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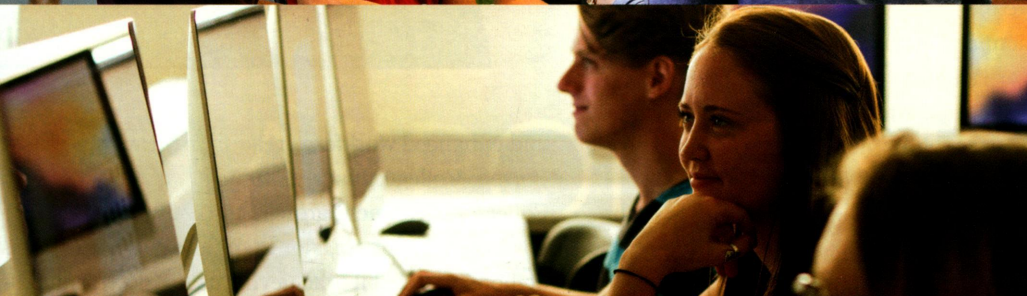
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A university's people are its strong back and beating heart. Guided by the institution's values and inspired by its traditions, they set its course and propel it forward in the face of challenges.

Edinboro University's faculty, staff, alumni, trustees and advisors, friends and especially its wonderful students have tremendous love for the University and are dedicated to its continued success. As I prepare to depart after nearly four years as president, I can assure you that Edinboro is in excellent hands and well-positioned for a bright future. I know this to be true because we have overcome many challenges and achieved many successes during our years together.

In difficult times for public higher education, we have surmounted budget shortfalls and set a course for long-term financial stability. Our five-year plan cuts costs, invests in direct student services and develops new sources of revenue while keeping the focus squarely on academic quality and opportunity for our students.

In response to an increasingly competitive enrollment environment, we have greatly enhanced our approaches to recruitment and retention. Applications for admission are trending upward, and through enhanced collaboration among offices and academic departments, we are working to ensure the interest of applicants translates into action to enroll. Similarly, collaborative approaches to supporting our students academically and with other needs are showing early promise in aiding their academic progress and improving retention.

Although challenges persist, we have been able to celebrate significant successes because we have faced our circumstances together with Fighting Scot spirit.

Our culture has shifted toward renewed commitment to excellence and student success. Evidence of this enhanced atmosphere can be found in recognition the University has received in each of the last two years from both the Great Colleges to Work For award program of *The Chronicle of Higher Education* and the Higher Education Excellence in Diversity Award presented by *Insights into Diversity*.

Further evidence can be seen in growth of our fundraising success in each of the last three years. The confidence of donors reflects positively on the strength of the University today and provides support that will keep it strong in the future.

We have made notable progress in achieving the goals and objectives of the 2013-2018 Strategic Plan, including a major commitment toward meeting regional needs for increased educational attainment



FROM THE PRESIDENT



and enhanced workforce readiness through the creation of Porreco College. Just a year and a half after its launch, the College's enrollment growth, the commitment of community partners and donors, along with the diversity of its students demonstrate that it is achieving its mission of addressing unmet educational needs of the region's employers and residents.

Other signs of progress toward our Strategic Plan goals include increasing student diversity and ensuring that all students have opportunities for transformative experiences such as internships, clinical experiences, and conducting research projects with professors that are then presented at regional and national conferences.

Together, we have made gains in these and many other aspects of the Edinboro University experience and impact. We have built a strong foundation for continued progress.

It has been a privilege and an honor to serve your University and to get to know all of you as alumni, students, faculty, staff, friends and supporters. Thank you for sharing your pride in the plaid and in Edinboro University! I leave here with a wealth of wonderful memories and a deep appreciation for the people who are the true heart of Edinboro University.

Julie

Dr. Julie E. Wollman, President

A portrait of LaToya Ruby Frazier, a Black woman with voluminous curly hair, smiling and wearing a blue top and large hoop earrings. The background is a solid red color.

'A DIVINE APPOINTMENT'

MACARTHUR 'GENIUS GRANT' RECIPIENT LATOYA RUBY FRAZIER CREDITS HER EU MENTOR WITH VITAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO HER LIFE AND ART

Before she received word early this fall that she was to be recognized with one of the most notable intellectual and creative fellowship awards in the world, Edinboro University alumna **LaToya Ruby Frazier**'s long list of accomplishments was already staggering.

In recent years, Frazier, '04, has seen her work as a photographer and video artist earn her numerous awards, solo exhibitions in major museums and galleries, and mentions in national media outlets, including *The New York Times* and National Public Radio. But on Sept. 29, the slow-burn spotlight on her ongoing photographic exploration of economic inequity, racism, intolerance, and the personal toll of systemic injustice in her native Braddock, Pennsylvania, went supernova with the announcement that

her incredible work had earned her recognition as a 2015 MacArthur Fellow.

Frazier is among the 24 recipients of the 2015 fellowship, commonly known as the MacArthur "genius grant," from the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation. Other fellows this year include famed writer Ta-Nehisi Coates, national correspondent for *The Atlantic* and author of 2015 National Book Award contender "Between the World and Me"; Lin-Manuel Miranda, playwright and star of the hit Broadway musical "Hamilton"; and Beth Stevens, a neuroscientist at Harvard whose work on neuron communication has changed previous beliefs on brain development.

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"You have to imagine it's a phone call you receive first thing in the morning unexpectedly. Initially, when they asked my name and if they could speak in confidence, I got defensive and nervous, thinking it might be bad news concerning my family," Frazier explained of the secretive nature of the honor. The identities of the recipients are kept closely guarded by the MacArthur Foundation until its annual media-blitz announcement.

"When they revealed who they were with a congratulations, I was in complete denial and thought they were playing a prank on me. I couldn't believe it and became stunned and silent," she continued. "When we hung up the phone, I paced my small apartment, taking a moment to understand the new responsibility I have now been charged with. To receive this acknowledgement at an early stage in my career is no doubt a huge responsibility that is life-changing. I felt overjoyed, but understood this is serious, and it has to be handled with insight and care."

Frazier is a graduate of Edinboro's Bachelor of Fine Arts – Applied Media Arts program, and in 2007 received a Master of Fine Arts in Art Photography from the College of Visual and Performing Arts at Syracuse University.

Solo exhibitions of her work have appeared in the Brooklyn Museum, the Institute of Contemporary Art in Boston, the Seattle Art Museum, and the Contemporary Arts Museum in Houston, and she has held artistic residencies at the Lower Manhattan Culture Council and the Whitney Museum of American Art Independent Study Program. Frazier also was the Guna S. Mundheim Fellow at the American Academy in Berlin, Germany.

Frazier's first book, "The Notion of Family," was published in late 2014 by Aperture. The photo collection documents the lives of three generations of Frazier's own family living amid the devastation of deindustrialization in her hometown of Braddock, a once-thriving steel mill town outside of Pittsburgh that has experienced severe economic and social decay.

She has often credited her photography professor at EU, **Kathe Kowalski**, who passed away in 2006 after a battle with cancer, with having played a key role in her growth and success as a photographer.

"I first saw Kathe when I was walking in the basement of Doucette Hall towards the

photography area. She was tacking prints from her students in the vitrine outside her classroom. Raised by my grandmother, when I saw her I kneeled down to hold up the prints so she would not have to lean so low to retrieve them," Frazier said of meeting her eventual mentor. "As I kneeled to hold up the prints, I introduced myself; when she looked down at me and said her name, I just knew in my heart that meeting her was a divine appointment.

"I never thought twice about listening to her every word and following all of her instructions. It was Kathe who instructed me – actually commanded me – (to) produce the work with my mother and grandmother."

One particular episode of Kowalski's mentorship proved especially formative. Early in her studies, Frazier was too embarrassed to show her work in class, fearing judgment or misunderstanding. She chose instead to hide her negatives, but Kowalski, knowing something suspect was going on with her prodigious pupil, took her aside in her office.

When Frazier revealed the negatives and contact sheets she had been hiding, Kowalski gave her three books by three very different artists: "Cocaine True, Cocaine Blue" by Eugene Richards, "Tulsa" by Larry Clark and a catalog of work by Carrie Mae Weems.

"When a professor hands you books like this, you know you have now been charged with a responsibility," Frazier explained.

"Kathe instilled the value and integrity in me as an artist, photographer and woman to make work about social and



LaToya Ruby Frazier and Kathe Kowalski at Kowalski's home in Edinboro in 2003.



personal aspects of human life. She taught me how to remain devoted to a lifelong body of work," she continued. "Her commitment to teaching excellence, conducting workshops in prisons, photographing families in rural impoverished areas, constantly reflecting and writing, and documenting her own mother's passing influenced the devotion I have to developing my work and practice."

FRAZIER HAS OFTEN CREDITED HER PHOTOGRAPHY PROFESSOR AT EU WITH HAVING PLAYED A KEY ROLE IN HER GROWTH AND SUCCESS AS A PHOTOGRAPHER

Later in Frazier's studies, when she was feeling insecure and worried about no longer having her mentor as a teacher, Kowalski offered some sage advice. Asked when Frazier would know she was making strong, worthwhile work, Kowalski said simply, "You'll know when your work starts speaking back to you; it will take you places."

"To this day, my love and passion for Kathe's teachings have not diminished. When she passed away in 2006, I knew that my work was not about me, it was about her, women and people like her in this world," Frazier said. "I work hard to honor teachers like my grandma Ruby and Kathe Kowalski, so their names count and are never forgotten."

That hard work has paid off. At just 33, in addition to her celebrated artistic endeavors, Frazier is an assistant professor in the Department of Photography at the prestigious School of the Art Institute of Chicago. And now, she is enjoying a particular level of acclaim understood only by her MacArthur peers, which since the fellowship's founding in 1981 includes such notable figures as novelists Cormac McCarthy ("Blood Meridian,"

"The Road"), David Foster Wallace ("Infinite Jest"), Junot Díaz ("The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao"); filmmaker John Sayles ("Lone Star"); and feminist scholar Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie.

"It is a great honor for Edinboro graduate LaToya Ruby Frazier to receive the MacArthur genius award. These awards are so selective and so prestigious that it is difficult to overstate the importance of this accomplishment," said Edinboro University President Julie E. Wollman. "As a University community, we are enormously proud of Ms. Frazier and this exceptional recognition of her work as a photographer. It is also recognition of the quality of our arts programs and the fact that our talented students go on to achieve great esteem."

Reflecting on her time as a student, Frazier has some words of encouragement and advice for the current talents wending their way through Edinboro's renowned arts programs.

"My advice to art students at Edinboro is to find a dominant voice amongst your teachers, colleagues and friends in the classroom. Listen to it and follow it. You will recognize it by the calm effect and inspiration of light and hope it brings you within," she said.

She advocates that students not see their peers as competition, but rather as allies whose constructive criticism can only improve their work as artists.

"Ultimately, you are only in competition with yourself. Live with your artwork. It should be the last thing you see when you go to sleep and the first thing you see when you wake up," she said. "You will have many mentors along the way, sometimes from unexpected places. Grasp it with your heart and not with your head."

Frazier is presently assembling museum shows in France, Belgium and Lebanon in small industrial towns that see themselves in her work. Her dream is to start a foundation to provide resources to assist working-class populations that are being displaced by the creative class industry.

"I can honestly say I am uncertain as to where my future work will take me. As Kathe instructed me to do, I will continue to follow where my work goes and leads me," she concluded.

Emeritus Professor Vredevoogd hosts art retrospective

Edinboro University Professor Emeritus of Art **James H. Vredevoogd** hosted his first retrospective show featuring the culmination of his life's work at the prestigious Appleton Museum of Art in Ocala, Fla., April 11 through June 7, 2015.

The exhibition, titled "Beyond Reality: The Many Worlds of James Vredevoogd," included 40 paintings and drawings, as well as several photographs.

Vredevoogd taught painting, drawing and performance art at EU for 32 years before retiring in 1998. His paintings are in the permanent collections of two museums and several universities as well as in private collections.





EU STAFF MEMBER BATTLES WILDFIRES ACROSS U.S.

Edinboro University Grounds and Labor Foreman **Gregory Frick** is the epitome of a Fighting Scot, both on and off campus.

A 30-year veteran of the Edinboro Volunteer Fire Department, Frick uses his personal days and vacation time to fight wildfires in the western United States as a member of the Pennsylvania Bureau of Forestry's District 14 Crew.

Since being recruited in 1987, Frick has taken more than 20 trips out West and spent up to 45 days a year building fire breaks in an effort to contain massive wildfires. He and his crew work up to 16 hours a day felling trees and cutting fire lines, and camp in tents at night.

"I like the thrill and excitement of it," said Frick. "It's being able to see your achievement; to see something of that size and to see the devastation it causes and know that one of the sections of the line you worked on actually held."

Frick enjoys the camaraderie in the fire camps, but is fully aware of the dangers of the job. He worked in 2011 and 2012

with the Granite Mountain Hotshots, who lost 19 of their 20 firefighters in the 2013 Yarnell Hill Fire.

Despite the risk, Frick hopes to take more trips in the future.

"There are times when the fire line doesn't hold. There are times when we have to retreat," he said. "We just retreat and regroup, and we get back after it."

Frick is effusive with praise for the support he has received from EU President Julie E. Wollman and the University as a whole.

"It is great that Edinboro University supports this program because without employers like this, it wouldn't happen," Frick said.

"His commitment to giving his time and expertise selflessly to protect others is remarkable and commendable," said Dr. Wollman. "He is a model of Fighting Scot spirit and caring that we can all emulate."

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Graphic & Interactive Design students bring home awards

Twenty-four Edinboro University Graphic & Interactive Design students were awarded recognition for their work in regional professional design competitions, AIGA Pittsburgh's PGH365 and The Advertising Federation of Northwestern PA's Erie Addy Awards.

Edinboro students took home more awards than any other design program in the region – at both competitions. EU students **Amanda Clegg** and **Nick Murphy** won Design Excellence Awards in the PGH365 Design Competition & Exhibition, held in March. In the Erie Addy Awards, also in March, EU students **Laura Hersh**, **Jesse Decker**, **Emily McGaughey**, **Kassity Swales**, **Valerie Mann**, **Tara Jaggi**, and **Julie Moretti** won Student Gold and Student Best in Show for their work on Chimera XI.

Also winning awards were:

Student Gold: **Brandy Ackley**; Chimera 12 promotions staff members **Candice Martone**, **Phil Thomas**, **Brandy Ackley**, **Brandon Guthrie**, **Stephanie Rickert**, **Amanda Clegg**, **Cheyenne Kressley**, **Tara Jaggi** and **Kelly Gabor**; **Emily McGaughey**; and **Mickayla Poland**

Student Silver: **Kalista Ingersheim**, **Blaise McQuade** and **Amanda Clegg**

Student Honorable Mention: **Bryan Campbell**, **Nick Murphy** and **Paige Morford**



FELKER, LEGIN-BUCELL, SHEEHY EARN 'OF THE YEAR' HONORS

Three exceptional faculty members are honored annually for work that goes above and beyond in serving our students and their professions. Our 2015 "Of the Year" honorees were recognized at the annual Academic Honors Convocation in April.

The honorees were: Faculty Member of the Year **Dr. Kenneth Felker** of the Health and Physical Education Department, Advisor of the Year **Dr. Cynthia Legin-Bucell** of the Psychology Department, and Scholar of the Year **Dr. Donald Sheehy** of the English and Philosophy Department.

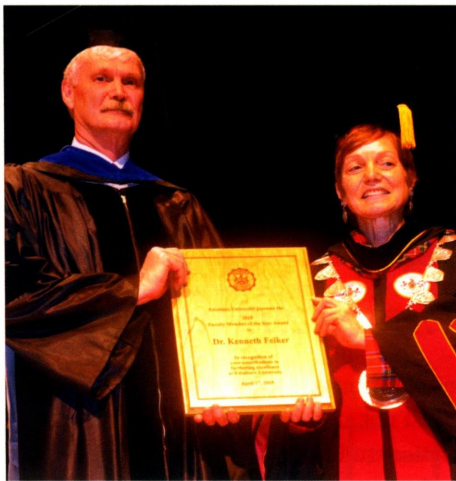
In nominating Dr. Felker, student William Richter said his professor "consistently exhibits exemplary teaching skills

and adheres to a well-developed personal philosophy of teaching, and demonstrates mastery of his discipline."

Dr. Legin-Bucell made quality advising a top priority during her tenure as chair of the Psychology Department. She set the standard for her colleagues with the knowledge and expertise she brings to the role and the lengths to which she will go to assist her students.

Dr. Sheehy is widely recognized as one of the foremost authorities in the world on the poetry of Robert Frost. He played a lead role in producing scholarship of the highest quality as one of the editors of "Volume I of The Letters of Robert Frost," published early in 2014 by Harvard University Press.

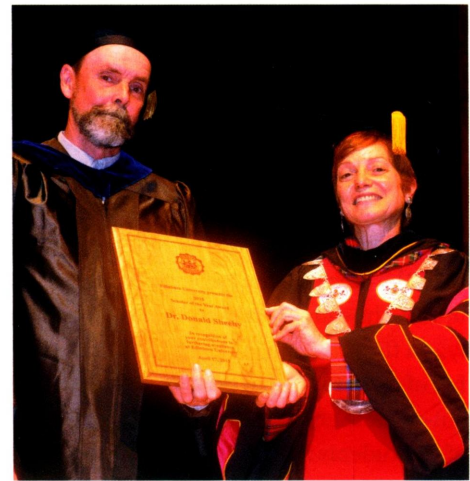
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Faculty Notes

John Repp, professor in Edinboro University's Department of English and Philosophy, read his poetry at the Piccolo Spoleto Festival in Charleston, S.C., on June 5.

Repp's presentation featured readings from two of his most recent collections, "Music Over the Water," which is set locally on Erie's Presque Isle, and "Fat Jersey Blues," winner of the Akron Poetry Prize in 2013.

A widely published poet, fiction writer, essayist and critic, Repp is the author of "No Away," winner of the 2006 Give 'em Shelter Chapbook Competition; "Thirst Like This," which won the Devins Award in Poetry; "The Fertile Crescent," winner of the 2003 Lyre Prize from Cherry Grove Collections; "Gratitude"; and six limited-edition chapbooks.

Dr. Amy McClune, associate professor of nursing, was a guest lecturer at the 26th International Nursing Research Congress on July 26 in San Juan, Puerto Rico. More than 900 nurse researchers, students, clinicians and leaders attended the Congress, which is sponsored annually by Sigma Theta Tau International, the Honor Society of Nursing.

McClune's lecture, titled "Using Resilience to Influence Health Promotion Worldwide," was derived from her recent research. Her work examines individual, family and community resilience in different populations and cultures around the globe.



LOWER OUT-OF-STATE TUITION HAS POSITIVE IMPACT

In 2014, the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE) Board of Governors approved a proposal to bring tuition for out-of-state students entering Edinboro University for the first time in closer alignment with the cost for Pennsylvania residents.

The reduction is equivalent to a \$3,400 scholarship, or nearly \$14,000 over four years, and makes the cost of attending one of Pennsylvania's great public universities comparable to the price students would pay at many institutions in their home states.

The lower rate was originally offered as a two-year pilot program, for new students admitted in the fall 2014 and 2015 semesters, but because of its success it has been extended through the 2016-17 academic year. Students admitted at the new rate are guaranteed the special reduced tuition for five years from the date of their first attendance. Out-of-state tuition at other PASSHE universities remains at 150 percent or more of in-state tuition.

Despite receiving approval for the pilot program well after the recruitment cycle for the fall 2014 semester had begun, the number of out-of-state freshman increased from 172 in the fall of 2013 to 185 in the fall of 2014. From the fall of 2014 to the fall of 2015, EU elevated its freshmen out-of-state enrollment from 185 to 231 students, a difference of 46 students and an increase of 24.9 percent.

"The lowered tuition for out-of-state residents has served as another positive tool for admissions counselors to use in attracting students to EU," said Interim Assistant Vice President for Enrollment Services **Donna Richemond**. "Many families want their sons and daughters to have the experience of attending college away from home, but the out-of-state tuition costs are prohibitive."

While the total of undergraduate students at all PASSHE schools dropped an average of 3.7 percent from 2014 to 2015, Edinboro increased its overall out-of-state enrollment by 5.3 percent.

Associate Athletic Director **Todd Jay** is among those who were happy to see the trial period extended.

"The lower cost of out-of-state tuition is a huge recruiting advantage for us, and I know that our coaches are doing everything that they can to take advantage of it," said Jay.

Both Richemond and Jay feel that the increase in out-of-state enrollment has been beneficial to the University beyond just numbers.

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"Enrollment is one of our main initiatives and priorities on campus. But it is just not a head count," Jay said. "I think that we are getting better students, and we are getting better out-of-state students."

"EU values diversity of all kinds. Having an increased population of students coming from other parts of the country is an added value for our University community," Richemond said. "Out-of-state students bring a diversity of backgrounds that add an important dimension to the educational experience and campus community."

EU earns innovation award for Porreco College

Edinboro University's innovative plan for establishing Porreco College to increase educational attainment in the Erie region and meet local demands for career and technical education was selected by the American Association of University Administrators (AAUA) to receive its Exemplary Models Award for 2015.

The award recognizes outstanding examples of university leadership that demonstrate creative solutions to common problems in higher education. Edinboro University President Julie E. Wollman accepted the award June 13 at the AAUA Leadership Seminar in Clearwater, Florida, along with Provost Michael Hannan.

"Porreco College was established a year ago to address significant educational attainment and workforce readiness needs in our region," President Wollman said. "We are proud to receive this recognition from the AAUA for the work we have done and the great success that's been achieved in serving our students and partners in the business community."





Dr. Cynthia Rebar and EU students at the Serolo Safari Camp in the Northern Tuli Game Reserve during the 2015 Africa Conservation Experience. From left: Ivy Kuberry, Christopher Argiro, Julie King, Brandi Hobbs, Dr. Cynthia Rebar, Stephanie Buczkowski, Kayla Beck, Amanda Hoffman, Christian Gehman and Brooke Callaghan.

'MORE THAN JUST THREE CREDITS AND A PLANE TICKET'

STUDY-ABROAD PROVIDES TRANSFORMATIVE EXPERIENCE FOR EU STUDENTS

While lectures and textbooks have withstood the test of time as primary educational tools, there are some lessons that cannot be learned in the classroom alone. Recognizing the importance of a global education in today's society, EU strives to build cross-cultural connections and to offer students unique opportunities to become active citizens of the world.

During May 2015, EU students participated in faculty-led trips to Poland, South Africa and China. In 2016, trips are planned to South Africa, Poland and Peru in May; Italy in June; and Scotland in August.

When President Barack Obama announced new restrictions in July on the sale of ivory in the United States, the need for

action to help end elephant poaching was vividly clear to the 10 Edinboro University students who had recently experienced first-hand the plights of the people and animals in Africa.

Led by **Dr. Cynthia Rebar**, professor in EU's Department of Biology and Health Services, the students spent three weeks exploring the majestic African countryside as part of the annual African Conservation Experience. The trip was designed to afford EU students unparalleled access to the research and wildlife encounters that only the continent itself can provide, as well as the chance to learn about the history and culture of South Africa.

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"Students learn about and are immersed in a different culture, and they never see Africa the same again," said Dr. Rebar, who has led EU students on three travel-study trips to Africa and is planning her fourth. "Their knowledge of the animals of Africa and conservation issues soars, and they often are exposed to varying views and begin to understand the complexity of solving conservation issues."



EU students watch a religious ceremony at Mount Tai, China.

While in South Africa, the students also learned about Apartheid, the system of racial segregation in that country from 1948 to 1994, through visits to key sites related to the fight to end the policy.

Despite having studied Apartheid in great detail in her classes, Edinboro undergraduate **Ivy Kuberry** was taken aback by the group's visit to the Apartheid Museum.

To demonstrate the reality of racial classification, the basis of all Apartheid laws, museum visitors are divided into two categories: white and non-white. Once classified, the visitors are allowed to enter the museum only through their designated gate.

"It wasn't just about memorizing facts anymore; it was about feeling what the people felt, seeing what they saw, and learning by placing yourself in their footsteps," Kuberry said.

Their travels also included exploring Kruger National Park, South Africa's largest and most famous game preserve, and spending a night in a rustic camp.

"I have never felt so alive in my life, to be sitting in the middle of a pride of seven lions, or to drive alongside a herd of 100-plus massive, majestic elephants, or sit outside a hyena den as the cubs

come out to play," said EU student **Brandi Hobbs**.

In Mapungubwe Private Nature Reserve, the group settled into brick-and-thatch bungalows without electricity or other amenities. During their two weeks at the reserve, students completed coursework for Special Topics in Biology: African Conservation Experience. They took part in data collection, wildlife monitoring, game counts and bird identification.

"This study abroad trip was more than just three credits and a plane ticket; it was a life-altering experience that gave me insight into other cultures, courage to explore, and a drastically expanded comfort zone," Kuberry said.

Studying abroad is not only a wonderful enhancement to education, but also a rewarding and life-enriching experience that is encouraged and supported at Edinboro.

Nina Schreiner, a student in the Master of Arts in Social Sciences program who specializes in archaeology, spent two weeks this summer with Dr. Baher Ghosheh and a small group of students in China studying Confucianism, Chinese paper-cutting, the tea pouring ceremony, and other aspects of the culture. They traversed the residential and religious complex that belonged to Confucius and his family in Qufu, climbed the sacred Mount Tai, visited the Great Wall and toured the Forbidden City.

"The most amazing moment of the trip was reaching the top of Mt. Tai, one of the few holy peaks in the country. The view was incredible and we had the opportunity to watch religious rituals in the temples," Schreiner said. "Visiting China with **Dr. Baher Ghosheh** was a life-changing experience."

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EU students and African locals at the Mohave Bush Camp in Tuli, Africa.
From left: Brandi Hobbs, Stephanie Buczkowski, Christopher Argiro, Ivy Kuberry, Kayla Beck, Elizabeth Ruzkni, Amanda Hoffman, Brooke Callaghan, Julie King, Christian Gehman and Dr. Cynthia Rebar.

EU alumni continue to learn while teaching in Korea

Three Edinboro University graduates are teaching in South Korea as part of an agreement between the University and the National Institute for International Education (NIIED), an agency of the South Korean government. **Matthew Link**, '15, of Avon, Ohio; **Rebecca Zajac**, '14, of Harveys Lake, Pa.; and **Katherine Faller**, '14, left, of Erie were awarded Teach and Learn in Korea (TaLK) scholarships from NIIED under the memorandum of understanding signed in 2014 by President Julie E. Wollman and NIIED President Byung-hyun Lee.

"I am proud to work at Edinboro University, an institution that offers these types of worldly experiences to its students and alumni," said Dr. Heather Baron, graduate program head of the Middle and Secondary Education, and Educational Leadership Department.

The TaLK Program was established in 2008 by the South Korean government to award undergraduate students and recent graduates with the opportunity to share their knowledge of the English language while developing their skills as international English teachers.

"I wasn't sure what to expect at first, but Korea has been more than I could have imagined," Faller said. "Each day, I grow fonder of my students and the staff at the school." Link, Zajac and Faller receive monthly stipends, travel allowances, medical insurance and vacation leave in exchange for leading after-school English classes in rural elementary schools. "I truly underestimated what it would be like to live and work in a foreign country," said Link. "I continue to learn more and more every day."



WEGNER'S ART FEATURED IN BANKSY'S 'DISMALAND'

Two sculptures by Associate Professor of Art **Dietrich Wegner** were featured in famed street artist Banksy's Dismaland Bemusement Park this summer. The dystopian theme park and art exhibition was on display Aug. 22 to Sept. 27 in Weston-super-Mare in southwest England.

"Every society accumulates contradictions amidst their ideals. Banksy's Dismaland is a brilliantly curated experience that asks us to shed our rose-colored glasses and take a hard look at ourselves," Wegner said of the installation. "He has organized the works of 59 individuals into a singular work that provokes reflection and wonder. It has been an honor to collaborate in Banksy's vision."

In total, works by 59 artists from 17 countries, including world-famous sculptors Jenny Holzer, Damien Hirst and Jimmy Cauty, as well as Banksy himself, were featured in the park. Wegner's contributions to the Dismaland installation include "Playhouse," a 16-foot mushroom cloud treehouse, and "Cumulous Brand," a hyper-realistic sculpture of a baby tattooed with corporate logos.

The art installation garnered worldwide attention, including coverage by CNN, *The Guardian* and the BBC among numerous other outlets.

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Dietrich Wegner's "Playhouse" mushroom cloud sculpture.



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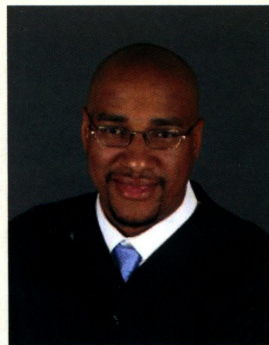
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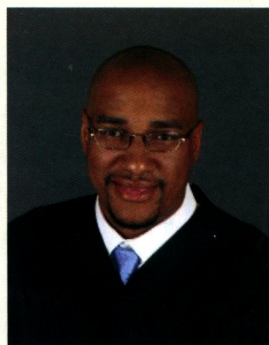
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Jess Fugate, M'15, has been named an assistant women's lacrosse coach at the University of Vermont. Fugate, a native of Wooster, Ohio, spent the last two seasons as a graduate assistant coach at EU.

Liam Halferty, M'15, was named the Director of Athletics Communications and Multimedia Services at Centre College in Danville, Ky.

Kevin Morton, Jr., '14, was recognized by the Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants with a Young Leaders Award for 2015-2016. He served previously in the institute's student ambassador program at EU. He is a corporate auditor at Bank of America.

Gretchen Skiba Howard, M'13, provides therapeutic counseling services in the Titusville office of the Family Service & Children's Aid Society.

Gratia Brown, M'13, was the featured artist in January 2015 at Wartburg College's Waldemar A. Schmidt Gallery in the Bachman Fine Arts Center in Waverly, Iowa. She is a resident artist at Northern State University, Aberdeen, S.D.

Kyle Protho, '13, earned a master's degree in Applied Intelligence from Mercyhurst University. He is a data analyst with Western Union in Englewood, Colo.

Leatra Tate, '13, recently was named Girl Talk Project coordinator for the Pittsburgh AIDS Task Force. Tate is

pursuing a doctoral degree in community engagement at Point Park University, where she also earned a master's degree in clinical-community psychology.



Amanda Stevenson Hill, '12, serves as a community relations assistant for Mercyhurst Preparatory School. She and her husband, Greg, have one daughter.

Leta (Soltis) Jeffers, '11, received the Independent College Advancement Associates Conference Newcomer Award, recognizing her as the top young professional among more than 1,600 members from 120 educational institutions. Jeffers recently joined the EU Advancement staff as director of Annual Fund and assistant director of Alumni Relations. She previously was director of the Thiel Fund at Thiel College in Greenville, Pa.

Dave Curry, M'10, the Law, Public Safety & Security teacher at Milton Hershey School in Hershey, Pa., was selected as one of this year's WGAL-TV Teacher Impact Award winners. Curry also coaches football and the school's mock trial team.

Bruce Warner, '10, became theatre and technology support manager at the University of California, Irvine, in September. He previously was a staff member at the American Musical and Dramatic Academy in Hollywood.

Michelle Lee Ghisson, '09, M'13, displayed her work "Impermanence" June 29-July 24, 2015, at Adelante Artists Gallery in New York City. Ghisson has her studio in Erie.

Daniel Jackowicz, '09, owner and operator of Twoguns Training Systems in Erie, is the co-author of the nationally published book, "Get With the Program," which reached best-seller status in four Amazon categories.

Brian Payne, '09, has joined HBK CPAs and Consultants as a senior tax accountant in the Meadville office. He is both a Certified Public Accountant and a Certified Fraud Examiner.

Dr. Candace M. Robick, '09, was named assistant principal of the Urban Pathways K5 College Charter School in Pittsburgh.

Michelle Robinson, '09, defended her dissertation at East Carolina University in March. Robinson's work has generated two patents, one published manuscript, and two manuscripts currently in review. She is employed as Medical Science Liaison at Boehringer Ingelheim Corp.

Samantha Skelton, '09, was named the winner of the 10th Annual Halstead Grant recognizing jewelry design excellence and business strategy acumen in August. Skelton is an artist and owner of Samantha Skelton Jewelry Designs based in Fairview, Pa.



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NURSING GRADUATE LANDS CHALLENGING JOB AT DUKE UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL

A May 2015 graduate of EU's Bachelor of Science in Nursing program, **Alex Granger, R.N.**, is already putting her education to good use. She began work late last summer on the surgical/transplant/trauma step-down unit at Duke University Hospital in Durham, North Carolina.

"As an RN on a surgical/transplant/trauma floor, I take care of many different kinds of patients. We see small bowel, liver, kidney and kidney-pancreas transplants, motor vehicle accidents, falls, vascular surgeries, and much more," she said of her challenging new position. "As a step-down floor, we receive a lot of patients from the intensive care unit who need more monitoring than our routine patients."

She says the ultimate goal of her work is to do all that she can so "a patient goes home happy and healthy."

At Edinboro, Alex was active in the Student Nurses' Organization of Edinboro (SNOE), serving as vice president her junior year and as president as a senior. She was also a member of the Circle K Club, participated in intramural softball, and held a job in the Campus Life Office for three years.

The Olean, New York, native and graduate of Allegany-Limestone High School set employment at Duke University Hospital as a professional goal early in her studies at Edinboro. "Since I have family in North Carolina, I've always wanted to move to the Raleigh-Durham area after graduation. When I started nursing school, I began researching hospitals in the area," she said. "Then I learned about Duke University Hospital and their Nurse Residency Program, and knew that I wanted to work there."

Alex's work is demanding and brings her into contact with many of the hospital's most vulnerable patients, who require particularly attentive and meticulous care in the hours and days immediately following invasive surgery.



She credits her professors in the Department of Nursing with making sure she was up to the challenge and for setting an example of a great professional environment.

"They taught me to never settle and always strive and played a large role in preparing me clinically and mentally for my current position and motivating me to continue my nursing education in a few years," Alex said. "The tight-knit Edinboro community was awesome, and I definitely looked for the same feeling on the nursing floors that I applied to."

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See you in Clearwater!

If you missed past Edinboro University Alumni StarLite Dinner-Dance Cruise events hosted by Keith McCauley, '72, you missed a lot. Don't let the opportunity pass this time. Join fellow alumni and guests on **Saturday, March 5, 2016**, for a three-hour cruise from Clearwater Beach, Florida, including great dining, live entertainment and dancing, all while enjoying a gorgeous sunset, soft breezes, waterfront views and brilliant stars in the evening sky. The cost is \$40 per person for the cruise, dinner and dancing. Reserve your spot by Feb. 20 at www.edinboro.edu/starlite.



GOLDEN TOUCH:

ALUMNUS JOSH EARL EARNS FIFTH EMMY AWARD

At the Primetime Creative Arts Emmy Awards on Sept. 12 in Los Angeles, EU alumnus **Josh Earl** scored his fifth consecutive Emmy Award for work on the Discovery Channel's high-rated adventure series "Deadliest Catch."

His prize again came for his expert work in the Outstanding Picture Editing for Reality Programming category.

A 2005 graduate of Edinboro's Bachelor of Fine Arts in Applied Media Arts – Film & Video program, Earl is the supervising editor on "Deadliest Catch." He recently completed work on the show's 11th season.

"It's been an insane ride; I can't even describe the feeling," Earl said of the recognition his work has received. "Oddly enough, while I'm working on these projects all I can think is how lucky I am to even be a part of this industry."

"I just enjoy every second of storytelling. The chance to grab a viewer emotionally by assembling a series of clips – I live for that. The acclaim has been one hell of a perk, though."

Like so many artists, Earl developed a passion for film and television early. A native of Batavia, New York, he received his first camera as a child as a gift from his grandfather.

"It was a little busted and recorded on VHS," he said. "But it ignited what eventually became my love for filmmaking."

Soon after graduating from Edinboro, Earl got his start at a company called Original Productions, where he logged footage, essentially watching tape and marking down what happens. He worked his way quickly through the ranks, honing his "cutting style" during long, sleepless nights of work on both unscripted and scripted television, including documentaries, film trailers and the telenovela "American Heiress."

"I find that every style and genre works a different edit muscle, and working on as many as I can really keeps them dialed in," Earl explained. "When you work in an ever-



Josh Earl, left, on the set of the *Deadliest Catch*.



Josh Earl, center, with editors Art O'Leary, left, and Rob Butler, right, in the press room at the 2014 Creative Arts Emmy Awards.

evolving industry like this, you're constantly learning."

So while Earl's talents as an editor led him to an early professional breakthrough on "Deadliest Catch" – he started assisting on the series during its second season in 2006 – he continues to challenge himself with work on a variety of projects, including writer-director Kevin Smith's ("Chasing Amy," "Mallrats") 2013 animated film "Jay and Silent Bob's Super Groovy Cartoon Movie."

He looks back fondly on his time at Edinboro and is thankful for the broad-based arts education he received. "I was able to dive into such a great mix of video production, drawing, painting and graphic design. I covered a large range of different art mediums, and I think that really helped hone in the creative part of my brain," he said.

Indeed, it was during his time as a student, while living in the College Park off-campus apartment complex, that he first purchased a student version of Avid Media Composer and forced himself to learn the industry-standard video editing software program.

When you are near the top of your field and repeatedly taking home your industry's top prize just 10 years into your career, it's hard to imagine how much further you can climb, so perhaps unsurprisingly, Earl is quite content for now to focus his efforts on projects he believes in.

Asked where he sees himself in five years, he responded, "If everything goes well, I'm hopefully still going to be cutting on some killer projects. Honestly, as long as I'm in the edit bay I'm happy."



Justin Hoenke, '06, was appointed director of the Benson Memorial Library in Titusville, Pa. Since graduating from EU, Hoenke has received a master's degree in library science from Clarion University and has lived in New Jersey, Maine and Tennessee.

Tanya Teglo, '06, M'09, is the author of the article "Nat D. Williams: Beale Street Historian," which was recently published by the West Tennessee Historical Society Papers. She served as an assistant and consultant for author Robert Gordon on his book "Respect Yourself: Stax Records and the Soul Explosion" and as a consultant for Gordon on his Memphis Music Hall of Fame online article "Nat D Williams: Broadcast Pioneer." Teglo recently joined the Managed Long-Term Services and Supports Subcommittee of the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services and has remained involved at EU as a volunteer with the Writing Center and volunteer researcher at Baron-Forness Library.

Darren Cook, '05, released his novel, "Hala's Rite," in September 2014. The first of a planned seven books based in the fictional world of Vaelin, he wrote it as his thesis novel while pursuing an MFA in Writing Popular Fiction from Seton Hill University.

Patrick Herr, M'05, was named director of community impact for the Erie Community Foundation. He manages a competitive grant program that addresses operational needs of nonprofit organizations as well as other programs and projects.

Janet Roberts, M'05, self-published her first novel, "The Narrow Gate," in September. The book is available through Amazon.com, and she plans to publish a second novel in 2016. The resident of Schaumburg, Ill., builds security awareness programs for Fortune 500 companies, including her current employer, Zurich Insurance Co., Ltd.

Annastasia Ryan, '04, M'06, was named the Dean of Lower Elementary (kindergarten through second grade)

at Winterville (N.C.) Charter Academy, which opened in August.

Aaron Calvert, M'03, received an honorable-mention award for his ceramic piece "The Giving Figure" in the 57th annual Delta Exhibition at the Arkansas Arts Center in Little Rock. He is an associate professor at Henderson State University in Arkadelphia, Ark., where he teaches ceramics and serves as director of the Russell Fine Arts Gallery.

Keith McCarthy, Jr., '03, became the head football equipment manager for Cornell University in July.

Beth Graham, '02, M'05, counsels seventh- and eighth-graders who have been involved with gangs, drugs and pregnancies in Sacramento, Calif. Graham and her service dog, Sajak, were featured in an article in *Sacramento Magazine* recognizing her personal and professional accomplishments despite being born with osteogenesis imperfect, or brittle-bone disease.

Scott Kennedy, '01, was named northeast regional sales manager of Eureka Lighting USA, an architectural lighting solutions manufacturer based in Montreal, Québec. He resides in Sewickley, Pa.

Amy Whitmire, '01, was named Teacher of the Year in Ashtabula, Ohio. She was also a finalist for Teacher of the Year for Ashtabula County, and was nominated for Teacher of the Year for the Ohio Department of Education. Whitmire teaches kindergarten at Huron Primary School and has worked in Ashtabula City Schools for 12 years.

Alexis (Lisowski) Rivera, '00, is a first-grade teacher and children's book author in Northern Virginia. Rivera and her book, "The Teachers Want a Snow Day," were featured in an article in the *Fairfax Times* newspaper after area schools had an unusual 11 snow days. Her youngest daughter, Sarah, is a junior at EU.

Jaime Rutgowski Russell, '00, was promoted to director of the Office of Student Leadership and Engagement at the University of North Carolina Wilmington. She is a doctoral student

in the higher education concentration of the educational leadership program at UNCW Watson College of Education.

Christopher Blakely, '99, has joined Wilmington, Del., financial advising firm McDermott Advisory Group as a research analyst. Blakely earned a financial planning certificate from New York University and a master's degree in applied statistics from West Chester University.

Sarah Simmons, '98, was chosen to display her art in the Sewickley Public Library in July. The featured work included repurposed books turned into jewelry and placed in shadow boxes. Simmons sells her work at Moon Township's farmers market.

Anthony Klimko, '97, was ordained as a Catholic priest in June and assigned as parochial vicar to Church of the Resurrection in Clymer, Pa. Klimko completed an additional bachelor's degree and a master's degree at the Pontifical North American College and Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome.

Heidi Turcotte, '96, studied biotic, physical, and cultural forces that affect tropical biodiversity at the Monteverde Cloud Forest Reserve and La Selva Biological Station in Costa Rica last summer. The watershed coordinator at Sawnee Mountain Preserve in Johns Creek, Ga., she is pursuing a master's degree from Miami University's Global Field Program.



Louis Zadecky, '96, was appointed athletic director of Penn State-Fayette. Previously head coach of the Penn State Greater Allegheny women's basketball



CLASS OF '31 ALUMNA CELEBRATES 103RD BIRTHDAY

Even after 84 years, **Elisabeth “Bettie” Butcher Tompsett** remembers her days at Edinboro fondly. “I enjoyed my time there,” she said. “That’s one of the highlights of my life – so far.”

Mrs. Tompsett celebrated her 103rd birthday in June.

Leaving home on a Warren County, Pennsylvania, farm to prepare for a long career as a teacher was a big step for a young woman of her era. An older brother who also became a teacher provided a role model and helped pave the way for her adventure of a lifetime. Her memories of Edinboro State Teachers College include enjoyable times with friends and life in a boarding house across the street from campus.

Following her graduation in 1931, Mrs. Tompsett taught in small, rural schools in Warren County, often instructing several grades in the same classroom. A blind date with Wayne Tompsett led to marriage on June 22, 1938, a move to Sinclairville, New York, and later the birth of two children. Daughter Nancy Tompsett Goad became a family nurse practitioner, and son James Tompsett, a veterinarian. The family circle has grown to include seven grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Tompsett returned to teaching after her children were grown and retired in 1970 from the Cassadega Valley Central School District. Now a widow, she lives in a nursing facility in Gerry, New York. An Edinboro pennant is proudly displayed on her bulletin board there. In addition to a birthday party with family, the milestone was marked by a congratulatory resolution passed by the New York State Senate.

Susanna Lawson, a niece, describes Bettie Tompsett as a passionate and nurturing teacher who remains remarkably active for her age and “a really positive person.”



team, he was named the 2014 Penn State University Athletic Conference Coach of the Year. Zadecky received a master’s degree in sports administration and management from California University of Pennsylvania.

Dr. Ryan Van Dusen, '95, M'05,

was appointed as Associate Dean of Students at the University of Memphis. He is responsible for student conduct, behavior intervention, and serves as a Title IX investigator. He attributes his passion for student affairs to his time spent on the EU Student Government Association executive board.

Brad Braverman, '94, was named a Claes Nobel Educator of Distinction, a special program of the National Society of High School Scholars. Braverman received a teaching certificate from Robert Morris University and has worked for McKeesport Area High School for nine years.

Dr. Michele Spurgeon Hartzell, '94,

was appointed superintendent of Oswayo Valley School District in Shinglehouse, Pa. She earned a master’s degree in administration from Shippensburg University and an education specialist degree in leadership and a doctorate in administration from Georgia Southern University.

Andrea Williams, '94, joined the women’s basketball coaching staff at Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne for the 2015-16 season. Williams spent five seasons as the head coach at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo. Her background also includes two seasons as an assistant coach at EU.

David Sanner, M'93, was named the Erie County director of drug and alcohol abuse. Sanner oversees the county’s drug and alcohol prevention and treatment programs. In addition to his EU degree, he earned a master’s degree

in administration of justice from Mercyhurst University.

Brian J. Farester, Ph.D., '93,

and his wife, Erika, are the owners of Farester Consulting, LLC., a company in Indiana, Pa., that assists nonprofits and community organizations with project development, evaluation, and funding opportunities. A decorated Army veteran, he recently earned a doctorate in Administration and Leadership Studies from Indiana University of Pennsylvania.



Jennifer Lyons, '93, is a registered dietitian nutritionist with the Pennsylvania Department of Health. She recently published her first book, “Munch’s Adventure,” a children’s story that emphasizes the importance of healthy eating. She donated a portion

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THE EDINBORO HOTEL: AN ALUMNI FAVORITE

The Edinboro Hotel Bar, well-known as the Boro's "oldest eating and drinking establishment," has earned a special place in the hearts of many University alumni. When graduates return for annual events like Homecoming and the Edinboro Highland Games & Scottish Festival, or simply pass through on a sunny summer day, they often find themselves drawn to the popular restaurant, enticed by a sense of nostalgia.

The establishment's owner, **Pat Hargest, '94**, said the appeal is longstanding.

"It's always had a reputation as a cornerstone in the community and for the University," Hargest said. "It's stood the test of time over the years. Everybody has fond memories of (the Hotel). It's always been a fun place to come."

Hargest, an Edinboro native, is only the fourth owner since 1952 and has been working at the Hotel since he was a student at General McLane High School. He started by cleaning the bathrooms but was quickly promoted to bartender once he enrolled as a history major at the University.

"It's a bathroom to the boardroom kind of thing," he jokes of his rise to ownership.

Following his graduation from EU, Hargest began managing the establishment in 1995, under then-owner **Kip Allen**. By 2002, he was co-owner with Allen, and in April of 2007, he became sole proprietor.

Hargest has dramatically grown the Hotel's role as restaurant with a full and varied menu in the years since he assumed ownership, but he has made few changes to the establishment's interior, save for the addition of new pieces of sports memorabilia. The Edinboro Hotel of today still looks very much like the watering hole where Edinboro students carved out fond memories decades ago. And that easy blast of nostalgia keeps many coming back year in and year out whenever they return to the Boro to see what has changed and what has stayed the same.

"For me, the Hotel was not just a venue for Edinboro students to hang out and socialize in, but it was also a comfortable and inviting place to

interact with members of the Edinboro community," said Juniata College president and Edinboro alumnus **Dr. James A. Troha, '91, M'93**. "It's hard to describe, but it just had, and still does have, a distinctive character to it that draws people together.

"OK, the 10-cent wings back then might have helped as well," he continued. "Some of my best college memories are from the Hotel Bar, and a trip back to the Boro is never complete without a visit to it."

Troha isn't the only one with fond memories of the Hotel's famous – and famously inexpensive – chicken wing specials. Asked about their memories of the Edinboro Hotel on Facebook, alumni **Doug Widmer, '89**, and **Michael C. LoPresto, '87**, each cited the bar's former Thursday night 10-cent wings and \$2 pitchers special as a highlight of their week when they were EU students. LoPresto added, "Senior year, 1986-87, it was the one thing all six of us roommates at 307 Meadville Street always did together."

It's that sense of camaraderie, remembered decades later, that many alumni attribute directly to their favorite college hangout. The place itself plays as significant a role as the people they were with in their memories of stress-free times spent watching the game or just chatting over a couple of



Edinboro Hotel Bar owner Pat Hargest talks with local patrons.

cold ones with friends.

From his place behind the bar at the Edinboro Hotel, Hargest has had a key vantage point to witness just how important a role his business has played in the lives of Edinboro University students. Alumni stop through not only to remember the “good old days” but often to reflect on the role the bar played in their current lives.

“You’d be surprised how many couples that are married now or have been dating forever say, ‘I met my wife in that booth right there,’” Hargest said, pointing to one of the wooden booths with years’ worth of patrons’ names carved

into them that still line the bar’s walls. “It’s amazing how many times somebody will come in, just pop in to take a picture and see what’s changed and what hasn’t.”

Even better, according to Hargest, is when Edinboro alumni stop into the restaurant to share memories of their college days with their children, often as they are about to begin a new chapter of their own lives at the University.

“It’s even cooler when you see somebody bringing their kid to school as a freshman,” he continued, “and the parents tell them how they used to hang out here or how they met on the dance floor.”

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HISTORY OF THE HOTEL

The home of the Edinboro Hotel has been part of the Edinboro community for more than 100 years, though it has changed dramatically in that time.

The building that originally stood at the “diamond” at 100 Meadville Street in downtown Edinboro, called the Saley Building, was built at the turn of the 20th century and housed a post office, the Edinboro Independent newspaper and a card shop. The wood structure stood a short nine years before a devastating fire burned it, as well as several adjacent buildings, to its foundation on December 30, 1909.

At the time, the town of Edinboro had no fire department, and neighboring fire companies’ efforts to reach the raging fire were hampered by winter snow, which forced the Cambridge Springs Fire Department to load its hook and ladder equipment onto sleighs.

In 1911, Elias and Clarence Drake, flour and lumber men from nearby Drakes Mills, used the existing foundation to build the current brick structure, known then as the Drake Building. The Edinboro Post Office reclaimed its place on the block, where it remained until 1938, alongside a drugstore and ice cream parlor.

The second floor of the building housed the rooms for rent that would eventually give the Edinboro Hotel its name. The 1912 Edinboro State Normal School yearbook advertised the hotel rooms, which went for \$1.50 per day.

While the Edinboro Hotel’s transition from ice cream parlor to tavern came well after the end of Prohibition in 1933, it was not without controversy in the community. The Women’s Christian Temperance Union, which played a major role in the passage of the constitutional ban on the sale of alcohol in the U.S., remained a force in northwestern Pennsylvania through the late-1930s and even hosted a ticket booth at the Edinboro Fair during that time period.

By the early 1950s, however, times and attitudes had changed, and in 1952, according to current Edinboro Hotel owner Pat Hargest, the Campbell family obtained the first liquor license to open a tavern at the venue. From that day to the present, the location has served the community as a popular eating and drinking establishment.

Ownership of the tavern has switched hands only four times since, from the Campbell family to Jack and Merle Crandle, and later to Kip Allen and Hargest.

Today, the one-time hotel rooms have been renovated into apartments for current Edinboro students, and the public space has taken on the aesthetic of a sports bar, decorated with jerseys, vintage EU Athletics schedules and signed photos from numerous professional athletes, many of them Edinboro graduates like UFC fighter **Josh Koscheck**, ’01, who used to be a bouncer at the bar.

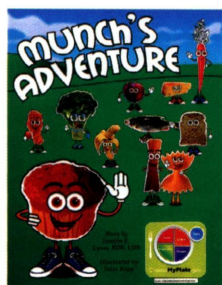
The Edinboro Hotel remains a busy business in the community and continues to thrive as the Boro’s “oldest eating and drinking establishment.”



Meadville Street in Edinboro, 1919.



of the book's proceeds during October and November to the Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh Oncology/Hematology Department in honor of Andrew O'Neil, a boy who is fighting neuroblastoma. More about her book is available at www.jennsbooks.com.



Dr. Julaine Field, '91, M'92, was named Colorado Counselor Educator of the Year for 2015. She also was promoted to full professor at the University of Colorado Colorado Springs, where she is also the clinical mental health coordinator. In addition, she is a licensed professional counselor.

Dr. Tiffany Erdos-Brocious, '91, a reading specialist at Kenneth W. Culbert Elementary School in Hamilton, Va., was installed as the 2015-16 Virginia State Reading Association (VSRA) president in May. Dr. Erdos-Brocious is a nationally board certified teacher in literacy and teaches courses at Shenandoah University and George Mason University.

Daniel Fenner, '90, was named 2015 Teacher of the Year by the Erie Section of the American Chemical Society. He is a chemistry teacher at Maplewood High School in the Penncrest School District.

Randy McIlwain, '90, is the consumer investigator for the I-Team at KNBC-TV in Los Angeles, Calif. McIlwain was featured on panels at the 2015 Investigative Reporters & Editors Conference in Philadelphia and the 2015 National Association of Black Journalists Convention in Minneapolis.

Sonya Schleich, '89, retired from the U.S. Army in September 2014 after 31 years of service. A board certified medical and veterinary entomologist, she achieved the rank of lieutenant colonel in a highly decorated career in which she earned the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Meritorious Service

Medal-6 and numerous other medals and commendations.

Mike Manesiotes, Jr., '84, was named general chairman of volunteers for the RBC Heritage golf tournament, a PGA Tour cup event held annually on Hilton Head Island in South Carolina. Manesiotes previously served as the chairman of the communications committee for seven years.

Heidi Prescott, '81, M'84, is the Humane Society of the United States' senior vice president for campaigns and outreach. She oversees and leads strategic, nationwide advocacy campaigns on factory farming, and animal cruelty and fighting. She also manages the Outreach and Strategic Initiatives department.

John I. Leggett, '80, has retired from the University of Maine at Presque Isle, where he was director of student teaching and teacher certification. A fiction writer, he has had short stories published in periodicals, literary journals and serialized in Maine newspapers. His first novel, "The Five-Cent Gang," was published in 2014, and he is working on his second. More information about his book is available at www.johnleggettbooks.com.



Ed Mailliard, '79, was inducted in the Cactus League Hall of Fame as a member of the "Behind the Scenes" Class of 2015 for his work with trading cards giant Topps. Since 1981 he has traveled to stadiums nationwide, producing the photography for an estimated 10,000 baseball and football cards. Mailliard recently retired from the *Meadville Tribune* after more than 40 years.

Harry Zmijewski, '77, was chosen as a semi-finalist in the 2015 InnovationErie Competition, and his work was displayed at the Erie Art Museum. He resides in Buford, Ga.

Eve Sliwinski, M'76, is director of the Hudson Community Youth Chorus in Ohio, which includes a treble

chorus now in its second year and a children's chorus added in September. A musician and singer as well as a conductor, she has performed with the Cleveland Orchestra Chorus, the Blossom Festival Chorus and other groups around the world.

Kathy L. Pape, '75, senior vice president of American Water's Mid-Atlantic Division, shared her business philosophy and path to success in an address at the Women's International Network of Utility Professionals (WiNUP) conference held in September in Charleston, W.Va. Pape also serves as president of Pennsylvania American Water and is an Edinboro University Council of Trustees member.



Dr. Joelle France, '75, assistant professor at Colorado Christian University, was named Outstanding Faculty of the Year for Social Sciences and Humanities. She earned a master's degree in social work from Colorado State University, a master's degree in business administration from Colorado Christian University and an Ed.D. in counselor education and supervision from Argosy University in Denver.

Gary Cornelius, '74, was featured on CNN and MSNBC to provide expert opinion regarding the Clinton Correctional Facility escape in New York in June. He retired in 2005 after working for more than 27 years in the Fairfax County (Va.) Adult Detention Center. Cornelius has been an adjunct faculty member of the Criminology, Law and Society Department at George Mason University since 1986.



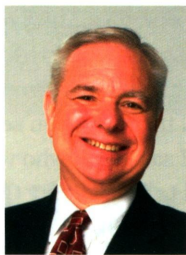
Dr. Christine Nelson, '74, is the director of Seminary Advancement at Moravian College/Theological Seminary in Bethlehem, Pa. She earned a Doctor of Ministry, Congregational Growth, at Hartford Seminary in Connecticut.



Jim Wudarczyk, '73, Pittsburgh historian and co-author of "Monster on the Allegheny ... and Other Lawrenceville Stories" and "A Doughboy's Tale ... and More Lawrenceville Stories," was recognized at a local author fair at the Oakmont Carnegie Library. He has authored or co-authored five books and hundreds of articles, and is a frequent lecturer at historical and genealogical societies, Civil War roundtables, colleges and universities.

Ann Abraham Antognoli, '73, is the author of "The Sunny Spaces," a high-minded romance novel. She attributes the completion of the novel to her EU English professors, especially retired professor Harold Gramley.

James Alexander, '73, a member of the EU Alumni Association board, was awarded the 2014 Namana Guhanathan Employee Recognition Award, given to a Dominion Voting Systems employee who continuously demonstrates selflessness, accountability, optimism and diplomacy. Alexander was selected



from six finalists from the United States, Canada and Europe, and is the first person from the United States to receive the award.

Suzanne Simon Dietz, '73, was awarded the 2015 Bronze Medal by Military Writers Society of America for "Surrender: September 2, 1945," the memoir of the Officer of the Deck and navigator of the USS *Missouri*. Dietz, of Youngstown, N.Y., also served as a consultant for the show "The Day the Bomb Dropped," which aired in October and November on the Smithsonian Channel. She is the historian for the Town of Porter and the Aero Club of Buffalo, and the Niagara Aerospace Museum recently published her volunteer publication on the history of Consolidated Aircraft in Buffalo.



Dr. Ronald L. Thomas, '72, received the Ralph C. Wilde Leadership Award from the Allegheny County Medical Society, which recognizes exceptional skill in clinical care of patients and dedication to the ideals of the medical

profession as a teacher or leader. Thomas is the chair of maternal-fetal medicine and obstetrical services for the Allegheny Health Network. He lives in Pittsburgh's Shadyside neighborhood with his wife, Cindy.

Willie Miller, '71, was inducted into the Ashtabula County (Ohio) Touchdown Club Hall of Fame in December. Miller was a star athlete in high school and a member of the first EU team to play at Sox Harrison Stadium in the 1960s.

Robert Clark, '68, M'74, is the author of 10 novels, including his most recent horror/suspense novel, "Gloomwood," released as an e-book in February. Clark taught biology at Saegertown High School for 36 years.

Richard Peterson, '65, a professor emeritus at Southern Illinois University, is the author of several books, including "Growing Up With Clemente" and "Pops: The Willie Stargell Story." He also edits *The Pirates Reader*, and writes for the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*. He lives in Makanda, Ill., with his wife, **Anita (Homich) Peterson, '65**.

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Each individual who updates or creates a profile will be entered to win this Edinboro University gear valued at more than \$150. The first 100 alumni to update their alumni profile will receive an EU baseball cap in the mail.



PIZZERIA A TIMELESS SLICE OF LIFE AT EDINBORO

John's Wildwood Pizzeria is an establishment so popular in the Edinboro community that it doesn't even require an exterior sign for its storefront. Everyone knows that behind those big windows at 105 Erie Street, the most in-demand pizza, hoagies, wings, fries, chicken fingers and salads in town are made.

A favorite of Edinboro University students since its doors opened in 1979, the pizzeria remains a "must" stop for any returning alumnus.

Owner **John Bellucci** believes the continued success of his shop, which has operated in its current location since an October 1987 move from 206 Waterford Street, is due to a longstanding dedication to quality and consistency, something he has adopted as a sort of mantra since taking over the business from its original New Jersey-based owners.

"I think a lot of it has to do with, well, we don't change anything. We buy really nice, high-end products. We have to special order certain items. There's always pressure to use something different and cheaper, and we don't," Bellucci said. "So people come back, and it's the same product."

Bellucci's family has been in the pizza business since he was in high school, having run a successful shop in Erie for several years. He saw an opportunity for a pizzeria and restaurant to thrive in Edinboro, knowing that while the original beach-dwelling proprietors, who owned several similar shops on the East Coast, "had a pretty good thing going," they were ill-suited for the sometimes difficult winters in northwestern Pennsylvania. And besides, he said, "I knew we could do better."



John Bellucci (right) behind the counter at John's Wildwood Pizzeria.

All these years later, Bellucci can still be found working behind the counter at John's Wildwood Pizzeria – and often loving every second of it. Indeed, he admits he spent 20 hours hard at work on the Saturday of Homecoming weekend this year, just making sure his customers got the excellent service to which they've grown accustomed.

"When I'm here all that time, I'm seeing so many people, even old employees. I saw a girl who worked for me in '82 or '83, and then she said to me, 'Oh my God, it's nice to see you! What are you doing here? Why don't you get a hot tub?'" he laughed. "I'm like, 'I have one; I'd rather be at work.'"

Bellucci's pizzas are so popular, and so deeply tied to graduates' memories of their time at EU, that he often receives requests from alumni from all over the country to freeze a pie and ship it to them. Unfortunately, he cannot satisfy those requests. "It's about maintaining the quality of the pie," he explains on the pizzeria's website. "Having it here as it comes out of our ovens is when it's at its best."

Bellucci credits EU alumni with John's Wildwood Pizzeria getting "busier every year," explaining that word of mouth has been integral to the growth of this community favorite.

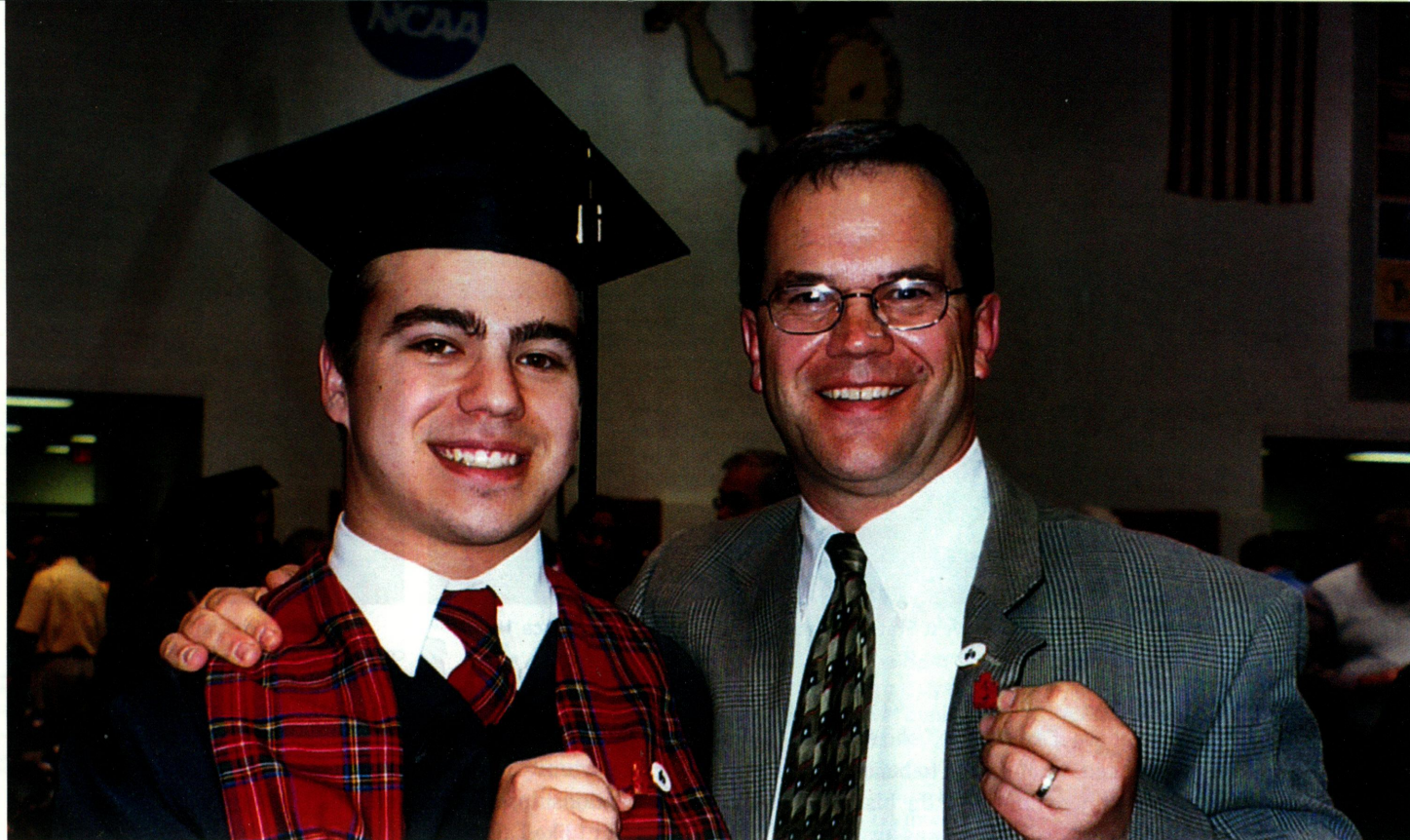
"They tell their friends, 'When we were in school...' And they have these great stories, and they like the food, and our food is good. And I think the memories go with it, and the stories have a life of their own."

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EU-themed blanket winner

Nicole Fedders, '99, won the EU-themed blanket raffled at Homecoming by the Highland Ambassadors. As the winner, Fedders was able to take a little of the Boro back to Wilmington, North Carolina, where she is assistant director for campus activities and involvement at the University of North Carolina Wilmington. The blanket was made by Highland Ambassador **BC Markley**.





Future Alumni Association President Scott Irlbacher and his father, Dave, display their alumni pins at Scott's graduation.

EDINBORO LEGACIES:

ALUMNI LEADERS KEEP FAMILY TRADITIONS THRIVING

The Edinboro University Alumni Association plays a special role in keeping EU's more than 65,000 alumni connected to their alma mater. Not surprisingly, those who take on the important responsibility of leading the organization work from a deep personal connection to their alma mater.

The Association's 22-member Board of Directors is composed of many of the most active, proud alumni of the University.

At its annual April elections meeting, the board welcomed three new members – **Allison Bressler, '03, M'05**; **Adam Avenali, '06**; and **Gregory Harris, '06, M'12** – and elected a new president, **Scott Irlbacher, '04, M'06**. Both Bressler and Irlbacher have rich family ties to Edinboro, and are keeping their families' legacies alive with their continued commitment to the University.

Scott's wife, **AnneMarie (DeLucia) Irlbacher, '07**, jokes that Edinboro is his real first love. He defines the connection somewhat differently.

"Alma mater' means nourishing mother – that better describes the personal relationship I have with my university," he contends. "But the impact my education, experiences and memories from Edinboro have had on my life and career are immeasurable and priceless. For that reason, I feel compelled to give back to the university that has given me so much."

Scott also credits his father, **Dave Irlbacher, '73**, with giving him an example to follow, starting when he joined the Alumni Association in the 1980s.

Indeed, the heart of Scott's immediate family formed and grew right on the Edinboro campus. His uncle, **John Aufman, '70**, effectively recruited Dave Irlbacher to attend Edinboro, and it was while at EU working toward his degree that Dave met his future wife and Scott's mother, **Katharine (Turner) Irlbacher, '74**. Scott's younger sister, **Rebecca, '07**, also is an Edinboro graduate.

Like his father, Scott married his Edinboro college sweetheart, AnneMarie. Together, they live in Pittsburgh, where Scott is the director of special programs and student community standards at Robert Morris University and AnneMarie is a speech-language pathology assistant and developmental screener at Lifesteps, Inc. They have two daughters, Eliana and Nora.

And it looks as if the Irlbacher legacy is set to continue at EU. "My daughter Eliana considers MacCato to be her friend, so I guess we're on track for her to be Edinboro Class of 2032," Scott said.

Allison Bressler's relationship to Edinboro University extends all the way back to 1910, when her great-grandmother, **Lulu (Galey) Brenneman**, attended what was then Northwest

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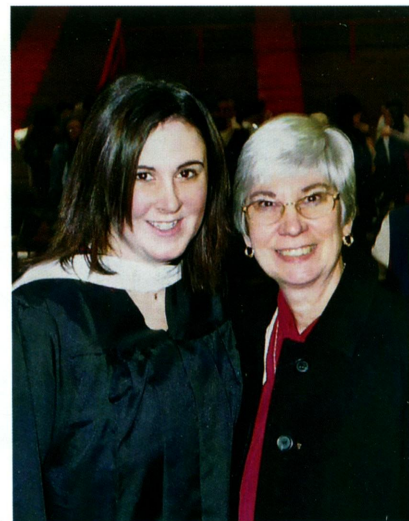
State Normal School with her sister, **Bertha (Galey) Latshaw, '12**. Allison's mother, **Deborah (Chadwick) Bressler, '71**, is a Boro graduate as well, and it was through her that Allison developed her strong connection to the University.

For Allison, Edinboro didn't just provide a great education, it opened the door to new shared experiences with her mom. "We have a great relationship and always have, but when we talk about Edinboro it's different," she said. "We talk about what has changed, what it used to be, and where it's going. I love hearing her stories and the history."

When she first arrived at Edinboro, Allison was unsure of the direction she wanted to take with her life, but she found what she was looking for in the myriad co-curricular activities offered by the University – so much so that she has gone on to work in higher education herself at Pennsylvania College of Technology in Williamsport, Pennsylvania, as the assistant director of student activities for programming and Greek Life.



The Northwest State Normal School Debate Team, circa 1910.



Allison Bressler at graduate commencement with her mother, Debbie.

"Edinboro University is where I thrived, where I had the opportunity for new experiences and where I formed new relationships. It was where I had the opportunity to discover what I liked and what I disliked," she continued. "EU gave me more than friends, sisters and a degree. It gave me a future, and for that I will ever be grateful."

Edinboro Legacies is a new feature of Edinboro University Magazine. To share your family's story in a future magazine, write to us at news@edinboro.edu.

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Still together after all these years

Alumni from the 1970s and some former faculty members relived their youth at a "flower power" party in August hosted by Bill Godfrey at his home in Natrona, Pennsylvania. Those on hand included:

Front row (from left): Donna Nicholas, Barbara Pugar, Norman Brown, Mary Ann Hazer Rhine, Toni Thompson Mann, Judith Marsh, Jay Mann, Jayne Bakos

Second row: Bill Godfrey, Ted Goodman, Kathy Rooney, Linda Varos, Marlene Glatz, Beth Kuenzi, Bruce Kuenzi

Back row, Ray Sokolowski, Beth McCullough, Brett Rutherford, Mary Jane Kidd, Alan Hoffman, Tony Buba, Sharon DiMasi, Janet Nelson, Tommy Glatz and Rick Nelson ▶



◀ Friends and roommates from Edinboro, still get together every year:

From left: Sherry Flint, '70; Jan Anderson, '77; Carrie Brooks, '70; and Marty Crotty, '70

Alumnus Eaton marks 60th anniversary

Albert Eaton, '55, strolled down memory lane in early October, returning to Edinboro from his home in Lorain, Ohio, to mark the 60th anniversary of his graduation. He was the sole representative of the earliest class present at the reunion reception and other activities.

Now retired after a long career in education, most of which he spent as a principal, Eaton continues to pursue his passions for travel and photography. He is a board member of the Lorain County Community College Lifelong Learning Center, where he presents travelogues.

While in Edinboro, he visited some of his old haunts, including Reeder Hall. Now an administration building and home to the Office of the President, Reeder was a men's dormitory where he lived in the early 1950s. Few students had cars back then, so they walked downtown for any purchases.

"When we had instructional needs, including textbooks, it meant a trip to Cooper's Store, as back then there was no campus bookstore," he said.

"Every once in a while after an evening of serious study it was time for a group of us to walk to the Crossroad's Diner to satisfy our hunger pangs.

On the weekend for entertainment a group of us would spend the evening at the movie theater.

"So the town of Edinboro was a memorable supplement to life at Edinboro," he added, noting that the University was then Edinboro State Teachers College.



President Julie Wollman presents a medal and small piper figure to Albert Eaton to mark his 60th anniversary as an EU alumnus on Oct. 9.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT: LINDA BALDWIN AVILA, '65

Linda Baldwin Avila enrolled in the secondary education program at Edinboro in 1960, the same year it was renamed Edinboro State College. The name was changed from Edinboro State Teachers College to reflect the development of additional degree programs outside the field of education, and like her alma mater, Linda was destined to branch out into new fields.

While at Edinboro, an illness caused her to miss two semesters of study. Not wanting to fall too far behind, she was able to make up the work from one of the semesters and graduated in 1965, though her photo appears in the 1964 yearbook.

She relocated to New York City after her graduation and began a career in publishing and writing promotional copy for book jackets and brochures. In 1972, she and her husband founded their own publishing firm, which they operated together until 1989, when her husband became ill and they retired from publishing.



After her husband's passing, Linda turned writing, a favorite hobby, into a serious calling and published her first poems in 2002.

She has studied poetry at the New School for Social Research, Gotham Writer's Workshops and poetry workshops in New York and southern Florida, where she currently resides. Her poetry has appeared in many literary journals, including *California Quarterly*, *Cape Rock*, *The Clackamas Literary Review*, and *The South Carolina Review*. Her latest poem, "Punch Line," was published in the August 2011 issue of the online journal *Eclectica*. Her published works also appear on her website, lindabaldwinavila.com.

In addition to her poetry, Linda enjoys practicing yoga and is a fan of the opera, classical music and ballet. She remarried in 1998, and she and her husband spend their free time traveling.

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HOMECOMING 2015: BOROPALOOZA GOES HOLLYWOOD

Lights, camera, action! EU went all out for this year's star-studded Homecoming with new events and annual favorites. From October 8-10, we broke out the tartan, cued up the bagpipes and celebrated all that we love about Edinboro University.





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OCTOBER 6-8, 2016

Watch for updates at homecoming.edinboro.edu.





ENRICHING THE EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE

A MESSAGE FROM TINA MENGINE, VICE PRESIDENT FOR UNIVERSITY ADVANCEMENT

For the third straight year, Edinboro University's friends, alumni, faculty and staff have shown more philanthropic support than ever before. Thanks to so many of you – 4,540 donors, to be specific – nearly \$4.8 million was raised from July 1, 2014, to June 30, 2015, to help EU students succeed. It was the University's best-ever fundraising year, and I can't thank you all enough for your generosity and commitment to our students and this institution.

Together, we are transforming lives. Every gift, regardless of its size, makes a difference. More than 2,100 students received academic and athletic scholarships. That represents a 39 percent increase over last year. And the generosity did not stop there. We were fortunate to add new health care and physics classrooms as well as a new café to the Porreco College campus thanks to generous donors from our community.

Eighty-four percent of Edinboro University undergraduate students received some form of financial aid during the 2014-15 academic year. In addition to government grants and loans, nearly \$4 million in institutional scholarships and awards helped students bridge the gap

between financial reality and their educational dreams. As always, more is needed to maintain the high quality and affordability of an Edinboro University education.

Gifts made to the University help us ensure that every student is given the opportunity to succeed. These gifts came in many forms, and we hope that you will consider a gift today to enhance academic opportunities, student life, campus growth, and numerous other projects and programs.

Together we can provide a bright future full of promise for our students and their families.

Thank you for the part you played in our success in 2014-15. Everything we do is about our students and providing this great institution with the resources to continue changing lives far into the future. We look forward to another amazing year!

Tina Mengine
Vice President for University Advancement

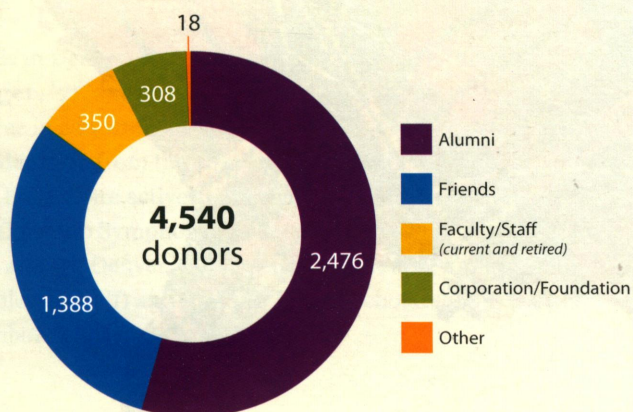


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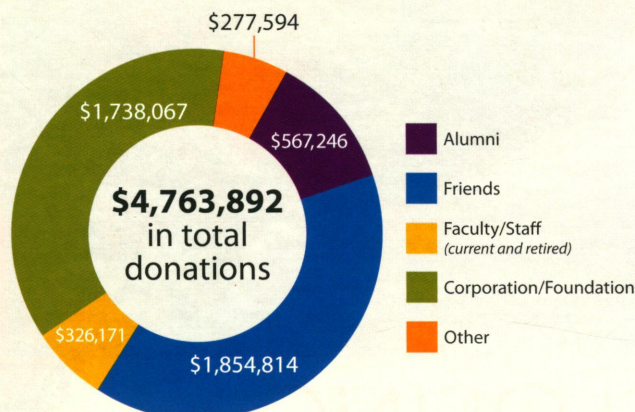
Thanks to the generosity of alumni, employees and friends of the University, our support for student success grows year after year. Fundraising totals have increased steadily, resulting in enhanced opportunities for current and future EU students.

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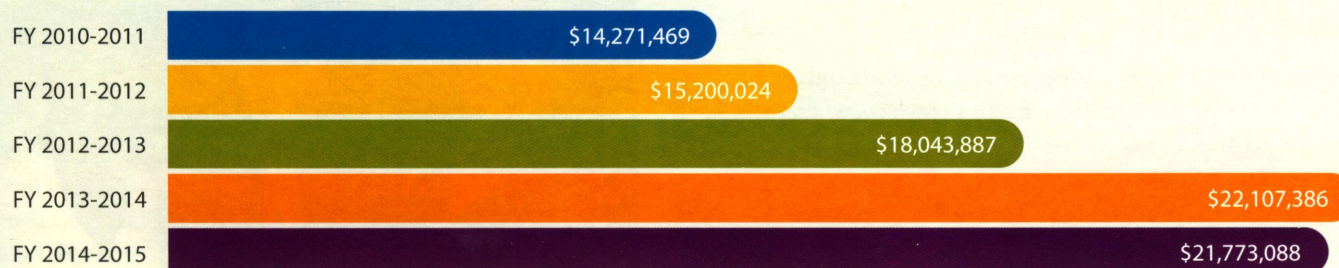
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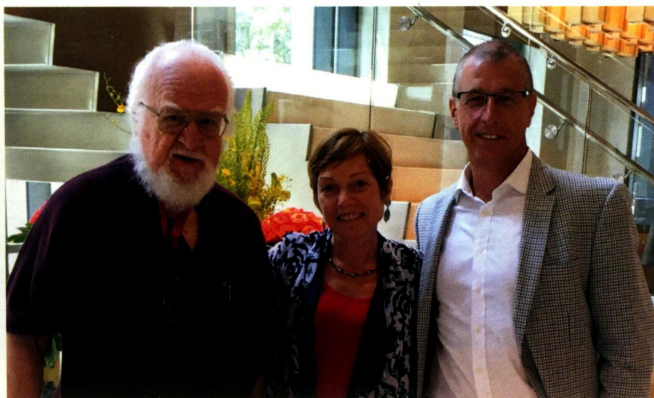
CLOSING THE DISTANCE...

At EU, we love to hear about our alumni's many successes and do whatever we can to stay in touch with graduates after they depart the Boro and head out to lead busy lives in cities and towns around the world. With alumni in all 50 states and 85 countries, there is always somewhere exciting for members of our Advancement team to visit. In the following pages, check out some recent visits with alumni and friends of the University by members of the team and President Julie E. Wollman.

SAN FRANCISCO, CA ▶

Vice President for University Advancement **Tina Mengine**, left, met with **Jessie Stehle, '03**, in San Francisco, where she is a user experience researcher for Fitbit. Jessie later came to campus to speak to students and staff members, including Director of Academic Success and Student Retention **Fai Howard**, right.





◀ DENVER, CO

On a recent trip to Denver, Colo., **President Julie E. Wollman** visited with **Stephen Pavlisin (left), '57**, a retired architect and teacher who majored in art education, and **John Carroll (right), '85**. While at Edinboro, John, who earned his degree in business administration, played football for the Fighting Scots. He is vice president of The Carroll Adams Group in Orlando, Fla., a procurement vendor for the hospitality industry.

DENVER, CO ▶

While in Denver, **Dr. Wollman** paid a visit to **Kathie Finger, '71**, and her husband, Keith. After receiving her degree in education at EU, Kathie went on to earn a Master of Education from the University of Northern Colorado. The Fingers are active supporters of the arts, contributing to the Colorado Symphony, Denver Center for the Performing Arts and the Denver Art Museum. The couple founded the Kathleen (Graff) and Keith R. Finger Scholarship to support Edinboro University students.



◀ DENVER, CO

Dr. Wollman and her husband, **Dr. Dan King**, during their Denver trip, also visited with **Barb, '75**, and **Mark Lamperski, '73**. At Edinboro, Mark majored in political science and Barb majored in social work. The couple is loyal and passionate about their alma mater and return each year for the annual Homecoming celebration. Mark also serves as a member of the University's Business and Economics Advisory Board.

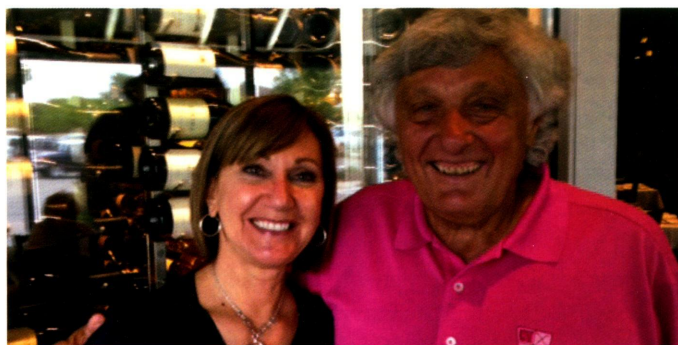


SHIPPENSBURG, PA ▶

Edinboro hosted a dinner last summer with local alumni in Shippensburg, Pennsylvania. **Pablo Reyes-Cruz, '10, M'13**, assistant compliance officer in the EU Department of Social Equity (left), was joined by **John (Jack) Bowman, '69**, and his wife, Nancy, as well as the Major and Planned Gifts Officer **Marilyn Goellner, '01**; **Denis DiLoreto, '69**; Theresa Bachman; and **Charles Szoch, '62**.

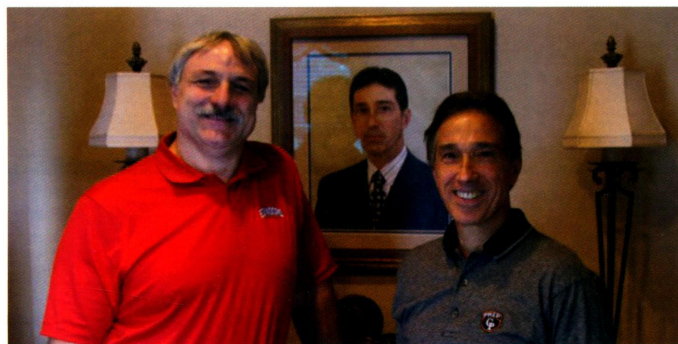
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WARRENDALE, PA ▲

Marilyn Goellner visited with **Rich Posati, '64**, in Warrendale, Pennsylvania. After graduating from EU, Rich went on to have a very successful career in school administration for over 30 years. In 1995, he dedicated himself to a second career as a sales associate at Hallmark. Now retired, he enjoys spending time with his wife, Lauren, and daughters, Kalynn and Chiara.



CHAMBERSBURG, PA ▲

At the 35th Annual Hospice Golf Tournament in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, Director of Athletics **Bruce Baumgartner** was chosen to be the guest of honor. He is pictured with EU alumnus and attorney **Denis DiLoreto**.



PITTSBURGH, PA ▲

Pablo Reyes-Cruz and **Aamir Anwar, '92 & '97**, attend the EU alumni gathering in Pittsburgh.



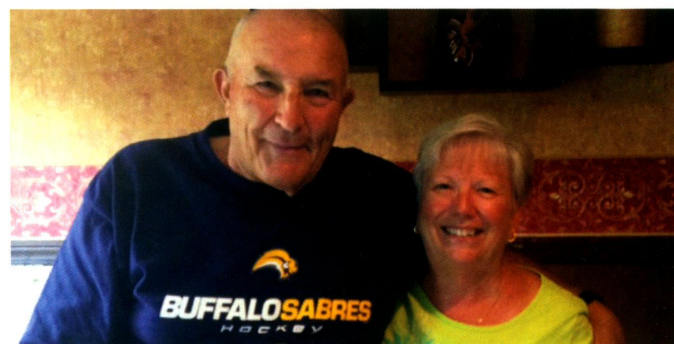
PITTSBURGH, PA ▲

Pittsburgh area alumni who attended an event this fall at Wigle Distillery Barrelhouse included, from left, **Bill Golla, '64**; **Jack Neff, '66**; **John Ciak, '66**; and **Joe DiFiore, '65**.



CLEVELAND, OH ▲

Jim Tabaczynski, '71, **Marilyn Goellner** and **Fred Hillow, '73**, caught up on EU happenings in Cleveland. Jim and Fred are both alumni of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity and come back to the Boro every year for the organization's Homecoming reunion.



BUFFALO, NY ▲

Alumna **Carrie Brooks, '70**, and her husband, John, reside in Buffalo, N.Y. She is a retired elementary education teacher.

Major Gifts Officer Goellner awarded CFRE recertification

Marilyn K. Goellner, major gifts officer for Edinboro University, has been recertified as a Certified Fund Raising Executive (CFRE) by CFRE International.

Goellner, a 2001 Edinboro graduate who has been employed by the university since 1994, was director of development prior to being named major gifts officer in August. She initially earned the CFRE credential in September 2012. Certification is awarded for a three-year period. Renewal of the certification requires continuing professional education, ongoing fundraising employment and demonstrated fundraising results.



◀ CANONSBURG, PA

Marilyn Goellner recently met with retired faculty member **Tom Stanko** at his home in Canonsburg, Pennsylvania. After spending 11 years as a teacher and basketball coach at Cecil and Canon-McMillan High Schools in Washington County, Pennsylvania, Tom joined the then-Edinboro State College faculty in 1966. He served as chair of the English Department from 1979-90, and from 1983-95 was the faculty advisor of the student-run campus newspaper, *The Spectator*. He retired from the University in 2000. Tom's passion for basketball and love for Edinboro led him to be the "voice" of the Fighting Scots basketball teams for over 22 years. His dedication to the University and its students has led him to be the benefactor of five EU endowments.



▲ PHILADELPHIA, PA

Marilyn Goellner (right) met with **Doreen** and **Vince Gambino, '81**, in Philadelphia. Vince is sales manager at SportsRadio 94WIP-FM, a CBS Radio affiliate.



▲ MULLICA HILL, NJ

Daryl Meckem '70, and Marilyn Goellner met in Mullica Hill, N.J. Daryl is a Vietnam War veteran and retired administrator for the Veteran's Administration, where he met his wife, Kathleen. They are world travelers, and Daryl is an avid photographer.



▲ CARNEGIE, PA

Gary Marches, '64, retired after 32 year as a Reading Specialist in the North Hills School District. He is a volunteer with the Elks Club and coordinator of the annual Carnegie Schools "Hoop Shoot," now in its 12th consecutive year of competition.



GIFT DESIGNATIONS: WHERE YOUR DONATION CAN HELP

Gifts made to Edinboro University help us sustain the quality of our academic programs, support our faculty, and ensure adequate financial aid for all students. When you make a gift to the University, you are not only contributing to Edinboro's ability to impact the lives of our current students but also assisting in the preservation of the high-quality education EU offers for future generations.

Every gift makes a difference, and there are many different ways to give to Edinboro.

ANNUAL FUND DRIVE

Annual giving is the most direct way to create a positive impact on the rich educational experience that touches the entire Edinboro University community. Gifts from alumni, parents, faculty, staff, friends and students increase scholarships, strengthen curricula, fund community service, enrich the Baron-Forness Library and sponsor the arts – all of which improve the educational experience for students.

Through the Annual Fund, you may choose to designate your support for students, faculty or facilities in any of the University's schools or academic programs. Your contributions reach across our University to help deliver extraordinary opportunities for learning and discovery for our students.

A component of our Annual Fund drive is the Phonathon. Student callers enjoy talking to alumni, especially when you share your memories of your time at EU. The Phonathon callers learn firsthand how their education is impacted by the generous donations of thousands of alumni and friends by interacting with donors on a one-to-one basis.

ENDOWMENTS

Gifts to our scholarship program and endowments help lighten the financial burden that pursuing a higher education can sometimes place on students, allowing them to focus on what is most important – their education. An endowment is a permanent fund that is held in perpetuity and managed for the benefit of Edinboro University, its students, faculty and programs.

HONORS

Supported by stellar faculty members who are enthusiastic about working with talented and motivated students, the Dr. Robert C. Weber Honors Program offers numerous opportunities for our students to make the most of their higher education experience. Donations to the



Honors Program endowment make it possible for Edinboro's most exceptional students to more freely pursue their passion for learning, including study abroad opportunities, research, leadership experiences and conference presentations.

RESEARCH AND TRAVEL AWARDS

High impact practices, including travel-study opportunities, conducting research, participating in internships and performing community service, enhance our students' educations in countless ways. By supporting EU's research and travel awards, you can make rewarding and life-enriching experiences available to students who might not have otherwise been able to participate in these exciting programs.

ATHLETICS

The Edinboro University Athletics Department strives for continued excellence as it develops the leadership abilities of student-athletes. The University relies on gifts to our scholarship program to help us stay competitive with top programs and to attract and retain quality student-athletes.

PORRECO COLLEGE

With a mission to build the region's workforce and quality of life, Porreco College enrollment is more than 500 students in associate degree, and continuing education programs at its Erie campus. To encourage these students' success, Edinboro has established the Porreco Promise grant, available to qualified Erie County students. With growing enrollment, support is needed to build the Porreco Promise



endowment, so all deserving students can gain access to a life-changing education.

PLANNED GIFTS: ROYAL STEWART LEGACY SOCIETY

The Royal Stewart Legacy Society is a recognition for those who have provided for Edinboro University through wills, gift annuities and charitable remainder trusts. Some members have designated Edinboro as a beneficiary of their life insurance or retirement assets.

Planned gifts allow you to maximize your assets, make larger gifts than you may otherwise have thought possible, and ensure a strong future for Edinboro. In addition, including Edinboro University in your estate planning can offer significant tax and other financial benefits.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

One of the great legacies of Edinboro University is its steeped-in-tradition history. Capital gifts create a legacy of ongoing support for Edinboro. Your gift can help us sustain a living and learning environment that enables Edinboro to provide first-class facilities for our students, employees and community.

HOW TO GIVE

Every gift, whatever the size, is valuable and invested in our students. You can make a one-time gift, set up a recurring gift or satisfy an existing pledge.

Online

Our online giving site allows you to give to Edinboro in a safe and secure environment with easy-to-follow steps. You can use a credit or debit card, or enter your checking account information. Visit www.edinboro.edu/donate to get started.

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Call (814) 732-1296 (please have your credit or debit card information ready)

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Edinboro University
210 Meadville Street
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To mail your gift, simply use the giving envelope enclosed in this magazine.

FOCUS ON SCHOLARSHIPS

SCHOLARSHIP CREATED IN HONOR OF EDINBORO PROFESSOR FIGHTING CANCER

The Dr. Joseph Laythe Magical Mystery Scholarship of the Tartan Femur has been established by the family, friends and colleagues of **Dr. Joseph “Joey” Laythe**, a beloved professor of history at Edinboro University, not only to honor Dr. Laythe’s success in the classroom, but also to encourage the same level of dedication and commitment to education and love of history that he has demonstrated throughout his career.

The scholarship will be awarded to students who are single parents, providing financial assistance to individuals who might not otherwise have had a chance to pursue higher education while raising a family.

Dr. Laythe and his wife, Chris, recently celebrated the endowment of the new scholarship at a luncheon hosted by Edinboro University President Julie E. Wollman and Dr. Dan King at the Commonwealth House. Family from as far as Portland, Oregon, traveled to Edinboro to attend the event.



From left, at the signing of the Dr. Joseph Laythe Magical Mystery Scholarship of the Tartan Femur are Alicia Twilla; Jeri Chaitlin; Michelle and Wade Callahan; Izzy, Joe and Chris Laythe; Susan Keyes; Mike and Sandy Callahan; President Julie E. Wollman; and Marilyn Goellner, major gifts officer.

LIFELONG MUSICIAN, TEACHER CREATES SCHOLARSHIP FOR PIANO AND VIOLIN

Pianist and music teacher **Lorraine Vitt** has created the **Lorraine Vitt Music Scholarship for Piano and Violin** to support the studies of Edinboro University Music majors.

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Born and raised in Chicago, Lorraine in her formative years studied with renowned pianist and instructor Milton Treschansky.

After receiving her Bachelor of Music Education degree from Northwestern University in 1944, she taught music in the Chicago Public Schools. In 1947, Lorraine and her husband, Hillert, moved to Schenectady, New York, and then to Erie, Pennsylvania, where Hillert accepted an engineering position with General Electric Co.

At the age of 40, Lorraine revived her great love of music by giving piano lessons in her home studio. Soon after, she became active in the Erie Music Teachers Association.

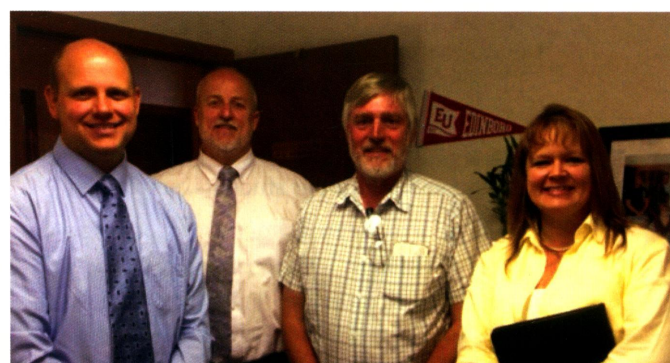
Two Edinboro University students – one piano and one violin – will receive the scholarship each year. The scholarships are renewable, provided the students meet the academic requirement of the Music and Theatre Department and the School of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences.

The first Lorraine Vitt Music Scholarship for Piano and Violin awards will be made in 2016.



SCOTT ELECTRIC FOUNDATION FACILITIES FUND

Representatives of **Scott Electric** were recently on campus for a check presentation to Ron Cole, Edinboro University electrician, donating to the **Scott Electric Foundation Facilities Fund**, which helps fund facilities investments and upgrades at EU. The University is very grateful to Scott Electric for their continued support of our operations. Pictured, from left, are Tony Pellegrino, division manager at Scott Electric; Dick Smith, director of Sales; Ron Cole; and Shannon M. Kulyk, industrial outside sales.



BRUCE HOCKENSMITH SCHOLARSHIP

Bruce Hockensmith, '66, left, has fond memories of his time at Edinboro and as a member of Gamma Theta Upsilon, the Earth Science Club and Delta Sigma Phi. He has remained a good friend and supporter of Edinboro University and travels back to the Boro each summer. He has established the **Bruce Hockensmith Scholarship** through a planned gift, which will provide financial assistance and opportunity for students who may not be at the top of their class, but have the ability, work ethic and persistence to succeed. He is pictured at the signing of his scholarship with Director of Athletic Development Jon Pulice.

Brittany Judd, second from right, director of marketing for EIJ Restaurants, Inc., joined Director of Athletic Development Jon Pulice, President Julie E. Wollman and Vice President for Advancement Tina Mengine for the signing of the Isabelle Meyers "Diamond in the Rough" Scholarship. The scholarship will enhance access to education for incoming students, with preference to first-generation college students enrolling at EU in a degree-seeking program for the first time.



School of Graduate Studies and Research notes

FIRST COHORT BEGINS DNP PROGRAM

The inaugural cohort of Edinboro University's first doctoral degree program, an online **Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)**, began classes in May.

The DNP, which is offered in consortium with Clarion University, is designed to be a completion program to Clarion and Edinboro Universities' jointly offered Master of Science in Nursing (MSN).

"Our students are all accomplished and experienced Certified Registered Nurse Practitioners from Pennsylvania," said **Dr. Colleen R. Bessetti-Barrett**, coordinator of the DNP program at EU and assistant professor in the Department of Nursing. "Several of our students own their own private medical practices, while others serve the underserved in federally qualified health centers."

With the program entirely online, the first cohort of students hails from every corner of the state, Dr. Bessetti-Barrett said.

COUNSELING, SOCIAL WORK PROGRAMS AMONG NATION'S BEST

Edinboro University's **online master's degree programs in counseling and social work** each have received national recognition from leading higher education and career websites in their respective fields.

Social Work Degree Guide has ranked the University's Master of Social Work program sixth in the U.S. in its listing of the Top 25 Online MSW Programs accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE).

The online MSW, one of EU's most in-demand graduate programs, is also one of the University's most frequently and highly ranked. The program has been named No. 7 in the country in BestColleges.com's Best Online Master's in Social Work Programs, No. 11 in OnlineU.org's 2015 Best Value Online Social Work Degrees, and No. 19 in the Top 25 Online MSW Programs for 2014-2015 by Best MSW Programs, an independent online guide.

In its Top 15 Online Master's in Counseling Degree Programs of 2015 countdown, Best Master's in Psychology has ranked Edinboro's Master of Arts in Counseling seventh in the country. Students in the program can choose from program emphases in Art Therapy, Clinical Rehabilitation, Clinical Mental Health, College Counseling or School Counseling.

U.S. NEWS NAMES ONLINE MSN PROGRAM AMONG BEST FOR VETERANS

Edinboro and Clarion Universities' jointly offered **Master of Science in Nursing (MSN)** online graduate program has been rated among the best in the country for military veterans, according to rankings released by *U.S. News & World Report*.

"As more veterans return to higher education, they are finding different approaches that suit their needs," *U.S. News* wrote in a press release announcing its third annual rankings of the best online programs for veterans. "While some are ready to head to campus, rubbing shoulders with younger undergraduates with drastically different life experiences, others feel like it's more comfortable – or convenient – to pursue their studies online."

U.S. News & World Report has previously recognized Edinboro's online graduate programs in nursing with a No. 21 ranking in the publication's 2015 Best Online Graduate Programs.

GIBBENS ELECTED TO PSHA EXECUTIVE BOARD

Allison Gibbens, a first-year graduate student pursuing a Master of Arts in Speech-Language Pathology, was selected to serve as the student representative to the Pennsylvania Speech-Language-Hearing Association (PSHA) executive board.

Gibbens is the first student from Edinboro University to receive this honor, and will serve from July 1, 2015, to June 30, 2016, as the board's sole representative for speech-language pathology and audiology students from across the state of Pennsylvania. She is from Erie, Pa.

COUNSELING PROGRAM RECEIVES JOINT ACCREDITATION

Edinboro University's **Master of Arts in Counseling – Clinical Rehabilitation and Clinical Mental Health Counseling** program received prestigious joint accreditation by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP) and the Council on Rehabilitation Education (CORE).

The accreditations are effective through October 31, 2016.

The Clinical Rehabilitation and Mental Health Counseling program previously held sole accreditation through CORE

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EU'S ORR TEACHING, RESEARCHING IN ENGLAND AS FULBRIGHT SCHOLAR

Penelope Orr, Ph.D., assistant professor in the Art Department and co-program head of the University's nationally unique Master of Arts in Art Therapy, was selected as a Fulbright scholar and is spending this fall and winter teaching and researching in London.

The Fulbright is one of the most prestigious and selective scholarship programs operating worldwide.

Dr. Orr, who is also a registered and board certified art therapist, is dividing her time at the University of Roehampton equally between teaching and research in the psychology department as an art therapist. Her research will focus on expressive digital journaling.

She will work in England through Jan. 31, 2016.

"I am very excited to do this research into expressive digital journals because it will provide insight into the therapeutic benefits of this media within art therapy practice as well as a tool for personal wellness," Dr. Orr said before leaving for her travel abroad. "The Fulbright Scholarship, which I am honored to have been awarded, is allowing me to work with other expressive therapists at the University of Roehampton, which will provide valuable insight into this project."

She added that the international exchange will



benefit both Edinboro University and the University of Roehampton and their respective students through creating an international dialogue in art therapy.

Dr. Orr was instrumental in the creation of Edinboro University's of Arts in Art Therapy, which is the first program of its kind to be offered entirely online.

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as a rehabilitation counseling program. In achieving the dual accreditation, the program joins a small number of peers that hold this distinction.

Through this dual accreditation, program graduates are eligible for hiring in key federal programs, including the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and TRICARE, which have stipulated graduation from a CACREP/CORE jointly accredited program as a requirement for employment.

READING PROGRAM HEAD PUBLISHES ON CLASSROOM TECHNOLOGY USE

Dr. Kristin Webber, assistant professor in the Early

Childhood and Reading Department and Graduate Reading Program head, recently published two articles about using technology in the classroom.

For *Literacy Daily*, an online publication of the International Reading Association, she wrote "Share It, Explain It, Teach It with Adobe Voice," which related how Webber introduced the free application for the Apple iPad to her Edinboro undergraduate Literacy Foundations students and explored possible classroom uses for it.

"From Reluctant to Engaged," Webber's article for the May issue of *Educational Leadership* was subtitled "A teacher uses mobile technology to boost the academic accomplishments of her students with special needs." *Educational Leadership* is a publication of ASCD, a global community dedicated to excellence in learning, teaching and leading.

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EU PROFESSORS STRIVE FOR THE BEST ONLINE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

Online education has opened a world of opportunity to working professionals who seek to advance their knowledge and their careers.

Today, nearly 75 percent of Edinboro's more than 1,300 graduate students pursue their advanced degrees online. They include active teachers, social workers, counselors, nurses and other professionals who rely on the high quality of these classes to ensure they gain the knowledge they need to advance in their careers and perform effectively in their important professional roles.

While all Edinboro professors strive to create an unparalleled online classroom experience, three faculty members in the School of Education have gone an extra step to ensure they are providing their students the highest quality education. **Dr. John Ziegler** of the Middle and Secondary Education, and Educational Leadership Department, and **Dr. Linda Best** and **Dr. Kathleen Dailey** of the Early Childhood and Reading Department have actively pursued advanced certifications through Quality Matters (QM), an organization dedicated to peer reviewing online courses in order to ensure that online education maintains a rigorous academic atmosphere for its students.

Drs. Ziegler, Best and Dailey are certified as Quality Matters peer-reviewers, and Best and Ziegler have advanced to the "Master Reviewer" level.

QM began in 2003 when MarylandOnline, a consortium of Maryland colleges and universities with online certificate and degree programs, received a grant to develop a method of quality assurance for online learning. The resulting program was so effective that it continued as a self-sufficient organization after the grant funding expired in 2006.

For nearly a decade and a half, Quality Matters has been the definitive quality assurance organization for online learning. Its role in reviewing online courses has only increased in significance as online education has expanded.

Since 2003, the number of students taking at least one online course at the collegiate level has more than tripled, with online enrollment now accounting for nearly one-third of total enrollment. In addition to 18 graduate programs that are available fully online, Edinboro began offering its first fully online bachelor's degree, in business administration, in fall 2015.

Through their participation in QM as peer reviewers and advocates of the program, as well as by seeking peer review of their online courses, Drs. Ziegler, Best and Dailey help ensure that the program's standards spread here at Edinboro and throughout the country.

In August, Dr. Dailey's READ 709 class, *Literacy Difficulties: Assessment and Intervention*, received approval



School of Education faculty members Dr. John Ziegler, Dr. Kathleen Dailey and Dr. Linda Best, right, have achieved advanced Quality Matters certifications.

from a team of peer reviewers.

Since 2014, Dr. Ziegler has received Seals of Distinction for course design for EDLR 700, *Introduction to Educational Leadership* and EDUC 788, *Research in Education*. In addition, he has served on review committees for five different course assessments.

Both Dr. Best and Dr. Dailey were nominated to the QM Hall of Excellence by their colleagues for providing a superior course review experience.

Dr. Best has also channeled her research efforts into issues related to online education. Over the past year, she has published three articles in the *International Journal of Scientific Research in Education*.

Working with **Dr. Daniel J. Shelley** of Robert Morris University, retired chair of what was then the Elementary Education Department at Edinboro, Dr. Best has explored the efficacy of threaded discussion boards in online learning. Common tools used by online educators, discussion boards provide a forum for students and professors to engage with each other and the course content.

Dr. Best's research into this topic helps educators implement discussion boards more effectively.

By placing an emphasis on course structure based on QM's standards, Drs. Best, Dailey, and Ziegler make sure that students' educational experience is constantly improving. Thanks to these three professors, Edinboro's online graduate education students are receiving peer-reviewed instruction from faculty actively engaged in scholarship in the field of online education.

"By following the QM standards," Dr. Ziegler said, "I have helped students navigate the course more efficiently ... resulting in more student engagement with the course content and with each other."

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EDINBORO'S MSW PROGRAM: PREPARING STUDENTS TO CREATE THERAPEUTIC ENVIRONMENTS ACROSS U.S. AND ABROAD

In response to growth in opportunities for graduates with advanced social work degrees, enrollment in Edinboro University's Master of Social Work (MSW) program has increased exponentially in recent years.

A program that began in 2001 with 27 students taking classes on the Edinboro campus has evolved into an expanding effort to train advanced social workers nationwide as well as abroad.

From its inception, the program has attracted teachers, businessmen and women, engineers, bankers, physicians and members of the military. Today, 342 students from 43 states, Guam and Canada convene in online classrooms to pursue one of the most marketable of degrees, an MSW.

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the number of jobs for social workers in all fields is expected to grow by more than 10 percent in the next decade.

Accredited by the Council on Social Work Education since 2005-2006, Edinboro's MSW program first was offered online in 2007. At that time, online enrollment was limited to residents of Pennsylvania and its border states, and students living within 50 miles of Edinboro were required to attend classes on campus.

Since 2010, the University has been able to admit students from all 50 states and any country, and its program is one of fewer than 40 fully online MSW programs in the United States. Enrollment leapt from 93 to 138 between 2010 and 2011 and has increased significantly each subsequent year, along with growth in opportunities for those with Social Work degrees.

Social workers are employed in health care, schools, colleges and universities, social service agencies and many other settings. "There is nothing this training will preclude you from," said Accreditation Coordinator **Dr. David Pugh**.

Perhaps the most important part of that training is the field internship. **Professor Natalie Montero**, who coordinates internships for students in the program, said the field experience allows students to apply the knowledge gained through their coursework almost immediately.

Equipped with a database of internship sites used by previous MSW students, Montero helps current students

find field internships and continues to counsel them during their experience.

Students go to their sites armed with the knowledge from their classes, but they often come back with questions. Social Work faculty members are constantly advising students as they strive to make sense of problems or issues that arise at their internship sites.

Among the points that faculty stress to their students is the importance of being "trauma informed." This method recognizes the effect of trauma on clients and promotes healing while actively resisting techniques that might cause further trauma, according to the National Center for Trauma-Informed Care. For example, restraining techniques, though effective, are thought of as last-resort options using the trauma-informed method.

Because the trauma-informed approach is a relatively new method, Edinboro students often introduce it to their internship sites. With the help of a supportive faculty, they are effecting positive change on the lives of individuals all across the country before they even complete their degrees.

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In mental health clinics, familial reunification, and substance abuse counseling, just to name a few settings, Edinboro students are creating therapeutic environments. At the same time they are helping others, they are equipping themselves for career advancement.

According to **Dr. Elaine Rinfrette**, MSW program head, the program offers a proven product accessible to anyone across the country, and one that opens up innumerable opportunities to its students.

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Isabella Linz, an 8-year-old with a rare, life-threatening condition, was surprised with a Hawaiian vacation at EU's Wish Night in February 2015. EU athletes earned the opportunity to participate in a wish fulfillment by placing third in the nation in donations to Make-A-Wish in 2013-14. In 2014-15, they were first in the nation.

EU ATHLETES ARE NATIONAL CHAMPIONS FOR MAKE-A-WISH

Whether they are competing in their respective sports, excelling in the classroom, or granting wishes for children with life-threatening medical conditions, Edinboro University's student athletes are never satisfied with second-best.

Perseverance has paid off. The Fighting Scots succeeded in becoming the nation's top Division II fundraiser in the 2014-15 National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Make-A-Wish campaign.

Through the hard work of EU's Director of Athletics **Bruce Baumgartner**, the Student Athlete Advisory Council, the Health and Physical Education Department and the Communications Department, Edinboro raised a total of \$13,665.11 to benefit Make-A-Wish, a nonprofit organization that grants the wishes of children diagnosed with life-threatening medical conditions.

EU bested all NCAA D-II institutions, followed by Molloy College, which raised \$13,154.25 and Dixie State University, which raised \$12,670.

"This is extremely gratifying," said Baumgartner. "I

thank our student-athletes and the many parents and fans, including the student body and community, who show up to our events and contribute."

As the lone Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (PSAC) institution in the top 20, Edinboro spearheaded the effort by the PSAC to lead all 24 D-II conferences in monies raised. The PSAC collected \$53,493.51, \$13,000 more than the second-place Peach Belt Conference.

For the first time ever, NCAA Division II raised more than \$600,000 in a single academic year, shattering the previous record by \$37,000. Since the NCAA sponsorship began in 2003, more than \$4.1 million has been contributed to Make-A-Wish; resulting in 530 wishes being granted to deserving children throughout the country.

This marks the third straight year that Edinboro has finished among the Division II leaders in Make-A-Wish donations, and has again been granted the opportunity to unveil a wish.

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Isabella Linz, who received a Hawaiian vacation at EU's Wish Night in February 2015, returned to campus for the annual Student-Athlete Auction, one of the major fundraising events that helped propel Edinboro to the top of Division II in fundraising for Make-A-Wish in 2014-15.



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"We have been fortunate to host wish unveilings the last two years, and I think it goes without saying that there has not been another more heartwarming event in McComb Fieldhouse," Baumgartner said. "Our student-athletes have seen the joy that a wish unveiling brings, and that has motivated them to work even harder to assist the goals of Make-A-Wish."

In 2012-13, Edinboro raised \$9,424.53 to finish fifth among Division II institutions. EU presented Austin Hawk with a pit bull puppy, Layla, along with numerous other items necessary to keep a puppy happy and healthy.

Now the Edinboro community can once again look forward to a wish being granted.

"It's a night I greatly look forward to," Baumgartner concluded. "We will again look to make it one of the most special nights our wish recipient will ever have."

TOP 5 INSTITUTIONS

1	Edinboro University	\$13,665.11
2	Molloy College	\$13,154.25
3	Dixie State University	\$12,670.00
4	Lubbock Christian University	\$11,615.87
5	University of North Georgia	\$11,102.00

TOP 5 CONFERENCES

1	Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference	\$53,493.51
2	Peach Belt Conference	\$40,312.95
3	Pacific West Conference	\$32,911.57
4	Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference	\$30,117.10
5	East Coast Conference	\$28,131.59

Golden anniversary for stadium

Members of the 1965 Red Raiders football team, the first to play in Sox Harrison Stadium, returned to campus for the Sept. 12 game vs. Shippensburg to mark the stadium's 50th anniversary. Among the alumni on hand, from left, were **Jerry Cass, '67**; **Jack Case, '65**; **Alfred Celentano, '68**; **Thomas Mackey, '71**; and **Robert Buckheit, '68**. Outfitted in "throwback" sweatshirts donated by the Campus Bookstore, they were recognized at halftime.



ATHLETIC notes

CAITLIN FORMATO NAMED WOMEN'S LACROSSE COACH

Caitlin Formato became head coach of the women's lacrosse team in September and looks forward to continuing to develop the program in her first collegiate head coaching position.

"We're excited to have Caitlin on board," said Director of Athletics Bruce Baumgartner in announcing the appointment.

"She is a very energetic individual, and we look for her to hit the ground running."

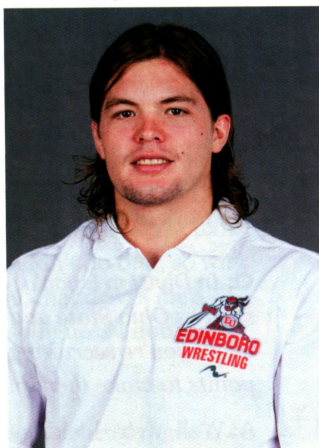
Formato spent the last two years as head coach of the Malvern St. James School in Worcestershire, England, following graduation from George Mason University. She was a three-year starter on George Mason's lacrosse team and was captain her junior and senior years.

Formato replaced Kevin Cooke, who announced his resignation due to a family move in August. He had been head coach since the program's inception in 2009.

ALUMNUS PORT JOINS WRESTLING COACHING STAFF

Three-time All-American **Mitchell Port** joined the wrestling staff as an assistant coach in July.

Port concluded his wrestling career at Edinboro in March, joining a small group of three-time All-Americans. A four-time PSAC champion and winner of three Eastern Wrestling League titles, he finished as the runner-up at Nationals as a sophomore



and senior and took home third place as a junior.

"We have a young team," said head coach Tim Flynn. "To be able to learn from one of our greatest wrestlers ever, particularly with his work ethic, will be of great benefit to our wrestlers. It's just an all-around great fit."

The addition of Port to Flynn's staff became even more significant to the team when assistant coach Colt Sponseller left the Fighting Scots' program in October to assume an assistant's position at Ohio University.

HABAT REPRESENTS SLOVENIA AT WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Former Edinboro University wrestling All-American **Dave Habat** represented Slovenia in the 2015 Senior World Championships in September in Las Vegas.

Habat, competing at 65kg in the freestyle competition, fell victim to an unlucky draw. He drew the world's top-ranked wrestler at that weight class, Iran's Ahmad Mohammadi, and lost to him in the round of 64.

Habat wrapped up an outstanding career in March as a two-time All-American, finishing as the national runner-up at 149 pounds with a 36-3 record.

WADE-CHATMAN NAMED TO PRESEASON ALL-AMERICAN TEAM

Men's basketball standout **Henri Wade-Chatman** was named a 2015-16 Preseason All-American and the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference Player of the Year by *Division II Bulletin*.

Division II Bulletin selected 16 preseason All-Americans, two from each region. Wade-Chatman was joined out of the Atlantic Region by West Liberty's Seger Bonifant, who was also the Preseason Player of the Year.

Wade-Chatman, a 6'2" guard, was a first team All-PSAC West selection a year ago. He led the Fighting Scots to a 14-13 record and a berth in the PSAC Tournament.

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COACH TIM FLYNN: DAY-TO-DAY WORK BUILDS SUCCESS IN DIVISION I

Wrestling head coach Tim Flynn was named NCAA Division I Coach of the Year in 2015 by the National Wrestling Coaches Association after leading the Fighting Scots to their best-ever third-place finish at Nationals.

Edinboro University made a bold decision in 1986 to elevate its wrestling program to NCAA Division I. The program got off to a strong start thanks to then-head coach Mike DeAnna (1984-90), and grew even further under his successor, current Director of Athletics Bruce Baumgartner.

Tim Flynn joined Baumgartner's staff as an assistant coach in 1992, and took the reins as head coach in 1997. Since that time, the former Penn State All-American has led Edinboro's program to become one of the best in Division I.

Flynn and his staff guided Edinboro to third place at the NCAA Division I National Championships in 2015, the highest finish in the University's history. It came a year after a fifth-place finish. We sat down and talked to Flynn about how he has been able to beat the odds and take the Edinboro wrestling program to the pinnacle of NCAA Division I.

Q: *What have you done to raise the Edinboro wrestling program to one of the best in Division I, while virtually every other mainly Division II school with Division I wrestling has fallen back?*

A: I don't know that it's what I've done. I think it's what we've done. We're getting kids that are willing to do what we ask of them, and that's really the biggest thing – just getting

students to buy into something and to work hard for a goal. We're getting good, hard-working kids, and I guess if I've done anything, I have got good people around me – Cliff Moore, Mitchell Port, and Colt Sponseller, who was with us last year. I think I'm just continuing what Mike DeAnna and Bruce Baumgartner got going a long time ago.

Q: *Your goal was to reach the stand and finish in the top four at nationals. What did it feel like last March when you finally attained that goal and got third place?*

A: Our goal every year is to get a team there, and hopefully down the road we'd like to win the national championship. Last year was awesome. It was the ending of a lot of work for us as coaches and even more importantly for the wrestlers. All the work they put in themselves; it was an unbelievable feeling.

Q: *In Division I, you've got to recruit against the heavyweights, such as Ohio State and Penn State. What do you look for when you're recruiting wrestlers, and what are your selling points to make them pick Edinboro?*

A: Well, we're looking for success. We want kids that are successful in high school. We want kids who want to get their degree and work hard towards being a national



champion. How do we sell them? We sell them on the program, we sell them on our vision, but we also sell them on Edinboro. Edinboro's a great place. It's a small town, and it's got a small-school feeling. But yet, you're afforded the opportunity to win at the highest level in Division I wrestling. It's a real special place, and I think the people here, the professors, the staff, make it special. I don't know that we have to sell a ton; we just have to bring them in and let them experience it.

Q: *It had to be a great source of pride when you were named the National Coach of the Year. What did that honor mean to you?*

A: It is nice to be honored, especially by your peers. I know that if you ever get that award, it means your team is pretty good, and that's really the end goal. We want team awards. Coach of the Year is great, but having a national championship trophy beats that.

Q: *You've been blessed with some outstanding coaches. Going back, you had Lou Rosselli, who's now at Ohio State, and Cliff Moore, whom you mentioned earlier. Talk about that teamwork with those individuals in building the Edinboro program.*

A: Having good people and having a good team of people working towards a goal is crucial. You've got to have people not only that believe in all the things you believe in, but maybe complement you. And I've been fortunate. When I was the assistant, I had Bruce, and Bruce did a lot of things better than I did, and Louie Rosselli, you know, he's the Olympic coach, he's one of the coaches for the national championship team. Then, we had Colt and Mitchell coming in, and obviously we've had Cliff for a while. Cliff came from having success himself, being a national champion in Iowa, and we haven't missed a beat. It's vital to have that continuity and everybody working towards the same goal.

Q: *You've had several opportunities over your nearly 20 years as a head coach at Edinboro to move on to what people might consider more attractive jobs. What's kept you here?*

A: It's a special place; I don't know that I would ever leave. You know, "the grass is always greener." But when you sit down and look at an opportunity, at least for me, the grass has not been greener. Edinboro's a good place; they treat me well. We're afforded an opportunity to compete at the highest level, and it's up to us, it's up to me and Cliff and Mitchell Port this year to go out there and compete. We took third, and a lot of people thought we couldn't do that, so why can't we win the Nationals here? And so, that drives me a little bit. But Edinboro's a great place, so I guess I don't know that I'd ever leave.

Q: *This year's recruiting class is ranked as one of the best in the country. Are you starting to reap the benefits of the top finishes in the last two years?*

A: It certainly helps. I think the better you do as a team, the more recruits take a look at you. Certainly, taking fifth and then third, that's opened a lot of doors, and for kids now Edinboro's a little more of a household name, and I hope it stays that way.

Q: *What do you do for an encore to that? Maybe a better question would be how do you go about having a better encore?*

A: Your goals are high, you know? "Hey, you can go in there at the Nationals and put a couple kids on the stand," and so, you know, why not put two more and try to win the national championship? What does it take? The same thing it took to get third. It's just a daily commitment. I think if you look and focus on the big picture all the time, you're never going to get there. I focus more on the day-to-day. This morning, two kids asked me to come in and watch them throw. So I get up and come in here before school starts for them, and we just do it on a day-to-day basis.

Q: *You've worked hard, not only to improve the product on the mat, but to also promote the sport of wrestling, fill the stands in McComb, and bring in top teams such as Iowa two years ago and Ohio State last year. Talk about your efforts to bring the best wrestling to western Pennsylvania and what fans in the community can look for in the future.*

A: I think it's important to do that part, to promote wrestling, to bring great teams and great wrestlers to McComb Fieldhouse. I think the local people should want to come watch our greats. We have plenty of great wrestlers. We have these young guys that are so talented. They should come out and watch. On Super Bowl Sunday (February 7) well before the game, we're going to try to get a big crowd for Virginia Tech. I know they're ranked somewhere in the top five. It should be a good battle.

Q: *Let's look ahead to this year's team. Without question, you lost three of the best wrestlers ever here at Edinboro. Who fills in the gaps, who can we look for this year, and who will be the next group of wrestlers to join that growing list of All-Americans for Edinboro?*

A: Well, I think that's the question, and I have, hopefully, thirty-something guys who are answering that question with, "Hey, I'm going to be the next guy." Obviously, we have a returning All-American in Vic Avery. I think he's done all the right things this summer to put himself in a position to win a national championship. We have a lot of guys coming back, too. We lost some guys, but Austin Matthews is back, Casey Fuller is back from last year's starting squad, Pat Jennings, Vince Pickett, Warren Bosch. We have a couple of red shirts in Billy Miller and Sean Russell. And then there are those weights that are up for grabs, where Schopp, Port and Habat were. We have some good, young, talented kids; our recruiting class was pretty good. The sky's the limit. I think we can be just as good, whether it's this year or down the road, but we're putting in the work.

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VOLLEYBALL PLAYERS TOUR ITALY WITH TEAM USA

Edinboro's **Sydney Trathen** and **Challen Litwiler** were among 10 PSAC volleyball players comprising Team USA on a summer tour of Italy. The student-athletes traveled to some of Italy's iconic cities while competing against several Italian volleyball clubs.

Eight PSAC member schools were represented by at least one athlete. The 12-day trip was the first of its kind by a team made up entirely of players from a single Division II conference. Trathen is a sophomore setter, and Litwiler is a sophomore outside hitter.

The tour was organized by American International Sports Teams and ran from May 23 to June 3.

NARBUVOLL, MARTYNKIEWICZ NAMED ALL-AMERICANS

Two Edinboro runners, freshman **Ida Narbuvo**ll of the women's cross country team and **Elliott Martynkiewicz** of the men's team earned All-American honors at the NCAA Division II National Championships in Joplin, Mo. on Nov. 21.

Narbuvo, a native of Norway, capped an outstanding freshman campaign with her All-American performance, finishing in 37th place in a field of 246 runners. She posted a time of 21:21.3 to finish as the top runner from the Atlantic Region. Her team finished 21st out of 32 teams competing.

Martynkiewicz finished 19th in a field of 246 to earn his first All-American honors and cap his career as a Fighting Scot after finishing 77th a year ago. His team finished 24th.

Edinboro competed in the NCAA Division II National Championships for the 37th time, more than any other team in the field.

WOMEN'S SOCCER ENJOYS HISTORIC SEASON

The 2015 Fighting Scots reached heights that no **Edinboro women's soccer** squad before them had achieved. They reached the Atlantic Region finals, the furthest Edinboro has ever advanced in the NCAA tournament.

Though the team lost in the final to East Stroudsburg on Nov. 20, they finished their 2015 campaign with a 15-8-1

record, tying a team record for most wins in a season.

Four players were named to the 2015 National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) NCAA Division II All-Atlantic Region teams. Senior forward **Jansen Hartmann** was named to the first team, sophomore forward **Ashley Mutkus** earned second-team honors, and junior defender **Shannon Regan** and sophomore midfielder **Coleen Brodman** were selected to the third team.

Team member **Reilee Du Pratt** was named to the 2015 CoSIDA Academic All-America Women's Soccer Team, selected through a vote by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA). DuPratt was one of only 33 players to earn the award.

VOLLEYBALL CAPTURES 3 OF 4 MAJOR PSAC POSTSEASON AWARDS

The **Edinboro volleyball team** took home three of the four major awards and had three players named to the PSAC West All-Conference Teams.

Head coach Missy Soboleski was named the PSAC West Coach of the Year, while Challen Litwiler was named the PSAC West Athlete of the Year and Megan Screptock took home the PSAC West Freshman of the Year.

In addition, Litwiler and fellow sophomore Sydney Trathen were named to the PSAC West Volleyball First Team All-Conference. Junior Victoria Severo was named to the PSAC West Volleyball Second Team All-Conference.

MASSEY EARNS ALL-PSAC HONORS FOR SECOND YEAR

Darren Massey was named to the 2015 All-PSAC Football Second Team, marking his second straight year as a second-team selection. He also was the PSAC West Freshman of the Year in 2013.

Massey caught 87 passes for 844 yards and seven touchdowns, placing second in the PSAC for receptions and breaking his own season record set a year ago. He also broke the season record for receptions in a game twice in 2015, setting the mark at 13 against St. Joseph's in the season opener and raising it to 15 against Slippery Rock. He had four games with 10 or more receptions.

With one year to play, Massey already ranks first in career receptions at Edinboro with 193, along with fourth in career receiving yards (2,083), and eighth in career touchdowns (22).

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Julie has been a good friend to me and many others here at Edinboro and I will value her openness, honesty, and support. I have learned a great deal from her during these last few years about goal-setting and leadership, and I know that I do better in my position as Provost as a result. She has had a constant focus on excellence and student success from her very first days here at Edinboro, and this has already made an impact in transforming Edinboro into a better and stronger university.

DR. MICHAEL HANNAN, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

FAREWELL AND GOOD LUCK, DR. WOLLMAN

President Wollman is truly a student-centered university leader. She personally answers student emails and maintains open lines of communication with the families who have entrusted us with the education of their children and significant others. I am always impressed by her ability to remember so many student names amidst all of the other individuals that she comes in contact with as part of her presidency. It is rare for a president to volunteer to teach a Freshman Seminar Course. This experience gave her direct access to our freshman students, so that she remained cognizant of the challenges of beginning a collegiate journey. In addition, I want to personally thank her for the support that she gave me throughout my journey to fatherhood. The adoption process was filled with emotionally challenging situations, and her support was truly appreciated.

DR. KAHAN SABLO, Vice President for Student Affairs

Dr. Wollman was a great supporter of Edinboro Athletics and the wrestling team. She came to our matches and welcomed us into her home with open arms on more than one occasion. I have had the pleasure of taking her as my guest to the scholar athlete banquet and getting to know her on a more personal level. I'm glad she was president of Edinboro University during Edinboro wrestling's two, Division I, top finishes at the NCAA championship in school history (5th, 3rd). Best of luck, President Wollman. God bless.

VIC AVERY, Student athlete
(wrestling)



As a member of the Highland Ambassadors, I've had many opportunities to work closely with Dr. Wollman. She takes so much time to make sure that our organization is running smoothly. She also invites all of us over to her house once a semester for dinner and takes time to get to know us on an individual basis. She has been a great role model and will be truly missed!

MARY KLEIGER, Highland Ambassador



President Wollman has been a tremendous president for the University. I believe her greatest contribution was that she was eager to listen to all and learn from others. I can't think of another Edinboro president who took it upon herself to learn to play the bagpipes or teach a freshman class. She truly wasn't above anything and will be missed.

SCOTT IRLBACHER, President of
Alumni Association Board of Directors





I am going to miss the leadership of Dr. Wollman, as she is a strong champion for individualized, proactive, and targeted academic and support services to promote the success of all students. I had tremendous support from Dr. Wollman in my role to promote the persistence and retention of our students. Dr. Wollman will be missed, but what a great opportunity she has ahead. Congratulations on your new position and thank you for the genuine support of our students at Edinboro University!

FAI HOWARD, Director of Academic Success and Student Retention

I am impressed with her commitment to the betterment of students through academic competition and helping them adjust to college life through her own teaching in the FYE program. The establishment of the Women's Philanthropy Council is the first time that a major initiative to support female students has occurred in the history of this institution. Finally, another first during her tenure, was the flying of the Rainbow Flag, which sent a welcoming message to this community's LGBTIQ residents.

DR. JERRA JENRETTE, Professor, Department of History, Anthropology and World Languages / MA Social Sciences Program Director



Dr. Wollman had the right vision for the expansion of the Porreco College, making it our 'community's college.' The Porreco College will have positive effects on our region for years to come. As the first woman president of a local university not associated with a religious order, Julie has consistently shown her support for women in leadership. She was instrumental in establishing Edinboro's Women's Philanthropy Council, which provides scholarships for young women who will become the leaders of tomorrow.

KATHY DAHLKEMPER, County Executive, Erie County, Pennsylvania

Dr. Wollman's management style has certainly set Edinboro University on a trajectory for continued success for many years to come. She has been recognized as a forward-thinking manager that has given a new meaning to the word "collaboration." We thank her for her strong leadership and guidance as we went through some difficult and challenging years. We certainly wish her the best in her new position and will always remember her as a dynamic leader and, most important, a friend to the University.

DENNIS FRAMPTON, Chairperson, Council of Trustees





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