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Chancellor Melanie Hatch was welcomed onto the field along with alumni of the campus baseball team. An alumni reception for past players was held at Showers Field on April 17.

Greetings from the Chancellor's Office!

We have wrapped up another academic year on campus, and with it, a range of accomplishments that make 2015-16 worth celebrating. Some of the most notable accomplishments this year are those made by our student athletes, and I invite you in this issue of *College Place* to learn more about how these individuals have pushed themselves to succeed both in their sport, and in the classroom.

Our baseball team, in the first year we have offered the sport since the 1990's, made it all the way to the Small College World Series this year...a monumental achievement for a team assembled from the ground, up, just months before their season started. And our wrestling team claimed first place titles in both the Penn State University Athletic Conference and the United States Collegiate Athletic Conference this season. This with Ty Hanes taking the individual wrestling championship in the National Collegiate Wrestling Association. These are no small feats for teams from a small campus.

Additionally, we have had numerous athletes from each program receive honors for All-Conference Teams, player of the year, and more.

What this says about our student athletes goes far beyond their performance on game day. Studies have shown that students who are involved in sports programs achieve better grades, and are more likely to stay in school and complete their education. Sports schedules provide added structure for athletes, helping them to stay focused on what is important. Furthermore, the discipline it takes to stay competitive on the field is carried over to the classroom, where student athletes pursue their studies with more enthusiasm. So, we are proud to offer all of these programs that can help our students to achieve success both in the classroom, and in the sports they're passionate about. It is one more way we strive to provide a well-rounded education that is accessible to anyone here at Penn State DuBois.

In closing, I want to mention that this will be the last letter from me to appear in *College Place*. As you'll have the opportunity to read on page 11, I have accepted a position as provost at Middle Georgia State University. It was a difficult decision to leave this campus, but this will allow me to move much closer to my family, which is of utmost importance to me. I would like to thank each of you in the Penn State DuBois community for helping to make my time here meaningful and memorable.

We Are...

Melanie Hatch, Ph.D.
Chancellor and Chief Academic Officer



Baseball Team Makes Small College World Series, Sets Bar High in First Season



Head baseball coach
Tom Calliari.

When Coach Tom Calliari first started to recruit for the new Penn State DuBois baseball program in 2015, he set some seemingly lofty goals. Calliari's team would be the first one at Penn State DuBois since the campus baseball program was eliminated in 1993 due to budget issues at that time. Working from the ground, up to rebuild the program and bring together a team that had never before taken the field together, the coach remained optimistic.

"My expectations are simple. I want to go to the USCAA Small College World Series. That's our goal," Calliari said as their first spring season kicked off in March. "It will be a challenge for us, but we can do this. It's a possibility."

That expectation became a reality this season when Penn State DuBois took Fifth Place in the United State Collegiate Athletics Association (USCAA) Small College World Series in Great Falls, New York held May 8, through May 12. Along the way this season, DuBois also claimed the Penn State University Athletic Conference (PSUAC) Championship, three players also achieved All-American honors, several were named to All-Conference teams, and Calliari himself was named the PSUAC Coach of the Year.

"It definitely takes a village of people to establish and create this success," Calliari said. "We recruited a different type of player; we recruited character first. With these guys, these leaders, people bought into the team and they really helped us out and supported us. We couldn't have done this without that support. The dedication and commitment of many people, not just a few, got us here. There were countless hours in practice, recruiting, game day activities, everything. I wish I could pin-point one thing. I can't."

"Last fall 22 young men who didn't know each other came together for the first time as a team. Over the course of the last nine months, this group bonded and in their first season made it to the USCAA Small College Baseball World Series," said assistant coach Aaron Peters.

DuBois fell to Cincinnati-Clermont 4-0 on day four, ending their tournament run, and lost to Rochester College 2-0 in their first game. However, the DuBois men sandwiched two World Series wins in between, besting Penn State Beaver 4-3, as well as Wright State – Lake Campus 3-2.

It would be the College of St. Joseph's Vermont who would claim the USCAA Championship on day four, with a 14-3 victory over Cincinnati-Clermont.

The DuBois Lions won 15 straight conference games this year, setting their PSUAC record at 17-3, and 23-15 overall.

All conference players, second team, this season were Dan Bowman, Garrett Brown and Clayton Butler, with honorable mention going to Brandon Gettig. All-American players, second team in the USCAA were Dylan Womer, Dan Bowman and Anthony Caruso.

With the bar set high this season, Coach Calliari is already looking to move it even higher in the year to come. He said, "With the exception of two or three guys, we have everyone coming back next year, and 10-12 new guys, this is going to make us even better next year. We're going to push everyone to compete and be better. It's very exciting stuff for next year. We're proud of our efforts this year, but we're certainly not satisfied. We met our expectations of making the World Series, but we want it all. We got a taste and now we want more." ▾



All-American players, second team in the USCAA, Dylan Womer, Dan Bowman and Anthony Caruso.



Above: The Penn State DuBois baseball team prepares to take the field before a game.

Left: Coach Calliari keeping players motivated on the field.



Students Discover Service, Culture and Themselves on Alternative Spring Break in the Navajo Nation

With her hand extended before her, fingers outstretched and spread apart, Melissa Woody asked a group of students from Penn State DuBois to replicate her gesture with their own hands.



Melissa Woody, Navajo Nation site director for Amizade Global Service Learning, explained to students the notion that individuals from all backgrounds are “five-fingered people.”

“We are all five-fingered people,” Woody said, demonstrating the equality in all people, regardless of ethnic background, religion, or financial status. “In Navajo tradition, we learn that we are all the same. We are all five-fingered people.”

Woody, a Navajo woman with a passion for educating others about her culture, is the Navajo Nation site director for Amizade Global Service Learning. Amizade, based in Pittsburgh, is an organization dedicated to service learning and cultural education that brings volunteers together with opportunities such as those on the Navajo Nation. She accompanied students throughout the week during service and cultural learning experiences, and guided them on visits to landmarks such as the Grand Canyon and Newspaper Rock, and helped to organize educational lectures on Navajo culture, language and government.

Woody and the 22 Penn State DuBois students made their introductions on the campus of Grey Hills High School, near Tuba City, Arizona, on the Navajo Nation. The students spent the week of their spring break living in a dormitory once used for boarding Grey Hills students. This became a home and basecamp for the group on a journey that opened opportunities for learning much more about Navajo culture, and putting those five-fingered hands to work completing service on the reservation.



Students performing various tasks during service work at Kaibetoney Ranch.



Sheep on the ranch.

Students served residents of the Navajo Nation in a variety of ways. They constructed outbuildings, repaired a corral and other structures on a sheep ranch, split and stacked firewood, and helped to build a traditional Navajo log home, known as a hogan, which one resident will live in. They also helped to build sweat lodges, and had the opportunity to participate in a Navajo sweat lodge ceremony. In ways like this, the students not only served with physical work, but in many cultural ways as well, which was most important to those living on the reservation.

As Woody and others explained, the Navajo today feel the most important service anyone can provide to them is to tell their story and help their culture to continue to thrive.

“Service is not always about doing what needs done; service is being in the moment with who you are with,” Woody said. “It’s a different perspective sharing things with someone from my own culture, versus sharing things with an Anglo person. If an Anglo person is to come here and be on the land and know our culture, they also learn things about themselves. When they go back, they go to a completely different environment, and I hope I can influence some people who can help to preserve what we have.”



A View of Kaibetoney Ranch.



The Penn State DuBois Alternative Spring Break Team for 2016 at Slide Rock State Park near Sedona, Arizona.

In front, left to right: Julianne Inzana, Emily Gerew, Alaina Shaffer, Courtney Patterson, Sarah Snyder, Juliana Vokes, Linsey Mizic, Aaron Angstadt, Josh Sanko, Zach Wood, and Ryan Lingle.

In back, left to right: Staff Group Leader Steve Harmic, Staff Group Leader and ASB Organizer Marly Doty, Amber Siverling, Amanda Butler, Kristy Hanes, Sadie Viglione, Emi Brown, Jacob Skubisz, Tamera Anthony, Alaina Stiles, Lauren Johnson, Colleen Mulhollan, and Justin Heasley.

Woody cheerfully imparted lessons on Navajo culture throughout the week. The 41 year old mother perpetually wore a smile, and warmly imparted to students lessons about life in the Nation. Students quickly learned that time slows down here, if it is existent at all to the Navajo, who lightheartedly refer to their relaxed attitude about schedules as running on “Indian Time.” It has been no worry at all to the rancher at the service site that work started an hour late, or that more supplies were needed to build one of the outbuildings, setting construction back a couple of hours while a trip to the store was made. When life on the reservation goes in an unexpected direction the Navajo simply say, “Okay, good.” The phrase, used often, neatly sums up the ideal that worrying about things one cannot change is wasted time, or alternatively, to appreciate what you have. It also reminds people about another strong Navajo belief: take care of yourself.

“You cannot take care of others if you do not first take care of yourself,” Woody explained. “If you need to rest, rest. Take care of yourself. Do things that make you happy.”

This philosophy had an impact on Penn State DuBois student Amanda Butler, who said, “I thought I went to the Navajo Nation to provide service and grow as an individual, and as a group. Not until I was there did I realize I was there to learn to take care of shí (me). The Navajo people live a lifestyle that stresses the importance of taking care of yourself first, so that you can then take care of others. In our culture, this is something that is easily forgotten throughout our busy lives. During this trip, I feel the Navajo people helped me far more than I could have ever offered them, and I hope that by taking care of myself I can be as giving and thoughtful as they are.”

Penn State DuBois Assistant Director of Student Affairs Marly Doty planned and organized this service trip, and led students

at the Navajo Nation for the week. She said, “This year students were immersed in the Navajo culture and challenged to juxtapose this culture with their own. These students left with hopes of changing someone else’s life and returned home ultimately finding a new lens on the world around them.”

Doty noted that this year marks the ninth annual Alternative Spring Break trip for Penn State DuBois since she instituted the trips at the campus. To date, over 150 students have participated in the program over the years. Doty went on to explain the enrichment such experiences bring to education. She said, “These experiences are essential to education as they provide engaged scholarship opportunities for our students. I could lecture them about civic responsibility and they’d forget; however, when I show them and engage them in the process, it’ll stick with them as they develop further into adulthood. For many students these experiences prove as turning

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The Grand Canyon.

points for them in their personal and academic development. Moreover, the bonds our students forge last a lifetime as they develop a safe place to understand the world we live in and where they fit.”

Many of those bonds were formed this year on Kaibetoney Ranch, a 40 acre home site in a picturesque canyon in the Arizona desert. Lawrence Kaibetoney operates the ranch, nestled between sheer, red cliffs, and embodies the centuries-old Navajo tradition of raising sheep on this land. The ranch has been in his family since the 1800’s, but it is and will always be reservation property. It is leased to Kaibetoney by the federal government in an agreement that must be renewed every 25 years.

Kaibetoney is a tall, thin, fatherly Navajo man. His long, jet black hair, accented on the sides with just a hint of grey, is neatly tied back at all times. He is a born teacher who wears a quiet wisdom comfortably, with no energy wasted on extra words or unnecessary luridness. His movements are deliberate. Every word has purpose. An approving look from his eyes is incredibly warm, and his smile is infinitely kind, but these gestures are bestowed only upon those who care to honestly earn them.

“It takes a lot of hands to run this ranch,” Kaibetoney remarked during a

conversation in the shade of his front porch. “There is always something to do. The help is good to have.”

Kaibetoney has spent the day making his rounds among the different groups of students performing work on his ranch. He has offered helpful advice for completing their tasks, as well as encouragement to each group, assuring them they’ve done well. As he takes a seat on the porch, it becomes clear that any bent nail or crooked fence post placed by the new and inexperienced ranch hands is of little concern to him.

“It’s a help when you’re teaching somebody, it’s not always about what you get out of them,” Kaibetoney said. His thoughts, reflecting those Woody also shared, brought into focus the deeper motivation the Navajo people have for hosting service groups - to pass along their traditions, to help young people make memories that they will share with others, and to assure the world continues to care that there are people in the West called Navajo.

“I heard a student say they want to build a sweat lodge when they get back home. It makes me feel good,” Kaibetoney said with a smile.

The sweat lodge, in fact, was one of the most impactful experiences students had



Students performing various tasks during service work at Kaibetoney Ranch.

on the trip. Separated by gender, men and women went for the sweat in different lodges located on Kaibetoney Ranch. The sweat lodge the men used was a wood framed structure covered in earth. The women used a wood frame hut covered in blankets. It is completely dark inside the sweat lodge when the door is closed. Rocks are heated in a fire for hours, then carried into the lodge with stone forks. Sage or cedar is added to boiling water, and the water is poured over the hot rocks, creating and intensely aromatic steam.

The sweat lodge for the Navajo is a sacred ceremony with layers of meanings. Rounds of several minutes to a half hour each are separated by time out of the lodge to lay on the ground and welcome Mother Earth. Each round represents something different. The first round is representative of one’s birth, bringing one’s self back into the womb and being born again from the lodge. In subsequent rounds, participants pray for health for themselves, their family, and so on. It is also purported to be a healing exercise, causing those in the lodge to sweat toxins from their body, and with them, negative energy from their mind and spirit. Pitch black; wet; extremely hot; the sweat lodge can be a grueling physical experience, and enormously taxing on the psyche.



Students performing various tasks during service work at Kaibetoney Ranch.

“The heat made me focus on myself and block out everything else other than what was presently happening,” said student Josh Sanko.

Zach Wood said, “I definitely left the first round as a new person.”

The reward comes in the end, with a feeling of euphoria brought by relief of leaving the claustrophobic lodge and the suffocating heat. Reward also comes from one knowing they were strong enough to endure the sweat lodge.

Kaibetoney left the lodge each time behind the students he shared it with, and would lay upon the ground silently for several minutes in deep reflection. Students made it clear that the ceremony was an incredible experience for them. Kaibetoney spoke of his pride in being able to share this tradition; perhaps noting a small victory in the battle to sustain the old ways.

Back on the porch, discussion about preserving tradition continued.

“The dominate culture is, well, dominating,” Kaibetoney said. “It’s taking over. A lot of kids would rather go to the skate park or watch videos than to live at sheep camp.”

He said, however, some of that change is necessary. Of the some 300,000 recorded Navajo, only about half of them live on the 27,000 square mile reservation, which occupies parts of Arizona, Utah and New Mexico.

“It can be good for some natives to take advantage of the Anglo culture,” Kaibetoney said. “Some move away, go to school, become doctors and lawyers, or welders. That’s good. The reservation can’t support all 300,000 Navajo. It’s good to find that balance,” he concluded, noting that an individual’s genes must be at least 50% Navajo in order to qualify for status as an official tribe member.

For those who stay, it is a choice and a preference to live in the old ways. Kaibetoney said something that does not translate well between Navajo and Western cultures is that visitors often seek to “help” those who live modestly at sheep camps or other areas, believing they need help at all. In the process, a traditional way of life is whittled away. He said, “In a cultural sense, that’s how it has been all these years. Some

say, ‘Oh, those poor people, they have no running water and no electricity,’ but to them, they’re happy. They have no bills; no house payment. They are happy and that’s up to them.”

Spending time on the reservation among the people who thrive so completely in the old ways made it clear to students that, to some Navajo, the correlation between happiness and a simple life is an undeniable truth.

Student Linsey Mizic said, “They’re so happy living the way they do. They don’t see it as poor. They have all they need. They have all they want. It’s the life they know.”

Instead, many Navajo are more interested in telling their story. The story of their people and their culture. Though, it is a culture so deep and full of intricacies that a week on the reservation cannot scratch the surface. Everything the Navajo do has meaning. Every gesture has purpose.

Kaibetoney produces a folding knife from his pocket and locks the blade open. He grasps the knife by the handle with the blade pointing outward. “The way you hold a knife can be extremely offensive in my culture,” he explained. “What does it look like I’m going to do? Attack? Yes? If someone walked into a room, event innocently, and was holding a knife like this, it could be taken very poorly.”

The meaning in each small gesture, or the intricate story behind every song is something the Penn State DuBois students were impressed with. But they mostly marveled over the way every Navajo knew those stories. Nobody in their culture worships or attends a ceremony or sings a song only because their upbringing drilled routine into their core; they do it because the true reasons for doing it were carefully explained to them since childhood.

Kaibetoney added, “One song could take half the night to explain; it’s origin, it’s meaning. Navajo is no fad, it’s a way of life.”

And for those who visit the reservation, taking away just fractions of that way of life, or inspiring others to take an interest in it, is the greatest service they can provide.

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“These students will leave here and go back to their classes. But they will think about the sweat lodge they built; the hogan they built; the hike they took. At least I hope they will,” said Kaibetoney. “The most important thing is people just realizing that us Native Americans are still alive and thriving in the West. We are still here.”

Discovering ways to serve communities the way the people in those communities want to be served is what Amizade is all about. Amizade Participant Coordinator Bibi Al-Ebrahim joined the service groups at the Navajo nation for the week. She explained, “Amizade means ‘friendship’ in Portuguese. It’s about creating opportunities to bring people together, and we do it through service learning. The goal is not just to help a community, but also to exchange culture and form bonds that you otherwise would not have the chance to have if it weren’t for this experience.”

Amizade Program Assistant Julie Smucker added, “Meeting new people and learning new things is so enriching to the student experience. When you leave your comfort zone it’s easier to do that. When you step out of where you’re comfortable and broaden your world, there’s so much to learn.”

But the places that at the beginning of the week were outside of the students’ comfort zone, felt a lot more like home by week’s end. That’s exactly the way student Julie Vokes described the experience. She said, “After this week I realized home isn’t always a structure.

It’s sometimes the people you surround yourself with. I found my home here.”

Vokes’ sentiments were exemplified in the family-like atmosphere around Kaibetoney ranch after the days of service work there. Students were always welcomed to dinner at Kaibetoney’s house. Here they also had the opportunity to cook traditional Navajo foods. Tortillas were prepared over an open fire; mutton stew filled pots on the table. Fry bread, a deep-fried creation resembling an elephant ear or funnel cake, became a student favorite. Students cooked and ate alongside Melissa Woody, Lawrence Kaibetoney, his sister, his mother, and his friends who frequently dropped by for visits. Stories were shared around the fire. Laughs came easy. Memories were made.

“By doing all the things we do together you get to know everyone here on a completely different level than when we started this week, and I think that’s awesome,” said student Josh Sanko.

Student Aaron Angstadt agreed, saying, “After this trip I think we’ve all built such a bond that I trust all of you with anything now.”

Linsey Mizic added, “It’s hard being so far away from my family here, but it’s awesome when you find that family in other people that are here. It fills that void.”



Left to right, students Colleen Mulhollan, Jacob Skubisz, Linsey Mizic, Alaina Shaffer and Josh Sanko line pans with corn husks in preparation to bake traditional Navajo Cake.



Student and women’s basketball player Kristy Hanes bonded with 13 year old Mariah over the game they both love.



A lantern hanging on the porch at Kaibetoney Ranch.



The group gathered for dinner.

Just a few feet away from the porch and the tables filled with home cooked food, Woody's 13 year old daughter, Mariah, dribbled a basketball. She was seldom seen without a basketball under her arm. Penn State DuBois women's basketball players Mizic and Kristy Hanes seized the opportunity to play a big sister role and bond with Mariah over their common passion for the game. The three regularly shot hoops together either at the ranch, or on the court at Grey Hills. The Penn State women would also take turns playing Mariah one-on-one.

"I'm really glad I met Mariah. I'll miss her most when I get home," Hanes said. "We connected because of our love for basketball, and part of me really feels like I found a piece of myself way out here."

Each student found their own way to connect. They shared stories like the one Hanes tells about basketball. They found bonds with those they shared experiences with in the sweat lodge. They found satisfaction in service, and enlightenment in new culture. They found family in a place they had never before been, and in people they had never before met. As each work day closed with dinner around the fragrant fire of cedar logs, and the last golden rays of sun faded into an enormous, pink Western sky, one phrase naturally hung on the lips of many: "Okay, good."

This Alternative Spring Break experience was made possible by generous sponsorships by the Mengle Foundation, Bill and Nancy Allenbaugh, Johnson Motors, The Office of the Provost for Educational Equity, the Fraternal Order of Eagles #4454, and the Polish Citizens Club of DuBois. ▀



Left to right, Dustie Dahl and Diane Bradford of Farmers National Bank, present a \$3,500 check to Penn State DuBois Chancellor Melanie Hatch and Director of Development Jean Wolf.

Farmers National Bank, Phoenix Sintered Metals Support Youth Programs

Phoenix Sintered Metals, of Brockway, and Farmers National Bank, of DuBois, has contributed support of Penn State DuBois youth programs through a Pennsylvania state tax credit program. The Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program is administered by the Department of Community and Economic Development, and allows businesses to contribute to specified educational institutions in lieu of regular state tax payments. Specifically, EITC requires that businesses support scholarship funds for youth. Farmers has participated in the EITC program since the first year it was offered in 2001.

At Penn State DuBois, programs that benefit from these gifts include Kids in College and Math Options. Kids in College provides fun learning opportunities in reading, science, art, and more for thousands of youngsters. The main objective of the program is to increase students' interest and knowledge in the arts, science, and technology, and to provide challenging experiences which are not part of the regular school curriculum.

Math Options is designed to teach young girls how math skills apply to a variety of real-world situations and rewarding careers. The hope is that they stay interested in mathematics by learning about the opportunities and success that they can realize through its' use. The program is aimed at the specific seventh grade female demographic because statistics show that they are at the greatest risk for losing interest in these essential subjects. ▀



Left to right, Chancellor Melanie Hatch with representatives from Clearfield Bank & Trust, Assistant Vice President Clearfield Office Manager Cookie Jacobson, Pam Walsh, DuBois Office Manager, and President and Chief Executive Officer Michael J. Bibak.

Clearfield Bank and Trust Continues Commitment to Support

Clearfield Bank & Trust Company has made an additional gift of \$5,000 to the Clearfield Bank & Trust Company Scholarship at Penn State DuBois. The bank has pledged to make annual contributions to the fund, which will be distributed in its entirety to qualifying students each year.

This scholarship provides recognition and financial assistance to outstanding undergraduate students enrolled or planning to enroll at Penn State DuBois who have superior academic records and a need for funds to help cover their college expenses. In an effort to support those in Clearfield Bank & Trust's immediate area, students from Bedford, Blair, Centre, Clearfield, or Huntingdon Counties will be given first preference. ▶

Palumbo Charitable Trust Grows Scholarship Fund



Joe Palumbo, board member for the A.J. and Sigismunda Palumbo Charitable Trust, presents a check to Chancellor Melanie Hatch to support the Palumbo Scholarship at Penn State DuBois.

The A.J. and Sigismunda Palumbo Charitable Trust has donated an additional \$30,000 to a scholarship fund that will help students attain an education at Penn State DuBois. The fund, *The Palumbo Scholarship at Penn State DuBois*, was established in 2008 with a \$25,000 gift from the Palumbo Charitable Trust. To date, the trust has gifted \$300,000 to campus scholarship funds.

The scholarship is intended to provide recognition and financial assistance to outstanding undergraduate students enrolled, or planning to enroll at Penn State DuBois, who have a demonstrated need for funding. All students who have achieved superior academic records, or those who show promise of outstanding academic success, will be considered for funding from the scholarship. However, first consideration will be given to students from Elk County.

Joe Palumbo, an A.J. and Sigismunda Palumbo Charitable Trust board member said the trust was created by his late uncle, A.J. It helps to carry on the legacy of A.J., and his wife, Sigismunda.

A.J. Palumbo lived from 1906 until 2002, and amassed a fortune through hard work in the coal mining industry. Today, educational institutions, healthcare facilities, and youth organizations continue to benefit from his hard work through the A.J. and Sigismunda Palumbo Charitable Trust.

Each year, more than \$350,000 in scholarship dollars is awarded to Penn State DuBois students through over 50 individual scholarship funds. The scholarships established through the generosity of donors, with the assistance of the campus' Office of Development, help to assure an affordable and accessible education remains in reach for area students. ▶

Chancellor Hatch to Assume Position at Middle Georgia State



Chancellor Melanie Hatch

Penn State DuBois Chancellor and Chief Academic Officer (CAO) Melanie Hatch has announced that she has accepted the position of provost and vice president for academic affairs at Middle Georgia State University in Macon, Georgia. She will depart Penn State DuBois on July 8, beginning her new role in August.

As provost at Middle Georgia State, Hatch will oversee the development and implementation of new academic programs, sustain and grow existing programs, and provide leadership for faculty.

Hatch has been with Penn State DuBois since January of 2013. Her responsibilities have included operational management of the campus and strategic planning, as well as administration and development of academic programs. She also focused strongly on industry partnerships, bringing together area businesses with talented and educated campus interns and graduates to help fulfill the needs of the regional workforce.

Penn State Vice President for Commonwealth Campuses Madlyn Hanes said in a statement, “Over these last several years, the campus has advanced its academic portfolio and its athletics and student engagement programming. The campus has also distinguished itself in fundraising and volunteer service. We are grateful to Melanie for her contributions.”

Upon announcing her departure, Hatch told the faculty and staff of Penn State DuBois “This was a very difficult decision for me because I have thoroughly enjoyed working with all of you. This move means a great deal to me personally as it will allow me to be much closer to my family. I have learned a great deal during my time at Penn State DuBois. The breadth of opportunities that I have experienced here is phenomenal.”

Before coming to Penn State DuBois, Hatch was the founding dean of the College of Engineering and Business at Gannon University in Erie, PA. There, she oversaw the college’s six academic departments and a small-business development center. She led strategic

planning and positioning initiatives for the college, and focused on building partnerships with local leaders in business and industry. She also led efforts to help the university more effectively recruit, retain and advance women faculty in the STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) disciplines.

Hatch earned a doctoral degree in management science from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in 1994. She also earned a master’s degree in management science with a focus on operations research from the University of Dayton in 1989, and a bachelor’s degree in mathematics with a focus on computer science from Indiana University in 1983.

Ping Werner, professor of engineering, will serve as interim chancellor and chief academic officer while a search for Hatch’s successor is conducted. ▶

Wildlife Technology Students Continue Conservation Efforts at Area Lake

Efforts to sustain and increase wildlife species at an area lake are picking up this spring with a great deal of help from students in the Penn State DuBois Wildlife Technology Program. The students have partnered with the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission and the Jefferson County Conservation District to provide habitat development at Kyle Lake, a man-made body of water located in Washington Township, Jefferson County. Students recently helped Fish and Boat Commission workers place cat fish boxes, as well as turtle basking platforms in the lake. Both will provide necessary components of the habitat that are necessary for these species to thrive.



In front, left to right, Penn State DuBois Wildlife Technology Students Alec Baker and Teanna Kobuck cut section of corrugated pipe to be used in the construction of catfish spawning boxes, as other sections of the artificial habitat are loaded onto a pontoon boat behind them.

“This was historically a great catfish fishery,” said Mike Swartz, a Fish and Boat Commission habitat manager, and alum of the Penn State DuBois Wildlife Technology Program. “But something happened. Natural reproduction stopped. So, we are trying to create a good fishery again by providing artificial habitat.”

The habitat they’re providing are spawning boxes that create an environment the catfish require for natural reproduction. Swartz explained, “Fish like bass and perch don’t need a special place to spawn, but catfish need a cavity. They need a cavity to spawn and leave their eggs where they’re protected from predators and the environment. If they don’t have that, it just won’t work.”

The spawning boxes are placed in the water at three to five foot depths, Swartz added.

The basking platforms for painted turtles were built on campus at Penn State DuBois in September, and are now being placed at Kyle Lake.

The wooden structures will float on the water’s surface, but will be tethered in place to blocks dropped on the lake’s bottom.

“Turtles eat, then they climb out of the water and bask in the sun. They need this to thermo-regulate,” explained Swartz. “These also help the turtles avoid predators by giving them a place to bask out in the middle of the lake, instead of them being forced to go to the shore.”

Swartz said Kyle Lake has long been a popular recreational area, and that a decline in some species of fish and wildlife in recent years has resulted in decreased recreational opportunities, such as fishing. Declines are attributed to the fact that it is a man-made lake, lacking some of the habitat characteristics of natural lakes. Current efforts are aimed at changing that.

“This is the first year of a five year project including the turtle platforms, catfish boxes, and more,” Swartz said. “It seems like some populations have gone down, and we’re trying to get that back up and keep the anglers happy.”

Funding for the project has been provided by the Redbank Trust, and distributed by the Jefferson County Conservation District,

with the Fish and Boat commission and Penn State DuBois students carrying out the work at the lake thanks to that support.

“We’re just so happy to see the work to benefit the habitat and better Kyle Lake that will create more opportunity for recreation,” said district technician with the Jefferson County Conservation District Shawn Wessell.

“I’m so happy the students get to see these conservation partnerships in action,” said Senior Instructor of Wildlife Technology Keely Roen. “This is a real-world application of what they’re learning in the classroom. That’s what we do; that’s what the Wildlife Technology Program is all about.”

The real-world experience this project offers is something the students are grateful for. Anna Lindemuth of Tidioute, PA, and Samantha Stahr of St. Marys, PA, are both students in the Wildlife Technology Program who worked at Kyle Lake on Wednesday, but will also complete internships this summer with the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission, monitoring the catfish boxes they’ve helped put in place. The interns will log how extensively the boxes are used by fish, and the overall success of the project in terms of spawning rates. They’ll place GoPro cameras in the boxes in order to best monitor the fish with minimal intrusion to their habitat.

“I personally love the hands-on experience,” said Lindemuth. “Getting to also do an internship that is hands-on and to be able to put that on my résumé is just fantastic.”

Stahr added, “It’s just incredible. I never would have dreamt I’d have experiences like this in college, or in my life.”

The impact students are able to have on their world is also not lost upon them. Stahr said, “This feels very important. It’s especially important in these small towns and small areas like this. It’s a great way to get information out to people and inspire them to join in the work.”

Kyle Lake is a 165 acre body located just off of State Route 830, outside of the town of Falls Creek. ▶

Alumni Society Update with President Amy Fatula



Amy Fatula



Membership Matters

I would like to make my last letter as President of the PSU DuBois Alumni Society focus on membership and participation in the organization. Over the past several years we have seen our Alumni Society Board make great accomplishments in honor of and in support of the great DuBois Campus and alumni.

We have used our collective talents as a board over the past several years to engage the campus, community and alumni in scholarship fundraising, alumni networking, family-friendly events, student career networking, and promotion of our campus service area. We have been able to accomplish this with a small, but dedicated group of alumni and campus staff. As with all volunteer/service organizations, maintaining active membership is always a challenge. We are always actively seeking new PSU DuBois alumni to consider applying their personal dedication to PSU by becoming a society board member. Our board represents a wide range of area professionals. The opportunities for professional networking and lasting friendships are available for those who become involved.

Many are concerned that they do not have the time to “do one more thing.” Involvement in the PSU DuBois Alumni Society is what you make of it. You can be as involved as you want and are capable of doing. We meet four times per year as a board. This is the minimum commitment involved. As you are able, you can consider attending or chairing an event, participating in the PSU Homecoming Parade, attending the annual holiday social, having fun at the annual Winter Games Classic, or networking with students at the annual career events.

As we look ahead at the remainder of 2016, the alumni board continues to be engaged with and vital to the PSU DuBois campus. On Friday, May 6, we welcomed a new graduating class into the ranks of alumni. On the following day, Saturday, May 7, the alumni society sponsored an alumni reunion to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the Occupational Therapy Assistant program on campus. This event allowed alumni through the

past two decades to reconnect with each other and the campus.

I would like to thank all of the alumni and campus faculty and staff that have supported the PSU DuBois Alumni Society over the past two years during my term as president. I have been a member of the board since 2007, and I highly encourage others, who have a desire to support and serve the campus, to reach out and make their membership in the Penn State Alumni Association matter by joining us.

If board membership is not an option we encourage you to become engaged with the campus, faculty/staff, and students. We are continually offering opportunities on campus and in the surrounding communities. There are several ways to stay connected. You can contact the Alumni Relations Office at 814-375-4775, visit our webpage: www.ds.psu.edu/alumni, or like us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/duboisalumni> ▶



Student Courtney Mullins reacts to seeing the 17 inches of hair she just had cut off during the THON Hair Auction.

DuBois THON Team Shatters Record, Makes Top 10

This year the DuBois THON committee shattered their fund raising record and made it on the top 10 list of Penn State Commonwealth Campuses contributing to THON's total. The DuBois team raised \$22,274 toward this year's university-wide THON total of \$9,770,332. This put them at number nine on the list of Penn State Commonwealth Campus locations, the first time DuBois has ever made the top ten.

Steve Carns, of Clearfield, and Braden Neal, of Punxsutawney represented the campus as the official Penn State DuBois dancers from Friday, February 19, until Sunday, February 21 at the Bryce Jordan Center at University Park during THON 2016.

Each year, Penn State's dance marathon, THON challenges dancers to stay on their feet for 46 hours to raise money for the Four Diamonds Fund. The event's sole beneficiary, and a leader in the fight against pediatric cancer, the Four Diamonds Fund fills in the funding gaps that insurance leaves for the patients it serves, enabling families to focus on caring for their child. Because of large donors like THON, Penn State Hershey Hospital recruits world-class talent to continue innovative research, and to maintain and expand the state-of-the-art Children's Hospital.

In addition to being among the top ten Penn State locations to contribute to THON, the Penn State DuBois team also far exceeded the previous THON fundraising effort for the campus of \$17,000 set in 2014.



Penn State DuBois THON Dancers Braden Neal (left) and Stephen Carns at THON 2016.



Student Julianne Inzana had a portion of her hair clipped in the back in time to shave "FTK" into her hair for THON Weekend...For the Kids!

“It’s incredibly emotional. It’s amazing,” said campus Assistant Director of Student Affairs Marly Doty, who serves as advisor for the THON team and accompanies students to the event each year. “Our team this year was the total underdog. They were young, we had two first year dancers, and even had two canning weekends canceled. With all the challenges we had this year, they stuck to the mission and stuck it out ‘For the Kids’. I’m so incredibly proud of them.”

Students raise funds for THON in a variety of ways. They hold dinners, Bingo fundraisers, solicit donations, and more. The largest single fundraiser this year was a hair auction during the THON Dancer Sendoff Dinner on the Thursday evening before THON. A total of \$5,000 was raised between the hair auction, and a silent auction also held at the event. The hair auction allowed for bids to be placed to reach a reserve for each volunteer. When that amount was reached, the volunteer agreed to cut their hair for the cause. Those who agreed to the haircut were students Julianne Inzana, Courtney Mullins and Linsey Mizic, Mathematics Instructor John Tolle, and alumnus Eric Ehrensberger.

“The work that the Four Diamonds Fund does is priceless. I’m very glad to donate my hair for that,” Tolle said.

Students Mizik and Mullins made their hair donation work twice as hard, by not only raising money for THON, but by

deciding to also donate their hair to Wigs 4 Kids. The organization uses real hair to make wigs for children who have lost their hair due to chemotherapy treatments and other illnesses.

Mizik, who had 14 inches of hair cut off revealed that her dedication to this plan began years ago. She said, “When I was in ninth grade in high school I heard about THON. I decided then that I’d grow my hair until my senior year in college, and then donate it.”

Mullins had 17 inches of hair removed, and brought in the most money at the hair auction. Raising \$1700, she brought in \$100 for every inch of hair she donated.

“It means the world to me that I can help my peers raise this money and to work as a community to reach this goal,” Mullins said.

That community extends to faculty and staff members who support the cause, as well. Husband and wife team Tony Vallone and Jackie Atkins are both members of the English faculty at Penn State DuBois, and have supported THON in various ways for years. One way in which they show their support is to challenge others to donate by offering to match those donations through Vallone’s publishing company, Mammoth Books. This year, the efforts of the couple brought in more than \$3,000.

“I hope the University truly appreciates the efforts of our handful of students who

raised so much money for such a great cause,” said Atkins. “I give my time and donate to THON in large part because it is student-run. Students gain so much experience with fund-raising, organizing, publicizing, and so on, that cannot be replicated in the classroom. Also, a major part of a student’s education should involve making a positive difference for other people, and these students surely do.”

And for the dancers who spent their weekend giving it their all on the floor of the Bryce Jordan center, they would do it all again in a heartbeat.

“Four Diamonds is a fantastic charity geared towards fighting pediatric cancer,” Carns said. THON is important to this foundation because of the massive amount of funds that it excites people to solicit and donate. THON puts light on a very dark matter and presents such a positive face that people are happy to put forth their own efforts.”

Neal said, “Doing service for THON doesn’t feel like work; it’s so much more than that. You are with your friends raising money and giving all of yourself to the cause. Without THON, so much passion and energy would be lost in the cause.”

THON began in 1973, when dancers raised just over \$2,000. Today, it is the largest student-run philanthropy effort in the nation. ▶



Alumnus Eric Ehrensberger came away from the THON Hair Auction with a new look.



Mathematics Instructor John Tolle with just a little taken off the top.



Student Linsey Mizic proudly holds up the hair she sacrificed “For the Kids” during the THON Hair Auction.

Gary Alt Presents Umbaugh Lecture at Penn State DuBois

Gary Alt, former biologist for the Pennsylvania Game Commission, spoke at Penn State DuBois on March 31, as the 2016 Umbaugh Lecturer. Made possible by the generosity of Robert and Joyce Umbaugh, the Umbaugh Lecture brings highly qualified speakers in the fields of science and technology to the campus each year. It is free and open to the public.

Alt spoke about his experiences working in wildlife management and his career highlights since graduating from the first wildlife technology class at Penn State DuBois in 1972.

Alt worked as a wildlife research biologist for the Pennsylvania Game Commission for over 27 years, and for 22 of those years he led the statewide black bear research management program. He was head of the statewide deer research and management program for five years. During his tenure, Alt was responsible for launching some of the largest field studies in the country on black bears and white-tailed deer, and made some of the most sweeping changes to bear and deer management in the history of Pennsylvania.

With colleague Hal Korber, Alt produced a video on black bears that generated over \$1.5 million for the Pennsylvania

Game Commission and won five awards the International Wildlife Film Festival in Missoula, Montana. The two teamed up again and produced over 35,000 deer management videos that were distributed to the general public which were instrumental in an educational campaign to win support for major policy changes.

An active public educator, Alt has presented over 1,500 lectures to over 300,000 people during his career. He has been honored in Time Magazine as a Conservation Innovator and his work has been published in a variety of professional journals and featured in People Magazine, National Geographic World, Sports Illustrated, Readers Digest, National Wildlife, the Wall Street Journal, USA Today, New York Times, Philadelphia Inquirer, Washington Post and hundreds of other magazines and newspapers. Alt's work has also been given national television coverage by Good Morning America, CBS Sunday Morning News, National Geographic Explorer, and more. ▶



Alt is pictured with past and present faculty members from the campus Wildlife Technology Program as well as Umbaugh Lecture Organizers. Left to right are, Carrie O'Brien, Hoagy Schaadt, Umbaugh Lecture Chair Daudi Waryoba, Keely Roen, Alt, Sara Mueller, Emily Thomas, Joe Hummer, and Aaron Stottlemeyer.



Employers and jobseekers interacted during the Penn State DuBois Career Fair in the campus gymnasium.

Networking and Career Event Prepares Students for the Workforce

A unique career-exploration event at Penn State DuBois on April 6, gave students the opportunity to jump start their career planning. The Networking Luncheon and Professional Job Fair, held in the campus gymnasium, allowed students to meet and mingle with representatives from a nearly 40 local companies, as well as find out what kind of employment opportunities those companies currently offer.

At the luncheon, business representatives were seated with students whose major aligned with the education those businesses look for in potential employees. Wildlife Technology students sat with a wildlife biologist from the Pennsylvania Game Commission, business students sat with bankers and business owners, and so on. It gave the students the chance to interact with people already working in their fields of interest.

“Attending the Networking Luncheon is an investment in your future career,” said Anna Akintunde, career services coordinator at Penn State DuBois. “Networking is the most effective way of landing a job. It doesn’t matter whether you are a freshmen or a senior, it offers you the advantage of networking and building relationships that may lead to great opportunities whether that be an internship or a new job upon graduation. Students who have attended in the past have described the Networking Luncheon as not only a great way to connect with opportunities, but an excellent way to meet employers and talk more personally with them in a low-pressure and relaxed atmosphere. The job fair offers yet another opportunity for networking while also providing you the ability to gather field specific information in a time effective and less costly manner.”

Following the luncheon, employers and students moved to another part of the gym for the career fair, which was also open to members of the public who are seeking employment. Here, job seekers got

more formal information on companies and organizations who set up recruitment stations with information on what they have to offer.

John McIntosh, of DuBois is a returning adult student and veteran of the U.S. Navy majoring in Recreation, Parks and Tourism Management. He landed a summer internship at Penn’s Cave and Wildlife Park in Centre Hall during the luncheon, by networking with a representative from there. McIntosh said, “I came here to meet new people and interact, and showcase my experience to others. This is a good learning tool for young people, and good practice interacting with employers. Practice makes perfect.”

Fellow Recreation, Parks and Tourism Management major Devin Moore, of Curwensville, agreed. A veteran of the U.S. Army, Moore said events like this help students adjust. He said, “It really helps. I didn’t have to search for a job while I was in the army for eight years, so it’s kind of a new experience for me.”

Employers at the event say networking with possible employees is a welcomed benefit for them, as well. Mathew Gritzer, who was there representing Sykesville-based powder metal manufacturer, Symmco, said, “We have an aging workforce, with lots of retirements coming up. This will help us fill some of those openings.”

Akintunde said making contact at events like this is proven to produce results on both sides of the job market. She said that last year, 64 percent of students who attended this event felt they left with a potential job lead, while 76 percent left with a potential internship lead, and 79 percent of employers felt they had found a potential hire.

This event was sponsored by GKN Sinter Metals. ▀

Penn State DuBois Wrestlers Claim Titles at PSUAC /USCAA National Invitational

Row one: Joe Knarr, John Prentice, Brett Himes, Garrett Brown, Ty Haines, Jake Himes, Nate Rodgers.

Row two: Athletic Director Ken Nellis, Matt Humes, Deontay Wadley, Dennis Lumadue, Coach Dave Hoare, Devin Joiner, Bryce Hanley, Assistant Coach Joe Shields.

Through the 2015-16 Penn State University Athletic Conference and United States Collegiate Athletic Association National Wrestling Invitational, the Penn State DuBois wrestling team took home both the PSUAC as well as the USCAA Championship titles by dominating the competition on February 14, in Rec Hall.

DuBois, with 174 total points, took first over WVU Tech, who compiled 148.5 points. The Apprentice School was 3rd with 129 pts, and Alfred State claimed 4th place with 108 pts. Penn State Mont Alto was the closest finisher in the PSUAC standings, finishing in sixth with 60 points.

PSUD coaches Dave Hoare and Joe Shield put 7 wrestlers into the championship final, claiming 5 titles and 2 runners-up. Two other PSUD wrestlers placed 4th and 2 placed 5th to wrap up the scoring for DuBois. Champions included; Garret Brown (133 lbs), Devin Joiner (141 lbs), Ty Haines (149 lbs), Jake Himes (157 lbs), and Bryce Hanley (285 lbs). Placing second were John Prentice (165 lbs) and Dennis Lumadue (184 lbs). Overall PSUD wrestlers were very aggressive picking up 14 Falls and 2 Technical falls in the tournament.

This is the first year that PSUD has claimed the USCAA championship, overcoming past champions Apprentice School and WVU Tech for the title. DuBois has won the PSUAC title 4 of the past 5 years. ▶



Championship bout results:

- 125 lbs 1st Ty Boyd - Apprentice Dec 7-4 Ryan Thierman - Alfred State
3rd Denis Robles-Gomes - WVU Tech WB Fall Brett Himes - PSU DuBois
5th Ethan Livernash - Alfred State Forfeit Ben Doll - Penn College
- 133 lbs 1st Garrett Brown - PSU DuBois Dec 7-5 OT Aaron Bright - Apprentice
3rd Othneil Edmond - WVU Tech WB Fall Jacob Michael - Apprentice
5th Paul Gonzales - WVU Tech Dec 6-4 Michael Boyle - Alfred State
- 141 lbs 1st Devin Joiner - PSU DuBois WB TF 16-1 Mike Perdomo - PSU Fayette
3rd JB Holden - PSU Mont Alto Dec 4-0 Robert Pritt - WVU Tech
5th Austin Parker - Alfred State
- 149 lbs 1st Ty Haines - PSU DuBois Dec 10-4 Alex Gallagher - PSU Mont Alto
3rd Mason Replogle - Penn College WB Fall Pedro Tavares - PSU Fayette
5th Jephthe Juan Paul - WVU Tech WB Fall Chris Hercules - Apprentice
- 157 lbs 1st Jake Himes - PSU DuBois WB TF 18-0 Ethan Kenney - PSU Fayette
3rd Conrad Lacey - WVU Tech Dec 3-1 Tanner Leid - Penn College
5th Robert Saunders - Apprentice WB TF Tim Abbot - Williamson Trade
- 165 lbs 1st Clay Kocsis - PSU Mont Alto Dec 8-2 John Prentice - PSU DuBois
3rd Konner Kramer - Alfred State Dec 15-6 Chad Simmons - Apprentice
5th Joe Knarr - PSU DuBois Forfeit Jared Adam - PSU Mont Alto
- 174 lbs 1st George VanValen - Alfred State Dec 3-1 Colton Rowe - WVU Tech
3rd Dan Frankenfield - Penn College Dec 7-1 Deontay Wadley - PSU DuBois
5th Nathan Sisler - Alfred State Forfeit Alain Niyibizi - PSU New Kensington
- 184 lbs 1st Phil Marra - PSU New Kensington WB Fall Dennis Lumadue - PSU DuBois
3rd Ty Lehman - PSU Schuylkill Dec 7-4 Bradley Haggerty - Alfred State
5th Tyson Tillar - Apprentice Dec 6-1 Zain Ali - PSU Fayette
- 197 lbs 1st Terry Nance - WVU Tech Dec 13-6 Josh Rodriguez - Apprentice
3rd Austin Jacque - Williamson Trade Dec 7-4 Pat Fitzgerald - Penn College
5th Nate Rodgers - PSU DuBois
- 235 lbs 1st Riley Andrews - Alfred State Dec 8-4 Steven Francisco - Apprentice
3rd Noah Julian - WVU Tech WB Fall Andrew Renninger - WVU Tech
5th Shakeem Lassister - Apprentice Dec 6-4 Alyk Harris - PSU New Kensington
- 285 lbs 1st Bryce Hanley - PSU DuBois WB Fall Jon Boarman - WVU Tech
3rd Aldo Guisse - PSU Schuylkill Dec 6-4 Mitchell Lattuca - Alfred State
5th Devin Griffin - Apprentice WB Fall Ricardo Alvarez - PSU Mont Alto

Wrestler Ty Haines Wins NCWA National Championship

Ty Haines, Penn State DuBois' 149 pound wrestler, claimed the National Collegiate Wrestling Association (NCWA) National Championship at a tournament held March 10, 11, and 12, in Kissimmee, Florida. Haines took the championship with an 8-3 decision over Nick Cegelski of University of Southern California. Cegelski entered the final bout with a 26-0 record and was a 4-time NCWA All-American.

Haines got the opening takedown in just 16 seconds and rode out the period with a 2-0 lead. He continued his dominance on top in the second period and extended the lead to 6-0 before Cegelski got on the board midway through the third period. Haines held off Cegelski the last 20 seconds to secure the first NCWA Championship for Penn State DuBois.

Haines becomes the first NCWA Champion for the Penn State Athletic Conference. He finishes the season with a 28-8 record and earned All-American Honors. Haines wrestled much of the season at 165 and 157 pounds.

John Prentice also earned All-American honors placing 5th at 165 pounds. John was 5-2 at the Championships, he avenged

his quarter final loss by pinning Jarred Pratt (University of Montana Western) in the 5th place match. Prentice won 5 matches and lost 2 on the weekend.

As a team, Penn State DuBois finished in 5th place with 92.5 points. Winning the National Championship team title was Emmanuel College; 2nd was Grand Valley State; 3rd Central Florida; 4th Liberty University.

Coach Dave Hoare stated, "I am so happy for the two guys who earned All-American honors. Ty winning the title was incredible for him and our wrestling program. I am proud of the way the entire team competed; Jake Himes, Devin Joiner, Matt Humes were injured and they gave their best efforts. We have nine of the

guys returning next year, all have worked extremely hard this season, the future looks good for PSUD on the mats."

In accomplishing the 5th Place team finish, 12 of the 13 wrestlers scored points at the championships; an entire team effort. ▶

Records of team competitors:

125	Brett Himes 2-2
133	Garrett Brown 2-2
141	Devin Joiner 2-2
149	Ty Haines 5-0 Champion
157	Jake Himes 2-2
157	Matt Humes 2-2
165	John Prentice 5-2 5th Place All-American
165	Joe Knarr 2-2
174	Deontay Wadley 5-2
184	Dennis Lumadue 3-2
197	Nate Rodgers 0-2
235	Andrew Bigley 1-2
285	Bryce Hanley 2-2



Ty Haines takes the National Collegiate Wrestling Association National Championship in Kissimmee, Florida.



Megan Thomas

Thomas to Lead Softball Program at Penn State DuBois

A young, local talent has been selected to head up the newest athletic team to be added to the Penn State DuBois athletics program. Meagan Thomas, a DuBois Central Catholic graduate, will be the head softball coach. The team is set to start play in spring of 2017.

Ken Nellis, campus director of athletics said he is pleased with the selection of Thomas as the head softball coach. He said, "Meagan will bring energy and passion for the game as we build a program from scratch. She will be responsible for recruiting and building relationships with the high school softball coaches in the region; providing the finest players in the area and an opportunity to play college softball and get a world class education from Penn State DuBois."

Thomas will be busy recruiting, purchasing equipment, uniforms, and setting a non-conference schedule for the upcoming season.

Thomas said, "I am excited for the opportunity and look forward to the challenge of building a team from the ground, up. The community has a strong passion for softball and many of the surrounding high schools have talent that will make PSU DuBois a destination for them to play and earn their college degree." ▸



Tyler Woodward, PSUAC All-Conference Golfer.

Golf Team Finishes in PSUAC/USCAA Championships

The PSU DuBois Co-Ed golf team competed in the PSUAC / USCAA Championships October 12, and 13, at the Blue and White Courses at Penn State University Park. Lead by Coaches Vic Gearhart, Ron Cavaline, and Kevin O'Donnell, the PSUD co-ed golf team finished in fifth place with a two day score of 714. Leading scores at the PSUAC championships were Tyler Woodard (84,85), Kristy Hanes (87,89), Justin Quiggle (92,95), and Brandon Coraluzzo (88,100). Also rounding out the team scores were Justin Rock and Tom Fugate.

Winning the PSUAC championships was PSU Lehigh Valley with a two day score of 670; followed by Wilkes-Barre 682, Hazleton 698, Mont Alto 699, DuBois 714, and New Kensington 773. Schuylkill also had golfers in the competition, but failed to have four golfers score in the event so they did not figure into the team standings.

Special team recognition goes to Tyler Woodard who was named to the PSUAC All-Conference Team for his play all season and at the Championships. Also, receiving special recognition is Kristy Hanes for her performance in the classroom. Kristy received USCAA All-Academic Team honors for the second year.

The golf team will return several of the players to the squad for next season, they plan to build upon this season's performance. The coaches are recruiting high school seniors who have the desire to play golf at the collegiate level and earn a degree from Penn State University. With the commitment of the returning players and the coaches—the future looks bright for the PSUD co-ed golf team. ▸



The team at Disney World, left to right: Carley Boice, Tamera Anthony, Ty Haines, Stephanie Graham, Juliann Boddorf, Coach Kyle Gordon, Matt Humes, Joe Knarr, Justin Heasley, Matthew Burke.

Penn State DuBois Runners Compete at National Championship

On November 6, the Penn State DuBois Men's and Women's Cross Country teams had the honor of competing at the United States College Athletics Association's (USCAA) Cross Country Championships in Lakeland, Florida. This comes after one of the most successful seasons that Penn State DuBois has ever seen for their running program. Among their many accolades was Juliann Boddorf being crowned conference champion, Coach Kyle Gordon receiving the 2015 Coach of the Year Award, and each of the Lady Lion runners for DuBois winning All-Conference Honors. To top it off, Matthew Humes, Tamera Anthony, and Juliann Boddorf received All-Academic Team honors for the conference and Academic All-American status. These honors are awarded to athletes who are sophomores or higher and have a 3.7 GPA or higher. Representing the Penn State DuBois' running programs at the national championships were Juliann Boddorf, Stephanie Graham, Carley Boice, Tamera Anthony, Ty Haines, Justin Heasley, Matt Humes, and Joe Knarr.

The weekend started with an exciting opportunity for the athletes, as the legendary runner, Jim Ryun was the featured speaker for the dinner preceding the championship race. Jim Ryun is famous for being the first high school runner to run a mile under 4 minutes and held the world record for the fastest high school mile for 36 years. Ryun was a silver medalist in the 1500m run in the 1968 Summer Olympics. To date, he is the youngest male track athlete to have ever qualified for the Olympics.

The following morning, athletes were greeted with record high temperatures for November in Lakeland, FL. At 87 degrees with 70% humidity, the runners faced one of their most grueling races yet. Nearly a dozen runners from each of the men's and women's race required medical attention due to heat exhaustion. However, all of the athletes representing Penn State DuBois rose to the challenge and completed the race while maintaining their ranks among their conference and national competitors. The best overall finishers for the team were

Juliann Boddorf who came in 48th for the women and Ty Haines who came in 112th for the men

"Our athletes really made us proud this year. Though they performed great at nationals, I was most impressed by their sportsmanship," said Head Coach Kyle Gordon. "After the race, two of our runners stood over a competitor who was lying on the ground from heat exhaustion in an attempt to shade him from the sun. Meanwhile, other athletes of ours were getting water for the competitors who finished after them. As a coach, you can't be more proud of your athletes when they display that kind of class and sportsmanship."

Following the race, the runners made a stop at Walt Disney World to celebrate their accomplished season. "This was the best weekend I've ever had. The team is like a small family. I'm going to miss it," Matt Humes commented while reflecting on the weekend. ▀



PSUAC All-Conference Team Honorees for Penn State DuBois, left to right, Sam Roselli, Louie Conde and Tristan Pierce.

Basketball: Three Make All-Conference Team; Conde Named Player of the Year

The Penn State DuBois Men's Basketball Team has closed out the season with high honors. Three players have earned a place on the Penn State University Athletic Conference (PSUAC) All-Conference Team, in addition to DuBois' own Louie Conde being named PSUAC Player of the Year.

Conde, and teammate Sam Roselli both secured PSUAC First Team All-Conference Honors. Fellow player Tristan Pierce received honorable mention for the all-conference team.

A point guard, Conde grew up in Ewing, New Jersey, where he played basketball for Ewing High School. He graduated this May with his baccalaureate degree in Business. In addition to making PSUAC Player of the Year this year, he was named the United States Collegiate Athletic Association Player of the Week earlier this season. He was also the state finals MVP during his senior year of high school in 2011.

"It's an amazing feeling to know how much hard work I've put in since I was a little

kid, and to see it all pay off," Conde said of his honors.

Head coach Dylan Howard said, "Louie is one of the hardest working kids I have had the privilege to coach. In practice, off the court, in the class room, in game, he is always getting the most out of his talent. The player of the year award is well deserved as Louie had a great senior season. He played a key role into getting PSUD back into the playoffs."

Roselli is a junior majoring in Human Development and Family Studies from Ridgway, where he played for the Ridgway Area High School Men's Basketball Team. The 6' 5" center achieved a spot in the Penn State DuBois 1,000 Point Club this season, having scored his 1,000th point

during a home contest versus Penn State Lehigh Valley on February 7. He ended the season with a to-date college career total of 1,039 points, with his senior year on the team yet to come.

"Sam is building a great career at PSUD. He passed the 1,000 point career mark as a junior. We are looking forward to his senior season as I know he will work hard in the offseason to even better his game," Howard said. "He also deserved his first team all-conference selection as he not only scored but improved his rebounding from last year getting into the top ten in the conference."

Roselli said he takes pride in what he has achieved, though he would be most happy to see his entire team recognized. "Individual honors like this are always great to get for these types of accomplishments," He said, "I'd trade all of this in on a team championship any day, though. You always have to thank the guys around you."

A sophomore majoring in Administration of Justice, Pierce comes to Penn State DuBois all the way from Lancaster, Ohio, where he received special mention in his conference while playing for Lancaster High School. He also holds third place in that school's list of all-time three point shots made.

"Tristan is a good kid that does what is best for the team. We were 5-1 with Tristan coming off the bench. I think he matured over his sophomore year. Our league is deeper and more talented than I can ever remember, and receiving honorable mention all-conference is also an honor. We are looking forward to his next two years."

"It's a blessing," Pierce said. "It just comes from hard work and determination, and not letting a day go by without improving. Studying and basketball is all I do."

Pierce's point about studying and basketball indicates that both are of equal importance on his priority list. That sentiment rings true for all three players honored this year. Each of them spoke of how their involvement in athletics is a benefit to them academically, keeping them motivated and instilling a drive to succeed.

"It teaches work ethic and shows that if you want to be on top of everything, you can't slack," Conde said. "In the term student-athlete, student comes first."

Roselli agreed, saying, "It boosts everything; time management, motivation. It makes you have to think about your schedule."

Pierce said his athletic activities help him strive to always do his best. He said, "It puts an expectation there that you have to make a certain grade to even be eligible to play. Well, I don't want to just make it, I want to exceed it. I try to be the best at anything I do."

The Penn State DuBois Men's Basketball team ended the season 15-10 with a tough 94-77 loss to Greater Allegheny in the PSUAC Quarter Finals on February 17. ▶

Women's Basketball Wraps Season

The Penn State DuBois women's basketball team finished the season winning three of their final five games for an overall record of 9-13 and 6-8 in the PSUAC. The team finished one game out of the final PSUAC playoff spot. Coach Pat Lewis had his team playing their best basketball in January and February. Leading the team in Scoring were the trio of Melody Young (11 PPG), Kristy Hanes (10 PPG), and Kristen Williams (9.6 PPG). The 2016-17 team will only lose two of the current players, with the majority of the team returning, the future looks great for PSUD Women's Basketball.

The women's basketball team excelled in the classroom; with two players, Kristy Hanes and Juliana Vokes, earning USCAA Academic All-Americans. Overall in the conference the ladies had eight of the 12 players on the team receive All Academic honors from the PSUAC.

"Coach Pat Lewis always has stressed the importance of achievement in the classroom and this year's team was no exception," said Athletic Director Ken Nellis. ▶



Above: Juliana Vokes
Right: Kristy Hanes



*First Row: Left to right, baseball alumni Aaron Peters, Ron Yamrick, John Seachrist and his son Tyler, Todd Humphrey, Paul Roman, Bill Kozak
Back Row: Left to right, Chancellor Melanie Hatch with baseball alumni Roger Myers, Darren Morelli, Rawley Cogan, Tom Jones, Richard Levanduski, Jim Gutowski, Doyle Dressler.*



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Past Baseball Players Recognized at Game Day Alumni Reception

Several former players from throughout Penn State DuBois baseball history came out for an alumni reception during a double-header on April 19, hosted by Chancellor Melanie Hatch. The team alumni were introduced on the field and enjoyed the games from the executive box at Showers Field.

Game one ended with an 8-4 victory DuBois. In game two, the DuBois Lions bested Worthington-Scranton 14-2. ▶



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Those recognized this year, pictured left to right, with Chancellor Melanie Hatch are:

Seated: Holli Lashinsky, enrollment services, 15 years; Barb Kopshina, library, 10 years; Kathy Matts, student accounts, 5 years; Stefanie Penvose, financial aid, 5 years.

Standing: Sueann Doran, outreach, 15 years; Amy Sprague, bookstore, 15 years; Jim Reig, technical service, 30 years; Robin Gill, instructional design, 20 years; Garrett Roen, registrar, 10 years; Fred Terwilliger, instructor of IST, 5 years; Rick Brazier, associate professor of Math and Geoscience, 20 years; Marcia Newell, finance, 25 years; Chancellor Hatch.

Not present for the photo were Arshad Kahn, professor of chemistry, 30 years; Roger Curley, technical service, 25 years; Ping Werner, professor of engineering, 25 years; Debbie Gill, associate professor of Spanish, 15 years; Doug Snell, technical service, 15 years; and Holly Tkacik, instructor in Physical Therapy Assistant Program, 10 years.