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Greetings from the Chancellor

Welcome to the latest edition of *Currents*, your Penn State Harrisburg alumni magazine. It is my pleasure to share with you news from your *alma mater*.

This issue of *Currents* features a look at the significant impact of university research on quality of life in our region and beyond, and highlights Penn State Harrisburg Associate Professor of Psychology Barbara Bremer's work with ALS patients as one of the many examples.

In August 2010, Penn State Harrisburg began the 2010-2011 academic year with a 6 percent increase in enrollment over the previous year, with the strongest growth in baccalaureate full-time study. Since we began admitting freshmen in 2004, we have nearly doubled the number of students choosing Penn State Harrisburg as their first choice among Penn State locations. We have another impressive class of freshmen this year and continue to be a popular location for local, out-of-state, and international students. The college also welcomed 29 new faculty and staff to campus.

As *For the Future: The Campaign for Penn State Students* passes the halfway mark, the college's success thus far is evident. The goals of the campaign include ensuring student access and opportunity, enhancing honors education, enriching the student experience, building faculty strength and capacity, fostering discovery and creativity, and sustaining a tradition of quality. The campaign began in January 2007 with a seven-year goal of \$15 million. To date, nearly \$9 million has been raised. The campaign's public phase kickoff, held on Penn State Day, Saturday, October 16, 2010 welcomed nearly 120 donors, guests, faculty, staff and students to the celebration dinner on campus.

Private donations have allowed for the naming of the executive board room in honor of Madlyn L. Hanes, former chancellor. Formally dedicated in August, this initiative raised \$436,450 for scholarships. I am grateful for the generosity and continued support of all of the contributors to Penn State Harrisburg.

The college's ongoing commitment to sustainability can be seen in the new construction on campus. At the start of the fall semester, more than 100 students took residence in our new LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design)-certified student housing. This four-story, 30,000-square-foot project serves first-year students and brings the total number of students living on campus to 430.

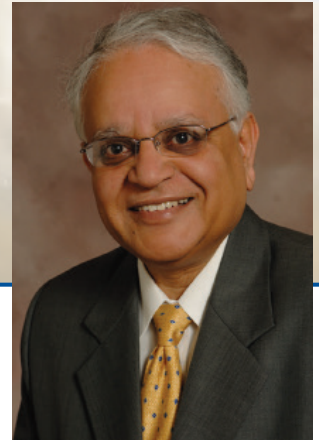
Construction work on our new biotechnology research and teaching facility began in early fall. This project is a great example of utilizing philanthropic resources, research grants, and faculty collaboration to accomplish significant research initiatives in these times of limited financial resources.

In September 2010, the NCAA Division III formally accepted Penn State Harrisburg as an active member. During our NCAA membership candidacy, 41 of our student athletes were named North Eastern Athletic Conference (NEAC) Scholar Athletes, an honor which requires a 3.4 GPA. I am very proud of our athletics programs and the accomplishments of our student athletes.

As you read about the achievements of our alumni, faculty, and students, as well as the ways in which the region responds to our presence, I hope you feel great pride in your association with the college. You play an important role in our continued success.



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Penn State Day – 2010

The college welcomed alumni, family and friends to Penn State Day, October 16, 2010, for presentations, sporting events and even Nittany Lion bingo. The college's five academic schools presented talks on topics from Norman Rockwell's career to sustainable living. Kevin Harter '90 INFSY, '05 MBA (below center) executive chairman, Saladax Biomedical, Inc., spoke on an alumni panel about taking an idea from concept to final product, the patent process and finding venture capital support. Former athletes gathered for the All Sports Reunion, and the men's and women's soccer teams had games. The day also included children's activities and campus tours.



Kyle Brady (above), a member of Penn State's first Rose Bowl Championship Team and 12-year NFL veteran, shared stories about his career during the luncheon, which included the alumni awards presentation (see page 21). The day concluded with the campaign kick-off celebration dinner. George Zoffinger '70 BUS (right), co-chair of *For the Future: The Campaign for Penn State Students*, served as master of ceremonies at the dinner, which included recognition of Capital Society members – those whose philanthropic support has significantly benefitted the college – student speakers, and videos highlighting the campus. To date, nearly \$9 million has been raised.





Quality of *Life*



Penn State Harrisburg research shapes quality of life. Researchers here are developing educational programs for autistic children, finding ways to aid domestic abuse victims, and offering new methods to combat bullying. Dr. Barbara Bremer's work affects quality of life literally – she studies it. Learn how her findings are improving health care in the region.

Taking Care

Penn State Harrisburg Associate Professor of Psychology Barbara Bremer has a friend whose mother had Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), also known as Lou Gehrig's disease. ALS is a fatal, progressive neuromuscular disease that ultimately impairs mobility, speech, and respiratory functions.

Bremer's friend cared for her mother, a physically and emotionally demanding task. But like many family caregivers of ALS patients, she found it a labor of love.

Bremer understands well her friend's perspective. Since 1997, Bremer and a team of researchers from the Penn State Milton S. Hershey Medical Center have studied quality of life concerns for ALS patients and, more recently, for their caregivers.

The researchers began by determining what dimensions of quality of life to measure. Typically, assessments examine biological, psychological, and social aspects of life. Based on feedback from patients at the Medical Center's ALS Clinic and Research Center, Bremer's group added a fourth aspect, one that surprised Bremer at first.

"When I was first asked to help the clinic measure patient quality of life, they wanted to include a measure of spirituality. I said, 'that's easy to measure but has nothing to do with quality of life,'" Bremer said. "Well, I was wrong on both accounts. From the patients, I learned that spirituality is very important." Sure enough, the studies have shown that quality of life correlates significantly with religiosity and may become more important as the end of life approaches.

The researchers have found that patients are resilient and that a strong mind-body connection exists. For the ALS patients studied, quality of life is relatively stable over time, marked by periods of adjustment and recalibration, yet not related to physical declines.

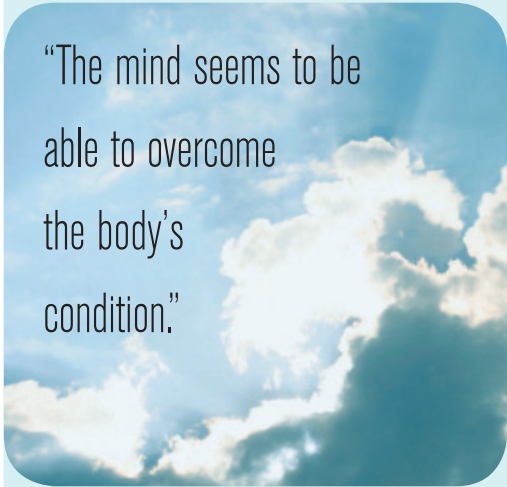
"The body certainly has an impact on how we perceive things," Bremer said. "But the mind seems to be able to overcome the body's condition. Our early studies found that patients' perception of their own health correlated with quality of life, whereas the physical measures did not." What is important, Bremer said, is how a patient perceives himself or herself. People seem to be able to adjust to life circumstances, even grave ones. "We found that if you have a positive outlook you can reframe whatever life throws at you," she said.

The ALS findings on the mind-body connection mirror results Bremer has found with other groups. "Much of what we learned can be applied broadly," she said. "I've studied people with breast cancer and also kidney transplant patients. Each time, we find that quality of life tends to be very subjective and people can pick themselves up. For example, we found that people with a failed transplant aren't necessarily devastated. Having hope and a reason for optimism seem to be important for quality of life."

The caregivers

ALS requires more caregiving time than neurodegenerative diseases like Alzheimer's and Parkinson's. Typically, ALS patients are cared for by a close family member, often a spouse, parent, or child, and as the disease progresses, so does the burden placed on caregivers – to assist with daily living and use of medical equipment, and to provide emotional support. Yet research on ways to help caregivers in their role is limited, Bremer said. To fill that void and with hope of optimizing support for patients and caregivers, Bremer's group has begun measuring caregiver quality of life.

"Our findings with the caregivers show just what we have seen before – that people are pretty resilient," Bremer said. "Caregivers tell us that love keeps them going."



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“The research is showing that, despite significant physical needs, meeting spiritual and emotional needs is more of a concern for many caregivers,” Bremer said. “Fear of the unknown and what the next few years will be like also sometimes concerns caregivers.”

Knowing that time with their loved one is limited, caregivers also say that they want to spend as much time as possible with them. Bremer said that socializing outside the home is an important support mechanism for caregivers, yet many don’t want to leave their loved one even for a short time. “But they need to, for their own well-being,” she said.

“We’re also finding that simply paying attention to the caregiver relieves a concern – it gives them an outlet to have their needs met,” Bremer said. “When they visit the ALS clinic, for example, they are often reluctant to take time away from the patient. But sometimes the research opens a dialogue that gets the patient and caregiver talking about sources of conflict and fears and working to solve problems.”



Putting research into practice

Penn State Hershey’s is one of the few nationally certified ALS centers across the country providing comprehensive care. Bremer’s research has led the clinic to implement practices that better support patients and caregivers.

When a patient comes to the clinic, he or she visits individually with several medical specialists. “But now the clinic team takes a more holistic approach than in the past,” Bremer said. “They talk about the patient as a whole – it’s no longer the physical therapist just checking the patient’s mobility or the nutritionist just looking at their diet. The team meets and talks about everything.” Having the results of clients’ quality of life assessments available online aids the process, allowing anyone involved to see at a glance how a patient is feeling emotionally.

Now understanding the importance of spirituality in quality of life, the clinic also has hired a chaplain as part of the clinic team, Bremer said. “The chaplain provides pastoral care, facilitating spiritual conversations and growth for families and patients.”



Looking ahead

Research at the clinic now has shifted focus to another ALS concern – patients with dementia. That research is being conducted by a team that includes Allyson Brothers, a 2008 graduate of Penn State Harrisburg’s master’s program in Applied Psychological Research (see page 8).

“As recently as 10 years ago, we would have said ALS affects the body, but the mind is intact,” Bremer said. “Within the last seven years we’ve learned otherwise. Now the clinic routinely screens all patients for cognitive deficits. We’re finding that half of ALS patients have some form of cognitive change, which adds another consideration not only for treatment, but also for quality of life.”

Beyond assessing quality of life, Bremer said she is hopeful that the findings will aid in the development of interventions – ways to teach problem solving skills, for example – that can be provided online. “There are relatively few certified ALS clinics in the U. S. and many patients simply can’t travel that far. And for those who do come, a great deal of activity is packed into their day. We’d like to let others benefit from what we’ve learned, and online interventions are one way to do this, to provide better support and ultimately better patient care,” she said.

Bremer also sees a role for other organizations and people – places of worship, extended family, social workers – to be involved with helping to support the needs of ALS patients and caregivers. “Just like it takes a village to raise a child, it takes a village to help someone at the other end of life as well,” she said.

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Alumna conducts new ALS research

In mid-January 2011, a small group gathered at the Penn State Milton S. Hershey ALS Center for a three-hour session that included educational information, hands-on skill building, and psychological and social support. The attendees shared a common bond – they are caregivers for loved ones with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), the fatal neuromuscular illness also known as Lou Gehrig’s disease.

For Allyson Brothers, a research coordinator with Penn State Hershey’s ALS program and a graduate of Penn State Harrisburg’s master’s program in Applied Psychological Research, the session day was exciting. It marked the culmination of a three-year study that she co-led on cognitive impairment among ALS patients, a project funded by the national ALS Association.

Examining cognitive function in ALS patients is a relatively new, but necessary, research topic, Brothers said. Findings show that 50 percent of people with ALS have some degree of impairment and about 10 percent have full-blown dementia.

“It’s rewarding to see how far we’ve come,” Brothers said. “We started with simply trying to find a structured way to identify impairment. Now we’re involved in many different projects looking at cognitive dysfunction, and we’ve progressed to where we are offering sessions for ALS patient caregivers that provide information, resources, and support, all based on our research.”

Brothers said the attendees were equally pleased. “We received an overwhelmingly positive response from the participants and the staff leading the sessions. It was so exciting to see the results of years of academic work being put into practice, and being received so enthusiastically from caregivers and clinicians

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Symposium brings together education and intelligence communities

In his role as chairman of the National Security Higher Education Advisory Board (NSHEAB), Penn State President Graham Spanier often explains the relationship between higher education and homeland security. “In the aftermath of 9/11, communications with federal security agencies have become more common for college and university administrators, as we collectively deal with issues such as terrorism, cyber security intrusions, immigration policy and visa regulations, deemed exports, handling of chemical and biological agents, and classified or sensitive research,” he said.



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Spanier discussed this overlap during the first annual Intelligence Community Center of Academic Excellence (IC CAE) Symposium sponsored by Penn State Harrisburg. The symposium, held last fall, brought together intelligence community professionals, leading scholars, and students for a two-day look at current issues, careers and life inside the intelligence community.

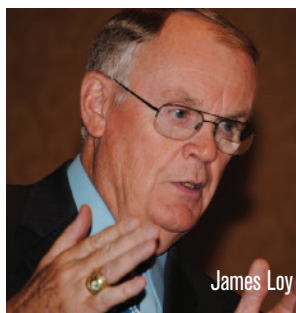
The symposium was held as part of a two-year, \$1 million grant from the Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI) to Penn State Harrisburg, the University’s College of Information Sciences and Technology (ISTI) and the Office of Military and Security Programs. Penn State joined the Community Centers of Academic Excellence program in September 2009.

Other keynote speakers included Lenora Peters Gant, a member of the Senior Intelligence/Executive Service and director of the ODNI Intelligence Community Strategic Mission Outreach; General Michael Hayden, former director of the Central Intelligence Agency; and Admiral James Loy, retired deputy secretary of Homeland Security.

The second annual symposium is scheduled for September 2011. The theme this year will focus on geopolitical issues and the relationship between intelligence, homeland security/defense and international affairs.



Lenora Peters Gant



James Loy



Michael Hayden

Intelligence work: an inside look

For most of us, what we know of intelligence work is what we see in the movies. So, is that the real deal?

General Michael Hayden, former Central Intelligence Agency director and current principal with the Chertoff Group, describes it more like one part spy movie, one part regular day job. Hayden travelled often as director and said he'd never met *24*'s Jack Bauer or even Tom Clancy's Jack Ryan. He said agents are "just like your friends and neighbors," but live undercover. That secret side of the agency is what garners most public interest.

Hayden was in Harrisburg as keynote speaker for the Intelligence Community Center of Academic Excellence (IC CAE) Symposium sponsored by Penn State Harrisburg in September 2010. Appointed by President George W. Bush, he served as CIA director from 2006-2009. Previously, he had been director of the National Security Agency and first principal deputy director of National Intelligence.

According to Hayden, the CIA's three main functions include "espionage, analytics and other duties as assigned, which everyone knows means covert action." These are the actions "designed to influence foreign, political, military and economic events in which the hand of the United States is intended to be hidden," he said.

While most CIA agents choose not to reveal where they work, some are required to keep that relationship a secret. It is classified information and creates challenges unlike other jobs. The secrecy of who can know and who to tell can make even the simplest social situation complicated. For example, should an agent have a Facebook page? Is not having one telltale?

Agents must coordinate their cover story with the agency, but each individual decides to whom in their personal life they tell the truth. They must live and protect the cover and trust those that know the truth to do the same. One question Hayden's wife would often ask new agency hires was, "Who knows? Who did you tell?" Hayden said the answer to this question was always interesting: "My mom knows, but my dad doesn't; he can't keep a secret" or "My mom, dad, and brother know, but my sister-in-law doesn't."

When to tell children can be a difficult decision, too. The agency guideline is to inform them when they are mature enough to protect the cover. But discerning that isn't always easy. Hayden said some parents used Family Day at the CIA headquarters as the opportunity to disclose the secret. They'd drive up to the CIA campus and reveal... "we've been meaning to tell you something."



Having what it takes

In addition to the personal challenges a CIA job may bring, working for the agency can be dangerous. Still, that doesn't seem to discourage many from applying. During Hayden's last year as director, the agency received some 160,000 employment applications, hiring only a small percentage.

What makes an applicant stand out? According to Hayden, two things: life experience and language. The average age for new hires, he said, is 29. Some start right out of college, others after retiring from full careers. Living abroad and mastering another language can put an applicant ahead of others, Hayden said, and the more exotic the language, the better. "Spanish is fine, but Kurdish is better."

Right now, jobs in human intelligence are at a premium, Hayden said. The goal of this work is to define an enemy's objective through personal interaction, he said. "If you want to find out someone's intentions, you have to be next to them. You have to penetrate the cell; you have to be in the huddle."

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Despite the risks and challenges, Hayden called working for the CIA the best job he ever had. Though he never set out to head the nation's first line of defense, he said "I'm glad I got there – wonderful people, wonderful mission. No pun intended – they are a hidden treasure."



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alike. A similar event that we held in Philadelphia in October had the same positive response.”

Brothers also credits a strong clinician-researcher partnership for recent successes. “The beauty is that the people who treat the patients are part of the research. In fact, the questions we ask patients during screening come from the staff,” she said. “And this



relationship is changing how they provide care within the center. The clinicians seek the outcome of the cognitive

assessment to guide treatment and communication. The research is helping us to better help people,” Brothers said.

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Beyond the development of events like the one in Hershey, Brothers’ research group is looking forward to making what they’ve learned available for other centers to use. “We also hope to make it available online for caregivers who can’t attend sessions,” she said.

Brothers’ job at Penn State Hershey resulted from an internship she completed while working on her master’s degree. These experiences, she said, will go a long way in boosting her career. She is in the process of applying to doctoral programs where she hopes to study the relationship between physical and psychological health.

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Alum provides breath of fresh air

When Chilean President Sebastián Piñera appeared on worldwide news broadcasts in a hard hat during the rescue of the 33 trapped miners in October 2010, Penn State Harrisburg graduate William Lambert couldn’t have been prouder. Piñera’s helmet was manufactured by Mine Safety Appliances Company (MSA), the Pittsburgh-based company for which Lambert serves as president and CEO.



MSA develops, manufactures, and supplies health and safety products – including self-contained breathing apparatuses (SCBAs), gas masks, head protection, and body armor – for worldwide industries including mining, fire and emergency services, construction, gas and oil, homeland security, and the military. Lambert has been there 29 years, starting not long after graduating in 1980 with a degree in Mechanical Design Engineering Technology.

Lambert showed innovation early in his career. Initially a design engineer at MSA, Lambert designed and received the patent for the Quick-Fill® breathing apparatus accessory, still one of MSA’s most successful products. Designed for emergency situations and now mandated by the National Fire Protection Agency, the device permits air supply transfers between two air tanks

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in less than 30 seconds. The invention has dramatically increased safety for firefighters running low on air. For example, if one firefighter breathing from an air tank runs out of oxygen, another person connected to an air tank may connect both tanks via the Quick-Fill® to distribute a life-saving supply of oxygen. “The fitting enables air transfers to be safe, secure, and fast,” said Lambert.

Now removed from his roots as an engineer – yet still close enough to the process to be satisfied, he says – Lambert today runs MSA, spending time with employees, investors, and the community and spreading the company’s message. Lambert said he is reminded each day of the company’s motto “every life has a purpose.”

“There’s no better feeling than to receive a letter from a soldier who survived a sniper attack because he was wearing one of our ballistic vests or helmets, or a window washer who survived a fall because she used our harnesses,” Lambert said. “My job is most rewarding when those people are able to go home to their families.”

Lambert credits what he learned about business to his years at Penn State Harrisburg. “We learned so much about teamwork, designing and developing products, and having products manufactured,” he said. A cafeteria worker during his junior year and a resident assistant as a senior, Lambert says he also learned about self-sufficiency, maturity and leadership while on campus. “The foundation for whom I have become and the company that I have the honor to lead started right here [at Penn State Harrisburg].”

Lambert received the Penn State Harrisburg 2010 Alumni Achievement Award during Penn State Day activities on October 16, 2010. The award recognizes individuals who are active in community affairs, demonstrate leadership in their profession, and/or offer significant contribution to society. See page 21.



Madlyn Hanes

Donations honoring former chancellor bolster Penn State Harrisburg scholarship fund

Private donations of more than \$430,000 have enabled Penn State Harrisburg to bolster its Board of Advisers Endowed Scholarship Fund and to name its executive boardroom in honor of Madlyn L. Hanes, former chancellor. The boardroom, located in the college's Olmsted Building, was dedicated August 18, 2010 as part of All-College Day activities.

"We deeply appreciate all of the generous contributions. They have enabled us to permanently seal Dr. Hanes' outstanding legacy here by naming the conference room after her," said then Interim Chancellor Mukund Kulkarni. "Additionally, these donations will enhance our ability to provide financial assistance to outstanding students now and in the future."

The donations have been designated for the Board of Advisers endowed fund, one of 55 scholarship funds at Penn State Harrisburg.

York. He graduated from Penn State in 1933. GreenWorks' chief executive officer is Doug Neidich, a 1980 Penn State graduate; GreenWorks' chief financial officer is John Tierney, a 1989 Penn State Harrisburg graduate.

"Nothing is more important than making sure that our young people have a full educational opportunity. Scholarships to those who need them ensures our economic future," Zoffinger said.

"I have been a supporter of Penn State for a long time because the school gave me an opportunity to make a living," Horn said. "For me to contribute toward scholarships and to recognize Dr. Hanes is appropriate. She helped the college grow in many ways, and I am proud to be part of it."

"We recognize Penn State Harrisburg's importance to the region's economic growth and we are very pleased to acknowledge Dr. Hanes' phenomenal work in advancing the college," said Neidich.

Hanes served as chancellor from 2000-2010, before being named Penn State's vice president for Commonwealth Campuses, effective July 1, 2010. Under her leadership, the college's mission expanded to include freshmen and sophomores, creating a comprehensive undergraduate college and graduate school; enrollment increased to more than 4,000 students; the curriculum portfolio grew to 32 baccalaureate, 23 master's and three doctoral degrees; and state-of-the-art academic, student residence, and athletic facilities were added.

"Private philanthropy is critical to the college's success," Hanes said. "I am personally grateful for the many contributions that have led to the naming of the executive boardroom in my honor. I am humbled by the generosity of the donors and appreciative of their commitment to Penn State Harrisburg students, faculty, and staff."



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The recent donations will permit the college to award an additional 20 scholarships to undergraduate students annually. In 2009-10, the college awarded more than \$317,000 in scholarships from private donations and endowment-generated income.

Lead donors in the effort included George and Judy Zoffinger; Russell Horn, Sr.; and GreenWorks Development, LLC, Harrisburg. Zoffinger, a 1970 Penn State Harrisburg graduate, is president of Constellation Capital Corporation, New Jersey. Horn is retired chairman and founder of Buchart Horn and Pace Resources, Inc.,

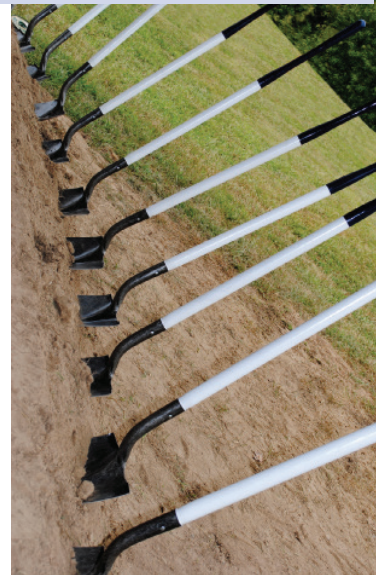
Construction begins on biotechnology research and teaching facility

The college has begun construction of a specialized 3,500-square-foot greenhouse complex, the first phase of a planned \$1.6 million biotechnology research and teaching facility. A September 16, 2010 groundbreaking ceremony marked the start of the greenhouse project, expected to be completed this year.

Supported by \$800,000 in donations from private industry, the greenhouse will be built using exacting USDA and National Institutes of Health safety standards, qualifying it as a Level Two facility and enabling the study of genetically altered plants. The greenhouse also will include a head house, a room used to prepare plants for research and classroom use.

Donors to the greenhouse include Ernst Seeds; Kadam Biogene; Keystone Biofuels, Inc.; Kunj Associates, LP; and UGI Utilities, Inc.

The greenhouse will bolster the college's ongoing research and teaching in plant biotechnology and other areas. Currently, faculty and students are working on the development of second and third generation biofu-



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els, with an eye to bringing environmentally friendly energy alternatives to the marketplace. College researchers also are working on ways to improve the cold and drought tolerance of plants, create healthier food supplies, and find clues for treating human disease.

"The new facility will be useful to faculty and students working in plant sciences and to environmental engineering faculty who collaborate with those in life sciences," said Interim Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs Omid Ansary. "It will enable us to prepare students for new employment options."

The facility's second phase, the Central Pennsylvania Laboratory for Biofuels, will involve renovating a campus building to create a 3,000-square-foot biotechnology development and deployment laboratory. The college has received an \$817,000 grant through the state Department of Community and Economic Development's (DCED) Alternative and Clean Energy (ACE) Program. The grant and an additional match from the college provided funds to create the lab. Ben Franklin Technology Partners of Central and Northern PA and the Innovation Transfer Network helped to facilitate the grant.

"We are very thankful for the external support the college has received. With this partnership between the business sector, state government, and higher education, Central Pennsylvania will become a regional center for research and training in biotechnology," said Chancellor Mukund Kulkarni. "The facility will be a boon to the region, providing educational and research opportunities to faculty, staff, and students at numerous academic institutions, while also offering the promise of economic development through new products and enhanced quality of life through answers to key environmental concerns."

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Kulkarni named chancellor



Dr. Mukund S. Kulkarni, previously senior associate dean for academic affairs at Penn State Harrisburg, was named chancellor, effective November 1, 2010. He had been serving as interim chancellor since July 1.

“Dr. Kulkarni brings excellent knowledge and leadership experience to the chancellor position. He is an accomplished educator, having served in various leadership posts in the college and on behalf of the University over the past nearly 25 years,” said Madlyn L. Hanes, vice president for Commonwealth Campuses and

former Penn State Harrisburg chancellor. “His many contributions to the college, other business colleges in the U.S. and abroad, and the broader region have earned him high regard.”

“Dr. Kulkarni has had a long and successful tenure at Penn State Harrisburg, and has done much to advance the campus,” said Penn State President Graham Spanier. “His training in finance and deep understanding of Penn State will allow him to effectively meet the challenges ahead.”

“I believe that diversity makes us a better institution. I am committed to making this college a friendly and welcoming place for all.”

Kulkarni joined Penn State Harrisburg as a member of the business faculty in 1985, and currently holds the rank of professor of finance. He served the campus as senior associate dean for academic affairs from 2006 to July 2010. During his tenure as senior associate dean, Penn State Harrisburg experienced substantial growth in its student population. From 1996-2006, he served as director of the School of Business Administration at the campus. Under his leadership, the school experienced significant growth and received its initial AACSB accreditation. Kulkarni also was part of the inter-college leadership team that developed the University’s iMBA.

Kulkarni said one of his most satisfying accomplishments as the director of the School of Business Administration was his success in assembling a diverse and talented faculty. “I wish to emulate that success at the college level as we bring in new faculty and staff and attract new students,” he said. “I believe that diversity makes us a better institution. I am committed to making this college a friendly and welcoming place for all.”

Kulkarni has served the University in a variety of roles that included membership on the Administrative Council of Undergraduate Education (ACUE), Graduate Council and other various University-wide committees. Most recently, he co-chaired the committee on India Global Engagement Node of the University Office of the Global Programs.

Kulkarni earned bachelor’s and master’s degrees in his native India, an M.B.A. from Marshall University, and a doctorate from the University of Kentucky. His research interests are in the areas of capital budgeting, banking operations, and information content of stock prices.

Ansary named interim associate dean

Dr. Omid Ansary, director of Penn State Harrisburg’s School of Science, Engineering, and Technology, was named interim senior associate dean for academic affairs, effective



July 1, 2010. He replaced Dr. Mukund Kulkarni, who was named chancellor effective November 1, 2010, after having served as interim chancellor since July 1.

A tenured professor of electrical engineering, Ansary joined the college in

1985. He has played a key role in promoting emerging technologies, research and education in electrical engineering and in development of innovative programs in engineering and science curricula, including internships and externships for students.

“Dr. Ansary has skillfully guided recent growth within the School of Science, Engineering, and Technology,” said Kulkarni. “As a faculty member and administrator, Dr. Ansary has an exemplary record of service both to the college and the University.”

Ansary is the only faculty member to have received the college’s awards for excellence in teaching (1996), in service (2000), and in research (2000). He also has received a number of outside awards including the 2005 Technical Achievement Award from the Central Pennsylvania Engineers Week Council.

He holds a bachelor’s degree in electrical engineering from Youngstown State University and a master’s and doctorate in electrical engineering from the University of Akron.

Also effective July 1, Dr. Jerry Shoup, associate professor of electrical engineering became interim director of the School of Science, Engineering, and Technology, and Dr. Thang Bui, associate professor of mathematics and computer science, became associate director.



College's eco-friendly residence hall opens

Penn State Harrisburg's new residence hall, which opened this past fall, is the first residential LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design)-certified building in the University. The 30,000-square-foot structure houses 100 first-year students, bringing the total number of students living on campus to 430.

Designed by SMP Architects of Philadelphia, the four-story building has an extensive list of green features, including renewable bio-fiber paneling, built-in recycling centers on every level, sustainably managed lumber, and recycled-content materials such as carpet, concrete, steel, counters, storage lockers, and ceilings. The college used building materials from local sources to support area economies and minimize transportation costs.

Other features include energy-conserving heating and cooling units; energy-efficient lighting systems with motion sensors; and sinks, showers, and toilets that reduce water usage. The east-west orientation of the building provides optimal energy conservation and natural lighting and exterior shades moderate seasonal changes in sun angles. Stormwater will be irrigated to rain gardens with drought-tolerant, native-species plants, helping to establish a healthy ecosystem around the building.

The college's new residence hall boasts another first. The building is Penn State's first residential building designed to include wireless/keyless card access on the suite and bedroom doors. Students use their university ID card to gain entry.

Throughout the residence hall construction, the college community could watch progress via an online Web cam that chronicled the process from laying the foundation to opening day.

Business leaders recognize Harrisburg Semester program

The Harrisburg Regional Chamber and Capital Region Economic Development Corporation presented Penn State Harrisburg with the "Stay Invent the Future" Award in recognition of the college's Harrisburg Semester internship program.

The award was established to promote the value and importance of internships in Central Pennsylvania businesses and to recognize an outstanding internship program.

The Harrisburg Semester provides summer internships, coupled with a high-powered classroom experience in Pennsylvania's capital, to qualified Penn State undergraduate students. The program places interns in organizations including state legislative and governmental agencies, lobbying and public relations firms, non-profits, and other locations matching students' career interests.

Noah Karn, a Political Science major at University Park, describes



"The Harrisburg Semester provided me with the opportunity to learn first-hand what Pennsylvania politics really is, an opportunity that most people are never given."

his internship experience: "I was especially excited to work within the House Labor Relations Committee because I plan to practice labor and employment law in the future. As a legislative researcher, my primary job involved writing bill analyses. I had the opportunity to work on a wide variety of legislation – from unemployment benefits to minimum wage to illegal immigration to licensure for plumbers."

Students have the opportunity to view government and policy making first-hand, assemble portfolios of their work, make valuable contacts, and hone their professional skills.

"The Harrisburg Semester provided me with the opportunity to learn first-hand what Pennsylvania politics really is, an opportunity that most people are never given," said Justin Molitoris, an English and Political Science major at University Park.

on campus



Move-In Day

More than 275 first-year students moved onto campus this fall, assisted by faculty, staff, and student volunteers. The diverse freshman class hails from 33 different states and 26 countries.

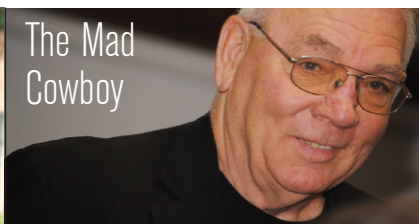
One-hundred first-year students moved into the college's new residence building, the first Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED)-certified residential building within Penn State, as well as the first residential building to include wireless/keyless card access on the suite and bedroom doors. The college now enrolls more than 4,200 undergraduate and graduate students.

Enrollment 2010-11

Total: 4,224

	Undergraduate Students	Graduate Students
Enrollment	2,963	1,261
Full-time	83.8%	16.4%
Part-time	16.2%	83.6%
Female	44.7%	60.7%
Male	55.3%	39.3%
Average age	23.0	31.9

The Mad Cowboy



October 5, 2010

"I believe that people are on the same path as dinosaurs because we can't live within our resources."

Former cattle rancher and sustainable-living advocate Howard Lyman, on farming practices and meat addiction.

James Getty



November 4, 2010

"The thirteenth amendment would take care of slavery, getting rid of it everywhere."

Abraham Lincoln impersonator James Getty, on efforts to abolish American slavery.



Bil and Joe

October 14, 2010

"Know others have been through this and survived. Have hope and connect with resources available on campus."

Diversity speaker Joe Bertolino, to encourage students struggling with sexual orientation.



November 9, 2010

"Let's make Penn State Harrisburg a place where everyone, despite their differences, can learn and grow."

Student Government Association President Marcellus Taylor, during "All Join Hands," part of the college's "Culture Shock" week to celebrate cultural diversity.



November 2, 2010

"If you hate, it hurts nobody but you."

Holocaust survivor Hilda Mantelmacher, on her experiences in Nazi concentration camps.

Globetrotters



December 14, 2010

"It's a heave, but we're the Globetrotters and we can do it."

Globetrotter Shane "Scooter" Christensen, on the team's new four-point shot during a practice session on campus.

Learn more at hbg.psu.edu



NCAA accepts Penn State Harrisburg as D-III member

Penn State Harrisburg was formally accepted as an active NCAA Division III member effective Sept. 1, 2010. This means the college's 12 athletic programs – baseball, men's and women's basketball, men's and women's cross country, golf, men's and women's soccer, softball, men's and women's tennis and women's volleyball – became eligible to qualify for NCAA championship events beginning with the 2010-11 season. Also, the college's team and student-athlete statistics will now be recorded in the official NCAA D-III records books. Individuals will be eligible for recognition on national athletic and academic All-American teams as well as for post-season awards. The college will also have the opportunity to vote on NCAA legislation.



“Being a part of the NCAA is a huge honor for our campus.”

Director of Athletics Rahsaan Carlton

“We have established and maintained an environment where our student-athletes’ activities are conducted as an integral part of the total educational experience, and where coaches play a significant role as educators outside the classroom,” said Chancellor Mukund Kulkarni. “I take great pride in our student-athletes’ outstanding academic and athletic achievements, and am pleased the college has become a member of the NCAA Division III.”

“Being a part of the NCAA is a huge honor for our campus,” said Rahsaan Carlton, director of athletics. “Students, faculty, and staff have been a vital part of the NCAA membership process and will continue to play a large role in helping to shape the future of Penn State Harrisburg athletics.”

Men's soccer has new coach

Lester Felician was named Penn State Harrisburg's head men's soccer coach at the start of the fall 2010 season.

Felician played professionally in the United States and his home country of Trinidad and Tobago. He was an all-conference performer for Belhaven College in Mississippi and is still the all-time leader in assists. He played professionally for seven years with U.S. teams including the Harrisburg Heat and Baltimore Blast. He also played internationally on the Olympic team and national senior team for six years in Trinidad and Tobago.

Felician owns and operates the Lester Felician Soccer Academy, and has coached at the Bascome Pro Soccer School and Bishop McDevitt High School, both in Harrisburg.

“I believe that the game is the biggest teacher and that coaches are there to help guide players,” said Felician. “I strive to enhance the strengths of each player while improving areas of weakness through hard work, discipline, and fun.”



Golf tournament boosts athletics

Penn State Harrisburg raised more than \$15,000 for intercollegiate athletics at its Inaugural Celebrity Golf Tournament, October 17, 2010 at the Dauphin Highlands Golf Course. Held in honor of the college's induction as a full member of the NCAA Division III, the tournament attracted more than 100 participants. Celebrities in attendance included former Penn State and NFL defensive end Courtney Brown, former Penn State and Canadian Football League running back Rodney Kinlaw, and CBS 21 Sports Director Jason Bristol. At left, Kevin Harter '90 INFSY, '05 MBA, a member of the college Board of Advisers.

Join us for this year's tournament, slated for September 30, 2011





Sports Roundup

The men's and women's soccer teams led the college's fall 2010 athletic seasons with advances to the North Eastern Athletic Conference (NEAC) championships.

The **women's soccer** team overcame the previously undefeated SUNY IT Wildcats in the NEAC tournament to advance to the championship game, before falling 0-2 to Keuka College. The team ended the season 11-6-3. Shelly Erb (Jonestown/Northern Lebanon) and Megan Frailey (Middletown/Middletown) earned NEAC all-conference first team honors; Brittany Adams (Dillsburg/Northern York), Lacy Eitl (Collegeville/Perkiomen), Lindsey McNeal (Hershey/Hershey), and Adrienne Stine (York/Northeastern) were named to the second team; and Kara Hoy (Camp Hill/Camp Hill) made the third team.

The **men's soccer** team ousted Penn State Abington to advance to the NEAC championship before being edged out by SUNY IT in overtime, 2-1. The team ended the season 12-4-2. Danny Francis (Pottstown/Owen J. Roberts) and Brendan Garner (Harrisburg/Central Dauphin) were named to the NEAC all-conference first team; Caleb Hoppes (Harrisburg/Middletown) and Ian Lake (Mechanicsburg/Cedar Cliff) earned second team mentions; and Justin Henderson (Cherry Hill/Cherry Hill HS East), Dillon Sobilo (Eureka/Arcata High), and Josh Wolff (Christiana/Octorara) were named to the third team.

Three members of the **women's volleyball** team received post-season honors. Amanda Duda (Centerville/Westfield), Finesse Hempfing (Hanover/Hanover) and Melissa Reese (Hershey/Lower Dauphin) were named to the NEAC all-conference second team. The team finished 10-22 for the season.

The **women's and men's cross country** team wrapped up the season with a fifth and seventh place finish in the NEAC Championship, respectively. The runners improved their times, as individuals and as teams, throughout the season.

The **men's baseball** team finished its 2010 spring season earning second place in the NEAC West Division double-elimination tournament, falling to SUNY IT in the championship. Third baseman Nick Knull (Enola/Cedar Cliff) was selected for the River Valley League, a collegiate summer league in Iowa, in the postseason. The Lions finished 17-20 on the season.

The **women's softball** team started the season by sweeping a conference double header against SUNY Cobleskill, but fell to 8-25 on the season.

The **women's tennis** squad was led by Lauren Hall (Duncannon/Susquenita) with a 10-6 singles record. The team finished 3-13 for the season. The **men's tennis** squad began the season with a victory over Southern Virginia University, but fell to 5-10 on the season.

Teams receive academic awards

The Penn State Harrisburg men's and women's tennis and women's volleyball teams have received awards for their academic accomplishments.

The men's and women's tennis teams were named to the Intercollegiate Tennis Association's (ITA) All-Academic Team. The award is open to any ITA program that has a cumulative team grade-point average of 3.2 or above on a 4.0 scale. Tennis athletes who received a varsity letter and had a grade-point average of at least 3.5 on a 4.0 scale also received ITA Scholar-Athlete status. ITA Scholar Athletes included John Dixon (Lemoyne/Cedar Cliff), Evgeny Matigullin (Duncannon/Susquenita) and Donald Smith (Harrisburg/Central Dauphin) from the men's team and Jessica Karl (Harrisburg/Central Dauphin East), Carla Martin (Manheim/Home Schooled), Meghin Moore (Lebanon/Cedar Crest), and Caitlin Royer (Mount Joy/Donnegal) from the women's team.

The volleyball team received a 2009-2010 American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) Team Academic Award. The award, given to 450 teams this year, honors volleyball teams that have matched their dedication to the sport with excellence in the classroom, and requires maintaining a cumulative team grade-point average of 3.3 or above on a 4.0 scale.



Golf team comes out swinging

The Lions posted a successful 2010-2011 fall season, taking first place in the Penn State Harrisburg Fall Classic and the Rutgers-Camden Scarlet Raptor Fall Invitational; and second in the Susquehanna University Fall Invitational. The golf team also finished a successful 2009-2010 season last spring, placing second in three tournaments, including the Elizabethtown College Blue Jay Spring Classic, where the Lions shot a school record 301; the Penn State Harrisburg Spring Classic; and the North Eastern Athletic Conference (NEAC) Championships.

Geoff Morrison (Harrisburg/Bishop McDevitt) and Brad Goss (Annville/Palmyra) were named NEAC Golf Student-Athletes of the Week this fall. Morrison, a senior, was selected for his performance during the Rutgers University Invitational, finishing first out of 48 golfers and leading the team to a first place finish. Goss, a senior, was selected for his performance at the Penn State Harrisburg Classic, shooting a 73 on a par 72 course in both rounds of the event to take the individual title and lead the team to another victory. In the spring, Max Hrip (Mechanicsburg/Cumberland Valley), Morrison, and Shane Woodman (Marietta/Donnegal) were named to the NEAC all-conference first team; Bobby Proietto (Hummelstown/Lower Dauphin) was named to the third team.

Faculty discuss bullying remedy on local news show

Penn State Harrisburg faculty researchers Shanetia Clark and Barbara Marinak advocate a simple way to help stop the rise in bullying in our nation's schools. Teach students about kindness – and show them through books, other materials and discussion.

This view recently caught the attention of Harrisburg's ABC 27 WHTM-TV, which featured Clark, assistant professor of education, and Marinak, assistant professor of reading, in a segment of the show *Highmark Healthy High 5*.

"Technology provides a veil of anonymity" that gives today's bullies even more power, Clark said. Clark and Marinak also point to research suggesting that the problem is heightened by a general lack of civility and loss of empathy in society. The solution, or at least part of it, they said, is integrating lessons about kindness into school curricula and anti-bullying programs, citing research that indicates human kindness facilitates communication, cooperation, and trust in all arenas.

"We need to slow down and think about how to be civil," said Marinak. "We need to talk more about using compassion to combat this growing problem, but we also need to illustrate for students the words we are using – tolerance, kindness, compassion – and to make these words part of the school culture that students experience."

Clark and Marinak suggest schools can arrange discussions about bullying and kindness and integrate social studies and literature. They suggest numerous books for middle and high schools that can be used in various classes. "Carefully selected texts provide an anonymous forum for students to examine the circumstances that can lead to violent behavior," the researchers said. Clark and Marinak suggest books that contain messages highlighting attributes such as belonging, respect, honesty, and empathy. The titles include: *Rescue Josh McGuire* and *Touching Spirit Bear* by Ben Mikaelson, *Radiance Descending* by Paula Fox, *The Misfits* by James Howe, *The Barn* by Avi, *Coast to Coast* by Betsy Byars, and *The Chocolate War* by Robert Cormier.



Television personality Flora Posteraro (above) interviewed Penn State Harrisburg faculty members Drs. Shanetia Clark and Barbara Marinak about their unique view on helping to stem the rise in school bullying.

During taping for WHTM-TV's *Highmark Healthy High 5*, Assistant Professor of Reading Barbara Marinak (below) advocates integrating discussions and literature about kindness into school curricula.



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Penn State Harrisburg students benefit from a wide range of enriching educational experiences – international study tours, hands-on research, student leadership organizations, and much more. Because of scholarships, students may dedicate more time outside of class to participating in community services activities, athletics and professional organizations. Through the campaign *For the Future*, alumni and friends can continue to create opportunities that prepare students for engaged citizenship, global leadership, and success in their chosen fields.

To learn more, visit giveto.psu.edu or contact the Development Office at 717-948-6316.

Byerly joins ranks of honorary alumni

Longtime Penn State Harrisburg champion and benefactor James C. Byerly, Camp Hill, has received the Penn State Alumni Association's Honorary Alumni Award.

The association has given the award since 1973 to recognize individuals who, while not graduates of Penn State, have significantly worked toward bettering the University. Nearly 100 individuals have been given Honorary Alumni status, which includes a life membership in the association and a commemorative award.

For more than 20 years, Byerly has devoted his time and talents to Penn State Harrisburg. As a new member of the college's Board of Advisers in 1999, he led the effort to endow the Board of Advisers Scholarship, which has helped more than 30 students to date. He remains active on the advisory board and had served as vice president, president, and chair of the college affairs standing committee. Byerly also was instrumental in bringing a new baseball facility to campus.

"Mr. Byerly established an exemplary record of service to Penn State Harrisburg and the University," said Vice President for Commonwealth Campuses Madlyn Hanes, former Penn State Harrisburg chancellor.

"The recognition he receives as an Honorary Alumnus is well deserved," said Chancellor Mukund Kulkarni. "I look forward to our shared and continuing commitment to furthering the college's legacy."

Other notable honorary alumni include former Penn State President H. Bryce Jordan, Congressman John P. Murtha, Coach Joe Paterno, and Sculptor Heinz Warneke, creator of the famous Nittany Lion statue.



James Byerly

Lamberts create scholarship

Alumnus William Lambert and his wife, Sandy, have established the Lambert Family Trustee Scholarship to help future Penn State Harrisburg students achieve their academic goals. A 1980 graduate of the Mechanical Design Engineering Technology program, Lambert is president and CEO of Mine Safety Appliances Company, the world's leading manufacturer of safety products.

Scholarships are the top priority of *For the Future: The Campaign for Penn State Students*. Penn State's Trustee Matching Scholarship Program facilitates the establishment of endowments to provide essential support for need-based scholarships. Through the program, the University matches 5 percent of the total pledge or gift when a Trustee Scholarship is created, making money available immediately for student awards. This University match is available to spend each year, in perpetuity, along with a percentage of the endowment's market value. When the endowment becomes fully funded, a Trustee Scholarship provides approximately 10 percent of the endowment's market value each year.



In Memoriam: Louise Hoffman

Dr. Louise Hoffman, associate professor of humanities and history, lost her battle with cancer on August 24, 2010 at the Hershey Medical Center.

Memorial services were held on campus in celebration of the life and work of Hoffman, who is survived by a daughter, Maya, an International Relations major at Penn State Erie, the Behrend College.

Hoffman joined Penn State Harrisburg in 1985. She taught history and humanities courses and served as coordinator of the graduate program in Humanities and the Interdisciplinary Humanities undergraduate major. Externally, she served as chief faculty consultant for the College Board's Advanced Placement European History Program.

Her research interests included 20th century cultural and intellectual history, especially of Germany; history of psychoanalysis and psychology; history and humanities teaching methods; and most recently, Holocaust and genocide studies.



Harter named Alumni Fellow

Penn State Harrisburg alumnus Kevin M. Harter has been named Alumni Fellow, the highest award given by the Penn State Alumni Association.

Harter, of Mechanicsburg, was one of 23 Penn State alumni honored October 13, 2010 for outstanding accomplishments. Nominated by a college or campus as leaders in their professional fields, Alumni Fellows are invited by the University president to return to campus and share their expertise with students, faculty and administrators. Since the award was established in 1973, just 665 of the University's approximately 514,000 living alumni have been recognized as Alumni Fellows, designated a permanent and lifelong title by the Penn State Board of Trustees.

Harter holds a bachelor's degree in Information Systems and a Master's of Business Administration from Penn State Harrisburg. He is emeritus member and past chair of the Penn State Harrisburg Board of Advisers and is an active member on several Penn State Harrisburg program advisory boards. Harter and his wife, Kathleen, have created two

endowed Penn State Harrisburg scholarships – the Harter Family Trustee Scholarship for the Honors Program and the Kevin and Kathleen Harter Scholarship for Information Sciences and Technology students. The Harters have two daughters – Lauren, a junior in the Penn State Schreyer Honors College, and Allison, a 2010 graduate of Schreyer.

Harter is executive chairman of Saladax Biomedical Inc., a leader in personalized medicine and companion diagnostics. Charged with providing overall strategic leadership for the company, Harter was primarily responsible for the company's success in raising \$24 million from investors and its recent development partnership with Bristol-Myers Squibb. Harter is also co-founder and senior vice president of the Life Sciences Greenhouse of Central Pennsylvania (LSGPA). LSGPA invests in the growth of life science companies, focusing on technologies developed at universities, including Penn State. Harter also co-founded Keystone Medical Systems, the largest independent supplier of information technology and electronic medical record solutions to physicians.

"Alumni are the University's most valuable resource," said Roger L. Williams, executive director of the Penn State Alumni Association. "The Alumni Fellow program gives us the opportunity to showcase the significant contributions Penn Staters make to our nation and the world."



Kevin Harter



Alumni Society elects new officers, board members

Penn State Harrisburg's Alumni Society recently elected new officers and board members. Judy Hricak, '89 HUM, vice president national practice manager – marketing and business development with Gannett Fleming, will serve as president and succeeds Jessica Gray, '97 PUBPL, executive director of the House Republican Caucus Chairman's Office. Other new officers include Leslie Meals, '80 SO SC, as vice president, and Nydia Vazquez, '03 SDCET, project engineer with Clark Construction, as secretary.

The Alumni Society also elected four new members to a three-year-term including Karen Dielmann, '78 IFS, '09 Ph.D. ADTED, chair of the Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences and Healthcare Administration, Lancaster General College of Nursing and Health Sciences; Tina Hess '96 HUM, marketing consultant; Carolyn Schmidt, '02 PUBPL, policy analyst, Rep. Mark Cohen's Office; Jay Wierderhold, '94 PUBPL, president, Pennsylvania Beer Alliance.



Gummo, Lambert receive college alumni awards



The Penn State Harrisburg Alumni Society honored Lynne Gummo '87 P ACCT, (above) with the People to Watch Award and William Lambert '80 MD ET, (below with wife, Sandy) with the Alumni Achievement Award during the college's Penn State Day activities October 16, 2010.



Lynne Gummo '87 P ACCT, and William Lambert '80 MD ET, have received the college Alumni Society's People to Watch Award and Alumni Achievement Award, respectively. The awards presentation took place on campus during Penn State Day activities October 16, 2010.

The Penn State Harrisburg People to Watch Award is given to individuals who have made a significant contribution to society in one or more of the following areas: dedication to community or organizational affairs, career advancement, or academic achievement or activity while a student. Gummo, recipient of the award, is the director of audit for the Northern Virginia office of SC&H Group, an accounting and management consulting company, and leads the audit process and government contracting practice for the firm. A Professional Accountancy graduate and Germantown, Md. resident, she has stayed active at Penn State since graduation, recruiting students at University Park and mentoring accounting students at Penn State Harrisburg. Gummo, inspired by her daughter with special needs, also plans to work with Penn State and the Montgomery County (Md.) Public Schools system to begin a learning program for teenagers with disabilities entering high school.

"It's important to come back to campus and realize that all of us have the opportunity to inspire others in a very special way."

Lynne Gummo

Upon receiving the award, Gummo challenged alumni to make a difference in the Penn State community. "It's important to come back to campus and realize that all of us have the opportunity to inspire others in a very special way," she said.

The Alumni Achievement Award is given to individuals who demonstrate dedication in community affairs, leadership in their profession, and/or significant contribution to society. Recipient William Lambert, a Mechanical Design Engineering Technology graduate and Pittsburgh resident, is president and CEO of Mine Safety Appliances Company, the world's leading manufacturer of safety products (see page 10). Since Lambert became president, the company achieved a record of more than \$1 billion in total sales in 2008 and now

manufactures products in 42 countries worldwide. Lambert, with his wife, Sandy, this year established the Lambert Family Trustee Scholarship (see page 19).

"It is a proud moment for me to come back to Penn State Harrisburg and to know that the foundation for whom I have become – and the company that I have the honor to lead – started right here," said Lambert.

Hoover named interim development director

Marissa Graby Hoover was named interim director of development and alumni relations at Penn State Harrisburg, effective January 31, 2011. She replaces Jason Ketter who joined the Kutztown University Foundation.

Hoover, a 2000 graduate of Penn State, joined the Penn State Harrisburg Office of Development and Alumni Relations in 2004 and served most recently as associate director of development. She also is the college's senior woman administrator for athletics and works with the Student Athlete Advisory Committee as a liaison between students, the Athletic Department and the North Eastern Athletic Conference. An Academic All-American while a member of the Penn State Lady Lion basketball team, Hoover holds a master's degree in sport and recreation administration from Temple University.

"We are pleased to have Ms. Hoover in this new role," said Penn State Harrisburg Chancellor Mukund Kulkarni. "She has been an integral part of Penn State Harrisburg's recent fund-raising successes and her wealth of experience at the college and her understanding of the campus community and the region will provide great continuity as we look forward to achieving the goals established in *For the Future: The Campaign for Penn State Students*."

The University has begun a national search to permanently fill the director of development position.

Alumni Notes

1970s

Hooshang Heshmat, '77, MD ET, Albany, N.Y., authored book *Tribology of Interface Layers*, published by CRC Publishing.

1980s

Tony Romeo, '80, HUM, Harrisburg, is Harrisburg bureau chief for KYW Newsradio 1060.

Mark Weidhass, '83, B C T, Colorado Springs, Colo., partner at RMG Engineers, was elected president of Society of American Magicians.

Timothy R. Boltz, '84, MD ET, Merritt Island, Fla., received a Space Flight Awareness (SFA) Honoree Award from NASA. Boltz is an Orbiter Program space shuttle sub system manager at Boeing.

Jeffrey A. Zeiders, '88, M AMSTD, New Bloomfield, was named supervisor of Social Studies and Family Consumer Science for the Mount Lebanon School Board.

William W. Allis, Jr., '89, ENVE, Harrisburg, has been named a vice president for Gannett Fleming, Inc.

1990s

George F. Nagle, '92, AMSTD, Harrisburg, published a two-volume history of Harrisburg race relations – *The Year of Jubilee: Men of God* and *The Year of Jubilee: Men of Muscle*.

Gail Worrall Perera, '95, COMCL, Phoenixville, and husband Nemo welcomed daughter Ella Marie, born September 27, 2009.

Richard D. White, Jr., '97, P ADM, Baton Rouge, La., was appointed associate dean, Louisiana State University. He is also releasing a political biography of Will Rogers, published by Texas Tech University Press, in February. E-mail: rwhit12@lsu.edu

2000s

Randy E. Eckels, '00, M IST, Mechanicsburg, joined HACC's Board of Trustees for a two-year term.

Joe Albin, '01, M ED, Dover, and wife Jodi have children Adam Joseph, 6, Allison Renee, 4, and Aaron Christopher, born February 17, 2010.

Matthew Schwenk, '02, MRKT, Pine Grove, and wife, **Amy Burton Schwenk**, '01, MNGMT, have sons Nathan, 2, and Nicholas, born March 22, 2010. Matthew was named director of product selection with Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board.

Tamara Good, '02, ENG, Mechanicsburg, was named a Cherie Millage Summer Fellow in 2010 and used the awarded grant to serve the Pennsylvania Immigrant Resource Center (PIRC).

Stephanie P. Gilbert, '05, M AMSTD, Carlisle, opened Georgie Lou's Retro Candy & Gifts, a store in downtown Carlisle. E-mail: snpg@aol.com

Kathleen H. Winters, '06, CRIMJ, Strasburg, is a Ph.D. candidate in the Department of Political Science at The Ohio State University.

Barton Foreman, '07, IST, Mount Joy, and wife **Kelly Seitzinger**, '07, SDCET, had daughter Rylee Lauren, born October 3, 2009.

Katherine E. Saidis, '07, H ADM, Mechanicsburg, was named to the *Central Penn Business Journal's* Forty Under 40 list. She is the executive director at Lutheran Social Services.

2010s

Logan P. Swartz, '10, SDCET, Loysville, was named as engineer technician at C.S. Davidson Inc.

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Celebrating NCAA membership

In honor of Penn State Harrisburg's acceptance as an active NCAA Division III member, a campus-wide celebration recognizing the college's 12 athletic programs was held in September 2010. From left to right above, Scott Duncan, compliance officer and sports information manager; student Eric Poppe, president of the Blue and White Society; Rabsaan Carlton, director of athletics; and the Nittany Lion scooped Berkey Creamery ice cream for students, faculty and staff.



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