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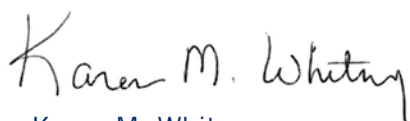
Dear Clarion family,

This edition of Clarion and Beyond may be one of the most important editions you'll read. In this single issue we are promoting our most long-held and sacred area of study – professional teacher preparation. At the same time, we are mobilizing our efforts to continue to be at the forefront of meeting the emerging interests in health sciences and information sciences. It's a tale of three professions, each of vital importance to our region and of great interest to our students and alumni.

To meet these most important demands, we are organizing ourselves to be successful through establishing high priority academic areas as schools within colleges, which will, in a more focused manner, enable the faculty and administration to achieve desired results. As such, you will learn more in Clarion and Beyond about how the School of Education, School of Health Sciences and School of Information Sciences will advance Clarion's confident tradition of educating teachers and preparing students for their professional careers.

Now is the time to make thoughtful changes that will position the university to be successful for the next 150 years.

GO EAGLES!



Karen M. Whitney
President, Clarion University



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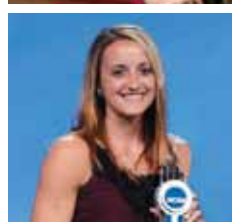
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Apple sculpture:

Clarion Students' Association, in collaboration with the Traditions Council, unveiled an apple sculpture Sept. 7, 2013, on the lawn of Grunenwald Center for Science and Technology. Students have embraced this new canvas to share their thoughts and promote their organizations.

"Painting on the apple is very popular, even during winter," said Kaitlyn Jones, a senior majoring in communication.

"You are lucky if your message remains on the apple for 24 hours. The space is very much in demand."

Funded through the CSA Special Projects Fund, the apple sculpture honors Clarion University's long-standing commitment to education since its founding as Clarion Seminary in 1867.

It's an expression



Quilt trip

Cross a collection of Clarion T-shirts with the creativity of an alumnus' mom and you get an Eagletastic quilt! When **Chris Myers ('12)** visited his family for Christmas, his mom presented a memento of his varied Clarion involvement and a quick trip down memory lane.



NewsBriefs

Campus



THE KING LEGACY The Dream: 50 Years Later

Guest speakers lead MLK observations

Clarion University welcomed retired Clarion faculty member Dr. Robert Girvan and retired Air Force intelligence officer Dr. Earl Tilford as guest speakers for Clarion University's Martin Luther King Jr. observances. Girvan's topic was "The King Legacy – The Dream: 50 Years Later," and Tilford discussed "Needed: A Vision Beyond the Dream."



Town/gown partnership benefits education

537 Clarion: Community Learning Workshop, a drop-in homework, tutoring and community literacy center, received \$12,000 in grants and donations, including: an \$8,000 Spark Grant from Pittsburgh's Sprout Fund, which supports projects that help children develop hands-on

skills and digital literacies; a \$2,000 grant from the private Buncher Family Foundation, which supports the arts, children, youth development and education; and two \$1,000 donations, one each from Clarion American Legion and Clarion Rod and Gun Club. Opened in October 2013 by English professors Dr. Rich Lane and Dr. Leah Chambers and the students of the university, the workshop has served more than 300 local students and adults.

Student retention efforts paying off

Clarion University has implemented several processes, intentionally aimed at improving student retention. The result? Clarion's retention of first- to second-year, first-time, bachelor's-seeking students increased to 75.7 percent in fall 2013, an increase of 5.5 percentage points over the previous two years. The processes include: a mechanism for students to self-report on how they're adjusting to college life; early attendance reporting by faculty; and involving families more in students' progress.

Students



SALADA

Student premieres original score

An original piece, *Ad majorem Dei Gloriam*, by honors student Justin Salada, was premiered during Clarion University Symphony Orchestra's Dec. 8 Post-Romantic German Masters-themed concert. Salada, of Brockway, is principal tubist of Symphony Orchestra. In keeping with the theme of the concert, students in the German department introduced each piece in German and provided the English translation.



LOGUE

Project brings art to downtown Clarion

Student Christy Logue is using a grant from the university to bring street art – art which is placed in a non-traditional, outdoor venue – to downtown Clarion. Logue's street art adorns the side of the Faller's Furniture building on Main Street. The 22-year-old senior, who is currently spending a semester studying in Italy, placed a series of murals on the normally blank brick wall. She worked with art students from Clarion High School, who painted the murals, and was inspired by their passion and commitment to the project. "Street Art doesn't just give the town of Clarion something beautiful to see, it gives them a landmark that can spark conversations between people," Logue said.



Students awarded grants for scholarly projects

Clarion University Office of the Provost has awarded 29 grants to students for research, scholarly, creative, entrepreneurial and civic projects. Biology professor Dr. Steven Harris, who coordinates the grant process, said students gain experience that goes beyond the taking of courses. "If you're an employer and someone comes to you and they say they've taken the courses, but someone else has taken the courses and has done independent research or an internship, which one would you choose?" Harris said. Students' research will be presented during the Academic Excellence Series, April 27 to May 4.

Adams interns with state government

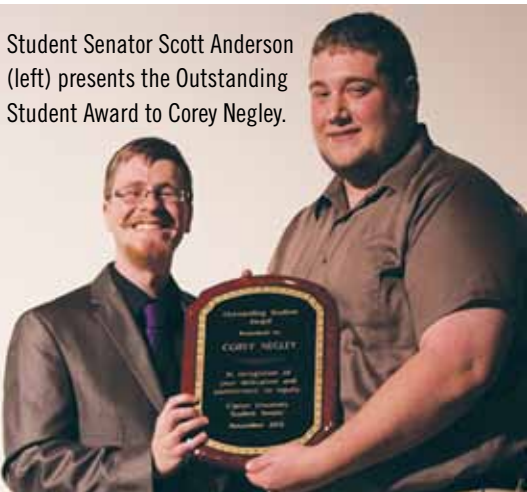
Newton, N.J., native Kara Adams, a senior history and molecular biology major and literature minor, is working for Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission as part of a 15-week spring internship sponsored by Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education. Adams is one of 14 students participating in The Harrisburg Internship Semester program, which provides students the opportunity to work in all areas of state government while earning a full semester's worth of credits. Adams and other participants will attend several academic seminars and complete an individualized research project.



ADAMS

Negley recognized at annual equity dinner

Corey Negley, a senior, secondary education/ social studies major from Natrona Heights, received the Outstanding Student Award at Clarion's Nov. 13 Student Senate Equity Dinner and Awards Ceremony. Negley was recognized for his work in presenting at this year's LGBTQA conference, as well as his three-year membership in the Presidential Commission on LGBT Concerns. He additionally actively volunteers for Residence Lifesidence Life.



Student Senator Scott Anderson (left) presents the Outstanding Student Award to Corey Negley.

Faculty and staff



PFANNESTIEL

Pfannestiel will lead College of Arts, Education and Sciences

Clarion University has selected Dr. Todd Pfannestiel, history professor, as dean of the College of Arts, Education and Sciences. Pfannestiel, who came to Clarion in 1998, will begin his duties as dean July 1. In addition to teaching, Pfannestiel has directed the liberal studies program and served as faculty fellow for planning, assessment and improvement from 2011 to 2013. He completed a year-long higher education administration program. "Todd was selected following a national search that resulted in a strong pool of very qualified candidates for the dean's position," said Dr. Ron Nowaczyk, provost.



GRAHAM

New chief takes public safety helm

Clarion University welcomed Joseph Graham as director of public safety in January. Prior to Clarion, he was chief of public safety at Anna Maria College, Paxton, Mass.

Among Graham's initial goals are to ensure that Clarion University Department of Public Safety is in full compliance with the rules and regulations set forth by the commonwealth and the Department of Education. He plans to review procedures for efficiency, and he wants to adopt more of a student affairs-type approach to campus law enforcement. "It's not the same as a municipal department. We have an extra mandate of being educational. We have to recognize that as part of our job," he said.



Holey rollers

When daylight revealed hundreds of cylindrical snow formations, some as large as bales of hay, that mysteriously appeared overnight last winter, several questions came to mind: What? Why? How? Aliens?

Those formations, called "snow rollers," appeared in various areas of western Pennsylvania, including Clarion University, Jan. 27. Dave Crawley, a reporter with KDKA-TV Pittsburgh, traveled to Clarion to interview Dr. Tony Vega to get the scoop.

Vega, professor and chair of Clarion's anthropology, geography and earth science department, said snow rollers are a phenomenon that occurs every 50 to 100 years in western Pennsylvania. In order for these formations to take shape, the conditions must be perfect.

"When the snow is perfectly wet, but not so wet to be heavy, the wind will pick it up and roll it, then it literally will snowball as it rolls across the surface," Vega said. The first section of snow the wind "rolls" is the most fragile, so when the snow roller is formed, the wind will eventually blow out the middle, leaving hollow cylinders of snow. The rollers can take from a few seconds to a couple of minutes to form; Vega observed rollers with tracks longer than 30 feet.

To see the KDKA interview, visit www.kdka.com and search for "snow rollers." Vega has appeared previously as a weather expert on the History Channel, ABC News, and Canadian Public Television.



School of Health Sciences



New school will
house Clarion
University health
career programs,
expand offerings.

CLARION UNIVERSITY is justifiably proud of its “career ladder” program offerings in a variety of fields, including health. Now, with the introduction of two new nursing programs – Bachelor of Science in Nursing and Doctor of Nursing Practice – and the creation of a School of Health Sciences, the university offers the most extensive academic ladder of nursing program credentials within the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education.

Nursing, however, is only one of many programs currently offered that will be housed within the new school. In addition to six nursing programs – including the two new programs, as

well as pre-nursing, Associate of Science in Nursing, RN-Bachelor of Science in Nursing and Master of Science in Nursing – the school will include programs in allied health, communication disorders, rehabilitative sciences, athletic training, sports and wellness, and health and physical education.

“The new school will promote the continued growth of the university’s health professions programs, a key strategy direction identified in Clarion University’s recently adopted academic plan,” said Dr. Ronald Nowaczyk, provost and academic vice president.”



“At Clarion University, students can earn ‘stackable’ degrees to realize significant career advancement and salary increases,” said Dr. Chris Reber, executive dean of Venango College, which will house the new School of Health Sciences. “They can systematically progress from an associate or diploma degree to bachelor’s, graduate and terminal degrees, many available online.”

Although housed at Venango, some programs within the new school will be offered at Venango campus, while others will be available on the Clarion campus.

Programs offered on the Clarion campus will include: the new Bachelor of Science in Nursing; Bachelor of Science in Speech Pathology and Audiology; Master of Science in Speech Language Pathology; Associate of Science in Rehabilitative Services; Bachelor of Science in Rehabilitative Sciences with concentrations in developmentally disabled, gerontology, substance abuse, and courts and community services; Master of Science in Rehabilitative Sciences; and Bachelor of Science in Liberal Studies with concentrations in athletic training, sports management and athletic coaching.

The Associate of Science in Respiratory Care, Bachelor of Science in Medical Imaging Sciences and Bachelor

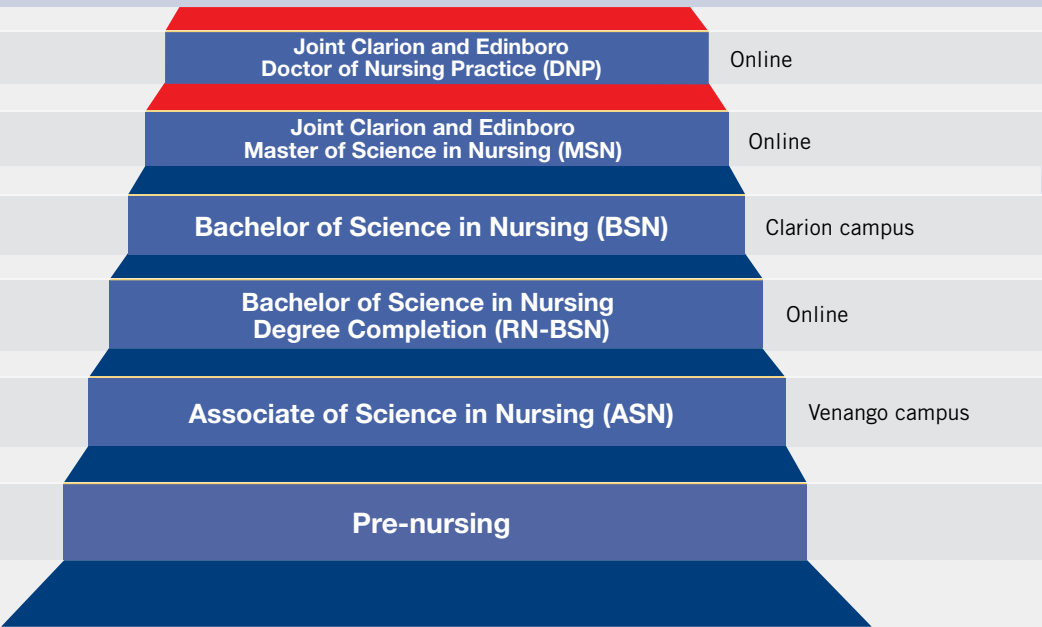
Students within a health career program at Clarion have access to state-of-the art equipment and real-world experiences, including simulation laboratories, volunteer experiences in health care agencies, and creative, hands-on experiences. Live, standardized patient labs and research studies are in place in the freshman through junior years as components of clinical learning to support senior-level clinical preparation.

of Science in Allied Health Leadership will continue to be offered at Venango.

Through Clarion, West Penn Hospital in Pittsburgh offers the Associate of Science in Allied Health, while the new doctorate program in nursing will be offered online.

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School of Education



Education majors get early classroom experience at a local elementary school.



To allow greater focus on teacher education and to better serve future teachers,

Clarion University has created the College of Arts, Education and Sciences. This reorganized college will connect the focused School of Education to the content areas and create great synergies. This move, effective July 1, reflects the traditional strength of Clarion University.

"We are confident in our commitment to education," said Dr. Karen Whitney, Clarion University president. "The education profession is in an extraordinary moment of change and complexity."

Creating the School of Education allows the university to respond better to changes in the field of teacher education. Education is a heavily licensed and accredited

"A biology teacher takes more courses in arts and sciences than in education."

Areas of Study:

Early Childhood
(birth-4th grade)

Early Childhood/
Special Education

Mid-Level
(grades 4-8)

Secondary
(grades 7-12)

Special Education

Intervention
Specialist

Master's in
Education

profession, and, while Clarion must follow state mandates, there is flexibility in the way faculty members present the material and in how they supervise student teachers in the classroom.

"Quality methodology sets us apart," said **Dr. Bruce Smith (M.Ed. '84)**, education professor and assistant chair of the education department.

"One of the things that's a real key to our program is that from day one, we are getting (students) involved in the field," Smith said. "They're not out teaching as first semester freshmen, but we do get them out into classrooms."

The students have multiple field experiences that are intentionally diverse, with exposure to rural schools, larger schools and parochial schools. Recent experiences have included field work at Cook Forest, McKeever Environmental Education Center, Clarion-Limestone School District's Amphibian Research Center and the Elk County Visitors Center in Benezette.

Employers notice. Clarion students are sought regionally, as well as from afar. For example, Clarion's education department has a partnership with Broward County Schools in Florida. Last fall, three Clarion students completed their student teaching in Broward County; the school system offered a job to one student before she graduated, and another one was hired after graduation.

"Those intentional field experiences in diverse settings prepare future educators for

a changing profession," Whitney said. "Send your students to us, and we'll send them back as highly qualified professionals."

The School of Education will enable the university to put a finer focus on meeting the needs and building the skills of Clarion's education majors. "It allows us to focus on specific goals within teacher certification," Smith said.

Housing the school in the College of Arts, Education and Sciences is intentional, too. "A biology teacher takes more courses in arts and sciences than in education," Smith said. "The tighter the relationship we have with arts and sciences, the better for our students."

Special education historically has been a strength of Clarion, featuring an interdisciplinary focus and celebrating the department's 50th anniversary this year. Combining the teaching resources of the biology, health and physical education, nursing, psychology, rehabilitative sciences and sociology faculties, special education majors are well-prepared to meet the individual educational and therapeutic needs of students.

"The School of Education is a way to reinvent ourselves to meet the needs that society is placing on teachers," said **Dr. Amy (Conner '94) Love**, assistant professor of special education. "We have to be flexible in our field."

"It's a professional program," Smith said. "Now, the entire school is a professional licensure-based entity."

Clarion-Limestone's
Amphibian Research
Center





School of Information Sciences

New school aligns technology and
data disciplines with business

To better align faculty talent and leverage the strengths of related disciplines, Clarion University has created a School of Information Sciences, which will be an integral part of the renamed College of Business Administration and Information Sciences. The school, which will open July 1, will include two departments, computer information science and library science.

"Business today is broadly impacted by the computer/digital era," said Dr. Phil Frese, dean, College of Business Administration and Information Sciences. "It is logical to integrate our computer and library science resources into our business program."

Frese noted this development is also a way to combine complementary programming that is experiencing increased market demand.

For example, library science has evolved beyond the traditional employment

opportunities associated with it. These opportunities remain, but new library science-related jobs are now available at major corporations, law offices and governmental departments. These employers need library science graduates who have a strong understanding of business.

"The department of library science has been a leader in responding to changes in the profession. We've created new courses and program tracks that enable our students to incorporate the best of the emerging electronic technologies into their libraries and other information environments," said Dr. William Buchanan, chair, department of library science.

Buchanan also noted the graduate program in library science is one of only 50 programs in the United States accredited by the American Library Association.



Managing data equals career success

"Leaders in business must be able to understand and manage huge amounts of data in order to be successful and maintain a competitive edge in their professions," said Dr. David Hartley, associate dean.

Hartley provided an example from a few years ago to illustrate the point: When the path of a hurricane was identified, a chain of stores in Florida used data on what was purchased in a store in the early path of the storm to stock the most popular items at a store farther down the hurricane's path. Access to data allowed this business to respond in real time to meet the needs of its customers during a period of crisis.

Frese also noted that all business transactions rely on the use of sophisticated technology. Business graduates must tap into the power of data to better understand their clients and meet their needs.

"As an example of the growing importance of data, four graduates of Clarion's computer information science program were hired last semester by Remote Database Experts in Pittsburgh," said Dr. Jon O'Donnell, chair, department of computer information science. "The firm is returning this spring, hoping to secure additional hires."

Clarion alumni who have a business degree and an understanding of information sciences are a testament to the importance of further connecting these disciplines at the college level.

Scott Belmont ('83), chief information officer at Take-Two Interactive, which produces major video games, and formerly CIO at Universal Music Group, is a champion of the new school.

"Information technology is only as good as its in-depth grounding in business strategy and objectives," said Belmont, who is also a member of the university's current College of Business Administration Advisory Council. "Clarion's realignment

greatly strengthens this orientation from the outset for future information technology professionals. It also reinforces greater IT insight across other business disciplines, as a strategic tool."



at ALUMNI WEEKEND

FRIDAY, JUNE 6

Alumni registration

Moore Hall, 3-6 p.m.

Check in and get an event schedule, campus map and bag of goodies.

Campus View Suites check-in

Moore Hall, 3-6 p.m.

Distinguished Awards complimentary cocktail reception

Gemmell Student Complex, 5-6 p.m.

Join us for complimentary cocktails as we begin celebrating our 2014 distinguished alumni.

Distinguished Awards banquet

Gemmell MPR, 6-9 p.m.

The Clarion University Distinguished Awards recognize outstanding professional and public service achievements by Clarion graduates and community members. Register by May 30. Business formal attire.

Planetarium show: "Dawn of Astronomy"

Peirce Planetarium, 7-8 p.m.

A complimentary planetarium show will be offered to all alumni and their families. It's appropriate for all ages. The show traces the beginnings of astronomy in ancient Egypt, ancient Babylon and ancient Britain. Highlights include the great pyramids of ancient Egypt, and Stonehenge.

Mix and mingle

Moore Hall, 7-11 p.m.

If you are looking for a place to unwind and meet up with great friends, join us in Moore Hall for a casual atmosphere with appetizers and drinks.

Family movie night

Clarion Campus, 8-11 p.m.

Join us for a family-friendly movie under the stars on the beautiful Clarion campus. Snacks are provided and surprises are promised.

SATURDAY, JUNE 7

Alumni registration

Moore Hall, 9 a.m.-noon

Check in and get an event schedule, campus map and bag of goodies.

Campus View Suites check-in

Moore Hall, 9 a.m.-noon

Complimentary continental breakfast

Seifert-Mooney Center for Advancement, 8-10:30 a.m.

Sponsored by the CUAA Board of Directors, for alumni and families.

College of Business brunch

Still Hall, 10 a.m.-noon

All alumni and friends of the College of Business Administration are invited to reunite with old friends, colleagues, former faculty and deans. An open house and complimentary brunch will be held

in Still Hall's new student lounge. Hosted by College of Business dean Dr. Phillip Frese. Casual attire.

Mimosas and muffins for the Class of '64

Exclusive to the Class of '64. President's residence, 10-11:15 a.m.

Dr. Karen Whitney invites members of the Class of '64 to enjoy mimosas and muffins while mingling with classmates as part of their 50-year reunion. Business casual attire.

All-Alumni Banquet, honoring the 50th and 25th classes

Gemmell MPR, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Join us to honor alumni celebrating their 50th and 25th class reunions. Business casual attire.

Lunch option

Main Street

Stroll down Clarion's Main Street and have lunch at favorite eateries from your college days.

'The Big Warm-Part Deux'

Gemmell 250/252, Noon-3 p.m.

Theatre and music department alumni and guests are invited to spend time with fellow alumni from the 1960s and 1970s as they reminisce about their college years. RSVP to Peggy Black Plante (meplante@comcast.net); Veronica 'Cookie' Smith Gibbs (cookiegibbs@hotmail.com); and/or, Ray Lichauer (RayLPghPA@aol.com).

Zumba on the lawn

Harvey Hall lawn, 2-3 p.m.

Join alumna Megan Laird ('07) as she leads a great workout suitable for all ages. Casual attire and comfortable shoes.

Ice cream with Ernie

107/108 Eagle Commons and outdoors, 2:30-4 p.m.

Join Ernie the Eagle for an ice cream social! Activities for all ages. A special appearance will be made by Jimmy Swogger and friends. Get your picture taken with Ernie the Eagle on the red carpet. Enjoy an afternoon ice cream snack and load it with your favorite goodies.

Campus tours

Campus, 2-4:30 p.m.

Reacquaint yourself with your alma mater on a guided or non-guided tour to visit the old and check out the new at Clarion University.

Honors Alumni Reception

Art Gallery, 3:30-5p.m.

Past honors students, stop by to enjoy refreshments and talk with current and former honors directors and faculty.

Haunted History tours

Hart Chapel, 3:30 p.m.

Dr. Todd Pfannestiel will share stories based on historical events on campus, with the audience left to decide if the unexplained occurrences are paranormal in nature.

Communication Alumni Reception

Becker Hall, Studio B, 4-5 p.m.

Calling all communication, speech communication, mass media and debate alumni. Come back and revisit your old stomping grounds while enjoying some light refreshments.

Babysitting activity

TBD, 5-10 p.m.

Ages 4-12 enjoy a movie, games, pizza and popcorn while you celebrate at Alumni-Fest. CU student monitors have clearances.

Alumni-Fest: Picnic/brew and wine tasting/live entertainment

TBD, 5-10 p.m.

Enjoy complimentary samples of locally made brews and wines at Alumni-Fest. Includes "A Taste of Clarion" featuring local eateries, live entertainment from Jimmy Swogger and Friends and local music. All attendees receive a commemorative Alumni Weekend glass. Casual attire.

SUNDAY, JUNE 8

Suites check-out

Lobby of suites, 7-11 a.m.

Farewell breakfast

Eagle Commons, 9-11 a.m.

Say farewell to friends at a full breakfast in Eagle Commons dining facility. Pay at the door.

Event times and locations are subject to change. Family accommodation rates available.

For more information or to register by phone, call 814-393-2637.

Schedule and registration are available at www.clarion.edu/alumniweekend.

Pre-registration is required.

Join us as we honor the

Distinguished

2014 Alumni Association Distinguished Award Recipients



Distinguished Alumni – Dr. Teresa Swartz '74

Venango College Distinguished Alumni – Robert L. Boyer '86

Distinguished Faculty – Dr. Arthur Barlow

Distinguished Volunteer – Henry Suhr Jr.

Clarion
Distinguished
Alumni

Dr. Teresa Swartz '74

Bachelor of Science in Education
(social studies)

- Served in leadership capacities in American Marketing Association, including a member of the international board of directors
- First woman dean of an academic college at California Polytechnic State University
- International teaching experience in Southern Africa, France and Finland
- Marketing expert in U.S. district court
- Included on San Francisco Business Times' list of Most Influential Women in the Bay Area in 2010, 2011 and 2012

Venango
Distinguished
Alumni

Robert L. Boyer '86

Bachelor of Science
(general studies)

- Finished Clarion degree in less than three years
- Graduated at top of law school class
- Served as Venango County public defender
- Served 10 years as district court judge
- In seventh year as common pleas judge

Distinguished
Faculty

Dr. Arthur Barlow

- Professor emeritus after 26-year Clarion career
- Communication department leader
- Was national executive director of The Society for Collegiate Journalists
- Advisor of Clarion Call student newspaper and Eyrie, former student magazine
- Represented Clarion University at journalism delegations in Russia and Cuba

Distinguished
Volunteer

Henry Suhr Jr.

- More than 30 years' service on Venango College Advisory Council
- Strong belief in Venango campus with gifts to establish scholarships, improve facilities and build on-campus apartments
- 1994 Citizen of the Year, Oil City Chamber of Commerce.
- Legendary business leader and community activist with Northwest Medical Center Foundation, United Way, American Cancer Society and Humane Society
- Venango College's Charles L. Suhr Library was named in honor of his grandfather – a fitting reminder of his family's generosity and strong belief in higher education



AlumniNotes

We want to know about you!

Visit www.clarion.edu/alumni-update

1970

Charles and Loretta (Vastadore '71) Matsko reside in North Huntingdon. Charles is a retired special education teacher, counselor and high school football/baseball coach. Loretta is a retired math specialist.

1972

Jill (Marshall) Soto resides in Glendora, Calif., with her husband, Stephen. She has two sons, Matthew and Stephen.

1973

Earl McDaniel just published his first novel "Between Lives." He resides in North Versailles.

1977

Charlet (Cobler) Miller recently retired from a 35½-year career in education. She resides in New Freedom with her husband, George. She has a son, Jonathan, and a deceased son, Christopher.

1979

Linda (Bieloski) Day is self employed. She resides in Raleigh, N.C., with her husband, Michael Shaeffer, and son, Matthew.

Michael Yusko is CFO for Taylored Services. He resides in Huntington Beach, Calif., with his sons, Jacob and Maxwell.

1980

Ronald Brennan is a vice president for PNC, Pittsburgh. He resides in Verona with his wife, Catherine.

1982

Valerie (Retort) Golik has been named president of Oglebay Institute, a regional nonprofit arts, nature and culture organization that operates six facilities in Wheeling, W.Va. She resides in Wexford with her husband, Mark.

Dr. Regina Frey recently received a 2013 Emerson Excellence in Teaching Award. Dr. Frey was selected by Washington University to celebrate her achievements and dedication to the teaching profession.

Ronald Lucas is an IT team manager for Highmark, Inc., Pittsburgh. He

resides in Gibsonia with his wife, Debra, and children, Sara and Gregory.

1983

Edward Frack is a CEO-CMO for The Factory Advertising, Whitehall. He resides in Whitehall.

Kathy Pugh was recently named producer for the development division of Maryland Public Television.

Dennis Rinkacs Jr. is an auxiliary operator for Exelon Nuclear, Ontario, N.Y. He resides in Webster, N.Y.

1984

Carol (Bosak) Dinsmore is a director of residential services for Lakeshore Community Services, Inc. She resides in Punxsutawney and has two daughters, Megan and Keri.

1985

Stephen Zinram is executive director for Case Alumni Association and Foundation, Cleveland. He resides in Westlake, Ohio.

Valentina (Reuter) Boligitz is an assistant track and field coach at Archbishop Wood High School, Warminster. She resides in Roslyn with her husband, James, and children: Katherine, James and Kristen.

1986

Jon Corbett is a director of federal programs, curriculum and instruction for the Monroe County Board of Education, Union, W.Va. He resides in Lerna, W.Va.

1988

Rev. Scott and Linda (Loichinger) Schul reside in Martinsburg with their children, Annika and Emilio. Rev. Schul was recently elected vice chair of the statewide Policy Council for Lutheran Advocacy Ministries of Pa. He is pastor of St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Martinsburg.

Alison Ebel is a national account manager for DAP Products, Inc., Baltimore. She resides in Baltimore.

1990

Jeff James is assistant special agent in charge for the United States Secret Service, Washington, D.C.

He resides in Centreville, Va., with his wife, Julie, and children: Delaney, Jackson and Madelyn.

1992

David and Laura (Tower '91) Hunt reside in Zelienople with their children, Sydney and Tyler. David is a senior vice president of human resources for First National Bank.

1996

Ric Giles is a director of marketing for Bayfront Open MRI/CT-Medical Diagnostics, LLC, Erie. He resides in Erie with his wife, Lori.

Christopher Myers is sports information director for Humboldt State University, Arcata, Calif. He resides in McKinleyville, Calif., with his wife, Andrea.

1999

Patrick and Marcie (Thomas '02) Kovalsky reside in Johnstown with their children, Spencer and Jillian. Patrick is a gifted support teacher for the Forest Hills School District.

2000

Amanda (McCartney) Harris is a speech language pathologist for West Branch Area School District, Morrisdale. She resides in Houtzdale, with her husband, Dan, and sons: Ashton, Brennan and Caden.

2001

Julie (Ginther) and Casey ('02) Lundy reside in Youngsville, N.C., with their children: Lindsey, Paige, Tyson and Gabriella. Julie is a teacher at Clarke Elementary School, Henderson, N.C.

Michael McCarren is a regional human resources manager for ISS, Pittsburgh.

Melissa (Bartell) and Frederick ('02) Berg reside in Cranberry Township with their children, Brianna and Liam. Melissa is a reading specialist for Butler Area School District. Frederick is a data analyst for MSA, Point Breeze.

2002

Laura (Zettlemoyer) Bower is a second grade teacher for West Perry School District, Elliptsburg. She resides in Landisburg with

her husband, Adam, and children: Jaxson, Case and Macklen.

Jolene Painter is a marketing representative for Windsor Communities, Carlsbad, Calif. She resides in Oceanside, Calif.

Robert (MS.'05) Pica Jr. is an emergency medicine physician assistant for Lehigh Valley Hospital, Allentown. He resides in Allentown with his wife, Richele.

Brianne (O'Hara) Brinkley is a speech/language pathologist for Howard County Public Schools. She resides in Baltimore with her husband, Tom, and daughter, Harper.

2004

Kimberly Blanchard is a 7th grade mathematics and special education teacher for Great Meadows Middle School, Great Meadows, N.J. She resides in Hampton, N.J., with her husband, Timothy, and daughter, Lillian.

Jennifer Klunk is an undergraduate program administrator for the Department of Mechanical Engineering, The University of Texas at Dallas, Richardson, Texas. She resides in Dallas.

2006

Dr. Jason Grieshober and Jessie Zahner reside in Baltimore, Md. Jason is an orthopedic surgery resident at the University of Maryland Medical Center. Jessie is a manager of corporate sales for the Washington Capitals and Washington Wizards.

Thomas Misko is an assistant principal for Shaler Area School District, Pittsburgh. He resides in Imperial with his wife, Kerri, and son, Ian.

Tara (Roberts) Little is a library media specialist for Freedom (Pa.) Area School District, Freedom. She resides in Pittsburgh with her husband, Philip.

Laurie (Cook) Sirko is a librarian/teacher for Pittsburgh Science and Technology Academy, Pittsburgh Public School District, Pittsburgh. She resides in Aliquippa.

Kelly (Yackovich) Corwin is an adjunct instructor for South Dakota School of Mines and Technology, Rapid City, S.D. She resides in Rapid City, with her husband, Luke.

2007

Amanda (Goe) and Joshua ('08) Pierce reside in Altamonte Springs, Fla. Amanda recently received a Master of Education in Counseling. She is a certified school counselor for Seminole County Public Schools. Joshua recently received a Master of Education – Leadership degree. He is a school administration manager with the Seminole County Public Schools.

Annette (Tarary) Gross is a group supervisor for Harmony Zelenople United Methodist Child Care Center, Zelenople. She resides in Evans City with her husband, Ben.

Mark and Kristy (Clarke) Trumbo reside in Baldwinsville, N.Y., with their daughter, Avery. Mark is an academic coordinator for Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY.

2008

Adam Skolnick is a retention sales specialist for the New York Yankees. He resides in New York City, N.Y.

2009

Emily (Taccone) Grab is employed with the Millcreek Township School District. She resides in Erie with her husband, Patrick.

2010

Caitlin (Vancas) Driscoll is a public relations director for Better Business Bureau of Western Pennsylvania. She resides in Elizabeth.

Rich Eckert is an assistant athletic director, external relations, for Marian University, Wisconsin. He resides in Fond du Lac, Wisc.

John Buffone is a multi-media sports journalist for GameTimePA.com, Lancaster. He resides in Millersville.

Eric Miller is a supervisor for Pennsylvania Department of Welfare, Pittsburgh. He resides in Carnegie.

Jennifer McConnel has written her debut novel, "The Secret of Isobel Key," which was released in December 2013.

2011

Diane (M.S.L.S. '12) Hahn is an adult services librarian for Peapack and Gladstone Library, Peapack, N.J. She resides in Belvidere, N.J.

2013

Emily Pikna is a medical laboratory scientist for Trumbull Memorial Hospital, Warren, Ohio. Emily resides in West Middlesex.

Inventing a new product: No sweat

Taking calculated risks is nothing new for **Ken Mohney ('76, MBA '78).**

After retiring from a 30-year career with Disney Corp.'s financial offices, Mohney started his own venture in 2010.

His product, All-Around Towels, is a hands-free means to carry a towel while exercising, working around the house or to keep hands free for some other activity. He thought of this while working out on the treadmill, when he saw a lady at a nearby machine struggling to keep her towel secure while she was exercising. Whenever she'd retrieve her towel from the floor, her machine stopped and it lost the data from the work-out.

He ran with the idea and the All-Around Towel was born. Towels feature grommets which hold an elastic string that resembles a phone headset cord, so it can be worn round the waist or neck. Mohney had it patented in 2005.

Since then, he has been testing the towel at trade shows and getting advice about moving it to the greater retail market. He hopes to offer it for sale on QVC, Home Shopping Network, Bass Pro Shops and Cabela's. It is currently available at www.allroundtowel.com.

Growing up in nearby Clearfield, Mohney knew about Clarion University and chose to attend based on the reputation of Clarion's accounting program and its small class size. "I was accepted at larger state schools but felt Clarion was the best fit," Mohney said.

"Be open to getting as much education as you can because the other classes (to fulfill my major) helped me."

Ken Mohney

He fondly recalled the late Dr. Dempsey Dupree, an accounting professor who Mohney thought was ahead of his time. "He developed self-taught modules long before they became popular on the internet," Mohney said.

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MOHNEY

Mohney said this method allowed students to learn from discovery and research as opposed to standard lecture. For him, this was beneficial as the active elements allowed Mohney to apply newly learned lessons immediately.

He advises students to have a variety of educational experiences, which could introduce them to new subjects and ideas, enhancing upward mobility.

"Be open to getting as much education as you can because the other classes (to fulfill my major) helped me," Mohney said. His classes on statistics and economics were especially beneficial.

"Take as many relevant courses as you can because you may not know now when you may need it."

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KDKA-TV's
Jon Burnett and
Emily Weaver ('09)
at The Fort Pitt
Block House.

Historical preservation

Following one's passion is often admired but it doesn't always translate into a career. **Emily Weaver ('09)**, however, is doing for a living what she loves. In 2011, she was hired as curator of the Fort Pitt Block House in Pittsburgh.

The Clarion graduate with a bachelor's degree in history credits the presentation skills she honed through her work-study job in the university's Career Services office and her internship at Drake Well Museum in Titusville as positive skill-building opportunities.

"As curator, I give tours to adults and students, where I use those same public speaking skills," Weaver said. However, it was at Drake Well she realized her ultimate goal was to work at museums or in the public history field.

Weaver touts Clarion's history program because of its diverse course offerings, which required refinement of skills that benefit her work at Fort Pitt.

"More people need to know just how excellent the history program (at Clarion) is," Weaver said. "(The professors) were very knowledgeable in the classroom. We learned how to research, and we did a lot of writing, which has helped me in my job." Weaver said the encouragement and guidance of her advisor, Dr. Martha Robinson, was key in her professional development.

She was afforded the opportunity to work across academic departments to further enhance her skills. Under the direction of Dr. Terry Latour, dean of Clarion University Libraries, Weaver provided key research on an oral history project featuring Pennsylvania's Oil Region.

That experience was fresh in Weaver's mind when she recently penned "The Fort Pitt Block House," a historical look at the famed Pittsburgh structure, built in 1764 as a defensive redoubt for the British during the French and Indian War.

Weaver's regular duties include writing for the block house's website, for promotional brochures and letters to potential donors.

"Never give up on your goals, even if others tell you differently," Weaver said. "Work hard to achieve those goals and give everything your best. Always look for opportunity to expand your education and your experiences."

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Marriages

Robert Jr. ('03, MS '05) and Richele **Pica**, February 2013.

Ben Gross and **Annette Tarary ('07)**, Sept. 3, 2013.

Births

Thomas ('06) and Kerri **Misko**, a son, Ian, March 4, 2012.

Adam and **Laura (Zettlemoyer '02) Bower**, a son, Macklen Jennings, May 29, 2013.

Daniel ('04) and **Madeline (Baldizar '05) Anderson**, a daughter, Gwendolyn Marie, June 9, 2013.

Patrick ('99) and **Marcie (Thomas '02) Kovalsky**, a daughter, Jillian Grier, July 19, 2013.

Deaths

Marlene (Kozer '66) Hesler, May 26, 2013

Joe Raymond DeReno '94, July 1, 2013

Joseph J. Racioppi, '61, July 16, 2013

Bonnie D. (Davis '41)) Stuckert, Aug. 22, 2013

William F. Vowinkel, Sept. 9, 2013

Brett T. Wise '93, Sept. 24, 2013

John A. Coogan, Sept. 25, 2013

Joyce Elaine (Delp '65) Crissman, Sept. 28, 2013

Carol D. (Cummings '78) Monrean, Sept. 28, 2013

Jean (Kerr '43) Young, Oct. 1, 2013

Becky (Burns '93) Bower, Oct. 2, 2013

Patricia A. Plachecki '67, Oct. 3, 2013

Stephanie M. (Woytko '89) Wisneski, Oct. 6, 2013

John L. Leathers '54, Oct. 9, 2013

Andrew Tack, Oct. 11, 2013

Harold D. Guthrie '62, Oct. 14, 2013

William K. Phillips '70, Oct. 18, 2013

Judith Ann (Chatlos '65) Sike, Oct. 19, 2013

Paul C. Armbruster '70, Oct. 23, 2013

Janet L. Gourley '00, Nov. 8, 2013

Daniel Mitchell and **Gina ('06) Spinelli**, Nov. 2, 2013.

Dan and **Amanda (McCartney '00) Harris**, a son, Caden, Aug. 6, 2013.

Matthew ('02) and Julie **Tremaine**, a daughter, Evelyn Mary, Aug. 9, 2013.

Timothy and **Kimberly ('04) Blanchard**, a daughter, Lillian Sophia, Oct. 8, 2013.

Tom and **Brianne (O'Hara '03) Brinkley**, a daughter, Harper Jean, Jan. 3, 2014.

Mayer H. Harris '53, Nov. 9, 2013

Kevin Matthew Fricko '99, Nov. 15, 2013

George W. Wolf, Nov. 16, 2013

John William Heffner '70, Nov. 20, 2013

Kathryn E. (Whitehill '41) Lauffer, Nov. 21, 2013

Gertrude A. Garbacz '90, Nov. 30, 2013

Theodore R. Olson '66, Dec. 5, 2013

Dorothy (Bloomster '56) Lawson, Dec. 10, 2013

Thomas James King '62, Dec. 17, 2013

Charlotte Caldwell, Dec. 19, 2013

Carol W. (Watson '64) Harman, Dec. 21, 2013

Joseph T. Mattivi '85, Dec. 24, 2013

Peggy L. (Ferson '67) Rolfsmeier, Dec. 28, 2013

Steven Shaffer, Jan. 2, 2014

Theodore W. Ochs '65, Jan. 3, 2014

Harry E. Kincaid '51, Jan. 5, 2014

Dorothy R. (Rishell '63) Rhoads, Jan. 8, 2014

Gregory L. Weidman '74, Jan. 16, 2014

Daniel E. Estadt '87, Jan. 18, 2014

Grace Gleixner, Jan. 23, 2014

William G. Simpson '74, Feb. 12, 2014



STINE

Dr. William Frederick Stine, 70, died Jan. 28, 2014. Dr. Stine taught economics at Clarion University from 1981 to 2013. He was recognized as a strong researcher, was an active member of the National Tax Association, and authored several publications in academic journals. He served in the Vietnam War, earning the Bronze Star with Valor and Purple Heart medals. He is survived by his wife of 43 years, three children, a stepson and two grandchildren.



BURNS

Mary Alice Burns, 97, died Jan. 11, 2014. Clarion University bestowed the Eberly Medal for Philanthropy for Excellence in Education upon establishing the Henry G. Burns School of Finance & Insurance. She was also one of the lead donors of the Clarion Hospital Cancer Center. She served as judge of election for Porter Township for many years and held the position of Republican chairperson for Porter Township. She was awarded the Rotary Foundation Paul Harris Fellow. Her husband died in 1996. She is survived by three children, seven grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.



GRECO

Dr. Francis Greco, 84, died Jan. 11, 2014. He was born to Italian immigrants, making him a first generation American citizen. Dr. Greco taught English, with expertise in Spenser and Chaucer, at Clarion University from 1967 to 1991; he served as English department chair from 1981 to 1985 and was interim dean of the College of Continuing Education and Graduate School before retiring in 1991. After completing ROTC, he was commissioned as a 2nd lieutenant in the

U.S. Army and was stationed in Europe during the Korean War. He then served in the Army Reserves and retired as colonel after 27 years of service. He earned the Meritorious Service Medal, Achievement Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster and the National Defense Service Medal. His wife of 52 years died in 2007. He is survived by six children and six grandchildren.



BERBERIAN

Vahé H. Berberian, 83, died Dec. 25, 2013. Mr. Berberian was a professor of music at Clarion University for 33 years before retiring. Mr. Berberian pursued musical training at the Benedetto Marcello Conservatory of Music in Venice and the Mozarteums International Summer Academy in Salzburg, followed by two years of private cello studies with Enrico Mainardi in Rome. He was a doctoral candidate in performance at the Indiana University in Bloomington. He was on

the faculty at the National Conservatory of Music in Beirut and the Lamar State College of Technology in Texas before coming to Clarion. He recorded the Dvorak Concerto with the Athens Broadcasting Symphony Orchestra in Greece. Mr. Berberian is survived by his wife of 46 years, a daughter and two grandchildren.

Transfer provided big opportunities

When **Erica Pickett-Renfro** made the decision to transfer from a larger college to Clarion University at the beginning of her junior year, she was apprehensive about the change.

"To be honest, I was very nervous," said the 2009 alumna, who graduated from Clarion University with a degree in Spanish with a minor in economics and Latin American and Caribbean studies. "The University of Delaware was a bigger school, and I felt insecure in a lot of ways going to Clarion because it was smaller. I was concerned about getting opportunities for my education."

Instead, Pickett-Renfro was pleasantly surprised to find out just how many educational opportunities would come her way during her junior and senior years at Clarion University.

Pointing to leadership experiences at Clarion University, the 27-year-old specifically credits these opportunities as ones that helped her personal and professional growth when facing life after college graduation. "I had five opportunities in six months (to take leadership roles) at Clarion University," she said.

Her experiences included writing budget proposals and managing committees. She was also the head of the campus chapter of NAACP.

"And that was my first taste of programming and managing a budget," said Pickett-Renfro "In fact, the budget I managed at Clarion was bigger than the first budget I managed at my current job."

It wasn't just professional opportunities that came her way.

"The largest classes at Clarion were the size of my smallest classes at the other school, so because of the class sizes at Clarion, I got to know the professors very well and by name," she said, recalling the long lines to talk to professors in her previous school experience. "In that (previous) environment, I was doing OK but I wasn't excelling ... with me, learning needs to be on a one-to-one basis, and that's what I got at Clarion."

She also appreciated the opportunity to build relationships with other students in her major of Spanish. "That was good because it lent itself to form study groups, things like that."

The highlight of her college career was her work as a Bakari Scholar (Bakari was an author who focused on global impact), developing a project about the global impact of music via a Hip Hop



Symposium. "We won a campus award which was presented to us by Bill Clinton. We won over Ivy League schools including Harvard. For us to win that was huge," she said. She worked closely with Dr. Joanne Washington, who provided support during the development of the project. "Our goal was to put on a program, and we did. We also invited students from neighboring schools to view it, along with workshops and a movie."

Pickett-Renfro believes her Clarion experiences are connected directly to her professional success.

"I was a little concerned how I would be received by nonprofit America and corporate America," said the Department Specialist for Adolescent Programming at the YWCA of Greater Pittsburgh. "I can say that Clarion prepared me and nurtured me personally so that when I was out, I could compete in the workforce. I had a lot of good experiences."

She recently created a curriculum for YWCA called Pep Girls, a science-based learning program for middle and high school girls focusing on STEM – science, technology, engineering and math.

"I was able to network and build relationships with neighboring schools and utilize their knowledge of technology with the help of my experiences at Clarion," Pickett-Renfro said.

"I would say to (incoming Clarion) students that they may be successful at a larger school, but I don't think they'd get the same experience. It's harder to get experiences in leadership at a larger school," she said. "Even if you feel like an average student, you get above average opportunities, which give you above average experience. When you get out in the real world, you are able to compete – not only compete, but compete and win."

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A dream come true

“I’m more grateful
than I could ever
express to the
Landers. Their
contribution has
allowed me to
finish school
and achieve
my dream.”

Stephanie Castle



Support students like Stephanie

The creation of an endowed scholarship is one of the most significant gifts you can make. Each year more than 80 percent of our students receive some form of financial aid; and often, receiving a scholarship provides the margin of support that makes a Clarion degree possible.

An endowment can be established by an outright gift of cash, securities, bequest, planned gift such as a charitable gift annuity, or a combination of giving methods.

When you establish a scholarship endowment, you accomplish several things: You express confidence in the promise of future Clarion University students; you create a lasting legacy; you encourage present and future leadership; and you make a difference!

To learn more, contact Lisa Deemer at 814-393-2637 or Ideemer@cuf-inc.org.

At the end of the spring 2013 semester, Stephanie Castle was packing her car to go home to Canton for the summer, doubtful that she could afford to return to Clarion University for her senior year. The secondary education/English major, whose lifelong dream is to be a teacher, had struggled, but she managed to meet tuition for her prior six semesters. With resources depleted, completing her degree seemed impossible.

As she carted the last of her belongings from her dorm room, her phone rang. The voice on the other end of the line told her that she had been awarded the Civic Engagement Scholarship for the upcoming academic year. In exchange for service to the community, Castle’s tuition and fees would be covered.

Castle and her mother cried tears of joy, and her father swept her up in a big hug.

“It means the world to me to be able to have my dream,” Castle said. “My brother Chad encouraged me. He said, ‘You can do it. Don’t give up.’”

A college education was Chad’s dream, too, but in 2003, the Sunday before he was to graduate from high school, he was killed in a car accident. Castle was determined to complete her degree for both of them.

In applying for the scholarship, established by **Al Lander** (‘74) and his wife, **Jan**, to encourage students to work with the community, Castle developed her community service project. Her plan was to create programming for kids in grades seven to 12 at Knox Community Library.

“(Knox Library) has a wonderful children’s program and a lot for adults, but not much for the gap in between,” Castle said. “I really like promoting literacy. I’ve seen it turn around life after life.”

Castle leads “Teen Reads” from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Mondays. Along with discussion of a book, she integrates activities and crafts. Attendance varies from week to



Keystone High School junior Nick Neiswonger and Castle discuss differences and similarities in the movie and book versions of “The Lightning Thief.”

week, but one student, Keystone High School junior Nick Neiswonger, is a regular. Neiswonger always has enjoyed reading, but Teen Reads resuscitated his love of books.

“I like discussing the books. I like to evaluate them and hear other people’s ideas,” Neiswonger said.

As part of the group, Castle introduces participants to additional literature that relates to the current book being discussed or to the reader’s individual likes.

The group has been reading “Lightning Thief,” a fantasy/adventure novel based on Greek mythology, by Percy Jackson. Through discussions of the book, Castle has led the teen readers to other Greek and Roman mythology. “Harry Potter” has a “Potter’s World” website, which Castle uses to encourage deeper thinking about that book series.

“I figure out what they like and pair a book with it,” she said. She

enjoys watching the kids blossom into connoisseurs of literature.

“I like discussing the books. I like to evaluate them and hear other people’s ideas.”

Nick Neiswonger

“The first person who came in (to Teen Reads) was so nervous. He didn’t want to talk about books. I noticed that he was playing Pokemon, and I segued in through that,” Castle said. “We talked about different video games, and I brought in a list of books about video games; the next time we talked about characters. At a recent meeting, Castle and the young

man spent an hour and a half talking about different books they’d read and how they compared.

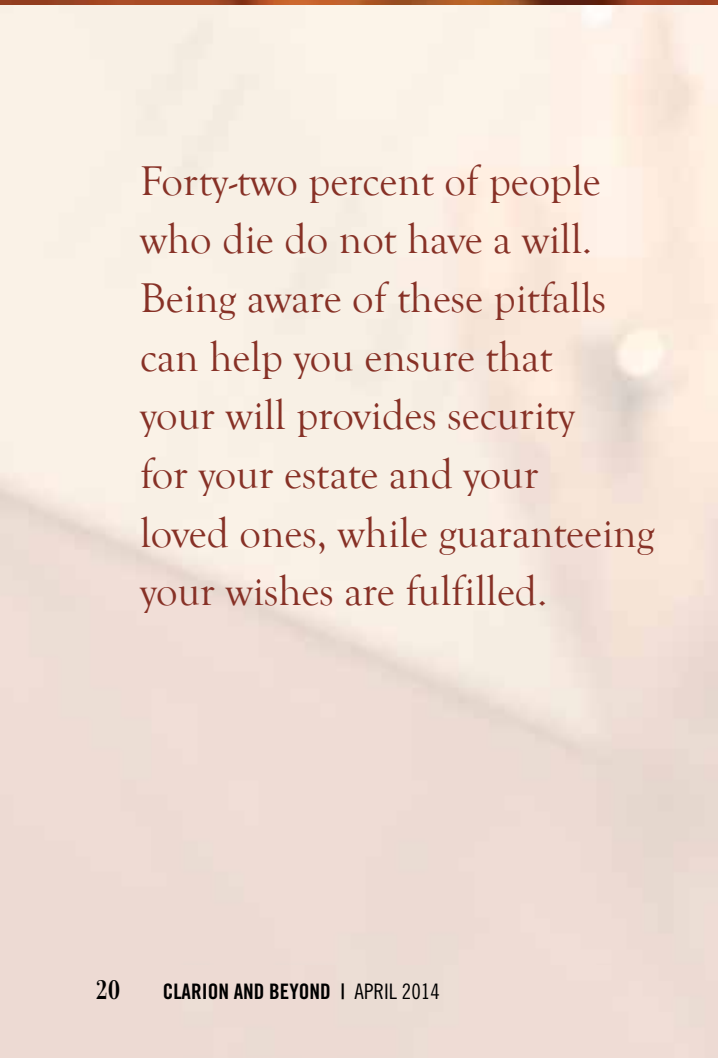
Castle spends evenings at the library. During the day she student teaches at nearby Keystone High School. She will graduate from Clarion University May 10.

“I’m hoping to find a job somewhere in Pennsylvania,” Castle said. “I love Keystone. It’s an absolutely wonderful school.”

She plans to pursue her master’s and doctorate degrees and eventually teach British and American literature on the university level.

Castle is grateful to Al and Jan Lander for helping her to realize her dream of becoming a teacher:

“I’m more grateful than I could ever express to the Landers. Their contribution has allowed me finish school and achieve my dream. I hope I can meet the high standards they have set for me.”



How many people do you think die without a will? According to the most recent National Council of Planned Giving survey, it's 42 percent. That means if they have decisions about guardianship of a young child, distribution of assets among relatives, provisions for favorite charities, etc., guess what? The opportunity to make these decisions and more will be lost forever without a will.

Following are eight misconceptions or mistakes in writing a will:

Thinking you don't need a will, or only wealthy people need a will.

Don't believe it. Everyone needs a will. If you own property, even if you anticipate your estate will be small, it's still important to have a will. Protecting your assets through an estate plan will avoid delays and expense that reduce the size of your estate.

Thinking you only need a will if you have dependents.

Anyone who owns property needs a will if they want to have a say in who receives it. A will reduces delays, reduces probate and other costs, and minimizes estate taxes.

Believing the state will take care of everything for you.

If you die without a legal will, you have no way of ensuring your assets will be distributed as you would like. You're giving the state where you live the right to decide who will receive your property.

Thinking you don't need a will because your property is held jointly with your heirs with rights of survivorship.

There can be advantages to doing this, but joint ownership does not reduce the need for a will and can even create unintended gift tax liability.

Writing your will by hand.

A handwritten will is not legal in every state. There are places where a handwritten will is perfectly valid, but is saving the cost of an attorney's fee worth the risk of having your will invalidated? The cost of having a qualified attorney draft your will generally is only a few hundred dollars.

Not keeping your beneficiary designations up to date.

When you draft your will, be sure to review all of your accounts – savings and retirement accounts, as well as life insurance policies – to make sure your assets will go where you want and will benefit the people and/or organizations of your choice. Review your plans periodically, because life happens and things change.

Believing you're too young to need a will.

Actually, this is when you need a will the most. A properly drafted will is your way to provide detailed instructions for the care of young children and provides you with the foundation you need to build a strong financial future. You can always update your will to reflect changes in your financial situation.

25TH INDUCTION BANQUET

CLARION "SPORTS HALL OF FAME"

FRIDAY, MAY 2

Clarion University Sports Hall of Fame Committee has announced that seven new members will be inducted as the 26th Hall of Fame Class in 2014.

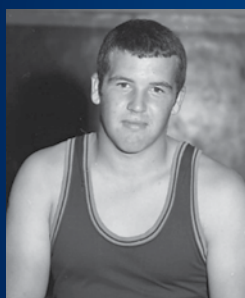
A social is set for 5:30 p.m. May 2 in the lower level (rooms 107 and 108) of Eagle Commons dining facility (corner of Ninth and Wood). Induction ceremonies begin at 7 p.m. on the upper level of Eagle Commons. All are welcome. Ticket orders are being handled by Wendy Snodgrass, associate athletic

director, room 111, Tippin Gymnasium. Tickets are \$35 per person and are available by contacting Snodgrass at 814-393-1989. Checks should be made payable to Clarion Sports Hall of Fame.

The new inductees include five former athletes and two contributors in the honorary category, including: **Les Bressler** (wrestling), **Robert "Bob" Carlson** (athletic director), **Taryn CarterWyche** (track), **Kim Niedbala**

(football), **Alvin Slaughter** (football), **Dr. Richard Taylor** (men's basketball coach) and **Jamie (Wolf) Jackel** (diving).

"Congratulations to the new inductees," said ninth year athletic director Dave Katis ('85, '88). "This is a great class of inductees who made a very significant contribution to Clarion athletics during their time on campus. We look forward to their induction on May 2."



LES BRESSLER
'76



ROBERT "BOB" CARLSON



TARYN CARTERWYCHE
'81



KIM M. NIEDBALA
'96



ALVIN SLAUGHTER
'99



DR. RICHARD W. TAYLOR



JAMIE (WOLF) JACKEL
'07

LES BRESSLER - WRESTLING

1972 Clarion University graduate
1969-72 Four-year wrestling starter
1969 NAIA 5th place at Nationals - 145 lbs.
1970 First Clarion national champion
1970 NAIA National Champion - 158 lbs.
1971 NCAA D-I national qualifier
1970 and 72 PSAC runner-up - 158 lbs
Career record 49-16/8 pins

ROBERT "BOB" CARLSON - ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

1987-1990 Clarion associate athletic director
1990-2005 Clarion athletic director
1990-2005 Clarion won 23 PSAC and 11 PSAC-West titles
Increased scholarship budget from \$267,000 to \$518,000
1991 Founded Clarion scholar-athlete luncheon
Started Clarion golf scholarship tourney,
Wild Game Dinner, Student Athletic Advisory Committee
Football artificial turf and lights/new baseball and softball fields
President PSAC AD's/Athletic Directors Association Board of Directors

TARYN CARTERWYCHE - TRACK

1981 Clarion University graduate
1978-1981 Four-year track starter
1980 and 1981 PSAC champ, 100 meter hurdles
1980 and 81 PSAC 3rd place, 400 meter hurdles
1980 AIAW 8th place at Nationals
1981 AIAW All-American - 4th 100 meter hurdles
Career undefeated in 100 hurdles duals and invites
Clarion 100 hurdle (14.20) and 400 relay record

KIM M. NIEDBALA - FOOTBALL

1993-1996 Four-year starter at safety
1996 Clarion 11-3 record; NCAA Final 4
1996 166 tackles, 20 break-ups, 4 tfl's, 2 int's
1996 Consensus First Team All-American
1994-1996 First Team PSAC-West
1995 A-A/1st Team Daktronics/2nd Team AP
1994 Third Team All-American
Career 407 tackles, 34 break-ups, 12 int's
1999-2005 Clarion assistant coach

ALVIN SLAUGHTER - FOOTBALL

1999 Clarion University graduate
1995-1998 Four-year starter at receiver
1998 - All-American 1st Daktronics/2nd AP & FB Gaz.
1998 - Clarion records - 85 catches, 1,369 yards, 13 TD's
1998 - Record 14 catches vs. West Chester
1997 - Third Team All-American
1997 and 1998 PSAC-West First Team
1996 - Clarion 11-3 record; NCAA Final 4
Clarion career records 195 catches, 2,860 yards

DR. RICHARD W. TAYLOR - MEN'S BASKETBALL COACH

1983-1988 - Six-year Clarion men's basketball coach
1983 Clarion PSAC-West champions (7-3 West record)
1984 Clarion PSAC-West champions (8-2 West record)
1985 Clarion PSAC-West champions (8-2 West record)
1983 PSAC-West Coach of the Year
1984 PSAC-West Coach of the Year
1983-85 PSAC-West record 23-7
2006 Named by SAAC as Clarion Faculty of the Year

JAMIE (WOLF) JACKEL - DIVING

2007 Clarion University graduate
2004-2007 Four-year diver at Clarion
2008 NCAA Top 8 Award
2007 Finalist (Top 9) NCAA Woman of the Year
2007 ESPN/CoSIDA Academic All-American of the Year
2004-2007 NCAA record seven-time national champion
2007, 2005, 2004 NCAA D-II Female Diver of the Year
2007 Nevins Award (PSAC's Top Scholar Athlete)
NCAA post-graduate scholarship to Ohio State



SPORTS

Kayla Shull

Aligned for Success

Sometimes the moon and the stars align just right and you find yourself in the perfect spot, even if you didn't originally know it was the perfect spot.

For **Kayla Shull ('13)**, her moon and stars happened to be the speech pathology and audiology major and the women's swimming program at Clarion University, even if she didn't realize it at first.

"I didn't end up picking my school until late in April of my senior season. Not everything was fitting. I liked one aspect – academics or athletics – of a school, but not the other. Clarion had everything," Shull said. "It's actually kind of funny because I said I wasn't coming here at all. I was not going to come because it's only 35 minutes from my house. But I ended up falling in love with Clarion."

Three people had an impact on Shull coming to and staying at Clarion: swim coach **Mark VanDyke ('80)**, former assistant swim coach **Christina "Tilly" (Tillotson '99) Sheets** and **Dr. Colleen McAleer**, chair of the communication sciences and disorders department at Clarion.

"I loved the coaches, Coach VanDyke and Coach Tilly," Shull said. "And the speech pathology program, the fact Dr. McAleer knew my name in the first week, it was just right. You just know when it's the right fit."

The speech pathology program was so much the right fit, after graduating last spring, Shull decided to stay at Clarion to complete her postgraduate work in the field.

"I actually looked into a couple of other places," Shull said. "But in the end I decided the thing I love about our program is that a lot of other programs are too competitive in the respect that people feel threatened that you are going to take their spots. It's not a collaborative effort. Here at Clarion we all work



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together. We are a close-knit group. I know that's what it's going to be like in the field. You work with other professionals. To me that's something that really appealed to me about Clarion over other graduate programs."

Through her own life experiences, Shull knows the impact she can have on others.

"I knew I wanted to help people because I have had hearing problems all my life," Shull said. "I have a hearing disability in my left ear. I really wanted to help people in some aspect of medical care. I think it gives me a level of understanding that I have that background. I get it from both ends: I get to see the end that helps, and I also get to see the end that receives the help."

If success in swimming is any barometer, Shull should have plenty of success in her career.

In the pool, Shull was a 15-time NCAA Division II All-American while also winning four PSAC titles in the 100 backstroke, an event in which she holds the school record. She was a member of Clarion's 2011 team that finished fourth at the NCAA Division II meet, while also being a part of four second-place PSAC teams.

Thanks to her work in the classroom, Shull, who graduated with a 4.0 GPA, earned numerous scholar-athlete awards as well.

In January she was named an NCAA Top 10 Award winner which recognizes 10 extraordinary student-athletes for their success on the field and courts, in the classroom and in the community. The award recipients completed their athletics eligibility during the 2012-13 academic year.

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Shull was also a finalist for the 2013 NCAA Woman of the Year Award, for which nine nominees from NCAA Divisions I, II and III made the final cut.

A 2013, Capital One/CoSIDA First Team Academic All-America, Shull was also twice named the PSAC Champion Scholar Award winner for having the highest GPA at a PSAC championship event.

"The Champion Scholar Award is probably one of the most meaningful (awards) to me because it showed I demonstrated success in both athletics and academics," Shull said. "Overall, though, just being part of a great program and getting to share that excitement with so many different people, just being part of a family, is what I take most from my career. The academics and the awards are great, but in the end, it's what you get from the program as a whole. That, to me, was the most important thing."

Shull credits her parents, Brian and Cheryl Shull, with her success in the classroom, and she credits her success in the classroom with her success in the pool.

"I definitely think my parents are big part of it," Shull said. "It's not that they made us get A's or B's or anything. But they didn't let us strive for anything other than our best. I think that instilling that in me at a young age made me personally strive for success. I'm a perfectionist because of it. I wouldn't have it any other way. It definitely started with them."

Overall, Shull said Clarion was the perfect choice for her.

"The speech pathology program is wonderful," Shull said. "It's top-notch. You are going to learn, but you are going to have a lot of people learning with you."



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"If you are talking the swimming aspect, it's really a great program. If you are looking at it from a historical perspective, we certainly have a name on the board. Coming to Clarion is the best choice I could have made. I am so happy I came here."



Shull, second from right, is accompanied by her fiancé Zakk Johnson (left) and her parents, Brian and Cheryl Shull, at the NCAA top 10 Award presentation.

MEN'S WRESTLING

June 22-25 – Team/Technique Camp
June 27-29 – Father/Son Camp
July 11-13 – Father/Son Camp
July 13-16 – Technique

FOOTBALL

June 27 – Defensive Back
June 28 – Quarterback/Wide Receiver
June 29 – Defensive Line
July 11-12– Zone Read Offense Team
Aug. 4-13– High School Team Camp

SWIMMING AND DIVING

June 8-12 – Week one
June 15-19 – Week two
June 22-26 – Week three

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

July 6-10 – Elite Position Camp
July 6-10 – Individual Camp
July 11 - Team Shootout Camp
July 12 – Team Shootout Camp
July 13-17 – Individual Camp

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July 13-17 – Individual Camp
July 18-19 – Team Camp

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July 25-27 - Team Camp

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Record number of scholar-athletes honored

An athletic program record 47 percent, including 166 of Clarion University's student athletes, were honored as scholar-athletes at the 24th Annual Bob Carlson Scholar-Athlete Luncheon Feb. 7 in Gemmell multi-purpose room.

To be named a Clarion University scholar-athlete, student athletes must: achieve a cumulative grade point average of 3.2 or higher; have two consecutive semesters of a 3.2 grade point average or higher in the spring and fall terms of 2013; or be a freshman or new transfer who achieved a 3.2 grade point average or higher in the fall 2013 term.

Also honored for achievement during the luncheon were the Clarion men's basketball team, **Dr. Jesse Haight**, **Dr. Brenda Sanders Dédé** and the facilities management department.

Clarion **President Karen Whitney** praised the scholar-athletes, faculty and staff.

"As I look around the room today, as president, I couldn't be prouder of the accomplishments this represents," Whitney said. "Our commitment to excellence is shown in the continued rise of the number of scholar-athletes, the outstanding teaching and mentoring from our faculty, coaches and staff,



Faculty of the Year – Dr. Jesse Haight (right) with SAAC president Emilee Gysegem.



Carlson Cup-winning men's basketball team. Left to right: Jeremy Schmader, Aaron Johnson, President Whitney, Associate Athletic Director Wendy Snodgrass, Marques Jones, DeMarius Miller, coach Ron Righter. Also honored, but not pictured, is Mike Kromka.

and the student athletes themselves. Congratulations on a job well done."

Clarion athletic director **Dave Katis** ('85, '88), along with faculty athletics representative **Dr. Richard Lane**, opened the luncheon by welcoming the athletes, faculty and staff, administration and special guests.

Student Athlete Advisory Committee president **Emilee Gysegem** presented **Dr. Jesse Haight** of the education department with the Faculty of the Year award, as voted on by SAAC, representing all student athletes.

"This is a real shocker," Haight said. "You guys make it real interesting for me in the classroom and at the athletic events because of what you do. I am proud and honored to accept this award and look forward to your continued success."

Katis presented the annual Carlson Cup Team Award to men's basketball. The award goes to the intercollegiate athletic team that shows the biggest overall increase in GPA during the past calendar year. The award is named after **Bob Carlson**, who started the scholar-athlete luncheon in 1991 and was Clarion's athletic director from 1990 to 2005.

Also honored with Extra Effort awards by Katis were **Dr. Brenda Sanders Dédé** and the **facilities management** department.



Extra Effort Award – Dr. Brenda Sanders Dédé (center), President Whitney (left) and A.D. Dave Katis.



Extra Effort Award – Facilities management – Stephen Hoover (left) and Tim Bashline.

2014 SCHOLAR-ATHLETES

BASEBALL: Corey Bookhamer, Cameron Damski, Tyler Delval, Tyler Falk, John Finke, Colton Gossett, Nick Maskrey, Kane McCall, Shayne Reimold, Sean White.

MEN'S BASKETBALL: Aaron Johnson, Marques Jones, Mike Kromka, DeMarius Miller, Jeremy Schmader.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL: Jasmine Boyd, Cara Cook, Emma Fickel, Hannah Heeter, Elizabeth Johnson, Raven Jones, Jennifer Straw.

WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY/TRACK & FIELD: Makayla Anderson, Michelle Brown, Katie Chambers, Courtney Corban, Taylor Donia, Sydney Dubensky, Lauryn Greggs, Courtney Gross, Katie Helwig, Erica Keck, Sarah Loughner, Kelsey Murray, Anna

Pfingstler, Milea Schall, Jessica Shomo, Ciara Shorts, Danielle Tarr, Susan Timko, Megan Toddy, Danielle Vensel, Jessica Vitous, Erin White, Jessica Wolbert, Kellie Wyatt.

FOOTBALL: Ryan Barrick, Adam Bostick, Enrico Canello, Gage Clark, Nathan Conway, Cameron Cress, Shane Cress, Luke DeHart, Mike Deitrick, Tyler Edwards, Mike Felker, Ben Fiscus, Vincent Heffner, Julian Howsare, Matt Koerper, Matthew Long, Adam Lynch, Evan Mastele, Luke Merhaut, Brian Palmiere, Nate Payne, Peter Rivera, Robert Steinstraw, Josh Wiskeman, Ren Yonker.

MEN'S GOLF: Jeff Brunoizzi, Loren Dukate, Sean Edgar, Adam Harrington, Dylan Reinsel, Nathan Sainovich, Adam Timchak.

WOMEN'S GOLF: Amber Benkoski, Audrianna Delacour, Lindsay Finke, Kayla Lavery, Erin Lynch, Ashley Olivier, Amanda Orr.

SOCCER: Tirzah Blackstone, Katie Chambers, Taylor Donia, Alyssa Katz, Megan Lawson, Alyssa Liebdzinski, Aubrey Monte, Melissa Montoya, Alexa Ream, Autumn Rosenberg, Molly Schultz, Makenzie Stover, Liz Ventura, Kathleen Warner.

SOFTBALL: Megan Anderson, Autumn Babcock, Paige Baker, Emily Barber, Ashley Barenchik, Allison Bertolino, Shawna Crago, Kiersten Gromley, Taylor Hall, Lydia Middaugh, Taylor Powell, Elizabeth Shiring, Casey Wilcox, Kirsten Wilcox, Chelsea Zola.

MEN'S SWIMMING & DIVING: Heath Calhoun, Scott Harvey, Jon Haycock, Jacob Nicoletta, Cody Pyles, Wade Reichelderfer, Luke Simpson, Benjamin Spencer.

WOMEN'S SWIMMING & DIVING: Kristin Day, Dominique Gerlach, Emilee Gysegem, Caitlyn Kaufman, Breanne Kothe, Anna Marie McNurlen, Noelle Melani, Tyler Ness, Katherine Querciagrossa, Kelsey Slayton, Lauren Slayton, Serena Speer, Lauren Szoszorek, Sarah Zeffoss.

TENNIS: Megan Bettwy, Brianna Blackburn, Caitlin Clemons, Jessica Dgien, Jessica Kennelly, Allison Probst, Madeline Robinson, Lauren Zezenski.

VOLLEYBALL: Carlie Bieranowski, Emma Carter, Megan Condit, Laura Duncan, Victoria Evans, Hannah Heeter, Morgan Herold, Lauren Magalski, Corinne Manley, Kaley Pittsley, Morgan Seybold, Kelly Shannon, Emily Stewart, Laura Subject, Mattison Thornton, Jocelyn Uchic.

WRESTLING: Tyler Bedelyon, Seth Carr, Ryan Darch, Tyler Dibert, Jonathan Mele, Michael Pavasko.



Heeter record four-time academic All-American



Clarion volleyball and basketball star **Hannah Heeter** (Seneca/Cranberry) earned a Clarion record fourth NCAA Division II Academic All-America award Feb. 19 from Capital One/CoSIDA.

Named a first team Academic All-American in basketball only weeks ago, she combined that with being named Academic All-America of the Year and first team Academic A-A for NCAA Division II in volleyball in December.

The awards are voted on and presented by the College Sports Information Directors of America.

"Hannah exemplifies the meaning of the term student athlete, and we are extremely proud of her and her accomplishments," said Clarion President Karen Whitney.

Hannah also earned second team Academic A-A awards in basketball and volleyball in the 2012-13 season, becoming the only Clarion athlete to win four Academic All-America awards.

Heeter, who carries a 3.96 GPA in biology/pre-med, has been recognized as an all-conference and all-region player as well.

A junior in basketball, she has totaled 44 career double-doubles and has collected 982 points and 874 rebounds in only three seasons.

Hannah completed her volleyball career in the fall of 2013, finishing with 1,024 kills and 334 blocks. She helped the Eagles to a PSAC title and Elite 8 appearance in 2010 and four straight NCAA D-II playoff berths.



William G. "Elbows" Simpson

Former Clarion University wrestling great, **William G. "Elbows" Simpson ('74)**, passed away Feb. 12 in Clarksburg, Md. He was 62.

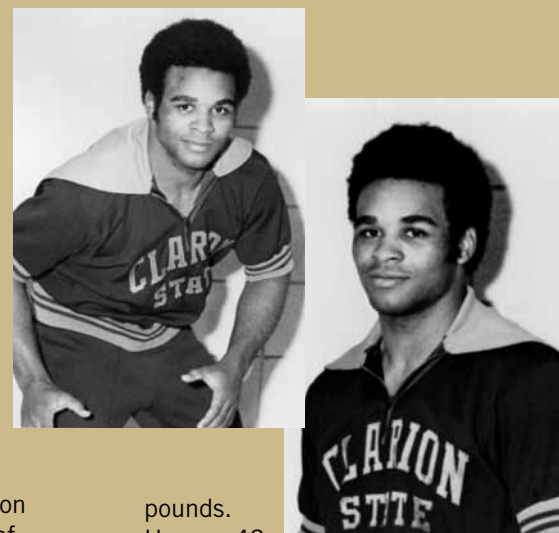
Simpson, who wrestled at Clarion under Coach **Bob Bubb** from 1971 to 1974, had an outstanding wrestling career with a record of 121-21-2, 61 pins, won an NCAA Division I national championship and College Division national title in 1973 at 167 pounds, plus won four PSAC individual titles.

"Bill was one of the foundation blocks that marks the tradition of Clarion wrestling," said Bubb, who led the program from 1967 to 1992. "He was one of our greats. Elbows was a tremendous wrestler with a great work ethic and a real pleasure to coach. I shall never forget that infectious smile and hearty laugh."

The Golden Eagles were led in that era by such names as **Garry Barton, Don Rohn, Wade Schalles** and Simpson – national champions all.

"Bill Simpson was my best friend, and I will miss him," said teammate Wade Schalles, who attended the funeral on Feb. 24. "As I said my goodbyes, tears streamed down my face, but I was not alone. It was a befitting sendoff for one of the gentlest men I have ever known. I hope to be with you again someday, my friend, in the comfort of God's hand."

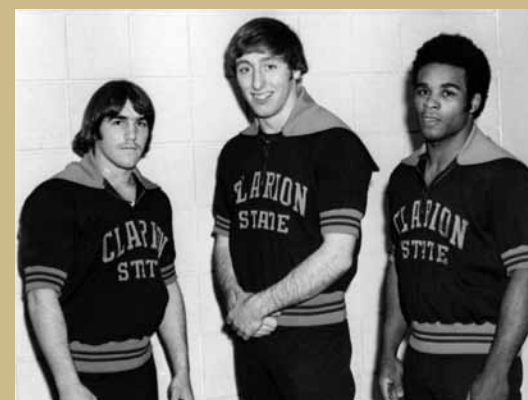
A 1990 Clarion Sports Hall of Fame inductee, Simpson posted a 39-2 record in 1973 and a 40-4-2 mark in 1974. Simpson earned two-time NCAA D-I status in 1974 when he placed 5th at 167



pounds. He won 43 straight bouts in his career, and his fastest fall came in 25 seconds.

Simpson helped lead Clarion to a 4th place team finish at D-I nationals in 1973, 6th place in 1972 and 11th place in 1974, along with three PSAC team titles (1972-74).

Bill is survived by his daughters, Daphne R. Dixon and Melissa D. Simpson, along with three grandchildren. His wife Gloria preceded him in death. The entire Clarion community sends condolences and prayers to the family.



Don Rohn, Wade Schalles and Bill Simpson.

CLARION NOTES:

Bill graduated from Clarion in 1974 with a bachelor's degree in elementary education. He was a 1970 graduate of Gaithersburg High (Maryland) and a Maryland state champ.

Clarion burst onto the national scene in 1972 when Garry Barton and Wade Schalles won the NCAA title.

In 1973 the Eagles followed with titles from Rohn, Simpson and Barton – accounting for one-fourth of the NCAA titles won over that two-year period.

SPORTS

CHARLES E. HELLER III From All-American to superintendent

Charles (Charlie) Heller ('84), a three-time NCAA Division I All-American at Clarion, has taken his talents and success on the mat and established an amazing career in education.

The superintendent of Crawford Central School District in northwestern Pennsylvania since 2010, Heller has used the skills acquired at Clarion in his wrestling days under legendary **Coach Bob Bubb** to build that successful career.

"You learn you have to meet your obstacles head on and never, ever give up," said the former Eagle All-American. "Wrestling taught me the value of hard work, teamwork, self-discipline, perseverance and to raise your expectation level in reaching goals. Those are values that have helped me succeed in life, and especially today as an administrator. To be a success you have to be part of a great team. I am blessed to have one here at Crawford Central, but I have been blessed that way throughout my life."

Heller graduated from Milton High School in 1977 and was a two-time PIAA Champion. He narrowed his college choices to Iowa State, Michigan State and Clarion. After initially choosing and attending Iowa State in the fall of 1977, he transferred after one season to Clarion.

"I met Coach Bubb and **Don Rohn ('77)** at a wrestling clinic when I was in eighth grade, and I was so impressed with them. Even when I went to Iowa State, I knew in my heart I had made a mistake. So after the season I transferred to Clarion and enjoyed every minute there. I had a great experience and have absolutely no regrets."

Heller sat out the 1979 season and returned to the mats at 177 pounds for 1980-82. In 1980 Heller was 14-5 and earned his first All-America honor, placing fourth at D-I nationals.

In 1981, perhaps his best season, he was 22-1 overall, won PSAC and EWL individual titles and placed second at NCAA D-I nationals in Princeton, N.J., losing in the finals to Ed Banach (Iowa).

His best match came in a 5-3 last-second win against #1 seed Colin Kilrain of Lehigh in the NCAA semi's in 1981. He was a career 0-6 against Kilrain heading into that match.

"At the NCAA semi's we were tied 3-3 late in the third period and went out of bounds with about 20 seconds left. I looked over at our bench, and assistant **Jack Davis ('74)** said, 'Hit a standing

"I don't know anyone who attended Clarion that isn't a success today. That speaks so well of my alma mater."

switch.' So I got to my feet, hit the move for a reversal with about 15 seconds left, and won 5-3. It just proves you don't ever give up."

In 1982 Heller won his second PSAC and EWL titles and placed fourth at the NCAA's with a record of 32-3. He had a career record of 68-9, EWL Wrestler of the Year in 1980 and 1981, the EWL's first three-time All-American, and the second at Clarion to get three A-A awards after Don Rohn.



A secondary education/social studies major at Clarion, Heller took some time off after 1982 and coached at Bucknell for two years, but he returned in the fall of 1984 to finish his degree. Heller reached out to Coach Bubb and was brought onto the coaching staff as a student assistant coach in the 1984-85 season to help the Eagles and to help him graduate – and he did.

Heller coached at Ellwood City (1985) and Titusville (1986-94), was assistant principal at Titusville in 1991, junior high principal in 1997, senior high principal from 1998 to 2002, then assistant superintendent at Crawford Central, which combines Meadville and Cochran school districts, in 2002 before being named superintendent in 2010.

"I am so proud of Charlie and what he has accomplished, both on the mat and in his life," Bubb said. "He is a shining example of someone who has led a good life, raised a great family and is making a difference in education and in his community. We all couldn't be any prouder."

Heller's goals at Crawford Central are laser focused on every student in the school district.

"We want to become a high performing school district that meets the needs of all of our students, so in the end, they are all career- and college-ready."

Under Heller's leadership the district has made strong improvements. Crawford

Central, which has 3,800 students, is rated as a Tier 3 district (out of four tiers), with each school scoring above 70 percent, a rating the schools had not been reaching when he took over.

"We have 300 teachers, 175 support staff and 14 administrators dedicated



to being the best," Heller said. "We're awfully proud of that."

Heller remembers his days at Clarion and his friends like **Billy Arnold ('84)**, **Rob Albert ('83)**, **Kirk Butryn ('86)** and **Mike Cole ('89)**, to name a few. "I don't know anyone who attended Clarion that isn't a success today, either in education or in the private sector. That speaks so well of my alma mater, and that makes me proud."

Heller is married to **Kim (Fotia '84) Heller**. The couple has two daughters, Casey and Lindsay.

GOLF

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DR. PATRICK O'TOOLE ('79)

"I was an elementary education major, and I was engaged in all of the disciplines. That helped me in my administrative career to have preparation in all fields."

Dr. Patrick O'Toole ('79), superintendent of Upper St. Clair School District near Pittsburgh since 2007, was named 2012 Superintendent of the Year by Pennsylvania Association of School Administrators. He graduated from Clarion University in 1979 with a bachelor's degree in elementary education, and he subsequently earned master's and doctorate degrees in education from University of Pittsburgh.

His grandmother, parents and two siblings are also Clarion alumni.

He reflects on how he came to Clarion and why he's glad he did.

Why Clarion?

"Growing up, I had been to the university quite often for sporting events and was a fan of the university. I felt at home there. I was comfortable before I enrolled."

"They took an interest in helping me become the type of teacher who was able to engage students, not just deliver content."

What stands out about your Clarion education?

"My professors were fairly progressive, and what I learned in my methods class in the 1970s is still considered good pedagogy today. The professors were immersed in their field and were experts in their field to the extent

that what they were teaching then is still relevant today."

How did your professors influence your career as an educator?

"They took an interest in helping me become the type of teacher who was able to engage students, not just deliver content."

Did the course work carry over to the administrative side of education?

"I was an elementary education major, and I was engaged in all of the disciplines. That helped me in my administrative career to have preparation in all fields."

What other experiences helped you develop as a professional?

"I was highly involved in the sports information office. Students were counted on to do a lot of work for the public relations office in the sports information field. I worked closely with coaches and I learned a lot about leadership from them."

University initiatives featured in business review

Each year, The Derrick and The News-Herald (Oil City, PA) newspapers produce their annual Business Review and Forecast special edition. The Feb. 24, 2014, issue showcased recent Clarion University initiatives and successes, including:

- Clarion's retention of first- to second-year, first-time, bachelor's-seeking students went up 75.7 percent in fall 2013, an increase of 5.5 percentage points over the previous two years.
- Two new nursing programs were introduced, including Clarion's first doctorate, Doctor of Nursing Practice; Clarion now has the most extensive career ladder in the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education.
- Clarion's Small Business Center received the Entrepreneurial Impact Award; in 2013, SBDC helped 524 clients raise more than \$11 million in start-up and expansion capital.





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Alumni Weekend 2014

You asked, we answered: Alumni Weekend returns

Alumni have spoken, and Clarion University Alumni Association has responded: Alumni Weekend is back, June 6-8.

When CUAA surveyed alumni, the overwhelming response was to return to having a dedicated weekend for them in the spring. Alumni Weekend has been on hiatus for a few years, and,

although pairing homecoming and Autumn Leaf Festival create a celebratory atmosphere, many alumni seek a quieter time, more conducive to visiting friends, campus and favorite landmarks in Clarion.

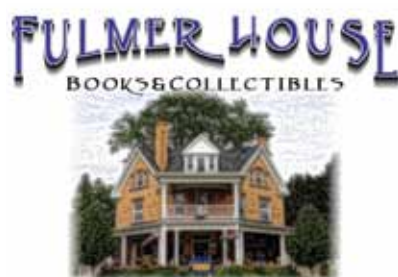
Having Alumni Weekend in the spring fosters nostalgia by allowing alumni to enjoy the campus and

community, without the crowds that accompany ALF. Students are on summer break, which opens on-campus housing to alumni. Those attending Alumni Weekend are invited to stay in Clarion's Campus View or Valley View suites.

CUAA has planned a weekend of activities. Many, including family movie night under the stars and

an ice cream social with Ernie the Eagle, were developed with families in mind. Adult events include an all-alumni banquet honoring the classes of 1964 and 1989, and Alumni-Fest, featuring a picnic, brew and wine tasting and live entertainment. New to Alumni Weekend is the Distinguished Awards banquet, which honors four Clarion alumni and friends.

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Pre-registration is required at www.clarion.edu/alumniweekend. See the schedule on page 12.