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LHU convocation will feature presentation on Chilean coal mine rescue  
Center Rock, Inc. of Berlin, Pa. played major role in rescuing miners trapped for 70 days.

Brandon Fisher's company, Centre Rock, Inc., made headlines in 2010 for its role in rescuing 33 Chilean miners trapped underground for over two months. On September 14, Brandon's wife, Julie, will be the featured speaker at the Lock Haven University Founder's Day Convocation, delivering a presentation on the amazing mine rescue. Julie Fisher is Public Relations and Marketing Manager for Center Rock.

The convocation will be at 1:30 p.m. in Price Performance Center on the LHU campus. Members of the public are welcome to attend this free event.

The Fishers' company, Center Rock, Inc., specializes in rock-drilling tools. Center Rock provided the equipment and expertise that resulted in the successful rescue of every one of the Chilean miners, who had been trapped more than 2000 feet below the surface.

Brandon Fisher founded Center Rock, Inc. in 1998 at the age of 26. After graduating from Berlin High School in Berlin, Pennsylvania, in 1990, Fisher got a taste of the drilling industry and in a very short period of time, he was hooked! He worked for an Ingersoll Rand Distribution Company and moved to Arkansas to work on the Beaver Dam cutoff wall drilling project. Upon returning to Pennsylvania, he became the company's Eastern Oil & Gas Representative. This young entrepreneur recognized the need for a manufacturing company that was reactive to customer needs, with innovative products and round-the-clock customer service and support.

Center Rock began as a drilling company, for which Fisher designed and built his own drilling rig. Shortly thereafter, he began focusing on making Center Rock an air and rock drilling supplier and manufacturer.

"I love what I do," Fisher said. "There is always a challenge in this industry to find new ways to drill into the earth, and the challenge feeds the excitement."

In October 2010 Fisher met President Barack Obama in Washington along with others involved in the rescue of the Chilean miners. In January 2011, he and Julie were invited to attend President Barack Obama's State of the Union Address as guests of First Lady Michelle Obama.

For LHU faculty, staff and students the annual Founder's Day convocation marks the ceremonial start of the academic year. The event will begin with an academic procession. The 2011 convocation will also be President Michael Fiorentino's first opportunity to greet the LHU community as a whole.

Lock Haven University was founded in 1870 as the Central State Normal School. Albert Newton Raub was the Founder and First Principal. Raub Hall, an important building on campus, was dedicated in his honor in 1964.

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