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#### PENNDULUM MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of *PennDulum* is to help Central Penn graduates stay connected with their alma mater, present opportunities for alumni, friends and community members to assist current and future students, and to share ways that readers can get involved in the life of Central Penn College.



#### FROM THE Co-President



#### **MISSION**

Central Penn College opens opportunities to students from a variety of academic backgrounds by providing the education needed for employment and advancement in their fields.

#### **VISION**

To become a leading resource for professional education in the central Pennsylvania region and beyond.

#### **CORE VALUES**

Integrity
Scholarship
Excellence
Professionalism
Inclusivity
Community Service

#### Dear alumni and friends,

As Central Penn College continues to stand on its traditions of career-focused education, we find ourselves in transition. Richard Varmecky and I have had the pleasure of serving our fine institution as interim co-presidents since President Karen Scolforo's departure in mid-September, 2017. With my 13 years of experience in higher education in academic affairs and Richard's 10 years of experience as chief financial officer at CPC, our board of directors tasked us with leading the college under the guidance of our board chair, Carol W. Spigner.

For the past few months, we have focused on continuing stability for the college while also moving our institution forward as the search for a new president occurs. After holding planning sessions with both the faculty and staff and with the board of directors, we updated our mission, vision and core values and also developed an interim strategic plan that will take Central Penn through the end of the year.

The next few months will be a significant turning point in the college's rich history as the next president takes the helm, and all Richard and I can say is that we are glad to have the opportunity to serve this great institution. With outstanding students, noteworthy faculty and dedicated staff, Central Penn College will continue to flourish.

Many of our campus highlights are featured in this issue of PennDulum, from the alumni awards night winners and the new film series on campus to the American Griot Project in the Capital BlueCross Theatre. Be sure to read about Barry Fulmer '88, mass media, who received the most notable alumni award, the Distinguished Knight Award for lifetime achievement.

Respectfully,

Linda Fedrizzi-Williams, EdD, MA Interim Co-President and Provost/ Vice President for Academic Affairs



# Barry Fulmer '88 receives Central Penn's First Distinguished Knight Award for

#### Lifetime Achievement • BY PATRICIA BROSIOUS

n Friday, October 20, 2017, Central Penn College honored eight outstanding alumni in various award categories in its first Standing Ovation: Alumni Awards Night. Barry Fulmer '88, mass media, received the most notable award, the Distinguished Knight Award for lifetime achievement.

Fulmer is vice president and director of news at WDRB-TV in Louisville, Ky., directing a newsroom of nearly 100 people and leading his station to one of the top-rated news organizations in the nation.

His list of highly-competitive awards is extensive and prestigious for a man of only 49 years of age—five Emmy awards as news director in a 10-year span, including a Silver Circle Emmy in 2014 for achievement to an individual with at least 25 years of experience. He also was awarded three Edward

R. Murrow awards for broadcast excellence.

The U.S. Department of State sought out Fulmer's newsroom to partner with developing countries to teach broadcast journalism, opening four so-called "tours of duty" for Fulmer in the countries of Ukraine and Georgia.

Fulmer met his wife at Central Penn and they have two children.

But these are just the black-and-white facts. Let's add some color to his story.

#### **Choosing Central Penn**

Barry Fulmer was raised in the small town of Mifflinburg (population 3,400) in northcentral Pennsylvania's Union County. His parents Melvin and Ann gave Fulmer and his older sister Brenda a happy childhood.



Some may describe it as a sleepy town, yet Fulmer was content there and never thought about moving away until as a teenager he realized Mifflinburg couldn't offer him what he wanted: a future job in television.

As he says, "When I enrolled in Central Penn, I knew I was never returning home. There are no TV stations in small towns."

He always enjoyed fooling around with electronics and stereos. When he found out that Central Penn had radio and TV stations on campus, he thought he would follow his sister's lead. Brenda graduated from Central Penn a few years earlier after majoring in computer information systems and found career success in the then-fledgling computer field.

Fulmer worried about being admitted to Central Penn. He confesses that he was not the best student in Mifflinburg High School's class of 1986.

He says, "I was so happy to be accepted at Central Penn. I started there on a 'wing and a prayer'" and with a goal: to learn the most he could from Central Penn's mass media program.

#### **Enjoying college life**

Fulmer is pleased to hear about the growth of Central Penn and the many physical changes to campus. Yet Central Penn was just perfect for him back then.

He lived in an apartment across the street from campus on College Hill Road.

"Campus housing was full. The college leased some of the apartments across the street for student housing," he recalls. Some of his best friendships evolved from his time in the apartments. Fulmer's roommate Mike Law was "one of the most fun-loving, kind people you would ever want to meet," says Fulmer. "Mike studied aviation and still lives in the Harrisburg area. After a long absence, we reconnected recently and I'm so happy about that. He's a great guy."

Fulmer says that it didn't take much for his friends to have fun at Central Penn. He laughs about the good times spent in the recreation area Penn Palace, known as "The Pit."

"I think it had a broken pool table, one vending machine and two plastic chairs," he laughs.

"I haven't been to campus in perhaps 25 years. I need to visit!" he exclaims.

In a serious moment, Fulmer believes the college gave him the opportunity and guidance he needed at that age. He states, "Central Penn gave me the courage and confidence to take on any challenge that came my way."

He still recalls then-President Todd A. Milano playing Frisbee with him on campus. He continues, "I learned that no matter how successful you are, you need to give back and help those around you."

In fact, Fulmer sent Todd Milano a Frisbee when he learned he won the Distinguished Knight Award.

#### Finding love and laughter

Even at 7 a.m. on a summer morning in 1986, Barry Fulmer's eyes weren't so blurry as to miss the pretty, curly-haired classmate sitting in his first college class, Photography 101. He didn't have the nerve to speak to the fun-loving Kelleah Baxter that first day of college, but somehow he managed to get to know her bit by bit as they shared assignments as students in the same major.

The daughter of a corporate executive, Kelleah lived with her family in numerous states within the Unites States as well as locations throughout the world, including the Middle East and Canada. It was Fulmer's good fortune that Kelleah's family was living in central Pennsylvania, Shippensburg actually, when she and her identical twin sister Krista were researching colleges. Both sisters enrolled in Central Penn. Krista chose a different major than her sister, travel and tourism, perhaps not surprising in this international family.

Kelleah wasn't the equipment tinkerer like Fulmer was. Her interest lay in graphic design. In fact, after her graduation from Central Penn, Kelleah studied at the Pennsylvania School of Art & Design.

While Kelleah was continuing her education in Lancaster, after his graduation, Fulmer was learning everything he could about television production at his first job at WHTM-TV in Harrisburg, Pa.

#### Building his reputation as a workhorse

Fulmer was hired by WHTM-TV Channel 27 to run a studio camera. After he felt proficient in camera operation, he jumped into learning all he could about other jobs within the studio. As Fulmer reveals, "I was willing to work at any time ... dinner breaks, nights, weekends for free."

His skill and spirit earned Fulmer four positions in three years. He moved from camera to audio to video editor to finally producer. Not many in the news media can claim that trajectory—TV news producer by age 23. As Fulmer advises others, "Make yourself the obvious choice for the job."

By then, Kelleah had finished her studies and her parents had moved to Louisville, Ky. The couple checked out this city known as the "Gateway to the South" and immediately liked the fast-growing, historical city on the Ohio River.

In 1991, Fulmer proved himself a capable news producer and quickly landed a producer's position with WDRB-TV in the large market of Louisville.

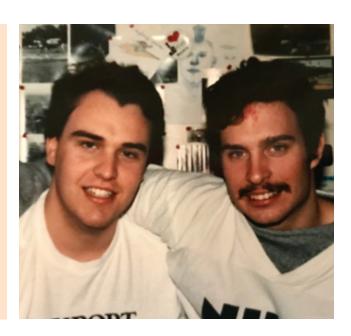
Individuals like Fulmer get noticed. After five years as a producer with WDRB-TV, he was working beside long lines of camera operators from stations around the country at the 1996 Democratic National Convention in Chicago. Station WTXF-TV in Philadelphia noticed his hustle and offered him the position as producer of their 10:00 p.m. news slot.

Fulmer honed his skills in Philadelphia for two years until, in 1998, his former employer WDRB-TV wooed him back to Louisville to launch a morning show as executive producer. As the morning newscast grew in popularity to the No. 1 position



LOOKING BACK ON FINDING LOVE AND LAUGHTER

Barry and his wife, Kelleah '88 at a Central Penn dance. The couple met in college. And again with roommate, Mike Law, '88.



in Louisville, the highly-valued employee was promoted to assistant news director, then to his current job for the past 13 years as news director.

It takes talent and energy to run a newsroom. As Fulmer says, "Most people don't know how competitive news coverage is, and how fast you must move to stay ahead." He admits that his passion for caffeinated Coke is well-known. "If Coke was alcohol, I'd be on the 12-step program," he jokes.

The numerous esteemed awards Fulmer received over the past decade are a testament to the level of excellence he achieved, all beginning as a youngster playing around with his stereo.

## Keeping his chin up in a challenging environment

Fulmer offers this advice to those who are skeptical of what they hear on TV news: "Watch your local station. Local news has no political agenda."

He explains that his station, like all the other local outlets across the country, complete their due diligence to verify information. They offer well-balanced stories from multiple, credible sources.

"It's discouraging to have good news programs being lumped in with a few, often biased, networks."

Viewers sometimes do challenge Fulmer's newsroom when they believe the coverage is inaccurate or unfair. "I support my team and their sources 100 percent and tell them that."

#### Balancing work and home

The Fulmers are happy as Hoosiers, living in New Albany, Ind. This town with typical mid-western traits of good schools, plentiful parks and solid citizens is considered part of suburban Louisville. Fulmer has a quick commute to his station in downtown Louisville while Kelleah's job as a supervisor of graphic artists for a large label printing company is just minutes away.

They are proud parents of 19-year-old Ashley and 12-year-old John. Since fall of 2017, the family is adjusting to home life without Ashley on a daily basis as she is a freshman at distant Acadia University in Wolfville, Nova Scotia, Canada.

Ashley will be attending Acadia for five-to-six years to complete her intensive program to become an industrial engineer. With so many colleges much closer to home, you may wonder, "Why there?"

The answer comes quickly. Nova Scotia is a second home to the Fulmer family. Because Kelleah was born in Halifax, Nova Scotia, both of the Fulmer children are dual citizens of Canada and the United States.

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Besides Acadia having a top-notch academic reputation, Ashley's maternal grandfather is an engineering graduate of Acadia. He and Ashley's grandmother now live not-too-far-away in Shediac, New Brunswick, the Lobster Capital of the World. Since knowing Kelleah, Fulmer has been traveling to the east coast of Canada with her and finds the beautiful coastline to be a favorite vacation spot and "good for the soul." While Ashley takes multiple-stop flights to and from college, the family generally takes on the two-day drive to get to their prized destination.

Son John is a prodigious seventh-grader, taking on both honors classes and competitive tennis. Tennis is a family affair. Fulmer has always enjoyed the sport, playing on his high school's varsity team for four years; Ashley won her high school district championship; and now John is the top player in his middle school. Fulmer admits to not being eager to challenge their talent and youth on the court now!

Fulmer credits his wife for their many adventures. "Kelleah is a world-class traveler," he says. In fact, Fulmer was unable to attend the alumni awards nights at Central Penn to receive his Distinguished Knight Award because he and Kelleah were in Dubai, mixing both business and social purposes to enjoy the fascinating sites of this modern, global city in the United Arab Emirates.

Fulmer and Kelleah have come a long way since Photography 101 and credit that class for "clicking" their lives together. On May 29, 2018, the happy couple will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary.

And that's a wrap—at least for this chapter of Fulmer's story.

# 2017 STANDING OVATION ALUMNI AWARD RECIPIENTS: TALES OF SMALL TOWNS AND BIG PERSONALITIES

Kicking off Homecoming Weekend on Friday, October 20, 2017, Central Penn College's first alumni awards night recognized graduates who made significant achievements in business, community, philanthropy, volunteerism and athletics. While this edition of "PennDulum" featured Barry Fulmer '88 in the cover story for his receipt of the Distinguished Knight Award for lifetime achievement, the other award winners are no less stellar.

## ATHLETICS HALL OF FAME WINNERS (FEMALE AND MALE)

Awarded to an alumnus and alumna who are former Central Penn athletes, whose experience in athletics was integral to their student experience and whose contributions to Central Penn College athletics and the larger community go above and beyond.



Jasmine Robinson-Hill '14, Corporate Communications
Job Developer of Dauphin County, Pa. Keystone Human Services;
Owner, Kimfy Apparel

"When you count yourself out, there are people still rooting for you!"

A born athlete, Jasmine Robinson-Hill starred in youth basketball in her hometown of Brooklyn, N.Y. She brought her talent and competitiveness to Central Penn College as the speedy, high-scoring point guard for the Lady Knights. At Central Penn, this team captain earned membership to the exclusive 1,000 and 2,000 scoring clubs and was named first team All-American.

Robinson-Hill's leadership qualities served her off the court too as she led the Student Government Association as president. With career ambitions, Robinson-Hill "cracked the books" and graduated with a solid 3.4 GPA. In fact, she turned down a chance to play basketball overseas upon graduation to focus on a different passion: helping people find their purpose in society.

Robinson-Hill was hired as an employment specialist and later promoted to job developer at Keystone Human Services, a nonprofit organization in Harrisburg that provides services in the areas of intellectual disabilities, autism, mental health, early intervention and children and family services.

Working in her second career as a clothing designer, Robinson-Hill is an example of so many other Central Penn graduates who bloom as entrepreneurs. She travels the country promoting her clothing brand Kimfy Apparel.

Robinson-Hill lives in Elizabethtown, Pa. with her wife Crystal Hill, also a Central Penn graduate.

Jasmine's favorite drink? Blue Gatorade.



Ed Spittle, Jr. '65, management 50-year career as Baseball and Softball Coach Retired Administrative Support Services Supervisor for federal

government and military technician for PA Army National Guard

"Most things you are confronted with take care of themselves; deal with the rest."

Many of Pennsylvania's athletes, coaches and fans catch their sports fever while growing up in small towns. Ed Spittle, Jr. is no exception. Hailing from Williamstown, a Dauphin County borough with about 1,300 residents, Spittle could find as many pick-up games as he could anthracite mines and hosiery mills.

Spittle enrolled in Central Penn when it was a business school located on Market Street in Harrisburg and sports programs were limited. He still found a way to be competitive by participating on the bowling team.

A baseball and softball coach for over a half-century, Spittle led numerous teams to league, county and state championships. With incredible patience, he inspired athletes at the high school and collegiate level, ultimately earning him induction into the Pennsylvania American Legion Baseball Hall of Fame and the Central Chapter of the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame.

As a testament to Spittle's success, a baseball facility is named after him in Jonestown, his current residence in Lebanon County. Spittle was inducted into the Golden Knights Society at Central Penn in 2016, a special group for those who celebrated their 50th anniversary as alumni.

Spittle's favorite vacation spot? Las Vegas, Nevada.

#### THE NEXT BIG THING (YOUNG ALUMNI)

This award recognizes a graduate who stands out among peers for outstanding leadership and service prior to one's tenth reunion year.



Curtis Voelker '12, '17 B.S. in business administration-marketing, M.P.S. in organizational leadership Admissions Counselor, Central Penn College

"Find a career that you would do if money was not a factor."

This outgoing, iron-pumping Tedx Talk speaker is impressive on many levels. Curtis Voelker greets everyone with a smile—and very firm—handshake, exudes enthusiasm for Central Penn College, and sets a go-getting plan for his future.

Most unique about his career ambition is that he encourages and helps others to succeed too. Voelker can accomplish that goal daily as an admissions counselor with the college. Imagine yourself as a high school student meeting the articulate, ever-positive Voelker at a college fair. Who wouldn't want to follow him to Central Penn College?

As a high school student, Voelker attended a Future Business Leaders of America conference at Central Penn. His plan at that time was to enter the military upon graduation. After being impressed with campus and President Todd A. Milano, Voelker changed his plans and enrolled in Central Penn, igniting a whole new path for him.

Voelker is the youngest-serving trustee for the Central Penn College Education Foundation, helping raise scholarship funds for students as well as donating his own resources. A resident of Enola, Pa., he stays engaged in the community by serving on other area boards involving education, business and service.

Voelker may have grown up in Littlestown, Pa., but there's nothing diminutive about him!

His No. 1 supporter? Former Central Penn College President Todd A. Milano.

# GIVING BACK TO THE FUTURE (COMMUNITY SERVICE & VOLUNTEERISM)

This award recognizes an inspirational graduate who has demonstrated outstanding leadership and service to the College based on the criteria of community impact, volunteerism and mentoring.



Jennifer Buehler '91, legal secretarial Managing Director – Investments, Buehler & McKee Financial Group of Wells Fargo Advisors

"Success will come with always doing what's right

for others.

Jennifer Buehler follows her own advice to a T: her daily routine is putting family, friends, clients, community and Central Penn College first. Many people would be afraid to maintain Buehler's schedule. She arrives early to her Wells Fargo office to focus on helping her clients to achieve their financial goals. Buehler is a creative financial advisor, strategizing to help her clients enjoy their life's dreams.

Before she arrives at her suburban Harrisburg office from her Mechanicsburg Pa. home, she has coordinated her calendar with her busy family. Husband Joe is a head football coach at the collegiate level. Their two high schoolaged children are active in academics, music and sports. And Buehler doesn't miss a minute of their activities.

Her weekly journal is also filled with events that support her community: executive board meetings as vice-chair (and former chair) of the Central Penn College Education Foundation, board events at the West Shore Chamber of Commerce and its Foundation, and additional board responsibilities with Junior Achievement of South Central PA. Buehler loves mentoring young adults.

Before you tire, the list continues ... she also supports Reading First, which promotes reading proficiency in elementary schools, and the Salvation Army Shoe Strut. And on the seventh day she rests. Not really ... on Sundays, Buehler is active with the West Shore Evangelical Free Church preschool programs.

Her hometown of Telford, Pa. may be a dot on the map, but this small-town girl who also holds a bachelor's degree from The Pennsylvania State University and an M.B.A. from Temple University makes a big impact in central Pennsylvania. Buehler's favorite vacation spot? Southwest Florida and the Caribbean. Her thoughts and prayers go to all the individuals impacted by the storms and hurricanes in 2016.

#### SUMMIT AWARD (BUSINESS SUCCESS)

This award recognizes a graduate who has excelled in business, demonstrating at least one of the following criteria: integrity, work ethic, career success and leadership. The graduate has a proven track record of success in his or her business profession, and has worked a minimum of three years at a managerial level and/or is a business owner.



Albert Kominski '98, B.S. in business administration-marketing Owner/President, Als of Hampden and Pizza Boy Brewing Company "Show up to work every day, every single day."

For the ambitious Al Kominski, his goal of owning a restaurant materialized quickly. Four years after graduating from Central Penn, Als of Hampden opened in a small strip mall just a few miles down the road from campus. His following grew based on his family-friendly atmosphere, good food and beer.

Beer? Oh, yes. Als of Hampden, which moved in 2013 to a 10,000-square foot nearby facility to accommodate its growth, has the largest selection of draft and bottled beer in the area.

Als of Hampden offers so many beers that customers order their selection by number. The brewery restaurant's popularity is easy to understand. Its motto is "Pizza. Beer. Happy."

What's not to like?

Pizza Boy Brewing Company offers tasty beer choices with

fun names, such as Frontside Lipside and Pallett Mallett. Combined with the home-made dough made twice each day, Als of Hampden attracts both the business and social crowds.

Kominski's success comes as a result of his industriousness, creativity and leadership, traits most likely originating from his family while growing up in Hazelton, Pa.; however, he is not shy about crediting his hard-working and knowledgeable staff.

Despite professional achievement, Kominski believes that his greatest accomplishment is being a husband and father. Kominski's favorite vacation spot? "What's a vacation?"

#### PHILANTHROPIC TRAILBLAZER

This award recognizes an outstanding graduate with a proven record of exceptional financial generosity to the students of Central Penn, has demonstrated extraordinary civic and charitable responsibility, and whose generosity inspires others to philanthropic action.

The following two graduates were equally worthy of the award so the committee voted to honor both gentlemen.



G. Scott Shatzer '91, aviation administration Regional Sales Director, Midwest, Flexjet LLC

"Thank you for this award, I am honored and touched, and will continue to do my part in ensuring the success of future Central Penn students."

Some would describe Scott Shatzer of Chicago, Ill. as a person who has the biblical Servant's Heart. Humble, generous and grateful, Shatzer nonetheless is confident and charismatic.

While many young adults can't imagine their future, at age 14, Shatzer knew he was bound for the skies. He found his passion when he first boarded an airplane to fly to Denver, Col. for a church camp. The experience was life-changing for this teenager from Chambersburg, Pa., who has since been to destinations all around the globe.

Shatzer started from the ground up, marshaling aircraft for American Airlines at Harrisburg International Airport, vacuuming peanuts off the floor and emptying the lavatories on turns back to Chicago's O'Hare Airport. During his last year at Central Penn, Shatzer was offered an unpaid internship with USAir Express, teaching him skills he still uses nearly 30 years later.

Central Penn gave Shatzer an opportunity to learn the aviation business and he hasn't stopped paying it forward. He remains appreciative of the financial support he received to complete his education at Central Penn. In the past decade, Shatzer established three endowed scholarships and is working on a fourth—all in memory of those important to him, including his late aviation professor Bob Wright, his father,

grandfather and his first-ever aviation mentor.

Shatzer considers one of his greatest accomplishments is in helping young talent in the aviation industry. In his recent tenure as chairman of the board for the National Gay Pilots Association, more than \$500,000 in scholarships has been awarded to students aspiring to this fascinating field.

Shatzer's favorite drink? Templeton Manhattan on the rocks; incidentally, this was also the favorite cocktail of his Central Penn aviation professor, the late Bob Wright.



Dwight Utz '73, management 45-year career in the financial services industry

"Never let anyone tell you that you can't succeed...you can and you will if you put your

mind to it."

Dwight Utz credits Central Penn College for much of his professional success and personal happiness. Choosing Central Penn from his hometown of Westminster, Md., Utz describes "learning about values, ethics, business environments, friendships, professional development, patience, philanthropy, always seeing potential and thinking strategically" as the Central Penn philosophy that shaped the person he is.

Like many others during the Bart Milano administration, Utz believes that the former college president's equal doses of tough love and encouragement turned many young adults into leaders.

Grateful for the guidance as a young adult, Utz believes in giving back to his alma mater and its students. Living in nearby York, Pa., Utz is a familiar face on campus. He serves on the college's board of directors, helping to direct the college in the ever-changing higher education landscape. He previously served as the Alumni Council president.

His leadership-level giving to the education foundation has been truly transformative. His advice and philanthropy will continue to help Central Penn students through scholarships long into the future.

Utz praises his wife Debbye for the wonderful adventure they've been on as a couple. Their decisions, whether career, personal or philanthropic, are made jointly. They continue to find great joy in their family of boys: two sons and four grandsons.

The latest book he's read? "Blue Ocean Strategy." According to Utz, the book "upends traditional thinking about business strategy, charting a bold new path to winning the future."

#### **OTHER AWARD NOMINEES**

The following very accomplished alumni were nominated for awards. The Central Penn College community is proud of their achievements and the positive difference these extraordinary people make in their communities.

#### Mike Gallagher '76, accounting

Chair, Accounting and associate professor of accounting at DeSales University

#### Susan Nauss Exon '78, legal assistant

Professor of law, University of La Verne College of Law

#### Susan L. Comp '82, surgical technical

Senior vice president and Chief Nursing Officer (CNO) UPMC Pinnacle System

#### Dr. Ann DeFebo-Bieber '77, legal assistant

President, Lehigh Carbon Community College

#### Nativa P. Wood '77, court reporting

Freelance court reporter; Immediate past president, National Court Reporters Association

#### Mark Vickrey '80, management

Owner, Blooms by Vickrey

Matthew Potter '06, B.S. in business administration – marketing District sales manager - Mountain District, GAP, Inc.

#### Heidi (Allen) Corsello '86, legal assistant

General Manager, The Currituck Club Resort Community

## Sherri Long '89, '18, travel – travel & tourism operations & B.S. in corporate communications

Freelance graphic designer/Owner, Double Click Design

#### Leonard Chester '15, A.S. in communications

Founder, The Overcame Foundation

#### Kathryn Aumiller '76, retail merchandising

Executive director, Pennsylvania Regional Ballet

#### Aaron Beverly '10, B.S. in business administration – finance

Project manager, J.P. Morgan Chase & Company; 2016

Toastmasters World Champion of Public Speaking 1st Runner Up

#### Jerrold Hess '15, A.A.S. in physical therapist assistant

Physical therapist assistant, Spring Creek Rehab & Drayer Physical Therapy; Owner/Sports performance coach, Separation Training

## Kendra Elliott '14, '16, A.S. in entrepreneurship & small

business & B.S. in business administration – management & human resources management

Director of development and programs, Big Brothers Big Sisters Lebanon County

#### Joy Graves '13, B.S. in corporate communications

Client representative, BNYMELLON; Member, Philadelphia Sports League; Volunteer Basketball Coach

#### Paige Pendl '17, A.A.S. in physical therapist assistant

Physical therapist assistant

#### Devon Dorsey '15, A.S. in criminal justice

Professional basketball player; Activities therapist, White Deer Run Treatment Network













# 2017: A YEAR OF TRANSITION

## Dear friends,

The Education Foundation announces that Executive Director Matthew Lane resigned on August 31, 2017 after 10 years. While his talents and friendship are missed, we are happy for Matt and his exciting opportunity with another nonprofit. Matt sends his best to you!

I was selected and announced as Matt's replacement in early February. I've worked with Matt for the past six years as associate director of the education foundation and am excited for the next adventure in my new role as director of development. The education foundation continues to move forward in its mission of helping students afford a Central Penn education.

The education foundation strives to award scholarships to the most commendable of Central Penn College students. The multi-tiered selection process is worth the effort: 90 percent of scholarship recipients in 2017 have graduated or are still enrolled. The average GPA of a scholarship recipient is an impressive 3.32.

Enjoy the pages within this 2017 Impact Report.

With much gratitude,

Sandra Bry

Sandra Box

Director of Development Central Penn College Education Foundation

#### **MISSION STATEMENT**

The Central Penn College Education Foundation provides scholarships to Central Penn College students who exhibit strong attributes for career success, despite financial challenges.

## CASE FOR SUPPORT: STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

The education foundation awards students scholarships twice per year, ranging from \$500 to \$2,000. As a result of the highly-selective process, scholarship recipients achieve remarkable success.

- **Student financial need:** 91.4% of students require financial aid (fall 2015 report)
- Graduation rate of scholarship recipients: 83% (fall 2016 report)
- Average GPA of scholarship recipients: 3.32 (fall 2016 report)
- More than 2,100 scholarships disbursed since 2005

## NUMBER OF SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

- \* Student scholarships awarded in 2014: 200 (\$135,000)
- Student scholarships awarded in 2015: 204 (\$205,000)
- \* Student scholarships awarded in 2016: 288 (\$223,300)
- \* Student scholarships awarded in 2017: 286 (\$249,377)

**2013** Contributions \$1,152,732

**2014** Contributions \$1,446,639

**2015** Contributions \$1,008,906

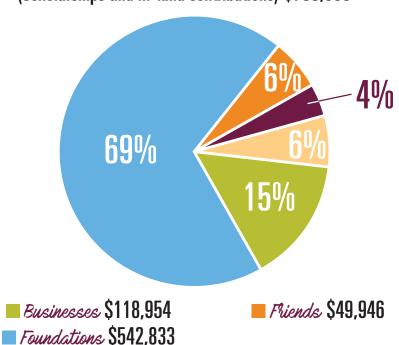
**2016 Contributions** \$1,060,107

**2017 Contributions** \$788,590

## Faculty and Staff \$29,359 Alumni \$47,498

## 2017 DONOR GIFTS

(Scholarships and in-kind contributions) \$788,590



# Impact Players of 2017

Hundreds of individuals, businesses and foundations made 2017 another successful year. A few people deserve special recognition for their dedication and generosity to Central Penn College.



### MICHAEL C. MILLER

In late 2016, former Central Penn College faculty member Michael C. Miller of nearby Harrisburg lost his beloved sister, Melanie

Miller Dennis '77. Melanie was a shining star of Central Penn, first as a graduate of the college's court reporting program, and second as a popular and capable faculty member in the same department.

Mike wanted to honor his sister and continue her legacy at Central Penn College through an endowed scholarship in her name.

By participating in the *Changing the Landscape Campaign* for Scholarships: Phase 3, Mike got his wish: a new scholarship in Melanie's name will be awarded each year in perpetuity and a newly-constructed townhouse was named, the Dennis Suite in honor of Melanie '77 and Donald Dennis.

Mike returned to campus in October of 2017 to attend the super suites open house and recognition ceremony during Homecoming Weekend. The college is very grateful that Mike created this lasting tribute to his talented sister.



## ROTARY VETERANS INITIATIVE

Rotary Veterans Initiative, a program run by members of both the Carlisle and Mechanicsburg North Rotary Clubs, donated \$10,000 to establish an endowed fund to benefit Central Penn students who are military veterans. As a result of the club's generosity, a new residential super suite was named in the group's honor as a part of the *Changing the Landscape Campaign for Scholarships: Phase 3*.

This fund is the first, and only, fund within the education foundation that restricts its scholarship to veterans.

Central Penn College works with veterans to process their veterans' education benefits. The Rotary Veterans Initiative fits nicely with the assistance and encouragement from the College.

The Central Penn community is very grateful to the civic-minded Rotarians as they work with Central Penn to ensure bright career prospects for our nation's servicemen and servicewomen.



## EDWARD R. NORFORD CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

In 2015, the board of the newly established

Edward R. Norford Charitable Foundation awarded a multiyear pledge of \$100,000 to the Central Penn College Education Foundation. As a result of their gift, several Edward R. Norford Scholarships will be awarded each year in perpetuity, with preference given to business majors.

Central Penn feels particularly honored because this generous gift was the Norford Foundation's first grant following Ed Norford's death.

Miller & Norford Construction, Inc. built the flagship buildings on Central Penn's Summerdale campus in the early 1970s. The beautiful buildings are still used as classrooms, offices and residence halls.

Ed Norford was a prominent donor to Central Penn and enjoyed meeting the students he helped through scholarships. Norford's last visit to campus was in 2010; the college was honored to name a Practitioner's Lab in the Donald B. and Dorothy L. Stabler Health Sciences Building in his memory.



#### MATT LANF

The education foundation reached its impressive endowment level (\$6.2 million), awarded thousands of scholarships, appointed highly-

talented trustees and provided solid stewardship under the direction of the always-popular Matt Lane.

Lane was appointed the first full-time director of the education foundation in 2008 after first serving as the college's public relations director. He brought his work ethic, integrity, creativity, problem-solving skills, solid communication tools and warm personality to lead and grow the newly-established education foundation. Most importantly, no one shows appreciation to donors better than Matt Lane does!

Lane resigned in August of 2017 when a wonderful opportunity to lead another nonprofit came his way. The guitarplaying, Baltimore Ravens fanatic is sorely missed on campus.

Thank you, Matt, for being a friend to all!

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The Central Penn College Education Foundation celebrates the generosity of special donors with cumulative giving of \$10,000 or more through lifetime membership to its Arboretum Society.

\*Legacy Branch of the Arboretum Society is a recognition club for those who remember Central Penn with a planned gift from their estates of \$10,000 or more.



Engle Society

#### **ENGLE SOCIETY LIST ◆**

The Engle Society, recognition for faculty and staff donations of \$250 or more annually, includes 20 percent of the college's employees. This special club is named in memory of J. Martin Engle '29, founding trustee of the education foundation, and his wife Ethel.

#### **ANNUAL REPORT**

#### **ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS**

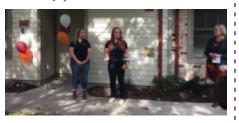
The education foundation maintains 63 endowed scholarships. Endowed funds are established with a minimum \$10,000 gift. Scholarships are awarded in perpetuity, generally in the donor's name.

#### THE EDUCATION FOUNDATION IS GRATEFUL TO THOSE WHO ESTABLISHED NEW ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS IN 2017:

Rotary Veterans Initiative Scholarship Mary O. Bradley, Journalist Scholarship Frank E. Gochenauer Memorial Scholarship Melanie '77 and Donald Dennis Memorial Scholarship Wehler Vickless Family Scholarship

The completion of Changing the Landscape Campaign for Scholarships: Phase 3 was celebrated with an open house and recognition event on October 21, 2017, during Homecoming Weekend. A total of 33 residential super suites were named in honor of sponsors, with gifts supporting scholarships.

Below: Students Maggie Hoover (left), physical therapist assistant, and Sophia Charles (center), entrepreneurship and small business, at the event to share the impact the renovation of the super suites has had on their college experiences. Cami Ressler (right), chair, board of trustees of the education foundation, welcomed everyone to this very special event.







Golfers at the annual 46<sup>TH</sup> CENTRAL PENN GOLF OPEN, held on August 18, 2017, at Rich Valley Golf in Mechanicsburg, Pa. helped to raise more than \$20,000 in scholarship assistance for students at Central Penn College.

Left: Alumna Sherri Long '89, '18 was surprised with a \$500 scholarship from Kevin Curtis, vice president of Wilmington Trust, during the golf open's lunch program. Special thanks go to M&T Bank/Wilmington Trust as principle sponsor of the 2017 education foundation's signature event.

Right: Superheroes manned the beverage carts to promote last year's Central Penn Superheroes Homecoming Weekend theme and to raise more funds for scholarships.

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To learn more about the Central Penn College Education Foundation or to make a gift for student scholarships, please contact: Sandra Box at 717-728-2263 or foundation@centralpenn.edu

#### **PUBLIC FILM SERIES DEBUTS**

By Dr. Brant Ellsworth, assistant professor of humanities

Films serve many functions in a society. A film like Hugh Jackman's "The Greatest Showman" may entertain audiences with a catchy soundtrack, synchronized choreography, elaborate costumes, and a powerful message about acceptance, love and willpower. Yet, this film, like others, also serves as a reflection of contemporary society, a mirror through which the audience can contemplate and reflect upon issues through perspectives often different than one's own. At a time when Americans are contemplating what it means to be "American" and who can become "American," "The Greatest Showman" encourages viewers to contemplate diversity, the marginalized, the disenfranchised and the outcast. As such, films, like this one—while entertaining—are much more than entertainment.

In January 2018, faculty from the School of Humanities and Science began to make a case for the cultural significance of select films in a new public film series hosted in the Capital BlueCross Theatre on the Summerdale campus. Each term, faculty select a film to analyze and screen. The goal of the series is to spark curiosity, a love of continuing education, and engagement with the arts with others through critical analysis and inspection. Prior to the showing, the professor leads a public discussion on the film's significance, considering themes like historical context; visual components such as color, symbol and motifs; cultural elements such as race, gender, sexuality or ethnicity; or filmic elements such as narrative, cinematography, sound, mise-en-scène and editing.



#### ALL ARE WELCOME; PLEASE CONSIDER ATTENDING!

April 27 at 6:30 p.m. - "The Big Lebowski" (1998), Commentary and discussion by Paul Miller, instructor of media studies

July 27 at 6:30 p.m. - "Harry Potter and the

Order of the Phoenix" (2005), Commentary and discussion by Dr. Marcie Rovan, assistant professor of English & director of first-year writing

Oct. 26 at 6:30 p.m. - "Airplane!" (1980), Commentary and discussion by Thomas Davis, associate professor of English, chair of English and communications

Jared Rife, assistant professor of humanities & chair of humanities, also presented on "Jaws" (1975) in January.



# ADD YOUR VOICE TO HONOR DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

By Dr. Brant Ellsworth, assistant professor of humanities

Fifty years ago, on April 4th, 1968, a sniper's bullet fatally struck Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. while he stood atop the balcony of his motel room in Memphis, Tennessee. A day earlier, indicative of a sense of foreboding, King delivered a prophetic sermon in which he spoke of having "been to the mountaintop." "And I've looked over," he said, "and I've seen the Promised Land. I may not get there with you. But I want you to know tonight, that we, as a people, will get to the Promised Land."

The sniper's bullet struck King in the throat, the site from which his powerful rhetoric of racial progress, harmony, and equality, his message of love and non-violent resistance, emanated. The bullet was meant to silence King; to mute his voice; to end his movement. And though the bullet may have ended King's life, his legacy and message lives on. Nevertheless, as racially-charged events in Charlottesville, Ferguson, Charleston, and other sites have revealed, his "dream"—his vision of a Promised Land—has yet to fully materialize. For despite all of America's racial progress, there is a concurrent, alarming progression of racism in America.

On April 18, in celebration of Dr. King's life and legacy, students at Central Penn College met during a common hour to learn about King, reflect upon his dream, and discuss how his message has evolved and remains relevant today. Students were invited to take to social media to share how King has played a role in their lives. Using the hashtag #mlk50, students shared text and video paying homage to Dr. King and the steps they will take to bring about his dream.

#### PROFESSOR AND POET MARIA JAMES-THIAW BRINGS CIVIL RIGHTS HISTORY TO LIFE ON STAGE

Local audiences were able to experience the civil rights era through the eyes of women and girls who lived it. After more than two years, Professor of Writing Maria James-Thiaw, award-winning poet and performer, and the author of three poetry collections, completed "Reclaiming My Time: An American Griot Project." The production was performed in The Capital BlueCross Theatre at Central Penn College in early March by a diverse, all-female cast-a powerful mixture of seasoned community actors and Central Penn College students.

"I started the American Griot Project, because I found that women tended to step back into the shadows when it came to sharing these stories of the past," says James-Thiaw. "It wasn't that they didn't have stories, but that they didn't tell them or think their contributions or experiences were important. I think it is time we heard their voices. After collecting the oral histories, I translated them into poetry so that we could bring them to an audience in a unique and powerful way."

Griots are a class of historians and storytellers in West Africa who traditionally share a community's history through poetry and song. The griots of this project are women from all over the country, ages 65 to 92. These women's recollections of learning about race and privilege, and experiencing second-class citizenship and love across color lines was represented through poetry, music and dance in this major production. The publication of "Reclaiming My Time: An American Griot Project" and the corresponding study guide for



educators will be Maria James-Thiaw's fourth book.

"The title 'Reclaiming My Time'" says James-Thiaw, "connects these amazing moments in women's history with the activists who stand up for the rights of women and people of color today."

For more information, contact Theatre Director Janet Bixler at janetbixler@centralpenn.edu.



#### HOMELAND SECURITY MANAGEMENT ALUMNUS INTERNS WITH RIDGE GLOBAL

Lamont Griffin '17, B.S. in homeland security management, participated in the Washington Internship Institute (WII), a program that immerses students in the nation's capital through individually-tailored internships, during the fall 2017 term to finalize his degree requirements. During his time with WII, he earned an internship with Ridge Global LLC. Ridge Global is a risk management and cyber security consulting firm founded by former first Secretary of Homeland Security and Pennsylvania's 43rd Governor, Tom Ridge.

"Working alongside a former governor provided opportunities to learn from real-life scenarios that were directly related to my academic studies; the ability to attend an event with Governor Ridge at locations such as the United States Chamber of Commerce and the Washington Post are experiences I will carry with me for a lifetime, all thanks, and much appreciation, to being a student and now an alumnus at Central Penn College," says Griffin.

Griffin touts Central Penn College for providing a great academic environment to propel his goals professionally as he learned from faculty who offered knowledge and expertise from their real-world engagements in their respective career fields.

"Professors John Contino and Jeff Goble's professional experiences shared in the classroom really opened up my eyes to possibilities," says Griffin. "I also made friends with an older classmate who became a wonderful mentor to me."

## FOSTERING HARASSMENT-FREE WORKPLACES

by Megan E. Peterson, title IX officer and ADA coordinator

#### The year 2017 was the year of the silence breakers—

people, mostly women, speaking out about their experiences of sexual harassment and assault through the #MeToo movement. This momentum continued into 2018 with the #TimesUp movement, which specifically addresses the issues of sexual harassment and inequality in the workplace. From entertainers wearing black at the Golden Globes to singers donning white roses at the Grammys, it's no question that sexual harassment is a hot-button topic today.

What exactly constitutes sexual harassment in the workplace? According to the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, sexual harassment is any unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical harassment of a sexual nature. Sexual harassment also includes offensive remarks about a person's sex or gender and behaviors that — while minor on their own — are so frequent or pervasive that they create a hostile working environment.

The attention on the issue of workplace harassment has left many feeling nervous that anything could be construed as a form of harassment. The easy solution is to refrain from all social interactions with coworkers – but that's simply not realistic. The average American spends much of their time – 34.4 hours per week – at work, so it's not surprising that an estimated 30 percent of all relationships begin at work, and 59 percent of workers surveyed have admitted to dating a coworker at least once in their career.

While we know positive relationships form at work, issues remain. Roughly one in five people have experienced sexual harassment at work. A recent survey by CNBC found that 27 percent of women and 10 percent of men have been the victims of workplace sexual harassment. The key to avoiding harassing behavior is rooted in a commitment to creating a respectful workplace environment. While it's important to be familiar with your company's harassment policy, being focused on creating the positive environment you – and others – want to work in is far more effective in combatting workplace harassment than doing the bare minimum to not break policy.

## There are easy ways, regardless of position, that every employee can encourage a respectful environment in the workplace:

- Refraining from jokes, stories or comments that could be offensive.
- Recognizing if something you have done has made someone uncomfortable, apologizing and not repeating the behavior



- Being an active upstander if you see harassment occurring by choosing one of the "5 D's"
  - **Direct intervention:** Speak up if you observe something that is inappropriate
  - Find an indirect way to defuse a situation, such as asking a coworker for the time.
- Delegate: Seek help from other people to create a solution.
- Delay: Check in with someone who may have experienced an act of harassment to let them know that you are there to support them.
- Document: Make note of harassing behaviors you observe, and notify your supervisor or HR department

Sexual harassment in the workplace is a serious and far too common issue. By creating positive, respectful environments, all employees can help create workplaces free from harassing behavior.



Megan E. Peterson has worked at Central Penn College since 2009, and currently serves as the title IX officer and ADA coordinator. Peterson earned her bachelor of arts from Elizabethtown College, where she majored in English

and minored in peace & conflict students, and her master of science from Shippensburg University, where she studied organizational development and leadership, with a concentration in higher education structure & policy.

College Corner provides you with expert insights from Central Penn faculty and staff members.



Central Penn College graduate Tyree Tucker '17 is currently playing professional basketball overseas for Associació Deportiva Torreforta, also known as AD Torreforta. The team is based out of Tarragona, Catalonia in Spain.

He is joined by fellow former Central Penn College Knight, Tyrie Orosoco. AD Torreforta coach, Jona Quina, was quoted as saying he was "very pleased" with the arrival of the Central Penn College players; that their presence had "expanded the squad, helped fill the role of injured players and added height to the team."

Quina praised Tucker, explaining that he will provide "points, speed and outside shots, while on defense he will help the rebounding with his large wingspan."

Central Penn College alum Devon Dorsey '15 also spent multiple seasons on the AD Torrefota roster. Quina hopes that the addition of Orosoco will help the team "recover the strength in the inner game" that the team lost with the departure of Dorsey. He hopes that Orosoco will help provide the team with "rebounding, both defensive and offensive, intimidation and speed.

The former Knights began to train with their new Spanish teammates in early January

and made their debut in a friendly match again AE El Vendrell. After the game, Quina said that the players "helped raise the level of training" and noted an increased "performance in the paint."

The Central Penn men's basketball program continues to grow, having appeared in the

USCAA national championship for the past seven consecutive seasons. Having three players move on to play professional basketball is a testament to the program's growth, the quality of coaching and the caliber of student athletes that the program is attracting.





#### Six graduates shared their expertise, and practical tips, with current legal studies and paralegal students through a panel discussion and networking reception on July 25, 2017. The panel included an attorney, a current law student and paralegals in large and small firms, and in private practice and government service. Left to right: Kristina (Dupont) Free '15, Brooke (Binger) Haas '05, Lee Albright '95, Beth Bell '10, '16, Beth (DePhillips) Foland '13, Denise (Fetterhoff) Zern '98.





The Alumni Association's Easter Bunny Breakfast, which made its debut in 2017, was a hit with area families, offering a huge pancake breakfast, crafts, photos with the Easter Bunny, an egg hunt and gifts for children. The 2018 breakfast was held on March 24.

# snap shots

## MILANO PRESIDENTS' PORTRAITS UNVEILED

On Nov. 22, 2017, portraits of Presidents Emeriti Bart A. Milano and Todd A. Milano were unveiled on the second floor of the Advanced Technology Education Center. Collectively, Bart and Todd Milano led Central Penn College for 42 years. Photo: Todd A. Milano stands in front of the newly-unveiled portraits with his mother, Jean P. Milano, a central figure of the college for many years.



The Central Penn Alumni Association once again had record-breaking attendance at its sold out annual game and picnic with the Harrisburg Senators on July 21, 2017, with more than 170 people—graduates from 1954 to 2017—in Central Penn's private seating area in the Giant pavilion. Lindsay (Sica) Swartz '15 is pictured far right and Arfaat Azizdin '06 is pictured in the middle with his family. The entire lower deck of the pavilion has been reserved for this year's event. Save the date: July 13, 2018.

#### SAVE THE DATE: HOMECOMING 2018 SATURDAY, OCT. 20, 2018

Family Fall Harvest Festival – 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Alumni Feast 'n' Brews Reunion Tent – 1-4 p.m. Start planning your reunion!

- Spend the day with your Central Penn family
- Recall great memories
- In the reunion tent, enjoy craft beer, quality wine, an all-you-can-eat menu, live bands and more.
- At Fall Harvest: pumpkin carving, caramel apples, vendors, mechanical bull, face painting, kiddie corner, theatre performances, basket raffles, music and great food.

CALLING REUNION PLANNERS! The following classes are celebrating milestone reunion years: 2013, 2008, 2003, 1998, 1993, 1988, 1983, 1978, 1973, 1968 (eligible for induction into the Golden Knights Society), 1963. Email alum@centralpenn.edu if interested in helping to rally your class to attend.

## **ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BENEFITS**



Central Penn College graduates are automatically granted free membership to the Central Penn Alumni Association and qualify for a variety of great benefits! Such exclusive "members only" features include quality insurance at group-discounted rates, admission scholarships for family members of alumni, access to specialized offers and support services – including career coaching and Alumnifire networking (centralpenn.alumnifire.com) – and invitations to signature alumni events, just to name a few.

#### NEW PARTNERSHIPS FOR 2018 INCLUDE:

Exclusive CPC discount from Nationwide Insurance. The Alumni Association is teaming up with Nationwide to offer you special savings on insurance. Protect what matters to you for less with a graduate-only discount when you enroll in an auto policy. Plus, receive an additional discount when you bundle auto and home poxlicies. To learn more, call the Arleen B. Miller Agency at 717-730-9366 (see page 35).

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And when you purchase a policy or service through Nationwide, PSECU or the Central Penn College Alumni Insurance Program (see page 35), it helps to support our association – enabling the association to offer free or low-cost events and discounts for our more than 11,500 Central Penn alumni and their families.



# ALUMNI COUNCIL ELECTS PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT AND FIVE NEW MEMBERS

The Alumni Association is proud to announce that Joshua Sheehan '07 and Randy Weir '76 have been elected to the president and vice president roles within the Alumni Council, respectively. Also, five new members have been elected to Alumni Council for three-year terms. To read their full bios, visit centralpenn.edu/newmembers. The alumni council serves as the governing body of the alumni association and the advisory board to the college's alumni program.



President Joshua Sheehan '07 B.S. in business administration – management Financial Services Professional, UFinancial Group



Vice President Randy Weir '76 Accounting Senior Accountant, Walter Hopkins & Company, LLC

## **CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW MEMBERS:**



Stacy McNew '87, management – supervisory management: Enterprise account executive, Comcast Business



Michael Aumiller '73, management: Retired, Commonwealth of PA



Caroline Weir '16, B.S. in business administration marketing: HR Generalist, PSECU



Kaitlyn Benedict '16, A.A.S. in occupational therapy assistant: Buyer's Assistant, Ollie's Bargain Outlet



Jerrold (Jere) Hess '15, A.A.S. in physical therapist assistant: PTA, Spring Creek Rehab and Drayer Physical Therapy; Owner/ Sports performance coach, Separation Training

## *Alumni*, Please Keep us Informed!

We don't want you to miss a single issue of your alumni publication, so be sure to let us know if you marry, move or change jobs. Your success is important to us so keep us informed of career changes and promotions by visiting centralpenn.edu/letusknow. And if you know someone who attended Central Penn, but is not receiving *PennDulum*, encourage them to contact us or stop by and visit. Alumni are always welcome!

#### 1960s

Carl Smith '67, management, was inducted into the Golden Knights Society, a group for alumni who have celebrated their 50th



Carl Smith '67 is inducted into the Golden Knights Society. Left to right: Chief Finance Officer Richard Varmecky, Smith, wife Shirl, Alumni Engagement Director Sarah Blumenschein

reunion, during Homecoming 2017. Smith, a retired senior revenue auditor with the Commonwealth of Pa., started his career at a corporation where he quickly worked his way up from assistant treasurer to V.P. of finance, and later from V.P. of enterprise and to the board of directors. Smith resides in Camp Hill, Pa.

#### 1970s

Vicki (Pledger) Krenitsky '72, medical assistance/secretarial, has retired as LPN/director of adult day services at Menno Haven Inc. "I'm thrilled to say that I have retired after 35 years in the nursing field. I'm looking forward to more family time and traveling with my husband Tek. We'll be married for 46 years and we went to Hawaii last year. Thanks Central Penn for helping to pave my path in the medical field. Wonderful memories there!" Krenitsky resides in Chambersburg, Pa. tkrenitsky@comcast.net

Dwight Utz '73, management, has been appointed to the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia's Community Depository Institutions Advisory Council for a three-year term. The council shares insights about economic and business trends facing community depository institutions in their local markets. He resides in York, Pa.

Steve Blair '74, management, is a freelance writer and publicist and has published his first book, "One Time." The book is a personal, behind-the-scenes look at the countylevel justice system through the eyes of one



Steve Blair '74 with Alumni Engagement Director Sarah Blumenschein at the 2017 Alumni Leadership Conference

man at the mercy of a self-perpetuating bureaucracy. Blair is a retired Pennsylvania state government employee, has served on numerous boards of local charities and is an active member of the Art Association of Harrisburg. He was also one of the founding charter board members of the Central Penn College Education Foundation. Blair resides in Harrisburg, Pa.

Hope (Royer) Miller '75, retail merchandising, was re-elected to her third term of office as Centre County Jury Commissioner last year. She is also a natural nutrition and environmental consultant for Shaklee, Inc., a network marketing business that sells natural supplements and earth-friendly products. Miller was a prior tax collector and business owner. "Central Penn prepared me well for a

diversified career," says Miller. "Their hands-on learning has been priceless in the many career avenues I've chosen." She resides in Howard, Pa. millerhope@juno.com



Hope Miller '75

Elaine Smith '77, office communications - administrative secretary, is a volunteer at the Hershey Public Library. Smith resides in Hershey, Pa.

Kurt Stumpff'82, management - supervisory management, took to his old stomping grounds at Central Penn for a mini reunion and tour of campus with fellow classmates and self-proclaimed "Central Penn ping pong champions" Loren Greco, management, Wayne Cunningham, management - small business and David Shambaugh, mass media. Stumpff became a grandfather on June 8, 2017, and resides in Mifflinburg, Pa.



Campus tour. Left to right: **Admissions Counselor Curtis** Voelker '12, '17, Wayne Cunningham '82, Kurt Stumpff '82, David Shambaugh '82.

Jo Ann (Towsen)

Fritz '80, medical assisting, is a general education instructional assistant at Chesterfield County Schools. Fritz resides in Midlothian,

Alisa Parks '81, travel and tourism operations, is a broker at Keller Williams Realty South Park. Parks resides in Monroe, N.C. alisa.youreba@gmail.com

Susan (Betack) Dellock '83, accounting, is a paraeducator with Harrisburg School District's children with autism. She married Paul Dellock on Mar. 25, 2017 and resides in Frackville, Pa. susiebee986@gmail.com

Andrea Sherman '83, accounting, is a senior accounting analyst at Franklin & Marshall College. "I started with the college in January 2017 in a dual role with the controller's office and office of college grants." Sherman resides in Lancaster, Pa.

Susan Teeple '83, '12, mass media & B.S. in corporate communications, is residential concierge at Charm City Concierge. Teeple resides in Hanover, Md.

Carol (Hefelfinger) Wert '83, medical records management, is a coder 3 at the New Jersey Hospital Association. Carol and her son, Clayton, also a Central Penn graduate, took home the "legacy" prize at Homecoming 2017. Wert resides in North Cape May, N.J. stmancarol@comcast.net

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Diane (Hart) McConnell '84, legal assistant, was hired as an account executive at The Anderson Group (TAG) in January 2017, and was recently promoted to operations director. With 25+ years of agency experience, she manages operations of the agency, in addition to managing client relationships and coordinating project management. She is married to alumnus Patrick McConnell '84, computer information systems, who is employed by John Patrick Publishing Company as part of their sales team. The McConnells reside in Lebanon, PA.

**Jeanne (Bowman) Cahill '85,** court reporting, is a realtime court reporter at the Chancery Court of Delaware. Cahill resides in Magnolia, Del.

Carol (Keefauver) Carberry '85, court reporting, is a psychiatric RN at Lancaster Regional Medical Center. Carberry resides in Elizabethtown, Pa. eaglewolf@comcast.net

**Linda (Bowman) Hoffman '85,** computer information systems, is secretary for HR/ mailroom manager for EMM. Hoffman resides in Mount Joy, Pa.

**Tammy (Geary) Bryan '86,** allied health – medical secretarial, is a charge poster at Summit Physician Service. Bryan resides in Chambersburg, Pa.



Tammy Buchanan] Tammy Buchanan '87, husband Jon and son Cooper

Tammy (Briggs)
Buchanan '87,
travel & tourism
operations, and her
husband, Jon, are
the proud and loving parents of baby
boy Cooper. After a
successful career at
Continental Airlines,
Buchanan moved to
the field of corporate

communications. She currently leads a team at Service Corporation International, writing for 25,000 employees and managing content for the Company's intranet. Buchanan resides in Houston, Tex.

Sherri Long '89, '18, travel & tourism operations & B.S. in corporate communications, received the Double Agent award at Central Penn's 2017 Women's Leadership Conference for going "above and beyond" on



Sherri Long '89, '18 and Career Services Director Steve Hassinger

the college campus as a student. Long resides in Harrisburg, Pa.

#### 1990s

Michael Adamek '90, accounting, is assistant superintendent at Susquehanna Township School District. Adamek resides in Chambersburg, Pa. madamek7503@yahoo.com



John Sette '90

John H. Sette '90, computer information systems, was promoted to vice president of information technology at CNB Bank. In this position, he oversees all technological functions in building a solid foundation of technology, and supporting bank expansion and growth across all four divisions of CNB Bank. Sette resides in Bellefonte, Pa.

Sionna (Wagner) Grassbaugh '91, mass media, is academic affairs director for the School of Business and Information Technology at Central New Mexico Community College. "Following my degree at Central Penn, I attended the University of New Mexico and earned a master's in education in 1998," says Grassbaugh. "I have worked for CNM for over 16 years in various positions." She resides in Albuquerque, NM.

**Shawn (Gantz) Mummert '93,** medical secretarial, is a driver for WellSpan. Mummert resides in Thomasville, Pa. basecheer@gmail.com

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#### G. Scott Shatzer '91,



aviation administration, is regional sales director, Midwest for Flexjet, LLC. "As part of Central Penn's first Standing Ovation Awards Night,

I was beyond humbled to be the corecipient, along with the other nominee in the category of philanthropic trailblazer. I have done something I never dreamed of being able to make possible, a gift of giving for generations to come by spearheading the effort to conceptualize and now work on raising another \$10,000. This will mark my fourth scholarship, and will join the previous three scholarships, which are active and have been helping students achieve their dreams each year since the Robert "Bob" Wright Scholarship was founded back in 2010.

The scholarships are named in honor of those who either were, or I know would be, proud of my career accomplishments within the aviation industry, where my love and passion runs forever true and deep. With respect, they are as follows: Robert "Bob" Wright Scholarship; Gary C. Shatzer Scholarship & Andrew B Cisney Scholarship; Frank E. Gochenauer Scholarship (in progress and expect to be fully funded in 2018)." Shatzer resides in Chicago, Ill. sshatzer@me.com



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Suzanne Gatusky-George '94, '15, allied health - medical secretarial & B.S. in business administration - finance, is an underwriting analyst at Berkshire Hathaway Guard Insurance Group. "After securing a position in the repricing department through my internship in 2015, I was offered a promotion to underwriting analyst at the end of 2016. I love what I do. It is fast-paced, constantly growing and changing, and the company provides endless opportunity. I earned my bachelor's degree online through Central Penn. The courses were on point for the workforce and provided ideal information for a seamless transition into a new career." Gatusky-George resides in Plymouth, Pa. suerobg@yahoo.com



Lori Bush '96, '03 – Rylee

Lori (Hinkle) Bush '96, '03, hotel/motel management & B.S. in business administration – marketing, is the HRIS specialist in the human resources department at Franklin & Marshall College. She has been with the college for almost seven

years and has served as HRIS specialist for one and a half years. Bush resides in Mountville, Pa., and has two children – Landon, 18-months-old and Rylee, 3-months-old.

**Kelly (Scheithauer) Bassett '97,** business administration – retail management, is the elementary principal's administrative assistant for Towanda Area School District. "On July

8, 2017, surrounded by family and friends, my husband Todd Bassett and I were married in a ceremony at our home. Close Central Penn friends and 1997 legal assistant graduates Megan Moll, Chyenna Gowdy and Sheila Carl were in attendance. Todd and I spent a relaxing two weeks in late July exploring Alaska for our honeymoon." Bassett resides in Towanda, Pa. bassett 17@fronteir.com



Kelly Bassett '97, her husband Todd and their children. *Left to right:* Brielle, Ashlynn, Kelly, Todd, Nathan and Tifani.

Julie Bly '99, '11, '16, legal assistant, B.S. in business administration & M.P.S. in organizational leadership, is membership manager at the International Cemetery Cremation & Funeral Association. Bly resides in Round Hill, Va.

Shaun Foley '99, A.S. in communications, joined Martin Communications as a media buyer in 2017. Foley resides in Harrisburg, Pa. shaunfoley@hotmail.com

**Shawn Williams '99,** A.S. in criminal justice, is a corrections officer at the Florida Department of Corrections. Williams resides in Leesburg, Pa.

#### **2000s**

Sarah (Sechrist) Goodling '04, '06, A.S. in communications and B.S. in corporate communications, was promoted to public relations & social media supervisor at Crosby Marketing Communications. She develops, implements and oversees strategic PR, public affairs and social media initiatives on behalf of nonprofit organizations and government agencies. Goodling also holds an M.A. in strategic communications and leadership from Seton Hall University and resides in Laurel, Md.



Susan Ewing-Rathfon '06

**Susan R. Ewing-Rathfon '06,** corporate communications, is digital marketing & communications strategist for Gannett Fleming, a

global infrastructure solutions firm with 60 offices and 2,000+ employees in the United States, Canada, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates, after leading her own strategic marketing and advertising firm, SRE Strategic Consulting, for over eight years and serving as director of digital and social media for the Harrisburg Hershey Regional Visitors Bureau. She is also the owner of Shabby Chic by Susan. A Forty Under 40 award recipient of

the "Central Pennsylvania Business Journal," she says, "I will always credit Central Penn for giving me the hands-on training, education and presentation skills that have helped shape my career in digital communications." Ewing-Rathfon resides in Harrisburg, Pa.

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#### Miranda (Morrison) Stroik '08,



B.S. in corporate communications

Miranda Stroik is living her dream as the business owner of The Meiserville Inn, after a

winding career path of phlebotomy, secretarial, marketing, management and service.

At the Inn, Stroik started as a server and worked her way up to bartender, to management, and now to ownership. She said her husband, Caleb, was amazingly supportive and has always helped her in accomplishing her dreams.

Stroik remembers Central Penn as a place where she met some great people who were like family to her.

"Any times with these people made my entire stay at CPC memorable," she says.

She is thankful for the many people at CPC who helped and encouraged her, particularly Steve Hassinger, career services director.

"He was always more than willing to answer any questions I had and assist me along the way – even after graduation," Stroik explains.

She wants others to know that dreams can come true, if you put in the time and effort to make it happen. And that once you accomplish a goal, create a new one.

"I enjoy that I'm finally living out my dream," says Stroik. "I am my own boss. My husband, who owns a historic restoration company, and I are planning to build our dream home."

Stroik has big plans for The Meiserville Inn including building a stage and large pavilion to host events.

Right now, though, Stroik and her husband are putting all their time into their



businesses, two puppies (Sturgis and Chopper), and riding their motorcycles at any opportunity they get. Kristen Gearhart '06, '12, B.S. in criminal justice administration & B.S. in homeland security management, is a loan counselor at PHEAA. Gearhart resides in Lewistown, Pa.



Mary Clayton '07,

B.S. in corporate communications, is the marketing events planner for PA Media Group - Publisher of The Patriot-News and Pennlive.com. In this role she is responsible for the strategy and execution of state-wide

marketing initiatives and events for businesses and members of the community. Additionally, she serves as: a board member on the West Shore Chamber of Commerce Foundation; a committee member of Dining with Diakon; a member of Leadership Cumberland marketing committee and the West Shore Chamber marketing and business & industry committees; and a member of Meeting Planners International (MPI) and West Shore Young Professionals. Clayton resides in Enola, Pa. marypclayton@gmail.com

Kristin (Ergler) Fike '07, B.S. in business administration - marketing, is the internship coordinator at Central Penn College. Fike and her husband, Travis, welcomed their second son, Elliott, on October 16, 2016. He arrived four weeks early weighing 6 lbs., 12 oz., and 20 inches long. He joins big brother Quentin! Fike is the co-advisor for Central Penn's Colleges Against Cancer club and resides in Liverpool, Pa.



Kristin Fike '07 - Elliott Fike sports his Lil' Knights onesie.

Sean Amoss '08, B.S. in information technology, is a senior Unix administrator at Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency. He is also a software developer for Gentoo Linux. Amoss resides in Enola, Pa.

Kendra (Baker) Hostler '09, B.S. in corporate communications, is a clerk typist 3 at the PA Turnpike Commission. "I have been working with the turnpike commission since September 2011. I got married in 2012 and have a stepson who keeps us all busy with all of his sporting events. I live in my hometown where my husband and I recently bought

our first home!" Hostler is also a deacon for the Upper Path Valley Presbyterian Church; she resides in Spring Run, Pa. kendrab05@ gmail.com



Beth Bell '10, '16, A.S. in paralegal & B.S. in legal studies, is a PA certified paralegal at McNees Wallace & Nurick LLC. She provides assistance in the corporate & tax and state & local tax practice groups. Bell offers general support, helps to manage cases and oversees document productions. She is

on the legal studies advisory board at Central Penn, and is also a member of the Central Pennsylvania Paralegal Association where she serves as the first vice president on the board of directors and NFPA secondary representative. Bell has been with McNees since 2012, and resides in Dillsburg, Pa.

Shawn Flickinger '10, '12, A.S. in criminal justice & B.S. in criminal justice administration, is a probation officer 1 at Dauphin County Work Release. Flickinger resides in Harrisburg, Pa. shawnflickinger@ yahoo.com

Jessica (Hull) Carlin '11, B.S. in business administration - management, is fiscal assistant for the County of Fulton. Carlin resides in Everett, Pa.



Kendra Hostler '09, her husband **Brett and son Broc** 

Kelly Crandall '11, B.S. in corporate communications, is the lead NASCAR

contributor at RACER. com. She now works full-time with RACER. com / RACER magazine, and was named the 2016 George Cunningham Writer of the Year by the National Motorsports

Press Association (NMPA). Crandall resides in Mooresville, N.C. kac08dj@yahoo.com

#### Stephanie Kramer '11,

B.S. in criminal justice administration, is a behavioral health worker for General Healthcare Resources in school settings in Philadelphia, as well as an usher and ticket taker at BB&T Pavilion in Camden, N.J. through Live

> Nation. "I had my daughter, Josephine, on May 8, 2017. She



Stephanie Kramer '11 and 8-month-old Josephine Marian

is named after her greatgreat grandmother and great grandma." Kramer resides in Philadelphia, Pa. snkramer925@yahoo.com

Matt Shayda '11, B.S. in information technology, is a mail room clerk at the York County Courthouse. Shaya resides in

Beth Bell '10, '16

York, Pa.



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#### CLASS Notes



Magali Toledo '11

Magali Toledo '11, B.S. in criminal justice administration, is a legal advocate for domestic abuse victims at Access York. "I've gained lots of experience from previous employers as a CASA - Court Appointed Special Advocate for

children (2006-2011) where I volunteered, corrections monitor (2008-2011) where I worked for the Department of Corrections and also currently running two side businesses as a notary and Avon leader. I am also blessed with two children and a wonderful partner. Toledo resides in York, Pa. mitoledo86@gmail.com

**Brian Allen '12,** B.S. in criminal justice administration, is a quality assurance specialist in the Department of the Navy. Allen resides in Marysville, Pa.

Samantha Burton-Bosket '12, B.S. in business administration – management & M.P.S. in organizational leadership – organizational development, is an AmeriCorps member with Harvesters and a lead consultant at Create 2 Change Consulting. Burton-Bosket resides in Overland Park, Kansas.

Christopher Cawley '12, B.S. in homeland security management, is an operations manager at New England Motor Freight (NEMF). Cawley resides in Perth Amboy, N.J.

**Crystal Crumlic '12,** A.A.S. in travel & tourism operations, owner of Trippin' with Crystal's Travel. Crumlic resides in Enola, Pa.

**Travis Edwards '12,** B.S. in business administration – finance, is assistant store manager at Office Depot. Edwards resides in Towson, Md.

**Christopher James '12,** B.S. in information technology – cyber security, is a PC Technician at ISS Solutions. James resides in Freeburg, Pa.

Megan Luft '12, B.S. in corporate communications, is associate dean of graduation admissions at Shippensburg University. She earned her master's degree (2014) and doctor of education (2017) in higher education administration & leadership from Capella University. Luft resides in Carlisle, Pa.

Nathan Mitchell '12, B.S. in information technology – applications development, is an application developer at Highmark, Inc. Mitchell resides in Lewistown, Pa.

**Kayla (McClintock) Wilson '12,** B.S. in business administration – management, is a marketing specialist at AgChoice Farm Credit. Wilson resides in Lewisberry, Pa.

**Jorden Wolfe '12,** B.S. in corporate communications, is an administrative assistant at the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Wolfe resides in Camp Hill, Pa.



Patricia Deibler-Rebuck '13 celebrates her son Colyn's Marine graduation celebration. Left to right: Son Dylan Buddock, 23, son Colyn Buddock, 18, Deibler-Rebuck, Brent Rebuck.

Patricia Deibler-Rebuck '13, A.A.S. in physical therapist assistant, is a PT assistant at Phoenix Rehabilitation and Health Services. "In March of 2017 I married and became Patricia Ann Deibler-Rebuck. My husband is Retired Army Sergeant First Class Brent Rebuck. My youngest son, Colyn Buddock, recently became a Marine and has been promoted to private. Brent and I have four children between the two of us and the Lord blesses us every day." Deibler-Rebuck resides in Rebuck, Pa. pdeibler67@gmail.com



Kaitlyn Edwards '13

Kaitlyn Edwards '13, B.S. in business administration, is a human resources generalist at Coatesville Area School District. "I started my professional career as a human resources spe-

cialist for Susquehanna Bancshares, Inc. My position was eliminated due to a company merger after 2 years of employment, and I joined the Coatesville Area School District as the executive administrative assistant to the human resources director in May of 2016. I was promoted to human resources generalist in June of 2017." Edwards resides in Gap, Pa. kaitlyn.g.edwards@gmail.com

# **ALUMNI ALUMNI FOCUS**



**Naomi Atkins '02,** A.S. in paralegal and B.S. in business administration - marketing

An internship with the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, employed immediately with the first law firm she applied at, earning her master's degree in public administration, and starting her photography business are some of the exciting career successes for Naomi Atkins.

Right after earning her master's, Atkins began teaching law classes at Central Penn. She still teaches online classes and is active with the Legal Studies Department and its alumni events. Atkins is using her Central Penn business administration degree in her photography business – a career path she wasn't expecting.

"I love the law and teaching, but I also fell in love with photography," says Atkins. "I ended up using my business degree to start my own company, Inspired and Enchanted Photography. That was something completely unexpected for me, but I was grateful for both my business and legal background."

Atkins is grateful for the friends she made at Central Penn and for Professor John DeLeo.

"I just learned so much from him," says Atkins. "His passion and enthusiasm for teaching was contagious."

Atkins is married and has six children. She plans to continue teaching online, while enjoying being her own boss at her growing photography business.

Atkins encourages alumni and students to, "work hard and don't be afraid to pursue your dreams — even if they are different than what you had imagined and planned!"

Roger Rudolph '13, B.S. in business administration, published a composition "The Olive Branch: 36 Rules of the Bosses – A Treatise" based on his discoveries following research of the Italian American Cosa Nostra (Mafia). "CPC brought to light that I had the ability to write," says Rudolph. "For wherever I may go and who I may become, I thank you, CPC, for your instruction and direction." He resides in Mountville, Pa. rogerjrudolph@gmail.com

Wendy Webber '13, B.S. in accounting, is a bookkeeper. Webber resides in Highspire, Pa.

Clayton Wert '13, A.S. in communications, is acting director and student success coach at a 12-week immersive software development school, The New York Code + Design Academy, Philadelphia campus. He has been featured on "The Huffington Post" on career



Clayton Wert '13

and internship expertise. Wert also is a volunteer at Farm Aid and served as a speaker at Central Penn's 2017 Alumni Leadership Conference. He resides in North Cape May, N.J. claytonswert@gmail.com

Dillon Epler '14, B.S. in legal studies, shares "The past four years have been a whirlwind. From 2014-2016 I dabbled, within many fields: government/politics, adult-education, and pro bono legal services, with an end goal to reach full-time employment in higher education. In the spring of 2014, I was hired at the college part-time as an area coordinator and in spring 2016, I was hired as associate director of residence life. After four years on staff I have decided to leave to further my education – seeking out graduate school. I will miss Central Penn, but it will forever been in my heart."

**Jordon (McNaughton) Boaz '15,** B.S. in accounting, is a staff accountant at Robert W. Morris & Company P.C. Boaz resides in Duncannon, Pa.

Carolyn Burdulis '15, B.S. in business administration – marketing, is a marketing assistant at On Q Financial. She resides in St. Petersburg, Fla. carolyn.burdulis@ongfinancial.com

**Gianna Devine '15,** A.S. in entrepreneurship & small business, is a veterinarian technician at 441 Animal Hospital. "I have a serious passion for animals, and I find this to be the best 'job' ever," says Devine. She resides in Boca Raton, Fla. gianna0marie@gmail.com



Gianna Devine '15

Emily Filingeri '15, '16, A.S. in paralegal & B.S. legal studies, is a legal assistant at Smigel Anderson & Sacks, LLP. Filingeri resides in Harrisburg, Pa.



Melissa Mahoney '15

Melissa (Hiester)
Mahoney '15, B.S. in
criminal justice administration, was promoted
to director of admissions
at Central Penn College.
She has more than ten years

of experience in higher education recruitment and admissions, and is currently completing her master's degree in organizational leadership at Central Penn. She is also a volunteer wish granter with the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Mahoney resides in Harrisburg, Pa.

Ginnetta Reed '15, B.S. in business administration – human resource management, is director of development and communications for the Ronald McDonald House of Danville. She is responsible for the House's comprehensive development campaign, public and media relations, and publications. Reed resides in Watsontown, Pa.

**Tyler Bostdorf '16,** B.S. in information technology – networking and security, is an IT specialist at Netrepid. Bostdorf

resides in Lewisberry, Pa.

Carla Calusic '16, A.A.S. in physical therapist assistant, married Dr. Chad Rizzardi at the Harvest View Barn at Hershey Farms in Elizabethtown, Pa. on March 18, 2017. Calusic resides in Lynchburg, Va.



Carla Calusic '16 and husband Chad

**Glendel Coble '16,** B.S. in business administration, is vice president of casino non-gaming operations at Indiana Grand Racing & Casino. Coble resides in Indianapolis, Ind.

**Eva Fiske '16,** A.A.S. in physical therapist assistant, is a PTA at Conforti Physical Therapy. Fiske resides in Enola, Pa.

**Karla Foose '16,** B.S. in business administration – marketing, is a career transition readiness instructor at Keystone Job Corps Center. Foose resides in Hazleton, Pa.

**Angel Fox '16,** A.S. in criminal justice, is a casework manager at the Commonwealth of PA. Fox resides in Harrisburg, Pa.

**Jamie Irwin '16,** A.S. in paralegal, is an executive secretary at PHEAA. Irwin resides in New Cumberland, Pa.

**Brett Long '16,** A.A.S. in physical therapist assistant, is a PTA at The Green Home (Genesis Rehabilitation). Long resides in Mansfield, Pa.

Renee (Kauffman) Miller '16, A.S. in criminal justice, is a mobile crisis counselor at Universal Community Behavioral Health. Miller resides in McVeytown, Pa.

Kristin (McLaughlin) Reifsnyder '16, A.S. in communications, is the district resource assistant at the Eastern PA Conference of the United Methodist Church. Reifsnyder resides in Lititz. Pa.

**Brianna Rodiguez '16,** A.A.S. in medical assisting, is a medical assistant at Lehigh Valley Health Network. Rodriguez resides in East Stroudsburg, Pa.

**Jennifer (Fryer) Whelan '16,** B.S. in business administration, is a tax & wealth planning paralegal at Fox Rothschild LLP. Whelan resides in Douglassville, Pa.

Ellen Coleman '17, A.S. in paralegal, is a paralegal at Irwin & McKnight, P.C. Coleman resides in Mechanicsburg, Pa.

Nina Conforti '17, A.A.S. in physical therapist assistant, is co-owner/PTA at Conforti Physical Therapy. Conforti resides in Lewisberry, Pa.

#### CLASS Notes



Mairobi Feliz-Decena '17 at Central Penn's 135th Commencement

Mairobi Feliz-Decena '17, A.A.S. in paralegal, is a paralegal at Curcillo & Maclay. "One of the things I am thankful for is that I obtained a paralegal position at Curcillo & Maclay two weeks after I graduated from Central Penn." Feliz-Decena is on track to earn her legal studies bachelor's degree from Central Penn in 2018. She resides in Chambersburg, Pa. mairobi.feliz-decena@mymail.centralpenn.edu.

Andrea Fields '17, A.S. in entrepreneurship & small business, is a legislative assistant at the Pennsylvania House of Representatives. Fields resides in Harrisburg, Pa.

**Morgan Herbster** '17, A.A.S. in occupational therapy assistant, is a certified occupational therapy assistant at The Vista School. Herbster resides in Hummelstown, Pa.

**Jacob Hockensmith '17,** A.A.S. in physical therapist assistant, is a PTA at HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital. Hockensmith resides in Hanover, Pa.

Amanda Kaniecki '17, B.S. in business administration – human resource management, is an administrative secretary at Mifflin County School District. Kaniecki resides in Lewistown. Pa.

Janeen Latin '17, M.P.S. in organizational leadership – financial analysis, is chief operating officer at UCP of Central PA. She has been a 12-year member of UCP's management team. Latin resides in Harrisburg, Pa., with her husband, Frank, and has four daughters.

**Amber McArthur** '17, B.S. in business administration, is care coordinator / office manager at CareGivers America. McArthur resides in Lancaster, Pa.

**Audrey Myers '17**, B.S. in business administration – human resource management, is senior human resources business partner at Chewy Inc. Myers resides in New Cumberland, Pa.

Ashley Pennabaker '17, A.S. in entrepreneurship & small business, is an inside sales representative with PR Hoffman Machine Products. Pennabaker resides in Shippensburg, Pa.

Murray Ruggiero '17, B.S. in business administration, is pursuing a master's of art in leadership at Piedmont International University. He is Piedmont's graduate assistant baseball coach and is head baseball coach for the Tidewater Hawks in Tidewater Summer League. This league has over ten major league alumni. The link to his coaching bio is: https://piubruins.com/coaches.aspx?rc=9&path=baseball. He resides in Wallingford, Ct.

Melissa Siwiec '17, M.P.S. in organizational leadership, is project manager at Delaware Design Lab High School. Siwiec resides in Mount Joy, Pa.

**Adam Swartz '17,** B.S. in accounting, is staff accountant at Acuity Advisors and CPAs. Swartz resides in Terre Hill, Pa.



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# ALUMNI FOCUS



## **Tracy White '16,** A.S. in entrepreneurship & small business

Tracy White has always had a love for cars and an interest in the trucking and transportation industry. He used that interest and his Central Penn degree to establish his own business in August 2017.

Tracy's Trucking, LLC provides transportation solutions of appliances for retailers throughout central Pennsylvania. White's education at Central Penn helped him build professional relationships and get a clear direction on how to accomplish his business goals. He is proud of earning his college degree.

"The best memory I have from Central Penn is graduating and walking across the stage," shares White. "That day was so important to me because I am the first person of my immediate family to get a college education. My graduation also encouraged my older sister to continue her education with Central Penn. She has now graduated with a bachelor's degree in healthcare administration."

The person White is most thankful for meeting at Central Penn is his life partner, Kendra Elliott, '14, '16.

"We studied the same courses, built an amazing friendship and also a loving relationship, over the years," says White.

As a business owner, White enjoys having the flexibility and knowledge to adjust to industry changes. He is planning to add real estate investing to his accomplishments and is confident that his business education gives him the tools to be successful.

White's advice to Central Penn alumni and students is "to always believe in yourself. With focus and dedication, you can overcome any obstacle that stands in your way."



## Alumni Events

Visit centralpenn.edu/alumni for details on these and additional alumni events, and to subscribe to alumni e-news. For information, contact Alumni Engagement at 717-728-2295 or alum@centralpenn.edu.

## CPC ALUMNI ACCESS GRANTED WEBINAR

Wed., Apr. 18 • 7-8 p.m.
Online
Maximizing credit scores and more

## WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

*Mon., Apr. 23* • 8 *a.m.-3 p.m.* The Conference Center

#### CENTRAL PENN ALUMNI NIGHT & NEW GRAD TOAST

Fri., May 4 • 6:30 p.m. dinner; 7 p.m. game Lancaster Barnstormers, Clipper Magazine Stadium

## SUMMERDALE COMMENCEMENT EVE SOCIAL & TOAST

Thurs., May 10 • 6-8 p.m. The Conference Center

#### **136TH COMMENCEMENT**

Fri., May 11 • 7-10 p.m. The Forum – Harrisburg, Pa.

## BUSINESS PARTNER OF THE YEAR BREAKFAST

Tues., June 5 • 8:30-10:30 a.m. The Conference Center

## HARRISBURG SENATORS ALUMNI GAME AND PICNIC

Fri., July 13 • 6 p.m. picnic; 7 p.m. game Harrisburg Senators, FNB Field Sponsored by the Central Penn Alumni Association

#### **WHY GRAD SCHOOL?**

Thursday, July 26 • 6:30 p.m. Career Resource Center

## CAREER SERVICES NETWORKING RECEPTION

August 23 • 11 a.m.-1 p.m. The Conference Center

#### **HOMECOMING**

Sat., Oct. 20

- Fall Harvest Festival, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Quad
- Alumni Feast 'n' Brews Reunion Tent, 1-4 p.m., Knight & Day Café Patio

# Central Penn Alumni Night & New Grad Toast LANCASTER BARNSTORMERS • Join us in Central Penn's Private suite with free arcade access • Star Wars-themed opening night • Fireworks!



#### **CAREER SERVICES: FALL JOB FAIR**

Nov.  $1 \cdot 10$  a.m. -1 p.m. The Conference Center

#### **NEW YORK CITY BUSTRIP**

Dec 1 • 7 a.m. Summerdale Campus

## CAPITAL BLUECROSS THEATRE

For more information and to order tickets, call the box office at 717-728-2240 or visit centralpenn.edu/theatre. Programs and dates are subject to change.

#### STAGE COMBAT INTENSIVE

Registration ends Tues., Apr. 24
A free, five-week intensive to prepare you to perform Shakespearean scenes of conflict and combat in the June Swords & Shakespeare productions.

#### **HUMANITIES FILM SERIES - FREE**

Fri., April 27 • 6:30 p.m.
The Big Lebowski: Commentary & discussion with Paul Miller

## SWORDS & SHAKESPEARE SPECIAL ALUMNITHEATRE EVENT

Fri., June 8 • 6:30-9 p.m. Summerdale Campus, Student Fellowship Amphitheatre

#### **HUMANITIES FILM SERIES - FREE**

Fri., July 27 • 6:30 p.m.

Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix:
Commentary & discussion with Dr.

Marcie Rovan

## STAND UP-SPEAK OUT, A STAGED READING

Aug. 16-17 • 7:30 p.m.

Dramatic readings of historical speeches and inspiring calls for social justice

#### SPECIAL EVENTS

## 47TH ANNUAL CENTRAL PENN COLLEGE GOLF OPEN

Fri., Aug. 17 • 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Rich Valley Golf Course — Mechanicsburg, Pa. SAVE THE DATE!

#### **ENROLLMENT EVENTS**

Central Penn College — Summerdale Campus

## OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANT VISIT DAY

May 2

#### PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT VISIT DAY

July 26 – Lancaster Aug. 15 – Summerdale

## FALL OPEN HOUSE FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Oct. 27

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**Deborah Light, A.A.S.** in physical therapist assistant, died Monday, January 25, 2016 at age 64.

**Maryann B. Hartman '66,** allied health – medical secretarial, died Monday, September 12, 2016 at age 68.

**Terry B. Billmeyer** died Monday, January 9, 2017 at age 61. **Ethel Mae Miller Perry** died Saturday, January 14, 2017 at age 83. **Barbara J. Emerich '72,** allied health – medical secretarial, died Wednesday, January 18, 2017 at age 64.

Suzette Marie Fought died Sunday, January 22, 2017 at age 51. Judith (Simmons) Kyle died Wednesday, February 8, 2017 at age 69. Loyse Waltman Briel died Sunday, March 19, 2017 at age 84. Barbara R. Benfer Smith died Sunday, April 2, 2017 at age 92. Margaret A. Harnish '46, office communications – administrative secretary, died Friday, April 7, 2017 at age 89.

Robert D. Woomer '67, management – administrative office management, died Friday, April 14, 2017 at age 70.

Bryan Wesley Keim died Friday, May 26, 2017 at age 44.

Marjorie W. Rhen died Tuesday, June 6, 2017 at age 89.

Lois W. Albright died Sunday, June 11, 2017 at age 91.

**Michael Roger Moore '13,** B.S. in accounting, died Tuesday, June 13, 2017 at age 53.

Marilyn R. (Hartz) Richwine '46, office communications – administrative secretary, died Sunday, June 18, 2017 at age 90. Glendeane Mae Almond '63, allied health – medical secretarial, died Wednesday, June 28, 2017 at age 72.

**Blaine M. Linehan '08**, B.S. in information technology – applications development, died Thursday, June 29, 2017 at age 34. **Denise K. Cutshall '86**, computer information systems, died Tuesday, May 2, 2017 at age 51.

William Fraley Jr. '56 died Wednesday, August 16, 2017 at age 88. Ronald R. Stafford died Saturday, September 9, 2017 at age 85. Coramelia Keller '43, office communications, died Wednesday, September 20, 2017 at age 93.

**Doris Jean (Shearer) Berrier** died Friday, November 17, 2017 at age 86.

**Elaine W. Moran** died Sunday, December 24, 2017 at age 96. **Kenneth L. Reighard** died Friday, February 9, 2018 at age 86.

KATHRYN "KATHY" E. HEPNER, a former faculty member, died Wednesday, December 6, 2017 at age 55 in her Enola Pa. home. She leaves behind close friends, who were like family to her, and thousands of students she influenced during her 22-year tenure at Central Penn. Hepner taught math and upper level accounting courses to her students, many of whom still stayed in contact with her. "She laughed, she loved, she played music, she taught, she lived and then she left," says her dear friend and faculty member Lynn Shuster."

Central Penn plans to hold a celebration of life memorial event for Kathy during Homecoming on Saturday, October 20. If you're interested in attending or would like to share stories to be read at the event, please email lynnshuster@centralpenn.edu.

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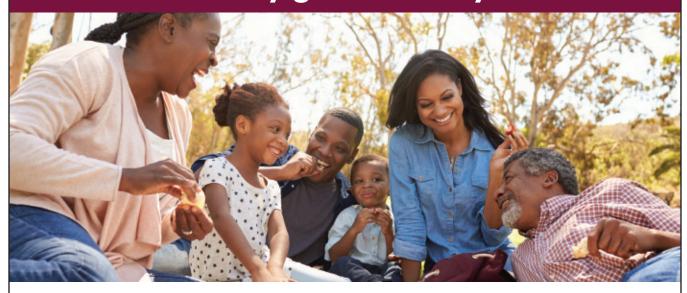
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