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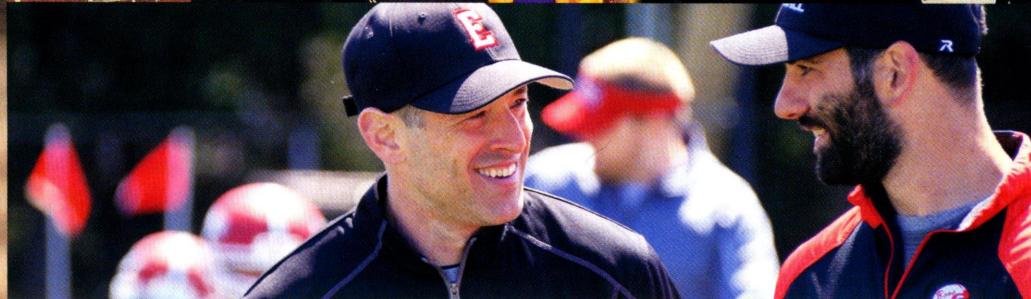
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AT EDINBORO, DR. H. FRED WALKER FINDS HIS PERFECT FIT



When **Dr. H. Fred Walker** was beginning his career in higher education as an assistant professor at the University of Southern Maine, he developed a skill not typically mastered by an academic teaching technology: He learned to make mortise-and-tenon joints to build a framework of wooden timbers.

An affinity for the outdoors and curiosity about the traditional skills of New England's rugged northeastern corner inspired him to learn to cut the rectangular hole called a mortise in one timber and a corresponding tongue, the tenon, in another. Experienced builders know such handcrafted joinery takes time. Fit is important. The payoff is great strength and a structure built to last.

Equipped with this time-honored knowledge and assisted by 40-45 people in an old-fashioned barn raising, he built a 32-by-45-foot barn with a large cupola on 30 acres he owned in the Maine countryside. The frame was raised in just a few days and was held together with oak pegs.

Dr. Walker is a builder at heart, a master of technology as diverse as centuries-old timber joinery and naval avionics, an organizer of human teamwork – and now, fulfilling a longtime goal, a university president.

As he begins a new era this summer as Edinboro University's 18th president, he sees this role as the culmination of his life's experiences to date, a perfect fit of tenon into mortice that promises to produce a strong framework on which to build.

In his upbringing, he sees the experience of many Edinboro students – he went to a public university and worked to pay for his education. In his first teaching position he sees many of the challenges EU faces today. And in his most significant prior leadership position as the dean of the College of Applied Science and Technology at Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT), he sees how to provide a model for how to navigate toward Edinboro University's own unique destiny.

'A VERY GOOD ARRANGEMENT'

H. Fred Walker's first memories are set in Arizona, though he was born in Florida, at Eglin Air Force Base in Fort Walton Beach, on April 24, 1963. The location of both his birthplace and his school years was dictated by his father's career service in the U.S. Air Force. Though Luke Air Force Base near Phoenix is more than 2,000 miles from northwestern Pennsylvania, Dr. Walker said his upbringing was not unlike that of many Edinboro students.

"I did not grow up a privileged person," he said. "I had to work my way through college."

He sees very clear parallels between his experience and those of EU students, many of whom are first-generation college students motivated by affordability and geographic accessibility to seek out a life-changing education at a state-owned regional comprehensive university. He started his higher education at a community college but soon decided he needed to try another approach.

"I wasn't ready to go to college yet, so I went into the Navy in 1983," he said. "I needed the structure, and the discipline. The Navy gave me the structure, it gave me the discipline, and it gave me the ability to pay for college. It was a very good arrangement."



Soon after settling into the Navy, for which he worked in avionics in the A-7 and F18 fighter jet programs at Naval Air Station Lemoore in California, the future Dr. Walker enrolled at California State University – Fresno because it was relatively close and affordable. Today, that choice is just one more dimension of his perfect fit with Edinboro, because Cal State – Fresno is also a public university and a former teacher's college.

Attending full time and making a 90-minute commute, he studied industrial technology because it related to his work in avionics (electronics applied to aviation), earning a bachelor's degree in 1990. By the time his naval service concluded in 1992, he had also earned an MBA and faced a decision: Would the future he had been working so diligently to build be in business or academics?

SETTING A UNIQUE COURSE

At the conclusion of Dr. Walker's most formative years, academics won out because of its potential for positively affecting the lives of others. He enrolled in an education-based Ph.D. program at Iowa State University and also decided "on the spot" to make becoming a university president his ultimate goal. From then on, his choices in further education and on-the-job experiences were tailored to building the skills required to excel in that role.

"That is not a common path," he said, explaining that his unique choice reflects his leadership philosophy. "I very much believe in servant leadership, in that we're serving the people around us. I asked myself, 'How can I have the most positive impact on the people around me?' The answer is to have the responsibility to set key expectations and establish the working conditions so that people can do their best work in pushing the organization forward."

Moving his own career forward, he completed his Ph.D. in Industrial Education and Technology in May 1995 and that August began teaching at the University of Southern Maine. His 13 years in Maine familiarized him with many of the conditions facing Edinboro today: decreasing enrollment, lingering effects of economic recession, declining state funding, and a state system under political and economic pressures.

He progressed through the academic ranks and assumed multiple leadership positions at the campus and system level, particularly in academic programming, shared governance, and collective bargaining. He also completed a second master's degree, in Systems Engineering, at Iowa State.

"Systems are like the human body," he said, "I see the parallels, whether it's in business and industry or the academy."

Seeing the parallels and tapping, fixing or developing the human systems necessary for a university to flourish appeals to the builder in Dr. Walker. At RIT, where he was a dean for the last eight years, he successfully led the development and completion of a strategic plan for his college that included bringing all units into fiscal sustainability and growing both enrollment and academic program offerings. He increased the doctoral attainment of faculty members from 33% to

more than 95%, and oversaw the completion of numerous other ambitious objectives, all while sustaining a complex set of international operations.

"We did it with an open and transparent collaborative leadership team," he said while sitting in a conference room at RIT shortly before his departure to take the helm at Edinboro. "We run this as a distributive leadership organization. When I got here, this college had low morale and was very much treated as a second-class citizen across campus."

He led his team in changing the culture, building strong working relationships within shared governance, increasing external funding and raising expectations that the faculty, most of whom were then teaching-focused, become teacher-scholars.

"My formula was to breathe energy and life into the organization, bring a warm and optimistic personality, instill a strong work ethic and values, and to get moving with a measured sense of urgency and accountability, saying very specifically where we are going," Dr. Walker said. "Part of it was painting the picture of where we were going. I described it as a point just over the horizon that you can steer to. For us, that worked beautifully."

He expects his navigational model to also work well at Edinboro, where his role as president is similar in many ways to the responsibilities he held as the chief executive officer of a college of RIT with an enrollment of up to 4,800 students and a faculty and staff of more than 150. Of the varied aspects of that work, he said he was particularly drawn to development and finance, and he succeeded well in those areas.

WITH HIS MENTOR'S GUIDANCE AND ENCOURAGEMENT, HE HAD FOUND HIS PERFECT FIT.

While there was no collective bargaining at RIT, Dr. Walker was very involved in the process as an Executive Committee member of the Faculty Senate at the University of Southern Maine. Traveling to university system level meetings with **Dr. Richard Pattenau**, who was president of the university at the time and later became chancellor of the Maine system, he was able to build a deep understanding of the campus and system-level issues as well as a strong mentoring relationship that continues 20 years later.

When the position of Edinboro University president became vacant and was posted early this year, Dr. Pattenau was among several callers who urged Dr. Walker to apply.

"Rich saw that this was an exact duplicate of the Maine system that I grew up in, meaning that I moved through all the ranks there," Dr. Walker said. "What was going on in Maine at the time is a lot like what's going on, and will be

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A NEW CHAPTER

Dr. Walker rolled up his sleeves even before arriving at Edinboro University on July 1. He visited campus for long meetings with key members of his leadership team and spent many additional hours poring over data, which plays an important part in his plans for working in collaboration with all constituencies on campus to build a strong new strategic framework for the University's future.

"It's very important to me to have a very open, transparent interaction with faculty and staff, the students, and the community. I actually expect people to share differing and diverse viewpoints, whether or not those agree with my viewpoints. I expect feedback," he said.

For his part, Dr. Walker is committed to openness and transparency with the enrollment, financial and other data critical to establishing that point just over the horizon toward which to steer, the approach that was so successful in his transformative leadership at RIT.

"Some will like that and some will not, but in the end, it's open, it's honest, it's fair, and it's transparent," he said.

Dr. Walker expects to lay out his plans for sharing, analyzing and acting on that data very quickly – in a matter of weeks, not months. He's approaching the challenges inherent in leading the University as its 18th president with

urgency but also with confidence because, as he says, "The Edinboro world is the world I've spent most of my career in."

Now, it's also the world he lives in, along with his wife, Dr. Susan Newman, an audiologist. Together, they have a blended family of five – his sons, Carl, 15, and George, 13, and her three adult children, Brett, Elizabeth and McKenzie. His sons are rooted in Rochester and will visit Edinboro on weekends and during summers.

The family grew on July 2 with the addition of a puppy, Angus, named in honor of the traditions of this new place where they are setting down roots. He's sure to help them enjoy their leisure pursuits, which revolve around reveling in nature.

"Susan and I like to be outdoors," said Dr. Walker, who counts camping and hiking among his hobbies. "Part of the allure of living right on the campus is the opportunity to get out and bike on campus or take walks."

They also look forward to kayaking on Edinboro Lake and exploring the wider region. He would like to get involved with Habitat for Humanity locally, and he dreams of finding a rugged plot of land on which to build another timber-frame structure, this time a home to retire to someday.

The most immediate thing that Dr. Walker looks forward to building, however, is relationships – with the students, faculty and staff of Edinboro University, its alumni and supporters, and residents of the wider area.

"In terms of meeting people, to me it's interesting to hear life stories," he said. "Students all have their own stories. Faculty all have their own stories. What a neat thing. If you're going to go into this type of work, you have to enjoy people and serving people. If you love the life, if you love the environment and you love the campus, then it's not really work."

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Farewell from Interim President David J. Werner

Serving as Edinboro University's interim leader during the search for its 18th president has been a short but meaningful chapter of my career in higher education. Throughout the first six months of 2016, my wife, Kay, and I were honored to participate in many of the traditions and milestones in the life of the University.

We've enjoyed hosting students and others at Commonwealth House, being in the audience for special programs throughout the spring semester, and participating in the activities marking the end of the academic year. It's been my privilege to have a role in ceremonial occasions as well as in giving well-deserved recognition to outstanding students, faculty and staff.

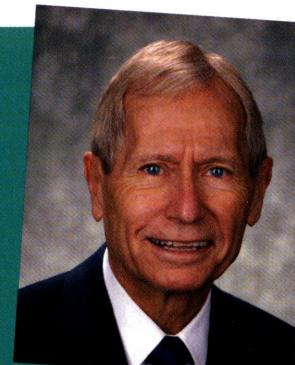
And, of course, the highlight of our time here was the opportunity to welcome President H. Fred Walker and his family to Edinboro.

I've often said that the chief duties of an interim leader are to keep the ship on course and prepare the way for the next president. With President Walker at the helm, that work is done. Kay and I have moved on to another new chapter, enriched by our experiences at Edinboro and the relationships we've forged among the people we can now and forever call our fellow Fighting Scots.

With best wishes for a bright future,



David J. Werner



David J. Werner, chancellor emeritus of Southern Illinois University Edwardsville (SIUE), served as interim president of Edinboro University from January 19 to June 30.





HOWARD FALLS OPENS WINDOW TO THE PAST

DOORS TO THE FUTURE FOR EDINBORO UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

Dr. Dale Tshudy, right, and his son, Owen Tshudy, a geology major at EU, examine wave ripples formed on rocks in the Howard Falls gorge.

Just outside Edinboro in Franklin Township, Falls Run meanders through the countryside, crossing under Route 98 and Falls Road before cascading over a massive rock outcropping forming Howard Falls. Measuring 33 feet wide and 40 feet high, Howard Falls is the largest waterfall in Erie County.

The rushing water plummets into a plunge pool below, stirring sand and stones from the rock-strewn bottom. Suspended sediment is carried downstream, brushing against and eroding the stream bed along the way. Although on private property, the falls can be readily viewed from Falls Road.

Over the course of thousands of years, erosion from Falls Run – also erroneously referred to as Falk Run – has carved a breathtaking ravine into the forested stretch of land between Howard Falls and Elk Creek. Steep, rocky walls stand on either side of the stream, separating the outside world from the brilliant microclimate that lies below.

A closer look at the sides of the gorge reveals deposits of reddish-brown and gray rock, each layer of which has been the Earth's surface at one time. The rare instance of layered rock allows scientists to determine the environment of deposition and paint a picture of the area's history.

Edinboro students and faculty have found fossilized brachiopods, corals and horseshoe crabs amid the rocks. Alumnus **Kevin Yeager** found his future.

Yeager, '95, was one of the first students to conduct field work at Howard Falls. His senior thesis research on giant fossil fish, "Fossil Fishes (Arthrodira and Acanthodida) from the Upper Devonian Chadakoin Formation of Erie County, Pennsylvania," made significant contributions to the study of fish fauna in western Pennsylvania and was published in the June 1996 issue of *Ohio Journal of Science*.

The field study was Yeager's first experience in field, laboratory and literature research, and although it was challenging, it inspired him to dedicate his life to the study of sedimentology and marine sciences.

"It taught me that I could do work and even earn a living by following my natural curiosity. After that realization, I was hooked," he said.

Upon graduating from EU, Yeager earned a Master of Science in Geology from the University of Toledo and a Ph.D. in Geology and Geophysics from Texas A&M University. At Texas A&M, he was recognized as the best graduate student university-wide with the prestigious George W. Kunze Prize.

He is now an associate professor of earth and environmental sciences at the University of Kentucky and continues to build his extensive record of scholarship and grantsmanship.

Reflecting on the location where his career began, Yeager said Howard Falls is a pristine environment in which to learn
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LAND A FAMILY LEGACY

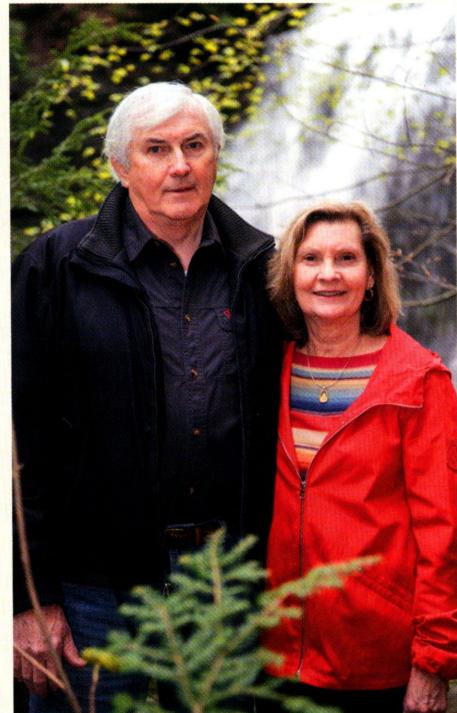
In 1839, stonemasons Henry and Levi Howard migrated to the area from Grafton, Vermont, to quarry stone for the Erie Extension Canal. The quarried stone was used to build a series of locks along the canal to raise and lower the water level. Seven generations of Howards have since lived on the property.

The current owners, **Dennis** and **Dianne Howard**, are both Edinboro University alumni.

Dennis Howard received his undergraduate degree in science from Penn State University in 1967, a master's degree in education and physical science from Edinboro in 1974, and an MBA in executive management from Case Western University in 1984. He worked for Lord Corporation for more than 40 years, retiring as the director of Lord's global supply chain.

Dianne Howard graduated from Edinboro in 1973 with a bachelor's degree in library science, and later earned a master's degree in library science from Clarion University. Dennis and Dianne met in 1976 at Lord Corporation, where she managed the corporate libraries. She now serves on the Friends of the Baron-Forness Library board at EU.

They have four children, two of whom live in homes on the property.



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about the compositions, processes and history of the earth.

"The fossils found in the layers of Devonian age sedimentary rock reveal the types of life that were abundant in northwestern Pennsylvania 375 million years ago," Yeager said. "The property is an invaluable resource for students to observe and study natural river systems, forestry, conservation and resource management."

'NOTHING ELSE QUITE LIKE IT'

In addition to its rich trove of fossil and ancient geological relics, the unique aquatic and terrestrial habitat within the Howard Falls ravine supports species not commonly found in this area, a few of which have been identified as endangered or threatened by the Pennsylvania Natural Heritage Program.

"There's really nothing else quite like it around here," said landowner **Dennis Howard**. "There is an environment of plants, birds and aquatic life down there that we don't know a lot about."

Curiosity about the history of the region and a deep commitment to the preservation of its natural resources, combined with their connection to the University, inspired Dennis and his wife, **Dianne**, to develop a working relationship with Edinboro University's Geosciences Department more than 20 years ago.

Since then, EU's **Dr. Dale Tshudy**, a paleontologist

and geosciences professor, has accompanied hundreds of students to the gorge.

"Howard Falls – the gorge – provides geologists with the best exposures of Late Devonian rocks in southern Erie County," Tshudy said. "The sandstone, siltstone and shale in the sides of the gorge are continuously exposed from bottom to top, in a succession spanning millions of years."

"Features such as wave ripples, and the tracks and trails of marine animals, as well as the shells and skeletons of those animals, are beautifully preserved there," he added.

Based on field studies done in the gorge, students have produced publishable research in both geography and geology, and several have parlayed their undergraduate research into graduate assistantships at top programs all over the country.

Recognizing the value to students and deepening their commitment to Edinboro University, the Howards established the Howard Falls Research and Education Endowment in 2007 to support and enhance the broad spectrum of research and educational projects connecting the Howard Falls property with Edinboro University's many science programs.

Since the creation of the endowment, more than \$7,000 has been distributed to EU students and faculty for various Howard Falls research projects.

In 2014, forest geography students led by **Dr. Karen Eisenhart**, chairperson of the Geosciences Department, (*continued on page 7*)



EU CELEBRATES TREASURED COLLABORATION WITH SHANDONG UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY



An engraved friendship stone on the Shandong University of Technology campus in Zibo, China, was dedicated this spring to commemorate the 30-year sister-university relationship between SDUT and EU.

Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs **Michael Hannan**; **Linda Kightlinger**, director of International Student Services; **Dr. Baher Ghosheh**, professor in the Geosciences Department; and **Dr. Jingze Jiang**, assistant professor in the Business and Economics Department traveled this spring to Zibo, China, to participate in ceremonies marking the 60th anniversary of Shandong University of Technology (SDUT) and the 30th anniversary of its sister-university relationship with Edinboro University.

The two-day festivities included the dedication of an engraved friendship stone, music, dance and the formal renewal of the agreement between the universities. Since the collaboration began, Edinboro has been honored to host more than 150 SDUT exchange visitors and to send many EU administrators, faculty, staff, students and community members to China. A number of past participants in these fruitful exchanges participated in the dedication ceremony. Also participating were two recent EU

graduates, **LaVianna Davis**, '13, and **Vanessa Toth**, '15, who are teaching English at SDUT.

"Through this collaboration and a growing array of study abroad programs, we fulfill Edinboro University's commitment to expanding cultural understanding and broadening opportunities for our students to become active citizens of the world," Dr. Hannan said.

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While the delegation was in China, they also met with representatives from Zhongbei College of Nanjing Normal University, Nanjing Forestry University, Nanjing Xiaozhuang University and the University of Jinan to explore future opportunities for student and faculty exchange, student recruitment and mutually beneficial collaboration.



On hand to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the collaboration between the universities were, front row from left, Su Shoubo, Director, Office of International Cooperation & Exchange, SDUT; Wang Jianzhong, Zibo City Municipal Affairs Office; Wang Mingxin, visiting scholar at EU, 1996-97; EU's Linda Kightlinger, Dr. Michael Hannan and Dr. Jingze Jiang; EU alumni LaVianna Davis, '13, and Vanessa Toth, '15; Wei Fuping, visiting scholar, 1986-87; Lin Fang, visiting scholar, 2013-14; and Lin Bing, visiting scholar, 2014-15; and back row from left, EU's Dr. Baher Ghosheh and Xu Nanfei, visiting scholar, 2002-03.



Three summer 2017 study abroad trips open to all

Edinboro University supports and encourages travel learning, which provides unique opportunities for students to enhance their education.

An array of University-sponsored programs that link travel and courses taken for credit are offered annually. Non-students are also welcome to participate in these trips and enjoy the cultural immersion in the company of EU faculty members and students.

Three short-term study abroad programs are planned during summer 2017:

- **Ireland**, May 17-27, led by Dr. Jerra Jenrette, history, and Dr. Lenore Barbier, anthropology
- **Italy and Greece**, May 18-27, led by Dr. Melissa Gibson and Dr. Timothy Thompson, communications
- **European Capitals of Art & Design** (London, Paris, Amsterdam), May 16-25, led by Professor Shelle Baron, art

To learn how you can participate in any of these trips, contact the International Student Services Office at (814) 732-2770 or international@edinboro.edu.

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analyzed the change in land use on the 250-acre Howard Falls property. Using photographs from 1939, 1959, 1969 and 1992, along with tree core samples, they estimated the age of forest patches to be between 25 and 75 years old, and determined the property experienced dramatic changes in land use between 1939 and 1992. Few studies of this type have been conducted in northwest Pennsylvania, and the project was the first in Erie County.

Geography majors **Andrea Pace**, **Alyssa Piper** and **Allison Swan** presented the work at the Association of American Geographers 2014 Annual Meeting in Tampa, Florida, and received funding from the endowment to cover the cost of the registration fee.

Eisenhart has also incorporated Howard Falls group projects as a required part of her Forest Geography and Conservation course curriculum.

“Forest geography projects give students hands-on experience with tree species identification, forest measurement techniques, use of spreadsheet software, and graphical presentation of data,” Eisenhart said. “The opportunities at Howard Falls allow students to expand their skillsets, and gain more confidence in their abilities.”

The Howards receive copies of all published work and meet yearly with the Geosciences Department to strategically discuss work that could be done on their land in the future.

“We just like to learn more about the property,” said Dennis, whose family has occupied the land for more than 175 years. “A property like this, you don’t really ever own it, you just take care of it for future generations.”

The generous endowment and the continued availability of the Howard Falls property offer students and faculty an extraordinarily rich educational environment where students experience the satisfaction of learning, an engagement in research and the excitement of scientific discovery.

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Students Alivia Wood, left, and Samantha Freed determine the circumference of a tree on the Howard Falls property.



SPOTLIGHT ON STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS



Edinboro University students and their faculty mentor, back row, from left, Dr. Michael Engdahl, Paige Gregory, Brande Gilbert, Pei Jun Yu, Michael Hanhauser and Abdiweli Mahamud, and front row, Mallory Sanders, Karissa McCune, Edward Taylor, Farhan Hussain and Justin Kunz attend the Vanguard EXPLORE event.

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Ten students from Edinboro University's School of Business attended an EXPLORE event on Vanguard's Malvern, Pennsylvania, campus. The students gained exposure to Vanguard's corporate environment, met professionals, sharpened networking skills, and learned about the financial services industry. They participated as part of Edinboro University's CFP Board Registered Program. For information about the program, contact its director, **Dr. Michael Engdahl, CFP®** at (814) 732-2412 or mengdahl@edinboro.edu.

COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND HEALTH PROFESSIONS

Chemistry Department students selected for prestigious internships this summer included **Nicole Wagner**, a National Science Foundation Research Experience for Undergraduates award at the University of Minnesota, and **Mirnessa Vakufac**, a forensics internship at the Allegheny County Medical Examiner's Office.

Kevin Shuman of the Physics and Technology Department was selected to participate in the Department of Energy's Science Undergraduate Laboratory Internships program at the Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory.

COLLEGE OF ARTS, HUMANITIES, AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Ceramics graduate students **Ashley Bevington** and **Hannah Pierce**, along with undergraduate **Matt George**, had work included in this year's 2016 National Council on Education in the Ceramic Arts (NCECA) annual national juried student show held in Kansas City, Missouri.

Edinboro's **Clay Club** held a show of current work in December at Standard Ceramic's Clay Place gallery in Pittsburgh.

Professors **Shelle Barron** and **Brigette Davitt** report that the 2016 senior class of the Graphic & Interactive Design program won more regional, national and international awards than any other graduating class to date. Highlights among the program's many successes include:

- **Blaise McQuade**'s design was one of 44 winning entries chosen from 1,012 submissions worldwide in the Typography Day 2016 Poster Competition held Feb. 25-27 at Sri Sathya Sai Institute of Art, Design and Technology in Bangalore, India.
- **Amanda Clegg** and **Nick Murphy** received Design Excellence Awards in the PGH365 Design Competition and Exhibition.
- The Chimera XI team of **Laura Hersh**, **Jesse Decker**, **Emily McGaughey**, **Kassity Swales**, **Valerie Mann**, **Tara Jaggi** and **Julie Moretti** won Student Gold and Student Best in Show in The Advertising Federation of Northwestern Pennsylvania's Erie Addy Awards. Also winning Student Gold were **Brandy Ackley**, **Emily McGaughey**, **Mickayla Poland**, and the Chimera 12 promotions team: **Candice Martone**, **Phil Thomas**, **Brandy Ackley**, **Brandon Guthrie**, **Stephanie Rickert**, **Amanda Clegg**, **Cheyenne Kressley**, **Tara Jaggi** and **Kelly Gabor**.
- Student Starpack competition award winners included **Cheyenne Kressley**, Silver; **Emily Jones**, Bronze; **Chelsea Hamilton**, Commended; and **Abbey Hlista**, Commended.

Undergraduate English majors **Race Dauer**, **Casey Conrad-Medvis** and **Raven Jones** made presentations at the English Association of Pennsylvania State Universities (EAPSU) annual undergraduate conference in April at Mansfield University.

EU philosophy students **Corbin S. Fowler** and **Robert Diehl** presented papers at the Philosophy and Religious Studies Conference held April 8-9 at East Stroudsburg.



ALUMNI notes

Robert L. Magee, '59, recently learned that an ornament he created for the White House Christmas tree in 2008 is in the permanent collection of the George W. Bush Presidential Library in Dallas, Texas. Magee arranged to have the ornament displayed on loan until October at the Glenn H. Curtiss Museum in Hammondsport, N.Y., where he and his wife, Dolores, live.

John Novello, '70, broke into the top 10 of the Billboard Smooth Jazz chart on May 15 with the single "Crush" from his CD "Ivory Soul." The single also reached #2 on smoothjazztop20.com.

Dr. Thomas R. Dougan, '71, received the Scott Goodnight Award for Outstanding Performance as a Dean, a national award for chief student affairs officers, in March. He recently retired as Vice President for Student Affairs at the University of Rhode Island.

Dr. William O. Boggs, '72, M'74, published a new book of poetry, "Pennsylvania Blues," which is available from Mammoth Books. He is a professor in the English Department at Slippery Rock University.

Kenneth Counasse, '72, published an ebook on Amazon Kindle, "The Last POW," historical fiction set during World War II. He retired from Associated Clinical Laboratories and resides in Fairview, Pa.

Betsy D. Van Sickle, '73, received the Mary Jo Haverbeck Trailblazer Award at the 2015 College Sports

Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) Annual Convention. Van Sickle was sports information director at Marquette University from 1979 to 1989 and earned numerous awards for her innovative guidebooks and other publications. She is married to Gary Van Sickle, senior writer for Sports Illustrated and Golf.com.

Dennis D. Ranalli, '74, an Erie-based Merrill Lynch senior vice president and wealth management adviser, was one of 11 employees honored with the 2015 David Brady Award at a ceremony in New York.

Thomas Dillon, '75, retired April 1 after 30 years with Feld Entertainment. He was manager of railroad operations for the company's Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus based in Sarasota, Fla.

John Stephen Thomas, '75, recently retired from the information technology department of Miami-Dade County, Fla., after 33 years. He also retired as an adjunct instructor in philosophy from Miami Dade College, Barry University, and University of Miami. He and his wife plan to relocate to Asheville, N.C.

Frank Kaplan, '76, principal at Strawberry Knolls Elementary School, received the 2016 Dr. Edward Shirley Award for Excellence in Educational

Administration and Supervision. He has been principal at the school for 16 years.



Lorraine Justice, '77, was named one of the 50 most notable members of the Industrial Designers Society of America (IDSA) during the last half century. She is dean of the College of Imaging Arts and Sciences at Rochester Institute of Technology and has worked in higher education for nearly 25 years.

Timothy W. Ayers, '77, published a new novel, "The Sign of the End" (Word Castle Publishing), in January. A prolific writer in multiple genres, he also is the author, using the pen name Fred E. Katz, of the SpineChiller Mystery series for young readers.

Kathy S. Hartman, '80, recipient of the 2015 Governor's Award for Excellence in Education, retired from teaching vocal music and musical theater at the Phillipsburg School District after 26 years. She is the Minister of Music at Frenchtown Presbyterian Church and co-founder of the Phillipsburg Summer Youth Theatre. She and her wife, Tracy, live in Bethlehem, Pa.

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ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT: DIANE AND BILL URBANEK

Diane and Bill Urbanek, both members of the EU class of 1976, find Edinboro connections everywhere.

They made their own personal connection at Edinboro, where they earned the same degree, BS in Education – English Secondary Education. Marriage made their connection permanent on June 23, 1979.

The Urbaneks worked for most of their careers at Keystone Oaks School District in suburban Pittsburgh. She retired from teaching in 2010; he retired as superintendent in 2011. Throughout their three decades in education, they encountered many fellow alumni.

“Diane and I were surprised how many Edinboro graduates worked with us at Keystone Oaks and how many of those actually were in our graduating class,” Bill said.

Even in retirement, Edinboro University and Edinboro connections remain important.

“To this day, I can tell you different things my instructor told me, things that have impacted me and how I conducted myself as an educator,” Bill said. “My instructors had high expectations, not just of me, but of each of us. However, they were also available if we needed them. They wanted us to succeed.”

In his own work as an educator, he always tried to follow that model of being available and expecting as well as supporting success.

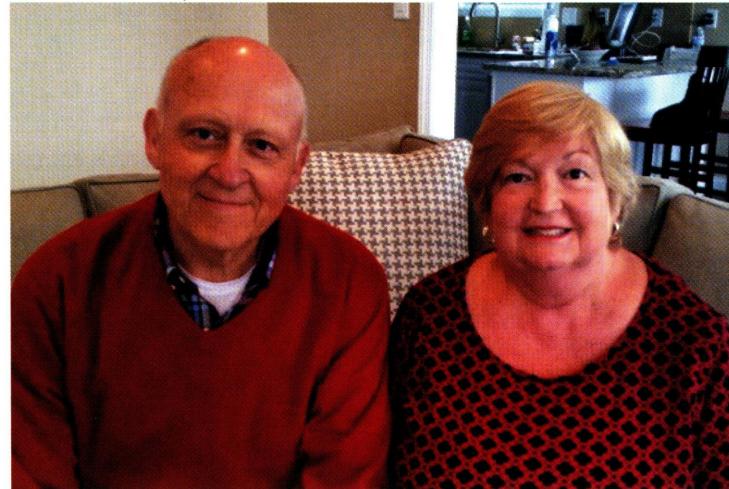
Diane, too, patterned her teaching on the examples set by her EU mentors.

“Quality writing was always emphasized at Edinboro, and I tried to continue that emphasis in my teaching at Keystone Oaks,” she said.

Bill has distilled the lessons and experiences of his long career in education in a manuscript he is shopping around to publishers in between travels as he and Diane attempt to reach all the places they’ve always wanted to visit. They spend some winters in Florida and support their church, performing arts in Pittsburgh and EU scholarship programs.

The couple had to slow down a bit after Bill received a liver transplant in May 2015. Even in that lifesaving surgery there was an Edinboro tie: The donor was **Arlene Urbanek Breedlove**, his younger sister and fellow EU graduate.

As a family affair for the Urbaneks, Edinboro is truly special to Bill and Diane. They visit a few times a year, and they are never far away from an Edinboro connection.



GET TO KNOW BILL URBANEK

Family: Oldest of five siblings; one child, Chris

Civic/community involvement: Active in their church; supporter of EU and its athletic programs; would like to become involved in the EU Alumni Association Board of Directors

Career highlights: 35 years in public education, including 1 year at Union City High School and 34 years at Keystone Oaks School District (English teacher, guidance counselor, superintendent)

GET TO KNOW DIANE URBANEK

Family: One child, Chris

Civic/community involvement: Active in local church, supporter of EU and its athletic programs; volunteer with Bethlehem Haven, a women’s shelter, and Gilda’s House, a cancer survivor facility, both in Pittsburgh

Career highlights: 33 years as an educator, 30 of them at Keystone Oaks School District (English, literature and social studies teacher; reading specialist; Title I teacher).



A message from Leta Jeffers, '11, director of Alumni Relations and Annual Giving

I am extremely happy to come home to Edinboro University. Philanthropy for the University is near and dear to my heart as an alumna and past scholarship recipient. I am also extremely excited about growing our alumni relations program and engaging our alumni community. We share a unique and wonderful connection because we have spent some of the most transformational years of our lives learning and growing on this wonderful campus.



There are many ways that alumni can become engaged with their alma mater, their fellow alumni and today's Edinboro University students. Attending alumni events, mentoring current students and providing philanthropic support for the University through athletics, scholarships or special initiatives all strengthen EU and offer personal and altruistic benefits.

I hope to see our alumni in the upcoming year at our growing number of alumni events regionally and across the U.S.

Go Boro!

ALUMNI NOTES (continued from page 9)

Jeannine Schoenecker, '81, received a George G. Blaisdell YMCA Community Service Award presented by the Bradford Family YMCA. She is president and chief operating officer of American Refining Group.

John R. Evans, '82, M'99, received the Outstanding Alumni Award April 14 at the Department of Communication Studies' Annual Spring Banquet. Evans is Pennsylvania's Small Business Advocate.

Dr. James T. Harris III, M'83, was named president of the University of San Diego in August 2015. He previously was president of Widener University in Chester, Pa., and Defiance College in Ohio.

Eileen Welch Zilliox, '87, was named to the Notre Dame High School Hall of Fame. She has been a special education teacher for 17 years, specializing in working with emotionally handicapped children. She and her husband, Brad, reside in Webster, N.Y.

Frank Scherer, '88, is the Chief Probation Officer at Allegheny County Adult Probation and Parole, where he has worked in the Adult Probation Office for more than 24 years.

Edwin K. Morris, '89, received the Information Architecture and Knowledge Management Alumnus of the Year



award from Kent State University's School of Library and Information Science. He is the founder and president of Pioneer Knowledge Services and a part-time faculty member at Kent State.

Jerry Hites, '90, is serving his second year on the Fairport Harbor (Ohio) Village Council. He teaches special education at Fairport Harding High School and is assistant baseball coach at Lake Erie College in Painesville, Oh. He and his wife, Amy, have four sons.

Jill (Kirby) Garnot, '93, was inducted into Charleroi Area High School's Sports Hall of Fame in September. She previously was named a member of EU's All-Time Women's Swim Team.

U.S. Navy Cmdr. Douglas Pegher, '93, became commander of the naval destroyer USS Stethem and its crew of more than 300 sailors and officers in May.



Mark A. Flanigan, '94, plans to begin a one-year volunteer assignment with WorldTeach in August. His work will support women's education at the Asian University for Women in Bangladesh. Flanigan has been a program director with the Japan ICU Foundation in New York City.

Price Williams, '95, serves as Chief of Staff for McGuiness & Yager LLP, a Washington, D.C., law firm specializing in human resources law and strategy.

Danielle (Gilbert) Cutlip, '96, is director of site acquisition for Dewberry, a privately held professional services firm in the Raleigh-Durham, N.C., area.



Michael Mihlfried, '98, is Division Chief – Budget Coordination & Reports in the Office of the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Commerce in Washington, D.C. He lives in Alexandria, Va.

Jonathan Piendel, '98, is a captain with the Allegheny County Jail, where he has worked for 12 years. He resides in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Nicole S. Smith, '98, was named Monroe County (Fla.) School District's teacher of the year. She is involved outside the classroom as a coach in the Positive Behavior Intervention System and as coordinator of the Advancement Via Individual Determination program.

Mike Bonus, '99, was inducted June 10 into the Washington-Greene Chapter of the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame. An outstanding high school athlete, he continues to play baseball in the Washington-Greene County Adult Baseball League.

Rachel Seifried, '00, was appointed hospitality venue manager at St. Barnabas Communities in Gibsonia, Pa.

Chris More, '00, is head of Firefox Growth at Mozilla Corp. He lives in Sunnyvale, Calif.



Jonathan Schopf, '00, recently opened his own law firm and was sworn in May 2 to represent Clifton Park, N.Y., on the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors. He has lived in Clifton Park for 11 years with his wife, Carin, and their two children.

Dr. Rob Connick, '02, has contributed to a lively theatre scene in Edinboro through the creation of Laugh/Riot Performing Arts Company, the resident theatre company at EU. For five years, Connick has served on Laugh/Riot's board, committed to helping theatre thrive in Edinboro.

Matthew R. King, '04, was one of seven inductees into the Connellsville Area Falcon Foundation Hall of Fame in September. He previously was inducted into the Edinboro University Athletics Hall of Fame and the Eastern Wrestling League Hall of Fame.

Stacey Santos, '05, was named president of the Greater Erie Board of Realtors for 2016. She is a Realtor with Marsha Marsh Real Estate Services.

Robert T. Smith, '05, M'13, was named House Director Coordinator for University of Kentucky's fraternity and sorority community. He attributes his success to EU's graduate school and counseling program.

Beth Strosser Holguin, '05, is a nurse practitioner in Albuquerque, N.M. She is a doctoral student and was awarded the Robert Woods Johnson Foundation Fellowship.



Along with her husband and three children, she owns a restaurant called The Cellar in Albuquerque's Old Town.

Adam Sperry, '06, was chosen to serve in U.S. Rep. Elise Stefanik's Washington office as a 2016 military fellow. After graduating from Edinboro's ROTC program, Sperry was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in Military Intelligence and deployed to both Iraq and Afghanistan.



Adam Sperry with U.S. Rep. Elise Stefanik

Dr. John R. Mioduszewski, '07, works as a postdoctoral researcher studying future Arctic sea ice variability and predictability at the Center for Climatic Research at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He completed his Ph.D. in Physical Geography at Rutgers University in May 2015 and lives in Madison with his wife, Dr. Susan Coiner-Collier.

Dr. Jonathan Malzone, '10, is a professor in the Geosciences Department at Eastern Kentucky University.

Kellie (Swanson) Krzos, '10, received the semi-annual DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nurses at Cole Memorial Hospital in Coudersport, Pa. She works in the medical-surgical patient unit.

Pablo Reyes, '10, M'13, received the Julius Filcik Doctoral Fellowship, an award for first-year doctoral students at Indiana University of Pennsylvania, where he is enrolled in the Doctor of Education in Administration and Leadership Studies program.

Jordan Koch, '12, produces storyboards for a new animated show on Nickelodeon called "The Loud Show."

Emily Ahrens, '13, M'15, recently joined Applied Machinery Sales (AMS-Merlo) in Rock Hill, S.C., as marketing assistant.

Matt Lynch, '13, is Director of Basketball Operations for men's basketball at Youngstown State University in Ohio.

Patrick Nuzzo, '13, and Anthony LoPinto, '13, both work for ESPN and were nominated for a Sports Emmy Award for digital innovation for their work on a project called "ESPN on Snapchat Discover."

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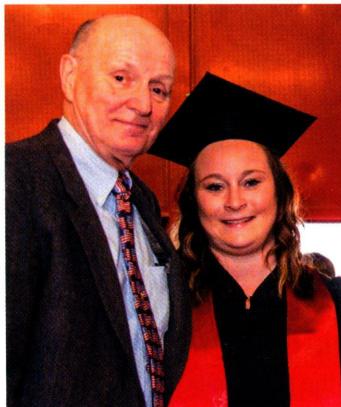
FRANK PORTFILIO AND MEGAN NIES: FOLLOWING IN PAPA'S FOOTSTEPS

As a longtime Crawford County, Pennsylvania, educator, alumnus **Frank Portfilio, '61, M'71**, has been influential in the lives of many young people, not least of all, his granddaughter, **Megan Nies, '15**.

Fifty-four years after Portfilio earned his Edinboro undergraduate degree, he was on hand Dec. 12 when Megan received her degree in Early Childhood (P-4) and Special Education (P-8). She had known since she was four that she wanted to follow in his footsteps and teach.

Portfilio was a teacher and guidance counselor at Saegertown Elementary School in the Penncrest School District for 43 years and became well-known in his small community for his personal connection with students and his special penchant for dressing in a Cookie Monster costume to cheer ailing children.

"If you ask people if they know Frank Portfilio and they say no, then ask if they know Cookie ... They smile and say, 'YES, of course!'" says his daughter, **Karen Portfilio-Nies**, Megan's mother.



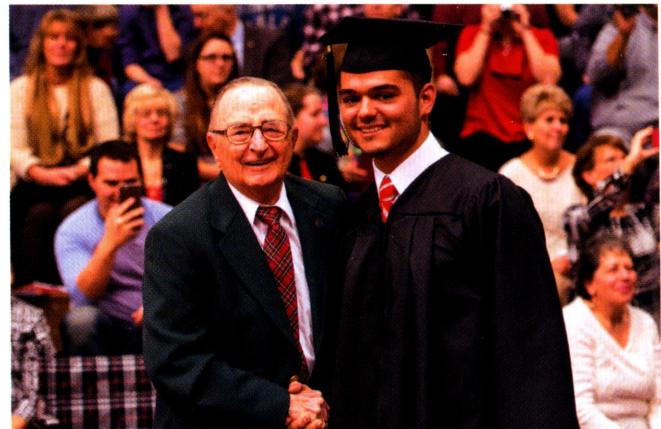
Alumnus and longtime educator Frank Portfilio congratulates Megan Nies, his granddaughter and a future fellow teacher, following her graduation on December 12.

ROCCAS AND NAPLES MAKE AN EDINBORO EDUCATION A FAMILY TRADITION

For retired elementary education faculty member **Dr. Michael Rocca** and his wife, **Dorothea**, Edinboro University is more than a place where he used to work. It is a source of success for generations of their family.

All six of their children are EU alumni: **Kathleen Naples, R.N., '85**, nursing; **Michael A. Rocca III, '81**, music; **Charles W. Rocca, '87**, general science – secondary education; **David E. Rocca, '82**, elementary education; **Mary A. Frazier, '83**, elementary education; and **Gina Baixauli, '87**, nursing. Son-in-law **Richard K. Frazier, '84**, studied business at EU.

In addition, two of Kathleen's four sons, **Michael Naples, '15**, and **Joseph Naples, '16**, recently completed



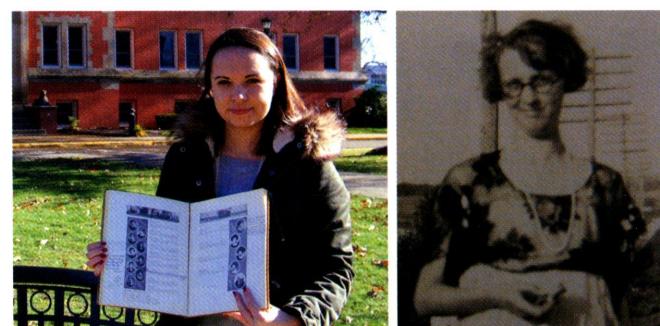
Dressed for the occasion in his tartan tie, Dr. Michael Rocca congratulates his grandson Michael Naples during Undergraduate Commencement on December 12.

their studies at the University. It was a very special day for the family in December when Michael received his degree in criminal justice and Dr. Rocca was able to shake his namesake grandson's hand. Joseph followed closely in his brother's footsteps, graduating in May with a degree in business.

Following his retirement from Edinboro in 1986, Dr. Rocca spent 12 years teaching elementary school in DeSoto County, Florida, retiring in 1998 after 41 years in the field of education. He and Dorothea now live in Winter Haven, Florida, and travel frequently to visit their widely scattered family.

'GREAT GRAM' AND HALLEY

Halley Kottwitz, '16, had a special connection to Edinboro University long before she became an Edinboro student. Halley graduated with highest honors in May, exactly 90 years after her great-grandmother, **Ilah Titus, '26**, graduated from Edinboro State Normal School. She kept "Great Gram" Ilah's yearbook in her campus apartment and felt right at home at Edinboro after transferring from a college near her home in Bolivar, New York, to complete her bachelor's degree in psychology. "I think she would be very proud that I came to Edinboro," Halley said.

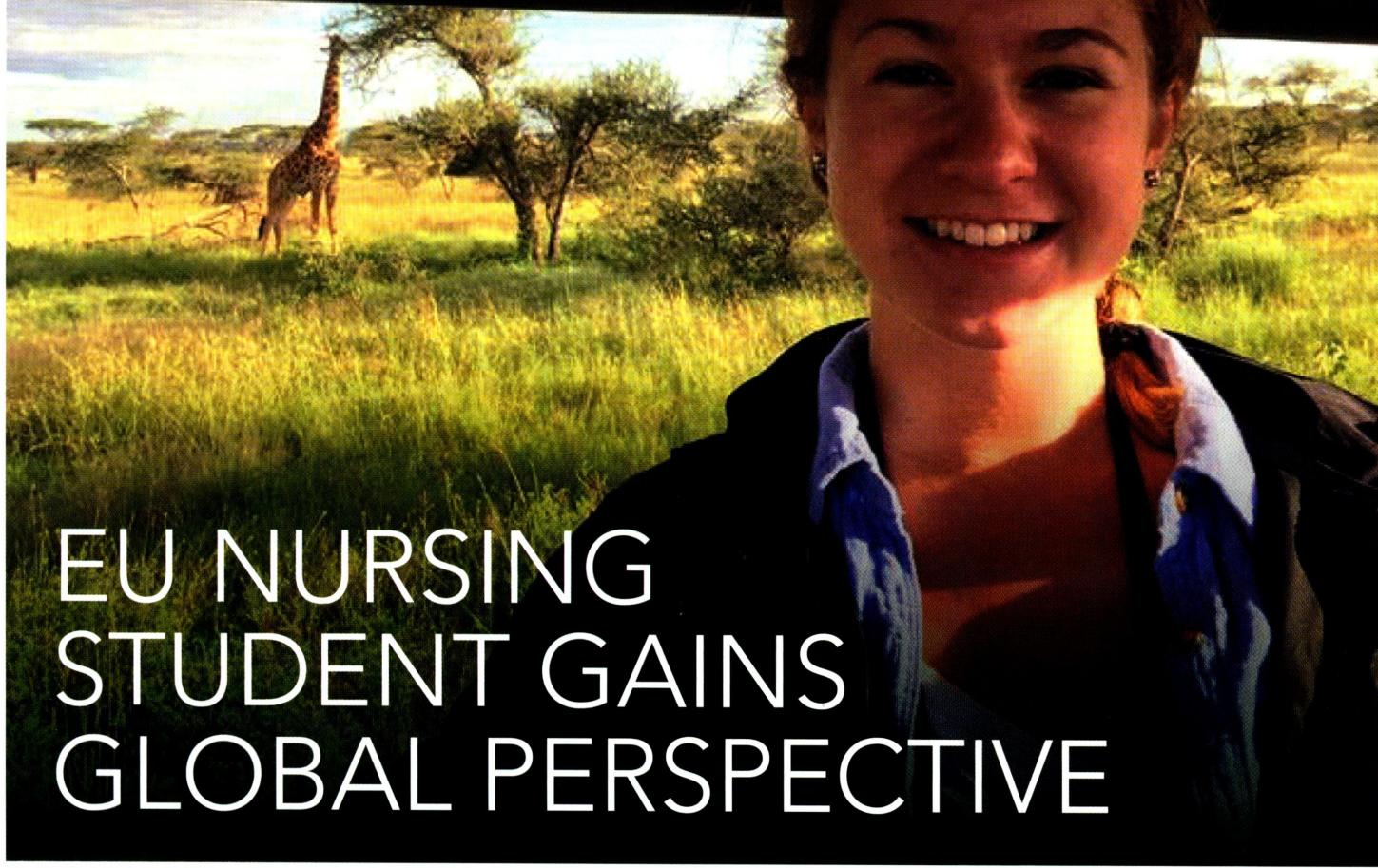


Halley Kottwitz

Ilah Titus

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EU NURSING STUDENT GAINS GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE

Crystal Glover's experiences in Africa included both work in one of Tanzania's rudimentary hospitals and an opportunity to explore nature at Serengeti National Park and the Ngorongoro Conservation Area.

Senior nursing major **Crystal Glover** didn't go home to Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, for the holidays in December. In fact, her final holiday season as an Edinboro student was far from traditional.

While most of her classmates took a break from their studies and spent time with family and friends, Crystal devoted her time off to treating critically ill patients in Tanzania, Africa, with the Work the World Organization.

Because of the structured nature of the nursing curriculum, she is the first student from the EU Department of Nursing to participate in an international study abroad experience directly related to her major.

"I have always loved traveling and helping others," Crystal said. "I knew I wanted to do some sort of volunteer work using my nursing skills."

Determined to make her dream a reality, she found the Work the World opportunity and contacted EU's International Student Services for assistance. Crystal

received Pennsylvania's State System of Higher Education (PASSHE) Study Abroad Award and the EU Study Abroad Scholarship to help defray the cost of her trip.

After more than a year of planning, she departed Pittsburgh International Airport on Dec. 12 with a suitcase full of medical items to donate once she arrived at the end of a 22-hour flight.

She spent three weeks volunteering in the intensive care unit at Mount Meru Regional Hospital in Arusha, Tanzania. There, she worked predominately with patients in the late stages of malaria, HIV, tuberculosis, diabetes, heart disease and severe trauma.

"The hospital was extremely under-resourced," Crystal said. "The entire intensive care unit shared a single oxygen tank and one blood pressure cuff. Most of the doctors did not have stethoscopes, and gloves were a rarity."

While in Arusha, she also made several visits to the *(continued on next page)*



EU NURSING STUDENT (continued from page 14)

Neema House orphanage, a rescue center for abandoned and orphaned babies. She spent hours playing games with the 43 children and infants who call the orphanage home.

Due to a shortage of clean blood for transfusions in Africa, mothers die during childbirth at a much higher rate than in countries with modern medical facilities. Without access to basic medical resources, many children lose their parents to AIDS or other illnesses.

"Many of the patients die. It's very sad," Crystal said. "One day, I went into the hospital and almost a third of our patients were gone, but when patients improved, it reminded me why I love nursing."

In the evenings, she took Swahili lessons, explored the nearby markets, sampled local cuisine, and learned as much as possible about the customs and traditions of the Tanzanian people.

"As a future nurse, it is important to gain exposure

to other cultures in order to be prepared for the diverse populations nurses encounter," she said. "This experience improved my understanding of the importance of cultural competence care, which is the ability for health care professionals to work effectively in cross-cultural situations."

Crystal and her group took a few days off from working in the hospital to travel six hours to Serengeti National Park and the Ngorongoro Conservation Area.

Upon completion of a Life Experience Portfolio, which includes a daily journal and a summary of the experience, she earned three credits toward her degree, a Bachelor of Science in Nursing with minors in biology and psychology, which she received in May.

"The experience was amazing. It was difficult being away during the holidays, but it was also a very interesting experience," she said. "I was exposed to diverse health issues only found in books, such as working with communicable diseases and advanced pathologies not prevalent in the United States."

Crystal Glover graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing in May. Thanks to the many Edinboro University scholarships and outside support she received, Crystal obtained a high-quality education, had an exceptional study abroad experience and completed her degree in four years with no loan debt. Her scholarship aid included:

2012-2013

Outside Scholarships

Little Beaver Lions Club Scholarship – \$1,000/year
Jumet Charitable Foundation – \$1,500/year

2013-2014

Dr. Jeremy D. Brown Scholarship – \$1,600/year
Shirley L. Roth Nursing Scholarship – \$2,000/year
Resident Assistant Fall 2013 – \$2,730

Outside Scholarships

Burger King Scholars Award – \$1,000/year
Jumet Charitable Foundation – \$1,500/year

2014-2015

EU Women's Philanthropy Council Scholarship – \$1,500/year
Shirley L. Roth Nursing Scholarship – \$1,000/year
APSCUF Scholarship – \$500/year

Outside Scholarship

Jumet Charitable Foundation – \$1,500/year

2015-2016

Shirley L. Roth Nursing Scholarship – \$1,000/year
APSCUF Scholarship – \$1,000/year
EU Women's Philanthropy Study Abroad Scholarship – \$1,000
PSECU International Educational Scholarship – \$2,000
(*Study Abroad from PASSHE*)
PASSHE Study Abroad Award – \$1,500
(*nominated by the University*)

Outside Scholarships

Cheryl K. Schmidt Scholarship – \$2,000/year
Fitz Dixon Memorial Scholarship (PASSHE) – \$500 (Fall 2015)
Jumet Charitable Foundation – \$1,500/year

Edinboro University is eager to give every student the opportunity to learn and to prepare for his or her future.

A scholarship award tells a student that someone who came before is investing in him or her now. Students have expressed a sense of honor and accomplishment when they receive an award. They are proud that their hard work is being rewarded, and the financial assistance makes a tremendous difference.

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FOCUS ON SCHOLARSHIPS

ZEWES ESTABLISH TWO ENDOWMENTS AT EDINBORO UNIVERSITY

Dave and Karen Zewe Wrestling Endowment; Dave and Karen Zewe Nursing Endowment

Former entrepreneur and consultant **David M. Zewe**, currently retired, earned his Bachelor of Science in Chemistry in 1973 and his Master of Education in 1977, both from Edinboro University. Early in his career, he taught science in the School District of the City of Erie.

Due to the uncertainty within the local teaching community, David took a risk that would alter both his career track and the future of his family. He left teaching and became an extraordinarily successful sales and marketing executive in the health care industry for more than 25 years.

He began his new career with Squibb Diagnostics, a division of Bristol-Myers Squibb. He quickly moved up to the position of vice president, and in 1994 he joined Quest Diagnostics, Inc., rising to senior vice president, U.S. Operations in 2001. He retired in 2007.

Karen Zewe earned a degree in nursing from the Saint Vincent School of Nursing and worked at both Edinboro University's Ghering Health and Wellness Center and Saint Vincent Health Center in Erie. Karen and David were high school sweethearts and are the parents of five children. The family moved several times before settling in Yardley, Pennsylvania.

David and Karen have long been supporters of Edinboro University and have fond memories of their time spent in Edinboro. They have demonstrated a strong commitment to higher education and have supported both the Edinboro wrestling and nursing programs for many years.

STEVEN AND KAREN TURK CROSS COUNTRY SCHOLARSHIP

Steven Turk graduated from Edinboro University in 1975 with a Bachelor of Science in Geology. He was a member of Edinboro's cross country team and has fond memories of his time at Edinboro and coach **Doug Watts**. Steve and his Edinboro classmates still get together each year, maintaining their friendship for more than 40 years. Although he also earned degrees from Pennsylvania State University and Oklahoma City University, he said he believes he had the most fun and received the best education at Edinboro.

Steve has had a successful career of more than 30 years in the exploration and production of gas and oil at both private and publicly held companies.

Karen (Jones) Turk grew up in Meadville and worked on her grandparents' small farm. She also attended Edinboro University and has traveled and moved extensively for Steve's career. They are the parents of Karrie and Eric, and the grandparents of Maddie and Clayton. Clay is currently attending Edinboro.

Steve and Karen have created this fund to not only provide financial support to deserving student-athletes, but also in the spirit of their philanthropic legacy.



Steven Turk, '75, and his Edinboro friends, classmates, and members of the cross-country team have gathered for over 40 years. In March 2016, they met at Steve and Karen Turk's Greensboro, Georgia, home on Lake Oconee to reminisce and relax. All have fond memories of the Boro and have had successful careers in teaching, business and financial services. From left are Steve Turk; Steve Twigg, '77; Dan Buck, '75; Rick Logue; Pat Logue, '76; Larry Gross, '76; and Jerry Majzlik, '76.

Karen Turk and Marilyn Goellner, Director of Major and Planned Gifts



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Edinboro University is going all out for **Homecoming 2016** with new events and annual favorites.

The "Level Up" themed Homecoming parade promises to deliver the color, creativity and fun encouraged by the classic arcade and modern games that will serve as inspiration for this year's celebration of all things EU. **See you there!**



BRIAN KING MEMORIAL FUND



Parents David and Kathy King are presented with gifts from Edinboro University.



Brian King

On May 23, the friends and family of **Brian King, '10**, held the first Brian King Memorial Golf Outing in Colonia, New Jersey. Brian graduated from Edinboro with a degree in Journalism/Mass Communication. A film writer and critic from Holmdel, New Jersey, he died peacefully on July 11, 2015, at the age of 28 with his family at his side. At age 6, Brian was diagnosed with Duchenne muscular dystrophy (DMD), an incurable genetic disorder that progressively breaks down all of the body's muscles.

Proceeds of more than \$50,000 from the charity golf outing were donated to the Brian King Memorial Fund at Edinboro, to assist with providing personal care assistance to students with disabilities. The fund will be used to provide services not normally covered in care budgets, such as transportation to and from cultural, sports and entertainment events and venues.

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NEW SCHOLARSHIPS

We are happy to acknowledge and thank members of the Edinboro family by announcing several newly created annual scholarships:

GORDIE AND BETH HERBST TRAVEL SCHOLARSHIP

Retired Vice President for Finance and Administration **Gordie Herbst** and his wife, Associate Registrar and EU grad **Beth Fuhrer**, have established an award for students traveling domestically or abroad.

AUGUST P. SCHIAVA SCHOLARSHIP

Alumnus **“Auggie” Schiava, '72**, vice president of the Erie Chamber Division of the Erie Regional Chamber and Growth Partnership, has created a scholarship for students attending Porreco College.

STUPIANSKY GRADUATE EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

Emeritus faculty members **Dr. Nicholas G. Stupiansky** and **Dr. Sandra Waite-Stupiansky** have established a scholarship that will be awarded to students pursuing a Master of Education in Early Childhood Education or Middle-Level Education.

JESSICA WOODS MARCHIONDA SCHOLARSHIP

In honor and memory of **Jessica (Woods) Marchionda, '98**, her family and friends created the Out of the Woods Foundation. The Foundation will provide an award to students from Beaver County or Allegheny County each year.

PENNSYLVANIA STATE EMPLOYEES CREDIT UNION (PSECU)

The organization has generously established an annual scholarship that will be awarded to undergraduate students who are members of PSECU and in good academic standing.

SHANNON LEWIS MEMORIAL BOOK FUND

In honor and memory of Shannon, an annual book award has been created by family members **Janet Lewis, '00**, **Chris Lewis** and **Keith Jeffreys** for members of the wheelchair basketball team.

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MFA STUDENTS IN SPOTLIGHT

NATIONAL, INTERNATIONAL JOURNALS SHOW THEIR WORK

For art students working to build a portfolio to land future job opportunities, being “seen” and receiving recognition is crucial.

Gaining recognition becomes an expectation for students in Edinboro University’s Master of Fine Arts program as they follow the lead of countless highly accomplished alumni. During the spring 2016 semester, three MFA students met that expectation with exposure in magazines with national and international audiences.

Didem Mert, a second-year student in the ceramics program, wrote the cover story for the January/February issue of *Pottery Making Illustrated*, the leading magazine to feature ceramic art techniques and studio information. The story provided instruction for making her stacked bowls and included a sidebar about her collaboration with cook and photographer **Lydia Bungart-Morrison** on an art and recipe blog they call *M&M Clay & Food Porn Project*.

Paintings by **Josh Mitchel** and **Claira Heitzenrader** were recently featured in *Fresh Paint Magazine*, an international, bimonthly publication available in both print and digital editions.



Claira Heitzenrader



Josh Mitchel

“Visual artists increasingly rely on print and digital promotion as a means of being ‘seen’ or discovered,” said **Terry McKelvey**, assistant professor and head of the Painting concentration in the Edinboro MFA program. “Often, inclusion in this type of publication can lead to additional professional recognition.”

McKelvey said the MFA program trains students for professional careers as exhibiting artists, so it’s not surprising that publications show interest in their work.

Nonetheless, Mert said she was very surprised by the attention.

“I’ve been in total shock concerning the opportunities that have come my way just this past year. At the end of the day the most important thing to me is that people see and use the vessels I create,” she said.

THE MFA PROGRAM TRAINS STUDENTS FOR PROFESSIONAL CAREERS AS EXHIBITING ARTISTS.

Mert, a Cincinnati native, received her BFA in Ceramics from Northern Kentucky University in 2014 and has exhibited nationally. She expects to graduate from EU’s MFA program in 2017.

She said the issue of *Pottery Making Illustrated* with her article and cover shot was distributed during the National Conference on Education for the Ceramic Arts (NCECA), held March 16-19, in Kansas City, Missouri, which meant that several thousand participants had an opportunity to see her work.

Coincidentally, the same issue included a story co-written by EU alumnus **Paul Donnelly**, ’97, a studio ceramic artist and associate professor of ceramics at the Kansas City Art Institute.

Mitchel, a May graduate whose oil painting, “Sometimes I Let the Shadows Creep In,” was featured in issue 11 of *Fresh Paint Magazine*, said the recognition came at a good time for him.

“Both personally and professionally it feels wonderful to receive some external validation for all the hard work, because, and I can speak only about myself, as an artist I spend a lot of time questioning or doubting myself and my work,” he said.

A Pittsburgh native, Mitchel received a BFA in Studio Arts from Indiana University in 1997 and a BFA in interior architecture from the Design Institute of San Diego in 2008.

The same issue of *Fresh Paint Magazine* published Heitzenrader’s oil painting, “Escape Route,” and an interview with her was featured on the magazine’s website.

The attention is both flattering and humbling, she said. “It tells me that my hard work is starting to pay off, which is exciting. It’s a good feeling to know that you have other artists

DIDEM MERT IS ON CFILE'S POTTERS TO WATCH LIST IN 2016, ONE OF ONLY 15 CITED NATIONALLY

Her 2016 shows include:

- Planes (invitational) – AKAR, Iowa City, Iowa
- Featured Artist at Companion Gallery (July) – Companion Gallery, Humboldt, Tennessee
- Featured Artist – Studio KotoKoto, San Diego, California
- Shippensburg University Ceramics Invitational – Shippensburg, Pennsylvania
- Pottery in the Gallery Expo – NCECA with Lillstreet Gallery, Kansas City, Missouri

Her additional 2016 activities include:

- Artist talk at Northern Kentucky University – Highland Heights, Kentucky
- Pottery featured in an AMACO advertisement – AMACO, Indianapolis, Indiana
- Assistant at Penland School of Crafts to Tracy and David Gamble – Penland, North Carolina
- Camp David Residency – The Clay Lady Campus, Nashville, Tennessee



and members of the Edinboro community cheering you on.”

Heitzenrader, who completed an MFA in Painting and Printmaking in May, received her BFA in Painting from Indiana University of Pennsylvania in 2012. Her work has been exhibited at the Carnegie Museum of Art in Pittsburgh and the Erie Art Museum.

McKelvey said the recognition and success attained by Mert, Mitchel, Heitzenrader and others is a natural outcome of the expectation that Edinboro MFA students will develop a mature, professional-quality body of work.

Mert added that the program allowed her to quickly grow and improve.

“Edinboro University has given me the support system, time and facilities to help push my work in a short amount of time,” she said. “I was able to make huge strides in my work at an incredible rate.”

For more information about Edinboro University’s Master of Fine Arts three-year residential studio program, with degree offerings in Ceramics, Metals, Painting, Printmaking and Sculpture, visit art.edinboro.edu.

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First Art Therapy graduate ready to use degree to help others

In May, **Deirdre “Dee” Foll, ’09, M’16**, became the first graduate of Edinboro University’s Master of Arts in Art Therapy. The program, introduced in 2014, was the first of its kind to be offered completely online.

Foll, an addiction counselor, hopes to use the degree to help veterans and traumatized youth. She said the program equipped her to do work that has appealed to her since she first heard of the field as an EU undergraduate studying graphic design with a minor in psychology.

Dr. Penny Orr, Art Therapy program head, said the students following Foll through the program are a diverse group from 19 U.S. states as well as Thailand, Canada and South Africa.

For more information about the Master of Arts in Art Therapy program, contact the School of Graduate Studies and Research at (814) 732-2856, toll-free at (888) 845-2890 or by email at gradstudies@edinboro.edu.



Deirdre “Dee” Foll at Graduate Student Commencement on May 7.



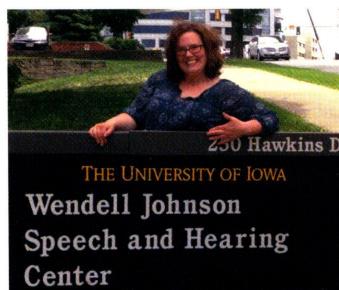
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Charity Patterson, a second-year Clinical Mental Health Counseling student, received a grant from the Pennsylvania chapter of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) to attend the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) in June. Patterson served as president of both Graduate Student Council and the Counseling Club, and is on the University Senate and the Academic Concerns committee.



Dr. Skye Raupp was one of 20 individuals selected for a \$2,000 fellowship from The Stuttering Foundation to attend a four-day intensive workshop May 24-27 at the University of Iowa on ways to prevent, assess, treat and live with stuttering. Dr. Raupp, who joined the Speech, Language, and Hearing Department in 2013, teaches a course in Fluency Disorders in the Master of Arts in Speech-Language Pathology program.



Clinical Mental Health Counseling student **Merida Valera** was selected by the National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC) for their Minority Fellowship Program for Addictions. Valera, a second-year student, works with racially and ethnically diverse transition-age youth in Erie and provides essential substance abuse counseling and other services.



Denise Morelli received the Christopher Gardner Award for Excellence in the Field of Dyslexia in April as a result of her work in the Pittsburgh area to expand awareness of the condition, which affects the way the brain processes written and spoken language. The award was presented April 9 by the Pennsylvania Branch of the International Dyslexia Association. Morelli is director of the Allegheny Intermediate Unit's Non-Public Schools program.

Chelsie Markle received the first-place award for her poster presentation at the Celebration of Excellence held April 6. She also presented her research at the Pennsylvania State Hearing Association Conference April 7-8. The Master of Arts in Speech Pathology student's research involves early intervention strategies for divorced/separated families.

EU graduate students **Ashley Bevington, Sara Catapano, Royce Hilderbrand, Didem Mert, Sara Morales-Morgan, Hanah Pierce** and **Neil Simak**, along with undergraduate ceramics students **Pat Bell** and **Steven Rossini**, were included in the juried Keystone Collegiate Exhibition at Brockway Center for Arts & Technology in Brockway, Pennsylvania, in March.

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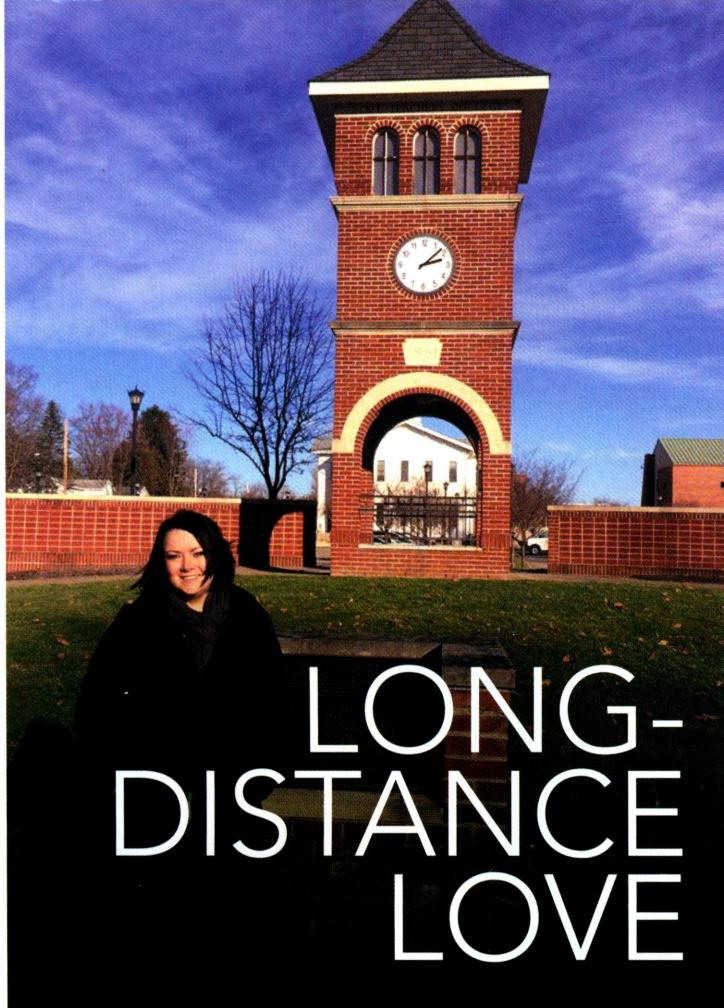
Edinboro University's online graduate education programs rate among the best in the country, according to rankings by *U.S. News & World Report*. Edinboro's offerings were ranked by *U.S. News* in its list of **2016 Best Online Graduate Education Programs**. Edinboro is one of four Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE) institutions ranked by the prestigious publication.



The high-value, low-cost education offered by Edinboro University earned it a place among the most affordable online teaching and early childhood education degree programs in the nation in new rankings from OnlineU, a website of the education publishing company SR Education Group. The rankings are included among its overall **2016 Most Affordable Online Colleges and Degrees**, which rate programs in a variety of academic disciplines, and are available at OnlineU.org.

Edinboro's Master of Education in Early Childhood Education is ranked #7 in OnlineU's listing of the nation's **Most Affordable Early Childhood Education Degrees Online**. The University's master's and post-master's certificate programs in education were ranked 12th in its ranking of the **Most Affordable Online Teaching Degrees**.

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LONG-DISTANCE LOVE

Like many first-time visitors to EU, Lindsay Rasmussen enjoyed being photographed with the clock tower and other landmarks when she traveled from Utah to receive her Master of Social Work degree.

MSW STUDENT GETS HER FIRST FACE-TO-FACE LOOK AT EU AT GRADUATION

It is no secret that Edinboro University's online graduate programs offer students geographic and course flexibility. Attracted by quality and value, students nationwide and in many foreign countries have advanced their knowledge and careers in virtual EU classrooms.

Utah resident **Lindsay Rasmussen** chose Edinboro's nationally recognized Master of Social Work program at a time when her life was at a crossroads.

"My husband, **Eric**, and I are veterans, and during the time I was applying for graduate school it was undetermined if we would live in Utah or possibly back East," she said. "This situation necessitated a MSW program that was not only accredited but flexible, regardless of where I might live."

Though they remained in Utah, she developed a strong bond with her far-away university that was further cemented when she and her husband joined other members of the EU community for an August 2014 study-abroad trip to Scotland.

It was not until a year later, however, that they first set foot on the Edinboro campus, traveling 1,800 miles so she could participate in the December 2015 graduate student commencement ceremony. Here, she shares her thoughts about her EU education, the Scotland trip and seeing Edinboro for the first time.

Q: *How did Edinboro University's online Master of Social Work meet your needs when you were looking for a graduate program?*

A: I really enjoyed the flexibility of Edinboro's online format. It was particularly beneficial when looking for field education sites (agencies where social workers intern) because it increased my flexibility and availability for intern hours/schedules. It allowed me the freedom to schedule and organize my life in ways that best accommodated me.

Q: *What was the experience on the trip to Scotland like for you?*

A: During that session I was taking Social Work Research II online with **Dr. David Pugh** – from Scotland! Simultaneously, I was studying abroad with **Dr. Tim Thompson** and **Dr. Gary Grant**. Dr. Thompson's Communication Studies in Scotland course remains my most enjoyed academic experience. For both me and my husband, who also studied abroad, the trip was the best two weeks of our lives, and that's saying a lot from people who have traveled the world.

Q: *Why did you travel from Utah to participate in the graduate commencement ceremony?*

A: Graduation is a rite of passage, where you and those who have supported you can participate in the recognition of achievement and celebrate a journey you've just completed. When I arrived on campus for the first time I thought it was lovely. My husband and I walked around campus, read the plaques that shared EU's history, and we were blown away by Angus!

Q: *What were you feeling when you finally got to celebrate face-to-face with classmates and faculty you spent so much time with online?*

A: I felt appreciation. **Dr. Elaine Rinfrette** and Dr. Pugh were even better in person. EU's faculty is so accessible and friendly. This is quite unlike my college experiences in Utah.

Q: *How has the MSW program prepared and helped you professionally?*

A: Edinboro's MSW program provided the knowledge and experience needed to enter and excel in our field. Many of my professors provided rigorous courses that demanded you obtain functional knowledge of the content area as well as its use in practical application.





Head football coach Justin Lustig and his entire family – wife, Beth, and sons Henry, 8, and Samuel, 11 – look with excitement to the start of the season in September. Beth (Christopher) Lustig, '01, played soccer for EU.

JUSTIN LUSTIG: NEW HEAD FOOTBALL COACH LOOKS TO REINVIGORATE PROGRAM

Justin Lustig arrived in Edinboro in January ready and eager to get started rebuilding the University's football program after a difficult few seasons. To say that he has hit the ground running is an understatement.

Just a few months into his tenure as EU's 14th head football coach, Lustig has hired a robust and experienced coaching staff, signed an outstanding recruiting class, and built relationships with important constituents on- and off-campus.

"We have accomplished a lot," Lustig says proudly. "Our early successes have gotten me excited about our future. My hope is that we continually improve. [We're] always striving to reach our full potential as individuals, as an offense, defense and special teams, and as an overall team."

Lustig, 38, comes to EU from Ball State University

in Indiana, where he oversaw special teams and running backs from 2011-15, and also was named assistant head coach prior to the 2015 season. Under his direction, the Ball State special teams ranked among the best in the Mid-American Conference.

"I've been in college football as a player and as a coach for 20 years. Half of those years, I was on offense and half on defense. I know what defenses gave us problems at Ball State, and I know what offenses gave us problems at Villanova. Having experience on both sides [of the ball] allows you to think like your opponent, and consequently anticipate the way that they will attack you," Lustig explained of how his past experience informs his current approach to coaching.

The head football coach position at Edinboro was



THE LUSTIG FILE

- Ball State University (Muncie, Indiana), special teams coordinator/running backs coach, 2011-15; assistant head coach, 2015
- University of Louisiana at Lafayette (Lafayette, Louisiana), special teams coordinator/running backs and H back coach, 2009-10
- Eastern Illinois University (Charleston, Illinois), special teams coordinator/running backs coach, 2006-09
- Christopher Newport University (Newport News, Virginia), special teams coordinator/recruiting coordinator/defensive backs coach, 2004-05
- Villanova University (Villanova, Pennsylvania), cornerbacks coach, 2003
- Christopher Newport University (Newport News, Virginia), assistant coach, 2001-02

attractive to him for several reasons. Beyond offering him a chance to take over a program that has had a long tradition of excellence, the role provided Lustig and his family with an opportunity to return home. Born in Alexandria, Va., in March 1978, Lustig moved with his family to Erie when he was just four years old.

"I take a lot of pride in growing up in northwestern Pennsylvania," he says. "It was also very important to me that I take a head job at a place where I thought we could be successful."

Lustig played high school football at Cathedral Preparatory School in Erie. Following his 1996 graduation from Cathedral Prep, he attended Bucknell University.

At Bucknell, he was a four-year starter while playing at cornerback and safety. During his years as a Bison, the team won the Patriot League Championship and enjoyed its most successful season in school history in 1997 with a 10-1 record. Lustig served as a team captain in 2000, and earned his bachelor's degree in English and history that same year.

He went on to receive a Master of Arts in Education & Development – Human Resource Management from George Washington University in 2006.

All told, as a coach, Lustig has been a part of four teams that earned bowl eligibility in seven years of play at the NCAA Division I level. He was an assistant on five teams that won conference championships in 14 years in the coaching profession, including six NCAA playoff appearances and two bowl games. He has helped develop 37 all-conference performers, including 12 at Ball State University.

Of his many achievements as a player and coach, he is proudest of the relationships he has built with his student-athletes, as well as the post-college success many have gone on to achieve.

"Jahwan Edwards was a running back at Ball State who we recruited out of Charlotte. He was not highly recruited and came to us as a very raw and underdeveloped student-athlete. He ended up graduating from Ball State, was a captain, set every school rushing record, and is currently in the NFL," says Lustig. "Upon his graduation, he and his family presented me a personalized trophy that thanked me for all the help and guidance I gave him along the way. Those types of moments are far more rewarding and powerful than any other athletic accolade."

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Hall of Fame to induct 8 at Homecoming

Eight new members will be inducted and a new tradition introduced at the 35th Annual Hall of Fame Ceremony: The annual salute to our greatest EU athletes will become part of Homecoming celebrations.

FRIDAY, OCT. 7, AT 6 P.M. | VAN HOUTEN DINING HALL

Who's being honored:

- ▶ **Shawn Bunch, '06**, wrestling
- ▶ **Callie Wheeler, '06**, women's basketball
- ▶ **Stephanie Burner, '03**, volleyball
- ▶ **Julie Nemergut Yurcich, '07**, cross country and track & field
- ▶ **Sean McNicholas, '04**, football
- ▶ **Walt McLaughlin, '88**, Lifetime Achievement
- ▶ **Anthony Peluso, '06**, football
- ▶ **Associate Director of Athletics Todd Jay**, Distinguished Service Award

For more information, contact Todd Jay at jay@edinboro.edu or (814) 732-1835.



ATHLETIC notes

Micah Cattell capped his swimming career with a number of academic honors, including being named to the 2016 CoSIDA Academic All-America® NCAA Division II At-Large First Team and being selected for an NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship.

Cattell was one of three NCAA Division II student-athletes to receive the NCAA postgraduate scholarship this year, and just the sixth Fighting Scot to earn the recognition.

A native of Port Matilda, Pennsylvania, he was twice named to the PSAC Winter Top Ten and was selected Edinboro's Senior Male Scholar-Athlete of the Year.

Cattell, who graduated in May with a degree in Early Childhood/Special Education, had a 4.00 GPA. He was recognized at the PSAC Swimming Championships as the 2016 PSAC Champion Scholar for the second year.

Patricio Lugo was named the 2016 Eastern Wrestling League (EWL) Freshman of the Year and Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (PSAC) Freshman of the Year to close out an outstanding first season as a Fighting Scot.

Competing at 149 pounds at the NCAA Division I National Championships, the 16th-seeded Lugo finished one win shy of earning All-American honors, reaching the round of 12 before falling to third-seed Lavion Mayes of Missouri. He went 3-2 in his first trip to Nationals.

He won the 149-pound title at the PSAC Championships and also finished first at the Roadrunner Open, and reached the quarterfinals at the Southern Scuffle.

A true freshman, Lugo ended the year with a 32-9 record, leading the team in victories.



Micah Cattell receives his PSAC Champion Scholar award from PSAC Associate Commissioner Carlin Chesick.

Bob Shreve, EU director of Sports Information and Promotion, was honored with the Irving T. Marsh Award for the University Division at the Eastern College Athletic Conference Sports Information Directors Association (ECAC-SIDA) Workshop in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, in June.

The Irving T. Marsh Awards are given annually to members who have exhibited excellence in the field of sports information.

Shreve is in his 18th year at Edinboro and is completing his 34th year overall as an SID. He has earned numerous CoSIDA awards for his publications and has helped publicize numerous All-Americans, including two-time Harlon Hill Trophy national finalist **Trevor Harris, '10**.

He has been an active supporter of the Academic All-America program, serving as a district coordinator since 1993, then moving up to a national coordinator and now serving on the publicity staff. He has also served as the national coordinator for the D2CCA (formerly Daktronics) Men's Basketball All-America Team since 1996.

Shreve is a 1980 graduate of the University of Notre Dame.

A record **189 student-athletes with a grade point average of 3.0 or higher** were honored at the 27th Annual Scholar-Athlete Banquet on February 9. They included 22 individuals who were recognized as four-or-more year scholar-athletes. **Dr. Katherine Robbins**, the assistant chairperson for the Department of Counseling, School Psychology and Special Education, served as the guest speaker.

The National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) reports that the average NCAA Division II student-athlete spends 38.5 hours per week on academics, 32 hours per week on athletics, and 9 hours per week at a job.



FALL 2016 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, SEPT. 3 AT NOON

at Saint Joseph's College
Rensselaer, Indiana

SATURDAY, SEPT. 10 AT NOON

at Lock Haven University
Lock Haven, Pennsylvania

SATURDAY, SEPT. 17 AT NOON

West Chester University of Pennsylvania
Edinboro, PA | Sox Harrison Stadium

SATURDAY, SEPT. 24 AT NOON

Indiana University of Pennsylvania
Edinboro, PA | Sox Harrison Stadium

SATURDAY, OCT. 1 AT 2 P.M.

at Clarion University
Clarion, Pennsylvania

SATURDAY, OCT. 8 AT 2 P.M.*

Gannon University
Edinboro, PA | Sox Harrison Stadium

SATURDAY, OCT. 15 AT NOON

at Mercyhurst University
Erie, Pennsylvania

SATURDAY, OCT. 22 AT 2 P.M.

at Slippery Rock University
Slippery Rock, Pennsylvania

SATURDAY, OCT. 29 AT 3 P.M.

Seton Hill University
Edinboro, Pennsylvania | Sox Harrison Stadium

SATURDAY, NOV. 5 AT 1 P.M.

at California University of Pennsylvania
California, Pennsylvania

SATURDAY, NOV. 12 AT NOON

Cheyney University of Pennsylvania
Edinboro, Pennsylvania | Sox Harrison Stadium

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NEW HEAD FOOTBALL COACH (continued from page 24)

Lustig is working hard to impart to his Fighting Scots the importance of commitment to hard work and community in achieving long-term goals.

"Two things that will always be in the forefront are accountability and trust," he explains. "Building trust with our players and with our supporters will be an important goal of ours. These are simple lessons that I've learned over the years, but they are very important ones."

He already has made his work at Edinboro a family affair. His father, **Keith Lustig**, a retired orthopedic surgeon, is working with the team as outside linebacker coach, and his wife, **Beth**, a proud alumna of the University, has supported athletics fundraising efforts. During her years as a student, Beth majored in secondary education – social studies and played on the Edinboro women's soccer team.

The couple has two sons, Henry, 8, and Samuel, 11, and like her husband, Beth is excited to bring them home to northwestern Pennsylvania.

"I went through college with my blinders on, keeping so busy with soccer, school and working that I never learned to appreciate the uniqueness of my environment," she says of the Boro. "I look forward to this second chance to experience my alma mater and make the most of this special opportunity."

She will have the opportunity to cheer from the stands in Sox Harrison Stadium when the Fighting Scots welcome West Chester University of Pennsylvania for their season home-opener on Saturday, Sept. 17.

"There is something special about working and living in a college town that keeps you motivated. The energy on campus during move-in day, the smells of the tailgates at the first home football game and the excitement on campus during graduation are moments I cherish," Beth continues. "Justin and I have been raising our two sons across many different campuses. As a family we have grown to love each one of these schools and admire what they can offer to its community members."

Lustig is similarly enthusiastic about the coming year, following what he proudly calls "very productive spring ball," where during 15 practices he and his coaches were able to evaluate the impressive talents of returning players, improve on basic fundamentals, and install offensive and defensive schemes.

For his part, the coach has a simple goal in his first season at EU: to change the team culture. He says you will not hear him or his staff talking to the players about wins, losses or championships. Instead, Lustig's Fighting Scots will learn to focus on what they can control, things like effort, focus and preparation.

"Edinboro is a special place, and there are inherent strengths that make our University very marketable to student athletes," he concludes. "Very good football has been played here for many years, and we are optimistic that those days will return in the near future."

Sweet 16! Record-breaking success for men's tennis

The Edinboro men's tennis team enjoyed a record season, reaching the NCAA Sweet 16 and sweeping the PSAC postseason awards. Here's a brief look at highlights of their phenomenal season:

- The team won its third straight **PSAC Championship**.
- Edinboro hosted the Atlantic Regional 2 finals for the first time and emerged triumphant, reaching the **NCAA Division II Sweet 16** for the second time in three years.
- The team finished the season 23-4, the **best record in school history**.
- **Vitor Albanese** was named the PSAC Athlete of the Year for the second straight year and **Camilo Moncayo** was selected the PSAC Freshman of the Year. Both earned first team honors at singles and doubles.
- **Lee Underwood** was named the PSAC Men's Tennis Coach of the Year for the third consecutive season and fourth time in five years.

FOSTER NAMED HEAD COACH OF CROSS COUNTRY PROGRAM

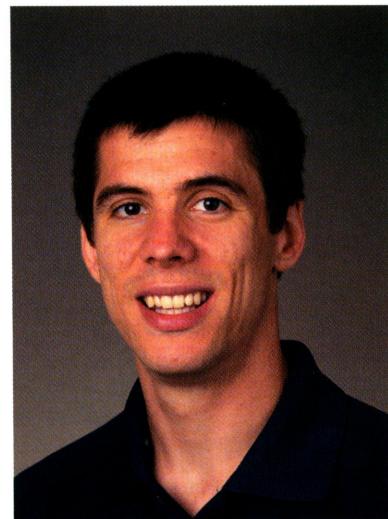
Ryan Foster, a multiple-time All-American and Big Ten champion while competing at Penn State, was named the head coach for men's and women's cross country and the assistant coach for track & field. He will work with **Anne Carlson**, who is the head track & field coach and director of cross country operations.

"We are extremely excited to welcome Ryan as our new cross country coach," Director of Athletics **Bruce Baumgartner** said in announcing Foster's appointment. "He brings an outstanding background to our staff. We are committed to making sure the Edinboro cross country program remains among the best in the PSAC and Division II. We believe Ryan possesses the qualities both athletically and academically to maintain that tradition."

Foster, who assumed his duties in early July, expressed excitement about the challenge of taking over one of the top cross country programs in Division II.

"This is a program with a long and proud tradition of success," he said. "I am excited to play my part in continuing to succeed the Edinboro way. My goal for the program is to embrace challenges, work hard, have a strong sense of team, and enjoy the academic and athletic experience."

A native of Hobart, Tasmania, in Australia, Foster most recently served as a Project Officer – Disability Sports in the



Ryan Foster, a native of Tasmania and an outstanding runner for Penn State, became head coach for men's and women's cross country in July.

Department of Community Sport and Recreation in Tasmania. He had just returned to Tasmania in March after serving as an assistant coach in cross country and track at Penn State.

A 2011 graduate of Penn State with a bachelor's degree in economics and a minor in business, Foster enjoyed one of the most successful running careers in program history. He finished his tenure as a three-time All-American, including a pair of NCAA bronze-medal efforts, and won four Big Ten titles.

He remains one of just four Nittany Lion runners to break 4:00 in the mile, running 3:58.49. He was the first Tasmanian to break the 4:00 barrier indoors, and also holds Australian national records in the indoor 800-meters (1:47.48) and 1000-meters (2:19.60).

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