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## Stewards of place

Protecting the environment  
Preserving local culture  
Serving the region

LHU means  
**BUSINESS**

Social media and  
student learning

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# LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



Welcome to the spring 2011 issue of *The Haven* magazine.

It seems like only yesterday that I had the opportunity to address the university community at the opening meeting of the academic year. At that time, I laid out the agenda for the academic year including some expectations regarding issues important to us as a public institution.

As a public regional institution and a member of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU) we have a responsibility to not only provide a high quality experience for students, but to serve our region as well. We do not exist in isolation, but rather have an interdependent relationship with our community and the surrounding area. We share in the responsibility for the success and prosperity and the imperative to preserve, protect and contribute to the communities in which we are located. AASCU defines this as being "Stewards of Place." In the following pages you will find stories

and examples of how Lock Haven University is carrying out responsible stewardship.

LHU people are planting and preserving trees, promoting an appreciation of the area's natural beauty and resources, and celebrating regional culture and history. Our librarians are preserving important historical records. The Department of Business Administration, Computer Science, and Information Technology is providing resources for new and emerging businesses in the area and is partnering with the Clinton County Arts Council. From the Susquehanna River to the Gulf of Mexico and beyond, LHU faculty, staff, students and alumni are working to protect water resources and marine life. LHU is providing highly-trained nurses and Physician Assistants to help meet the growing health-care needs of the Commonwealth. Faculty and students are doing cutting-edge research with the potential to lower the cost of electric lighting in our homes and the meat and dairy products on our tables. Faculty are using innovative approaches to engage students and help ensure their success, both in the classroom and in their careers. And Lock Haven University continues to provide educational and cultural offerings for community members of all ages.

I am extraordinarily proud to be part of Lock Haven University and value each day that I am able to be a part of the higher education community. I know you share my pride in your alma mater and the wonderful people who work diligently, day after day, to give students the experiences they need to make the world better for all of us.

Thank you for your continued friendship, loyalty and support.

Barbara Dixon  
President

## ON THE COVER

Sunrise offshore at Assateague Island. The navigation buoy in the distance marks the channel out to sea - a guide for LHU marine biology students at the Wallops Island Marine Science Consortium. Photo by LHU student Cassie Snider.



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**PROVIDING A SAFE HAVEN:** Whether it's on campus, across the globe or in the ocean, students, faculty and staff are committed to protecting the planet.



## SAFETY NETWORK

Professor's research reveals the value of reaching students through social media.



## ALUMNI EVENTS

Homecoming, alumni vacations and holiday receptions continue to keep friends together.

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## GOT IDEAS?

In our continuing efforts to make *The Haven* magazine something you really enjoy reading, we are always on the lookout for story ideas. We invite you to submit story ideas at any time. Some of our best stories were the result of a tip. We can't use every idea we receive, but we wel-

come all suggestions. Every suggestion gets our creative juices flowing, helping us to keep *The Haven* relevant to the interests and needs of our readers.

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## COMING IN THE SUMMER ISSUE OF THE HAVEN MAGAZINE ...

■ Student housing—looking forward to the "suite" life  
■ Science Center update — building for the future

■ December commencement  
■ Sports, the arts, academic achievements and kudos

■ Preview of alumni weekend... and more!

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### Professor named interim dean

At the start of the new year, Dr. Mary Rose-Colley, Professor and Chair of the Health Sciences Department, assumed the duties of Interim Dean of the College of Education and Human Services. Dr. Rose-Colley holds a D.Ed. in Health Education from the Pennsylvania State University.

Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Deborah Erickson said, "Professor Rose-Colley's administrative and teaching experience will ensure a seamless transition as she assumes her new responsibilities. I am confident that the College of Education and Human Services will continue to thrive under her leadership."

Professor Rose-Colley has been at Lock Haven University since 1990. Prior to coming to LHU, she was on the faculty of East Stroudsburg University (1986-1990).

Former dean Dr. Thomas C. Ormond is now Associate Provost for Academic Affairs at Georgia College and State University.

## President Dixon charts course for university

Lock Haven University's opening meeting on August 26 provided Interim President Barbara B. Dixon with her first opportunity to address university faculty and staff as a whole and to outline the goals and challenges for the year.

Dr. Dixon stated that her role is to get the university ready for a new permanent president. "That means," she said, focusing on "the big issues that will set some momentum going."

These "big issues" include the university's mission statement and strategic plan, comprehensive assessment plans, and, of course, the budget. "We can't control the economy," she said. "Instead, the university must focus on how it can adapt and meet the challenges ahead."

Dr. Dixon said she will work closely with the LHU Foundation to continue to raise funds for the university, and placed particular emphasis on

the Science Center planned for East Campus.

Dr. Dixon also spoke of the obligation of those associated with the university to be good "stewards of place." This includes service to the region, participation in civic life, providing cultural opportunities, and preserving the natural beauty and resources of the area.

Finally, she described a discussion with students. Asked why they chose to attend LHU, the students all cited the same things: personal attention from their professors, academic challenge, beautiful campus, and being part of a community. "Without knowing it," said Dr. Dixon, "They were describing The Haven - small college lifestyle, big university education." "As we start the new semester," she said, "let's remember that there are 5000 students about to enter campus and they are why we're here."



## Opening meeting showcases people and programs

The President's opening meeting for the 2010-11 academic year, held on Thursday, August 26, provided an opportunity to shine the spotlight on various LHU faculty, staff and programs for outstanding achievement.

### Peers' Choice Awards:

The Linda Emanuel Teaching and Learning Center (TLC) presented its yearly Peers' Choice awards for teaching, mentoring and advising. Dr. Joan Whitman Hoff, Professor of Philosophy, received the Excellence in Pedagogy Award. Dr. Tara Mitchell, Associate Professor of Psychology, received the Excellence in Advisement Award. Walter Eisenhauer, Director of the Physician's Assistant Program, received the Excellence in Mentoring Award. Each award carries a stipend of \$300 to be spent on professional development.

### Meritorious Recognition Awards:

Three Lock Haven University employees received Meritorious Recognition Awards. Meritorious Achievement Awards are presented to university employees who are nominated by their peers and are seen as outstanding contributing members to the LHU community. Candace Matthews, custodian, Facilities Department was recognized for "pride in performance and going

out of her way to accommodate the needs of the department." Vicki Paulina, course developer, Office of Academic Technology, was recognized as "an exceptional asset to the LHU community." Ralph Kalbach, equipment manager, Zimmerli Equipment Room, was recognized for his meritorious service to 16 faculty and 500 students in the Health and Physical Education Program.

### Woman of Distinction Awards:

Two staff members and two faculty members received Woman of Distinction Awards. Judy E. Hughes, Clearfield Campus clerical supervisor, was named a 2010 Staff Woman of Distinction in recognition of the work she does with facilities, admissions, and with the interim dean. Also named a 2010 Staff Woman of Distinction was Kristine M. Meeker, secretary/educational program coordinator for LHU's Small Business Development Center. Carroll J. Rhodes, director of student support in Lock Haven University's Development and Counseling Department, received a 2010 Faculty Woman of Distinction Award for her "long history of promoting women's issues." Associate Professor of Psychology Cheryl Newburg was named a 2010 Faculty Woman of Distinction for being "an excellent role model, teacher, mentor and advocate for students" during her nineteen years at Lock

Haven University.

### Eagle Awards:

Three Lock Haven University departments received Eagle statues for achieving national recognition by their professional associations. To commemorate accreditations, LHU presents each department with an Eagle statue. These are on permanent display in the 24-hour room of Stevenson Library. The three departments receiving the latest Eagle statues are the Department of Academic Development & Counseling, the English Department, and the Health & Physical Education Department.

### Collaboration and Teamwork:

The Lock Haven University Environmental Focus Group received the university's Outstanding Collaboration and Teamwork (CAT) Award. Presenter Albert Jones, assistant to the president and associate director of human resources, read a portion of the award nomination which described the Environmental Focus Group as "an eclectic group of faculty, students and staff, all of whom are dedicated to outreach to the Lock Haven University community and the wider community in Clinton County regarding issues associated with the culture and context of Clinton County and wider central Pennsylvania region."



Shane Jones records Patrizia Hoffman's Academic Minute.

# PROFESSORS TAKE TO THE AIR

Provide 'Aha! Moments' on public radio's 'Academic Minute'

Every weekday, at 7:37 a.m. and again at 3:56 p.m., WAMC/Northeast Public Radio airs a feature it calls the "Academic Minute." Each Academic Minute segment — actually a minute and a half — is intended to be a daily "Aha! Moment" for the listeners.

The Academic Minute features professors "from top institutions around the country" discussing a wide variety of topics ranging from the Dead Sea Scrolls and Alternative Energies to Ramen Noodles and The Beatles. The host of the Academic Minute is Dr. Lynn Pasquerella, President of Mount Holyoke College.

When the Academic Minute was launched in July, 2010, LHU was well represented in the schedule of segments to be aired. At the time that this issue of *The Haven* magazine went to press, WAMC had aired four segments featuring Lock Haven University professors.

Dr. Nicole Burkholder-Mosco, associate professor of English, tapped into the current interest in vampires and discussed the evolution of vampires in contemporary literature. Dr. Marjorie Maddox Hafer, professor of English and director of creative writing, did an Academic Minute on the origins of animal group names and another on the relationship between baseball and poetry. Dr. Karen Kline, professor and chair of the Communication Department, explained how TV ratings are determined.

Dr. Mahlon Grass, associate professor and department chair, Performing Arts Department, has submitted an Academic Minute on "Creativity

and the Arts." Dr. Patrizia Hoffman, associate professor, Communications and Philosophy Department, has submitted a segment about her Italian-American heritage and the legend of "The Christmas Witch," and Dr. Lynn Bruner, associate professor of Psychology, has recorded a Valentine-themed segment on "Why Love is Good for Us." Other faculty have had topics approved and are working on their scripts.

Expert recording of the LHU Academic Minute segments is done by Shane Jones, applications developer in the Stevenson Library Computing & Instructional Technology Department.

Each LHU Academic Minute helps spread the name of Lock Haven University. WAMC/ Northeast Public Radio is a regional public radio network serving parts of seven northeastern states. These include New York, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Vermont, New Jersey, New Hampshire and Pennsylvania. Stations and translators are in twenty locations throughout the region. The Academic Minute is now carried by public radio stations well beyond WAMC's broadcast area, including stations in New Mexico, Mississippi, Colorado, Texas, North Carolina, Wisconsin, Illinois, Virginia, and Canada.

**ON THE WEB:** Links to all the LHU Academic Minute broadcasts are available online at [www.lhup.edu/academicminute](http://www.lhup.edu/academicminute)



## Founder's Day Convocation focuses on 'transitions'

On Wednesday, September 1, the Lock Haven University community gathered in Price Performance Center for the 2010



Deborah Suder

Founder's Day Convocation. This annual event honors Albert Newton Raub, who founded the institution in 1878, and marks the official opening of the university's academic year.

This year's convocation centered on "transitions," a fitting theme as many of the students were making the transition from high school to college, and all were preparing for the challenges they will inevitably face, both in school and after graduation.

The university, too, is in a period of transition as the search proceeds for a new permanent president.

The keynote speaker was Lock Haven University alumna Deborah M. Suder, '91, government relations professional and a member of the LHU Council of Trustees.

In her remarks, she noted many of the transitions in her own life and urged the students in the audience to take advantage of the opportunities that might present themselves. "Take those opportunities," she said. "You never know when one of them is going to be a life-changer."

Suder said that one of the greatest transitions in her life was her time at Lock Haven University.

She regaled students with stories of her transition from nervous beginner to confident professional. She took her fishing pole and went fishing in the Susquehanna River, only to be told that the water was too acid for fish. She joined clubs and teams and even joined ROTC — and was very surprised to find herself in basic training at Fort Knox, Ky.

With every experience, she learned more about the world and about herself.

President Dr. Barbara B. Dixon hosted the convocation. In her remarks, she advised the students to resist the pressure to define their undergraduate experience as preparation for a job.

She said, "The more compelling reason is preparation for life. We hope you will indeed approach your years with this thought in mind." She told the students, "If you do this, your life will be transformed."

# Faculty research featured in videos on PASSHE website

When the Pennsylvania System of Higher Education PASSHE went live with its new website on December 15, it included a lot of new features.

Each university has its own landing page, which includes featured programs and “student success stories” which will be rotated or updated periodically.

The PASSHE site will soon include short video clips of PASSHE science faculty who have benefited from either the PASSHE technology transfer program and its partnership with Penn State Research Foundation or a Keystone Grant from the Chancellor.

Dr. Amy Way, professor of Anatomy and Physiology in the Health Science Department, Clearfield Campus, discussed her research on bovine reproduction.

Her research has great potential for increasing the efficiency and cost of artificial insemination of cattle, leading to lower costs not only for the farmers but also for consumers.

Dr. Marian Tzolov, associate professor of physics, described how light emitting diodes (LEDs) are produced, and explained how his research has led to improvements in the process.

His research has potential for creating large, flexible LEDs that are not only cheaper to manufacture but can reduce operating costs.

Dr. Tzolov and Dr. Way both have patent applications waiting approval.

Also named on the LED patent application is Stephen Swiontek, who participated in Dr. Tzolov’s research while an undergraduate in the LHU Nanoscience program.



Above: Professor Marian Tzolov answers questions on his LED research.

Left: Professor Amy Way waits for the sound check to be completed before recording.

**HOW TO WATCH**  
THE PASSHE WEBSITE IS  
[www.PASSHE.edu](http://www.PASSHE.edu)

# Education professor tapped to coordinate Celebration of Scholarship

As Lock Haven University prepares for the 5th annual Celebration of Scholarship (COS), it does so under the guidance and leadership of Dr. Denise Tyson, associate professor and chair of the Department of Early Childhood PreK-4 Education.



This year’s Celebration of Scholarship will be Wednesday, April 20. The COS is the university’s

premiere academic event, showcasing the academic research and artistic accomplishments of LHU students and faculty.

Last year’s COS was coordinated by Dr. Cori Myers, associate professor and chair of the Business Administration, Computer Science and Information Technology Department. Dr. Deborah Erickson, provost and vice president for academic affairs, thanked Dr. Myers for coordinating a successful Celebration of Scholarship experience for LHU. “This year,” Dr. Erickson stated, “Dr. Denise Tyson has gracious-

ly accepted this large task to lead the effort, working in conjunction with the existing COS Committee.”

Dr. Erickson added, “The COS provides a wonderful opportunity for students, who may have never considered becoming researchers and artists, to grow and develop these skills under the mentorship of a faculty member. Showcasing LHU scholarship in a public forum demonstrates our commitment to creating excellence in education for all students.”

## LHU adds Dance and Environmental Studies to list of minors

Students now have more options for expanding their academic experience at The Haven with the addition of two new minors. Early this fall, the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE) approved both a Minor in Dance and a Minor in Environmental Studies.

### DANCE

The LHU dance minor encompasses dance as a fine art as well as one of the humanities. LHU's dance instructor, Associate Professor Jayme Host, explained that the LHU dance program "develops students physically, creatively, scholastically, and professionally."

Host added, "Creative thinkers, committed and professional in demeanor, students in the dance minor hone essential life skills that are applicable in any field they wish to pursue. They learn to build and maintain relationships with agents, employers, and peers in their field and to market themselves effectively."

The LHU dance program offers two main-stage performances annually in the Sloan Fine Arts Theatre, serving as a showcase for over 100 dancers each semester performing faculty, student, and guest artist choreography. Over 3,000 local elementary school students have attended the matinee performances as part of the program's community outreach.

The dance minor requires 18 semester hours, with courses in ballet technique, modern tech-

nique, dance history, and either dance composition or dance integration for elementary education.

### ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES:

The minor in Environmental Studies is an 18-credit interdisciplinary minor that allows students to connect scientific knowledge of the environment with disciplines in the humanities and the social sciences.

Professor Bob Myers, director of the new program, sees it as an opportunity for students across the university to expand their career opportunities. He commented, "The new economy will require people from a variety of disciplines who are aware of the importance of protecting the environment while integrating the human and the natural."

Dr. Myers smiled at his inadvertent pun when he said that the Environmental Studies minor is "a natural" for Lock Haven University. LHU students, faculty and staff are engaged in a wide vari-



LHU students can now minor in dance.

ety of environmentally-focused activities such as treating hemlocks for the Hemlock Woolly Adelgid and discovering the dangerous Emerald Ash Borer in Butler County; monitoring water quality in the Beech Creek Watershed; contributing to *The Hemlock*, the online journal of the Environmental Focus Group; recycling; forming a new Environmental Club; and partnering with Clinton County CleanScapes, a local environmental group, in area cleanups.

## Clearfield campus hosts American Society for Microbiology branch meeting

On November 5 and 6, the Allegheny Branch of the American Society for Microbiology held their 2010 fall meeting in the new academic building on the Clearfield Campus of Lock Haven University. Dr. Joseph R. Newhouse (current president of the Branch), Dr. Joseph P. Calabrese, and Dr. Barrie E. Overton of the LHU Biology Department served as organizers and co-hosts of the event.

The parent organization of the Branch, the American Society for Microbiology, is the oldest and largest single life science membership organization in the world, with more than 43,000 members worldwide.

The Allegheny Branch, which encompasses the western half of Pennsylvania and all of West Virginia, is actively involved

in promoting and improving undergraduate education in microbiology.

One of the major goals of the annual meeting is to provide a venue for undergraduate students to showcase their research projects and gain valuable experience in the process.

As part of the fall 2010 meeting twenty students presented posters of their research and six students gave oral research presentations.

The meeting attracted nearly 50 participants from universities throughout the region. Many of the participants expressed how impressed they were with the facilities on the Clearfield Campus, the conduct of the meeting, and the hospitality shown to them by Lock Haven University.



LHU student Daniel Raudabaugh, left, placed first in the undergraduate oral research presentation category, with the help of his adviser, Dr. Barrie E. Overton.

# LHU MEANS BUSINESS! FOR STUDENTS AND THE REGION

New ideas, new strategies, new products, new processes — these are the hallmarks of innovation and entrepreneurship needed for economic growth and development.

Lock Haven University’s Business Administration, Computer Science, and Information Technology Department has embarked on new learning experiences that emphasize innovation and entrepreneurship with hopes for growth in the department’s new programs.

The department is leading the way with a new computer science track in gaming and mobile computing, new finance and marketing courses, a flexible curriculum that readily incorporates current events, and the new Haven Entrepreneurial Leadership Center...

## University jump-starts new businesses

Thanks to a PASSHE grant of more than \$200,000, the Business Administration, Computer Science, and Information Technology Department has established the Haven Entrepreneurial Leadership Center (Haven Center) to promote entrepreneurial research and learning for both students and small, regional businesses.



Since the grant award in 2008, Dr. Cori Myers, Dr. Marcia Kurzynski, and Dr. Marlene Jensen, members of the business faculty, created the Haven Center along with an Entrepreneurship Concentration, a nano-incubator for students to pilot their own business ventures, a lecture series, various internships, class projects, and student employment opportunities.

Over 100 students have participated in hands-on learning activities with local businesses including developing facebook and web landing pages, an interactive database for customer and product tracking, and business and marketing plans, among other

projects. Senior student Jessica Cox conducted market research for a local business and commented, “I gained an incredible amount of experience, learned valuable information that will greatly contribute to my future, and assisted a community business realize its full potential.”

Aside from the curricular aspects, the Haven Center was founded as a comprehensive and accessible resource for new, emerging, or established businesses.

The Haven Center offers consultation, coursework, training and other business support beyond what our local Small Business Development Center (SBDC) provides, especially in the areas of international business, social entrepreneurship, and sustainable approaches to business. Working collaboratively with the SBDC, SEDA-COG, Downtown Lock Haven, Inc., the Clinton County Economic Partnership, and local website technology company, Infinity Designs Studios, the Haven Center has served over 40 businesses in its inaugural year, surpassing its three-year goal.

The Haven Center anticipates expanding its outreach to more students, businesses, and soon, local



Jessica Cox and Marlene Jensen review a marketing plan.

artists through a collaborative Project with the Clinton County Arts Council. Other potential initiatives include hosting an entrepreneurship summer camp for high school students, sponsoring international internships, and coordinating a short-term, study abroad experience on international entrepreneurship.

## ‘Nano-Incubator’ helps students get started

Lock Haven University now has a nano-incubator where students who wish to start an online business can get the design, finance, and marketing help they need – for free.

Assistant Professor Marlene Jensen says that selling online can help start an in-ground business.

She tells interested students, “if you’re planning an in-ground business, consider starting it by sell-

ing some items online. It will give you a feel for customer interest, help you learn the business, and let you make some cash.”

In addition, an online business gives students a head start when they’re ready (perhaps after graduation) to launch the full business.”

Another key advantage of online businesses is the low start-up cost.

“You can launch them typically for under \$500,

sometimes under \$200,” Jensen says.

Jensen runs the nano-incubator for LHU. She has consulted for large and small businesses on Internet marketing, and currently has seven websites selling three different e-books on pricing.

She helps students avoid pitfalls and find the fastest, cheapest, and most effective way to launch their new online business.

# Computer camp opens students up to digital media

In June 2010, the Computer Science faculty of the Business Administration, Computer Science and Information Technology Department at Lock Haven University conducted a workshop on 3D Animation and Graphics for middle school students.

The workshop was designed specifically to expose the students to applications development at an early age, and to promote Computer Science as a career choice for youth.

Students from Jersey Shore learned concepts of “Graphics and Game Development” at the UNIX lab maintained and operated by the Computer Science faculty.

Using software available at the lab, the students created animations of revolving

planets, spinning moons and monster heads, and learned concepts of texturing and shading. They learned about the representation of gravity and collisions, termed the “Physics Engine,” which is essential to video game design.

The highlight of the workshop was a bowling alley game which students built and refined on their own, with help from the instructors.

Judging from the response of students, the workshop was a great success and the Computer Science faculty hope to widen the scope of these workshops.

This summer, they plan to include more schools and offer follow-up workshops in graphics.



Dr. Krish Pillai assists a middle school student with her computer animation.

## Keeping up with changes in the field; LHU develops new computing degree tracks

Computing science is a broad and dynamic field that touches nearly every aspect of our lives.

Businesses and organizations, large and small, routinely depend on innovation in computing technology to work more effectively in a challenging global marketplace.

These technologies range from cloud computing and smart phones to data visualization and robotics.

Lock Haven University has recently introduced a program in Applied Computer Science and Information Systems that incorporates some of the latest advances in the field.

The new degree features tracks in Mobile and Game Application Development, Database and Network Administration and Interdisciplinary Computing.

Regardless of the students’ choice of track, all new majors begin with a core curriculum that provides a solid basis in computing fundamentals.

All the students study programming, database design, web application development, systems

### THREE TRACKS TO SUCCESS

While taking their core classes, students working toward a B.S. in Applied Computer Science & Information Systems will choose one of three tracks geared toward their specific career goals.

**The Mobile and Game Development Track** prepares students for a career in software development. Courses include Data Structures and Algorithms, Network Programming and Software Engineering as well as those from application fields such as gaming, mobile application development, computer graphics and machine learning and robotics.

**The Database and Network Administration Track** prepares students for a career in designing, implementing and administering comput-

administration and networking.

They develop strong skills in communications, research, critical thinking and problem solving

ing environments and includes hands-on experience with multiple operating systems, databases and networks.

Courses include Data Communications, Network Administration, Network Security, Database Administration and Application Development.

**The Interdisciplinary Computing Track** allows students to create a degree that blends computing with another discipline such as art, business, mathematics, or one of the natural sciences.

Students work closely with their academic advisors to create a custom-tailored program leading to an entry-level position in cutting edge industries like bioinformatics, digital forensics, graphic design or human computer interaction.

through our general education component and through courses in mathematics, business writing, and ethical and social issues in computing.

## LHU students help develop new website for local artists

CentralPAartists.com will soon be a website where local artists can develop a name for themselves and sell their art. It is a project of the Haven Entrepreneurial Leadership Center under Drs. Cori Myers, Marcia Kurzynski, and Marlene Jensen.

The Clinton County Arts Council is a key part-

ner in developing the site. Other supporters include KCnet, Downtown Lock Haven, and the Tourism Committee of the Clinton County Economic Partnership. When complete at the end of May, the site will become the property of the Arts Council.

Students in Dr. Jensen’s Spring 2011 Internet

Marketing class will be designing web pages for each of 40 local artists in painting, jewelry, pottery, textiles, sculpture, etc. The web pages will allow artists to sell their art directly from the site if they wish. Design for the various home pages is already under way.

**ON THE WEB:** [www.LHUP.edu/HavenCenter](http://www.LHUP.edu/HavenCenter)



# A WAY TO CONNECT

## Meeting students where they are: National media take note of Reyn Junco's research on students and technology

**D**r. Reynol Junco, associate professor in the Department of Academic Development and Counseling, is nationally recognized among academic researchers and counselors for his research on students' use of technology, and his recent research discoveries on Twitter and Instant Messaging have been getting a lot of media attention.

### A research interest is born

When it comes to technology, Associate Professor Reynol Junco says he has been researching the effects of how technology affects students for about a decade. It all began when he started teaching at Lock Haven University. Junco gave his students his AOL Instant messaging (IM) screen name so that they could contact him easily — and was surprised at what happened. Students who were introverted in class and who used IM to communicate with him became more engaged in class. Rey's interest was piqued...and his research specialty was born.

In 2007, he and a colleague, Jeanna Mastrodicasa, wrote a book on technology and pedagogy entitled, *Connecting to the Net.Generation: What Higher Education Professionals Need To Know About Today's Students*.

However, Junco notes that up until recently, most research on students and technology relied basically on correlational methods. As a "quantitative

researcher," Junco much prefers data that will allow for cause-and-effect inferences. This is what led to the "Twitter Project."

### Twitter and Student Engagement

Junco cites over 30 years of data which show the importance of student engagement. "An engaged student is a happy student, is a successful student," he says. "You may have heard the 'rule of thumb' that we have to engage students within the first six weeks to keep them here. So engaged students are retained students. The research clearly shows the academic and psychosocial benefits of being more engaged."

This well-documented correlation between student engagement and student success is reflected in the widespread use by colleges and universities, including Lock Haven University, of the National Survey of Student Engagement. Junco notes that a few other surveys have recently indicated a similar correlation between engagement online and engagement in real world activities on college and university campuses.

Junco's goal was to come up with a controlled study in order to draw conclusions about a cause-and-effect relationship between engagement online and academic success. "There was no way we could do it with Facebook," he says, noting that "95 to 99 percent of students are on Facebook and it would be impossible to have a control group." This is a remarkable statistic, given that Facebook was launched in 2004.

Junco and Greg Heiberger, coordinator, adviser and instructor for Pre-Health Professional Programs at South Dakota State University, decided to do a study focusing on Twitter. Twitter is actually a "microblogging platform" in which users publish very short notes of 140 characters or less. Twitter, like most blogs, is intended to be public, whereas Facebook is more personal.

Their study involved seven sections of a course for pre-health professionals. Four of the sections formed the experimental group, which used Twitter, while the other three sections formed the control group, which did not use Twitter. Throughout the semester, for fourteen weeks, the researchers used Twitter to provide information and continue discussions to promote student learning and engagement. The exact same information was given to both the control and experimental groups through another technology, ensuring that there was no difference in the information and contact provided to the groups.

Twitter was used during non-class hours to maximize “time-on-task,” to continue discussions, to interact with and support students, to continue discussions, and to do other “educationally relevant” things. In addition, says Junco, Twitter “helped democratize roles and relationships in ways we didn’t expect.” Students were able to interact not just within their sections, but across sections, and since they were all pre-health professional students, the students’ discussions included other courses, labs, and shared experiences. As a result, “We nudged the students into forming study groups, and faculty got useful feedback on their lessons,” says Junco.

When the semester was over, the researchers examined the students’ pre- and post-test scores on the National Survey of Student Engagement, looking for changes in engagement within the groups and between the groups. The results were surprising, even to Junco.

Junco was somewhat surprised when the data showed that the experimental group’s level of engagement increased more than the control group’s engagement. But Junco was shocked to discover that the experimental group had “significantly higher overall GPAs for the entire semester, by a full half-point.” Before the study, Junco said, “No way could there be an effect on grades!”

In essence, says Junco, Twitter “created a virtual learning community.”

For Rey Junco, teaching and learning are enhanced when we “meet students where they are. You don’t want to crash the party, but you also want to be incredibly relevant, given what some of their preferences are to do things.”



### ABOUT REY JUNCO

In November, Rey Junco received an Honorable Mention for the Hewlett Packard EdTech Innovators Award. As this issue of *The Haven* magazine went to press, Junco received word that the New York Times would feature him and his research in the January edition of their Education Life section.

A YouTube video about Junco’s Twitter research is online at [www.youtube.com/watch?v=SV0Y2x81\\_bg](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SV0Y2x81_bg)

### Instant messaging and multi-tasking

Another of Junco’s research interests centers on multi-tasking, particularly students’ use of instant messaging.

Junco explains that human multi-tasking is not a new concept. Indeed, few people can claim that they have never read a newspaper, done a crossword, or doodled in their notebooks during a class or a meeting. Instant messaging is a new addition to an already-crowded menu of activities.

Junco takes what he calls a “measured approach” and offers a “litmus test” regarding multitasking: “If it’s a high-risk or high-stakes event, you don’t want to be multitasking. If it’s a low-risk, low-stakes event – so what?” For example, texting while driving is dangerous, whereas texting while walking is less likely to be so.

He is quick to point out that learning is a high-stakes event. His syllabus requires that students “be present,” and by that he means that they must be aware and engaged. “Research shows,” he says, “that if you are trying to learn new information, you cannot do that while multi-tasking.”

Junco’s recent survey-based research has revealed that “college students use instant messaging at high levels” and that they “multitask while using instant messaging.” The surveys also revealed that 93 percent of IM users had conducted IM chats and performed school work at the same time. According to the surveys, over one half of IM users admitted that “doing schoolwork while IMing had a detrimental effect on their schoolwork.” Many students reported “not getting schoolwork done” as a result of IMing. This is a vivid example of Junco’s admonition, “High-stakes multitasking is not a good idea.”

As a result of this information, Junco is now doing research to see if he can link multi-tasking to GPAs. While GPAs are not the only indicator of academic achievement, they do provide an objective measure of success – an important goal for a quantitative researcher.

### What happens online...

While technology and social media have educational benefits, there are pitfalls as well.

When asked to sum up his research on students’ use of technology, Junco replies simply, “What happens online affects what happens in the real world.”

## LHU Seminar Meets in a Virtual Reality World

Exploring a virtual reality world is a part of the work in a seminar on international organizations taught by Dr. Lawrence Farley, professor of Political Science and a Fulbright Scholar.

Farley explained his rationale: “Some of the newest and largest international organizations are in the process of being built as we speak—virtual reality worlds. It would be a shame for a seminar on international organizations to ignore this important development while it is happening.”

So the members of the seminar meet together in one of the largest of the virtual reality (VR) worlds—one called Second Life (<http://secondlife.com/whatis/>).

Residents of Second Life are involved in all the activities of daily life. In addition, they create things digitally – and their digital creations can be sold, bought, and traded. Commerce and exchange rates are part of the virtual world, as are schools, concerts, and civic organizations. In fact, says Farley, “some real countries have built virtual embassies in Second Life.”

### Program transmits lab experiences to distant campuses

During a tour of facilities for Lock Haven University’s Physician Assistant program, PASSHE Chancellor John C. Cavanaugh stopped by the Greenberg Auditorium where he was able to observe students doing a dissection on a cadaver.

While the Chancellor watched it on video, the actual dissection was being performed in a lab two doors down and was available to PA students at all LHU campuses.

LHU has PA programs at the main campus in Lock Haven, at the Clearfield campus, in Coudersport and at the Dixon Center in Harrisburg.

Chancellor Cavanaugh’s November 16 visit to LHU also included presentations by Nanoscience faculty and students, and an open forum with faculty, staff and students.



Caption: Chancellor John C. Cavanaugh observes distance education in the LHU PA Program.

## Environmental focus group awarded for actions

At the opening meeting for the 2010-2011 academic year, the university's Outstanding Collaboration and Teamwork Award went to the Environmental Focus Group (EFG), an interdisciplinary group that plays a major role on campus and in the community. The group has had a distinguished record of accomplishments since its inception three short years ago.

The mission of the EFG sums up its purpose and philosophy: "The committee is charged with promoting and supporting activities, experiences, and structures that encourage students, faculty, and staff to develop a stronger sense of place for Lock Haven University and central Pennsylvania. Such a sense of place involves a stewardship of natural resources (environmentalism), meaningful outdoor experiences, and appreciation for the heritage of the region."

In March 2008, the EFG began publishing *The Hemlock*, an online journal that highlights the environment, recreation, and culture of this area ([www.lhup.edu/hemlock](http://www.lhup.edu/hemlock)). The work of the EFG also led to LHU's new inter-disciplinary Environmental Studies minor.

The EFG has sponsored has sponsored films and discussions concerning global warming, natural gas drilling in the Marcellus Shale, water quality, and the dangers of hydrofracking for natural gas. Last spring, the EFG coordinated a Pennsylvania Culture Festival. Events included

fiddle music, Pennsylvania folklore, and environmental art.

The EFG is always on the lookout for opportunities to advance its primary goal of developing a sense of place at LHU. On Arbor Day, the EFG planted trees in front of Russell building and near the Pottery Building. The EFG has also worked with Colleen Meyer to help coordinate recycling

activities across campus, and with Brad Daly to make outdoor recreation equipment available to LHU students through Rock, River & Trail. Through *The Hemlock* the EFG has helped to publicize the Biology Club's Earth Day events, and Aramark's efforts to use sustainable practices. The EFG also worked to establish an Environmental Club on campus.



EFG members Professor Md. Khalequzzaman and Professor Lenny Long plant trees for Arbor Day.



### University, community care for Susquehanna River

On September 11th, approximately 90 students and faculty members from Lock Haven University partnered with Clinton County Cleanscapes to clean up a section of the West Branch of the Susquehanna River near the Great Island. Cleanscapes Executive Director Elisabeth Lynch-McCoy reported that 9.5 tons of trash and debris, along with 358 tires, were removed from the river.

### A RIVER RUNS THROUGH US

Lock Haven University hosted the 2010 English Association of the Pennsylvania State Universities (EAPSU) Conference October 1-3. Inspired by LHU's setting on the banks of the Susquehanna River, between the Alleghenies and Appalachians, the 2010 EAPSU conference theme was "A River Runs Through Us."

The theme recalled LHU's setting on the banks of the Susquehanna, the world's waterways that connect us all, and our mutual obligation to be stewards of place.

Presenters employed place-based and ecocritical approaches to literature, landscapes, creative writing, travel writing, and watersheds to celebrate the places where we live and the natural environments that we share.

Two of the conference events were open to the public.

Julia Kasdorf, poet, biographer and director of creative writing at Penn State University, read her poetry at the Avenue 209 Coffee House. Her writing highlights her lifelong residence in Pennsylvania and her childhood growing up in a Mennonite community.

In another event, five Pennsylvania poets, including LHU's Marjorie Maddox Hafer, participated in a reading and discussion of the anthology *Common Wealth: Contemporary Poets on Pennsylvania*.

## Biology students protect hemlocks

On November 15, Amy Kutay's Entomology (BIOL 413) students, working in conjunction with the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (PA DCNR), once again treated hemlocks at the Sieg Center to protect them against an invasive insect, the Hemlock Woolly Adelgid.

In the photo, Brandon Scheirer, a senior working toward a B.S. degree in Biology/Ecology & Environmental Biology, concentrates on his work as he treats a hemlock.

He is injecting a systemic pesticide into the soil.

The insecticide will be absorbed directly into the tree's roots and travel to the feeding scale insects.

Fishing Creek is in the background.

The treatment of hemlocks at Sieg is an ongoing initiative begun by Professor Kutay's entomology class in 2006.



## Gulf coast oil rig spill sparks discussion

In September, a panel discussion on the Deepwater Horizon oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico drew a standing-room only audience.

This panel was composed of faculty members and a student who spoke about the geological, biological, and economic issues of the oil spill and shared their own experiences during recent travels to the region.

The panel featured Dr. Loretta D. Dickson, assistant professor of geology in the Department of Geology and Physics; Dr. Joseph P. Calabrese, professor and chair of the Department of Biological Sciences; Ashley Colarusso, a Lock Haven University biology student who interned on the Gulf Coast with the Fish and Wildlife Service; and Dr. Stanley P. Berard, chair of the Department of Political Science, History, Geography and Economics. Following the presentations, audience members had a chance to ask questions and voice their concerns.

Many students were interested in the impact this spill will have not only on our sea food supply but on future deep-water drilling.

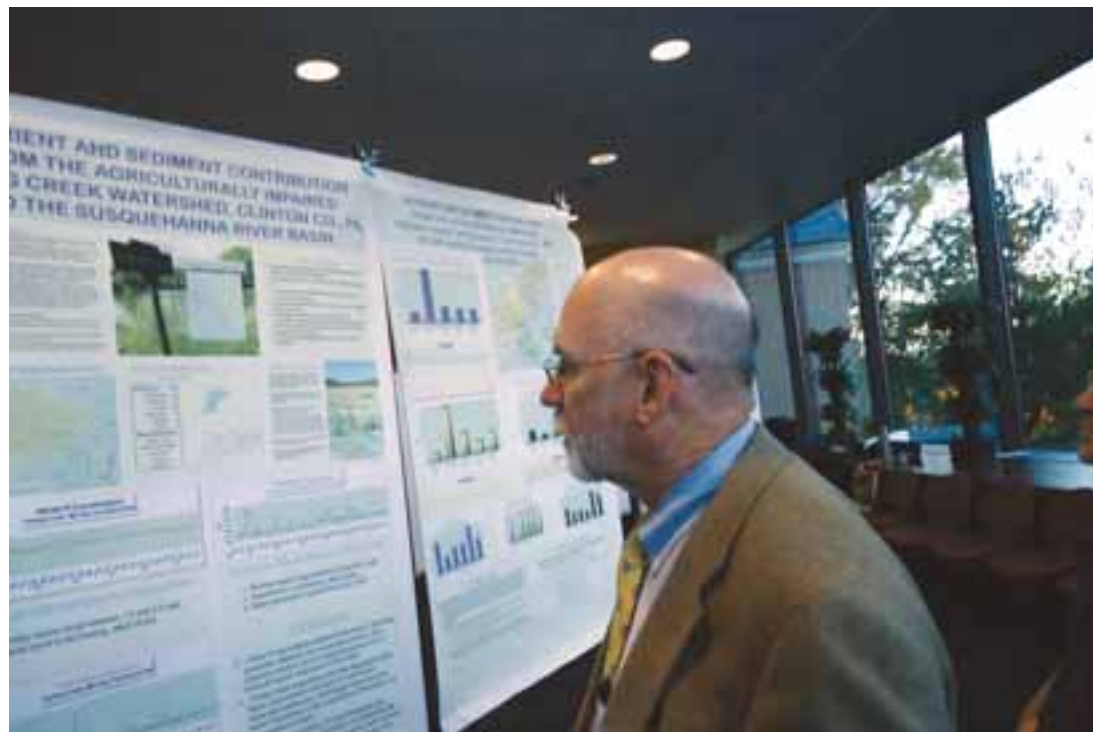
## Presentation focuses on impacts of Marcellus shale drilling on watershed

Lock Haven University was well represented at the 5th Annual symposium of the Susquehanna River Symposium held at Bucknell University October 22-23.

Professor of Geology Md. Khalequzzaman, Emeritus Professor of Geology John Way and LHU geology majors Steve Cornia and Lindsay Repman presented their poster on the Beech Creek watershed program monitoring the impact of Marcellus Shale drilling on local waters.

At right, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences David L. White was one of the many audience members who were interested in the program's findings.

At the symposium, Professor Khalequzzaman received a plaque from the Susquehanna River Basin Commission in appreciation of his contribution to their *State of the Susquehanna* publication.





## HANDS ON, FEET WET EDUCATION

**Seaside facility offers learning opportunities**

Above: Students from 13 colleges and universities study marine science — on shore and on the water — at Wallops Island, Va.

Lock Haven University is a member of the The Marine Science Consortium at Wallops Island, Va.

This organization is composed of 13 colleges and universities and the NASA Wallops Flight Facility. It is located on the Delmarva Peninsula between the Atlantic Ocean and the Chesapeake Bay adjacent to NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center at Wallop's Island, Va.

The Consortium maintains a brand new, modern teaching/research campus and several seagoing vessels with modern oceanographic equipment for use by faculty and students.

Faculty from many member institutions teach summer courses at the Marine Science Consortium that

can be taken by students from any of the member schools.

Membership in this organization enabled LHU to expand biology offerings without increasing the size of our own faculty.

Thus LHU has been able to develop a Marine Biology track in the BS Biology program which has grown to encompass about 25 percent of the students in the BS program of the Department of Biological Sciences.

According to Professor of Biology Kenneth Thompson, "Some of our students have had wonderful internships, many of which have led to exciting career positions in both the public and private sectors."



## STUDENT SUCCESS STORIES



Fred Marin aboard ship with water collection bottles.

# TESTING THE WATERS

## University graduate studies Gulf Coast oil spill

LHU graduate Fred Marin has spent a lot of time on the Gulf of Mexico since the BP (British Petroleum) Deepwater Horizon oil spill.

He has been on various National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) vessels and other contracted vessels doing subsurface monitoring of the water.

On the vessel American Diver, Marin worked with plankton experts from Louisiana State University and the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute.

The plankton experts were there because the instruments that they use to detect plankton are also great for detecting micro sized oil droplets in water. Their job was to occupy predetermined stations and collect as much data as possible.

The results of the studies conducted are still in progress because data is still being collected. The researchers have, however, determined that there is some kind of underwater oil plume.

Marin explains that if you took a glass of water from a bottle sampled in

the plume, the water would be very cold and would appear to be crystal clear. But in that clear water there is oil in the form of micro-sized droplets which cannot be seen with the naked eye. These micro-droplets are slow to sink, degrade or be digested by marine bacteria.

After being on cruises tracking the oil plume through July and the end of August, Marin expressed an interest in plankton.

He was offered the opportunity to be on Miami University's research vessel Walton Smith to learn and operate a plankton net system originally developed at Woods Hole.

Marin described his experience on the Walton Smith as "the best so far."

He explained, "We've been conducting day and night tows using the net system and preserving samples for counting later in a lab at Louisiana State University.

Some exciting captures we have made so far include a deep-sea gulper eel and possibly a vampire octopus — the jury is still out on that one."



Ashley Colarusso will graduate in spring 2011. She will earn a BS in Biology with a specialization in Marine Biology. During the summer of 2010 she served as an intern with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service at the Erie National Wildlife Refuge in Guys Mills, Pa. In July she was transferred to the Gulf Coast to help rescue sea birds that were endangered by the Gulf oil spill.



Cassandra Snider (Cassie) graduated in spring 2010. She earned a BS in Biology with dual specializations in Marine Biology and Ecology/Environmental Biology. She obtained an internship with Dolphins Plus (a dolphin and marine mammal research and education facility in Key Largo, Florida). In October 2010 she became a full time employee.



Janelle Walters graduated in the spring of 2007. She earned a BS in Biology with dual specializations in Marine Biology and Ecology/Environmental Biology. She worked as a Precollege Instructor at Wallops Island Marine Science Consortium from 2007-2010. Since spring of 2010 she has been employed as a Biological Technician with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at the Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge. She is pictured with a nesting Loggerhead Sea Turtle at Assateague Island.



## DONOR PROFILE

### BILL AND DIANE PYLE

**HOMETOWN:** Spring Mills, Pa.

**CAREERS:** Bill is a retired Highway Equipment Manager for the Pa. Dept. of Transportation. Currently, he is a farmer. Diane is a full-time mother and homemaker.

**HOBBIES:** Bill enjoys old cars and hunting. Diane enjoys cooking, quilting, knitting and gardening.

**PASSION FOR LHU:** The ROTC Program.

**HELPING OTHERS** Our son Daniel had a goal in life to be an officer in the United States Army. Daniel joined the United States Army Reserve, 629th Transportation Company, while a junior in high school. After completing Army basic training and Advanced Individual Training (AIT) he became a student at LHU. His goal was to be an LHU ROTC Cadet and graduate from LHU as an Army 2nd Lieutenant. When Daniel died at the beginning of his junior year his dream of becoming an Army officer ended. By helping LHU ROTC students we can help others achieve what is not possible for Daniel.

### WHY SHOULD OTHERS GIVE?

By giving to others you will bring joy in your own life. After Diane and I are gone there will be a lasting legacy far beyond our years to touch people tomorrow by helping them today.

**THE SCHOLARSHIP:** Daniel wanted to be an LHU ROTC Cadet and be a history major. The scholarship is for an ROTC student, preferably a history major, but not limited to a history major. The scholarship is intended to financially help students that have a real financial need. In life Daniel had a reputation for helping others. In Daniel's memory we want to follow his example of helping others and there is no better way to do this than to have a scholarship in his memory.

### WHY GET INVOLVED?

Neither I nor Diane attended LHU. This has not stopped us from getting involved. The donor and alumni friends you will make will be precious and rewarding.

*The Fall 2010 issue of The Haven magazine included a photo of the Pyles at the Scholarship Gala. In the caption, their name was misspelled. We apologize for the error.*

## 'Medea' raises ethical issues

In October, LHU student Erin Olkowski took on the role of Medea, one of the strongest female characters ever to appear on stage.

The LHU Theatre Department did six performances of Euripides' *Medea*.

Set in ancient Greece, the play tells the story of Medea, whose husband, Jason, has left her and their two children to marry the daughter of Creon, the King of Corinth. Having been deeply wronged, Medea refuses to let Jason get away easily, and plans a terrible revenge upon him and his future bride.

For over two millennia, Medea has been the archetype of the scorned, jealous, and vengeful woman, prompting lively discussion of the ethical issues raised by her story.

Following the October 21 performance, Professor Daniel Shaw, chair of the Philosophy Department at Lock Haven University, led a discussion of the play. He explained Aristotle's reasons for condemning the play as less than tragic, before opening it up to the audience to debate the issue, "Does Medea Deserve To Die?"



Erin Olkowski brought Medea to life onstage.

## Professor looks to the sky for teaching methods

Once a month, Associate Professor James Wheeler conducts an Astronomical Friday.

On November 12, he welcomed an audience of about 40 visitors, including a Cub Scout pack, a Girl Scout troop, and eager parents and grandparents.

They started with a show in Ulmer planetarium, and then went to the practice fields and observed the moon, Jupiter, the Andromeda galaxy, and a dying star.

A shooting star went across the entire sky while the group was there.

One parent commented, "We teased Jim about ordering that for us. It was awesome!"



Above, Dr. Wheeler compares and contrasts different kinds of telescopes prior to the outdoor viewing session with the "big" telescope. Everyone agreed — "It was fantastic!"

## Alumna lives on in golf tournament, scholarships

The third annual Elaine Pierson Memorial Golf Tournament on October 10, 2010, was a fitting celebration of the life of LHU alumna Elaine Pierson, class of 1980.

Each year, proceeds from the tournament provide a scholarship for a woman scholar-athlete playing lacrosse and one playing field hockey.

Pierson was an LHU alumna, having graduated in 1980. She played hockey and lacrosse and was a member of the 1979 National Championship lacrosse team that was honored on campus last spring. She died tragically in 2006.

Since its inception in 2008, the Elaine Pierson Memorial Golf Tournament has raised nearly \$25,000 for memorial scholarships. The 2010 tournament raised \$9,394.

This year's scholarship recipients are Amy Hordendorf, a senior field hockey player from Topton, Pa., and Kathleen McConnell, a senior lacrosse player from Cinnaminson, N.J.

Speaking at the tournament was Megan Albert, a senior field hockey player and winner of a scholarship last year.

One of the main organizers of the event is Remya Miexner, '81, LHU alumna and a teammate of Elaine's both at LHU and at Spring-Ford High School where they began their life-long friendship. One of the tournament sponsors is Virginia Roth, '81, a member of the LHU Council of Trustees.

Members of the Lock Haven University community who attended and supported the event included Chair of the LHU Council of Trustees Guy Graham; Trustee Virginia Roth, '81; President Barbara B. Dixon; Vice President for Student Affairs Linda Koch; Director of Athletics Sharon E. Taylor, '66; Field Hockey Coach Pat Rudy, '77; Sports Information Director Doug Spatafore, '06; Annual Gifts and Women's Initiative Director of the LHU Foundation Erin Pawlak, '03; former LHU wrestler Edward Pawlak; LHU Gift Records Coordinator and Athletics Photographer Bob McCool; and LHU alumnus Marc Rayman, '03. Additionally, there were numerous alumnae from the Harrisburg area.

After the tournament, President Dixon expressed her



Above: Virginia Roth, Megan Albert, Dr. Barbara Dixon and Guy Graham.



Above: The 1979 Lock Haven University Lacrosse Team. Elaine Pierson is second from the left on the third row.

pleasure in being able to honor the memory of Elaine Pierson and provide scholarships to LHU students. She said that the tournament "is an example of a lot of people participating in an event to support students." Sharon Taylor added that the event is an opportunity "to celebrate the life that meant so much to so many of us."



It seems that LHU's Institute for International Studies (IIS) is always sponsoring an interesting event. In the photo, Dr. Daniela Ribitsch, assistant professor of German, welcomes guests to the IIS Oktoberfest celebration with warm pretzels. Guests sampled a variety of German and Austrian food and learned more about the history and culture of Germany and Austria. Other IIS activities this year have included an International film series, featuring movies from Japan (*Princess Mononoke*), France (*Amélie*), and Russia (*Mermaid*); Culture Through Coffee evenings at Avenue 209 Coffee House highlighting Brazil, China and Finland; and a Ramadan celebration.



## LHU Archive continues to digitize newspapers, VHS

As a result of a second grant from the Academic Technology Advisory Committee, the Lock Haven University Archive recently completed a second phase of the digitization project to make the LHU student newspapers available online.

Visitors to the University Archive's website at <http://www.lhup.edu/library/archive/archive.html> can now view issues from the student newspaper, the Eagle Eye, from 1972 - 1999.

Another project currently in the process of being completed is the digitization of the student television news program, Havenscope (1985 - 1996), from 3/4-inch VHS tapes to DVD format.

Bernadette Heiney checks a digital recording of Havenscope.

## Haven cross country teams wrap up another banner year

BY DOUG SPATAFORE

Aaron Russell, a proud Lock Haven University alum and head coach of the LHU men's and women's cross country teams, once again led his teams another successful fall.

The 1996 Haven graduate helped led his programs to one of their best seasons to date.

The Bald Eagles won their fifth region crown and first since 2008. Lock Haven was led by Junior Nathan Zondlo, who was the 2010 United States Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCA) NCAA DII Atlantic Region Male Athlete of the Year.

Zondlo earned the prestigious award after taking home the individual title at the NCAA Atlantic Region Championships.

Freshman Alex Monroe capped off a sensational rookie year by earning All-American status at the 2010 National Championships. The Bald Eagles finished 11th overall and were led by Monroe's 32nd place finish. Monroe was named Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (PSAC) Male Cross Country Freshman of the Year.

On the women's side, the Lady Eagles were led all year by junior Lindsey Lambert, who became the first Haven woman to earn All-PSAC honors three straight seasons.



Lindsey Lambert crossing the finish line at the PSAC Championships



Nathan Zondlo turns in a solid performance at the NCAA Championships.

## Field Hockey makes itself at home in A-10 Conference

Despite playing in the Atlantic 10 Conference for the first time this year, the Lady Eagle field hockey team quickly made itself feel at home.

The Lady Eagles dominated conference play from the start and finished with a 5-2 record, earning a spot in the A-10 tournament. LHU advanced to the title game before falling to nationally-ranked UMass.

Following the regular season, eight Lady Eagles earned All-Conference honors.

Seniors Amy Hordendorf and Tonia-Marie James both earned a spot on the A-10's First Team., while juniors

Kristi Shepps and Najia Hasan both earned a spot on the Second Team.

Freshmen Kelly Harsh and Abbey Hordendorf both nabbed a spot on the All-Rookie Team.

The A-10 honors didn't stop there for LHU as Amy Hordendorf and fellow senior Talitha Jay both earned a spot on the A-10's prestigious Academic All-Conference Team.

Amy Hordendorf and James also earned All-Region status after the pair led Lock Haven to a 15-7 season that included a win over perennial power Iowa.

## Football puts a pair on All-Conference team

Seniors Ryan Gibble and Nick Gounaris of the Lock Have football team both earned All-PSAC honors following the 2010 season.

Gibble and Gounaris both earned a spot on the PSAC West Second Team at offensive guard and linebacker, respectively.

Gibble, now a three-time All-Conference selection returned to anchor Lock Haven's offensive line after missing last season.

He also earned All-PSAC accolades in 2007 and 2006.

He helped lead LHU to a season-best 31 points against IUP and helped block for quarterback Jarrett Krazter, who passed for a season-high 280 yards vs. the Crimson Hawks.

Gounaris, also an All-PSAC selection last year, helped anchor the Bald Eagles defensive unit.

The athletic linebacker and lone Haven captain made 51 tackles on the year. He started all 11 games and made a team-high 10 tackles for a loss. Gounaris also had two sacks.

## NEW ONLINE HOME FOR HAVEN ATHLETICS

The Lock Haven University athletics website is set to begin life at a new home.

HavenSports.com is moving to golhu.com and will be powered by SIDEARM SPORTS, a collegiate athletic web-based content management solution that includes everything from press release and roster management, social media integration, dynamic scoreboards, sponsorship recognition, interactive polls, SIDEARM STATS (live in-game statistics), streaming audio and video, newsletters, recruiting components, and much more.

The new LHU sports website will be a huge asset to Bald and Lady Eagle athletics as well as the entire LHU community.

SIDEARM SPORTS has over 500 clients national wide including most of the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (PSAC).

## Xuan's second All-American honor highlights volleyball season

Sophomore Xuan Gao, a native of the Dong Ying, China, earned All-American status for the second consecutive season highlighting another remarkable Haven volleyball season.

The Lady Eagles made an appearance in the NCAA tournament for the 12th time.

For the third straight season the Lady Eagles won the PSAC East title and advanced to the PSAC Semifinals.

Xuan was named the PSAC East Player of the Year for the second consecutive time after leading the conference in kills per game. She was also sat among the nation's leaders in kills most of the season.

Junior Haley Gribler joined Xuan on the 2010 NCAA DII American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) Atlantic Region First Team.

LHU head coach Tom Justice was named PSAC East Coach of the Year for the third straight time after leading the Lady Eagles to a 20-11 record.



PSAC East Athlete of the Year Xuan Gao helps to sink Shippensburg with a spike.

## Taylor caps off phenomenal freshman year with All-Region accolades

Freshman Madison Taylor of the Lock Haven University women's soccer team capped off an amazing rookie year with All-Region honors.

Taylor earned a spot on the Daktronics Atlantic Region Second Team.

This honor comes after she earned All-PSAC

honors.

Taylor led the Lady Eagles with 11 goals, the sixth-best mark in the conference.

She made her Lady Eagle debut a memorable one as she netted a hat trick in the first game of her career.

## Pletz's All-Region status highlights men's soccer season

Martin Pletz returned to the field this year for the Bald Eagles and looked as if he never missed a beat after missing last year with an injury.

The junior led Lock Haven with 10 goals and also added one assist.

Pletz netted a team-high three game-winning goals and scored his 10 goals in 10 different matches.

Pletz was joined on the All-Conference team by Greg Shertzer, who led LHU in total points with 22.

Below: Martin Pletz moves past a defender and scores a goal.



## Athletes help Make-A-Wish Foundation

The Lock Haven University Student-Athlete Advisory Committee's (SAAC) Student-Athlete "Date" Auction, held in December in Price Auditorium, raised over \$1,300 for the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

This was the first such auction for LHU's SAAC, which serves as a voice for student-athletes on campus and is comprised of representatives from each of the University's 18 athletics teams and the student athletic trainers. Those male and female student-athletes participating in the event were auctioned off by guest auctioneers and LHU professors Matthew Girton and Barbara Pribble, who volunteered their time (and humor!) to assist with the project.

Student-athlete organizers confirmed that the auction was a success. "We (SAAC) put a lot of effort into planning and everyone pitched in to help run the event," said SAAC vice president Janine McCarthy, "so it was definitely exciting for it to have gone so well and to hear the final total raised."

"This was the most money we've raised for Make-A-Wish in a single event since I've been a member of SAAC," echoed Jen Williams, SAAC President and the night's top bid-getter at \$100. "I think everyone involved had a lot of fun."

The event served as a great opportunity to help out those in need, and students participating were able to have some light-hearted fun and enjoy themselves.

The event also included a raffle, and many students left with an assortment of prizes including donations from LHU athletics teams, Original Italian Pizza, That's the Scoop, and Aramark.

The money raised goes to SAAC's annual fundraising goal for the Make-A-Wish Foundation. The Make-A-Wish Foundation grants wishes to children with life-threatening medical conditions. Since its founding in 1980, over 193,000 children worldwide have had their wishes granted.

## Athletes aid Thanksgiving fundraiser

The Lock Haven University Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) spearheaded a Thanksgiving food collection to assist the local Salvation Army and its efforts to provide meals for community members in need.

Student-athletes from almost every one of Lock Haven's 18 varsity teams donated to the cause, bringing in all the nonperishable items needed to prepare multiple Thanksgiving feasts.

LHU coaches and athletics staff and administrators made sure the meal was complete by donating funds to purchase a turkey for each of the baskets.

"The Athletics Department coming together to provide the opportunity for families in the local community to have a less stressful Thanksgiving is one of the best ideas we have come up with this semester," affirmed Jennifer Williams, SAAC president and member of the women's soccer team.

"I am thankful to everyone who contributed in order to make this such a successful and rewarding food collection. It is our hope that this food not only means these families have a meal to share on Thanksgiving, but even more so that they enjoy the opportunity to spend time with friends and family," Williams added.

## LEGACY PROGRAM

Do you have a family tradition of attending Lock Haven University? Do you have a child or grandchild starting here? If so, contact the alumni office at (570) 484-2586 or via email at [lhualum@lhup.edu](mailto:lhualum@lhup.edu). You could be a part of our new legacy program. Benefits include a welcome gift for the student, a reception with the president and more. This is a NEW program, so spread the word!

## ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MEMORIAL PROGRAM

The Alumni Association would like to forever honor a deceased LHU alumnus, faculty or staff member through the Memorial Program, "Building for the Future...Honoring the Past."

This program will allow alumni and friends to memorialize someone who touched their life while at LHU. Log on to [www.alumni.lhup.edu](http://www.alumni.lhup.edu) and follow the links to the Memorial Program.



# A NEW TRADITION FOR HOMECOMING

Homecoming 2010 kicked into gear on Friday, October 15 with a Golf Cart Parade.

Over 20 clubs and organizations participated in the golf cart decorating event at the Student Recreation Center on Thursday evening.

The LHU Band led the parade of 24 decorated golf carts from the Rec. Center through the campus.

The Homecoming Golf Cart Parade was so well received by campus clubs and organizations, as well as the University community, that the Haven Activities Council (the student Homecoming planning committee) has decided to make it an annual Homecoming event.

After the parade, Director of Student Activities Jodi Smith said, "The student groups had a great time decorating the golf carts." She added, "Next year we invite the alumni to join us in the fun."



Dr. Gerald R. Robinson, Vice President Emeritus, receives a warm Homecoming welcome from President Barbara B. Dixon.

Left: Fans packed Hubert Jack Stadium for the 2010 Homecoming football game and festivities.

# HOLIDAY RECEPTIONS



Attendees at the Lock Haven Holiday Reception dance the night away. The event in Lock Haven was in conjunction with Keystone Central School District and was sold out.

## CRIMSON CORNER

The Crimson Corner is your connection to Lock Haven University. Did you know that your friends are only a click away as well as event information, class notes and message boards? Log on to the Crimson Corner, Lock Haven's Alumni Online Community, and check out the photos while also registering for upcoming events. All you need to access the site is your ID number which you can receive by contacting the office at (570) 484-2586 or by e-mail at [lhualum@lhup.edu](mailto:lhualum@lhup.edu). (The Crimson Corner and Facebook can be accessed simultaneously by logging in to the alumni site through the Facebook icon.)



## FIELDHOUSE.COM

Need a sweatshirt? Need a duffle bag? How about a polo shirt for work? Check out the Alumni Association Bookstore (not affiliated with the SCC Bookstore) where you can customize your clothing and have it shipped directly to you.

Lock Haven logos have been uploaded for you to choose from as well LHCS and LHSTC. Log on to [www.fieldhouse.com/lhuuaa](http://www.fieldhouse.com/lhuuaa) to start shopping.

Ten percent of the proceeds from sales come back to the alumni office for scholarships and projects.



## ALUMNI ASSOCIATION GOLF TOURNAMENT

The annual golf tournament will take place at Clinton Country Club on June 10. The event will be followed by a dinner for all golfers and/or alumni. If you are interested in sponsoring the event or registering a team, contact the alumni office at (570) 484-2586.

## ALUMNI TRAVEL PROGRAM

Don't forget to view the upcoming travel opportunities available to all alumni.

By logging on to [www.alumnivacations.com](http://www.alumnivacations.com) and clicking on Lock Haven University, you can view upcoming trips such as the Mediterranean, the Parks & Canyons Spectacular and Kenya.

These trips are offered at discounted rates to all State System alumni.



There is also a trip planned for September to Italy via Collette Vacations and Nittany Travel in Lock Haven. For more information, contact (570) 748-6611 or sign up for the online webinar at <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/500929450>

## WE NEED YOUR HELP

Due to an error in a database download, several names have been incorrectly formatted in the address field. When you receive the next mailing from LHU, please review your name and/or spouse's name to ensure that is addressed as you wish. If there is an error or you would like it written a different way, please contact the Alumni Office at (570) 484-2586. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.



Homecoming 2010 once again featured a town-gown art exhibit in Bentley Art Gallery. The show opened on Friday evening, October 15, showcasing the works of regional artists. The next day, the weather cooperated and the sun shone on the 2010 Homecoming Arts Fest. The outdoor festival was an all-day event on Ivy Lane on Saturday, October 16, and drew guests from near and far. The festival included fine art and craft displays and live demonstrations of art techniques, musical and theatrical performances by regional artists and LHU students, a children's art fair and activities for children.

# Art on display for Homecoming



Top: The Arts Fest on Ivy Lane  
 Above: Bentley art gallery  
 Left: Face-painting and pumpkin decorating

## LHU Alumni Association inducts four into Roll of Service

As part of the university's 2010 Homecoming celebration, the Lock Haven University Alumni Association presented Roll of Service Awards to four retired employees. Dr. Bradley M. Black, Mrs. Carolyn J. Perry, Dr. John H. Way and Dr. Craig D. Willis were inducted into the Roll of Service on Saturday, October 16. Those receiving the Roll of Service award are recognized not only for their

years of service while employed, but for their continued dedication to the campus community after retirement. They support the university through the sharing of their time, treasures and commitment to provide the best educational opportunities for LHU students. LHU Alumni Association President Allen E. Urich, '85, presided over the ceremonies and offered greetings. LHU President Dr. Barbara B. Dixon presented the awards.



Left to right: LHU Alumni Association President Allen E. Urich, '85; Roll of Service award recipients Dr. John H. Way, Mrs. Carolyn J. Perry and Dr. Craig D. Willis; LHU President Dr. Barbara B. Dixon. Not present: Roll of Service awardee Dr. Bradley M. Black.

## 19 50s

**Jack Hall, '59**, has published a book entitled *God's Literal Plan of Creation vs. The Great Satan Generation of Vipers*.

## 19 60s



**Jack Day, '62**, was selected by the National Wrestling Hall of Fame Board of Governors to receive the "Lifetime Service to Wrestling Award." The nomination was made by the Maryland Chapter. This award acknowledges a benchmark and legacy that others surely will follow. The National Wrestling Hall of Fame and the State Chapter of Maryland honored the Class of 2010 during the Hall of Fame Honors Banquet on Nov. 14, 2010, in Annapolis, Md. Jack's sons Brad and Greg had the honor of helping him put on his Hall of Fame jacket. Jack is retired and lives in Finksburg, Md. with his wife, **Bonnie, '62**.

## 19 70s

**Carol L. Hodes, '70**, is chair of the board of directors of Sigma Delta Epsilon-Graduate Women in Science, Inc., also known as GWIS, an inter-disciplinary society of scientists who encourage and support women to enter and achieve success in science through full participation in scientific research and its applications. GWIS is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable organization supporting women in scientific careers with seven competitive research awards that are given annually.

**John Roberts, '72**, was inducted into the Distinguished Service Chapter of Phi Mu Delta National Fraternity at the 54th National Conclave held in Williamsburg, Va. John served as national secretary and a member of the national council for over ten years. John and his wife **Peggy, '72**, are both recently retired.

**Barbara A. Weiss, '74**, retired on May 1, 2010 from the California Department of Education (CDE), Sacramento, Calif. During 21 years

## TELL US YOUR NEWS

Fill in the information below, attach it to your news and mail to: Lock Haven University, *The Haven* Editor, #5 Russell Hall, Lock Haven, PA 17745. If you are more electronically inclined, send us your news via e-mail at: lhualum@lhup.edu. Please share your photos, too.

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Telephone	Class Year	Attach paper with news

### Wanted: Alumni Photos

To submit a photo, attach it to your posting on the LHU Alumni Connection website. Photos should be sent as jpg attachments. For print use, photos should be 300 dpi or higher.

Because of space limitations, we may not be able to use every photo we receive. We will give priority to photos of alumni rather than photos of family members. Group photos of several LHU alumni are especially welcome.

Photos may be cropped to fit the space available.

at the CDE, she was an Education Program Consultant directing state and federal programs in performance assessment, elementary education, service-learning, career academies, and career-technical education. Prior to moving to California in 1988, Barbara was a

high school guidance counselor at Stroudsburg High School, Pa., for 12 years and an English teacher at Wellsboro Junior High School, Pa., for 4 years.

**Sam Wise, '74**, retired in December 2010 after a successful career serving in various local governmental administrative capacities for the cities of Williamsport Pa., Beverly Hills, Calif., and Rolling Hills Estates, Calif. Sam holds master's degrees from Indiana University and California State University, Long Beach. In 2009, Sam was awarded a Certificate of Congressional Recognition by the Greater Los Angeles Federal Executive Board in honor of his distinguished public service career. Sam resides in Torrance, Calif., with his wife of 33 years, Cathy, who is also retired. They plan to enjoy their retirement years boating off the Southern California coast.

## MYSTERY PHOTO

It's no mystery who these fans are! But do you know what year Mickey and Minnie attended LHU Homecoming? And do you know that year's Homecoming theme?

Submit your answer to Tammy Rich, Director of Alumni Relations 570-484-2586, lhualum@lhup.edu.

The winner will be chosen by a random drawing from all correct answers received by March 1.

The prize will be an LHU flag. Previous winners are

asked to wait one year before entering the contest again.

Congratulations to **Jason Taylor, '03**, from Selinsgrove, winner of the Fall 2010 Mystery Photo contest. He correctly identified the gathering in Triangle Park to protest the U.S. going to war in Iraq. The protest took place on February 15, 2003. About 50 people participated, including some LHU faculty and students. Holding the Peace sign was Professor James Dolan (now retired).



**Thomas Rowan, '75**, was inducted into the Pocono Mountain School District's Cardinal Athletic Hall of Fame on Friday evening October 1, 2010. At LHU, he played on the Bald Eagle soccer team for four years and competed on the track team for 3 years. After graduating from LHU with his B.S. in Health and Physical Education, he was employed as a teacher in the Pocono Mountain School District, and went on to earn his M.S. in Sports Management from East Stroudsburg University. Tom coached boy's varsity soccer for 31 years at Pocono Mountain East High School. In that time, his teams won 7 league championships and he finished his coaching tenure with a record of 334-214-59. In 2006, Tom was presented with the NISOA National High School Merit Award at the 2006 National Soccer Coaches Association Convention. In addition to coaching soccer, Tom coached varsity tennis, varsity softball, varsity track, 9th grade basketball and middle school football. Tom also served as an Assistant Athletic Director for 14 years. Tom recently retired from public school education after 35 years of teaching Health and Physical Education in the Pocono Mountain School District. His wife, Janis, is a reading specialist at PMSD. The Rowans have two children, Elyse 27, and Kyle, 21.

**Larry Welshans, '76**, has retired (2010) from the Mifflin County School District. Larry taught biology and physical sciences from 1977 until retirement. Previous employment includes serving as Wildlife Biologist 1 for the Pennsylvania State Game Commission and teaching biology at Pottstown High School in 1976. Larry currently tends bar part-time at JP Edwards in Burnham, Pa.

**Robert Savidge, '78**, has recently been hired as the principal for Newport High School in Cumberland County, Pa.



The Pennsylvania Black Council on Higher Education, Central Region mini-conference hosted by Lock Haven University honored the late Dr. Robert Lynch, a beloved teacher, mentor, friend and leader in the university and the community. Dr. Lynch founded the PBCOHE in 1970. Above, LHU's Albert Jones, assistant to the president & associate director of human resources, and Dr. Laurie Cannady, associate professor of English, welcome Mrs. Dolores Lynch to the conference honoring her husband's legacy.

**Michael Crosby, '79**, was elected to the executive board of the New Hampshire Soccer Officials Association. This association is the executive board for all high school soccer officials in the state. He also officiates high school basketball and girls lacrosse. Michael lives in Salem, N.H., with his wife, Carole, and four children.

**Donna (Schweisgut) Williams, '83**, was elected to the American Association of Law Libraries (headquartered in Chicago) Executive Board. Her term is 2010-2012. Currently she is a law librarian with the California Court of Appeal, Sixth Appellate District in San Jose, Calif.

**Debra (Quinn) Vincent, '89**, has been the owner of a gym "Active Body and Health" for six years and has recently expanded it.

**Jennifer L. (Smith) Schuler, '89**, resides in Brookeville, Md., with her husband, Rock, and their 16-month-old son, Andrew. She is a stay-at-home mother, formerly working in the education and non-profit health fields. She is a published author and works as a freelance writer/proofreader/editor, having proofread and contributed to two books on adoption. She currently works a few hours a week as an activity leader at an assisted living facility. Her husband is a development director in Virginia.

**Virginia A. "Ginny" Roth, '81**, has assumed the role of president of PPO&S, a marketing communications agency based in Central Pennsylvania. Prior to assuming the presidency, she was executive vice president of the agency. In her new role, she will continue to oversee all agency operations and client assignments, and will play a greater role in the strategic planning and execution of all client and agency-related marketing campaigns. Virginia serves on the Lock Haven University Council of Trustees.

## 19 90s

**Angela (Smith) Homan, '93**, was one of twelve finalists for Pennsylvania Teacher of the Year. An LHU Elementary Education graduate, Angela is a sixth grade teacher at Penns Valley Intermediate School in the Penns Valley School District. This is her 18th year of teaching. She lives in Centre Hall, Pa., with her husband, Todd, and son, Alexander. She is also a Keystone Technology Integrator. Angela is working to become National Board Certified as a middle level generalist.

**Gina (Saelg) Cohl, '94**, was promoted to Senior Scientist in the formulation department at Rohto-Mentholatum Research Laboratories. She has worked for The Mentholatum Company for 4 years as a cosmetic formulator responsible for innovative product development for the OXY and Softlips brands.

**Meg (Wetterau) Romero, '96**, and her husband, Rob, announce the birth of their second child, Rebecca Catherine, July 16, 2010. Rebecca joins big brother Matthew.

**Ron Hall, '97**, and his wife, Julie, announce the birth of their son, Aiden Cooper Hall, on May 14, 2010. The Hall family resides in Cary, N.C.

**Christina (Hannigan) Hill, '98**, and Benjamin Hill were married on July 17, 2010 in Morton, Pa.

**Michelle (Izzi) Carter, '98 and Sandy (Shea) Dath, '98**,



were a part of the wedding. Christina is a kindergarten teacher at OLPH school in Morton, Pa. She and her husband reside in Springfield, Pa.

## 2000s

**Brandon Bishop, '98**, is a sergeant with the Henderson Police Department and his wife **Rebecca (Davis) Bishop, '98**, is a Board Certified Teacher. They have a six year old daughter, Samantha.

**Eric Etkin, '99**, was elected National Vice President, Phi Mu Delta Fraternity, at the 54th National Conclave held in Williamsburg, Va. He is a resident of Lancaster, Pa., and is Vice President of Seisan Consulting, LLC. Eric is the fourth graduate of LHU to serve as a national officer of Phi Mu Delta. Previously **Robert C. Lomison, '77**, and the late **Ron Jury, '72**, served as National President, and **John Roberts, '72**, served as National Secretary.

**Oscar and Jodee (Weaver) Franco, '99**, welcome the birth of their third child. Alejandro Jack Franco was born June 29, 2010 and joins brother, Maximo, and sister, Valeria.

**Erin Yeagle, '99**, completed her Masters of Education in Teaching and Learning from Lock Haven University in 2009. In the fall of 2010, she began working full time at Penn College in the Fitness and Lifetime Sports Department teaching fitness electives to students for fulfilling their fitness credit for graduation. She is also the Physical Fitness Specialist Lab supervisor for the PFS program.

**Melissa (Zekan) Barr, '99 & '01**, was recently named the Marching Band Director at Bucktail High School in Renovo, Pa. She is also serving on the Advisory Committee for the Leadership Clinton County Program. She lives in Lock Haven, Pa., with her husband, **Dan Barr, '02**, who was also recently promoted to Director of Infrastructure Services for the Mercer Insurance Group with offices in Lock Haven, New Jersey and California.

**Allison (Cahill) Harraka, '00**, and her husband, Brian, announce the birth of their first child, a son, Matthew Logan, on July 9, 2010.

**Andrea (Hetrick) Lucas, '00**, and her husband **Chris Lucas, '04**, welcomed their second son, Liam Robert Hulsair Lucas, on September 18, 2010. Liam was born at Williamsport Hospital at 9:23 a.m. He weighed 7 lbs., 15 oz. and was 20 inches long.

**Laura (Brady) Mihalko, '01**, and her husband, Douglas, welcomed their second child, Brady Elling Mihalko, on January 12, 2010 at Mt. Nittany Medical Center, State College. Brady weighed 7 lbs., 6½ oz. and measured 21½ inches. Brady is named after three of his grandfathers' last names. Brady joins big sister Brooke, 3½. Laura is in her 10th year teaching Kindergarten at Moshannon Valley Elementary School, Houtzdale, Pa.

**Ben Miller, '01**, published a book titled, *The First Resort*, which sold out the first printing in an astonishing 6 months. His publisher released the second printing this year and family and friends had a party to celebrate the launch in Cape May, N.J. The book has garnered many accolades, including one from the Philadelphia Inquirer, which named it one of the top-ten coffee table books of the year.

**Megan (Hardie) O'Hagan, '01**, and her husband, Patrick, welcomed their second daughter, Camryn Elizabeth, on March 8, 2010. Camryn joins big sister Carys at home in Waldwick, N.J. Megan is a geosciences and biology teacher at Ramsey High School.

**Nicholas Pelc, '01**, stopped by the Department of Criminal Justice on November 4. Pelc was LHU's very first Criminal Justice graduate. Pelc was pleased to learn that over 600 students have followed

his lead and have graduated from the CJ program. He was also pleased that there are now two CJ clubs, the Criminal Justice Club and the Criminal Justice Honors Club, and that Criminal Justice is also taught at LHU's Clearfield Campus. Pelc said he has always been fascinated by the equipment aspects of law enforcement careers and he had the greatest desire to pursue something in this area. Today he is a Law Enforcement Specialist working for Witmer Public Safety Group, Inc. and OfficerStore.com, in Coatesville, Pa. He sells a variety of equipment to law enforcement agencies.

**Charles Herling, '02**, and his wife, Ashley, are proud to announce the birth of their son, Christian David Herling, on May 16, 2008.

**Martin, '02, and Deborah Messner, '00**, are expecting their first child in January 2011.

## IN MEMORIAM

### ALUMNI:

**Bernice M. (Moran) Miller, '31**, Oct. 25, 2010  
**Adelyne Elinor (Tiracorda) Thomas, '32**, Aug. 19, 2010  
**Mollie B. (Buvinger) Bowes, '38**, Apr. 24, 2010  
**Thomas D. Conrad, '38**, Nov. 8, 2010  
**Katharine (Campbell) Trine, '39**, Oct. 16, 2010  
**Ruth M. (McClintick) Toner, '40**, Aug. 2, 2010  
**William W. Ingraham, '43**, June 27, 2010  
**Elizabeth C. (Clark) McGowan, '46**, Oct. 3, 2010  
**Doris M. (Montessor) Boob, '48**, Oct. 5, 2008  
**James C. Ferguson, '48**, Oct. 25, 2010  
**John J. McNulty, '48**, June 2, 2010  
**Armand "Bus" L. Shaner, '48**,

Nov. 28, 2010

**Rev. Raymond "Ray, Smokey" S. Stover, '49**, Oct. 21, 2010  
**Robert E. Heverly, '52**, Oct. 18, 2010  
**Larry H. Ross, '53**, Oct. 5, 2010  
**Jacque M. (Vannauker) Johnston, '54**, Aug. 11, 2010  
**Barbara "Barb" W. (Wolfe) Powlus, '55**, Aug. 25, 2010  
**Lloyd F. Woodling, '56**, June 9, 2010  
**James Wesley Settle, '58**, Oct. 8, 2010  
**Barbara C. (Chapman) Breon, '61**, June 23, 2010  
**David R. Harper, '61**, Oct. 24, 2010  
**Horace O. Hallman Jr., '68**, Sept. 6, 2010  
**Laurel "Laurie" A. Black, '77**, Oct. 9, 2010  
**Karen M. (Smith) Horner, '80**, Sept. 23, 2010  
**Mary-Louise L. (Poletto) Gavlock, '94**, July 19, 2010

**Rudolph "Rudy" J. York, '98**, July 17, 2010

### FACULTY:

**Ronald R. Fennell**, Aug. 23, 2010; Professor Fennell taught Criminal Justice at Lock Haven University from 2000 to 2010.  
**Margaret B. Pursell**, Dec. 4, 2010. Professor Pursell taught in the Elementary/Middle Level Education Department.  
**Robert E. "Bob" Storch**, Dec. 6, 2010. Professor Storch taught in the History/Political Science/Management Department. He was a longtime employee of the university, having started in 1973.  
**EMERITUS/FORMER BOARD MEMBER:**  
**Larry H. Lytle**, Emeritus, Sept. 20, 2010. Dr. Lytle served on the LHU Council of Trustees (1988-2005) and the LHU Foundation Board (2005-2010); he was a retired general surgeon.

## ALPHA CHI RHO HELPS DECEASED BROTHER'S FAMILY

Gary D. Mozeko, and Tony "Cheesy" Ruela were classmates in Kindergarten, again in high school at Bethlehem Catholic, and ultimately at Lock Haven University.

They entered LHU in fall 1987 and pledged Alpha Chi Rho fraternity together.

After graduation, Mozeko notes, "we all went our separate ways and we all went on with our lives."

Mozeko did not know of Ruela's death in 2008 until he read about it in the January 2009 issue of the LHU alumni magazine.

Even though it was 20 years since Ruela had talked with his fellow AXP alumni, Gary "decided to act."

He recalls that social fraternities always conducted some type of community service each year, and he vividly remembers ringing the bell for the Salvation Army at the local Acme each December while he was at The Haven.

When the pledge brothers found out that Ruela left behind a widow and 3 sons under age 10, they decided to commit to running some kind of fundraiser each year for the next 14 years — up to the time that Ruela's youngest child will enter college.

This year, the second year of their fundraising drive for the Ruela family, pledge brother **Jeffrey Huckel, '91**, single-handedly raised \$1,077.50 toward the brothers' goal of \$3,000 for the year. Or perhaps it is more accurate to say, "single-headedly."

Huckel remembered shaving his head while he was still a student at LHU.

Back in the "era of the mullet," Ruela and the other brothers dared Huckel to shave his head for a case of beer, which he did.

Now, 21 years later, he revived the haircut "for a more worthy cause."

The "haircut" took place at the College of Veterinary Medicine in Raleigh, N.C., on October 1, 2010. Large donations were made by students and faculty from the college of veterinary medicine as well as the teaching community from A.B. Combs Leadership Magnet Elementary School in Raleigh, NC.

Huckel's wife, **Erin Kephart Huckel, '91**, teaches literacy at A.B. Combs and was instrumental in mobilizing the teachers for this cause.

Gary has set up a website honoring Tony: <http://rememberingcheese.devhub.com/>

from the stimulus bill and meet this goal. For more information about the program, go to the website at [www.pareacheast.org](http://www.pareacheast.org).

**Janelle Ebaugh, '03**, a two time All-American field hockey player, has been coaching field hockey for Gettysburg High School since the fall of 2003. This year, along with her assistant coaches, she took the team to the District III playoffs for the first time in 10 years and won the first round. This was the first win in District III play in over two decades. Ebaugh was named Coach of the Year by both The Hanover Evening Sun and The Gettysburg Times. Her assistant coach, **Joy Boden, '83**, played both softball and field hockey for LHU. Joy and Janelle are both health and physical

education teachers at Gettysburg High School, and have fond memories of their times at The Haven.

**Jennifer (Miller) Mellinger, '03**, is now the Recreation Director at Rose View Center in Williamsport, Pa.

**Marc Rayman, '03, and Lindsey Blessing, '05**, have announced their engagement. A July 16, 2011 wedding is planned.

**Kellie (Headley) White, '05, and Heath White, '05**, married on June 19th, 2010 in Gettysburg, Pa. The couple currently resides in Statesville, N.C. Kellie teaches third grade at Oxford Elementary in Claremont, N.C. and is pursuing National Board Certification in Teaching. Heath is the public relations manager for the NASCAR Nationwide team of JR Motorsports in Mooresville, N.C.



**Amanda (Miller) Keiper, '05**, and Steven Keiper announce the birth of their first child, Chase Thomas, on May 2, 2010 at Washington County Hospital, Hagerstown, Md. He was 7 lbs., 1 oz. and 12 inches long.



**Tristan Kramer, '05**, and Raymond Philbrook were married on June 16, 2010 in Riviera Maya, Mexico. Tristan arrived on a horse drawn carriage, and fireworks concluded the ceremony. **Rachel Nielsen, '05**, was among the family and friends present at the destina-

tion wedding. Tristan is an elementary learning support teacher at West York Area School District. Ray is a pipefitter for Sentry Fire Protection. The couple resides in York, Pa.

**Amy (Myers) Fisher, '05**, married last summer.

**Jade Heasley, '06**, has released her third book, entitled *The Incurrible Dreamers*. She is also the author of *1980s Kid* and *Bratty Becky and the Firecracker Kid*.



**Linda R. Misja, '06**, French Education, was a featured presenter at the Language In Motion conference July 2009 at Juniata College. She received a Language in Motion grant to study at the Catholic University of Lille, France. Following her studies, she was able to travel throughout France, Belgium and the Netherlands. She is currently teaching French at Bellefonte Area High School. She also holds certifications in English and Social Studies. She was a former Peace Corps Volunteer in Morocco. She resides with her four sons in Port Matilda, Pa.



**Alyssa Hoover, '08, and Hector Villanueva, '08**, announce their engagement and upcoming September, 2011 wedding in Media, Pa. Hector is a police officer and Alyssa is a substitute teacher.

**Nicole Pinto, '08**, was promoted, in less than one year, to Promotions Director for CBS Radio Philadelphia, KYW Newsradio 1060. In two years, she has advanced twice in the company to now fill a director's position at only 24 years old. In a male-dominated industry, she now sits as the only female on the KYW department head board and is the youngest by over 20 years.

**Hannah (Thompson) Freeman, '08**, married Dan Freeman on September 5, 2010. Sharing in the special day were **Jessica (McAlarney) Lee, '08, Katie Zito, '09, Ericka Scalia, '09, 1st Lt. James Dougherty III, '07, Adam Styborski, '07, and Eric Seery, '09**. The couple honeymooned in Amsterdam, Holland. They now reside in Lock Haven. Hannah works at The AIDS Project for Centre and Clinton counties and Dan is the Culinary Manager at Ruby Tuesday.



**Angela Bender, '09, and Christopher Lancaster, '07**, recently got engaged. Angela graduated with a B.A. in Criminal Justice. They met and started dating during Angela's freshman year at LHU. Angela is now a full-time therapeutic staff support professional at T.W. Ponessa & Associates Counseling Services and also pursuing an M.A. and LPC in Clinical Psychology at Eastern University in St. Davids, Pa. Chris is working at Traveler's Insurance Company in the Subrogation Department. They were engaged two days after Angela's birthday on October 3, 2009 and their wedding is set for July 16, 2011. The couple lives in a suburb outside Philadelphia.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS



A dramatic performance in the fall 2010 Dance Concert

We value your support and welcome your continued participation in campus life.

### UNIVERSITY EVENTS:

**April 20:** Celebration of Scholarship

### ARTS AND CULTURAL CALENDAR:

(Dates, times and locations are subject to change. Please check the Lock Haven University website for updated information.)

**Jan. 19 - Feb. 18:** Art Exhibition: Faculty Show. Sloan Fine Arts Gallery. Opening reception Jan. 26, 8 p.m.

**Feb. 21 - Mar. 19:** Art Exhibition: Selections from the LHU Permanent Collection. Sloan Fine Arts Gallery. Opening reception Feb. 24, 8 p.m.

**Feb. 27:** University Choir Concert. Price Performance Center, 3 p.m. Contact: Ron Miller. Free.

**Mar. 3:** Symphonic Band Concert. Price Performance Center, 7:30 p.m. Contact: Jack Schmidt. Free.

**Mar. 17, 18, 19, 20:** University Players Presents: Student Directed Production.

Sloan Countdown Theatre-321, 7:30 p.m. Matinee: Mar. 20 at 2 p.m. Contact: Angie Sweigart-Gallagher. Free.

**Mar. 20:** Masterworks Concert, Community Orchestra and Community Chorus. Price Performance Center, 3 p.m. Contact: Jack Schmidt, Kay Knarr-Fisher. Free.

**Mar. 21 - April 16:** Art Exhibition: Juried Student Show. Sloan Fine Arts Gallery. Opening reception Mar. 24, 8 p.m.

**Apr. 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 9:** University Players Presents: *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. Sloan Auditorium, 7:30 p.m. and matinee on April 3 at 2 p.m. Contact: Dale Young. Adults \$5; H.S. Students \$3; Senior Citizens \$3; LHU ID Free.

**Apr. 5:** Student Recitals. Price Performance Center, 6 p.m. Contact: David Curtin. Free.

**Apr. 10:** President's Concert: University Symphonic Band. Price Performance Center, 7:30 p.m., Contact: Jack Schmidt. Free.

**Apr. 12:** Student Recitals. Price Performance Center, 6 p.m. Contact: David Curtin. Free.

**Apr. 15, 16:** Spring Dance Concert. Sloan Auditorium, 7

p.m. Matinee: Apr. 16 at 3 p.m. Contact: Jayme Host. Free.

**Apr. 17:** Pops Concert. Lock Haven University/Community Orchestra. Rogers Gym, 3 p.m. Contact: Jack Schmidt. Free.

**Apr. 19:** Student Recitals. Price Performance Center, 6 p.m. Contact: David Curtin. Free.

Apr. 18 - May 7: Art Exhibition: Graduating Senior Show. Sloan Fine Arts Gallery. Opening reception, Apr. 23, 8 p.m.

**Apr. 27:** University Percussion Ensemble Concert. Price Performance Center, 7:30 p.m. Contact: Jack Schmidt. Free.

**Apr. 28, 29:** University Players Presents: *Dangerously Improv*. Sloan Countdown Theatre-321, 8 p.m. Contact Dale Young. Free.

**Apr 29:** University Jazz/Rock Ensemble Concert. Price Performance Center, 7:30 p.m. Contact: Eddie Severn. Free.

**May 1:** University Spring Choir Concert. Price Performance Center, 3 p.m. Contact: Ron Miller. Free.

**May 15:** Musicale. Price Performance Center, 3 p.m. Contact: Kay Fisher. Free.

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## HOME AT THE HAVEN: UNIVERSITY SEES RECORD ENROLLMENT

Lock Haven University's fall 2010 enrollment figures show growth in almost all areas, with record numbers for main campus enrollment, graduate enrollment, and overall headcount.

LHU's overall enrollment is a record 5,451 students, an increase of 3.5 percent. Undergraduate enrollment at the main campus is up 2.8 percent to 4,731.

Graduate enrollment increased 21.2 percent to 337, due in part to the university's two new sites for training additional physician assistants in Coudersport and Harrisburg.

The Lock Haven University main campus enrolled 1,192 first-time students and a record 219 transfer students.

There were 119 new students at Clearfield. The university admitted a record 117 degree-seeking graduate students (133 graduate students overall).

LHU President Barbara B. Dixon observed, "record enrollment figures are a testament

### Send us your best and brightest!

If you know any students who will soon be graduating from high school, please encourage them to attend one of Lock Haven University's upcoming open houses!

#### Open House dates for the spring semester are

- Saturday, February 19
- Saturday, March 19
- Saturday, April 2

Open House events include a presentation

on the LHU Honors Program; a question and answer session with current LHU students; discussions about student life, financial aid and admissions; a chance for students and their families to meet with faculty representatives to discuss specifics regarding their major of interest; and a walking tour of the LHU campus.

For a detailed schedule or for more information, visit [www.lhup.edu/admissions/visit](http://www.lhup.edu/admissions/visit), or call 570-484-2011

to the quality and relevance of the education students receive at Lock Haven University. Even in difficult economic times, the blending of a strong liberal arts foundation with professional programs and real world experience taking place within a nurturing environment are powerful attractions

for today's students."

Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Deborah Erickson is also pleased by the fall 2010 enrollment data: "The numbers speak for themselves: LHU is a great place. We welcome every one of our new and returning students to the The Haven."

## LHU students add to StoryCorps record of American lives

The American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress is a treasure trove of primary-source information on the lives, backgrounds, experiences, beliefs and personal stories of Americans, thanks to the work of StoryCorps. Since 2003, StoryCorps, an independent non-profit organization, has collected and archived more than 30,000 stories from more than 60,000 participants. That number now includes some Lock Haven University students.

StoryCorps records conversations between

two people who are important to each other, with a StoryCorps professional on hand to ask questions as appropriate.

Jennifer Cronover, a communications major from Watsonstown, Pa., interviewed Mitchell Younger, a student at Bloomsburg University, with whom she has been friends since the fourth grade. Their conversation centered on Mitchell's struggles to accept his homosexuality.

Chris Brittain, a first-year MLA graduate stu-

dent, from Scottsdale, Pa., took along his friend and roommate, Edward James Penrose III, to discuss their friendship over the last six years and to share several memoirs that they thought would be "notable and humorous."

Cronover, Brittain and Cynthia Ward responded to a call from StoryCorps inviting them to record interviews in a mobile recording studio in Bellefonte. Their names had been submitted to StoryCorps by Dr. Sharon Stringer, associate professor of Communication.