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MEDIA ADVISORY:

Renowned classical pianist and body-builder Leon Bates will perform at East High School, tomorrow, February 3, 9:30-11 a.m., in an assembly before 800 students. Bates will give demonstrations of both piano playing and weight lifting and discuss how it helps his concentration, power and agility.

Bates is in the Erie area for a concert at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania's Memorial Auditorium on Wednesday, February 4, at 8 p.m. That concert is open to the public.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**EDINBORO INTERNATIONAL ACADEMIC FESTIVAL
PRESENTS "LIBRARIES OF THE FUTURE"**

As part of the International Academic Festival at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, Dr. Harold B. Shill, director of Capital College Libraries at Penn State University, will present "Libraries of the Future" on Thursday, February 26, at 10:00 a.m.

Dr. Shill will present his insightful perspective on "Libraries of the Future" and will demonstrate the incorporation of those ideas into the design of a new library. Penn State Harrisburg's "Library of the Future," a \$17.33 million facility intended to flexibly address user information needs well into the 21st century, is scheduled for completion in the year 2000. The new facility is being planned with the assumption that provision of access to electronic resources will become increasingly important for academic libraries.

In addition to general public seating, the "Library of the Future" will include a state-of-the-art library instruction lab, two technology-enhanced classrooms, two wired seminar rooms, a substantial special collections area, an art gallery and reception area, faculty group studies, and a snack bar (the "Internet Cafe") with 20 data ports.

Training sessions and satellite video conferences can be conducted in the instruction lab, the technology-enhanced classrooms, and the seminar rooms.

The "Library of the Future" is designed with a clear vision of future information delivery systems and with the flexibility to accommodate yet-to-be-developed technologies.

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Edinboro University's International Academic Festival runs February 23-27. For more information on "Library of the Future" or any of the 100-plus individual festival events which are open to the public, call the public relations office at 814-732-2745.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

EDINBORO PROFESSOR TO LEAD SOLAR ECLIPSE EXPEDITION

Dr. James LoPresto, solar physicist and professor at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, has been named director of scientific research and education for a total solar eclipse expedition which will observe the eclipse February 26 in the Caribbean.

The expedition will be headquartered aboard one of the largest catamarans in the world, which can hold more than 150 passengers. It will leave the island of Antigua on Monday, February 23, for the island of Guadeloupe. The path of the center of the eclipse will run between the two islands on Thursday, February 26. Because of the ship, LoPresto said the expedition has the option of setting up an observation position on either island, or on the ship itself.

"Our preference is to watch the eclipse from land, but if the weather doesn't permit, we will have the option of seeing the eclipse from the ship, which has a large stabilizing platform."

Joining LoPresto on the expedition are several distinguished scientists. Among them will be meteorologist Peter R. Leavitt, CEO of Weather Services Corporation, who has viewed eight total solar eclipses, and Dr. George and Charlotte Benton, who are both meteorologists. Dr. Benton is a past associate director of NOAA and former past president of the American Meteorological Society. Also on board will be Dr. Charles Wyckoff, well-known photographic scientist and developer of the film used to record the A-Bomb tests.

Much of the tour's activity will focus on taking photographs of the sun before, during and after the eclipse which is expected to last more than three minutes during the totality phase when the moon fully obscures the sun's surface.

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LoPresto said the total eclipse will reveal the shape of the sun's corona, and from that scientists will be better able to estimate where the sun is in its solar cycle. "The shape of the corona is a rough index of finding out where the sun is in its solar cycle," explained LoPresto. "This varies from streamers shooting out from the equator at solar minimum, which we have just passed, to a more uniform distribution during solar maximum."

LoPresto will be bringing a 4-in. refracting telescope on the expedition and expects to get a dozen or so time exposure photos during the three-minute eclipse.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

EDINBORO UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCES TWO NEW MINORS

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania has announced the creation of two new programs: a minor in Africana studies and a minor in critical thinking.

The Africana studies minor focuses on African history and African-American history and literature and includes courses in geography, philosophy, and sociology. The program is expected to provide Edinboro students with a logical, historically grounded, and scientific perspective on the social reality of African people worldwide.

Professor Umeme Sababu said any university that teaches the humanities without teaching all experiences of the world's peoples is not fulfilling its obligation to provide a complete education for its students.

"Well-rounded students know not only their own culture, but other cultures as well," said Sababu. "Any liberal arts major should have a grasp of African history." He noted that the Africana studies minor will be especially helpful to education majors who will be teaching in urban areas in order to understand the communities in which they will be working.

The critical thinking program will help students develop their analytical thinking and problem-solving skills. The 18-credit minor will include interdisciplinary areas in logic, persuasion, public opinion, social psychology, mass media communication and scientific investigation. The new program will be an asset for Edinboro University graduates seeking positions in mass media, the political arena, and education – especially teaching.

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“Every American needs critical thinking to evaluate claims and advertising,” said philosophy professor Dr. Robert Cogan. “The critical thinking minor helps develop skills in inquiry and distinguishing between truth, falsehood, and unjustified claims. Thinking for oneself can help save time, money and even our health.”

The program is designed to help students in professional degree programs gain enhanced career effectiveness from learning how to better evaluate claims and persuasion by their clients, patients, readers and students.

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February 6, 1998

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

TRI-STATE BUSINESS SIGNS AGREEMENT WITH EDINBORO

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania and Tri-State Business Institute have signed an agreement that will allow Tri-State students to receive up to 11 Edinboro credits for two associate degree programs. Edinboro President Dr. Frank G. Pogue and Tri-State President Guy M. Euliano signed the agreement at Edinboro's Porreco Center.

Edinboro will accept credits from Tri-State's associate degree programs in specialized business accounting and specialized business marketing and management if the students enroll at Edinboro within two years of graduation. They will receive credit for Edinboro courses in accounting, word processing, electronic spreadsheets and file management. Tri-State students can also earn up to 11 Edinboro credits toward an associate degree in comprehensive business administration or bachelor's degrees in business administration or economics.

President Euliano praised Pogue for his leadership and foresight in bringing the two institutions together. Pogue said the University is seriously committed to serving as many students as it can and to allow them to benefit from both institutions.

Mike Beiter, Tri-State's high school recruiting coordinator, said the Institute is very involved in the school-to-work philosophy and life-long learning. "Edinboro has for a long time been a leader in providing educational access to the Erie community," said Beiter. "We are very proud to have what we do validated by Edinboro to allow our students to keep the credit they have already earned."

Beiter said the agreement will make it very easy for them to have a life-long learning process.

Also signing the agreement were Dr. Robert Weber, Edinboro's provost and vice president for academic affairs, and Lucinda Hawes, Tri-State's academic dean.

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Edinboro President Dr. Frank G. Pogue and Tri-State Business Institute President Guy Euliano shake hands following the signing of an articulation agreement between the two schools.

February 10, 1998

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

EDINBORO UNIVERSITY STUDENTS ATTAIN ACADEMIC HONORS

One thousand four hundred thirteen students were named to the Dean's List at Edinboro University for the 1997 fall semester. The students represented 11 states, including Connecticut, Florida, Iowa, Michigan, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Virginia, West Virginia, and Pennsylvania.

In order to attain this highly regarded academic honor, students must maintain a quality point average of 3.4 for the semester, complete a minimum of 12 semester hours of credit, and receive no grade lower than C in any course.

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February 3, 1998

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

EDINBORO UNIVERSITY DEGREES AWARDED TO AREA GRADS

Approximately 624 undergraduate and graduate students received degrees at Edinboro University's recent fall commencement exercises. The students represented thirteen states which included California, Delaware, Florida, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, South Carolina, Texas, Virginia, Wisconsin, and Pennsylvania.

Among area students to receive diplomas were:

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Note: Names have been arranged alphabetically according to city.



February 13, 1998

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

POET GERALD BARRAX TO CONDUCT READING, WORKSHOP AT EDINBORO

Poet Gerald Barrax will be at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania on Tuesday, February 24, to present a poetry reading at 5 p.m., and a poetry workshop at 6 p.m. in the Reeder Lecture Hall. His visit is in conjunction with Edinboro's International Academic Festival and its observance of Black History Month.

Barrax is the author of *Another Kind of Rain*, *An Audience of One*, *The Deaths of Animals and Lesser Gods*, and *Leaning Against the Sun*, which was nominated for both a Pulitzer Prize and a National Book Award.

In July of last year, Barrax retired after 27 years at North Carolina University at Raleigh where he was professor of English, poet-in-residence, editor of *Obsidian II: Black Literature in Review*, and taught creative writing and American literature.

His poems have appeared in *Poetry*, *Poetry Northwest*, *Nimrod*, *The Georgia Review*, *Black American Literature Forum*, *Hayen's Ferry Review*, *New Virginia Review*, *Callaloo*, *The Southern Review*, *Shenandoah*, *The American Poetry Review*, *The Gettysburg Review*, and *Prairie Schooner*.

His appearance at Edinboro is sponsored by the English and Humanities Club.

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February 13, 1998

MEDIA ALERT:

A news conference has been called by Edinboro University of Pennsylvania President Dr. Frank G. Pogue for Saturday, Feb. 14, at 11 a.m., to announce his appointment of the permanent Athletic Director for the University. The news conference will be held in McComb Fieldhouse.

The media are invited to attend.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**EDINBORO MUSIC DEPARTMENT PRESENTS
CONCERT SERIES AT BLASCO MEMORIAL LIBRARY**

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania's music department will present a series of concerts at the Blasco Memorial Library in Erie.

The first concert will open on Monday, March 2, at 7:30 p.m. and feature Dr. Nancy Schechter on violin and Dr. Kristine West Denton on piano. Monday, April 6, brings Edinboro University Chamber Players to Blasco Memorial Library. The last performance is scheduled on Wednesday, April 22, with members of the music department performing a concert of music by George Gershwin.

Each concert will be held in the Hirt Auditorium of the Library beginning at 7:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend free of charge. For additional information, contact the Edinboro University music department at 814-732-2555.

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February 14, 1998

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

BAUMGARTNER NAMED EDINBORO'S ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania President Dr. Frank G. Pogue has announced the appointment of Bruce Baumgartner to the permanent post of University athletic director.

Baumgartner has served as acting athletic director since August 1997. His appointment to the permanent position comes at the end of a national search conducted over the past six months.

Baumgartner, a four-time Olympic medalist, has been one of Edinboro University's most recognizable goodwill ambassadors since his arrival at the University in 1984. From 1984 to 1991, he was Edinboro's assistant wrestling coach, and was head wrestling coach from 1991 until his August 1997 appointment as acting athletic director. He coached the Fighting Scots wrestling squad to its only undefeated season during the 1996-97 year.

Baumgartner was an Olympic Gold Medalist in 1984 and 1992, a Silver Medalist in the 1988 Olympics, and a Bronze Medalist at the 1996 Atlanta Games.

He holds a record 13 world and Olympic wrestling titles and in 1995 was named winner of the prestigious Sullivan Award as America's top amateur athlete.

Universally regarded as the finest American super heavyweight wrestler in history, Baumgartner has taken his message of motivation, goal setting and achieving success to more than 500 community groups, organizations and companies during his time at Edinboro. He has also spoken and assisted with programs on drug and alcohol abuse prevention at more than 250 schools, churches, charities, youth organizations and civic groups in the area.

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"We are fortunate to have found the best candidate in an impressive pool of applicants from across the country," Pogue said. "The search committee is to be applauded for the patience and dedication they brought to the process.

"Bruce brings international visibility to Edinboro's already distinguished tradition of success for its student-athletes in and out of the classroom," said Pogue. "His continued presence here in the permanent position of athletic director will not only be an asset to Edinboro University and northwestern Pennsylvania but to the citizens of all of Pennsylvania, and to a large extent, our nation.

"Bruce is an all-around asset to Edinboro University as an institution of higher education. We are delighted to have him remain in the Commonwealth to serve Edinboro University and the citizens of Pennsylvania," Pogue said.

"When I travel, whether in Pennsylvania or around the country or even abroad, I'm always asked, 'How's Bruce?'" Pogue continued. "He's known virtually everywhere and respected as well for the set of values with which he leads his life."

"As first vice chair of the Board of Governors for the State System of Higher Education, I've come to realize how Bruce's achievements have become a source of pride to our 14-university State System and really to all Pennsylvanians," said R. Benjamin Wiley, who also chairs the Edinboro University Council of Trustees. "Bruce became known internationally while living and working in the Commonwealth and to have lost him to another state would have been the loss of a champion who represented all of Pennsylvania around the world."

Baumgartner has served on Gov. Ridge's Council for Physical Fitness and Sports since 1995, and was an invited participant in the "Great American Workout" held on the lawn of the White House in 1991.

"I am ecstatic over the opportunity to be Edinboro University's next athletic director," Baumgartner said. "It is truly an honor to have been selected by President Pogue to lead Fighting Scot athletics into the 21st century.

"I enjoyed my experience as acting AD and I look forward to working in the interests of Edinboro University and the surrounding communities and know I can count on their continued support," said Baumgartner.

February 18, 1998

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

VOICE OF THE TURTLE TO PERFORM CONCERT AT EDINBORO FESTIVAL

Voice of the Turtle, a concert featuring the music of the Sephardic Jews, will perform at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania's International Academic Festival on Wednesday, February 25, at 8:00 p.m.

This special and exotic form of folk music has lived for over 500 years. Born of the pain of exile, this music was banished from Spain at the time of Columbus' discovery of the New World. The Sephardic Jews scattered throughout the known world, taking their music and language with them and influencing the musics and languages of their countries of refuge.

The Turtle concert is an enjoyable journey through songs and stories about love, beautiful women, strong men and the joys and sorrows of life itself. The songs are a fascinating cultural blend from Arabic music to Spanish and Eastern European folk music.

This quartet of two men and two women has been performing for nearly 20 years on several Medieval and Renaissance instruments. The performance will be held in Memorial Auditorium. Ticket prices are \$5.00 for adults and \$4.00 for students and senior citizens. Reservations can be made by calling (814) 732-2518.

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PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT:

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania's 15th annual International Academic Festival will be held Monday, February 23 through Saturday, February 28.

Enjoy entertainment ranging from Jamaican Reggae to music and dance from Ireland, Scotland and Wales. Sample international cuisine, take in colorful presentations and participate in stimulating discussions in more than 140 events.

It's all happening at Edinboro University.

For more information call 732-2745.

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February 20, 1998

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

EDINBORO UNIVERSITY HOSTS BIENNIAL HIGH SCHOOL ART COMPETITION

On Wednesday, February 25, Edinboro University of Pennsylvania's Biennial High School Art Competition will open in the University's Bruce Gallery. There will be a special reception for the public on Wednesday, April 1, at 7 p.m. The exhibition consists of the strongest pieces of art work created by students from 20 area high schools. This year's jurors were Edinboro art department professors Mark Fetkewicz and Chuck Johnson. They chose 93 pieces of art to be included from 183 entries. They also awarded 13 special honors.

The exhibition rewards the efforts and achievement of students and their art teachers and also suggests the promise of future accomplishment. The jurors accepted "those works which most successfully combined self expression and imagination with their craft." Almost every type of media is on view, from drawings, prints, and paintings to clay and jewelry and sculpture and photography. The exhibition is a celebration of youth and creativity. We hope many will come to appreciate the great accomplishments of our area high school students and teachers.

The public is invited to attend the special exhibition reception at the Gallery in Doucette Hall on the Edinboro campus. Bruce Gallery hours are 2 to 5 p.m., Monday through Saturday and also 7 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday evenings. Further information may be obtained by calling Bruce Gallery at (814) 732-2513 or the Art Department at 732-2406.

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February 24, 1998

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

PRESIDENT POGUE TO SPEAK ON COMMUNICATION, COMMUNITY

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania President Dr. Frank G. Pogue will speak on "The Role of the President in Enhancing Communication and the Community," on Tuesday, March 3, at 7 p.m. in Cooper Hall 102. His lecture, which is free and open to the public, is sponsored by the English and Humanities Club. A reception will follow.

For information about the president's lecture, contact Jennifer Schreck at 732-3439.

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September 10, 1998

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

EDINBORO STUDENTS TO TOUR AMERICAN WEST

Late this spring, 17 students from Edinboro University of Pennsylvania will embark on a 28-day cross-country odyssey retracing the steps of America's settlers and pioneers. The students in Dr. Joseph Laythe's History of the American West course will visit 20 western locales to learn first hand about topics ranging from America's earliest inhabitants to Spanish and American explorations, fur trading, mining, cattle barons and much more.

Laythe said the course will examine the conflict between individuals and the growing power of big business and the federal government.

Oklahoma City, New Mexico, the Grand Canyon, Salt Lake City, Boise, Mt. St. Helen's, Seattle, the Olympic Peninsula, Yellowstone National Park, Montana and the Black Hills of South Dakota are among the stops on the trip. The tour will leave Edinboro on May 22 and return a month later.

One highlight will be a visit to Santa Fe, New Mexico, which is observing the 400th anniversary of its conquest by the Spanish. It is also the 150th anniversary of the state's annexation by the United States.

Laythe said his passion for the West is shaped by the area's unique and diverse environment – from the endless, flat plains to the majestic Rockies to the great deserts of the Southwest to the rain-shrouded forests of the Pacific Northwest. "The American West creates a sense of place; things I cannot fully express," he said.

It's this "sense of place" that Laythe believes is the key to understanding how the environment has shaped the culture and history of the West. The factors involved in today's conflicts between the government, ranchers, landowners and mining interests are much the same that played out among the federal government, cattle and rail barons, laborers and native Americans 100 years ago.

In addition to lectures by Laythe, the students will meet local experts all along the tour on topics ranging from the overland trails to native culture to Billy the Kid to western hydropower and the building of the atomic bomb.









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February 26, 1998

NEWS ADVISORY:

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania will host its Third Annual Jazz Festival on Tuesday, March 3, in the University Center. Six local middle and high school jazz bands will perform for adjudicators from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. A clinic on jazz improvisation will be conducted by tenor saxophonist Jack Wilkins from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m.

Wilkins will join the Edinboro University Jazz Ensemble in concert under the leadership of Gary Grant on Wednesday, March 4, at 8:00 p.m. in the Memorial Auditorium. Both events are free and open to the public. For additional information, contact the Edinboro University music department at (814) 732-2555.

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February 24, 1998

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

LOCAL STUDENT RECEIVES SCHOLARSHIP

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania has announced that Kristin Ferguson, 1255 Album St., Pittsburgh, was recently named the recipient of a Board of Governors Scholarship.

The Board of Governors Scholarship is offered annually to students who have exhibited academic promise and who plan to be enrolled full time (12 credits or greater) during the term of the award. It has a maximum value of the cost of tuition.

Kristin is the daughter of Brenda Ferguson and Wilbur Ferguson. She is a graduate of George Westinghouse High School and an early childhood/elementary education major at Edinboro.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

LOCAL STUDENT RECEIVES SCHOLARSHIP

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania has announced that Anthony P. Williams, 5930 Callowhill St., Pittsburgh, was recently named the recipient of a Board of Governors Scholarship.

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Anthony is the son of Stephen and Tracy Motley. He is a graduate of Peabody High School and a business administration major at Edinboro.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

LOCAL STUDENT RECEIVES SCHOLARSHIP

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania has announced that Dragica Cosic, Long Pond, was recently named the recipient of a Board of Governors Scholarship.

The Board of Governors Scholarship is offered annually to students who have exhibited academic promise and who plan to be enrolled full time (12 credits or greater) during the term of the award. It has a maximum value of the cost of tuition.

Dragica is the daughter of Pere Cosic and Blanca Cosic. She is a graduate of Pocono Mountain High School.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

LOCAL STUDENT RECEIVES SCHOLARSHIP

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania has announced that Martha Nicole Bailey, 339 13th Ave., New Brighton, was recently named the recipient of a Board of Governors Scholarship.

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Martha is the daughter of Enoch and Tamara Bailey. She is a graduate of New Brighton High School and a biology/pre-med major at Edinboro.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

LOCAL STUDENT RECEIVES SCHOLARSHIP

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania has announced that Monica A. Butler-White, Fairgrounds Rd., Hatfield, was recently named the recipient of a Board of Governors Scholarship.

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Monica is the daughter of Ernest M. and Ronda S. White. She is a graduate of North Penn High School and a pre-law major at Edinboro.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

LOCAL STUDENT RECEIVES SCHOLARSHIP

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania has announced that Amy Hvozdk, 807 Burbridge St., Port Vue, was recently named the recipient of a Board of Governors Scholarship.

The Board of Governors Scholarship is offered annually to students who have exhibited academic promise and who plan to be enrolled full time (12 credits or greater) during the term of the award. It has a maximum value of the cost of tuition.

Amy is the daughter of Steve Hvozdk and Dawn Hvozdk. She is a graduate of South Allegheny Junior/Senior High School and an elementary education major at Edinboro.

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