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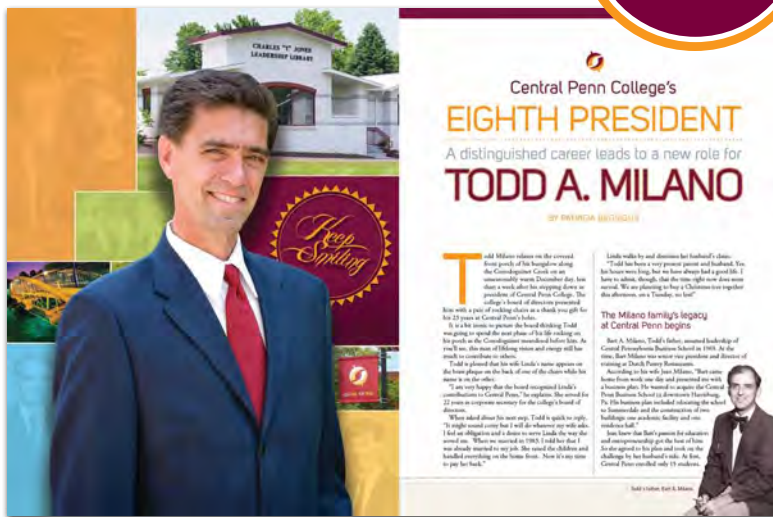
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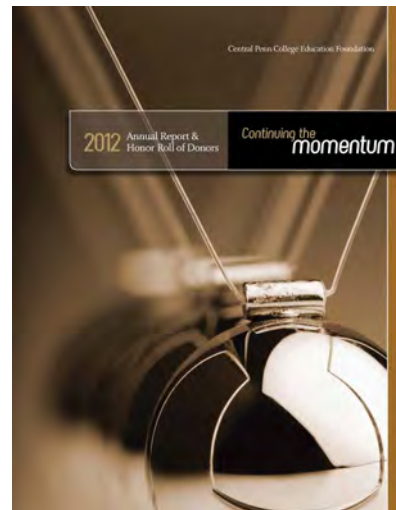
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PennDulum Mission Statement

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.

Exciting changes in your life

What exciting changes are you experiencing or looking forward to?

Perhaps you are starting a new job?

Perhaps one of those milestone birthdays?

Perhaps a child will start at a new school?

Perhaps life as an empty nester?

Perhaps you or your spouse is retiring or semi-retiring?

Whatever changes you are experiencing, or are about to experience, I trust you do so with a positive attitude, with confidence and with enthusiasm.

That is what I am doing as I experience all five of the “perhaps” scenarios listed above.

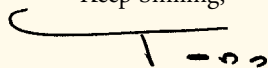
By now, many of you know that as of December 1, 2012, for the first time in 43 years, a Milano is no longer serving as president of your Central Penn. With Central Penn in its strongest condition, now is the perfect time for a leadership transition that enables your alma mater to evolve to meet the needs, demands, challenges and favorable opportunities that exist in higher education today.

I am delighted that the Central Penn College Board of Directors has appointed Melissa Vayda, Ed.D., as interim president. Having worked closely with Dr. Vayda for the 14 years she has served Central Penn, she has earned my highest level of confidence.

So what is next for me? Perhaps you will see me in my new role as president emeritus and ambassador for Central Penn? Visiting with some of the 10,000 Milano-era graduates is something I very much look forward to. Reminiscing with you and remembering what college was like is part of the new role I embrace as I serve to raise scholarship funds for needy and deserving students.

My lovely wife Linda (Meiller) Milano '78, who some will remember as a classmate in the late 1970s, enjoys travel and will accompany me on these visits. But please don't wait to hear from me if you would enjoy reconnecting. Call me at 1-800-759-2727 ext. 2200 or email me at toddmilano@centralpenn.edu, as I would love to hear about exciting changes in your life.

Keep Smiling,



Alumni and friends: Would you like to accompany President Emeritus and Ambassador Todd Milano to the 2016 Summer Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro? To learn more, email letusknow@centralpenn.edu.

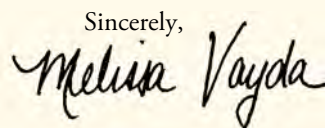
Dear Alumni and Friends,

It is truly a great honor to serve as interim president here at Central Penn College, and I am very excited for our future. However, I do have some BIG SHOES to fill. Over the past 14 years I have had the opportunity to learn and grow under the leadership of Todd Milano.

I have learned that he is a good and generous man who cares deeply about this college and all of the people associated with it. I have learned that it is okay to be quirky and to jump into the pool with your suit on; to hand out 22 dollar bills and cookies; to have your own personal slogan “keep smiling;” and to move bridges. I have learned that he doesn’t much like it when people chew gum or text in meetings; he eats lots of bananas and peanut butter (together); and he loves history. Oh, and I have learned that he doesn’t like to throw stuff away. He keeps everything!

All kidding aside, those are some of the things that make him such an endearing person and an excellent leader. Under Todd’s leadership, Central Penn entered several new stages of its life as an institution. Central Penn Business School became Central Penn College; the ATEC (Advanced Technology Education Center) was built; bachelor’s degrees were born; online education became a staple at the college; off-site locations were established; adult students began to outnumber traditional students; and the education foundation raised its first \$1 million. These are really big shoes to fill! But thanks to Todd’s strong leadership and vision, Central Penn will continue to advance and grow.

As I step into the role of interim president, I look forward to the implementation of graduate degree programs, the recruitment of international students, and working with alumni, students, faculty and staff, and our friend communities to keep Central Penn on track with its mission. Thank you, Todd!

Sincerely,


Melissa Vayda, Ed.D.
Interim President & CAO



Central Penn College Education Foundation

2012 Annual Report &
Honor Roll of Donors

Continuing the
momentum

Looking ahead with optimism

By Matt Lane, education foundation director

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he last few years have been a whirlwind of exciting new donations and increased scholarship awards, along with volatile financial markets and greater financial need. Every organization has its own ups and downs, but the Central Penn College Education Foundation's 2012 end-of-year results give me much hope for a positive 2013.

Thank you for believing in the important work of the education foundation—raising and disbursing scholarship funds. The year 2012 brought 47 new donors, exponential growth in faculty and staff giving, and a remarkably generous December grant of \$200,000 from The Donald B. and Dorothy L. Stabler Foundation. This grant puts Stabler at the top of the donor list in our foundation's 10-year history—\$500,000 in total giving. Wow, that's a lot of scholarship help!

A new role for President Emeritus Todd Milano brings some changes to the foundation as well. Fortunately for the foundation, Milano will continue helping as foundation ambassador, meeting alumni, business leaders and other friends to raise funds for student scholarships.

President Emeritus Milano will retain his office in the Boyer House, and the education foundation staff already have moved to this historic campus building to join him. The Boyer House, along Valley Road, is a beautiful, 200-year-old former farmhouse that is a welcoming location to meet alumni and friends of the college. I hope you visit us there!

Along with my appreciation, I send you and your family my best wishes for 2013.



Join the "Keep Smiling" campaign

Many friends of Central Penn have inquired about participating in a tribute to President Emeritus Todd Milano. Here's your opportunity. The education foundation decided that the best tribute to Todd and his wife, Linda, is to establish the *Todd and Linda Milano "Keep Smiling" Fund*. Todd's unique sign-off of "Keep Smiling" on personal letters did indeed put a smile on everyone's face over the years.

Helping students to afford Central Penn has always been a high priority for the couple. Each year, Todd and Linda donated enough money to the Central Penn College Education Foundation to establish an endowed scholarship fund in another person's name.

Now it's time to honor them with a fund in their name. In keeping with Todd's habit of setting challenging goals, the

foundation set a fundraising goal of \$50,000 for the *Todd and Linda Milano "Keep Smiling" Fund*.

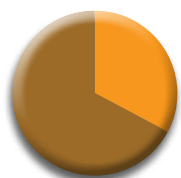
The "Keep Smiling" campaign runs until October 1. All donors will be invited to a reception at the Hilton Harrisburg in late October to honor Todd and Linda.

The "Keep Smiling" campaign kicked off with one \$5,000 pledge and a \$1,000 donation, so we are off to a good start—only \$44,000 is needed to reach the goal. Reaching this \$50,000 goal means that \$2,500 in scholarships will be distributed each year in perpetuity in Todd and Linda's names.

Please mail your gift to the education foundation or go online to www.centralpenn.edu to make a secure donation today. Todd and Linda will be so appreciative of your generosity to Central Penn students in need.



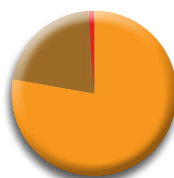
FALL 2012 STUDENT STATISTICS TOTAL STUDENTS: 1,402



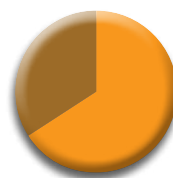
Traditional: 33%
**Continuing ed/
online students: 67%**



Online Degree: 37%
Classroom: 63%



Bachelor's Degree: 78%
Associate Degree: 21%
Other: 1%



Female: 66%
Male: 34%

- ▶ **Tuition: \$415 per credit hour**
Average student course load:
 - Full-time – 12 credits
 - Part-time – 6 credits
- ▶ **Housing/Board Fees: \$2,065 – \$2,485 per academic term**
- ▶ **Employed in chosen field or continuing education within one year of graduation: 82.9%***
- ▶ **Minority: 33%**

Lunch with Jean

Matriarch *of the* Milano family
Loyal friend *of the* education foundation

By Patricia Brosious

Lunching at Jean Milano's home is a treat for me on a bleak Friday in early November. Hurricane Sandy had just blown through the area and it is a welcome break to relax with Jean, wife of former Central Penn President Bart A. Milano and mother of the college's most recent president emeritus, Todd Milano.

Jean's home is warm and comfortable, decorated beautifully with a fantastic mix of collectibles such as Steiff bears and Limoges cases.

Living in pastoral Perry County, Jean has a magnificent view from every room. Vibrant fall leaves still hang on some trees on a mountain that fronts the property.

Jean has a sparkle in her bright blue eyes and a contagious laugh to match. We quickly warm up to each other. What women don't like to share stories about lives well lived?

Growing up in Wilmington, Del.

Jean A. Peoples was born in March, 1927 in Wilmington, De. She insists that she had an ordinary upbringing, raised by her parents beside one brother and one sister. Her influences couldn't have been that ordinary, I wonder, to cultivate

a woman with her intelligence, generous personality, take-charge attitude and admiration of culture and beauty.

Jean's father was Scotch-Irish, while her mother was of English ancestry. The Scots' legendary work ethic is a distinct part of her. She's also quite a storyteller, some would say like the Irish.

Perhaps her maiden name alone, "Peoples," dictates her personality. How appropriate a name for someone who enjoys the company of others and whose laugh lights up a room!

World War II began when Jean was in junior high. With the men off to war, the resulting labor shortage opened many professional opportunities for women. Jean worked for Wilmington Trust Company, writing stock certificates. When the capable Jean was offered a full-time job at a paltry \$15 a

week, she replied with a spirited "No and goodbye."

Instead Jean began work for the DuPont Company as a lab assistant to three Ph.D. chemists. When the war ended and she lost her job to a returning soldier, she went on to become an executive secretary within the company.

Meeting her husband

"Have you ever heard of a trackless trolley?" Jean asks. "It was new to our area in 1945. I rode the trolley from my home to work at the DuPont Company. I noticed a young fellow looking at me on several trips. I asked around about him and evidently he asked around about me. His name was Bart Milano, an army soldier stationed at New Castle Air Base. Our first date was to a baseball game, the Wilmington Blue Rocks. Two years later, in 1947, we were married." After the war ended, Bart Milano



attended the University of Delaware on the GI Bill. He graduated and continued his studies, earning a master's degree, which Jean mentions was quite uncommon in those days.

"I earned my PHTC back then—Put Husband Through College," she quips.

Focusing on her children

Bart's first job after college was as an elementary school teacher. He showed his progressive side even then.

Jean recalls, "Bart was the first male elementary school teacher in the state of Delaware."

During those years, Jean centered her energy on their growing family. Daughter Gale, son Todd and second daughter Teri were born in quick succession in the 1950s. Bart's career in education advanced as he was named the first executive director of a training facility for handicapped individuals seeking job skills.

In 1965, Bart was recruited by Dutch Pantry Restaurants to be senior vice president and director of training. The family's life in central Pennsylvania began when Bart accepted the job offer.

Bart and Jean made a few moves on the east shore of Harrisburg, Pa.,

until finally settling in a rambling house in the development known as Mountain View Acres, tucked on the mountainside near Linglestown, Pa. Jean pulls out photos of a stunning traditional home, surrounded by trees, elegant gardens and a conservatory in the back of the house that brought nature inside.

Jean is truly a master gardener. I am awed by the composition of the back yard in her photos—a waterfall and pond, pergola, intricate flowered beds and terraced patios with tables and chairs.

Jean's family gathered countless times in that home. She is proud of the grown-up versions of her children and is close to each of them.

Growing Central Penn Business School

Gardens and children are not the only things that thrive under Jean's care. Central Penn Business School became her new focus to nurture, beginning in 1969.

At that time, life was going smoothly for Jean. Her children were keeping her busy and she had lots of friends, remaining close to many in the Wilmington, Del. area. One day, Bart came home from work at Dutch Pantry and presented Jean with a plan to buy the Central Penn Business School.

She agreed and matched her husband's energy, bringing her own natural skills in public relations. Jean took on any job that needed to be done, including bookkeeping, letter writing, reviewing student applications and assigning residences to students.

Jean lugged a projector and literature to high schools throughout central Pennsylvania to recruit students. Bart and Jean worked at break-neck speed as students signed up to begin new careers.

Bart and Jean added programs as market needs dictated. Travel and tourism joined fashion merchandising as popular and highly regarded majors. Jean brightens at the memories of many international trips, accompanying the travel students.

"We even opened up the trips

to the community and met many wonderful people outside of Central Penn," she adds.

Retiring to an equally full life

In 1986 at the age of 60, Jean retired from Central Penn. She spent most of her time gardening, as she was the sole caretaker for her beautiful grounds. When Bart retired three years later, they took advantage of their free time to enjoy even more travel.

Seventeen years ago, the couple decided that their mountain home was too much for them and moved to Perry County, near their daughter Teri and her husband.

Jean embraced Teri's passion for horses. Starting in 1996, they bred Appaloosa horses on the property and sold fillies. Their prized horse, One Fine Dream, was named world champion Appaloosa broodmare in Fort Worth, Texas.

Life changed once more for Jean when Bart died in 2007. They were married for 60 adventuresome years.

Now Jean relishes in the progress of her five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. She enjoys her outings to church and occasional concerts. She has a special love for opera. Even though more than a quarter-century has passed since Jean retired, she has not forgotten the needs of Central Penn students. Jean supports student scholarships every year through her donations to the education foundation.

Before our lunch, Jean and I greeted each other with a handshake but we parted with a kiss. Leaving the warmth of the room and her personality, I told Jean that I hated to go.


"That's OK with me but if you stay any longer, you'll have to take care of me," she laughs.

As I was driving home, I realized that Jean's grace before lunch reflected her values.

She said, "Thank you, Lord, for giving us our life and this day. Thank you too for joining together these friends in Christ." Amen.

Education Foundation

turns over a new leaf:



LEGACY BRANCH
of the
Arboretum
Society
IS CREATED



Ruth (Wierman) Evinger '40 enjoys a private moment with then Central Penn scholarship recipient Jennifer Lay '08.

Lifetime membership to **the Arboretum Society** is Central Penn College Education Foundation's special way to recognize the exceptional generosity of donors with cumulative giving of \$10,000 or more.

Now, The Arboretum Society added a new "branch" to its tree: *The Legacy Branch*, which honors individuals with *planned* gifts of \$10,000 or more.

Planned gifts come in many forms, including life insurance, bequests through wills and charitable gift annuities. They often provide a good way for individuals to make a gift they may not be able to do in their lifetime.

The planned gifts of Ruth (Wierman) Evinger '40 of New Cumberland, Pa., shaped her legacy at Central Penn College. Born in 1913 in Lemoyne, Pa., Evinger was a strong believer in education. After graduating from Central Penn in 1940, Evinger completed her bachelor's degree at the Pennsylvania State University and made her career at the former New Cumberland Army Depot.

In the last decade, Evinger reconnected with Central Penn and enjoyed reminiscing about her college days. In 2003, she established her first of two planned gifts to benefit the scholarship needs of Central Penn students. She wanted to see that tomorrow's students have the same opportunity that she had.

When Evinger passed on August 3, 2012 at the age of 99, she made her mark in the world, and lives on through the annual Ruth Evinger Scholarship Award.

Please consider joining the more than dozen members of the **Arboretum Society's Legacy Branch**. For further information, contact Education Foundation Director Matt Lane at 717-728-2263 or mattlane@centralpenn.edu.

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"We make a living
 by what we get;
 we make a life by
 what we give."

- Winston Churchill

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Engle Society

The Engle Society, the faculty and staff donor recognition society, grew in 2012 to include more than 60 percent of the college's faculty and staff. Members donate \$250 or more each year. IT Services Specialist Steve Shoemaker was honored as "Member of the Year" at the Engle Society's annual luncheon for his exceptional service and monetary contributions to the education foundation.

Engle Society Members

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From 2012



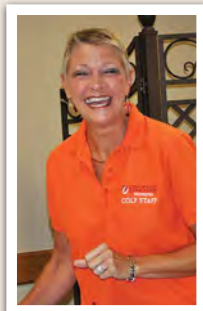
Todd Milano stops to say hello to Marvin Fultz '76, accounting, and his wife Anna Mae who were among the guests at the Foundation's 10th Anniversary celebration.



Capital BlueCross led corporate giving for a fourth year as primary sponsor of the Central Penn Golf Open at Armitage Golf Club on August 17, 2012. The event raised more than \$20,000 for student scholarships.



Bailey Family Foundation's Stan and Paul Elmore with Brian Carey and Career Services Director Steve Hassinger.



Central Penn Golf Open event chair and Foundation Associate Director Sandra Box



President of Tremendous Life Books Tracey Jones led a fun-filled, inspirational and unforgettable 10th anniversary celebration event, hosted for supporters of the education foundation. One of the program's highlights was a presentation on "True Blue Leadership" by Jones and her furry companion, Mr. Blue.



Guests enjoyed the Education Foundation's 10th anniversary celebration. Pictured: Duane and Susan Greenly of the Greenly Family Foundation with Todd Milano.



10th anniversary event presenters left to right: Author and speaker Jim Donovan; Jennifer Buehler, Education Foundation Chair; Legends of Success program host John Resnick; and radio host and author R.J. Harris.



Snapshots

From 2012



Education Foundation trustee Merrick Shook and Central Penn College General Studies Dean and Head Basketball Coach Dave Baker enjoyed the summer ice cream social on the Boyer House porch.



Scholarship donors Gricel and Peter Moyer at the annual Manny DelValle Memorial Scholarship Award luncheon in May 2012. Gricel pictured with associate dean Patrick Hughes (top left photo). Peter pictured with student scholarship recipients (above photo) Chereese Johnson (left) and Xavier Praylow (center).



HERSHA's Tara Kramer with the College's Assistant Dean of Student Services Ed Liesch.



Quinn Wetherall '13, criminal justice administration, models his new suit – one of the HERSHA company's many donations of professional attire made for Central Penn students.



The Central Penn College Education Foundation Board of Trustees CREATE committee working hard to implement new fund-raising programs in May 2012. Left to right: Curtis Voelker '12, Karen Gladstone, Janis Peck, Dr. Dilip Abayasekara, Patricia Brosious.

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You can make it happen: *Dream big*

by Michael Lear-Olimpi
Professor of Communications

Many great teachers have graced my life.

What made them great?

Knowledge? Surely.

Dedication to teaching? Oh, yes.

Passion? You know it.

But the greatest teachers I recall were those who encouraged me to dream, without boundaries or qualifications, and then to pursue those dreams.

And not only did those teachers encourage, entreat, and empower me to dream—they taught me to dream big.

Explore Frontiers

A teacher in particular who encouraged me to dream was Phil Klass, one of my writing professors at the Pennsylvania State University.

How could he not?

Erudite but empathetic, critical but caring, impatient but invested, Mr. Klass was the science fiction writer William Tenn, a man whose work predisposed him to dream big. His alter ego was why I took his advanced short story-writing class, twice.

I had always dreamed, but most adults in my hometown usually cautioned me to whittle my dreams down to a “practical” point.

Mr. Klass saw another way for me to hone my talents. Yes, he helped me write better—he was my teacher. But he also insisted, his unruly gray halo of hair jumping like electricity collected from his lightning-rod finger as it punctuated the air while he spoke, that I dream—that I dream so I could grow, and that I dream big.

Dream on...

Lesson learned. I still dream, and I like to dream big. It works: You usually

can't succeed without a plan, and a dream is a plan, a most personal one. Sometimes, a dream is the only plan you have.

At Central Penn, I learned about another educator who liked to dream big, and who, like Mr. Klass, believed in making those dreams come true through directed, determined work tempered with responsibility.

That other educator is the late Bart Milano, who, more than 40 years ago, with his wife, Jean, bought the small Central Pennsylvania Business School and nourished his big dream for the school into the multi-building, multi-programmed, multi-success college we know today.

Mr. Milano dreamed big, and as navigator and nurturer—a path his son, recently retired President Todd Milano, also followed—coaxed a big dream into a blooming and wondrous reality.

My turn, and thank you

I believe in the often-uttered “giving back.” I learned the value of giving back from many teachers, and not only in school. And I'm proud to admit I'm still a dreamer. One way I give back is by striving to provide students with knowledge and insight, with courage to ask questions and to envision a future they will help determine.

How do I do that?

With knowledge? Surely.

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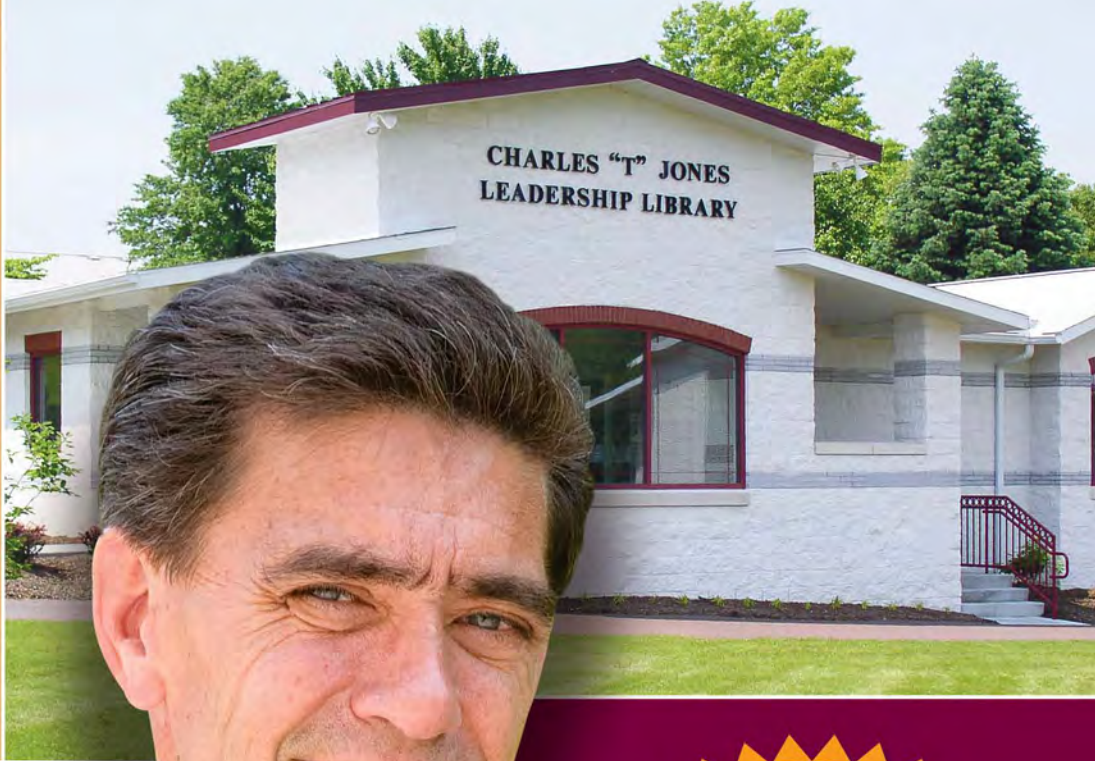
And I tell them: “You can, and you will.”

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He has a master's degree in journalism from Temple University and a bachelor's degree in English (The Writing Option) from The Pennsylvania State University. He has been a journalist since typewriters had a place in newsrooms, and his work has been published widely. Lear-Olimpi is an acknowledged expert in media ethics. He has also won distinction in the Penn State Lehman Prize for Poetry and is a Pushcart Prize nominee in poetry. He has also won many journalism honors. His academic and research interests include: media ethics, history and law; media personnel diversity; community reporting; and pop culture.



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Central Penn College's EIGHTH PRESIDENT

A distinguished career leads to a new role for

TODD A. MILANO

BY PATRICIA BROSIOUS

Todd Milano relaxes on the covered front porch of his bungalow along the Conodoguinet Creek on an unseasonably warm December day, less than a week after stepping down as president of Central Penn College. The college's board of directors presented him with a pair of rocking chairs as a thank you gift for his 23 years at Central Penn's helm.

It is a bit ironic to picture the board thinking Todd was going to spend the next phase of his life rocking on his porch as the Conodoguinet meandered before him. As you'll see, this man of lifelong vision and energy still has much to contribute to others.

Todd is pleased that his wife Linda's name appears on the brass plaque on the back of one of the chairs while his name is on the other.

"I am very happy that the board recognized Linda's contributions to Central Penn," he explains. She served for 22 years as corporate secretary for the college's board of directors.

When asked about his next step, Todd is quick to reply, "It might sound corny but I will do whatever my wife asks. I feel an obligation and a desire to serve Linda the way she served me. When we married in 1983, I told her that I was already married to my job. She raised the children and handled everything on the home front. Now it's my time to pay her back."

Linda walks by and dismisses her husband's claim.

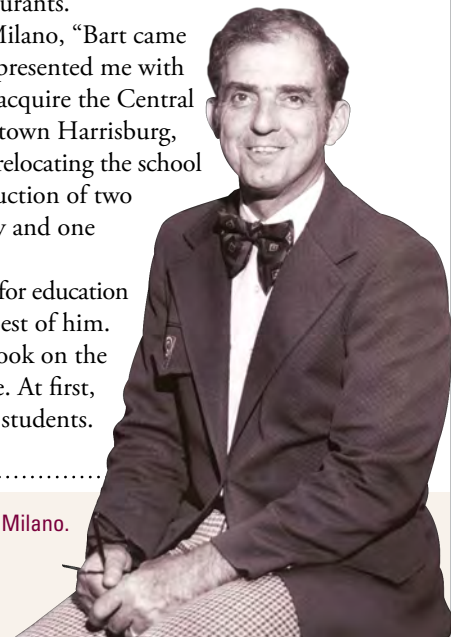
"Todd has been a very present parent and husband. Yes, his hours were long, but we have always had a good life. I have to admit, though, that the time right now does seem surreal. We are planning to buy a Christmas tree together this afternoon, on a Tuesday, no less!"

The Milano family's legacy at Central Penn begins

Bart A. Milano, Todd's father, assumed leadership of Central Pennsylvania Business School in 1969. At the time, Bart Milano was senior vice president and director of training at Dutch Pantry Restaurants.

According to his wife Jean Milano, "Bart came home from work one day and presented me with a business plan. He wanted to acquire the Central Penn Business School in downtown Harrisburg, Pa. His business plan included relocating the school to Summerdale and the construction of two buildings: one academic facility and one residence hall."

Jean knew that Bart's passion for education and entrepreneurship got the best of him. So she agreed to his plan and took on the challenge by her husband's side. At first, Central Penn enrolled only 15 students.



Todd's father, Bart A. Milano.

One year later, the business school opened its campus in Summerdale with 100 students.

Bart Milano was known as a visionary. Many of his practices are still the most distinguishing features of Central Penn: career focused, hands-on learning, professional dress and opportunities for international travel. Bart appreciated outside-the-box thinking and later empowered Todd to practice the same.

While Bart and Jean were putting their well-known high energy into growing Central Penn, their only son, Todd, was a senior at Central Dauphin High School in suburban Harrisburg.

Todd recalls, "At the same time my parents were immersed in this new venture, I was looking at college for myself. Dad asked me to research schools and then we took a road trip to several Midwestern colleges."

Purdue University in West Lafayette, Ind., stood out.

"It was a very good school, especially for those who enjoy math like I do," Todd says. "Also, the swim coach was interested in me and handed me an application during my campus visit. He made a shy teenager feel special."



Todd signing the application to award Baccalaureate Degrees on June 3, 1998, pictured with Dean Craiger Parker.

Todd Milano's first years at Central Penn

Todd earned his bachelor's degree in industrial management from Purdue University in 1974.

"My father wanted me to work for him right away but I told him that I needed to work for someone else first," he explains. "I knew that when I would begin work at Central Penn, it would be a lifelong commitment."

Todd always loved the water so he headed to New Jersey to work in a hotel in Ocean City.

"Today this would be known as my 'gap year,'" he laughs.

At the end of the following summer, Todd returned to central Pennsylvania. In September of 1975, Todd started working at Central Penn as the financial aid director.

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After three days on the job, Todd told his mother, "Thank goodness you raised me. Dad is so intense." He explains, "My father was D-R-I-V-E-N, all capital letters. He achieved remarkable things because of his ambitious nature. My mother says to this day that if my father couldn't be first, he wouldn't participate."

The 22-year-old matured slowly and settled in under his father's tutelage for the next 14 years. "Dad was a born leader and he shaped me into a leader, too, so I am grateful," admits Todd.

Todd met the charming Linda Meiller, legal secretarial, from nearby Camp Hill, Pa., in 1977 while she was a student on campus. Linda graduated from Central Penn the following year and dated Todd until their marriage in 1983. Linda's first-hand knowledge of the Central Penn experience helped her to be very capable partner with Todd as his responsibilities at the college grew.

Central Penn's eighth president

In 1986 at the age of 60, Jean decided to retire. After that, she spent most of her time gardening, as she was the sole caretaker for the beautiful grounds in her and Bart's Harrisburg-area home.

Bart followed his wife into retirement three years later at age 65. The board of directors named Todd his successor as president in 1989.

Jean says today, "Todd has done a tremendous job at Central Penn. He has matched or surpassed what his father did."

When Bart walked away, he never advised his son.

"Todd was his own man. He didn't need our advice," Jean says.

Now she and Bart had more time to continue their love of travel, visiting Great Britain, France, and Italy, among other countries. The couple even bred and sold Appaloosa horses with their daughter, Teri.

Bart died in 2007 at the age of 82.

Todd reflects quietly on a statement made by his friend George J. Miller, Jr.: "You are a boy all your life until your father dies."

Todd quickly began to make his signature mark at the college. Under Todd's leadership, Central Penn evolved from a business school to a bachelor's degree-granting college with locations in Summerdale, Lancaster and Bethlehem and on-site degree completion programs at a number of partner institution locations. Online



programs were introduced and became increasingly popular. Majors expanded to several new disciplines.

Todd emulated his father's famous work ethic; including his habit of sending hand-written notes

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– DR. MELISSA VAYDA

to people he appreciated. Somewhat of a lost art in today's electronic world of immediate messaging, Todd's personal touch through these notes, which often included photos, stood out to students, faculty, friends and business and academic leaders around the country. His trademark signature was always preceded with “Keep

Todd credits the idea for an edible business card to Amy (Todd) Nuemyer '98. Legal Assistant.



Smiling.” This is right in keeping with his whimsical custom of attaching a small package of Pepperidge Farm® Milano® cookies to his business card as personal gifts.

He says, “I took this job seriously and was paid to lose sleep. I was never the executive who worked 30 to 35 hours a week and spent the rest of the time making deals on the golf course or at country club dinners. I had to give it my all. And I hired people who were smarter than I was. I loved my job.”

Central Penn has always been known as a college of opportunity. Today, Central Penn's slogan, “You can. You will.,” speaks directly to the college's brand.

As Todd says, “You can.” speaks to the idea of opportunity and “You will.” refers to students' drive. Partnered together, students will find their career success, but it is still up to them to accept responsibility for where they are in life.”

Todd says today, “I am one of the luckiest guys in the whole world. I was given the opportunity to lead an organization that has had a huge positive impact on many people. The growth of the physical facilities, programs and extra-curricular activities pales in relation to the direct benefit the Central Penn experience had on its 10,000 graduates and the ripple effect for their families and the communities where they work and live. At graduation, seeing the pride on a parent's face who never thought their child would attend college is my legacy.”

Many graduates who were given the opportunity of a college degree consider themselves to be the lucky ones. Curtis Voelker '12 business administration, explains, “President Milano gave me the ultimate compliment when he hired me to work part-time in the president's office while I was a student. Thanks to President Milano and Central Penn, I now have the tools I need to succeed in the workforce while also still living on campus as a resident advisor and giving back by serving as a trustee for the Central Penn College Education Foundation. Had I not met President Milano while in high school, I probably would not have gone to college. When asked about earning my degree, thanks to President Milano and Central Penn, I can now say that ‘I can. I will. I did.’”

Dorothy Kronemer '81 travel and tourism operations, remains close to the institution that gave Kronemer her professional start. She says, “Every sound structure begins with a solid foundation. I was fortunate to have Central



Todd gathers with family and dear friends at the Craiger C. Parker Amphitheatre on commencement weekend, 2007. Left to right: Daughter Hazel Milano, Todd Milano, Jane Meyer, the late Paul J. Meyer, Gloria Jones, the late Charles “Tremendous” Jones.

Penn as that foundation. The vision of both Bart and Todd Milano in their creation of a truly professional and educational atmosphere with sound core values has launched graduates into becoming meaningful contributors all over our world. To have come full circle



Marvin Fultz '76, accounting, and his wife Anna Mae enjoyed lunch with Central Penn representatives near their Richfield, Pa., home on Aug. 24, 2012. Left to right: Joan Hassinger, Steve Hassinger, Todd Milano, Anna Mae Fultz, Marvin Fultz.

from a Central Penn student, to a graduate, to an IBM executive, and then to have been provided with the honor to be Central Penn's 2011 commencement speaker has been a most meaningful journey and one where the foundation and values of Bart and Todd Milano reside in my life."

Marvin Fultz '76 accounting, who knows both Todd and his father, says, "In 1974, Bart Milano gave me the hope to build on a dream. A foundation in accounting was built at Central Penn to have a tax and accounting business, which, after 33 years of growth, was franchised as H&R Block,® Richfield, Pa., in 2010. It has been rewarding to have Todd personally recognize my success, faith and integrity."

Todd continues, "I have been blessed with a wonderful board, some of whom still remain from my father's era. I recently stumbled across my dad's resignation letter to the board in 1989. He thanked the board for their service to him and charged them with serving me. I was touched and grateful that they indeed have been such responsible advisors."

Todd Milano decides to step down

One of the most important signs of a strong leader is the understanding of when he or she has taken an organization as far as he or she can. A number of things aligned for Todd in 2012, including his 60th birthday, which pointed to his decision to leave as president.

Always looking forward, the board of directors had a transition task force in place since 2004. Dr. Melissa Vayda, vice president and chief academic officer, was named interim president immediately. During one of his final meetings with Vayda, Todd gave her permission to do things differently.

"Now is your opportunity," he told her. That opportunity will probably not include jumping into the college pool fully clothed in a business suit during the annual Fall Harvest, a

tradition of Todd's for the past several years.

Vayda adds, "Over the past 14 years, I have had the rewarding opportunity to walk beside the 'big shoes' that I am now trying to fill. Todd has not only served as our leader, but he has served as my mentor and he has allowed me to grow and change; make mistakes and recover."

Todd likes to say that he is stepping away with one foot. He explains, "I will continue to assist the college's education foundation in raising funds for student scholarships in any way possible. The growth of the foundation's endowment is hugely important to me as I watch student financial need only increase."

He continues, "If I can reach out to the 10,000 Milano-era graduates and refresh their memories about what it is like to be a student with bills to pay, I want to do

modestly about their own philanthropy but the generous couple has helped dozens of students through their annual gifts for scholarships. In all cases, their gifts are given to establish funds in others' names, not their own.

According to Education Foundation Director Matt Lane, "Todd and Linda have been leading donors to the foundation. Todd believes strongly in helping Central Penn students and I am very grateful that he will continue to meet with friends of the education foundation to grow scholarship funds."

Still a full schedule

Todd Milano has always had a number of interests outside of Central Penn. He enjoys taking discarded items and giving them purpose

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that. I'd like to work with the foundation staff to grow it's endowment to \$10 million. Wouldn't that be great?"

Todd will maintain office space in the historic Boyer House on campus, which is now the headquarters for the education foundation. His title is now president emeritus and ambassador, as he supports the foundation in its fundraising endeavors. Todd and Linda speak

once again. Henszey's Bridge on Central Penn's campus is an example of his passion to reuse materials.

One Sunday afternoon while he was on a country drive with his mother, they spotted a stone bridge abutment under a long-since collapsed covered bridge. The stone now forms a retaining wall in his back yard. Linda wanted a hanging bell for an entrance to the house and



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Todd and Linda Milano

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Signatures in higher education

With the flourish of a pen, a signature can represent major moments in life. Signatures on a house deed, a marriage license or a retirement plan are all snapshots of progress, next steps forward. Some of Central Penn College's favorite "next step" signatures are the ones that bolster educational partnerships with local community colleges. In the past year, a dual admissions agreement was signed and finalized with HACC, Central Pennsylvania's Community College.

The agreement with HACC capped off a series of successful partnerships and enables HACC graduates of 11 associate degrees to directly transfer to related Central Penn College bachelor's degrees.

At the September 18, 2012 signing event held at HACC's Harrisburg campus, former President Todd Milano said, "This next step in our valuable partnership has the potential to do amazing things for central Pennsylvania.

HACC President John J. "Ski" Sygielski added, "It will allow our students to simultaneously enroll at HACC and a four-year institution. They will have the benefits of the cost savings as well as an excellent academic path."

In addition to a one-time \$500 scholarship that HACC transfer students receive from Central Penn, Central Penn formed a scholarship fund in 2012 for HACC graduates who would benefit from need-based scholarships. Other collaborations in 2012 resulted in increased support and flexibility for students. Central Penn students can now use the resources at any HACC library. Also, HACC Lebanon campus criminal justice students who enroll at Central Penn can earn their bachelor's degree close to home through an agreement that brings Central Penn professors to the HACC Lebanon classrooms.

Stay tuned to www.centralpenn.edu/news to see Central Penn's latest educational partnerships.



Todd Milano and HACC President John J. "Ski" Sygielski sign a dual admissions agreement on Sept. 18, 2012.

on-site and online formats, students can enroll in the general bachelor's degree or specific concentrations in emergency operations, government and nonprofit organizations.

"There is a distinct need and demand for leadership skills in the workforce within Pennsylvania and the United States," says Associate Dean of the School of Applied Sciences Patrick Hughes. "The interdisciplinary nature of the new program's curriculum allows interested students to learn how to inspire, lead others and affect change, all while specializing in one of the three areas of concentration. There is a vast applicability of the concepts of leadership in many arenas."

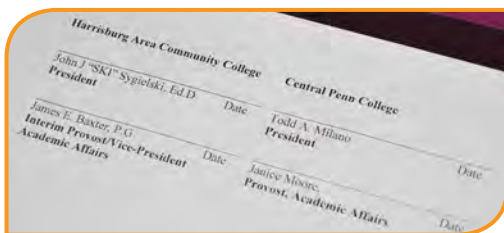
The Job Outlook 2012 survey report published by the National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE) showed that the second top attribute that employers seek on a candidate's resume is leadership, with 77.2 percent of respondents selecting this attribute.

"Central Penn's program truly prepares students to be leaders at the next level," says Hughes.

New degree offerings

Another important signature in the life of Central Penn College is the Pennsylvania secretary of education's signature on letters that grant approval for new degree programs. On July 12, 2012, Central Penn received the good news that the college was approved to offer its newest bachelor's degree program in organizational leadership.

Available in different combinations of



The dual admissions agreement between Central Penn College and HACC, moments prior to being signed into effect on Sept. 18, 2012.

It is a win for the community, a win for our institutions and most importantly, a win for the career-focused students who desire an affordable, high-value education. Together, we are committed to serving students who will serve as the backbone of the businesses that drive our local economy."

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Updates

from YOUR Career Services Department

by Steve Hassinger, *Career Services Director*

Career Services is always looking for ways to better assist our alumni in their career development. In the past year, we have been privileged to provide assistance to graduates from the past five decades. While we thoroughly enjoy welcoming you back to our offices in Summerdale and Lancaster, we also realize that it is not always possible for many of you to travel to one of our physical locations to meet with us. Thus, we have been working hard to expand the services that are available to you through our webpage.

If you have not done so recently, please take a few minutes to explore <http://www.centralpenn.edu/careerservices>. Among the resources you will find are a calendar of career events at Central Penn and elsewhere, resources for military personnel and veterans, average wage information searchable by geographical area, graduate school and career guides, and digital versions of the *Job Choices* magazine. This page also has links to the FOCUS assessment tool (the access code is “knights”), YouTube videos prepared by Career Services on a variety of topics, and the Optimal Online Career Center. In addition to job postings, the Optimal Online Career Center provides tools to assist you with skills assessments, resumes, cover letters, interviews, digital portfolios and the creation of your own website.

Career Services welcomes your assistance and participation with our events. Every year, we host job fairs and networking receptions, and a business partner of the year breakfast. In addition, we conduct workshops throughout the year on a variety of topics, such as applying to graduate school or tips for pursuing federal job opportunities.

In today’s job market, it is increasingly important to set yourself apart from the crowd in order to earn the job you want and advance in your career. Career Services is here to help you achieve those career goals throughout your lifetime.



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Please take advantage of the tools we have available and let us know how we can help you. We would love to hear about your career accomplishments and share the good news with others in *PennDulum* and elsewhere!



Knights Basketball



Dr. Glenn Zehner, past Central Penn College board of directors chair, was honored as a guest coach for the Central Penn Knights men's basketball game against Penn State Schuylkill on Nov. 14, 2012. Zehner's appearance kicked off the team's guest coaching program, designed to recognize active and supportive alumni and friend leaders, while introducing them to the players and fans of Knight Nation. Left to right: Student Patrick Stewart, Assistant Coach Shawn Lewis and Zehner, Head Coach Dave Baker.

Online apparel store stocked with spirit wear

Looking for Central Penn clothing? Just check out the online apparel store at centralpenn.edu/store. The online store includes spirit wear in the form of sweatpants, sweatshirts, hooded sweatshirts, shorts, T-shirts, polo shirts, ball caps, backpacks, and blankets. There are also T-shirts and caps for sale for alumni. So stock up now on your favorite items and wear the Central Penn logo proudly!





Studying abroad

“Learn, grow and have fun”

Professor **Howard Davison**, his wife Mary and 13 excited Central Penn students hopped on a plane September 28, 2012, for a seven-week learning adventure in Australia. The Central Penn study abroad program, known as the Cultural Immersion Program, was initiated in 2004. The Davisons have been managing the program since 2007. Altogether, more than 100 students have participated in trips based in Australia, Croatia, Japan and Ireland/Scotland.

“Our motto is: learn, grow and have fun,” says Davison. “Students start learning and growing from the moment they set foot on the plane. Most students have not been to a foreign country before this experience. Many have not even been on an airplane. And they have fun experiencing all of this with their friends.

Each year, my wife and I plan one or more excursions involving all students. We also guide students in planning their own excursions in groups of three or more. They do the planning and submit an approval request for the financing of their excursion. They give their itinerary, their learning objectives and a detailed cost estimate of transportation, lodging and learning activities. Last year, from our home base in Zadar, Croatia, students planned trips to the United Kingdom, Ireland, Italy, Spain, Germany, Austria, Hungary and the Czech Republic, as well as many destinations within Croatia. Students learn from researching and planning



The 2012 Cultural Immersion Program students at the Australia (Steve Irwin, Crocodile Hunter) zoo just north of Brisbane, Australia, in the state of Queensland. Howard and Mary Davison pictured at left.

their excursions, as well as from the excursions themselves. Students grow in confidence as they learn they can plan trips, get around foreign countries on their own and get to know people of different cultures. Students meet many travelers their own age from countries all over the world, who are also traveling on their own.

My wife and I are firm believers in this program. We have seen it make a marked change in many students. They come home as more confident, worldly and well-rounded people. Most students, if not all, would tell you it was an experience they will never forget and that they are very grateful to Central Penn College for the opportunity.”

You may follow the adventures of the students who traveled to Australia last fall at blogs.centralpenn.edu/immersion.



On September 7, 2012, 73 students and 24 faculty and staff members volunteered with the Boys & Girls Club of Central Pennsylvania as a part of the United Way's Day of Caring. Students, faculty and staff assisted with cleaning, painting, organizing and weeding at two Boys and Girls club locations. The Hershey's KISSMOBILE even stopped by to pay a visit. Student volunteers gathered the day before for a "Rally for a Cause" event, coordinated by a media events planning class.



In what has quickly become a new campus tradition during finals week, Central Penn faculty and staff gathered to serve a "Late Knight Breakfast" to students. Led by Involvement Coordinator Kevin Smith, faculty and staff volunteers served pancakes, bacon, fruit and cookies to students, starting at 10 p.m., giving them a much-needed study break.



At Central Penn's annual Fall Harvest event, student Megan Coble was crowned the 2012 Fall Harvest Queen. Nominees raised money for a charity that is close to their hearts. Through donations from students, faculty, staff, family and friends, Coble raised \$1,023.79. Altogether, the three queen nominees—Coble, Samantha Wright and Tasha Stevens—raised more than \$2,000 for charity.



Glenn W. Zehner, Ed.D., was recognized as an outgoing member at the college's board of directors meeting on Nov. 15, 2012. He joined the board in 1992 (board chairman 2008-2010), and received a hand-crafted Scrabble® board as a token of appreciation for his years of service, dedication and support. Zehner's involvement with Central Penn impacted the lives of thousands of graduates, students, professors and administrators. Left to right: Todd Milano, Glenn Zehner.



For several years, Todd Milano has participated in a local charity event called Vickie's Angel Walk. In 2012, he invited others to join him as participants on "Team Keep Smiling" at the October 16 event. Left to right: (row 2) Jeff Orban, Linda (Meiller) Milano '78, Alice and Brad Morgan, Matt Lane, Glenn Zehner; (row 1) Loudon, Sunny and Amanda Lane, Todd Milano, Duane and Sue Greenly, Linda Buffington.



Ron Katzman of Goldberg Katzman law firm traveled to Philadelphia for an estate auction on Oct. 8, 2011. Jay Bishop '11, paralegal, works for the firm and both Bishop and Todd Milano accompanied Katzman on the trip.

Gil Stricklin, chairman and CEO, Marketplace Ministries, Inc., invited Todd Milano to speak at a board meeting in Texas on Oct. 26, 2012. The day prior, Milano was delighted to join Jane Meyer (Meyer Family Foundation) at a luncheon celebrating 25 years for Baylor University Women's Council of Dallas. Left to right: Jane Meyer, Todd Milano.



Lunches at the Boyer House



Pennsylvania Secretary of Education Ron Tomalis, attorney and friend of Central Penn Ron Katzman, Interim President & CAO Dr. Melissa Vayda and Todd Milano enjoy lunch and conversation on the Boyer House porch on Aug. 28, 2012. Left to right: Melissa Vayda, Ron Tomalis, Ron Katzman, Todd Milano.



Robin Scaer, marketing director for the Hershey Harrisburg Regional Visitors Bureau, on Aug. 30, 2012. Left to right: Foundation Director Matt Lane, student Carly Handyside, student Megan Coble, Todd Milano, Provost Janice Moore, Robin Scaer.



Paul Stombaugh, assistant controller, Weis Markets, on Nov. 29, 2012. Weis Markets will be opening a store on Valley Road in Enola, Pa. Left to right: Assistant Dean Russell Kulp, student Kandarp Pathak, Paul Stombaugh, Todd Milano.



Presidents Circle members Alexandra Oles and Cami Ressler meet with a current student at the Boyer House on Nov. 13, 2012. Left to right: Alexandra Oles, Cami Ressler, student Roselyne Koakanou, Todd Milano.

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!

1980s

Donna (Carson) Shaffer '83, BS in business administration, is a senior underwriter for Penn National Insurance. Shaffer resides in Camp Hill, Pa.

Fuller McNutt '88, aviation administration, is a captain with Southwest Airlines. He resides in Middletown, Del.

Kelly (Moore) Apichell '89, medical secretary, is a radiology transcriptionist for Quality Med Transcription. She



Kelly (Moore) Apichell '89

has been married since 1993, and resides with her husband and daughter in Fort Myers, Fla. She returns to Pennsylvania a few times each year to visit family and friends. She writes, "I am grateful to Central Penn for giving

me the education and knowledge to have a career that I absolutely love."

Victoria (Spak) Roberts '89, paralegal, is a business analyst for HM Insurance Group. Roberts writes Scottish historical romances about kilted heroes and warriors from the past. She was named by RT Book Reviews as "One of the most promising debut authors across the genres" and is also a RT Book Reviews 2012 Reviewers' Choice Nominee for Best First Historical Novel for her debut, "Temptation in a Kilt." She resides in McMurray, Pa., with her husband and two children.



Gabriella and Cole Schilling

1990s

MaryBeth (Trionfo) Baker '91, media, is an office manager for Retirement Plan Solutions. She resides in Altoona, Pa.

Heather (Leisenring) Richardson '94, legal studies/paralegal, is a paralegal at Christman, Kelley & Clarke. Richardson and her husband reside in Highland Village, Texas.



Heather (Leisenring) Richardson '94

Lori Tress '95, finance, is a fiscal technician for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Department of Banking. Tress resides in Enola, Pa.



Lesli (Moore) Deppen '03 and husband Tony

Lesli (Moore) Deppen '03, BS in business administration – management, is a marketing manager for Thermotech, Inc. She resides in Camp Hill, Pa. with her husband, Tony, and three children.

2000s

Amanda (Wojcik) Schilling '02, internet/multimedia productions, is a laboratory medicine associate at Penn State Hershey Medical Center. She and her husband welcomed twins, Gabriella and Cole, in January of 2012. She writes, "The babies had a rough start, born three months premature, but are healthy and growing strong now." Schilling and her family reside in Harrisburg, Pa.

Laurel Shearer '03, BS in business administration, is an accounting clerk for SEI Transportation. Shearer resides in Duncannon, Pa.

Thaddeus Austin '04, BS in business administration, is supervisor of transportation at the Milton Hershey School. He earned an MBA in human resource management from Strayer University in August of 2009, and is currently participating in a doctoral program at the University of Phoenix. Austin resides in Hershey, Pa.



Thaddeus Austin '04 (right) pictured with his family and Ric Trevino (left)

James Farrar '06, BS in criminal justice administration, is a Sergeant in the United States Army. He writes, "Since I graduated in 2006, I have joined the Active Duty Army, and have been deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan. I am now enrolled in the master's degree program at CTU for my master's in criminal justice." Farrar resides in El Paso, Texas.

Kelvin Jones '06, information systems, is an assistant store manager for Walmart. He writes, "My special memories of Central Penn College include Cisco networking lab class and routers and switches. Instructor Mike Romano always encouraged us to work together as a team and strive to do our best." Jones resides in Carlisle, Pa., where he volunteers his time for the Carlisle Fire Police, New Birth of Freedom Boy Scouts and the American Red Cross.

Matt Potter '06, BS in business administration – marketing, was promoted to the position of distribution analyst in the corporate office of J.Crew Group in New York City in December 2012. Potter continues to participate in a doctoral program in organizational leadership. He resides in Washington Heights, N.Y.



Matt Digilio '05

Matt Digilio '05, BS in information technology, is the president/developsigner of xdot Media, LLC. He resides in Spokane, Wash.

Matthew Eroh '05, BS in information technology, is a systems analyst for Siemens. He resides in Downingtown, Pa.

Amanda (Rohrbaugh) McKinney '05, BS in business administration, is an administrative assistant to Physician Practices at Lancaster Regional Medical Center. She writes, "My journey at Central Penn included earning my associate degree in applied science, and almost five years later receiving my bachelor's degree in business administration. My education at Central Penn has provided me with a vast amount of knowledge which has been useful in my continued growth at the hospital. Thank you, Central Penn, for always helping me strive to be my best." McKinney resides outside of Strasburg, Pa., with her husband, David, and son, Troy.



Amanda (Rohrbaugh) McKinney '05 with husband David and son, Troy

Britta Aller '06, BS in business administration – management, is a warehouse/office worker for Valley Food Systems. Aller also volunteers her time as the Americanism Chair/Sergeant at Arms for the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 910, Lickdale. She resides in Jonestown, Pa.



Shammara Stuteville '06

Shammara Stuteville '06, travel and tourism, is a ramp and gate agent for U.S. Airways in Flagstaff, Ariz. Xanterra means "beautiful place on earth." Stuteville writes, "It is truly a blessing to live and work here in the beautiful place!" She also volunteers her time

JASON BARSHINGER '03,

communications, is the owner of 149 Group – a marketing firm with a strong focus on promotional products and graphic design.

“We have partnered with restaurants, nonprofits, healthcare companies and major corporations, just to name a few,”

says Barshinger.

When he is not working hard on growing his company, Barshinger serves as the assistant coach for the Central Penn Lady Knights basketball team and head coach of the women’s volleyball team. He is also an accomplished musician, having played more than 120 concerts in the past year alone—both solo or with his rock band “J.B. and the Deadbeats.” He was featured on the May 2012 cover of Pennsylvania Musician magazine and his original songs have been played on a variety of radio stations, including local stations 105.7 and 97.3.

When asked about his memories of Todd Milano as Central Penn president, Barshinger was quick to praise Milano’s leadership role in growing Central Penn’s campus, as well as his openness to meet with students and listen to their concerns.

“He was very supportive,” says Barshinger. “And he was very active, too. Who can forget the polar bear plunge every year?! As an athlete, I always appreciated him coming to our basketball games.”



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and energy to Habitat for Humanity, National Park Services and Best Friends Animal Sanctuary.

Stephanie-Ann Hoffert '07, BS in criminal justice administration, is an emergency substitute teacher in the Carlisle Area School District. She earned her master’s degree in public safety and forensic science certificate from Capella University in December 2012. She plans to begin working on her forensic psychology doctorate program in the near future. Hoffert resides in Enola, Pa., with her daughter and son. They enjoy volunteering and giving back to the local community.

Amanda Senkiw '07, hotel/restaurant management, is a catering sales manager for Arnold Palmer’s Bay Hill Club and Lodge. She resides in Kissimmee, Fla.

Antoine Fennell '08, BS in business administration, is a financial sales consultant II with PNC Bank, N.A. He and his wife celebrated their seventh wedding anniversary on September 19, 2012, and are pleased to announce that they are expecting another baby. In addition, he plans to attend an online graduate school program to better equip himself for more opportunities. Fennell and his family reside in Philadelphia, Pa.

Jennifer Kessler '08, BS in criminal justice, is a records specialist for the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections. She resides in Millerstown, Pa.



Katie Blumenschein '09 and fiancé Derek

Katie Blumenschein '09, BS in business administration – management, is a commercial account assistant, HR trainee, licensing coordinator for Gunn-Mowery, LLC. She joined Gunn-Mowery in October of 2010. Blumenschein and her fiancé, Derek, are planning to be married in May 2013. She currently resides in Shermansdale, Pa.

Mike Johnson '09, BS in business administration – management, is head night auditor for Renaissance Meadowlands. He and his wife, Katie, reside in Lyndhurst, N.J.

Kenise Williford-Shelton, '09, BS in criminal justice administration, is a behavior health worker at Wordsworth Academy. Williford-Shelton resides in Philadelphia, Pa.

Nicarra (Tucker-Bagley) Jones '10, BS in corporate communications, is a receptionist for SIAM. She writes, “Central Penn College gave me some of the best memories of my life. Central Penn not only gave me the education that I needed to succeed, but it also planted people in my life that would be

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Nicarra (Tucker-Bagley) Jones '10 with her husband, James D. Jones III

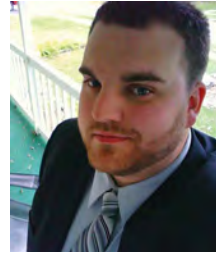
in my heart and in my thoughts forever. I want to thank Professor Maria Thiw and Professor Cindy Beers for not only being great professors, but also great people who care so much about their students. Thank you, Central Penn, for all you have done and all you will continue to do." Jones resides in Upper Darby, Pa.

Todd Willoughby '10, BS in information technology, was recently promoted to technical services supervisor for M3T Corporation. M3T Corporation provides government and private sector



Natalie Confer-Immell '11

security consulting, solution design, and infrastructure implementations in Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware, Washington D.C. metro area and Northern Virginia. He resides in Enola, Pa.



Todd Willoughby '10

Natalie Confer-Immell '11, BS in business administration – human resources, is a licensed massage therapist at ESSpa Kozmetica. She was married on May 26, 2012, and resides with her husband in Philipsburg, Pa.

Mike Dougherty '11, BS in business administration, is a senior keyholder/department coordinator for Woolrich, Inc. He resides in Jersey Shore, Pa.



Brice Fuller '11

Brice Fuller '11, BS in criminal justice administration, is an Airman First Class in the United States Air Force.

Fuller graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas, on August 10, 2012. He completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills. Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force. He is currently training at the Louis F. Garland Department of Defense Fire Academy at Goodfellow AFB in San Angelo, Texas.

Kyle Szives '11, BS in information technology, is an application developer for Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield. Szives resides in Pittsburgh, Pa.

CHAD RAMSEY '02, BS business administration, exemplifies that of an exemplary knight. Ramsey is a member of the first class to graduate from Central Penn College's four-year program. Currently, he is president and founder of Professional Gasfield Incorporated. His company is specifically involved in the handling and logistics of several oil and gas field products.

According to Ramsey, two of the most influential and impacting professors he had were Professor Lynn Shuster and former Professor Steve Shoemaker, who is now the systems specialist in the information technology department.

With his business, Ramsey explained how several pieces of knowledge he gained from Central Penn were reinforced in the field. It was this experience that made him further appreciate attending this institution.

"Embarking upon the path of starting my own business with all the risks it entails, I realized I was a very small fish in a huge pond," explained Ramsey. "I was

competing with companies that had seemingly endless budgets, so it looked like an increasingly uphill battle. After much contemplation, I fell back on another bit of advice I learned from Central Penn.

I remembered that owning your own business and making it thrive is just like running a race. You never want to look at your opposition because it'll only slow you down and cost you your individual tempo; especially if you're ahead of the competition. We just needed to concentrate on what we were doing and do it right and increasingly get better."

Ramsey's primary motivator is seeing his employees smile. The motivation however, does not stop there. He pays the motivation forward to current Central Penn students, by guest lecturing in classes to let the students know that they can and will use the education they gain from this institution to empower them and pave new roads toward their future.



Chad Ramsey '02 with Lynn Shuster

DIANE M. (JACOBS) EICHELBERGER '76

After successful secretarial and airline careers, today Assistant Manager Diane Jacobs shows customers how fashion matters at Talbots in the Susquehanna Shoppes, Harrisburg, Pa.

She thanks Central Penn for the "best education and foundation for

her careers." Jacobs' internship for the Pennsylvania Local Government Committee led to her becoming the personal secretary for Senator Austin Murphy (committee chair at the time). Her office moved from the fifth floor of the Capitol to the rotunda of the main Capitol building. Next stop: Washington, D.C.!

"Working on Capitol Hill was exciting—such a fast-paced political environment," exclaims Jacobs. "During the Carter administration, Senator Murphy was elected to the U.S. Congress. I accompanied him to D.C. and thoroughly enjoyed the wonderful opportunity to meet and work with many political leaders."

Jacob's lifelong interest in travel led her next to a 28-year flight attendant career at U.S. Airways.

"One highlight was having the pleasure of serving on a flight with Bart Milano and a group of travel students," she says.

Initially flying throughout the U.S., Jacobs flew exclusively to Europe during her last decade with the airline and visited some favorite destinations like Paris, Rome, Madrid, Frankfurt and Manchester. In addition to flying, she also worked part-time at Talbots.

"I've lived in many cities, but now reside in Mechanicsburg near family and friends with my husband, Lynn Eichelberger, and my many beloved cats."



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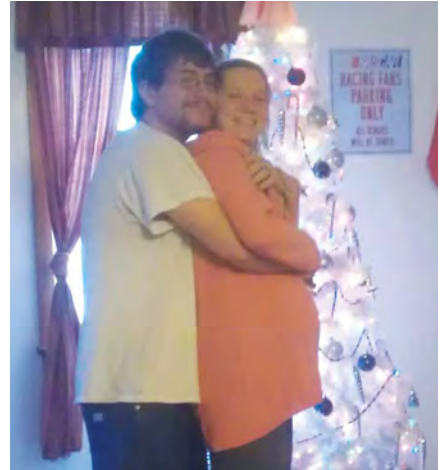
Amy (Roe) Adee '12 pictured with her husband

Amy (Roe) Adee '12, BS in business administration and accounting, AS in accounting '99, is an accounts payable SAP representative for Maines Paper and Food. Adee and her husband reside in Susquehanna, Pa.

Natasha Brown '12, BS in criminal justice administration, is a Supply Sergeant for the Pennsylvania Army National Guard, Charlie Company 628th ASB, which is based in York, Pa. Brown is looking forward to her upcoming wedding in May 2013. She resides in Dillsburg, Pa.

Kelly (Kuester) Huss '12, BS in information technology, is the owner of Kelly's Web Innovations. She volunteers with the SPCA, fostering homeless dogs. Huss is expecting the arrival of her first child in March 2013. Huss and her husband reside in Valley View, Pa.

Denise Thomas '12, BS in business administration and certificate in human resources, is a supervisor of dental customer service for United Concordia in Harrisburg, Pa. She writes, "Since graduation, I have been using the tools that I have learned at Central Penn and my human resources course to help me in my current supervisor position. I continue to look for promotional opportunities where I work while deciding if I would like to further my education and go for my master's."



Kelly (Kuester) Huss '12 pictured with husband



Denise Thomas '12

Catharine (Clark) Gray died Thursday, November 8, 2012 at the age of 94.

Maria Blocher Kuchma died Sunday, November 18, 2012 at the age of 97.

Garman Laudermilch died Wednesday, September 26, 2012 at the age of 86.

Betty (Troutman) Long died Friday, August 24, 2012 at the age of 85.

Esther (Zeiders) McCleary died Thursday, September 20, 2012 at the age of 92.

Evelyn "Skip" (Bond) Readinger died Saturday, November 17, 2012 at the age of 90.

Reba Romain died Sunday, January 20, 2012 at the age of 79.

Marian "Mickey" (Knoll) Snyder died Thursday, January 17, 2013 at the age of 90.

Christine (Dick) Yohe died Thursday, September 27, 2013 at the age of 91.

In Memoriam

Althea (Ferguson) Wollaston, former faculty member, died Saturday, October 6, 2012 at the age of 82.

TRICIA (MYERS) SMELTZER '89

Career success has followed Smeltzer since she landed her first job right after graduation as a leisure travel agent. She quickly moved to corporate travel, enjoying 16 years employed in the field with AAA York, Superior Travel, Denstply and Rosenbluth International. The aftermath of 9/11 found her unemployed, but not discouraged. For a few years, she enjoyed being a stay-at-home mom.



Favorite Central Penn Memory: "The very competitive, outdoor recreation volleyball league. This ties to my favorite memory of Coach Todd Milano. Volleyball was very popular in the fall of 1988. Todd held tryouts for an indoor volleyball team. A great coach, even though our team didn't pull out many wins, he stressed we should have fun while playing the game we loved. As Central Penn's pioneer volleyball team, our fun showed on our shirt motto: 'Reach Out and Stuff Someone.' Two words that describe Todd Milano: 'dedicated' and 'involved.' That is so important in the lives of students, and Todd exemplified that in every way at Central Penn."

"My husband and I met when I was home from Central Penn one summer weekend in 1988," says Smeltzer. "Married for 21 years, we have three children: Gabrielle, 16; Bridget, 15; and Bryce, 12. Unsuccessful in my attempts to get back into travel, I worked as an administrative assistant and then as a district court office clerk. Then in September 2012, the Lord blessed me with my dream job—booking travel from home! My position at Sky Vacations reconnected me with my alma mater. I've never been happier in my entire career. Thank you, Central Penn!"

Classmates who want to be in touch can email Smeltzer at TSmeltzer5@comcast.net; alumni or friends with particular travel needs should email Tricia@SkyVacations.net.

Calendar

Central Penn College 131st Commencement

The Forum – Harrisburg, Pa.
Friday, May 3 • 8 p.m.

Occupational Therapy Assistant Visit Day for High School Students

Central Penn College – Summerdale Campus
Wednesday, May 15

Business Partner of the Year Breakfast

Central Penn College – Summerdale Campus
Wednesday, May 15 • 8 a.m. (RSVP required)

Summer Open House for High School Students

Central Penn College – Summerdale Campus
Saturday, July 20

Discovery Day for High School Students

Central Penn College – Summerdale Campus
Wednesday, July 24

Central Penn Alumni Association Meeting

Central Penn College – Summerdale Campus/ Central Penn College
Lancaster Center
Wednesday, July 24 • 5:30 p.m.

Part-time Job Fair

Central Penn College – Summerdale Campus
Monday, July 25 • 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Alumni Picnic with the Harrisburg Senators

Harrisburg, Pa.
Friday, August 2 • 6 p.m.

Physical Therapist Assistant Visit Day for High School Students

Central Penn College – Summerdale Campus
Wednesday, August 21

Networking Reception

Central Penn College – Summerdale Campus
Thursday, September 5 • 11 a.m. (RSVP required)

Central Penn Alumni Day at Knoebels Grove Amusement Park

Elysburg, Pa.
Saturday, September 14

Fall Harvest

Central Penn College – Summerdale Campus
Saturday, October 19 • 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Discovery Day for High School Students

Central Penn College – Summerdale Campus
Wednesday, October 23

Fall Career Expo

Central Penn College – Summerdale Campus
Thursday, October 24 • 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Central Penn Alumni New York City Bus Trip

Saturday, October 26

Fall Open House for High School Students

Central Penn College – Summerdale Campus
Saturday, November 9

Occupational Therapy Assistant Visit Day for High School Students

Central Penn College – Summerdale Campus
Wednesday, November 20

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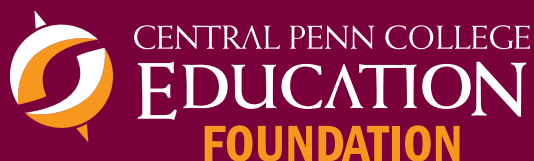
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