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President Bashar Hanna

Dear BU Family,

This is always a glorious time of year in Bloomsburg, but it seems especially so after the unusual year we've all had with the continuing presence of the COVID-19 virus. Despite the pandemic, I am thrilled to report that we have had an active, engaged, and lively campus this entire semester. Our students are happy to be back, enjoying in-person all the typical BU experiences this fall. The foliage is beginning to turn as we prepare to welcome our Husky alumni back for in-person Homecoming festivities.

I am beyond proud of our students; they have been following all the necessary health and safety precautions related to the virus this semester and they continue to do what is needed to protect themselves and their fellow Huskies. My sincere thanks to them and all my colleagues – our faculty and staff – for all that they are doing to keep our campus and community safe.

This Fall 2021 issue of the magazine highlights the successes of our students, our faculty, and our alumni. Our cover story features proud BU alumnus and current member of our Council of Trustees Dan Klingerman '87, who learned the value of hard work from an early age, took his zeal for business, and turned it into a successful company that is making a positive impact in our communities every day. You'll enjoy reading about his journey and his passion for giving back to the greater central Pennsylvania region.

We also have an update on the ongoing planning and implementation of the integration between BU, Lock Haven, and Mansfield. Much progress has been made in bringing these three schools together before and since the Board of Governors unanimously voted in July 2021 to integrate the three institutions. The official effective date for the integration is July 1, 2022, but much work remains ahead of us over the coming months as we continue to work and grow together in planning for this important milestone.

In this issue, we also introduce you to one of our newest colleagues, Mr. Albert Jones, our Chief Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Officer. Albert serves in this role at all three institutions (BU, Lock Haven, and Mansfield), and he will continue in the same capacity within the integrated university. We look forward to his vision and leadership in this critical role as he partners with senior administrators and students on our campuses, Vice Chancellor Denice Pearson, and his counterparts across the State System.

We are always proud to highlight the successes of our best and brightest students serving as campus leaders, and in reading this issue I hope you will see why their success drives us. Indeed, our students and their success is our mission and our priority above all else.

Finally, I want to thank you – our alumni, parents, and friends – for your continued support of our students through your generous gifts. Now more than ever, many of our students are in need of financial support to continue their BU journeys and create their own success stories – and they can only do so with your support. Thank you for your generosity in helping the next pack of Huskies!

I look forward to seeing you on campus this fall and throughout the year.

GO HUSKIES!

Sincerely,

Bashar W. Hanna, President

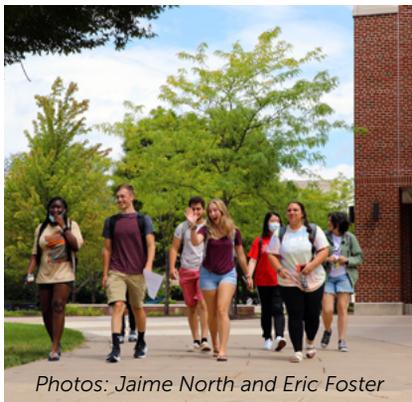




Back to Husky Life!

A rallying call at the end of every summer was made extra special this year with the return of a full in-person campus experience. Old traditions were renewed as athletes took to the field for sports and the campus was full of the bustle and energy of students attending classes in person. New traditions were established as returning students created a tunnel of maroon and gold to welcome new students to campus.

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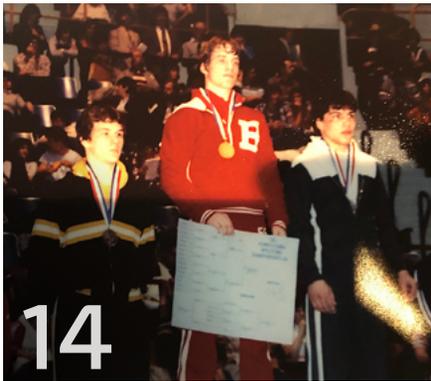
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Students from the Department of Environmental, Geographical, Geological Sciences practice soil judging on upper campus. Integration may make a collaborative minor in soil science available to students.



Integration Update

In July, the Board of Governors for Pennsylvania's State System of Higher Education approved the integration of Bloomsburg, Lock Haven, and Mansfield universities. Each university will retain the unique traits specific to its campus and community while coming together to become something bigger and stronger.

Work continues on plans to leverage the "power of three" to increase access to exemplary academic programs and social mobility for students at Bloomsburg, Lock Haven and Mansfield universities.

At Bloomsburg University, our priority is to honor our history and legacy to connect fellow Huskies and provide support for today's students and tomorrow's leaders. Foundations and alumni associations will remain independent and continue to keep classmates connected with their alma mater. Donors would continue to be able to designate funds in support of students on their campus or program of choice, as they do today.

NCAA Update

The NCAA is aware of the unanimous vote by the Pennsylvania State System Board of Governors to proceed with the integration of Bloomsburg, Lock Haven, and Mansfield. The NCAA has indicated that it will act following a Middle States decision, expected in Spring 2022. Given state and federal alignment required for athletics, this is not a surprise. We are continuing along the path laid out from the beginning – that we will retain athletics on the three campuses that currently host them.

Our athletics programs are a vital aspect of campus and student life, contributing to much of what we love most about our

universities. For current student-athletes – we are operating as we would in any other year. For those currently being recruited, this path would allow us to retain our existing sports teams on each campus.

NE Naming Research

As we continue our process of determining the Northeast integrated university's name for Middle States and other accreditation purposes, we will conduct more research this fall, and then determine our next steps. As we have stated previously, our names, colors, mascots, and other brand elements will not change. We want to ensure that we strategically align our resources in the Northeast to maintain

the strength of our brands and in ways that champion our students and their success.

Future Big-Picture Opportunities

For high school students – Expansion of dual enrollment will be part of a broad portfolio of programs to engage with our institutions. This includes opportunities to earn an associate's degree, especially in some pre-health care tracks of interest. In-person and hybrid modalities will be kept in mind for flexible offerings.

You can learn more about the integration plans by visiting www.bloomu.edu/integration.

Academic Updates

Below are the proposed names of the five colleges and academic departments housed within. In addition to expanded academic program offerings at each campus, we're excited to share some of the developing examples of new academic opportunities that will become available through integration.

ZEIGLER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

- Accounting
- Finance, Insurance, Risk Management, and Economics
- Instructional Technology, Technical Leadership, and Information and Technology Management
- Management
- Marketing and Sales

Plans exist to expand professional development, Business Idea Competition, and more through the AACSB-accredited business program at BU.

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT (Proposed)

- Counseling, Student Affairs, and Education Administration
- Early Childhood Education
- Middle Level, Secondary, and K-12 Education
- Social Work
- Exceptionality Programs: ASL and English Interpreting, Special Education

Broader opportunities for student-teaching (including residential housing opportunities) are forthcoming, including plans to closely align with districts and employment opportunities they can offer to our graduating seniors.

COLLEGE OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS (Proposed)

- Allied Health
- Communication Sciences and Disorders
- Exercise Science
- Nursing – Graduate
- Nursing – Undergraduate
- Physician Assistant

There are plans to offer expanded clinical settings or clinical rotation opportunities. We'll also expand on new BU partnerships with Temple and Farleigh Dickinson universities and their respective Schools of Pharmacy – these partner institutions are excited to expand their reach into Central PA through LHU/MU.

COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

- Biology
- Biochemistry, Chemistry, Engineering, and Physics
- Mathematics, Computer Science, and Digital Forensics
- Environmental, Geographical, and Geologic Sciences

Scientist in Residence and enhanced field study opportunities align with faculty expertise and research. Environmental, Geographical, and Geological Science field camp could explore differences in our respective locations, and a new soils minor may be offered through BU/LHU soils expertise/partnership. Or learn more about collaborative Tree Swallow research with BU/MU faculty on page 10.

COLLEGE OF ARTS, SOCIAL SCIENCES, AND HUMANITIES (Proposed)

- Anthropology, Criminal Justice, and Sociology
- Communication Studies
- English
- History, Political Science, and Philosophy
- Languages and Cultures
- Media and Journalism
- Music, Theatre, and Dance
- Psychology
- Visual Arts

Imagine Artist or Musician in Residence opportunities, aligned with faculty expertise, designed to explore new techniques and develop new skills in state-of-the-art studio settings. Or Criminal Justice, where students would have the opportunity to align their program with Police Academy (spend 6-months in the academy as part of your degree program) or add EMT-certification (6-weeks) at Mansfield.





BU Ranked Among Top Pa. Schools for Nursing

BU's nursing program is ranked sixth of 76 schools in Pennsylvania according to RNCareers.org, and 67th in the Mid-Atlantic region by NursingSchoolAlmanac.com.

The sixth annual RNCareers.org ranking of 96.99% is based on each institution's first-time NCLEX-RN passing rates, the number of students taking the test, the program nursing accreditation, and more. The results were then compared to other nursing programs in Pennsylvania.

"The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has accentuated the criticality of the nursing profession in our health care system," said BU President Bashar Hanna. "Our world desperately needs well-educated and well-prepared nurses, and thanks to the faculty and staff in our nursing program, we at BU are doing our part to prepare our nursing students to be the very best in their field."

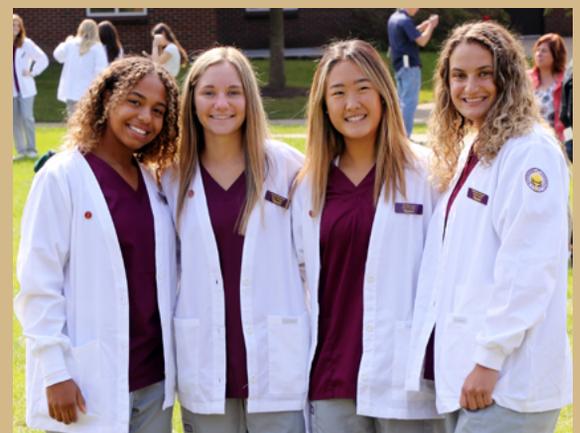
"This is a testament to our dedicated faculty who have real-life experience that they bring to our nursing program, and our hard-working students who put the effort into their work to achieve this recognition," said Lori Metzger, chair of the Department of Nursing.

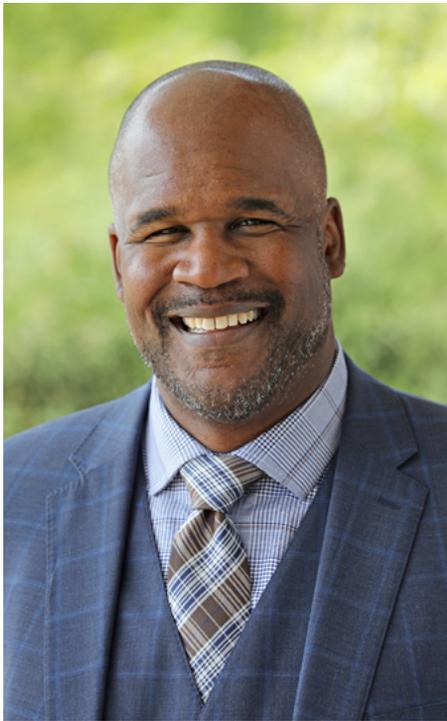
BU offers Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN), Master of Science in Nursing (MSN), and the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degrees. Bloomsburg also offers RN to BSN and RN to BSN to MSN programs, allowing registered nurses to obtain the BSN and MSN online in a condensed timeframe.

One hundred and twenty-six sophomore BU nursing students participated in a White Coat Ceremony in September. First held in 2014, BU was among the first 100 schools to hold the ceremony, supported by the Arnold P. Gold Foundation, which provided the pins given to the students.



Photos: Eric Foster





BUILDING **TRUST** IN DIVERSITY

By Tom McGuire

Albert Jones, the new chief Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) officer for Bloomsburg, Lock Haven, and Mansfield universities, knows he can make a lasting impact in his new role by being his natural self.

“When you see me on campus, I’m going to talk to you,” says Jones. “But I want everyone to feel free to talk to me as well. By talking, we can get to know each other, grow trust in each other, and build a better campus and eventually a better world.”

In his new role Jones, a 1999 graduate of Lock Haven and married father of two children, Collin and Kiahna, will provide vision, leadership, and guidance on a full spectrum of DEI and social justice matters for all three universities. He will collaborate with each campus to drive progress in achieving strategic priorities and work closely with the BU President’s Commission on DEI; the Lock Haven DEI office; and the Mansfield University Diversity and Inclusion Council.

“The goal of the office is to create an environment where our living, learning, and working communities feel supported and there are opportunities for growth engagement for everyone. It is a goal of mine for the DEI office on campus to be the resource that people want to come and learn from and see different perspectives.”

Working collaboratively across three campuses will lead to positive growth for all, according to Jones, who is a well-respected minor league and high school baseball umpire in Central Pennsylvania in his spare time.

“Diversity gives a strong sense of identity and well-being,” says Jones. “Our three offices, working together on programming and services will help to facilitate change, and bring about new perspectives, challenge the traditional way of how things used to be done and create a new path forward.”

Most recently, the human resources manager at West Pharmaceutical Services, Jones, earned an undergraduate degree in business management from LHU and a master’s degree in organizational management from the University of Phoenix in 2003. Following his graduation from LHU, Jones returned to his alma mater as the director of human and cultural diversity. He was later named assistant to the president for social equity in 2003 before transitioning to associate director of human resources from 2008-2013.

During his tenure as an employee at Lock Haven, Jones advocated for diversity and inclusion within the learning and working environment within LHU and across the state. He directed the Robert D. Lynch Student Leadership Development Institute from 2007-2011 and was president of the Pennsylvania Black Conference on Higher Education (PBCOHE) from 2011-2013.

Through integration Jones also feels his office can be a model for other PASSHE institutions.

“This is an opportunity for us to become a model for other system schools or schools outside of Pennsylvania,” said Jones. “We’re setting the example of how to successfully integrate three universities within a complex change management process and focus on the importance that diversity, equity, and inclusion contribute to this process. We need to maintain that individual campus culture, but have consistency across the three campuses that helps to unify, build trust and promote diversity, equity and inclusion.”

“By talking, we can get to know each other, grow trust in each other, and build a better campus and eventually a better world.”

— ALBERT JONES

CALLED TO LEADERSHIP

By Tom McGuire



Zakariya Scott, Julia Burcin

Student leaders play a vital role in higher education, serving as the voice of students to campus leadership. Two students, Zakariya Scott and Julia Burcin, answered the call to represent both their fellow Huskies, and in one case, all students in the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE).

Act 50 of 2020 provided the Board of Governors for the first time the ability to make student appointments. Previously, appointments were by the governor.

A member of the Class of 2023, Scott was appointed to serve on the Board of Governors (BOG).

Scott, from Johnstown, Pa., is majoring in English with a concentration in creative writing. She joins Alexander Roberts from Edinboro University and Stephen Washington from Shippensburg University as student members on the 20-member board that oversees Pennsylvania's 14 public universities. Student members participate in all Board discussions and have the same voting rights as all other members.

"I'm very excited to have been chosen for this honor and I am very excited to get started," said Scott. "This is my first opportunity to make a difference in the world."

A Board of Governors scholarship recipient, Scott learned of the opening on the BOG from her English professor, Betina Entzminger.

"Professor Entzminger told me of this position, and as a naturally curious person who wants to be in the know, I thought this would be a way to be a voice for my fellow students," said Scott.

Burcin, a member of the Class of 2023, is an audiology and speech-language pathology major from Bethlehem with a minor in linguistics and gerontology. She is active on campus as a member of the National Student Speech Language Hearing Association, and participated in Bocce Bash and the Caldwell Consistory Christmas TreeFest. She is also a member of the BU women's volleyball team.

"I'm beyond thankful to have the opportunity to be a member of Bloomsburg University's Council of Trustees and honored to represent our student body," said Burcin. "Our trustees demonstrate admirable qualities — passion, commitment, and loyalty. I'm eager to learn from them and grow with them throughout my next two years at Bloomsburg."

"I applied for this position because I want to make an impact on the university," added Burcin. "Bloomsburg is a very special place, and I am determined to help it reach its full potential."

"Congratulations to Zakariya and Julia for their elections," said BU President Bashar W. Hanna. "They've both shown themselves to be active and engaged students and I know they will do an excellent job representing their fellow students."

Wygmans named Interim VP for Student Success and Campus Life



Marty Wygmans has been named interim vice president for student success and campus life. Wygmans joined BU in 2018 as associate vice president for student success after coming from Binghamton University in New York, where she served as project director for its TRiO programs and executive director of student services.

Wygmans has earned a bachelor's degree in business administration, a master's degree in counseling, and a doctoral degree in higher education administration.

Student Inspired to Help Peers with Book Pantry

By **Abby Stoudt**, student assistant, Marketing and Communications



Cameron O'Neill with some of the 250 books she has collected.

School is expensive. After paying tuition, fees, housing, and choosing a meal plan, students finally get to attend their classes just to discover they still have one more important thing to buy: their textbooks. BU junior Cameron O'Neill offers a solution for students struggling with this expense.

The BU Book Pantry officially opened this fall and already includes nearly 250 books for students to borrow.

O'Neill came up with the idea for the book pantry during the last academic year. For her philosophy classes, O'Neill needed 16 books and was soon lending her books to classmates who couldn't afford them. "By the end of the semester, they still hadn't purchased the book

and they didn't end up doing that well in class because they didn't have the materials to succeed," O'Neill said.

After spring classes ended, O'Neill was unsure of what to do with her books that she no longer needed. "I decided to find someone who was taking the same classes and just give them my books," said O'Neill. "I also reached out to other classmates who had bought textbooks to see if there was a possibility of passing more books onto students taking the same class after them, and the foundation of the BU Book Pantry was built."

If students would like to donate books, they can drop them off at the circulation desk in the Harvey A. Andruss Library. The library and the University Store have also partnered for several years to promote and make low-cost textbooks available for courses.

Starting the book pantry was challenging, but many staff and faculty members helped the project along the way. "Everyone was helping me however they could, which shows how much they want this to just happen," O'Neill said. "Something as simple as giving someone a book is going to change their whole education."

Agreements Create Pathways to Pharmacy Careers

BU has partnered with Temple University School of Pharmacy and Fairleigh Dickinson University School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences to create pathways for qualified BU students to earn both an undergraduate degree and a Doctor of Pharmacy degree in seven years, saving a full year of time and costs.

Both agreements, signed in September, allow Bloomsburg students majoring in chemistry or health sciences, following their junior year, to complete their final year enrolled in pharmacy coursework and concurrently to complete the final credits to receive their B.A. degree in chemistry or B.S. degree in health sciences from Bloomsburg University.

At Fairleigh Dickinson, candidates for admission must have a 3.3 or higher overall GPA at Bloomsburg and complete all prerequisite courses with a grade of B- or better. Reserved admission is limited to a maximum of five Bloomsburg students each year. At Temple, candidates for admission must have a 2.7 or higher overall GPA at Bloomsburg and complete all prerequisite courses.

"These agreements will benefit our students who are interested in attending pharmacy school, giving them a path to save both time and money," said Diana Rogers-Adkinson, provost and senior vice president for academic affairs.

"Access to such accelerated pathways to professional programs are very attractive opportunities to students, and we are excited to partner with these distinguished schools of pharmacy to provide this opportunity," said Latha Ramakrishnan, Dean of the College of Science and Technology.

Unique Internship Gives Insight into Corrections

By Tom McGuire

Seven BU students took part in a new and unique summer internship program with the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections (PA DOC) Bureau of Investigations and Intelligence and the Office of Policy and Legislative Affairs.

The idea for the internship program came from John Wetzel '98, a member of BU's Council of Trustees who just stepped down as Pennsylvania's secretary of corrections after serving for 10 years.

This year, the DOC completed a violence forecast by analyzing data that indicated the strong likelihood of a significantly violent summer. The interns monitored communications in and out of the state's 24 correctional institutions in order to bolster intelligence efforts. The interns provided information that could be used by the DOC and other law enforcement agencies to investigate and stop crimes.

The BU students, all entering their junior or senior year, worked alongside experienced and senior personnel, giving them significant exposure to the internal operations of a large state agency. Ten students took part in the program.

"These students are not just pushing paper," said Wetzel. "They're putting in real hours with the Bureau of Investigations and Intelligence to gain hands-on experience and help keep our facilities safe for staff and residents."



"The interns learned early on that this was not a typical office job," Wetzel added. "In addition to visits to state prison facilities, the group participated in an organization-wide training exercise where they saw firsthand how virtually all facets of the Department prepare to come together in the event of an emergency or crisis."

The BU students taking part in the program were Trevor Dennison, Julia Tappany, Brianna Jones, Meredith Norris, Conner Pennington, Keron Butcher, and Brandon Gill.

"This internship has been a great experience for me," said Butcher, a rising senior from Thorndale. "I have met and made connections with so many people. There are many aspects in the corrections field; whatever your field of study is, there is space for you in the DOC. My plan after college is to find a job working in cyber security or IT at a company."

Norris, a sociology major from Atglen, used the internship to explore the criminal justice field.

"I learned so much about the fields of corrections and parole, how closely they work together and how different parts of each field operate," said Norris, a senior. "The internship made me realize my initial interest in criminal justice is something that I want to explore more. My plan is to apply for a job in corrections when I graduate in December."

Student Among 200 Selected for National Workshop



Accounting major Erica Morales from Easton is one of just 200 students nationwide selected for the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants Accounting Scholars Leadership Workshop. The three-day event is designed to help accounting students from racial and ethnic minorities develop their leadership ability with the ultimate goal of increasing diversity and inclusion in public accounting.

The workshop, typically held in New Orleans, was virtual this year due to COVID-19.

Attendees will participate in learning sessions and panel discussions covering topics such as developing leadership skills and passing the CPA exam. Accomplished CPA professionals will share insights on career opportunities in accounting and the value of networking.

"I couldn't believe that I was one of those selected and

feel extremely proud of myself for taking the chance and applying," said Morales.

Morales is a first-generation college student and has served as an officer in the Accounting Association since her freshman year. She has volunteered at a soup kitchen, has spent her winter and summer breaks working, including an internship at a CPA firm this summer, and is a community assistant at BU.

"I hope to strengthen my networking skills and learn more about the CPA exam," said Morales. "Plus, I am looking forward to hearing the panelists speak about their experiences within the accounting profession and hear their advice on career progression."

Morales has already thought about her future after she graduates next May.

"My plan is to get my master's degree in accountancy here at Bloomsburg, and then pass the CPA exam and work at a public accounting firm.

Feathers IN THE NEST

Faculty from Integrating Universities
Collaborate on Tree Swallow Research

By Tom McGuire



Have you ever been out walking in your yard or on a hiking trail and come across a bird's nest and marveled at its construction? Two faculty members at Bloomsburg University and Mansfield University have turned this fascination into a new topic for research.

Lauri Green, assistant professor of biological and allied health sciences at BU, is collecting tree swallow nests to determine if there are any patterns to their construction. She's working with Leslie Clifford, associate professor of biology at Mansfield University, which is one of the three universities (along with Lock Haven) in Northeast Pennsylvania that are integrating.

The professors met as part of a faculty discussion from the three universities interested in natural history. They soon found out they were both working on tree swallow research.

Also working with Green are seasonal ranger Lydia Mohn from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at Blue Marsh Lake in Leesport, Berks County; Rhiannon Summers from the Department of Natural Resources at Ricketts Glen, BU graduate students Eric Moeller, Mitchell Liddick, and Michael Facella; and undergraduate students Gabby Leonard, Rebecca Burlingame, and Savannah Scherer.

"Tree swallows use the feathers of other species to construct their nests and form a nest cup where the eggs are laid and chicks are hatched," says Green. "The literature suggests that feather linings help with temperature regulation and may serve as a parasite barrier for chicks. Though a few studies noted the number of feathers that tree swallows use in their nests, largely absent was any quantification of the feather sizes or types."

After the nests are collected is when the real work starts.

"In Spring 2021, Gabby quantified the feathers used in tree swallow nests at my field sites," says Green. "She meticulously

counted, traced, and identified each feather. Tracing the feathers in a digitizing program tells us how big each feather is. She found that tree swallows seem to use different types of feathers at each site (some used large flight feathers, some used contour feathers). Interestingly, the total feather area for each nest (the sum of all the feather areas in each nest) was not significantly different across the sites."

"I'm really excited to involve Mansfield University undergraduate students in this project because it will allow them to actually do science themselves and not just learn about the results of scientific investigations by others," says Clifford. "It's much more exciting to discover patterns and answer original questions for yourself than it is to be told what the answer is."

"We are going to repeat the study for the 2021 field season," says Green. "Dr. Clifford is working with her undergraduate students to count, measure and identify the feathers used in her tree swallow boxes. I will begin the analysis of our nests soon."

BU student Leonard learned a lot as part of the research team.

"I thought it was cool to see the type of habitat the tree swallows prefer firsthand, which I also thought to be relevant when the differences and similarities between the nests across the different nesting sites were compared," says Leonard. "It was super interesting to see that there was consistency in how the birds made their nests despite some observed differences between nesting sites."

Green is concerned about one aspect of nest construction she is starting to come across.

"I happened to pick up an old robin nest recently and found that they included plastic in their nests. This is intriguing and concerning since plastic will likely change the temperature regulation of the nest, which would impact chick survival."





Joan McCarty

THE Evolution OF Support

By **Olivia Kennedy '22**, *BU Foundation Student Intern*

When you mix a passion for supporting students with a desire to make a difference in your community and the environment, the result can make a pretty profound impact.

That's what happened when Joan McCarty and fellow members of the Jacques Weber Foundation (JWF) revitalized their scholarship support to make it more relevant for today's students.

The JWF Scholarship has undergone many changes since it was established in 1947 by Jacques Weber, then president of Bloomsburg Mills, a textile manufacturer in town since 1889. As it evolved, its mission has remained constant – to help support students pursuing their passion while attaining a college degree.

The JWF initially established the scholarship to provide financial support for male students entering the textile and fashion industry. In the late '80s, interest in these fields of study declined, but the JWF's passion for inspiring students remained, so the scholarship was redirected to help Mill employees and their children afford to go to college.

In 2009, the Bloomsburg Mills closed its doors, and in 2020, the last employee's child eligible for the scholarship earned a degree. But McCarty and her fellow board members decided they wanted to keep the scholarship going, and they would need to find a new focus for their support.

"Bloomsburg Mills were a close-knit and family-like community," says McCarty. "We wanted to continue that support, and we know that something that Mr. Weber would have wanted, too."

The JWF board realized they shared a passion for environmental conservation and decided to designate the scholarship to support students pursuing environmental studies:

Needing advice, McCarty reached out to Jennifer Whisner, associate professor in the Department of Environmental, Geographical, Geological Sciences (EGGS), with whom she had worked on the Fishing Creek Watershed Association.

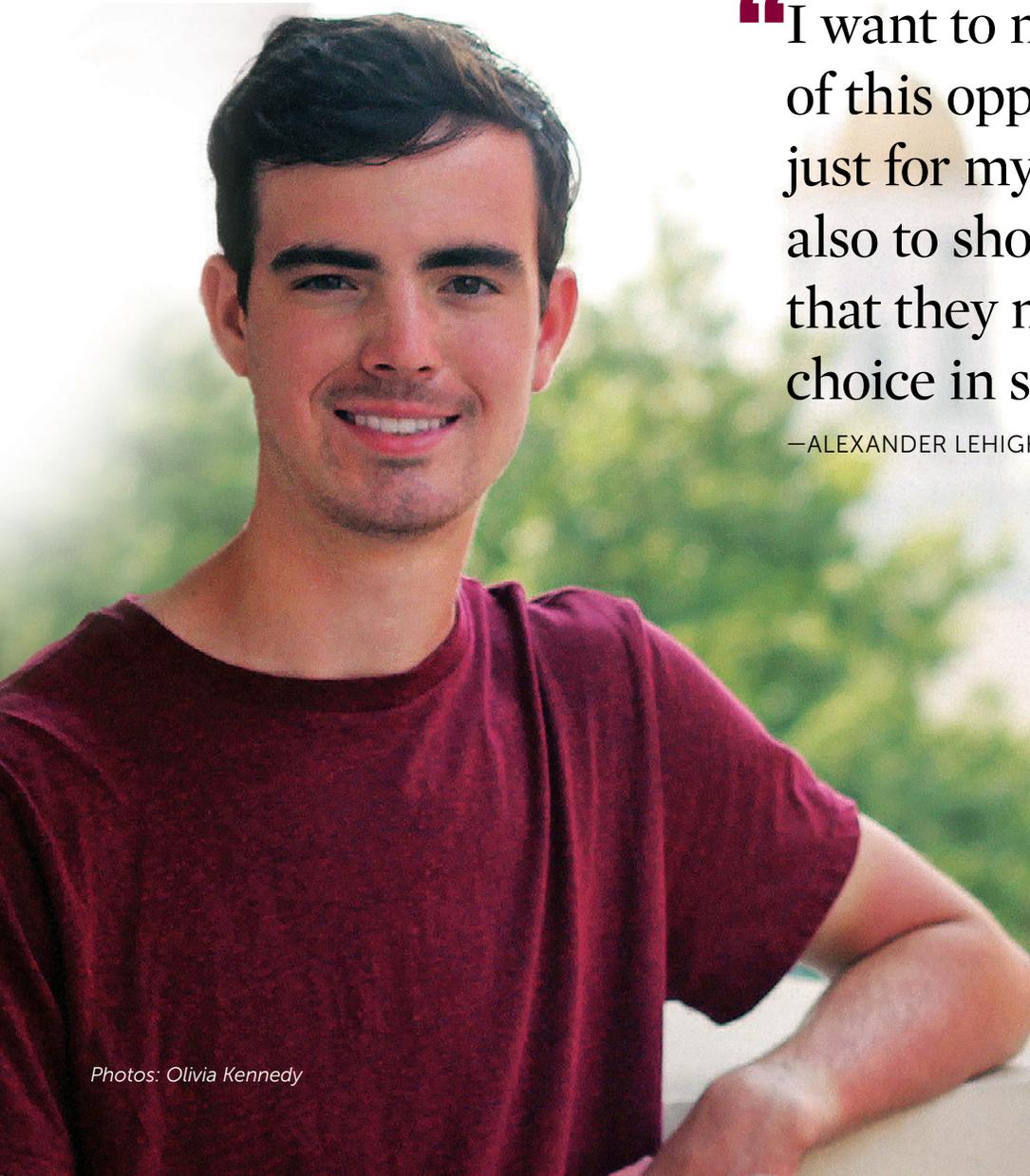
Whisner connected McCarty with EGGS department chair Michael Shepard, who helped make the scholarship a reality. Shepard saw an excellent opportunity to bring something new to the department that would benefit. Both the JWF and the EGGS Department wanted to support a student's entire college career, so the BU Foundation helped JWF

structure the gift to make it a renewable scholarship to help student recruitment and retention.

"There are growing issues with the earth and its climate. In the future, we are going to need smart leaders to help solve these problems," says Shepard. "This scholarship helps support students who are passionate enough to make an impact."

For Alexander Lehigh, the first recipient of the JWF Scholarship in EGGS, this support ultimately pushed him to decide to come to BU to study geographic information systems.

"The fact that I was fortunate enough to receive this scholarship when so many others applied helped me see my own potential," Lehigh says. "I want to make the most of this opportunity, not just for my success, but also to show my donors that they made the right choice in supporting me."



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—ALEXANDER LEHIGH

BUILDING BIG AND *Giving Back*

By Jack Sherzer

Hard work has been a part of Dan Klingerman's life since he was 10 years old and started helping his grandfather John Klingerman in the family's feed mill. He remembers his dad Dick Klingerman and uncle Dave Klingerman showing him the various aspects of the business, while "Uncle Dave" farmed throughout the Bloomsburg area.

Between hauling corn, wheat, oats, and unloading trucks filled with fertilizer and lime, he also got a behind-the-curtain look at the business of farming.

The hard work at the mill — which he did through high school and over summers through college — taught him determination and self-discipline.

Those early lessons were invaluable as Dan developed into a champion wrestler and, combined with a natural affinity for numbers, a successful entrepreneur. Today, he heads The Liberty Group, an investment and management company he founded in 2002, which has grown to over \$500 million in assets and more than 6,000 workers.

But for Dan Klingerman, business success is not a means to an end. Faith, family, and philanthropy are crucial to a satisfying life, he says. Much of his support focuses on north-central Pennsylvania's hospitals and medical care, as well as schools and colleges.

"When I started working for myself, and as our organization grew, I always believed that with increased success comes increased obligation to give back," the 56-year-old says. "I tell my kids that happiness isn't derived from commas and zeros."

Jennifer Wilson, the president and CEO of Williamsport's First Community Foundation Partnership, which connects donors with nonprofits filling community needs, says

Klingerman's involvement with her organization and the region has been invaluable.

"Many people don't realize all that Dan has done and continues to do, not only with his charitable giving but with his leadership," says Wilson, who adds that Klingerman served on her agency's board for eight years. "I spent a lot of time with Dan and talking about philanthropy. He spends his time and money on organizations he believes are making a tremendous impact on people."

THE MAKING OF A CHAMPION

"Our family has always been very sports-oriented," Klingerman says. "I wrestled in high school and college,





Dan Klingerman stands outside the striking building in Montoursville that serves as headquarters of The Liberty Group.

and I think sports-mindedness crosses over into the business and entrepreneurial world. Both take patience, persistence, teamwork, and self-discipline. They are the qualities that make you successful in sports and the working world.”

Most of Klingerman’s family played basketball, but when he began at Bloomsburg Area Middle School, he spotted a sign for wrestling tryouts and gave it a shot. At the end of his eighth-grade season, he captured the tri-state championship for Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Delaware. By his junior year, he finished third in the state, and as a senior in 1983, he was Bloomsburg Area High School’s first state wrestling champion.

Klingerman also focused his energies on his other passion – math – using the same determination, drive, and skill that made him a powerhouse on the wrestling mat in high school. By the time he started at BU, he was so advanced that he helped teach accounting to first- and second-year students.

Klingerman, who graduated from BU in 1987 with a bachelor’s degree in accounting, says becoming a Husky was an easy choice. While he was heavily recruited by a host of colleges, especially Penn State, Klingerman had met BU’s Hall of Fame wrestling coach Roger Sanders and liked his program. He received a five-year scholarship to BU and was the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (PSAC) wrestling champion in his sophomore year.

However, his time on the mat also ended that year. Injuries to his right shoulder and both knees caught up to him.

"I have no regrets whatsoever," Klingerman says of wrestling, despite the injuries that caused him to leave the sport. "The chapters of our life define who we are, and each part is integral to getting you where you are. That's the nice thing about a new day, you can't go back, but you can certainly start fresh tomorrow, which can change the outcome."

He draws parallels to the aggressiveness and mental toughness needed to square off with a wrestling opponent to his later success in the business world.

"As a wrestler, I felt I had to do a little more than the others to have that edge. When high school wrestling practice was over, I'd go home, have dinner and then go running," he says. "It is the same in the business world – you're not going to succeed with a nine to five mentality."

Jack Mulka, who retired as BU's dean of student development in 2002, says he's not surprised at Klingerman's accomplishments.

"He was a focused, determined young man. He was tough and resilient, and when he didn't succeed, he would pick himself back up and go at it again,"

“Many people don’t realize all that Dan has done and continues to do, not only with his charitable giving but with his leadership.”

— JENNIFER WILSON, PRESIDENT AND CEO, WILLIAMSPORT'S FIRST COMMUNITY FOUNDATION PARTNERSHIP

Mulka says. "His mother and father and his uncles and cousins are all good role models. Good, hard-working people willing to help others."

WINNING IN BUSINESS AND LIFE

After graduating from BU, Klingerman started looking for an accounting job when, unbeknownst to him, his brother signed him up for an interview with an insurance broker in Williamsport. Instead of balancing books, Klingerman earned a securities license and handled investments, retirement accounts, and estate planning – making more than accounting jobs offered in Baltimore.

He also took his first foray into what would lead to his later success: real estate.

"I started acquiring student housing that I would remodel myself, and I did that until I got into the commercial space," Klingerman says. "I first acquired a 45,000-square-foot building in Williamsport."

Real estate made sense on multiple levels. Value, tax write-offs, and amortization were familiar territory for Klingerman. Plus, as a salaried employee, he didn't have much to write off until he started investing in property.

Five years later, he came to a crossroads: the insurance company wanted him to take over an office in Boston, or he could work with his uncles, Doug Klingerman and Dave Klingerman, and JDK Management

Company, which primarily focused on operating nursing homes and restaurants. His challenge was to turn around their Perkins franchise.

Within six years, Klingerman had grown the franchise to 40 restaurants, turning it into the largest Perkins operation in the United States. "It's all about scale and surrounding yourself with good people," Dan says. With growth came the ability to negotiate better contracts with suppliers: "You create your own economies of scale."

In 2002, Klingerman came to another crossroads: he enjoyed what he was doing, but it was time to bet on himself.

"I think everybody at some point thinks about being your own boss. I enjoyed my time at JDK, but it was not my company," he says. "At the end of the day, you have to decide what side of the paycheck you want to sign."

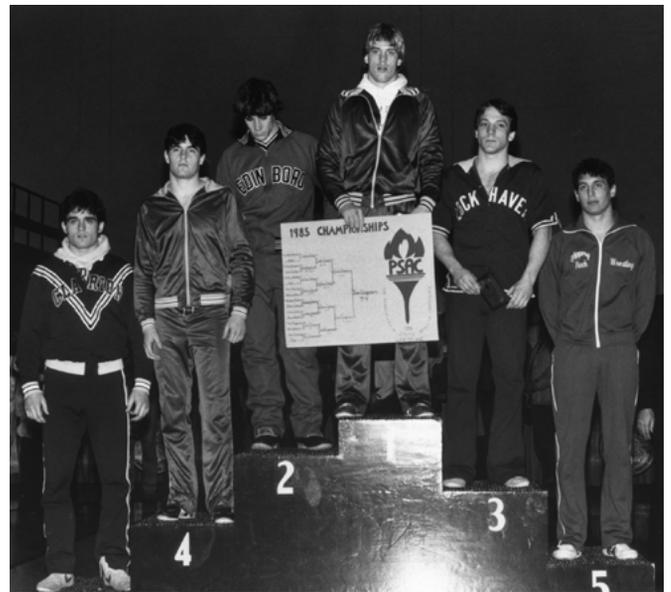
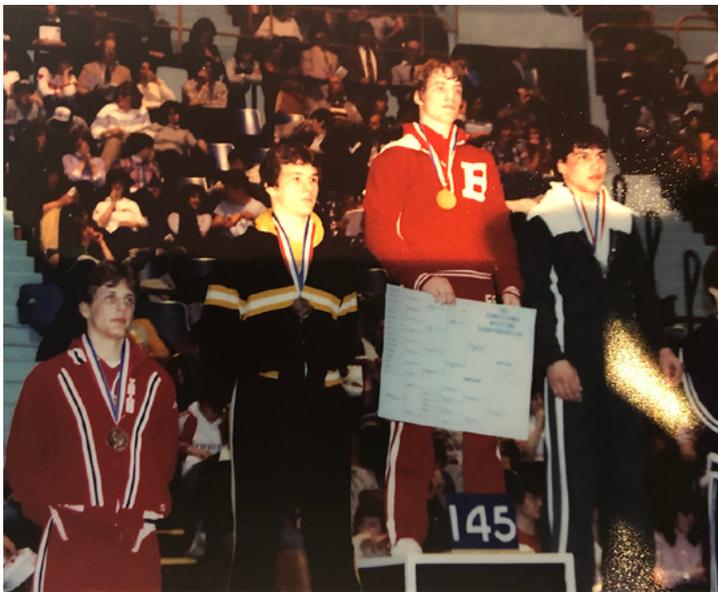
The company's name was an easy choice; in the wake of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks in the United States, he wanted to call his new enterprise "Liberty." The first business was Liberty Hospitality Partners, which was soon joined by LHP Management, Liberty Healthcare, and LG Settlement Services. As the number of companies grew – today more than 50 – Klingerman formed the umbrella company "The Liberty Group."

Liberty covers a wide range of industries, with hospitality properties such as Bloomsburg's Frosty Valley Resort (home of BU's golf teams) and the Clinton Country Club in Lock Haven (home of Lock Haven University's golf team). Klingerman provides six scholarship programs for BU's golf program.

Liberty also has construction companies that have built schools, hospitals, and more. After finishing a \$9 million complex known as "the Liberty Arena," he and his team are working on the \$17 million Williamsport Sports Complex that will feature seven baseball and softball fields on a 10-acre brownfield site. The project is a focus for the Liberty Group, the Williamsport Chamber of Commerce and key community stakeholders and a perfect fit, as Williamsport is the home of the Little League World Series.



Dan Klingerman with the eagle sculpture he had installed at The Liberty Group company headquarters.



Klingerman on the top of the podium at the as the Bloomsburg School District's first state wrestling champion in 1983. At right, Klingerman as a BU state wrestling champion in 1985.

A LIFE BY WHAT WE GIVE

A conversation with Klingerman about business inevitably goes hand-in-hand with his belief in supporting the community that makes a company's success possible. Bloomsburg University, Pennsylvania College of Technology, Lycoming College, University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, and Geisinger are just some of the organizations he supports.

"Our family has always supported local activities, and I believe that we have an obligation to give back," he says. "One of my favorite quotes that I use frequently is from Winston Churchill: 'We make a living by what we get but make a life by what we give.'"

Klingerman readily admits BU has a special place in his heart. His Klingerman Family Scholarship, which benefits the university's football team, has helped more than a dozen players. One of the first award recipients was Matt Feiler, now an offensive lineman with the Los Angeles Chargers. Klingerman also helped raise money for the BU Husky Wrestling Endowment, which has supported 18 students.

Then, in May 2020, Gov. Tom Wolf appointed him to a six-year term as a Bloomsburg University trustee.

"I was proud to be asked to serve, and every time I go back to the campus for a meeting, it feels wonderful,"

“I always believed that with increased success comes increased obligation to give back. I tell my kids that happiness isn't derived from commas and zeros.” — DAN KLINGERMAN

Klingerman says. "Bloomsburg allowed me to grow, and I'm excited to be on the board and have the chance to give back and help guide and direct the university's direction."

Danny Hale, who was head coach of the Huskies for 20 seasons, knows the Klingerman family well and coached Klingerman's cousin and brother.

"The entire family believes in family, faith, and football. I was inspired by the whole family," Hale says, adding that he's not surprised at what Dan has accomplished. "He took that spirit of wrestling and the toughness – you don't get to be a state champion wrestler without toughness – and developed Liberty."

Klingerman met his wife, Monica, when he took the insurance company position following graduation, and they have been married 30 years. They have made sure to instill the values of hard work and helping their community to their three children.

As his family did with him, however, Klingerman let his kids choose their

own path. The couple's eldest daughter, Paige, 29, is the head of marketing for a publicly-traded company in Denver; middle daughter Samantha, 27, after obtaining her master's at Carnegie Mellon University and completing an administrative fellowship with UPMC, now is director of ENT and Chronic Pain Medicine at the UPMC Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh; and their son, Mitchell, is a senior at SMU in Dallas studying business. Paige and Samantha both received gold-medal state championship awards in soccer, while Mitchell was a state place winner in baseball and basketball.

For Klingerman, success has three pillars: faith, family, and friends.

"You want to surround yourself with people of the same mindset and values and principles who also have different strengths than what you have," he says when asked what advice he would give fellow entrepreneurs. "Above all, stay grounded and have humility and understand that it can leave as quickly as it came."



“It’s all college connections; always Bloom alumni I look to. The friendships I developed are lifelong.”

— FELICIA ELLZY

“I took off running once everything was OK,” says Ellzy. “If I hadn’t found my community, who knows where I would have ended up?”

Not only was Ellzy first-generation, but she was also a black student at a predominantly white university and had to navigate racial tensions in a town that did not always accept her. Her community became not only a way for Ellzy to thrive but survive. “It forces you to have a communal experience with other black people. You must learn how to function as a high-level person in society and advocate for yourself.”

Of all the life lessons learned at Bloomsburg, Ellzy says the one that remains true is the importance of community. After she stayed to complete her M.Ed. in Curriculum and Instruction, a fellow alum asked her to teach at Nativity School of Harrisburg (NSoH), where she fell in love with being a mentor. Now the director of curriculum and instruction, Ellzy builds the same sense of community she had at Bloomsburg among the student body. In her work, the connections Ellzy made on campus have continued to be a lifeline. BU alumni make up her friends, colleagues, fellow community volunteers, and fellow parents. They even make up most guests on the podcast “The Cool Nerds,” which she co-produces with fellow Husky, Michael Johnson ‘12.

“It’s all college connections; always Bloom alumni I look to,” says Ellzy. “The friendships I developed are lifelong. It is interesting to see how we’ve all evolved, or even how we haven’t. We’re all professionals now, but it’s like we never left Bloom.”

In many ways, Ellzy never really did leave Bloom; she has maintained a presence on campus as an alumni volunteer to help the next generation of Huskies develop their own support network. In the decade since graduation, Ellzy has served as an alumni speaker at BOG dinners, History Club banquets, and CASSH Con, a meeting for students pursuing careers in arts, social sciences, and the humanities. She has even recruited new Huskies from her family and students at NSoH. In 2016, she joined the BU Alumni Association board of directors and was elected president this past summer.

“One of the most important things you can do as an alumnus is pass along the connections you’ve made,” says Ellzy. “Fill that role. Make sure students know the community is there for them no matter what.”

A Champion for Student Community

By Andrea O’Neill

When Felicia Ellzy ‘10/’12M applied to Bloomsburg University, she had no idea how vital her fellow Huskies would be to her campus success, or how they would shape her future. Now, the Williamsport native is helping to shape the future of the pack’s youngest members.

The bonds that form among students during such a pivotal time are only cemented by the challenges of living on your own for the first time: navigating a new environment, confronting homesickness, and learning time management. Ellzy first experienced such support soon after her arrival, when she had a tuition shortfall that her Board of Governor’s scholarship didn’t cover. Her cousin, an alumnus, pointed her to Wayne Whittaker, an admissions counselor turned mentor, who walked Ellzy through the student loan process.

“All of a sudden, you have to be an adult,” recalls Ellzy. “You don’t know where anything is unless someone tells you. I’ll never forget Mr. Whittaker helping me that way.”

Ellzy got acclimated and found her pack in the Montour residence hall, the Black Culture Society, History Club, Phi Alpha Theta honors society, and her sorority, Sigma Gamma Rho.

60s

Bruce Grant '64 has written a book, "Observing Evolution," dedicated to the memory of his mentor, the late Professor Donald D. Rabb, a long-time member of the Bloomsburg faculty and a member of the Class of 1946. Focused on the evolution of peppered moths in early 20th century London, "Observing Evolution" is a crash course in natural selection and the history of evolutionary biology for anyone interested in Darwin's legacy. The book is published by Johns Hopkins University Press. Grant is emeritus professor of biology at the College of William & Mary.

Jane Archer Ackerman '64 and **Harold Ackerman '65** have published a book of photographs. "Bridgework 2021" is a collection of photographs showing the covered bridges of Columbia and Montour counties in various seasons and light. Harold Ackerman has also published a second book of poems, "February 2," which includes photographs by the author. Ackerman is a retired BU faculty member (1977–2003). Both these books are available at [Blurb.com](https://www.blurb.com) as paper copies or pdf files.

70s

Barbara Benner Hudock '75, CEO and founding partner of Hudock Capital Group, was recognized by both Barron's and Forbes. In its March 13 issue, Barron's named Hudock as one of America's Top Financial Advisors, including her among its Top 50 Financial Advisors in Pennsylvania. In its March 24 issue, Forbes named Hudock as one of America's Top Women Wealth Advisors, ranking her 11th among its Top Women Wealth Advisors in Pennsylvania. This is the 12th year that Barron's has included Hudock in its list of America's Top Financial Advisors and the third year in a row that Forbes has named Hudock one of its Top Women Wealth Advisors.

80s

Michael Mixell '80 was named to the 2022 "Best Lawyers in America" list. Honored attorneys are recognized in 52 practice areas. In addition, Mixell earned the rank of "Lawyer of the Year" in his geographic area for trusts and estates practice. Mixell is a partner at Barley Snyder, a law firm based in central Pennsylvania with more than 100 attorneys.

Retired Lt. Col. Walter Zabicki, USMC, has retired from the Onslow County North Carolina Sheriff's Office. During his law enforcement career, Zabicki served as a detention officer, deputy and a school resource officer. He is transitioning to a career in education as a substitute teacher with the Onslow County School System.



Gerald Ganz '85 was named vice chancellor of finance and administration at the University of Arkansas Little Rock. Ganz serves as the university's chief financial officer and is responsible

for the university's budget and financial services. Additionally, he oversees facilities management, public safety, information technology, mail services, and printing services. Ganz was previously with the University of Connecticut Foundation, where he served as senior vice president of finance and administration and chief financial officer since 2015 and managed the foundation's assets totaling nearly \$620 million. He has served as the chief financial officer at the Florida State University Foundation, controller at Eckerd College, and chief financial officer at Johnson College. He has also worked as a controller, field auditor, and senior accountant in private industry.

Gwen Cressman Petersohn '85 has written a children's book, "Closed." The illustrated book is about the sudden advent of the COVID-19 virus and how families in quarantine managed their newly changed lives. Cressman Petersohn is also a member of the BU Athletics Hall of Fame.

Mary Wash Risner '87 has been named chief development officer at Westover School, Middlebury, Conn. She previously had a career in banking and worked in fundraising at Franklin and Marshall College and the University of Pennsylvania. She joined Westover after serving at Brown University as the executive director of annual giving.

90s

John Pierro '93 was named executive vice president and chief operating officer of the Lehigh Valley Health

Adrienne Mael Selected To Lead Second United Way



Adrienne Mael '08 has been chosen as the permanent president and CEO of the Greater Susquehanna Valley United Way after a national search. Mael was appointed in early July as the interim president and CEO. For the past six years, Mael has served as a president and CEO of the United Way of Columbia and Montour Counties, a position she will continue to hold as the two boards discuss a possible merger.



HUSKY NOTES

Network. Pierro came to LVHN from Steward Health Care System, an \$8 billion health care network with 35 hospitals in 10 states. He served as regional chief operating officer of the organization's north division, which includes two academic medical centers and ten community hospitals, 2,800 beds, and more than 14,000 employees. At LVHN, Pierro oversees operations at the network's hospitals and ambulatory locations, leads the facilities and construction team.

Heidi Wasilchak Fiorelli '96 AuD has joined Lehigh Valley Physician Group Ear, Nose & Throat – Health & Wellness Center.

Sean Banfill '97, a special agent with the U.S. Department of State, finished his third deployment to Iraq.

Kristen Lahr Zell '99 is the new head of school at Adams County Christian Academy in Gettysburg. She briefly taught in public and private schools before working for 15 years in project management and operations at U-GRO Learning Centers, an early childhood and preschool education provider. She has recently worked for TCW Computer Systems/Glick Audio and Video, an information and technology company.

Angela Cuneo Warner '99 has been named the principal of Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic School in Middletown, Pa. She has been involved with the school for several years as a parent, Parents and Teachers Together (PTT) president, school board member, and teacher.

00s

Jennifer Sullivan '00 is the maternal/child nurse manager at Evangelical Community Hospital in Lewisburg, where she has worked since 2003. Sullivan has worked as an OB nurse since 2000.

Richard Kravovich '01 became the first vice president of information technology at Anne Arundel Community College in Arnold, Md. Kravovich is a former administrator from Delaware Technical Community College in Dover, Del.

Nicholas Saenz '06 has been named vice president, real estate relationship manager at Penn Community Bank, headquartered in Bucks County. With eight years of experience in the financial services industry, Saenz has worked for several financial institutions and the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia.

Jahri Evans '07, an NFL standout who was an All-American at BU, has been named to the ballot for enshrinement into the College Football Hall of Fame as announced by the National Football Foundation (NFF) and the College Football Hall of Fame. Evans became a full-time starter on the Huskies' offensive line in 2003. At BU, he was an AFCA first-team All-American as a junior while earning second-team All-American honors from both the Associated Press and from the Don Hansen Football Gazette. As a senior in 2005, Evans helped the Huskies to an average of 284.3 rushing yards a game – eighth-most in the country. Selected in the fourth round by the New Orleans Saints in the 2006 NFL Draft, Evans was selected to six Pro Bowls and was named a first-team All-Pro four straight seasons from 2009-12. He helped the Saints finish in the top six in the league in total offense in all 11 of his seasons (2006-2016), including six number rankings. Evans helped the Saints finish in the top 10 in scoring nine of his 11 seasons, including number one rankings in 2008 and 2009. In 2009, New Orleans defeated the Indianapolis Colts to win Super Bowl XLIV. Last year, Evans was named to the NFL's All-Decade Team (2010-19).

Michael Bartolomucci '09 is the director of the Phoenix Physical Therapy center in Lower Heidelberg Township. After graduating from BU, he earned a doctor of physical therapy at D'Youville College in Buffalo, N.Y. and previously was a facility director with Pivot Physical Therapy.

David Flynn '09/'13AuD joined UPMC Williamsport's ear, nose, and throat team as an audiologist.

Daniel Hineline '09 was presented with the International Diamond Society Award for Sales from Coldwell Banker in 2018, 2019, and 2020. Alongside his work with Coldwell Banker, Hineline has established Twin Property Group LLC with a business partner.

10s

Kyle Vincelli '10 was appointed sergeant in the Cumru Township Police Department. A former wrestler at BU, Vincelli is a 10-year veteran of the Cumru Town Police Department and served as a field training officer.

Samuel Hess '11 was promoted to vice president and chief information officer at Millers Mutual Insurance. Previously,

Hess worked for Millville Mutual as an IT support/technology developer for five years and was an IT consultant for three years.

Candyce Musinski '11, a standup comic, appeared on Kevin Hart's "Lyft Comics" on Peacock streaming TV on June 19.



Kelsey Schwan Van Alstyne '11 has been named the women's lacrosse head coach at SUNY Cortland. Van Alstyne served as head coach at Slippery Rock University from

2018-21 and was the winningest coach in that program's history. Van Alstyne also served as interim head coach at Buffalo State in 2014 after being an assistant coach. She was an assistant coach for one season at Ithaca College and a strength and conditioning intern at Cornell University. She played three years of lacrosse for the Huskies, serving two seasons as captain and earning Scholar-Athlete honors each year. In addition to collegiate coaching, Van Alstyne also coached USA teams in international competitions in Australia, Germany, and the United Kingdom and has worked at various camps, including the Nike Cup.

Fred Obiero '12M has coauthored a book, "The PM Imperative: Guide for Leading and Managing Projects, People, and Delivering Value," with Jahn Karsybaev. The book provides real-life examples and experiences to project and product managers on how to work more efficiently to deliver value.

Christopher Steck '14 was named director of sports performance for Olympic sports at Virginia Military Institute. Steck was a four-year starter and two-time captain of the BU football team.



Capt. Kyle Mogensen '16 graduated from the Interservice Physician Assistant Program as an active-duty U.S. Army officer. Mogensen will continue to serve active duty as a physician assistant

in the 3rd Brigade, 25th Infantry Division, at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. Mogensen volunteered with the Clark, N.J.,

Volunteer Emergency Squad and worked at Union County Emergency Medical Services as an emergency medical technician for more than five years. He completed the U.S. Army Medical Department Basic Officer Leader Course and Airborne School while serving as the battalion medical operations officer and medical platoon leader of 2nd Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division out of Fort Bragg, N.C.

Samantha Kern '17 joined the TriCounty Area Chamber of Commerce, headquartered in Pottstown, as marketing and communications director. Kern designs chamber marketing materials, is responsible for the monthly editorial content of the chamber's electronic newsletter, and manages all social media outlets for the chamber.

Jedediah Lemon '17 has joined the Union County law firm of Mark H. Lemon. A U.S. Navy veteran, he earned

his law degree at Widener Law School, graduating cum laude. Lemon will practice family and criminal law, estates, estate planning, trusts, and real estate.

Jessica Campbell '20M, FNP-C, has joined the Guthrie Health Care System's family medicine department in Troy and Canton with clinical interests in preventative health, diabetes, and primary care services. Campbell is certified by the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners.

Marriages

Kendall Fokin '16 and
Spencer Rives '16, July 15, 2021

Noelle Norton Porcoro Murphy '89
and Jack Murphy, Aug. 17, 2019

Jessica Segeleon '14 and
Nathan Sullivan, Sept. 25, 2020

Kylie DiStefano Osman '01
and Gregory Merrbach, Dec. 12, 2020

Rebekah King '15 and
Andrew DeMarcantonio '14,
June 24, 2021

Taylor Williams '17
and Peter Freda '16, Sept. 5, 2021



Taylor Williams '17 and **Peter Freda '16** were married Sept. 5 at Overbrook Golf Club in Villanova.

Births

Jen Linder '11 and Eric Linder '10,
a daughter, Haley Mae Linder,
on Nov. 19, 2020

Alyssa Ruzicka Hiser '13 and Ryan Hiser,
a daughter, Adelaide Hiser,
on May 1, 2021

Cassandra Carns Anczarski '11 Joseph
Anczarski '11, a son, Joseph Thomas
Anczarski, on June 2, 2021

Renee Bopp Hahn '16 and Jared Hahn,
a daughter, Ellie Hahn, on June 15, 2021

Christopher Klunk '07 and Renee Klunk,
a daughter, Natalie Rue, on June 16, 2021

Sandra Starkey '07 and Joseph Starkey '07,
a son, Joseph Thomas Starkey Jr.,
on June 27, 2021

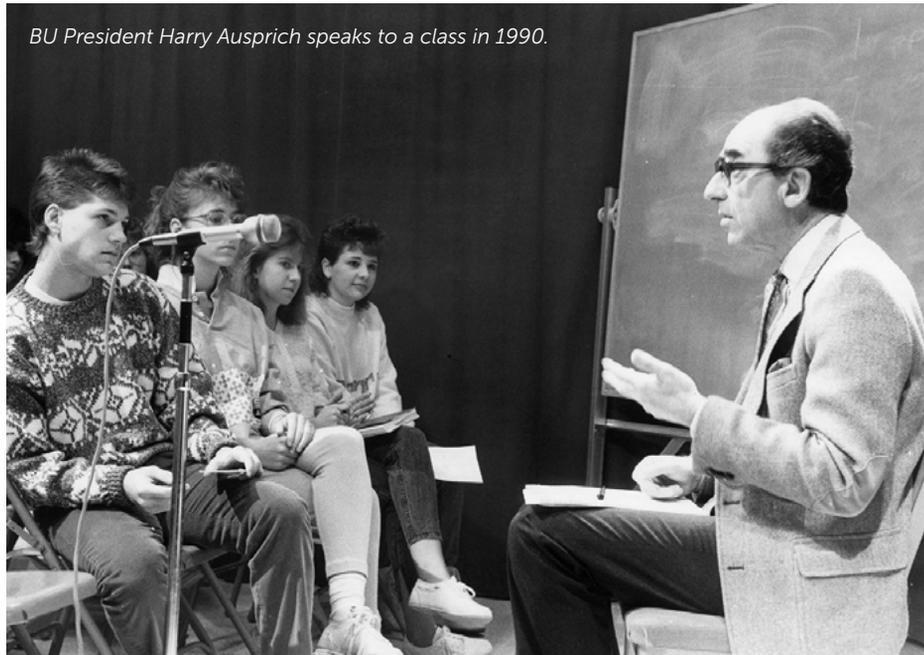
Lindsay Bentz Stevens '10 and
Christopher Stevens '10, a son,
Zachary Stevens, on July 12, 2021

Joshua Stewart '12 and Rachel Stewart,
a daughter, Blake Stewart, on July 9, 2021



Rebekah King '15 and **Andrew DeMarcantonio Jr. '14** were married June 24 in Cape May, N.J.

In Memoriam



Dr. Harry Ausprich, Former BU President

Former Bloomsburg University President Dr. Harry Ausprich of Philadelphia passed away on July 28, 2021. He was 88. Ausprich served as president of BU from 1985 to 1993.

Dr. Ausprich was the first permanent President of Bloomsburg University, beginning his tenure in July 1985. In keeping with his educational background and interests he encouraged the growth of arts and humanities at Bloomsburg and supported expanded offerings of artistic performances. His personal involvement in fundraising and development of other sources of income led to millions of dollars being raised during his eight years as president. The money raised went primarily toward student

scholarships, but also to the enhancement and remodeling of the University's performing arts facilities: Mitrani Hall in the Haas Center and Gross Auditorium in Carver Hall; and financial support for athletic programs and the Celebrity Artist Series.

The expansion of the Celebrity Artist Series, which has evolved into the Arts in Bloom program that we have today, was Dr. Ausprich's most satisfying personal memory as president of Bloomsburg. He felt it gave students the exposure they needed to experience superior quality in the arts and noted it was often the first time they had been to an event such as an opera or ballet.

Dr. Ausprich's legacy is continued through the ongoing commitment to the arts at Bloomsburg University. This commitment was further demonstrated by opening the new Arts and Administration Building in January, which provides a new state-of-the-art home base for the visual and performing arts.

Ausprich is survived by the love of his life, Lorraine, his daughters Sarah Ausprich (Stephen) and Emily Grizer (Ronald), and two granddaughters. He was preceded in death by his son, Bryce Alfred.



Robert Buehner, Jr., Former Trustee

Robert W. Buehner Jr., 69, of Danville, passed away on Friday, Sept. 3, at his residence. Buehner was a member of the BU Council of Trustees from 1980 to 2003.

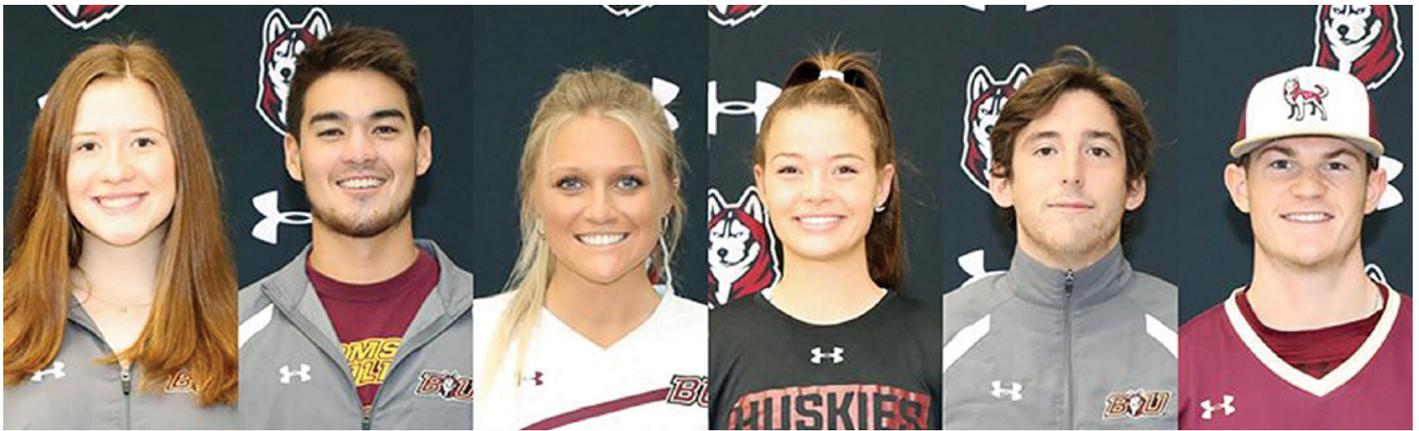
Born on May 5, 1952, in Danville, he was the son of the late Robert W. Sr. and Mary Jane Derr Buehner and graduated from Danville High School, Westminster College, and the Dickinson School of Law. In addition to his wife, he is survived by two daughters: Mary Jane Lenahan and her husband Eamon of Nanticoke, Pa., and Rebecca Goss and her husband Brandon of Millersville, Pa.; three grandchildren; Makenzi Scott-Goss, Briella Goss and Lennon Lenahan. He is also survived by a brother, John "Jack" Buehner of Lewisburg, Pa., and a sister; Molly Morgan Decoteau and her husband David of Danville. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one daughter: Robin E. Buehner on Dec. 15, 2008. His memberships included the Mahoning Presbyterian Church, Danville Rotary Club, Pennsylvania District Attorney's Association, where he served one year as president; the Westminster University Board of Trustees for eight years and the Sunnybrook Park Association.

Obituaries

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From left: Courtney Hubric, Andy Thomas, Lauren Hoelke, Anna Dempsey, Noah Cancro, and Cole Swiger



END OF YEAR AWARDS

The BU athletic department named its six major award winners for the 2020-21 season.

Courtney Hubric

Women's Swimming

Named the Joanne McComb Underclass Female Athlete of the Year. At the PSAC Championships, Hubric was part of four All-PSAC relays. Outside of the pool, Hubric holds a 3.70 GPA while majoring in nursing.

Lauren Hoelke

Women's Soccer

The winner of the Eleanor Wray Senior Female Athlete of the Year following the 2019-20 season. In 2019, Hoelke was named a CoSIDA Academic All-District selection, a D2CCA Second Team All-American, and a United Soccer Coaches Third Team All-American. She was named a United Soccer Coaches Second Team Scholar All-American in 2019 after earning First Team Scholar All-Region honors earlier. She has also been a four-time PSAC Scholar-Athlete and was a 2019-20 D2 ADA Scholar-Athlete.

Anna Dempsey

Women's Lacrosse

The outstanding Senior Female Scholar-Athlete of the Year. Dempsey was a four-time PSAC Scholar Athlete and completed her master's in information technology with a 4.00 GPA. She earned her undergraduate degree in mathematics with a 3.43 GPA. Dempsey was named All-PSAC East First Team and IWLCAs All-Atlantic Region First Team. Dempsey finished her time at BU with 82 goals, 16 assists for 98 total points.

Andy Thomas

Men's Swimming

Named the Danny Litwhiler Underclass Male Athlete of the Year. He was named the PSAC Swimmer of the Year. The sophomore won four individual titles and was a part of three relay-winning foursomes. He broke two meet records and one conference record.

Noah Cancro

Men's Swimming

Named the Robert B. Redman Senior Male Athlete of the Year. Cancro finished second in two events and was part of three relay victories. In his career, Cancro was an 11-time All-Conference swimmer and a five-time PSAC champion. Outside of the pool, Cancro was a four-time PSAC Scholar Athlete, a member of BU's Dean's List, and a BU Scholar-Athlete. Cancro carried a 3.68 GPA while majoring in criminal justice and accounting.

Cole Swiger

Baseball

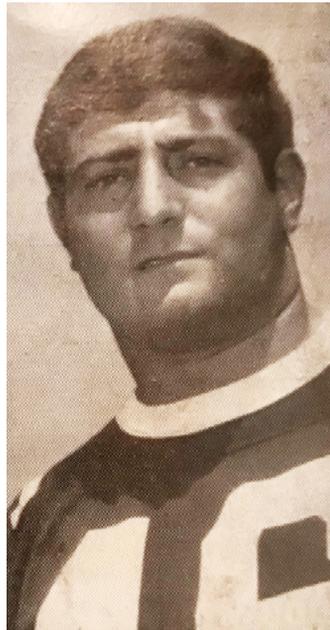
The outstanding Senior Male Scholar-Athlete of the Year. Swiger had a 3.55 GPA as an undergrad in finance. He posted a 3.83 GPA in the MBA program. He was a five-time PSAC scholar-athlete and a three-time D2 ADA scholar-athlete. Swiger is a three-time CoSIDA Academic All-District selection and was named a CoSIDA Academic All-American following the 2020 season.



HALL OF FAME INDUCTION

The 39th class of the BU Athletic Hall of Fame will be inducted on Friday, Oct. 29. The induction dinner and ceremony will be held at the Nelson Field House starting at 6 p.m.

THE MEMBERS OF THE
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Hall of Fame
Class are:



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FOOTBALL



JEFF BENSON '99
MEN'S BASKETBALL



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WOMEN'S SWIMMING



ANDY CAPPELLI '80
WRESTLING



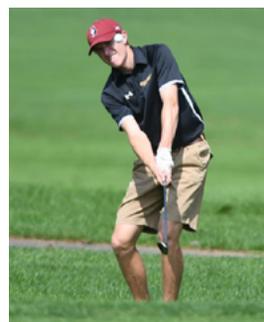
KATE DENNENY PECKHAM '87
FIELD HOCKEY/SOFTBALL



MICHELE RUZICKA LAMB '99
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL



DANNY HALE '01(H)
FOOTBALL COACH



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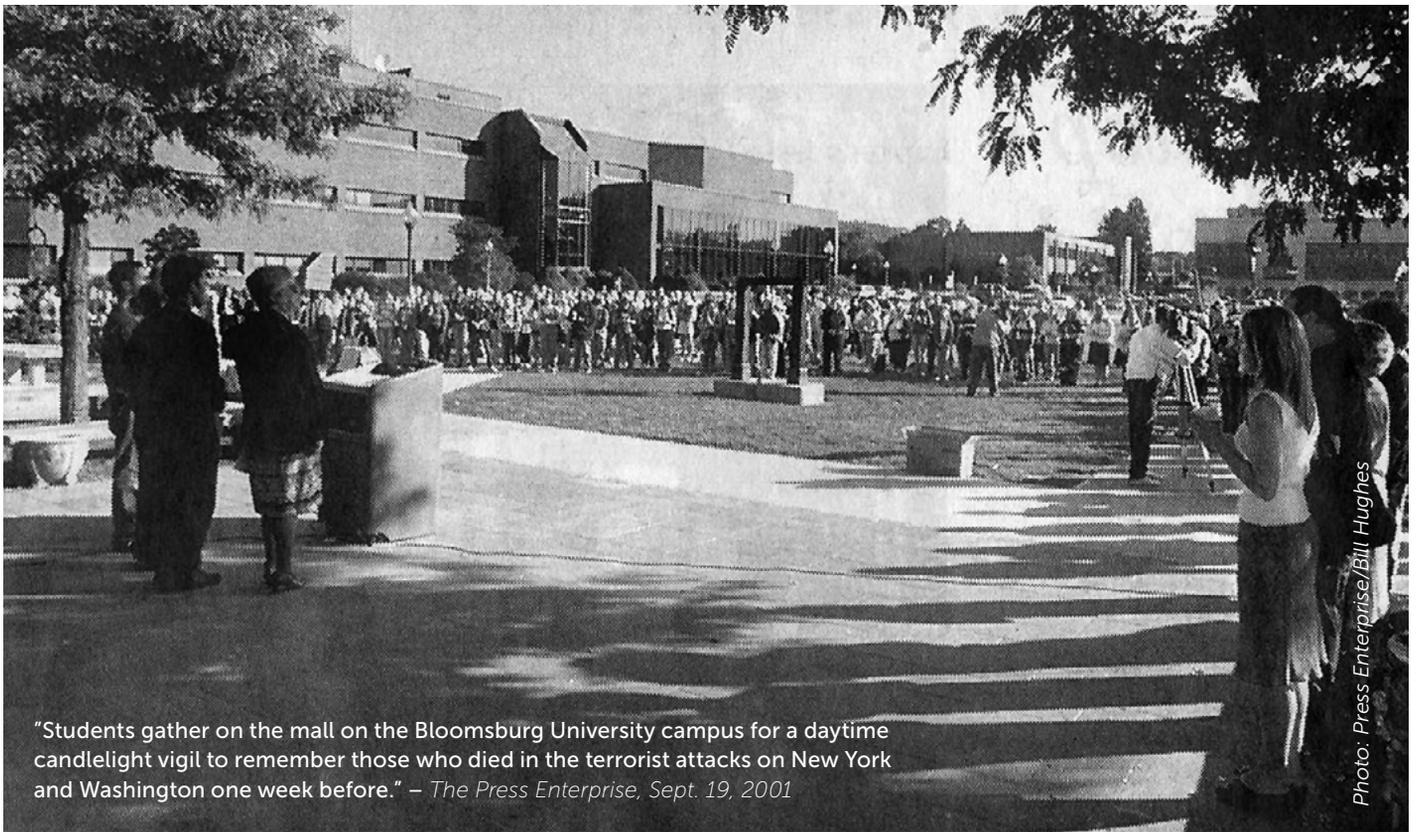
By Robert Dunkelberger

The events of September 11, 2001, left the students and employees of Bloomsburg University, like the rest of the nation, in a state of shock and disbelief. A beautiful fall day had turned into one of tragedy. The feelings on campus were no better recorded than by the student writers of the campus newspaper, *The Voice*.

As events unfolded, students gathered in the Kehr Union Ballroom, watching television news on a large screen.

University leaders worked throughout the day to provide a sense of normalcy, choosing not to cancel classes in respect for the safety and welfare of the university community.





"Students gather on the mall on the Bloomsburg University campus for a daytime candlelight vigil to remember those who died in the terrorist attacks on New York and Washington one week before." – *The Press Enterprise*, Sept. 19, 2001

That evening a memorial service, including students and faculty and staff, was held in the Ballroom. BU president Jessica Kozloff offered sympathy on behalf of the university for the losses felt by its students, especially those from the New York City and Washington, D.C., areas.

The following day, the newspaper's staff interviewed students, recorded what occurred on campus the day before, and tried to make some sense of it all.

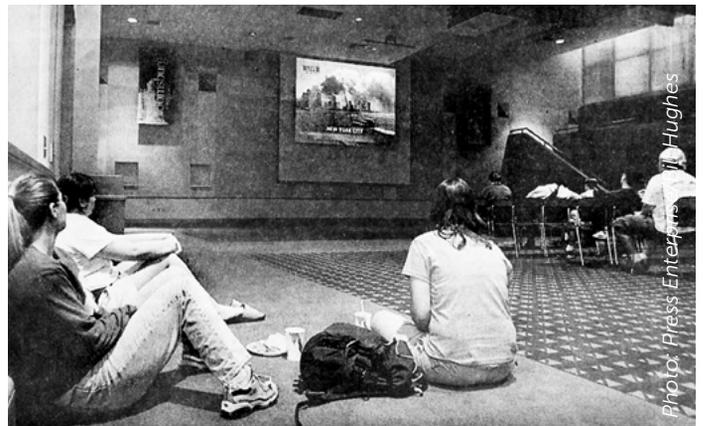
Contemplating the tragedy of the day and the lives lost was only the start of the long healing process. On Friday, Sept. 14, classes were cancelled at noon to allow for a day of reflection. In response, students and faculty gathered in a packed Mitrani Hall in Haas Center to ease their grief and put the events of the week in perspective.

The events of September 11 brought about a renewed sense of patriotism in citizens — the United States flag was everywhere — and BU's students felt the need to contribute money to aid the victims. Residence hall students led the effort, with the students in Columbia Hall creating a large flag made from sheets of cardboard. It was cut into more than 100 pieces, each of which was sold for a donation. The donor then wrote a message on their portion and the flag was reassembled.

One week after the first plane hit the World Trade Center, a vigil organized by students was held in front of the Student Services Center. In addition, organizers collected more than 500 letters of encouragement, written by students and other members of the Bloomsburg community, which were given to the Red Cross to be delivered to rescue workers in New York City.

To put September 11 into historical perspective, *The Voice* researched student reactions to past national tragedies by visiting the University Archives and examined old issues of the student newspaper. A look back to 1941 for the attack on Pearl Harbor and 1963 for the assassination of President John F. Kennedy showed that students responded in similar ways. In 1941, they were shocked and afraid, using radios and newspapers to gather and stay up to date on the latest information. In 1963, students heard initial reports of the assassination and thought it was a horrible joke. It was only through radio and television they found out it was true.

A firsthand account of September 11 was provided by 2001 BU graduate Sheila Held, who the year before had been a contributing editor on *The Voice*. She was



Students gather in the Kehr Union ballroom to watch television news coverage of the terrorist attacks in New York and Washington.



From left: BU student Jared Stump, Pennsylvania State Treasurer Stacy Garrity '86, Pennsylvania's State Treasurer, Elizabeth Miller '17, U.S. Rep. Dan Meuser, and BU President Bashar Hanna.

working in New York City and recounted what she witnessed that fateful morning — a walk to work that featured the sight of smoke billowing through the air 65 blocks away, the uncertainty of what might happen next while watching television news with her co-workers, and the evacuation of thousands of people from area buildings and their movement as a wave of humanity through empty streets as the city came to a standstill. Most of all she felt the need to be connected to loved ones. She called home to talk to her parents and let them know she was shaken, but safe.

“Even after the smoke clears and the remnants of this tragedy are cleaned up, I will always remember the feelings and images that I have experienced and a piece of my heart will eternally go out to all the victims and their loved ones,” Held concluded. “People will be the memorial of this tragedy and I hope and pray that it will never happen again.”

On Sept. 10, BU and the BU Student Veterans Association (BUSVA) held a Day of Remembrance and Salute to First Responders to mark the 20th Anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks. Held on the steps of the Warren Student Service Center on the Academic Quad, the remembrance featured remarks by Pennsylvania State Treasurer Stacy Garrity '86, and Elizabeth Miller '17, whose father was killed in the 9/11 attack on the World Trade Center.

Garrity served 30-years in the US Army, retiring as a colonel having earned two Bronze Stars and the Legion of Merit for her service. Miller is a Rule of Law Fellow for September 11th Families for Peaceful Tomorrows, a nonprofit 9/11 family member group that is committed to the pursuit of justice within a rule of law framework. Remarks were given by BU President Bashar Hanna and BU student Jared Stump, a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps and president of BUSVA, served as master of ceremonies. The Concert Choir, Women's Choral Ensemble and Husky Marching Band provided music.



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Pictured: Katie Keller, a first-year criminal justice major from Forest City. Keller is a second-generation Husky. Mom and dad, Nikki '97 and Tim '94, are both alumni, and her brother Billy is a junior media and journalism major.



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