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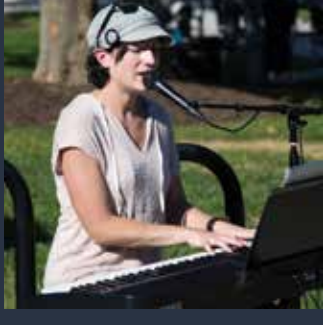
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Greetings FROM THE CHANCELLOR

It is a great time to be a part of the Penn State Harrisburg community. There are many wonderful things going on as we continue to celebrate our 50th anniversary. We are so grateful that you, our illustrious alumni, have been supportive along the way.

In this issue, we are celebrating the major role you play in our success, with stories about our Alumni Achievement Award winners and those named Alumni Fellows, a story about how Penn State Harrisburg has played a major role in the lives of one couple, as well as a pictorial account of “We Are Weekend,” one of our major 50th anniversary events at which we welcomed more than 1,000 alumni and friends to campus for a host of activities and reunions.

Our 50th anniversary celebrations continue through the 2016-17 academic year. We thank you for your continued and enthusiastic support of Penn State Harrisburg.

In the coming year, the University will undertake the fundraising initiative “A Greater Penn State for 21st Century Excellence.” The campaign centers around three imperatives: opening doors, creating transformative experiences, and impacting the world. You will hear more about this in the months to come. It is an opportunity for our alumni and friends to contribute to the University’s future – the future that we share.

This fall we celebrated the grand opening of our Student Enrichment Center on campus. This 70,000-square-foot center is truly devoted to the recreational, spiritual, academic and social needs of our ever expanding student population. We have already hosted several successful events in the center, some of which you will read about in this issue.

One of those events was a presentation by renowned urban studies and economic theory expert Richard Florida, who kicked off our PNC Thought Leaders Lecture Series. In 2015, PNC made a significant financial contribution to Penn State Harrisburg to establish the PNC Thought Leaders Lecture Series. The series features individuals from various backgrounds on topics related to economic development, intellectual property, patents, entrepreneurship, and other related ideas that contribute to the overall health and success of the Capital Region. This emphasis aligns with Invent Penn State, the University’s recent initiative to make Penn State a major force in the Commonwealth’s economic development. We are pleased to partner with PNC on this endeavor, with WITF as our media sponsor.

It gives me great pleasure to announce that Penn State Harrisburg’s student enrollment has increased from 4,678 to a record 5,046 students. This is a major enrollment milestone for the college and a true reflection of the quality academic programming, social experiences, and athletic offerings at Penn State Harrisburg.

The diversity of the Penn State Harrisburg community is among the college’s greatest strengths. Our campus is among the most diverse within the University, the home to hundreds of students, faculty, and staff from around the world and representing many faiths and cultures. We are proud of this distinction.

Together, we make Penn State Harrisburg a welcoming and inclusive community. We hope that you will join us in the new year as we continue to celebrate 50 years as an educational leader in Central Pennsylvania.



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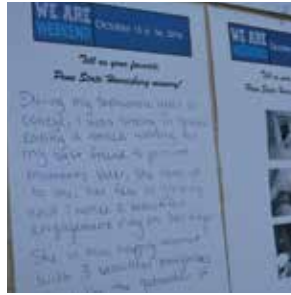
Penn State Harrisburg welcomed more than 1,000 people – alumni, families, and friends – to campus to celebrate the college’s 50th anniversary at “We Are Weekend: Alumni Open House,” October 14 through 16. The event was one of more than 50 events the college is hosting in recognition of our anniversary year. Music, food, reunions, games and activities filled the campus as alumni got the chance to reconnect with old friends, tour new and traditional spaces



Reuniting with old friends



Creating an anniversary mural



Sharing memories



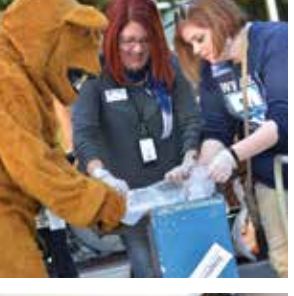


and see just how much the college has changed over 50 years! Highlights of the weekend included the Alumni Awards dinner, a concert featuring Beatles cover band "Britishmania," tours of Meade Heights, and nostalgic memorabilia displays. Below are photos of the people, places, and activities.

Learning for a lifetime



Anniversary commemorative ice cream flavors



Glimpsing the future



Thanks for the Memories!

During "We Are Weekend," Penn State Harrisburg alumni (and a future Penn Stater) shared what they loved during their time at the college. Here are a few highlights.



"My favorite story

from Penn State Harrisburg is starting the theater program in Olmsted.

**Best thing ever!
Long live the arts."**

– Kayma, Class of 2011

"I love Nittany

and my mommy and nonna work here. I go to school here, too!"

– Audrey,
Future Penn Stater



"Rushing

for ΦΣΦ. Best experience ever."

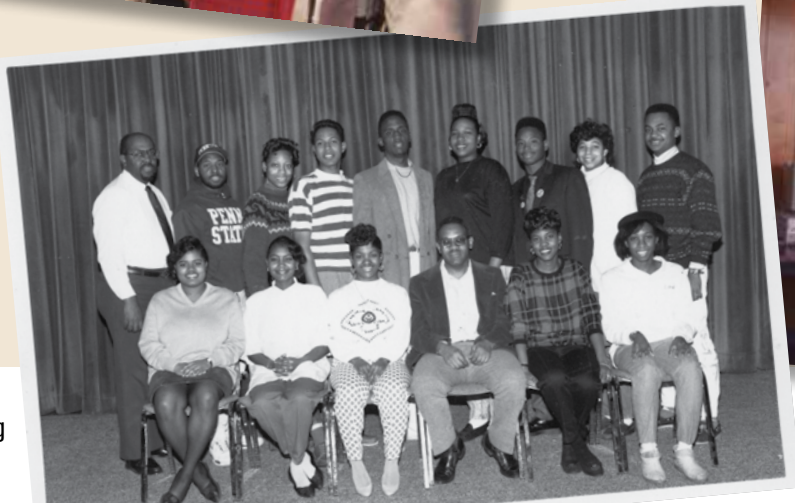
– Kashif Gbaya

"Traying! We 'borrowed' cafeteria trays to

sled down the hill

outside of Church Hall."

– Helen Dougherty Klinger,
Class of 1982



In 1993, the first
Model United Nations

conference was held at the Capitol campus. The following year, the International Affairs Association was established as the sponsor. In 2017, the 45th conference will be held.

Thousands of high school students

have attended these conferences."

– Dr. Clem Gilpin

"Growing up on campus since I was 2. Seeing this place

grow and grow

and being able to be a part of it all. So proud of us!"

– Andrea Hoerner, Class of 2005 and 2013

"Chartering Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. Reactivating cheerleading.

Loved every memory

here at Penn State Harrisburg."

– Darkeshan, Class of 2014

"Kirkland Ave in

Meade Heights!"

– Michelle Ginther Benulez, Beth Finley Yaresh('82), and Donna Brehony ('81)



Devoted Partners, Dedicated Alums: Building a Penn State Legacy



For Thomas and Kathleen Kuhn, Penn State Harrisburg was and remains a vital part of their romance and their life devoted to country, education and community service.



Tom Kuhn

Tom's degrees from and participation in Penn State life helped him to juggle public service responsibilities and ease through career transitions.

Retired Brigadier General PA (ret) E. Thomas Kuhn, Pennsylvania Air National Guard, graduated from Penn State, University Park, in 1968 with a degree in landscape architecture. His connection with Penn State Harrisburg, then called "Capitol Campus," began when he pursued his master's degree in regional planning, which the Pittsburgh native obtained in 1972.

Kathleen, originally from Pennsylvania, pursued her bachelor of arts in elementary education from what became Penn State Harrisburg and ultimately received her master's in education in 1976.

Their connection began thousands of miles across the country in California, where the Kuhns first met, when Tom was attending navigator training at Mather Air Force Base in California. Kathy was attending the University of California, Davis, near Sacramento, majoring in French and minoring in Latin.

"We were introduced by roommates who knew we were both from Pennsylvania and hoped we would hit it off," Tom Kuhn said.

They did, and Tom and Kathy ultimately became engaged, "much to her mother's chagrin," Tom Kuhn recalls with a laugh. Kathy's mother was first generation in this country and did not go to college, education was important to her and she was reluctant to see her daughter break off two years of study in California when Tom was ready to return to Pennsylvania.

"I was the baby," said Kathy of her mother's concern. But Kathy transferred to Penn State Capitol Campus from Davis in 1970. "You don't conduct a 3,000-mile love affair without cell phones," Tom remembered of that pre-cellular era. He summed up that "lots of quarters" – for dropping into a pay phone – were involved.

Soon, the world, especially the United States, was swept up in change.

"The Vietnam War was in full effect," recalled Tom. By Christmas 1970 – the year Tom and Kathy were to have marked their first holiday together – he had voluntarily deployed with his unit to Southeast Asia, flying in Operation Coronet Cobra/Commando Buzz from Korat Royal Thai Air Force Base in Thailand.

Upon returning to Capitol Campus, life continued for the recently-married Tom. He recalled a time in 1971 when he was working as a 10-credit student, working for the state Department of Highways, and flying for the Air National Guard.

"It almost did me in," he says.

An improvised commencement

In 1972, the Kuhns were set to graduate, Tom with his master's degree and Kathy with her bachelor's. But that June, Hurricane Agnes struck. With much of Central Pennsylvania flooded, Capitol Campus became a shelter for nearly 1,000 people



Kathy Kuhn

Kathy's professional life began with a degree and applicable experience from then Capitol Campus and continues there today.



who had fled their homes. And, the official commencement ceremony was cancelled. But the Kuhns made the most of the situation, celebrating with their own photo op. They donned the graduation robes they had already purchased and took turns handing each other the only diploma they had on hand at that point – Tom’s undergraduate diploma – and posing for photos. “We pretended to have a ceremony,” Kathy laughed, “and we got a very nice letter from the chancellor at the time.”

A life dedicated to service and education



Tom went on to attend pilot training at Reese Air Force Base in Lubbock, Texas in 1972, and Kathy was with him. There, she benefitted from her early days at Capitol Campus. The campus had no foreign language program, so Kathy had switched to elementary education. Penn State had started something called “open classroom education,” a “new concept at the time,” Kathy remembers. At Lubbock, she applied for a position in substitute teaching, and got a full time position because of her open concept exposure at Capitol Campus.



By the early 1980s, the Kuhns were back in Pennsylvania, where Tom was appointed as chief of operational plans in 1983 and began full-time duty with the 193rd Special Operations Group of the Pennsylvania Air National Guard. Its headquarters were at Harrisburg International Airport, directly across the street from Penn State Harrisburg, where Kathy was back in school studying for her master’s.

Later, Tom, now a Lieutenant Colonel, had become a member of the “Class of 88” at the U.S. Army War College, in Carlisle, Pennsylvania. After graduation, he was appointed the deputy commander for support of the 193rd Special Operations Group.

More duty followed. Tom was appointed the first vice-commander of the 193rd Special Operations Wing in January 1993. He assumed command of the Wing in November 1996. Service followed in support of U.S. operations throughout the world.

In November 1999, he was promoted to Brigadier General, retiring shortly thereafter.

After retirement, he became executive director of the Environmental Resources and Energy Committee of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives. He retired in December, 2010.

Meanwhile, Kathy continued to use her Penn State degrees. She taught fifth and six grades with the West Shore School District, and devoted many years to the education of all ages at Camp Hill Presbyterian Church. There she served as preschool director, director of adult education and director of Christian education.

A lasting legacy

The old Capitol Campus – now Penn State Harrisburg – brought Kathy full circle. Her professional life began with a degree and applicable experience

from Penn State Harrisburg and it continues there today. Before her retirement from church work, Kathy began supervising Penn State Harrisburg elementary education majors during their student teaching. She plans to continue this, still parlaying her education and connection to Penn State into satisfying work.



In 2014 the Kuhns moved to Masonic Village, Elizabethtown, just minutes from Penn State Harrisburg. But retirement hasn’t meant too much “resting,” and Penn State again has a role.

“There is a Penn State alumni interest group called the Grey Lions of Elizabethtown,” Kathy says. “They were looking for someone to serve as president so I volunteered!”

Today, “we have 130 people in the Grey Lions,” Kathy says. They often host guest speakers from the University, and the group also gets out and about. On a beautiful day in October, the Grey Lions visited Penn State Harrisburg for a tour and luncheon, part of the college’s 50th anniversary celebration.

The Grey Lions of Elizabethtown are 130-people strong.

But, the Grey Lions are more than just a gathering place for people to reminisce, notes Kathy. The group has established a scholarship program for young people who work at Masonic Village and attend Penn State, an endeavor of which Kathy is proud.

The Kuhns recognize the many ways Penn State has shaped their lives. Tom led what many would call a complicated life. But his degrees from and participation in Penn State life helped ease his many transitions and helped him to juggle public service responsibilities in government and the military. It’s a legacy he continues today for others.

“Over the years, I’ve encouraged a lot of enlisted people to come here and get a degree,” he says of balancing service to country with education.

“It’s always been about education,” sums up Kathy. “[It’s just] in different emphasis areas.”

The Grey Lions of Elizabethtown, a Penn State alumni interest group led by Kathy Kuhn as president, toured Penn State Harrisburg in October, as part of the college’s 50th anniversary celebration.



New Student Enrichment Center dedicated

“Student enrollment has grown consistently over the past decade, creating the demand for more spaces dedicated to students.”



Penn State Harrisburg dedicated the new Student Enrichment Center early this fall, with faculty, students, staff, distinguished guests and friends of the college.

The 70,000-square-foot Student Enrichment Center, built at the core of campus, houses space for key new and existing student services. It features student lounges, food service with open seating and a convenience store, a spiritual center, the bookstore and offices for student counseling and disability services, honors education, international student support services and international study programs.

It also features a 360-seat theater/lecture hall. Highlights of events already held in the theater include a presentation by Dr. Chris Emdin, an author and associate professor at Teachers College, Columbia University, who discussed his New York Times bestselling book “For White Folks Who Teach in the Hood... And the Rest of Y’all Too,” the Penn State Harrisburg theater production of the play “Proof,” and renowned urban studies expert Richard Florida.

“Student enrollment at Penn State Harrisburg has grown consistently over the past decade, creating the demand for more spaces dedicated to students,” said Chancellor Mukund Kulkarni. “The Student Enrichment Center allows us to provide more comprehensive services to students in one central campus location, enhancing the living and learning experiences of our expanding student population.”

The \$30 million in funding for the Student Enrichment Center came from a mix of sources, including reserves for capital improvement, an internal loan, operating funds, student facility fees and Housing and Food Services. In addition, Penn State Harrisburg received leadership gifts from the late Russell E. Horn Sr., a 1933 Penn State graduate; Tim Sipe and Matt Genesio from Campus Heights, a local student housing developer; and William Lambert, a 1980 Penn State Harrisburg graduate, and his wife, Sandy, to support the project.

Horn’s gift is dedicated to two areas within the Student Enrichment Center: the Learning Center, which offers a range of tutoring services and fosters student collaborations, and a spiritual meditation center that accommodates students’ varied religious and spiritual practices. The Campus Heights Living Room provides students with a comfortable space to relax and connect with friends between classes and throughout the day. The Lamberts’ gift supports advancement of student advising services, the offices for which are located in the new building.

Renowned urban studies expert Richard Florida kicks off lecture series

Penn State Harrisburg held the inaugural presentation of the PNC Thought Leaders Lecture Series in the college’s new Student Enrichment Center theater. Renowned urban studies and economic theory expert Richard Florida spoke to students, faculty, staff, and community members.

Florida discussed the multitude of opportunities and challenges that cities like Harrisburg face. He noted the large creative classes that can be found in state capitals. Following his remarks, he took questions from audience members, ranging from local entrepreneurs, to government officials, and more. Florida’s presentation and the question and answer session were followed by a book signing.

Through a partnership between PNC and Penn State Harrisburg, the lecture series’ goal is to spur economic development in Pennsylvania by creating a forum to translate innovation into economic impact, intellectual property, entrepreneurship, and corporate best practices.

“PNC’s generosity and philanthropic investment through this lecture series will continue to bring impactful programming to the Capital Region. The program would not be possible without their support. We are also thankful for the series’ media partner, WITF, for their support of this program,” said Marissa Hoover, Penn State Harrisburg director of development.

The next PNC Thought Leaders Lectures Series event is planned for the spring 2017 semester.



Donation supports athletics, naming of softball facility



The Douglas W. Pollock Foundation has made a \$750,000 donation to support Penn State Harrisburg athletics and the naming of the Courtney Pollock Memorial Field and Softball Complex.

Courtney Pollock, the late daughter of Douglas W. Pollock, was a native of the Capital Region, and graduated from Lower Dauphin High School in 1999 where she played softball and field hockey and actively volunteered in the community. She graduated from Penn State in 2003 with a degree in elementary education. She went on to teach and coach in the area, in the Lower Dauphin and Central Dauphin School Districts.

The Douglas W. Pollock Foundation has supported Penn State Harrisburg since 2014. They have endowed the Courtney Pollock Memorial Trustee Scholarship, a need-based scholarship benefiting students in the elementary education program at Penn State Harrisburg.

A formal naming ceremony is expected next year.

College adds women's golf

Starting fall 2017, Penn State Harrisburg intercollegiate athletics will add women's golf as the 17th NCAA Division III sport offered at the college. The program will compete in the highly competitive Capital Athletic Conference (CAC).

Recruiting for the women's golf program has begun under the guidance of Penn State Harrisburg men's golf head coach Malcolm Jackson, who will take over duties as the head coach of both the men's and women's golf programs, effective fall 2017.

Penn State Harrisburg now offers nine varsity women's athletic programs and eight men's.

The college will become the fifth CAC member institution to add women's golf as a varsity sport. The CAC will now have five schools represented in the sport of women's golf including Penn State Harrisburg, York College (PA), Marymount, Christopher Newport, and Mary Washington.

Penn State Harrisburg's home course will be located at Dauphin Highlands Golf Course in Harrisburg.



around campus



Students in biology gain valuable field experience. Biology is one of the college's newest majors.



Penn State Harrisburg joined the annual celebration of "Banned Books Week," bringing attention to the issue of censorship, and reminding readers that information hasn't always been as "free" as it is today.

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Pennsylvania polls show how citizens view major policy initiatives

Penn State Harrisburg's School of Public Affairs and the Penn State Safety and Justice Institute recently sponsored a series of polls in Pennsylvania on several key policy issues facing the U.S. – government performance, Syrian refugees, perception of homeland security, healthcare reform, and public attitude toward police.

The data consisted of responses from 660 randomly selected adult Pennsylvania residents, who participated in the School of Public Affairs' Pennsylvania Pre-election Poll on Policy and Governance. This was an omnibus survey administered by telephone through the Center for Survey Research at Penn State Harrisburg between August 18 and October 15, 2016.

Below are some of the key findings:

Government performance

Most Pennsylvanians feel that their state and federal governments are doing a good job in delivering public services, but some segments of the population are less positive. Regarding federal government services, Northwestern Pennsylvanians, minorities, non-Democratic party affiliates, and those with only some college education were less positive. In evaluating state government services, 35 to 64 year olds, men, minorities, non-Democratic party affiliates, and those with graduate work were less positive than citizens overall.

Syrian refugees

A majority of Pennsylvanians support accepting more Syrian refugees into the country, but the issue is polarizing; while many Republicans strongly oppose this policy due to security concerns, Democrats strongly support it based on U.S. core values. Both sides cite concerns over screening. Pennsylvanians' opposition to or support of refugees from Syria is also related to their confidence in the federal government's ability to deliver services. The majority of respondents who rated the federal government's job as "very bad" strongly oppose taking in Syrian refugees, while most who rated the government as "very good" strongly support it.

Homeland security

A clear majority of Pennsylvanians define homeland security as something of positive value that provides needed protection to U.S. citizens, while a minority see it as something negative, citing surveillance and infringement of liberty, huge bureaucracy, or waste of taxpayers' money as reasons. Not many Pennsylvanians are aware that homeland security actually transcends the federal level of government, but only a few individuals inaccurately believe it relates to military action abroad.

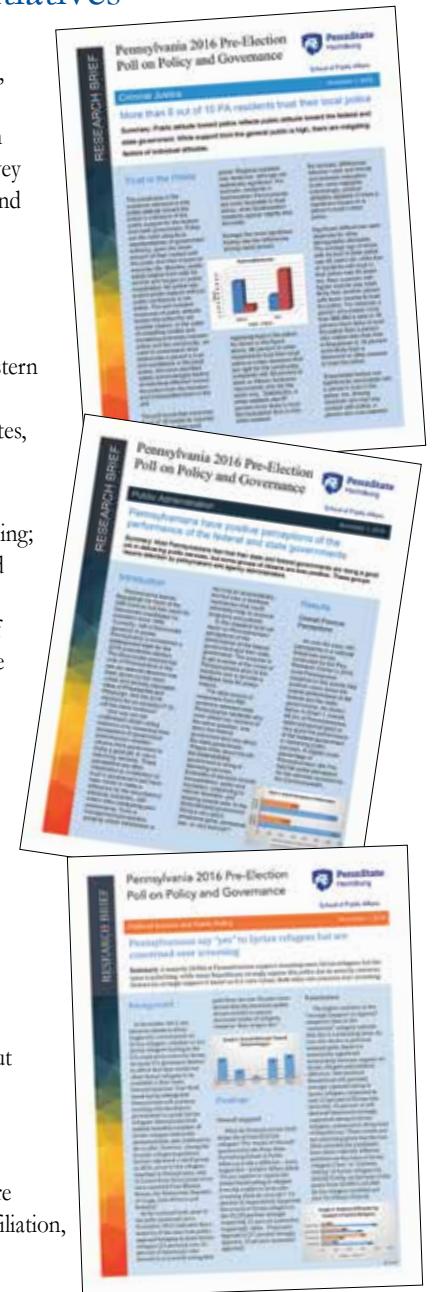
Healthcare reform

Only 39 percent of Pennsylvanians have a favorable view of healthcare reform. These views, along with Pennsylvanians' priorities in reforming healthcare, are sharply divided along political party lines. The majority of Pennsylvania residents surveyed had a negative view of the Affordable Care Act. Overall, 39 percent of Pennsylvanians expressed a favorable opinion, 8 percent a neutral opinion, and 50 percent a negative opinion about healthcare reform. Opinions vary greatly along demographic category (particularly race) and political affiliation.

Public attitude toward police

More than 8 out of 10 Pennsylvanians trust their local police, and public attitude toward police reflects public attitude toward the federal and state government. However, while support from the general public is high, there are mitigating factors for individual attitudes, including factors based on region, race, gender, age, income, political affiliation, and contact with the police.

The full policy briefs are available at harrisburg.psu.edu/public-affairs/research.



around campus



The college's theatre program presented the play "Proof." The 2001 Pulitzer Prize winning play was directed by Dr. Maria Enriquez, lecturer in theatre, and featured students Lexi Fazzolari, Stephanie Cosgrove, Joseph Schwarz, and Josh Gerstenlauer.



This fall, the college hosted pre- and post-election panel discussions featuring speakers representing the major political parties who examined the policy initiatives of the 2016 presidential candidates.

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PENN STATE HARRISBURG REACHES ENROLLMENT MILESTONE OF **5,046** STUDENTS

Enrollment at Penn State Harrisburg has reached a record high. The fall 2016 enrollment increased from 4,678 to 5,046, an increase of 368 students, according to recent Penn State data. The college reached this enrollment milestone two years ahead of its projected date and has had continuous growth over the past 15 years.

“This is a major milestone in the growth of Penn State Harrisburg,” said Dr. Mukund Kulkarni, chancellor. “This achievement is a reflection of the tireless work of the college community, the outstanding teaching and learning that we provide in the classroom, and the exceptional support and opportunities that we provide to our students outside the classroom. It is this reputation that attracts students to our campus.”

"50 for 50th" scholarships help students in need

As Penn State Harrisburg enrollment has increased, so has the need for additional financial assistance for students. Scholarships can help to fill the gap between families' financial need and available aid, helping to keep Penn State affordable.

To commemorate its 50th anniversary, the college has initiated the 50 for 50th Campaign, with the goal of directly impacting at least 50 additional students through new philanthropic gifts before the end of the anniversary year.

Today, great progress has been made toward the 50 for 50th goal; the college has secured 39 scholarships and just over \$1.8 million. With six months left in the 50th anniversary year, we hope you will help Penn State Harrisburg to reach 50 scholarships and at least \$2.5 million in commitments.

Consider supporting a student with a scholarship, which can be created annually with a gift of \$2,500; endowments begin at \$50,000. If you will be age 60 or older before 2021, you may establish a scholarship in your estate plan and have that gift count today. Call the Office of Development for more information at 717-948-6316.

Penn State Harrisburg Alumni Society announces new officers and executive committee chairs

Penn State Harrisburg's alumni society recently announced new officers and executive committee chairs and outlined their goals for the academic year.

The Alumni Society has two main goals: to mentor students and engage alumni with the campus. Through professional development activities such as etiquette dinners, résumé reviews and mock interview sessions, the group assists students in developing lifelong professional skills. The group also develops programs and activities to connect alumni to the campus and each other through networking events, recognition programs and reunion activities.

New officers include: President, Helen Klinger '82; Past President, Tim Ritter '89; Vice President, Brad Simpson '03, '06; and Secretary, Patricia (Pattie) Hindermyer '80.

New committee chairs include: Mentor, Christyan T. Seay '87; Alumni Interaction/Awards, Lisa M. Tryson '94; and Student Interaction; Parul Luthra '03.



Linda Schwab discussed the story of her family's survival of the Holocaust as part of the college's Center for Holocaust and Jewish Studies speaker series. In the early 1990s, Schwab realized it was important to tell the story of the Holocaust so it would not be forgotten as the generation that experienced it firsthand passes on.



The college hosted the Capital Region Internship Fair on campus, featuring more than 95 employers and attended by more than 400 students.

Harrisburg alums named Alumni Fellows

Two Penn State Harrisburg alumni were among 24 recently honored by the University for outstanding professional accomplishments and given the lifelong title of Alumni Fellow, the highest award given by the Penn State Alumni Association.

Anthony P. Bihl III, a 1978 bachelor's of business administration graduate from New Canaan, Connecticut, is chief executive officer of Bioventus, a global leader in orthobiologics delivering orthopedic healing devices and therapies. Established in May 2012, Bioventus has more than 600 employees worldwide and works with patients, payers, and healthcare providers throughout the world. Bihl is known for building high-performing teams, driving operational improvements, and achieving exceptional financial results. Prior to joining Bioventus in 2013, Bihl served as CEO and president of American Medical Systems (AMS), managing its restructuring following a series of acquisitions and leading its eventual sale to Endo Pharmaceuticals. Before AMS, he was CEO of Siemens Medical Solutions Diagnostics.

Jennifer Anne Chambers, a 1990 Penn State Harrisburg M.B.A. graduate and a 1995 graduate of the Penn State College of Medicine from Grantville, Pennsylvania, is the senior vice president for clinical solutions and chief medical officer at Capital BlueCross, a leading health insurance company in central Pennsylvania and the Lehigh Valley. Capital BlueCross offers health insurance products, services, and technology solutions to more than 1.3 million members. Since joining the Capital BlueCross medical staff in 2007, Chambers has led the company's medical policy, clinical innovation, patient safety initiatives, and clinical teams. Under her leadership, the company improved its clinical services and formed new partnerships with providers. Most recently, Chambers helped establish a program to improve care for cancer patients.

For the Alumni Fellows award, alumni are nominated by a college or campus as leaders in their professional fields and accept an invitation from the University president to return to campus to share their expertise with students, faculty and administrators.

Alumni Society honors outstanding students

Penn State Harrisburg's Alumni Society honored two exceptional students with the Penn State Harrisburg Alumni Society Scholarship. The award is funded through alumni support, with additional funds generated through Alumni Society events. The scholarship award is based on academic excellence, participation in extra-curricular activities and a student's essay on their college experience.

Rohan Gagliani, a senior mechanical engineering major from Pune, India, is the president and team manager of the Formula Society of Automotive Engineers where he and his team built a car to compete in races all around the world. Gagliani is also a member of the American Society of Automotive Engineers, a campus orientation leader, and a member of the Honors Student Council. As a member of the Penn State Harrisburg Honors Program, he traveled to Peru in spring of 2016.

Abby Jo Gill from Kreamer, Pennsylvania, a senior elementary education major, participates in the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, the National Society of Leadership and Success, and served as president of Kappa Delta Pi, an international honor society in education. Gill also serves as a worship leader and as a member of the finance board at her church.



About the artist

Marissa Hoover, director of Penn State Harrisburg's Office of Development and Alumni Relations, crafted this year's alumni achievement award using an artistic process called stippling. Using a special pen, individual dots are placed one at a time to create depth and shading.

Hoover began creating the Nittany Lion using this technique when she was a freshman at Penn State, working on it gradually until it was finally completed in her senior year of college.

Hoover said that art was not her major; it was her hobby. "Drawing provided me an outlet to express my joys, challenges and creativity, she said. I used it like meditation."

Hoover is a 2000 elementary education degree graduate from Penn State. She received her master's in sport and recreation administration from Temple University in 2004, and currently is pursuing a doctorate in adult education at Penn State Harrisburg.

around campus



The Piscataway were the first Native Americans to encounter Captain John Smith along the banks of the Potomac River in 1608. Mark Tayac and the Piscataway Nation Singers & Dancers presented their long standing traditions, culture and heritage on campus through song and dance.



In October, students strung bras across Vartan Plaza as a part of "Bras Across Campus," an effort to raise breast cancer awareness and encourage prevention techniques such as breast self-exams.

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Penn State Harrisburg honors outstanding alumni

Alumni from each of Penn State Harrisburg's five academic schools were recently honored for their outstanding professional achievements.

The School of Behavioral Sciences and Education honored **Yvonne E. Hollins** ('72, elementary education; '79, master's, teaching and curriculum) from Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. She has been executive director of the Boys and Girls Club of Harrisburg since 2004.

Previously, Hollins was assistant superintendent of the Central Dauphin School District, and had served as an assistant principal and director of secondary education. She also served the Harrisburg School District for over 20 years as a teacher, federal programs coordinator, assistant principal, and principal.

The School of Business Administration honored **H. William Weik**, ('97, accounting) from Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Weik currently serves as CEO of Orthopedic Associates of Lancaster (OAL), an independent physician-owned orthopedic practice. Since joining OAL in 2004, he and the Physician Board of Directors have grown the organization from one office location to four in Lancaster and Lebanon counties. Through his vision, OAL's business model shifted to include complete orthopedic care under one roof – physician visits, MRI, outpatient surgery, and physical therapy. Weik has over 25 years of healthcare experience with large academic medical centers and for-profit hospitals.

He donates time to various non-profit organizations in Lancaster and Lebanon counties and is a fellow of the Central PA Healthcare Financial Management Association for which he served as president in 2009 and 2010. He also serves on the Penn State Harrisburg Board of Advisers and Fulton Bank Board of Advisors.

The School of Humanities honored **Thomas Dekle**, ('84, humanities/multi-media journalism) of Chapel Hill, North Carolina. Dekle is vice president of IBM Global Digital Sales Acceleration where he manages a lead development team, a group of data scientists, and the sales acceleration/marketing teams. His focus is on social selling, developing talent, and new business opportunities. He joined IBM in 1994 and has held numerous management positions with the company.

Dekle was a member of the Marketing Advisory Board for the Keenan-Flagler Business School at the University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill, on the Board of Directors for Triangle Futbol Club, a member of the Parent Leadership

team at Haverford College, and is a member of the American Association of Inside Sales Professionals.

The School of Public Affairs honored **Jeannine D. Peterson**, ('78, master's, public administration with a concentration in healthcare) from Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania. She currently serves as the chief executive officer of Hamilton Health Center, a federally qualified health center providing medical, dental, behavioral health, and social services to over 35,000 residents of the greater Harrisburg area.

Peterson spent the last eight years of a 22-year public service career as the deputy secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Health overseeing the Commonwealth's drug and alcohol, maternal child health, communicable diseases, and preventive health programs.

Throughout her 40-year career, Peterson has focused on issues that disproportionately impact minority and low income populations which led her and her husband to establish the Center for Community Building, a not-for-profit organization that coordinates transportation services for Medical Assistance recipients in Dauphin County as well as her service on the Board of Directors of Hamilton Health Center.

The School of Science, Engineering, and Technology honored **Michael J. Sullivan**, ('80, electrical engineering technology) from Ellicott City, Maryland. He also holds an associate's degree from Penn State Wilkes Barre.

Sullivan is currently the vice president of electric and gas operations at Pepco Holdings, where he is responsible for distribution operations, maintenance, construction, and engineering for Pepco Holdings' three electric utilities. He also has responsibility for the company's gas utility in Wilmington, Delaware. Based in Washington, D.C., Pepco Holdings serves 2 million customers as the parent company of Pepco, an electric utility serving Washington, D.C., and suburban Maryland; Delmarva Power, an electric and gas utility serving Delaware and the rest of the Delmarva Peninsula; and Atlantic City Electric, an electric utility serving southern New Jersey. He joined Pepco in 1980 and advanced through a number of management positions in engineering, technology, customer service and operations.

Sullivan serves on the boards of the Better Business Bureau for Washington, D.C. and Eastern Pennsylvania and the Electrical Engineering and Energy Technology Advisory Board at Penn State Harrisburg.



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