sept. 2, 2008
- '39 James R. Wilson, July 15, 2008
- '39 Charlotte Post James, Aug. 18, 2008
- '39 Mary Smithing Adams, Aug. 1, 2008
- '39 Carl R. Butler, Dec. 23, 2008
- '43 Eleanor Yevitz Haselhuhn, Oct. 13, 2008
- '44 Mary Holmes, Dec. 1, 2008
- '44 Anthony R. Cognetti, Sept. 19, 2008
- '44 Florence M. Cook, Oct. 22, 2008
- '45 Rosemarie Ross Kearns, July 15, 2008
- '47 Clemence J. Bugno, Jan. 20, 2009
- '47 Ethel Gerlock Lentz, July 10, 2008
- '48 David E. Samuel, June 9, 2008
- '49 Joseph H. Kochan, Nov. 26, 2008
- '49 Frederick Breda, May 1, 2008
- '49 John C. Heal, Jan. 15, 2009
- '50 Joseph J. Krushinski, Oct. 3, 2008
- '51 Ellis F. Riebel, June 10, 2008
- '53 Calvin S. Smith, Aug. 25, 2008
- '53 Allan E. Granger, Nov. 27, 2008
- '54 Bruce E. Carey, Aug. 7, 2008
- '55 William A. Fairchok, Dec. 24, 2008
- '56 J. Jones, Dec. 8, 2008
- '57 James E. Crider, Aug. 27, 2008
- '62 Lila Smith Capano, May 2, 2008
- '62 William S. Kinzer, Jr., July 23, 2008
- '68 Sallyann Price Mariani, Nov. 3, 2008
- '69 Jean Swartz Lombardo, Aug. 1, 2008
- '69 Cynthia Resseguie Benjamin, Sept. 30, 2008
- '71 Leland E. Greene, III, Aug. 14, 2008
- '71 Larry Toth, Aug. 28, 2008
- '72 Gerald T. Babarsky, May 10, 2008
- '76 Sharon Rozelle Harvey, Dec. 30, 2008
- '78 Cheryl Guszick, June 7, 2008
- '87 Linnea C. Priestner, Sept. 28, 2008
- '89 Beverly Bowshier Fife, Jan. 23, 2009
- '90 Edward Cameron, Oct. 1, 2008
- '92 Wendy Cotter, Sept. 22, 2008
- '93 Christopher J. Capitano, July 19, 2008
- '03 Stephen Krajewski, Dec. 1, 2008

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## upcoming events

### June 4

Lehigh Valley Alumni Happy Hour,  
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### June 18

Alumni Career Workshop,  
Hibbard Campus Center, Keystone College

### July 11

Class of 1983 Reunion

### July 18

Alumni Day at Sno Mountain Water Park,  
Moosic, Pa.

### August 17

Keystone Open Alumni Golf Tournament,  
Glen Oak Country Club, Clarks Summit, Pa.

### September 16

Lancaster Area Alumni Luncheon  
The Pressroom, Lancaster, Pa.

### September 24

Alumni Chef's Table,  
Hibbard Campus Center, Keystone College

### October 3

Finger Lakes Wineries Bus Trip

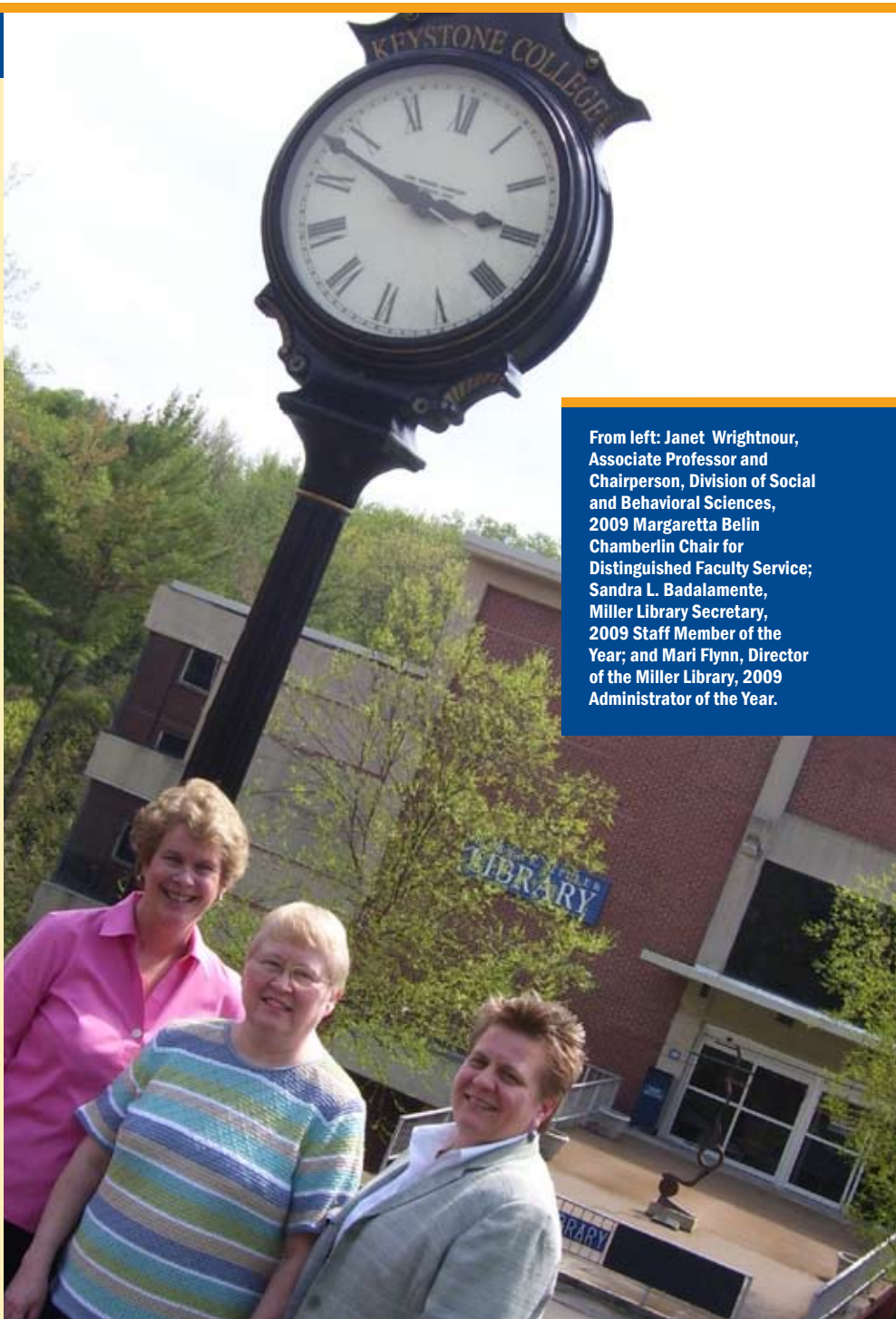
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From left: Janet Wrightnour, Associate Professor and Chairperson, Division of Social and Behavioral Sciences, 2009 Margareta Belin Chamberlin Chair for Distinguished Faculty Service; Sandra L. Badalamente, Miller Library Secretary, 2009 Staff Member of the Year; and Mari Flynn, Director of the Miller Library, 2009 Administrator of the Year.