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BLOOMSBURG UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear BU Family,

As I write this note shortly after our May Commencement, I congratulate our newest pack of proud Husky graduates, each of whom has earned a Bloomsburg University degree like their 70,000 fellow alumni have before: with grit and determination. How wonderful it was to see so many families and friends celebrating the achievements of loved ones during commencement weekend, and we could not have asked for better weather at our undergraduate ceremonies in Redman Stadium.

Further, our graduates were fortunate to hear inspiring words from the chancellor of our State System, Dr. Daniel Greenstein, and from three alumni: Barbara Romano '83, Michael Boguski '85 and Stephan Pettit '89. My sincere thanks to Dr. Greenstein, Barbara, Mike and Steph for their support of our university – and special congratulations to Dr. Steph Pettit on receiving his honorary degree!

As we approach the summer months, our focus remains on our students, and in particular, preparing them for success during and after their years at Bloomsburg.

We continue to strengthen our relationships with regional and international businesses such as SEKISUI SPI, which recently made a significant donation to create a Professional Experience Lab at our Greenly Center in downtown Bloomsburg. With our Alumni and Professional Engagement team moving its operations to the Greenly Center, this new professional experience lab will further enhance our students' opportunities to connect with alumni and community leaders.

Our Anchor Program continues to grow its mission of serving young adults who are aging out of the foster care system. A recent gift of \$2.2 million will go a long way to sustain this important program for years to come.

In this issue of *Bloomsburg: The Magazine*, we recognize our outstanding nursing program, which is celebrating its 40th anniversary of training and preparing our graduates to excel in the health care industry. We also highlight Drew Hostetter '76, a selfless alumnus who has given back to BU in so many ways, and Coach Marty Coyne '83, who is retiring after 26 years as head coach of our tennis program.

Lastly, we welcome a new member of the BU family this summer: Dr. Diana Rogers-Adkinson, our new provost and senior vice president of Academic Affairs. Dr. Rogers-Adkinson succeeds Dr. James Krause '83, who has served as our interim provost for two years. I am eternally grateful for the countless hours Dr. Krause has dedicated to this position before he now begins his well-deserved retirement. Thank you, Jim!

As always, thanks for your support, enjoy your summer and GO HUSKIES!

Sincerely,
Bashar W. Hanna
President

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PITCHING TO WIN

Third Annual Husky Dog Pound is Biggest Yet

High school students from all corners of the state descended upon BU's campus in late March to compete for \$20,000 in prize money in the third annual Zeigler College of Business' Husky Dog Pound competition. The premier entrepreneurship contest in the state, the Shark Tank-inspired event drew a record participation of more than 650 students making up 175 teams from 82 school districts in addition to teams of BU students.

The event, organized by Christina Force, associate professor of innovation, technology and supply chain management, attracted competitors from as far away as Philadelphia in the southeast, Kane in northwestern Pennsylvania, and Parkville near the Maryland border.

As students converged on campus, three television news crews covered the event. Competitors, including middle school, high school and BU students had just three minutes to pitch their business ideas and five minutes to answer questions from the judges, who included more than a dozen alumni.

The winner of the BU student competition brought an international element to the Dog Pound. Junior Bawe Salehi, of Gothenburg, Sweden, won the the \$3,500 prize for his pitch of a safety/security app. Salehi came to the United States to earn a degree from a strong business school and to play soccer at the collegiate level.



Photo: Jaime North

Award winners: Jordan Rivera, David Barber, Todd Shawver, interim dean of the Zeigler College of Business, Michaela Poulard, Tristan Peace, President Bashar Hanna, Mina Fayeze, Christina Force, associate professor of innovation, technology and supply chain management, Terry Zeigler '76, Bawe Salehi, Fady Smouni, and James Brown.



Husky Dog Pound winner Bawe Salehi with Terry Zeigler '76.
Photo: Eric Foster



Photo: Eric Foster

Diana Rogers-Adkinson Named Provost



Dr. Diana Rogers-Adkinson has been named BU's provost and senior vice president of Academic Affairs following a nationwide search.

Rogers-Adkinson, Ph.D, was formerly the dean of the College of Education, Health and Human Studies at Southeast Missouri State University in Cape Girardeau, serving in that position for one year. At Southeast, she oversaw seven departments and 14 auxiliary units. The college serves 3,100 undergraduate and graduate students.

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It's an app for entertainment venues and festivals that deals with safety and security issues,” says Salehi.

“I have had this idea for almost a year now and it was something completely different. But after talking with a couple of people who have their own successful businesses and my mentor, Dr. Ed Keller, we decided the app would be the best option for the moment.”

Salehi says the prize money will not be used for launching the app just yet. “I will invest to get more money so my business partner and I can start this business as soon as possible.”

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Dr. Rogers-Adkinson's focus on academic excellence, student success and retention, along with faculty growth and development aligns perfectly with our strategic direction,” says president Bashar Hanna.

At BU, Rogers-Adkinson will oversee the university's Division of Academic Affairs, including the College of Education, College of Liberal Arts, College of Science and Technology, and the Zeigler College of Business, as well as technology and library services. The provost will also oversee, in conjunction with the chief of staff, the development of the university's next strategic plan.

Rogers-Adkinson's key initiatives have centered on inclusivity, implementation of high impact practices to support student retention, and enhancing supports to underserved and diverse student populations.

Her previous academic appointments were at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater and Wichita State University. She is a graduate of Kent State University with doctorates in special education and counseling and human development services. She also has a master's degree in community counseling from Kent State and holds a bachelor's degree from Ball State University in special education.

James Krause, professor of exceptionality programs, served as interim provost for two years.



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Julie Vandivere, professor of English and Honors College director, teaches a seminar class. Photo: Eric Foster

BU Establishes Honors College

Bloomsburg University will establish an Honors College effective July 1 that will significantly enrich the educational and collegiate experiences for high-potential and high-achieving students. The Honors College will offer its students the opportunity to expand cultural and personal boundaries while reaching intellectual and career goals.

The Honors College will offer small, discussion-based classes and experiential learning activities. BU's dedicated faculty mentors will facilitate research, internship, service, travel, and study-abroad opportunities. Students in the college will also enjoy Honors Learning Community housing and priority move-in.

"Our honors experience has been essential to making Bloomsburg University a destination for the most promising students in our region and beyond," says president Bashar Hanna. "With its emphasis on research, scholarship, civic engagement and leadership development, the new Honors College is a testament to our commitment to developing today's best and brightest students into tomorrow's leaders."

The current Honors Program has a 90 percent graduation rate with nearly 100 percent of the graduates enrolled in graduate school or employed within 12 months of

graduation according to a post-graduate survey. Julie Vandivere, professor of English and director of the Honors Program, will lead the Honors College.

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The new Honors College provides students with the chance to experience the tight community and broad horizons associated with liberal arts colleges while taking advantage of the top-flight programs,” says Vandivere.

The Honors College will move into a newly renovated space in Lycoming Hall, in the heart of the campus community. It will have dedicated study areas, a library and easy access to campus dining options. Students already enrolled in BU's Honors Program automatically become part of the new Honors College.

For more information on the Honors College visit bloomu.edu/honorscollege.

12 Endowed Professorships and Fellowships Announced

BU has announced its endowed professorships and faculty fellowships for 2019. Honored are 12 faculty members who are working with BU students through mentoring and research projects.

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BU faculty pride themselves on engaging students in the classroom and in professional experiences that complement and enrich the academic experience for students and sets those students up for successful careers in their chosen field,” says president Bashar Hanna. “Having endowed faculty means students learn from talented teacher-scholars, work in research labs and pursue off-campus scholarship.”

Former BU president Jessica Kozloff and her husband Steve funded faculty fellow positions because they both experienced the power of having a quality faculty mentor.

“Steve and I chose to support two faculty fellowships for



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Standing from left are: BU president Bashar Hanna, Robin Drogan, Kevin Ball, Christina Francis, Ed Keller, David Magolis, Kimberly Olszewski, interim provost James Krause, and Mary Katherine Waibel-Duncan. Seated: Abby Hare-Harris, Jessica Bentley-Sassaman, Christina Force, and Kate Beishline.

a number of reasons,” says Kozloff, BU’s president from 1994 to 2008. “Steve and I had experiences during our educational journeys when faculty members made an impact on each of us, often significantly changing our academic aspirations. We also did this for our Kozloff Undergraduate Research Scholarship students, who receive a financial award for four years at BU while working with a faculty mentor.”

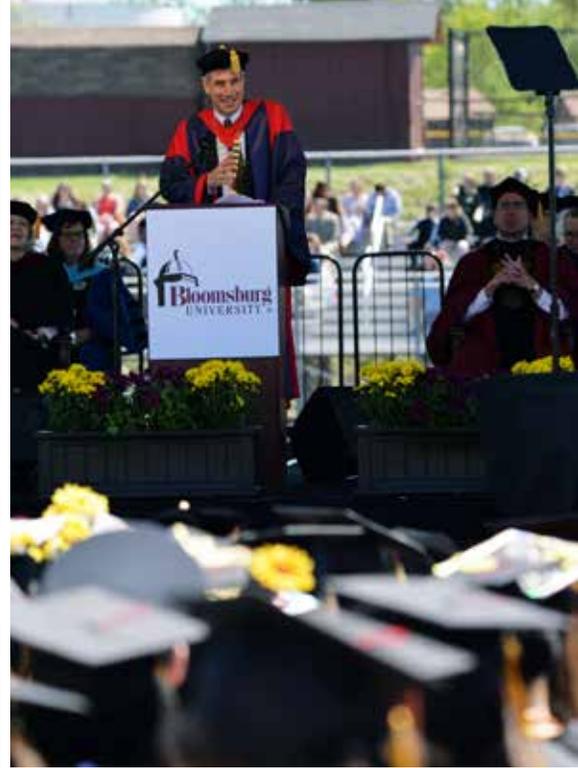
Ed and Julie Breiner, who fund the Breiner Family Endowed Professorship for Nursing, recognize the need for quality faculty for the BU program to grow.

“We chose to fund a nursing professorship at BU because we would like to see an excellent program taken to the next level,” says Ed Breiner. “Health care is front and center in our national dialogue, and BU offers one of the top nursing programs in the country — at a very competitive value.”

Professorships and Faculty Fellows

- *Breiner Family Endowed Professorship for Nursing:* Kimberly Olszewski, College of Science and Technology (COST)
- *Joan and Fred Miller Distinguished Professor of Good Work:* Mary Katherine Waibel-Duncan, Department of Psychology, College of Liberal Arts (COLA)
- *Michael and Bree Gillespie Faculty Fellow:* Christina Force, Department of Innovation, Technology, and Supply Chain Management, Zeigler College of Business (ZCOB)
- *Vicki and John Mihalik Faculty Fellow:* Robin Drogan, Special Education Graduate Coordinator, College of Education (COE)
- *Jack and Helen Evans Endowed Faculty Fellow:* Jerry Wemple, Department of English, COLA
- *Kerby Confer Faculty Fellowship for Communications:* David Magolis, Department of Mass Communications, COLA
- *Jessica S. and Stephen R. Kozloff Faculty Fellows:* Kevin Ball, Department of Psychology, COLA; Kate Beishline, Department of Biological and Allied Health Sciences, COST
- *Stephen J. Jones Professional U Fellows:* Christina Francis, Department of English, COLA; Abby Hare Harris, Department of Biological and Allied Health Sciences, COST; Jessica Bentley-Sassaman, Department of ASL English Interpreting, COE; Edward Keller, Technology, and Supply Chain Management, ZCOB

Endowed professorships and fellowships are supported through the generosity of alumni and friends of the university. For information on how to support an endowed professorship or faculty fellowship contact the BU Foundation at 570-389-4128.



SPRING COMMENCEMENT 2019

Bright sunshine and blue skies greeted more than 1,550 BU graduates and their families for the 150th undergraduate commencement ceremony on Saturday, May 11, at Redman Stadium. The College of Liberal Arts and the College of Education ceremony was held in the morning followed by the College of Science and Technology and the Zeigler College of Business in the afternoon.

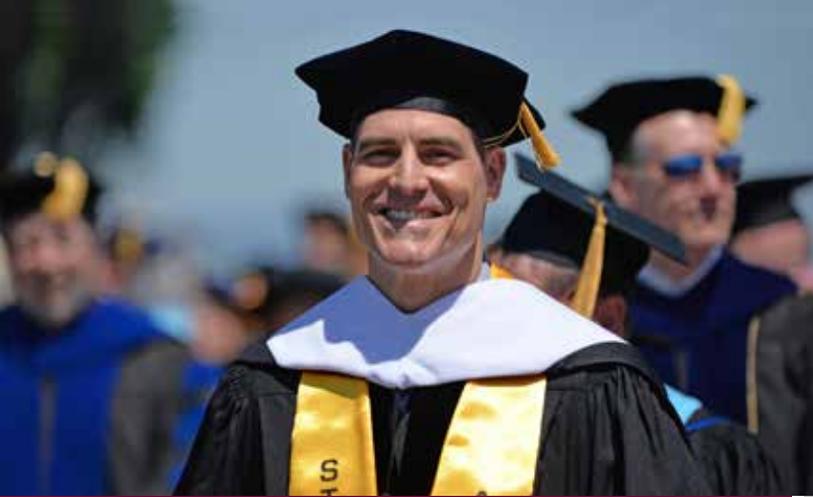
Daniel Greenstein, D.Phil., chancellor of Pennsylvania's State System of Higher Education addressed the graduates in the morning ceremony, while Michael Boguski '85, CPCU, a director and president of Eastern Alliance and its operating subsidiaries spoke to the graduates in the afternoon.

Steph Pettit '89 was presented an honorary doctor of humane letters during the morning ceremony.

The graduate commencement ceremony for more than 130 students was held at the Haas Center for the Arts on Friday, May 10.



Photos: Jaime North and Eric Foster



Steph Pettit Awarded Honorary Doctorate

Steph Pettit '89 was presented an honorary doctor of humane letters at the morning spring commencement ceremony for the College of Education and College of Liberal Arts.

A mass communications major and four-year member of the Huskies football team, Pettit was part of the 1985 Huskies football team that won the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference title and was the first team in school history to win 12 games. After graduation, he was a sales manager for E & J Gallo Winery before taking ownership of Clean Earth Systems, Inc. in 1993. Begun as a small corrugated box company, Clean Earth Systems has since grown into a nationwide distributor of hazardous waste containers with 15 warehouses and sales teams in each.

Pettit served on the *It's Personal* campaign cabinet as the lead advocate and ambassador supporting all of athletics. He also co-chaired the *First & Goal Football Scholarship Campaign* as well as establishing the SP-59 annual football scholarship, the Under Armour Football sponsorship, and the Steph Pettit Legacy Scholarship. He supported athletics with a \$1 million contribution for stadium improvements to the former Sports Stadium and additional athletic scholarships. Steph Pettit Stadium serves as the home to Huskies' field hockey, men's and women's soccer and women's lacrosse teams. He also supported the banner project at Redman Stadium.

Pettit also supports the Department of Mass Communications with experiential learning opportunities through a production company for students that produces documentaries and long-form projects.

Pettit was the 18th person to be recognized with an honorary doctorate.

Michael Boguski Helps Celebrate Commencement

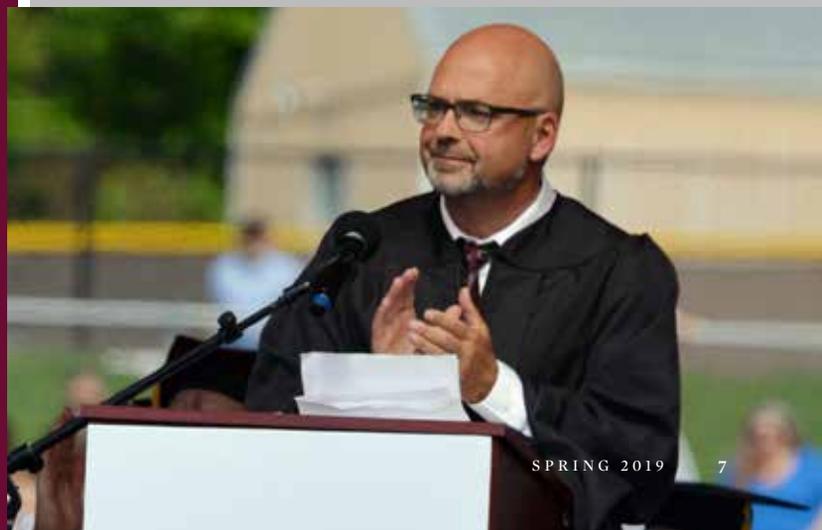
Michael Boguski '85 was the featured speaker at the afternoon commencement for the Zeigler College of Business and College of Science and Technology. A member of the Bloomsburg University Foundation and the director and president of Eastern Alliance Insurance Group, Boguski spoke of the importance of relationships in life and business.

Under his leadership Eastern has grown from a 1997 startup in Lancaster, to a 21-state platform with 10 offices across the country with year-end 2018 revenues of \$287 million and 275 employees. Eastern went public in 2006 on the NASDAQ exchange, then in 2014 merged with ProAssurance Corporation.

At Bloomsburg, Boguski has committed \$1 million to support BU's Professional Experience Grants for students and other programs.

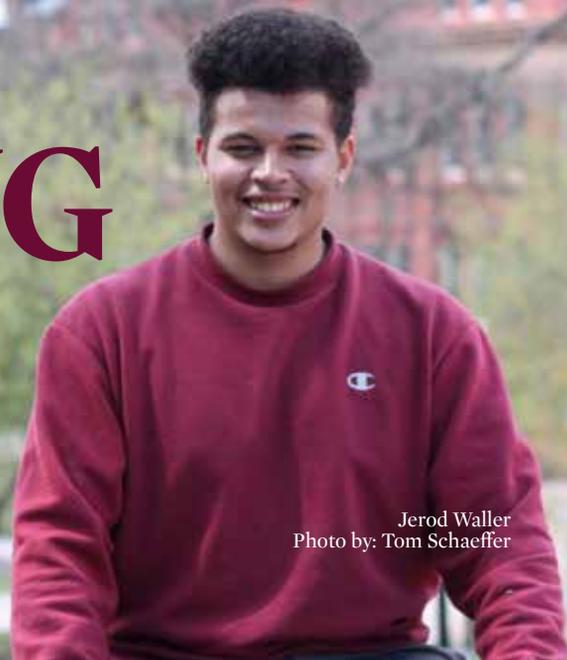
"This university has transformed our lives, and we are so incredibly grateful. I believe the Class of 2019 being honored today will be transformative and will represent this university in a manner that we can all beam with pride and joy," said Boguski. Speaking of his friendships formed at BU, he added "relationships matter in all aspects of your life. Stay in touch and value these relationships for a lifetime. We want you back on campus to build relationships."

Boguski also had a commencement of his own to celebrate. In May he became president of ProAssurance's Specialty P&C division, which consists of four operating businesses in professional and product liability space.



ANCHORING *the Future*

By Tom Schaeffer '02



Jerod Waller
Photo by: Tom Schaeffer

According to the National Foster Youth Institute, the rate of homelessness among individuals who have aged out of the foster care program is 25 percent by age 21, while just 3% have achieved a college degree at the same age.

To help combat those eye-opening statistics, BU launched the Anchor Program in summer 2017 to enable youth in Pennsylvania's foster care system to explore their academic interests and to get a taste of what college life is like.

Over the last two years, nearly 80 teens ages 15 to 18 from more than 10 counties have immersed themselves in the college experience at BU through the Anchor Program.

"We were uniquely positioned to help these young people view college as a possibility and to show them this is a place where they belong, and we've been thrilled with its early success," says Rona Anderson, assistant to the dean of the College of Liberal Arts.

Students in the program spend a week living in one of BU's residence halls and work with mentors and faculty to learn about college. With no cost to the student, there are opportunities to choose from a variety of mini-courses and extracurricular activities and to experience many of the same things they would as a BU student.

Operational costs for the Anchor Program have ranged from \$30,000 to \$40,000 each year, according to James Brown, dean of the College of Liberal Arts. "Some of the participants are placed with family members, some with strangers. When they come, we don't assume they're bringing anything. We provide everything," says Brown.

In March, an unexpected \$2.2 million gift came to the Bloomsburg University Foundation from Easton native Mitzi Marie Bryfogle, who designated a portion of her estate to help a public university. The endowment will provide a solid base for the Anchor Program and make future expansion feasible with the continued contributions of donors. The endowment will also create scholarship opportunities for BU students with experience in foster care. Bryfogle's son, Eric, executor of her estate, connected with Mike Glovas '86, a financial planner who helped research the gift that would meet Mitzi's wishes. When Glovas told Bryfogle about the Anchor Program and the experiences it provided, he knew it was the perfect fit.

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Life can be challenging for children who grow up at a disadvantage, and programs like this can make such a difference. I know my mother would be proud to support it," says Eric Bryfogle.

"Thanks to this gift we can extend our outreach to more youth," says Brown. "Our goal is to grow Anchor beyond just a summer program. If we want to have an impact on these kids and our community, we should reach out to offer them these opportunities at a younger age. We can also move into a phase where we maintain contact with participants throughout the school year to help keep them on track for college."

Steadying the Course

Jerod Waller of Berwick did not always see himself going to college. Now the sophomore art major, pursuing a career as an art teacher, credits a lot of his aspirations to his experience in BU's Anchor Program.

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After I separated from my mom, I was in a group home for a while and didn't care much about school. I was just trying more to figure out where I belonged,” says Waller. “I was lucky, I was placed with a great foster family. They pushed me in the right direction and supported me. I started getting good grades and they really helped me out in getting my life together.”

Waller learned about the Anchor Program during one of his monthly in-home visits with his caseworker. “I was curious about it at first, but I wasn't sure,” says Waller. “When I learned about all the things I was going to be able to do there like the Quest program, and cooking classes and the different group activities, I was excited to try it.”

Initially unsure of how he would fit in socially in a college, Waller's experience in the Anchor Program went a long way toward easing his apprehension.

“When they had downtime during the program I shared my story with other students,” he says. “It was a great learning experience that really helped build my confidence and helped me to be sure I was making the right decision to pursue college.”

Tom Schaeffer '02 is communications manager for the Bloomsburg University Foundation.

Alumni and Professional Engagement Moving to Greenly Center in September

BU's Office of Alumni and Professional Engagement will move to the third floor of the Greenly Center on Main Street in Bloomsburg in September to coincide with the opening of the new SEKISUI Professional Experience Lab (PEL).

The SEKISUI Corporation, a plastics manufacturer with two facilities in the Bloomsburg area, donated \$500,000 for the creation of the PEL to provide students, the community and local businesses with resources to help them train in several areas including job interviewing, virtual presentations, sales, and conflict resolution.

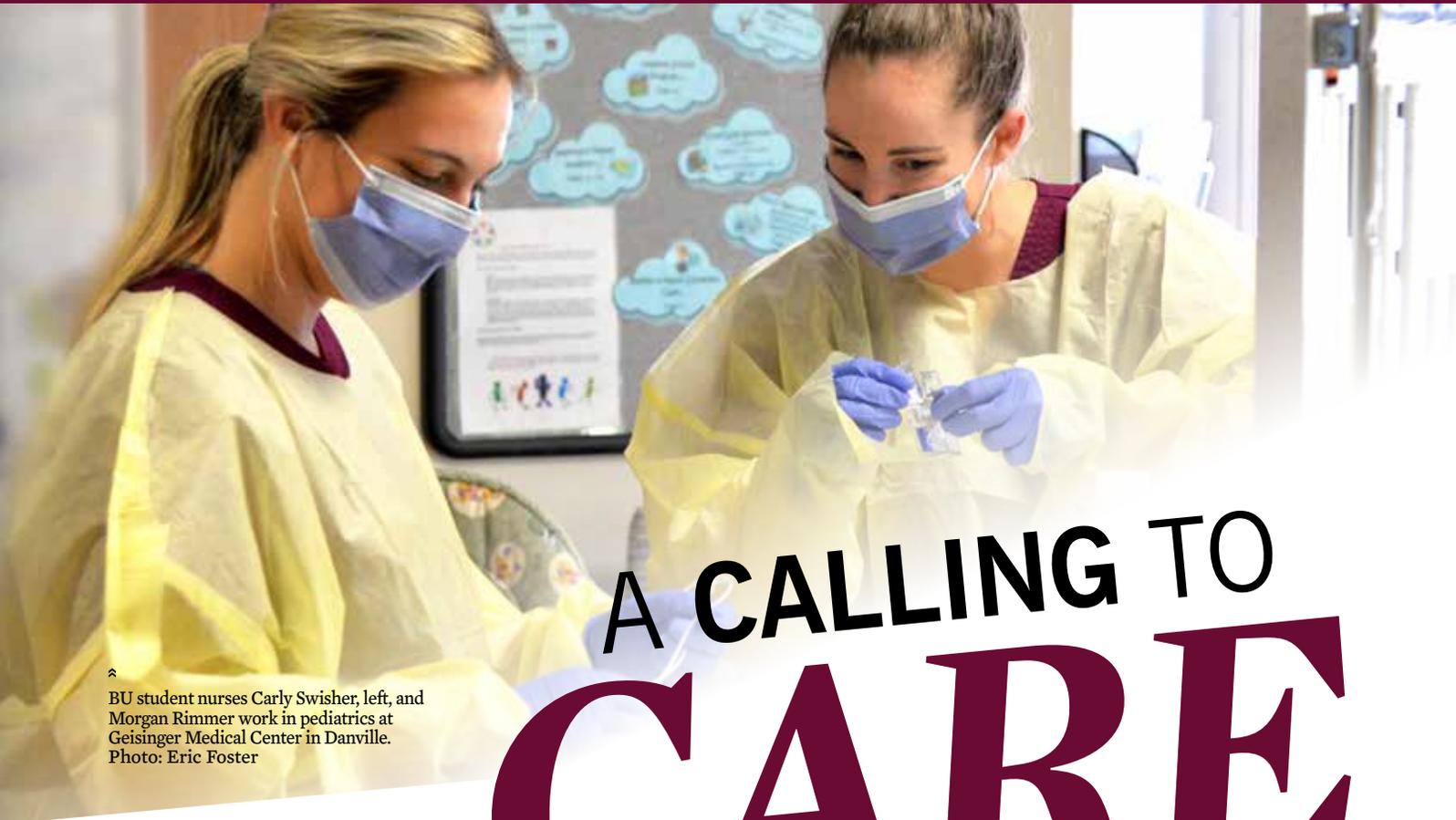
The Greenly Center, named in honor of Duane Greenly '72 and Sue Basar Greenly '72, is already home to a first-floor art gallery as well as BU's Office of Corporate and Continuing Education staff, classrooms, a 40-seat computer lab and a demonstration kitchen.

The move to the Greenly Center is part of the evolution of the Office of Alumni and Professional Engagement.

“In partnership with SEKISUI we can offer our students a hub of professional development opportunities and leverage our alumni network in the process,” says Nate Conroy, director of alumni engagement. “We can also better meet the needs of our 72,000 alumni and students by bringing the entire Alumni and Professional Engagement team together and by offering new venues with more than double the space available in the Fenstemaker Alumni House.”

Alumni events will continue to be held on campus, in the community, regionally and around the country. The Fenstemaker Alumni House will remain a fixture of lower campus and the location of the university's annual Homecoming Tent Party as well as other alumni and university events.





BU student nurses Carly Swisher, left, and Morgan Rimmer work in pediatrics at Geisinger Medical Center in Danville. Photo: Eric Foster

A CALLING TO CARE

By Eric Foster

When she was 16, Maeghan Plunkett's career goals came into razor-sharp focus. "I saw a woman hit by a car," says Plunkett '14, an Army nurse now based in Alaska. Like many of her peers, she found nursing to be as much a calling as it was a career choice.

"Before I wanted to be a nurse, I wanted to be a chef. I was fully set on going to culinary school, but changed my mind," says Plunkett, who was also affected by seeing her aunt, a doctor, stabilize her grandfather when he suffered a heart attack and stroke at home until paramedics arrived.

"After that, I immersed myself in getting familiar with hospital life. I volunteered at Jeanes Hospital in Philadelphia. I had never considered being a doctor. I liked that nurses were hands-on and able to build relationships with people."

"I chose nursing because I shadowed nurses in high school," says Caroline Toomey '15, a pediatric nurse at Bryn Mawr Hospital. The nurses she observed left an indelible impression. "I shadowed the nurses I work with today. I saw them being at the bedside, making personal connections and helping people reach their goals. That experience helped me decide this was the field for me."

Christopher Heiss '19, who completed his nurse anesthetist master's degree at BU in May, began his career in health care

at age 16 in rural Millville as an emergency medical technician. "I joined the fire company, went to the Geisinger EMT boot camp in the summer before my senior year of high school and became an EMT. Then I went to paramedic school, a two-year program, and started working as a paramedic when I just turned 20."

Two years later, Heiss was a flight paramedic on a helicopter.

"When I was a flight paramedic, I was working alongside experienced nurses in critical care units," says Heiss. The contact with nurses inspired him to earn his registered nurse certification at a community college and an online bachelor's of science degree in nursing (BSN).

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What I did in the field as a paramedic was very focused. Stabilize and get them to the hospital. Nursing was different; you have to work around the clock to keep these people alive.” says Heiss.

Meeting a Need

Sheila Hartung, professor and chair of the nursing department, understands the calling. “I come from a family of nurses; I’ve never wanted anything else,” says Hartung, who was a home health and public health nurse and managed a home health agency before coming to BU.

While Hartung and her colleagues — 26 full-time tenured and tenure-track faculty and 30 adjunct faculty — all worked in the field before joining higher education, at BU their mission is to help people on a statewide scale.

“We will continue to be in a nursing shortage for the foreseeable future,” says Hartung. “The shortage is not just about people, but also about the level of preparation and the credentials. For example, in underserved areas, particularly rural areas, nurse practitioners carry a lot of the primary caregiver load. We hope to grow our program so we can impact these rural areas by providing a greater number of nurse practitioners.”

She notes that BU offers three levels of programs: bachelor’s, master’s and doctoral degrees. “And we’re expanding across all three levels.”

BU’s nursing programs are acknowledged as among the best, with 1,900 applications for 120 openings in the freshmen BSN class, a number that will grow to 160 students this fall. For the nurse anesthetist program, there are typically 150 applications for 12 spots, with students applying from as far away as Massachusetts, Florida and Colorado.

“And we have high numbers of clinical hours, above and beyond what most other schools do,” she says. “That ensures our graduating students have the skills and knowledge base, and they often have jobs lined up by their senior year.”

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The secret to BU’s program success is simple: No shortcuts. The quality of our students is phenomenal and our faculty ensure we do what is right to prepare students for the health care of today and tomorrow,” says Hartung.

Clinical experiences for BSN students start in the second year, and by their third year, they are clinically practicing two days a week for eight-hour shifts. Student-to-faculty ratios in clinical training are determined by the institution and accrediting bodies. At the undergraduate level, there’s one faculty member for every eight students. For nurse practitioner students, there’s a faculty member for every six students in clinical courses.



Student nurses Bryanna Moncrieffe, seated, and Samantha MacNeill at Geisinger Medical Center.

From Bachelor’s to Doctorate

BU’S NURSING PROGRAMS

Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN)

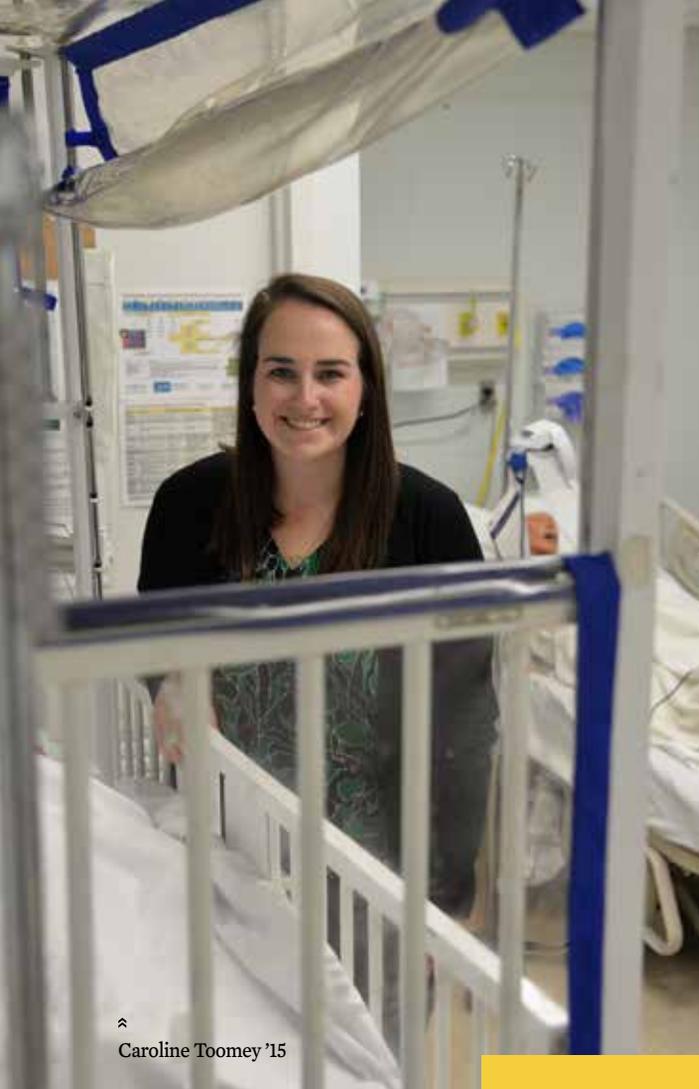
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Master of Science in Nursing (MSN)

- Community Health/Public Health Specialization
- Community Health/Public Health/School Health Specialization
- Nurse Anesthesia
- Nurse Practitioner Adult-Gerontology Primary Care
- Nurse Practitioner Family Nurse
- Nursing Administration with dual degree of MBA

Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)



^ Caroline Toomey '15

While many of BU students' clinical experiences are facilitated on-site through the Geisinger Health System — one of the most innovative systems in the nation — BU has more than 200 clinical partners across the state.

"The partnerships include health systems, corrections facilities, clinics, schools, home health agencies, industries, and numerous psychological facilities," says Hartung. "The clinical teaching that goes on for those students is a commitment to those students to ensure they're prepared when they graduate."

"I knew the reputation," says Toomey, "Being able to do clinicals at Geisinger was a big selling point. I visited several schools. BU had a small community feel about it, and I enjoyed the small class size."

Toomey was able to incorporate health care into her honors experience. "With the Honors Program, I went to Jamaica over spring break and volunteered in health care clinics."

"Because of the Geisinger connection, we get a clinical experience that even schools like the University of Pittsburgh or University of Pennsylvania can't offer," says Heiss of BU's nurse anesthetist program. "Any day of the week I can take my pick of the kind of experience I want to have. Our program is unique, a cut above the best when you come out of it. I graduated with 2,700 hours of clinical experience. We go 700 hours beyond the average."

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We're here to amplify our students' character," says Hartung.



^ Maeghan Plunkett '14

As an Army nurse, the breadth of the experiences Plunkett had at BU have been particularly important.

"In the military, we move around so much. I've worked on five different units. They don't keep you in one spot," says Plunkett. "You see a lot of different things. You're not one type of nurse on a medical floor."

"Because of the experiences I had at BU, I've never felt incompetent coming on a floor," she says. "I've been functioning as an emergency room nurse for the last year and a half. When there's a need, the Army expects you to fill the role."

"BU's nursing program was tough, but they gave me every building block to be a great nurse," says Plunkett. "And they instill in you, if you're not familiar with something, to take the initiative and ask questions."

What are the most important qualities of a nurse? "Critical thinking, advocacy for patients," says Hartung. "And most importantly, compassion."



Christopher Heiss '19 practices at BU's nurse anesthesia lab at Geisinger Medical Center in Danville.
Photo: Eric Foster

Personal Connections

As an EMT and paramedic, Heiss learned to work under pressure with adrenaline. “But as a nurse I saw the human compassion side of it — taking care of people on their worst day. That feels good,” he says. “As a nurse, you treat sick or injured people for days, even weeks or months. During these times, you often become part of their family. This gives you satisfaction like nothing else.”

Working evenings in a pediatric unit, Toomey has honed her skills to make her young patients feel at home. “I always find out their favorite TV show and the names of their stuffed animals,” says Toomey. “The blood pressure cuff has a frog on it. So I tell the children, ‘the froggy is going to give you a hug.’ Bloomsburg taught me how to provide care for different ages.”

“One thing I love about pediatrics is that kids are resilient, I’m there to help them reach their goals. I help kids get back to living their lives at home.”

For Plunkett, the network of ties between patients and caregivers can stretch halfway round the globe.

Before taking assignment in Fairbanks, Alaska, in 2017, she was stationed at Walter Reed Hospital in Maryland.

“When I got to Walter Reed in 2014, we were seeing patients from the front lines. I’d get messages from a friend in Afghanistan. ‘I’ve got a guy on a helicopter and he’ll be there in 24 hours. Can you check on him for me?’” says Plunkett.

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I had a soldier call me into his room. He had become paralyzed from the chest down. He said ‘Look, I can wiggle my toe.’ I’d been working with him for weeks,” says Plunkett. “But that’s the gratifying part. Seeing people who needed you and helping them get better, so they won’t need you.”

“I really love the population of people I get to work with. Soldiers and their families have a different view of getting better,” she says. “There’s a kind of determination. Soldiers work really hard at getting better.”

From left: Josh Sonntag '14, Ayana Bennett '10, Kimberly Abney '09, Elizabeth Miller '17, Lamar Oglesby '07 and his wife Dominika.

Photo: Eric Foster

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STEPPING UP EARLY

By Tom Schaeffer '02

Just two years after her graduation, Elizabeth Miller '17 is funding a scholarship to help the next generation of BU students.

Miller, of Port Jervis, New York, established the gift in memory of her father Douglas Miller, a New York firefighter who died in 2001 rescuing victims of the 9/11 attack on the World Trade Center in Manhattan.

"I've spent a lot of time trying to learn more about the events that led to my father's death," says Miller, who works at Pace University in New York in the education abroad program. "That's part of the reason I chose to pursue a dual major in history and Arabic studies with a minor in Middle East studies."

"There were so many professors and mentors who helped guide me,

they really were like my family," she says. "What I ended up discovering was a beautiful culture that is often misunderstood and that just because there was a tragedy, doesn't mean we can't move forward."

The history department family made such an impact on her that Miller decided to establish a scholarship to help the students who followed her at BU. "This was something that was very important to me and a way for me to honor my dad while also remaining a part of the university," says Miller, 24. "It's a small sacrifice for me to forgo a \$5 cup of coffee every day."

Miller is one of a growing group of alumni under the age of 40 making a gift to BU in their wills to endow a scholarship and pledging to give at least \$1,000 each year to activate the scholarship early.

Kimberly T. Abney '09, a certified school counselor in the School

District of Philadelphia, was among the first young alumni to endow a scholarship and activate it early. In 2016, at age 28, Abney created a \$1,000 current-use scholarship for students, who like her, attended BU's Act 101/Educational Opportunity Program.

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I've had the opportunity now to support two recipients," says Abney. "It's been a pleasure to meet and mentor them, and now I'm more motivated by their success."

Abney also recently founded TGIF – Thank Goodness I'm Female – an alumnae-based mentoring program to help BU students overcome adjusting to life at college. She credits the alumni mentors who helped build TGIF and the female student participants who trusted them and helped them succeed.

"I stick to a strict budget, and a part of that budget is my commitment to giving back because it's important to me. The scholarship has changed my life to make me more focused



on my dreams,” says Abney, who conducted research based on her work with TGIF and will graduate in January 2020 with a doctoral degree in Education Leadership. Abney’s gift inspired Lamar Oglesby ’07 and his wife, Dominika, to establish a scholarship as well.

“It wasn’t until we saw the article about Kimberly Abney that we discovered we could give back in a way that was so meaningful to us personally,” says Oglesby, associate director of grant and contract accounting at Rutgers University. The young Philadelphia couple, who met at BU and celebrated the birth of their fourth child in February, have made giving back a priority.

“I was very underprepared academically, but the ACT 101 program really helped to prepare me for the rigors of college,” adds Oglesby, who worked full-time while she was a full-time student. “When we saw that we could help young students of color who came from where we came from and faced similar challenges, we knew we were making the right decision.”

Philadelphia native Ayana J. Bennett ’10 never dreamed of going to college because no one in her family ever had. “Luckily, I

had a guidance counselor in high school who saw potential in me and pushed me,” says Bennett. “Thanks to her, and the scholarships I received, I graduated from BU debt-free.”

At BU, Bennett attended summer classes through the ACT 101 program where she made lasting friends who she still reaches out to in her career as a health and wellness coordinator at the University of Pennsylvania Health System.

When she learned that her friend Abney had made a gift, Bennett decided to create her own annual scholarship to support two students each year.

“When I think about whether or not I can afford to make these gifts I just remind myself that if I wasn’t using the money for this, I’d be spending it somewhere else,” Bennett says. “So to me, it’s a decision to dedicate that money to something much more meaningful.”

The mentors that Josh Sonntag ’14 found in BU’s Department of Environmental, Geography and Geosciences were critical to him discovering his career path as the first geospatial engineer at the Enterprise Business Intelligence

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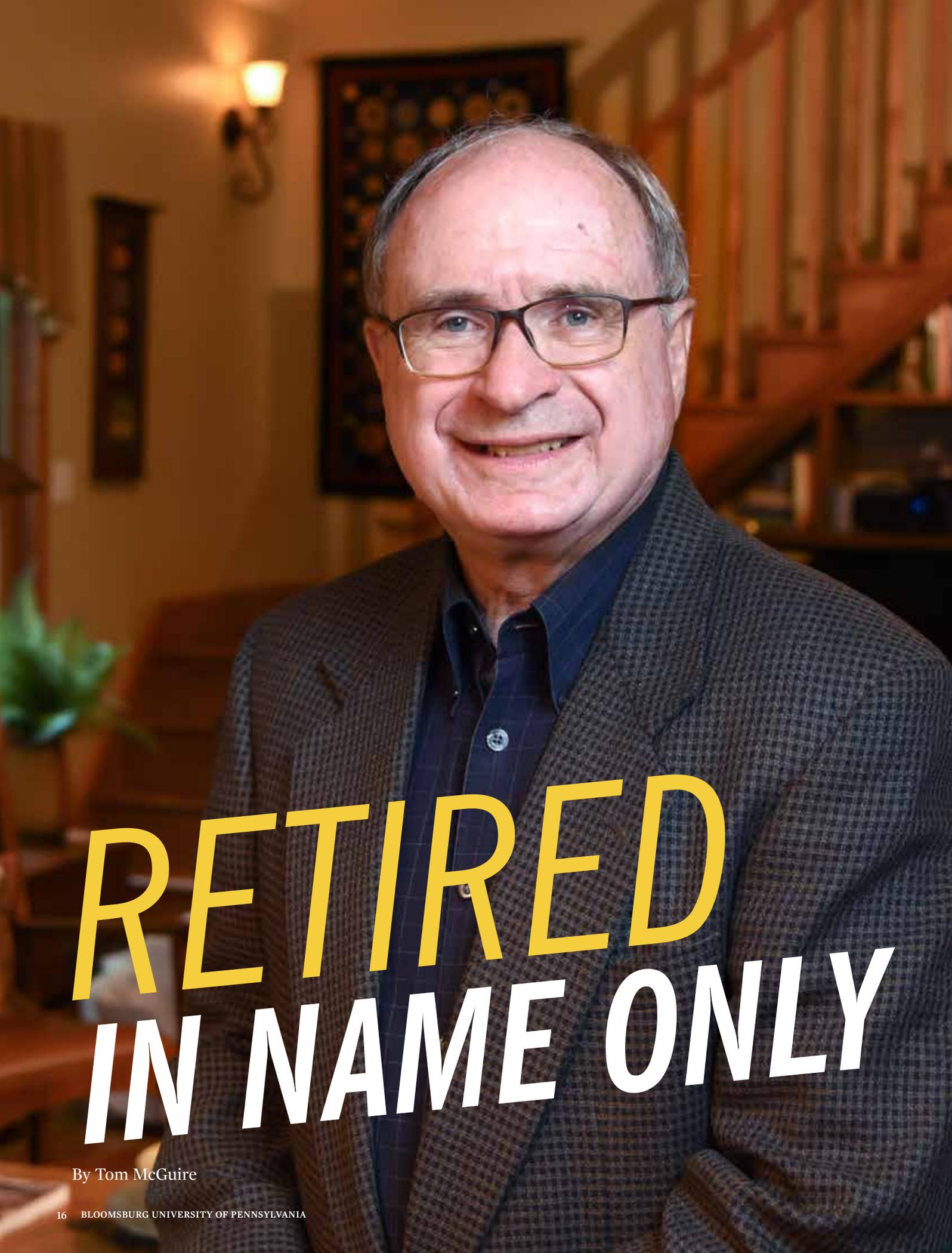
Bloomsburg took a chance on me,” says Sonntag. “And it was very important to me that I could give back and provide that same opportunity for a student like myself.”

organization within Comcast headquarters in Philadelphia.

“I was a pretty poor student,” Sonntag recalls. “I would rather have been spending time playing video games and sports than studying.” But as a summer freshman, Sonntag developed an interest in geography and the environment and geographical information systems (GIS), a discipline that Sonntag found to be the perfect blend of computer and geographical sciences.

Department faculty had the connections that helped Sonntag secure an internship with Columbia County GIS, which laid the foundation for his career.

In 2018, Sonntag made a planned gift to Bloomsburg University to endow a scholarship and an annual gift to activate the scholarship and support a student.



RETIRED IN NAME ONLY

By Tom McGuire

Drew Hostetter '76 is retired, but in name only. The former bank corporation CFO and BU Hall of Fame tennis player doesn't spend his days sitting poolside or on a beach in some faraway tropical resort — he and his wife, Sue, are very active in their Lancaster County community of Mount Gretna, sharing their time, talents and treasure. And after serving on the BU Foundation board for more than 15 years, on July 1, Hostetter will become its chairman.

"I've been pretty fortunate in my career that things worked out the way they did for me," he says. "I've worked for very good CEOs and some great individuals. That success has allowed me to be a volunteer for several organizations. Giving back is just in my nature."

Hostetter serves as treasurer for the boards of Mount Gretna School of Art, Gretna Music, Graystone Manor Therapeutic Riding and Camp Conquest (a church-affiliated camp) as well as serving as the head of finance for his church. His wife, Sue, is also very active in the community giving back her time to nonprofits.

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When I went to BU, tuition and room and board was about \$1,400. In today's world, a student can't work a summer job and pay for college. I enjoy seeing first-generation students receiving a helping hand and then going out and being productive.”

But if not for some important mentors in his life, things might have worked very differently for Hostetter, who grew up in Lancaster County. The only child of the local postmaster and a bank teller, he developed into a better-than-fair tennis player. So good, in fact, that he lost just three matches in high school and was ranked fourth in the Middle States Region. In 1972, he won the top Senior Athlete Award at Donegal High School. "I hated to lose. Still do," says Hostetter, who sported long, flowing hair like many standout players of the 1970s.

Knowing from a young age that he wanted to be in business, Hostetter looked for a college that could accommodate both his interests. "I wanted to go to a good school for accounting and also play tennis," he says Hostetter. "I applied to Bloomsburg (then Bloomsburg State College), Shippensburg, Bucknell and Penn State, and was accepted at all four. Burt Reese (former head coach) was the reason I picked Bloomsburg."

At Bloomsburg, Hostetter became a "curve killer" in the classroom and a standout on the tennis courts. He compiled an 81-18 record, playing at No. 1 singles each of his four years, the all-time highest winning percentage (82%) in tennis at Bloomsburg. He was named the winner of the Robert B. Redman Award as the top senior athlete in 1976, and graduated summa cum laude. In 2000, he was named to BU's Athletic Hall of Fame.

"We played all year round, almost every day," recalls Hostetter. "Between studying and practice, I didn't have a lot of spare time."

"I played against NC State's John Sadri. It was the worst defeat I ever had. As I walked off the court, I told Coach Reese, 'I need to take this accounting stuff seriously.' Sadri went on to a pro career and lost in the finals of the Australian Open."

Mentors

“Drew has a quiet confidence about him,” says Reese. “He was cocky, but not arrogant on the court. He never backed down from the challenge of playing the top player from the other team. I was not surprised to see him go on to become such a huge success.”

In the classroom, professors James Creasy, John Dennen and Robert Yori became his mentors. “Those three men along with Burt — we had to call him Coach back then — all took an interest in my

development as a person,” says Hostetter. “Burt taught me leadership skills. The others, some good life lessons.”

“As I was applying for jobs and wasn’t getting second interviews, Dennen called me aside and said ‘cut the hair.’ I did as he told me and got second interviews after my next four interviews before taking an offer from Price Waterhouse.”

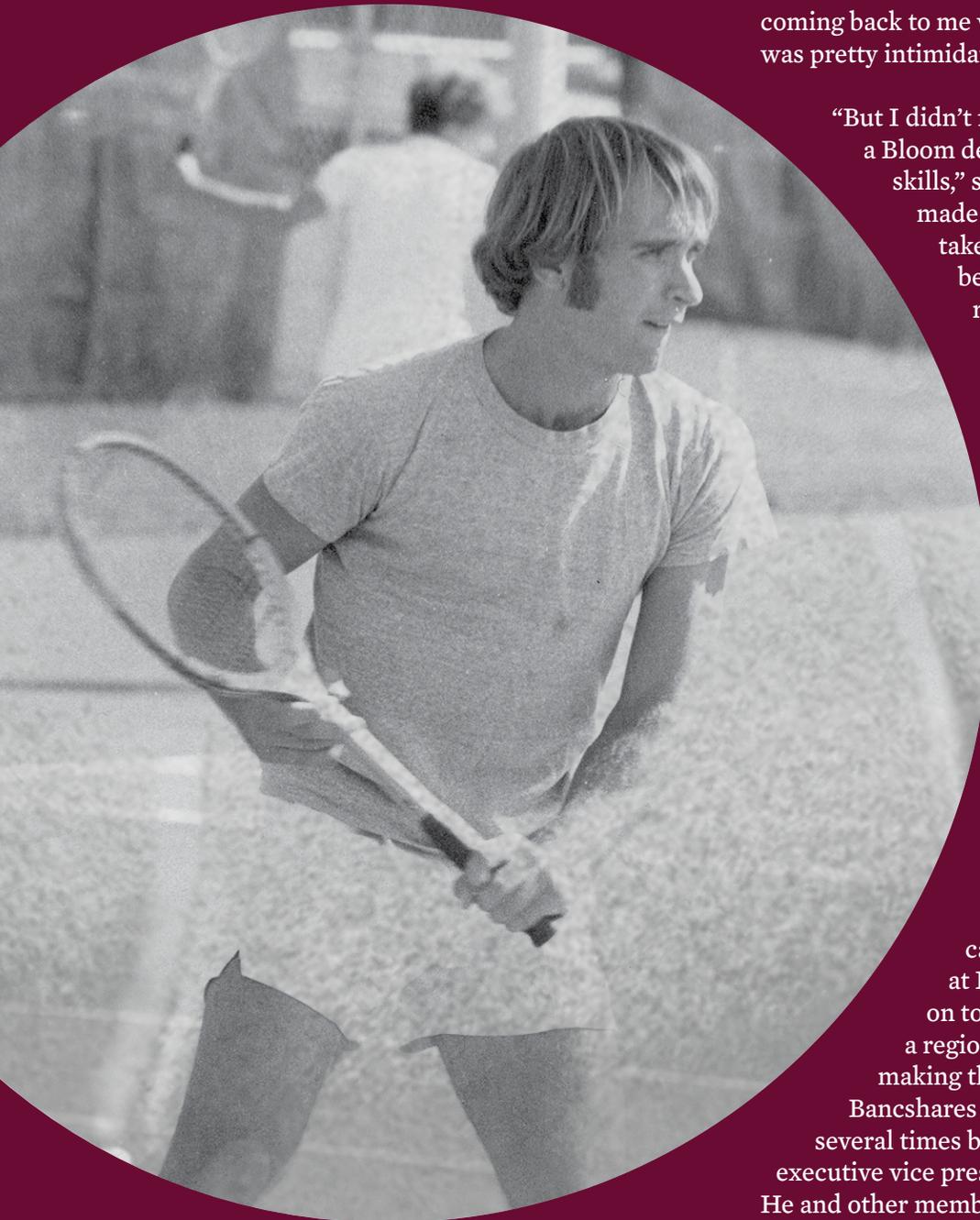
As a new accountant working for the international firm in 1976, Hostetter was nervous. “I am sitting around a table at staff (training) school and I am with graduates of Harvard, Yale, Duke, and Columbia among others. When the instructor learned where I had gone to school, the response coming back to me was, ‘Where’s Bloomsburg?’ It was pretty intimidating.”

“But I didn’t feel any shortcomings having a Bloom degree. I was confident in my skills,” says Hostetter. His work ethic made Price Waterhouse management take notice, and Bloomsburg soon became a regular stop on the firm’s recruiting trips. For Hostetter, a modest man, it was the start of an illustrious career in accounting and banking, something he never dreamed of while a student.

“The professors I had all impressed upon me the need to be well-rounded,” says Hostetter. “It was only through their pushing me that that I took a few public speaking classes. They knew to get ahead in business you would eventually have to be able to communicate with others.”

Those public speaking classes came in handy. After working at PW for nine years, he moved on to Equitable Bank Corporation, a regional bank in Maryland, before making the jump to Susquehanna

Bancshares in 1995, where he was promoted several times before retiring in 2013 as the executive vice president and chief financial officer. He and other members of the executive team guided the company as it grew from \$3 billion to \$18 billion in assets.



Scholarships

Hostetter has been giving back to BU since his early days in the workforce. Several years ago he was asked by Jack Mulka, former dean of students and later a member of the University Advancement team, to help raise money for a scholarship in Burt Reese's name.

"I am delighted to have played a small part in Drew's life by asking him to initiate a scholarship in honor of his tennis coach," says Mulka. "Subsequently, he reached out to his teammates and friends in enhancing the scholarship and in helping to create the Burt Reese Tennis Complex on the upper campus. His leadership on the university's Foundation Board is exemplary. When Drew speaks, we board members tune in and listen."

"That was a no-brainer for me, fundraising to name courts in Burt's honor," Hostetter says. "It was easy to get people to donate. Former players all loved Burt. In fact, we're still good friends. We call each other all the time."

So why does someone who achieved so much in life want to give back in so many ways?

"The most important thing for me is raising scholarship money for those who can't afford school," he says.

"When I went to BU, tuition, room and board was about \$1,400. In today's world, a student can't work a summer job and pay for college. I enjoy seeing first-generation students receiving a helping hand and then going out and being productive."

"Drew is one of the best leaders I have ever worked with in my time on the BU Foundation," says Jerome Dvorak, executive director. "His achievements are a testament to his character and leadership style, respectful and determined. He is an example of how to be a true champion. He has been a loyal donor since 1982, logged over 250 volunteer hours, and attended many events in support of BU. He has always remained focused on how he and we help our students and faculty achieve their goals."

Hostetter has been part of the BU Foundation board for more than 15 years, and as he prepares to assume the chairmanship, he reflects on the growth in the group and its mission during that time, much of it spent as a member of the finance committee. "We've grown from \$10 million in assets to more than \$75 million," he says. "That's through a lot of hard work, generosity and dedication of many people."



From left: Jim Hollister '78, Steve Augustine '87, Marty Coyne '83, Craig Diehl '82, Roly Lamy '91, Drew Hostetter '76, Marion Reese, Burt Reese

Working for the Next Generation

Over the years, Drew has seen improvements in how students get ready for life after college.

"The preparation is vastly different today than when I was in school," says Hostetter. "Students today do more internships and have a better understanding of life outside of the classroom. Years ago that was not the case. One thing is the same, no matter the generation — the students who want to be successful have the grit and determination needed to succeed."

Just like Drew Hostetter.

THE POWER OF LISTENING

By Eric Foster



Jason Williams '93 is, in many ways, a professional mentor. As global head of talent for Fitbit, the mass communications graduate helps to identify people for leadership positions and helps people in the organization reach their fullest potential and find fulfillment through their careers.

Williams' own experience at BU might have been cut short without mentors from the ACT 101 program. The first-generation college student shared his story and life lessons with BU students at the Husky Leadership Conference in February. Williams told the student leaders how he came to BU in the summer through the ACT 101 program.

"I took two courses that summer, and I didn't do well in my second class," recalled Williams. "There was a pivotal point where I may not come back in the fall. My parents, hearing this news, immediately jumped in the car, drove up to BU, and talked to Dr. Jesse Bryan, who ran the ACT 101 program, to find out what I needed to do to be successful. After that meeting, I had a very stern talking to."

"I started listening to students who were ahead of me and had successfully begun their career at BU, and hanging around and figuring out what specifically they were doing that was different from me," said Williams. "Later, my parents called, and they said 'we don't think you're doing

enough listening in class, so we're going to send you a tape recorder, and we want you to record your classes, and then go back and listen to them later to pick up what you may have missed.' I learned how to listen better and parse out information."

Energized, Williams dove into all the mass communications department had to offer. "I wrote for *The Voice*. I was on Bloom News. I was involved. I started the first rap radio show on WBUQ and I had the first music video show. I taught myself the work."

After graduation, Williams earned master's and doctoral degrees at Penn State and held positions at Cendant, American Express, Pfizer and GSK.

“I needed guidance beyond myself. So I created a board of directors who are committed to helping me be successful. Sometimes you might hear them called accountability partners. Every year, we meet — virtually, because we’re not all in the same place — and we talk about our goals for the year. What are we trying to accomplish, personally and professionally? Some of those are long-term goals; some of those are short-term goals. Every quarter, we get together and debrief on what progress we’ve made. We coach one another and try to help one another improve.”

“As you’re starting out, think about who to network with and who to build that level of committed relationship with,” Williams told the students at the leadership conference. “Listen, learn, and lead.” You don’t have to do it in that order. You might not do everything on a given day, but this mantra of these three L’s have been key as I look back over my life in terms of what helped me move from being a first-time college student here at BU to being Fitbit’s first head of talent.”

Jaison Williams’
three Ls -

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Jaison Williams with his mentor Irvin Wright, professor emeritus and retired associate dean of academic achievement. Before his retirement in 2015, Wright was at BU for 38 years, having served as assistant director and director of the Act 101/EOP program. Wright also served as assistant to the provost for diversity initiatives and chair of the Department of Developmental Instruction.

'70s

» **Gerry Little '71** is serving his 6th term on the Ocean County Board of Chosen Freeholders, N.J. Little taught and coached in Pennsylvania for many years before entering politics in New Jersey as a councilman in Surf City and commissioner in Long Beach Township.

» **John Driscoll '75** sold his business, Burkey & Driscoll Funeral Home, Inc., Hamburg, after serving the community for 38 years. Driscoll will remain in a supervisory capacity for the next three years.

'80s

» **David Williams '81** is CEO of Genesys Works, Houston, a national youth career-readiness organization. Williams has over 30 years of experience leading large nonprofit organizations, including Habitat for Humanity International, The Houston Food Bank, and most recently, serving as president and chief executive officer of Make-A-Wish America.

» **Sharon Norton '84** retired after teaching for 35 years. Norton was a business and technology instructor at Absegami and Ocean City high schools. She was the South Jersey Wal-Mart Teacher of the Year in 2005, and the Ocean City High School Teacher of the Year in 2010.

» **Henry Haitz '86** is the market leader of HUB Carolinas Insurance Brokerage, Charleston, S.C. Haitz owns Homewatch Caregivers of Lakewood Ranch, and formerly was president and group publisher of Hearst Connecticut Media Group and president and publisher of *The State*, Columbia’s daily newspaper. Currently, he owns Homewatch Caregivers of Lakewood Ranch.

» **Richard Shellenberger '87** is chief operating officer of The Wright Center for Community Health, Scranton. Shellenberger previously served as the chief executive officer of Integrated Medical Group in Pottsville. A retired Army major, he was an officer in the Army Reserves from 1985 through 2006, and as a logistics/maintenance officer in Iraq in 2003. He received the Bronze Star Medal, Army Commendation Medal and Army Achievement Medal.

» **Donna Criqui Ogozalek '88** published a book, *Heaven Help Me; Awakening to the Wisdom of God, The Language of Energy and the Power of Self*. Ogozalek is an education manager, platform artist (stage education and artist) and hairdresser.

» **Jody Ocker '89** is the city administrator of Sunbury. Ocker is a retired Air Force colonel and most recently worked for Air Combat Command in Virginia, providing policy and guidance for 11 hospitals as the command nurse and chief of medical operations.

'90s

» **Brenda Turner Leigey '92** is superintendent of the State College District of the United Methodist Susquehanna Conference. The Rev. Leigey became a certified candidate for ministry in 1989, a licensed local pastor in 1990, a probationary member in 1994, and ordained in 1997 in the Central Pennsylvania Conference.

» **Douglas Aunkst '93** is vice president of national operational services for States Title, Inc., San Francisco, Calif. Aunkst managed centralized national production and facilities support for the company's North American Title Co. division.

» **Michael Shay '94** is casework manager/grant specialist for U.S. Rep. Dan Meuser. Shay served as casework manager for former U.S. Rep. Congressman Lou Barletta.

» **Mary Walsh Laudenslager '95** has published six books, including *You Deserve Better*, *Fine Spirits Served Here*, *Stable of Studs*, *Life Lessons for My Kids*, *Catch a Break*, and *Dragon Slayer*.

» **The Rev. Debbie Johnson '96** is the designated pastor for two years at First Presbyterian Church in Bellefonte and Milesburg Presbyterian Church.

» **Jeffrey Matzner '96** earned his doctorate of education in School System Leadership from Widener University. He is in his eighth year as principal of Central Dauphin Middle School in Harrisburg.

» **John Wetzel '98** was nominated to continue as state corrections secretary by Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Wolf. Wetzel is a former Franklin County Jail warden,

first appointed to the statewide role in 2011. Wolf retained Wetzel in 2015 and announced that he wants Wetzel to continue in his role. The nomination is pending Pennsylvania Senate approval.

» **Sara Fiscus Parrish '99** is assistant principal at Solanco High School, Quarryville. Parrish served as learning support and eighth-grade teacher at Smith Middle School since 2004. She was inducted into Solanco's Distinguished Teacher program in recognition of her instructional excellence, extraordinary success working with students and professional leadership. Parrish served as therapeutic staff support and mobile therapist for Kidspace in Danville.

'00s

» **Susan Bennett Fetterman '00/'04M** is a member of the board of directors at Evangelical Community Hospital. Fetterman is an adjunct professor at BU, a critical care nurse, and former Geisinger Health executive.

» **Matthew Resnick '01** is assistant treasurer of The Wenger Group, Rheems. Resnick was treasury manager for Dentsply Sirona.

» **Eleanor Vaida Gerhards '02** was named a 2019 "Legal Eagle" by *Franchise Times* magazine. The list highlights attorneys who have made significant strides in franchise law and were selected from nominations by their clients and peers. This is the fourth time Gerhards has been recognized.

» **Melanie Hotovcin Lambie '03** is a human resources generalist with Skelly and Loy, Harrisburg. Lambie has more than eight years of human resources experience and is responsible for a variety of administrative and technical duties.

» **Casey Leyden Bosler '04**, a guidance counselor at Lenape High School, was named as the 2019-20 educational services professional of the year. Bosler guides students through their high school experience and serves as a liaison between staff, students and parents.

» **Lisa Shearer Ferry '04** is dean of students at MMI Preparatory School, Freeland. Ferry will have responsibility for student discipline, dress code, and general student comportment. She served the MMI community as a

member of the faculty for more than 11 years and has acted as an interim dean since 2017.

» **Patrick Burke '06M** has been appointed by Gov. Tom Wolf to Upper and Middle Susquehanna Regional Water Resources Committee of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection's State Water Plan. Burke is the director of operations for Aqua Pennsylvania in Bryn Mawr. Burke is a registered professional civil engineer in Pennsylvania, a Class A licensed water operator, and a certified backflow prevention administrator.

» **Jahri Evans '07** is part of the management group which owns a new Arena Football League team playing in Atlantic City, N.J.

'10s

» **Heaven Reinard '11M** was named the 2018-19 teacher of the year at Milton School District.

» **Kelli McGeehan '14** is assistant vice president in the e-Banking and Customer Support department of First Columbia Bank, Bloomsburg. McGeehan has experience with payroll, purchasing and customer service management.

» **Brittney Waylen '14** is the government affairs director for the Greater Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce. Waylen was a legislative aide for the Pennsylvania House of Representatives.

» **Santino Stancato '16** manages the brand of Georgia Tech football, primarily through social media platforms. He worked at Temple University as a digital content coordinator, assistant director of operations and creative coordinator for TU football. He was integral in Temple winning Uniform Authority's award for best uniforms in all of college football in 2018. Before Temple, Stancato was the marketing manager for the Brooklyn Cyclones and a marketing assistant at Marshall University.

» **Eric Usbeck II '17** is head coach for Millersville University women's swimming team. Usbeck was an assistant coach at Misericordia University. At BU, Usbeck was a five-time PSAC Champion and three-time NCAA Division II All-American as a collegiate swimmer. He was an All-PSAC performer 19 times and a five-time PSAC Champion.

Innkeeper to campus will be missed



For many administrators and faculty at BU, their first in-person connection to the university was Nancy E. Vought, 74, who passed away June 8, 2018. Vought put a face to the friendly college on the hill. And the College Hill Bed and Breakfast she founded with her husband Ray in 2005 — just 50 paces from Carver Hall — was a front door to the university for newcomers and alumni alike.

Before opening the College Hill Bed and Breakfast, Vought worked at BU for 23 years before retiring in 2003 and being granted non-instructional emerita status. As co-owner and innkeeper, Nancy managed the daily operations of the business. For candidates coming for interviews on campus, Nancy was an invaluable information resource of people and places at BU.

Vought began her career at BU as a Green Thumb worker and advanced to executive assistant for former university president Dr. Jessica Kozloff. For several years, she worked under the direction of Jack Mulka administering the Celebrity Artist Series and developing the Provost's Lecture Series. "Nancy had amazing energy, creative ideas and worked tirelessly for the betterment and advancement of the university," says Mulka.

A graduate of Berwick High School, Vought completed numerous courses at BU and was very artistic; creating oil and water paintings, crochets, decorative pillows, and even wedding and prom gowns.

Vought served as chair for the Bloomsburg Historic Architectural Review Board and as a member for several years. In addition to her husband, Nancy is survived by four daughters, three grandchildren, two sisters, and four brothers.



^ From left are: Alumni Association President, Barbara Romano '83, Juli Miller '92, Kerri Donald Sears '92, Leeann M. Koch '10/'17 A.U.D., and BU president Bashar Hanna.

Alumni Honored

The Bloomsburg University Alumni Association honored three alumni at its annual awards dinner in May: Juli Miller '92, William Derricott '66 Volunteer of the Year; Kerri Donald Sears '92, Distinguished Service Award; and Leann M. Koch '10/'17 A.U.D., Maroon and Gold Excellence Award. The guests of honor spoke passionately about the life-changing impact of their experience at BU, the joy of giving back, and the personal and professional growth that has come with their volunteer experiences. The Alumni Association also acknowledged recipients of the Legacy Scholarship and those given Grimes Loyalty Recognition for 2018.



^ Mollie '10 and Nicholas Hulyo '10 celebrated their wedding in September 2018. Shown from left are, back row: Jarrid Dekovitch '12, Conor McCauley '12, Evan Graf '12, Mitchell Hulyo '14, Ken Higgins '10, Kyle Higgins '12, Michael Hall '10, and Denise Hall '11. Front row: Emily McCauley '12, Christine Kuhl '09, Nicholas Kuhl '12, Mollie Hulyo (bride) '10, Karly Sarvis '11, Megan Douglas '10, Nicholas Hulyo (groom) '10, and Julia Robinson '10.



^ Sarah Surzyn '14 and Andrew Konunchuk '14 celebrated their wedding in December in Austin, Tex. The wedding party included, from left: Alexa Brodak, Jessica Dugan '14, Sarah Klonower, Kaitlyn Chatt '14, Sarah Surzyn, Andrew Konunchuk, Adam Borella '10, Matthew Boop '10, Jason Surzyn, and Kevin Surzyn.

THE LINE UP

BIRTHS

John Monahan '00 and wife, Megan, twin sons, Fisher Thomas and Finnegan Brian, Sept. 10, 2018

Betsey Urban Skitsko '00 and husband, Brian, a son, Carson John, Dec. 12, 2018

Christopher David Smith '02 and wife, Lindsay, a daughter, Madilyn Margaret, June 22, 2018

Rachelle Simon Rohner '04 and husband, Bradley '01, a daughter, Alyssa Lynn, Oct. 17, 2018

Jillian Lipinski Zarnas '04 and husband, Michael, a daughter, Scarlett Elise, Jan. 25, 2019

Adrienne Lerch Black '07 and husband, Adam '07, twin daughters, Harlow Ryan and Rowan Eva, Dec. 12, 2018

Mary Bacher Horvath '07 and husband, Kyle, a daughter, Ava Pamela, Sept. 22, 2018

Melissa Landis Beer '08 and husband, Jonathan '06, twin sons, Jaxon Gregory and Ashton Lee, Feb. 4, 2019

Rachael Bennington Hutchinson '08 and husband, Gabriel '05, a son, Dylan George, Jan. 17, 2019

Amy Dunkelberger Bauder '08 and husband, Jeremy, a daughter, Emerly Monroe, June 12, 2018

Joanna Schmolck Egan '10 and husband, William '10M, a daughter, Cameran Marie, Dec. 4, 2018

Caitlin Tevis Persico '11 and husband, Christopher, a son, Christopher Roman, May 6, 2019

Karyn Gigl Vercoe '12/'15M and husband, Bryan '10, a daughter, Aubrey Rose, Dec. 20, 2018. Grandparents are Scott Vercoe '78, and wife Laurie Dockeray Vercoe '80.

MARRIAGES

Lori Kane '95 and Frank Petroski, July 20, 2018

Alicia Wolfinger '09 and John Pernini '08, Nov. 17, 2018

Megan Cashour '10 and Kevin Dixon, Jan. 19, 2019

Mollie Warren '10 and Nicholas Hulyo '10, Sept. 22, 2018

Sarah Surzyn '14 and Andrew Konunchuk '14, Dec. 2018

Alana O'Rourke '17 and Cody Wolfe '16, Sept. 30, 2018

Coleen Schlager '17 and Hakeem Thomas '17, Sept. 29, 2018

Brandi Kennedy '18 and Nicholas Heberling '17/'18, Sept. 8, 2018

OBITUARIES

Margaret Cohoon Caughlan '42

Frederick Dent '44

June Novak Bones '48

Norman Kline '51

Francis McNamee '51

Shirley Coleman Aumiller '52

David Heckman '52

Richard Knause '53

Alexander Kubik '53

Russell Verhousky '53

Margaret Shultz Bittner '54

Charles Ruffing '54

Joyce Lundy Stowe-Longchamp '55

Reber Glen Fenstermacher '56

Carl Meyer '56

William Kautz '57

Dreher Richards '57

Joseph Andrysick '59

Oscar Snyder '59

Frank Troxell '59

Kenneth Wood '59

John Murray '60

Lawrence Troutman '60

Rollin Cunningham '61

Janice Reed '61

Barbara Furman Roush '61

Philip Werntz '61

John Vincent '62

Richard Mauery '63

Karl Najaka '64

Virginia Roberts Rice '64

Joseph Youshock '66

Carol Rhodes Rhinard '67

Sally Miles Sherratt '67

Catherine Kosoloski '68

William Reh '69

Clifton Walls '69

Barbara Bistransin '70

Richard Cardoni '70

Roy Underhill '70

Dianne Crane Acker '71

Craig Shotwell '71

Chester Milbrand '73

Connie Hankee '74

Janice Keil '74

Larry Toy '74

Richard Allen Bowman '75

Kurt Matlock '75

Jeanne Beck-Gardier '76

William Dennis '77

Thomas Kern '77

Thomas Chirkot '78

Robert Zarkoski '80

David Heimbach '82

Susan Andreas Posey '82

Karen Smith Coates '85

Donna Pasqualone Ruggiero '86

Scott Kinzinger '89

Kathleen Bach '91

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Supply Chain Program Named **Tops** by **Study.com**

BU's Supply Chain Management (SCM) program was recognized by Study.com as one of the top schools in the country for the major. The SCM program offers a bachelor's degree and a minor in the field.

Among the unique features of the BU program noted by Study.com were BU's job fairs and fall alumni conference, student access to software used by corporations with well-established, supply chains and the school paying for SCM students' certification fees. Also part of the program is the Nicholas J. Giuffre Center for Supply Chain Management, which provides new resources, relationships, and opportunities for students in the Zeigler College of Business who are interested in supply chain management and information technology.



ASL/English Interpreting Programs **Nationally Recognized**

BU's American Sign Language (ASL)/English Interpreting program has received national accreditation through the Commission on Collegiate Interpreter Education (CCIE). BU is one of just 16 schools nationally to have an accredited bachelor's degree program.

"CCIE accreditation shows prospective and current students that the ASL/English Interpreting program has a vested interest in providing a top-notch educational experience for our students. Students know that our program follows rigorous standards and expectations so that upon graduation they are ready to work in the field of interpreting," says Jessica Bentley-Sassaman, Steven J. Jones Professional U Fellow and program coordinator.

College of Education Programs **Nationally Recognized**

Several College of Education academic programs have been Nationally Recognized or Nationally Recognized with Conditions by each program's specialized professional association. The reviews are rigorous evaluations based on each program's alignment to the specific standards of their association and six to eight assessments demonstrating this alignment.

Receiving National Recognition:

- Reading and Reading Specialist (graduate) by the International Reading Association
- Secondary Education Citizenship (7-12) (undergraduate) by the National Council for the Social Studies
- Special Education (undergraduate) by the Council for Exceptional Children
- Secondary Mathematics Education (7-12) (undergraduate) by the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics

Receiving National Recognition with Conditions:

- Middle-Level Education (4-8) (undergraduate) by the Association for Middle-Level Education
- Secondary English Education (7-12) (undergraduate) National Council of Teachers of English

BU Admitted to University Sales Center Alliance

BU was admitted as an associate member to the University Sales Center Alliance (USCA). The USCA is a consortium of sales centers connecting university faculty members with many different backgrounds and areas of expertise. These educators advocate for the continuing advancement of the sales profession through teaching, research and outreach.

BU is the 51st university to earn membership and only the second university member in Pennsylvania. In order to qualify as a member, a sales program must meet specific criteria including a specified curriculum, a sales lab, a director, an active sales advisory board, and participation in sales competitions.

A COMMUNITY BUILT ON

TENNIS

By Dave Leisering

As both a player and a coach, Marty Coyne '83 has a lot of wins under his signature wide-brim straw hat. But as he retires this spring after 26 years as tennis coach, Coyne has tracked success on another scorecard entirely.

“

Wins and losses take care of themselves,” says Coyne. “But, it’s the relationships I’ve developed over my career that I will keep with me for the rest of my life.”

Coyne’s relationship to BU extends far beyond his stint as coach. He was also a top player as a BU student. A Hazleton native, Coyne joined the Army directly after high school. But he continued to play tennis and was a member of the All-Army Team in Europe. His tour of duty ended, he returned home and applied to two different institutions — Penn State and Bloomsburg.

“Coach Burt Reese and the Penn State coach had a conversation one day, and Reese said that I probably couldn’t play at Penn State,” explains Coyne. “So, I ended up coming to Bloomsburg. Reese’s assessment of me

couldn’t have been more correct. It wasn’t so much that I couldn’t play there — it was the fact that I would’ve gotten lost at a program like Penn State.”

As a player, Coyne was an eight-time Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (PSAC) champion, posting a career singles record of 112-29, ranking third on the school’s all-time list in career wins and second in winning percentage (.794). Coyne garnered All-American accolades in both singles and doubles in 1983 and joined doubles partner Dave Superdock as the program’s first All-Americans that season. In 1998, Coyne was inducted into the BU Athletic Hall of Fame and then, in 2013, became a member of the United States Tennis Association Middle States Hall of Fame.

Following his brilliant playing career, Coyne taught at a club for three years and later at a YMCA.

“In 1993 when Burt Reese was stepping down as head coach I knew I wanted to come back and coach,” says Coyne. “I took a pay cut to come back, but it was the right move. My family has received so many benefits for being a part of the university — my children attended school here, and my wife (Lisa '82M) got her master’s degree here. Plus, it was wonderful to have an opportunity to coach where I played, and to follow Coach Reese.”

Coyne coached only the men's team his first year, then took over the women's program a year later and continued the success that Reese had started. He retires with nearly 600 career victories, 27 NCAA Division II appearances, 16 PSAC Championships, 15 PSAC Coach of the Year awards, and four East Region Coach of the Year honors.

Over the years, Coyne has seen changes both on campus and in the community. When Coyne started as a student, the tennis teams played on the lower campus on what is now a parking lot across from the Student Recreation Center. "The improvement in our athletic facilities have been tremendous. It's evident when we travel to other schools. We have it pretty good here," he says.

In the community, Coyne has been an agent of change – he founded a children's tennis camp at Bloomsburg Town Park in 2001. "I've had the privilege of running Town Park Tennis for the entire time. It's grown from 75 kids the first couple years, to now where we see right around 500 kids each summer. Ages in the program range from 4-18 in the kid's program, and one night a week there are adult lessons. The town park program will continue long after I've left this planet. A generous donation by attorney Hervey Smith will ensure kids in the area will have the chance to learn tennis."

Building connections is something that Coyne has worked to impart in BU's athletes. "We made it a priority in the program to talk about the bigger picture – 10% of life is what happens, and 90% is how we deal with what happens. We've used that mentality since I arrived to play. We train hard and work hard to compete, but we have built a family-type culture in our program that has made the difference. I'm going to miss that."



A **BASEBALL** First in 54 Years

The baseball team made history this spring claiming its first Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (PSAC) title in 54 years. The Huskies were declared champions after posting a 3-0 mark in the tournament and were the only undefeated team remaining when rain forced the cancellation of the remainder of the event. The PSAC title was the first for the Huskies since 1965 and the fourth overall in school history. The title earned BU an automatic bid to the NCAA championships. Ben Newbert earned the tournament's Most Valuable Player Award after hitting .364 with two home runs and a tournament-high 10 runs batted in. In the NCAA regionals, the Huskies picked up their first NCAA tournament win since 1995, before having their season come to an end. Bloomsburg finished the year with a mark of 35-16.





Cubbler Becomes Three-Time All-American

three individual events in the same year. All of her results at the national championships were personal bests, which included school records in the 1000- and 500-free. The latter mark was a 33-year-old school record (previously held by Joan Wojtowicz in 1986). At the PSAC championships she placed in five events to earn All-PSAC honors.

Cubbler also landed a spot on the PSAC Winter Top 10 Team that recognizes 10 student-athletes (five female and five male) each season who excel both academically and athletically. Cubbler, the first BU women's swimmer to earn a PSAC Top 10 award, holds a 3.87 cumulative GPA majoring in early childhood education and special education. She is the third student-athlete from BU to earn a Top 10 honor this season, joining senior Nick McGuire from men's cross country and senior Allie Barber from women's soccer during the fall season.

The 2018-19 season was a memorable one for junior swimmer Becca Cubbler. She became a three-time All-American after placing 12th overall in the 500-free (4:53.65), 13th in the 1000-free (10:09.18), and 16th in the 1650-free (17:03.48) at

the NCAA Division II Swimming & Diving National Championships. Cubbler, a special education social studies major, is the first female swimmer since head coach Stu Marvin took over the program in 2008 to earn All-American status in



2 Earn PSAC Winter Coach of the Year Honors

Alison Tagliaferri and Stu Marvin '78 earned PSAC Coach of the Year accolades for their success during the winter season.

Tagliaferri guided the women's basketball team to a share of the PSAC East crown for the first time since the 2014-15 season as the team finished 20-10 overall and 14-6 in the division. In just three seasons at the helm, Tagliaferri has transformed BU into one of the top defensive teams in the PSAC as they ranked near the top in the league in several defensive categories including scoring defense – allowing only 61.0 points per game. Tagliaferri is believed to be the first coach in PSAC history to win a Women's Basketball Coach of the Year award and an Athlete of the Year award (2006, Mansfield).

Marvin, coach of both the men's and women's swim teams, won his fifth Coach of the Year honor on the men's side after previously earning the accolade in 2013, 2014, 2016, and 2017. Marvin led the Huskies to a 5-2 dual record and then guided the team to a second-place result at the PSAC Championships for the fourth consecutive season and sixth time in the last seven years. The Huskies had four conference champions as redshirt junior Kyle Dix won both the 100-breast and the 100-fly while the 200-free relay and 400-free relay teams also brought home titles. Since taking over the program in 2008, Marvin is 51-33 (.607) in dual meets. His winning percentage is tops in program history while his 51 career victories is second only to Eli McLaughlin's 142 wins over a 23-year coaching career.

Athlete – Alumni Networking Program Launches

The Bloomsburg Athlete-Alumni Network was launched this year to give student-athletes a chance to engage with alumni and for alumni to provide support.

The network was formed by the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee and the Office of Alumni and Professional Engagement.

Any former Husky student-athlete can volunteer as an adviser or correspondent. Elements of these connections can include, but are not limited to: sharing post-graduation experiences, how being a student-athlete assisted in the application and interview process, how to tailor resumes or cover letters to emphasize strengths gained from being a college student-athlete, or how to list volunteer/leadership experience on a resume or cover letter.



Wrestling Joins Mid-American Conference

The Mid-American Conference (MAC) will be the new home for the BU wrestling team for the 2019-20 season. Bloomsburg, Clarion, Edinboro, Lock Haven, Rider, George Mason, and Cleveland State, all former Eastern Wrestling League (EWL) members, will be affiliate members of the MAC. The addition of the former EWL members increases MAC wrestling membership to 15 and makes it the second largest NCAA Division I wrestling conference. Current members are Buffalo, Central Michigan, Kent State, Northern Illinois, and Ohio, along with affiliate members Missouri, Old Dominion, and SIU-Edwardsville.

On the heels of the move, BU, along with Clarion, Edinboro, and Lock Haven, will no longer participate in the PSAC annual wrestling championship. The PSAC Championship will solely be a Division II Championship.

Girard Qualifies for NCAA Championships

Junior Willy Girard has become the answer to a trivia question: Who was the last BU wrestler to win an Eastern Wrestling League title?

Girard, a geosciences major, earned that spot in history when he posted a win over Lock Haven's Luke Warner in the 125-pound EWL finals, since the league dissolved after the 2018-2019 season. The win qualified him for the 2019 NCAA Division I wrestling championships in Pittsburgh.

Prior to Girard's victory, the last Huskies' grappler to win an EWL title was Rich Perry when he won the championship in 2014 at 197 pounds. Perry, along with Chad Bailey, were inducted into the EWL Hall of Fame during the final EWL Championships.

At the NCAA Wrestling Championships, Girard suffered a pair of losses on the opening day of the tournament, to end his season with a 23-13 record.



then & now

Forty years ago, on May 20, 1979, the first class of 45 students from the Department of Nursing graduated. It was a beginning for a department that has grown in student enrollment more than tenfold and is proudly home to one of BU's most competitive and rigorous academic programs.

That first graduating class was also a milestone in the nearly 120 years of teaching medicine at Bloomsburg. In 1901 Daniel Hartline, recognizing that not all prospective students for medical school could afford to attend college, developed a Medical Preparatory Course. The course was a means to obtain a good, basic education in medicine before beginning formal medical training. The course covered human and comparative anatomy, physiology, bacteriology, and zoology. Several graduates served in the Medical Corps in World War I. Two of them, Harry Andres and Reese Davis, died while in military service.

Bloomsburg students became nurses as well as doctors. After two years of study, Meryl Phillips went on to Williamsport Hospital in 1911, graduated from its nursing school, and came back to Bloomsburg to become assistant superintendent at the Bloomsburg Hospital. With a dream to assist the war effort overseas as a Red Cross nurse, Phillips went to New Jersey in 1918, ready to head to Europe. Before she was able to do so, Phillips contracted pneumonia and became a victim of the worldwide pandemic. She, along with Andres, Davis, and 13 others, are remembered in the World War I Memorial Pinery on campus, which celebrated its 100th anniversary in May.



NURSING AT BLOOMSBURG *BORN WITH A MISSION*

By Robert Dunkelberger

^ A zoology class from 1911 directed by Daniel Hartline, seated at center, was part of the Medical Preparatory Course.

» Bloomsburg State Normal School student and nurse Meryl Phillips (1889-1918), one of 16 honored in the World War I Memorial Pinery on campus.



^ Student nurses in their official uniforms looking at an EKG printout, February 1977.



« Gertrude Flynn in 1979, who served as the first chair of the Nursing Department from 1974 to 1981 and retired in 1983.

Students marching into the May 20, 1979, commencement ceremony at the Bloomsburg Fairgrounds. »



« Student nurses going over the Kardex File containing patient information, February 1977. At right is Karen Owens, a member of the first graduating class.

Students at a nursing station in the Bloomsburg Hospital, October 1976. »



The Medical Preparatory Course ended in 1918 and it would take until World War II for medical studies to return to what had become Bloomsburg State Teachers College. During the war, nurses who were students at the Bloomsburg Hospital Training School of Nursing came to campus for more specialized classes as part of the college's support of the general war effort. Beginning in 1943, nurses took four months of special courses in the physical and biological sciences under Hartline's successor, Kimber Kuster. More than 60 attended until the last group finished in January 1946.

A precursor to the Department of Nursing was a program for public school nurses developed in 1951 to award a Bachelor of Science in Education to registered nurses. The program prepared them for employment in public schools and was offered for 24 years before gradually being phased out. The need for more highly trained nurses was identified in 1965 by the American Nursing Association, which predicted that a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree (BSN) would become the norm for entry into the profession.

Bloomsburg responded by establishing a Health Care Program Task Force in the early 1970s. With members from several BU departments and health professionals from the community, the task force identified a real need for additional nurse training in the area. From this came the establishment of a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree program. The first faculty member and chair of the department, Gertrude Flynn, was hired in 1974, specialized in psychiatric nursing, and came to BU from the University of Massachusetts.

The first students, selected from more than 300 applicants, started classes in the fall of 1975. That original class became immersed in the new curriculum, with clinical experience at local medical facilities up to 100 miles away.

The nursing program quickly grew, and in five years, the department that began with three faculty and 60 students, now numbered 17 faculty and more than 350 full- and part-time students. It also expanded physically to space in the Bloomsburg Hospital Annex.

Since that first class, nearly 3,000 alumni have earned nursing degrees at BU. Today, Bloomsburg University's Department of Nursing has more than 480 undergraduate and 120 graduate and doctoral students and clinical relationships with more than 200 facilities across the state.

More of the early history of the Department of Nursing is in an article that appeared in the Spring 1999 issue, "A Silver Celebration of Caring:" » <http://bit.ly/2GE3BA1>

calendar



SUMMER 2019

Session 3

July 1 to 26 (four weeks online)

Classes begin, Monday, July 1

Independence Day, No classes, Thursday, July 4

Session ends, Friday, July 26

Session 3

July 1 to Aug. 9

Classes begin, Monday, July 1

Independence Day, No classes, Thursday, July 4

Session ends, Friday, Aug. 9



FALL 2019

Classes begin, Monday, Aug. 26

Labor Day, No classes, Monday, Sept. 2

Mid-Term, Tuesday, Oct. 15

Reading Day, Tuesday, Nov. 26

Thanksgiving Recess, Wednesday, Nov. 27

Classes resume, Monday, Dec. 2

Classes end, Friday, Dec. 6

Finals begin, Monday, Dec. 9

Finals end, Friday, Dec. 13

Graduate Commencement, Friday, Dec. 13

Undergraduate Commencement, Saturday, Dec. 14



ART EXHIBITS

Exhibits in the Haas Gallery of Art and The Gallery at Greenly Center, 50 E. Main St., Bloomsburg, are open to the public free of charge. For more information, gallery hours and reception times, visit departments.bloomu.edu/art.

Vincent Hron Solo Show

May 20 to Sept. 24

The Gallery at Greenly Center

Selected Students Summer Show

May 31 to Sept. 25

Haas Gallery of Art



CONCERTS

Octuba Fest

Sunday, Oct. 6, 4 p.m.

Haas Center for the Arts, Room 166.

BU Choirs Fall Choral Festival

Sunday, Oct. 13, 2:30 p.m.

Carver Hall, Gross Auditorium.

Featuring Women's Choral Ensemble, Husky Singers and the Concert Choir.



THEATRE

Remembered

Oct. 17 to Oct. 20

Rosemont Cemetery, Bloomsburg

Be More Chill

Oct. 31 to Nov. 3

Alvina Krause Theatre, Bloomsburg

Everybody

Feb. 26 to March 1, 2020

Alvina Krause Theatre, Bloomsburg

10th Annual Dance Minor Concert

April 26 to April 27

Mitrani Hall, Haas Center for the Performing Arts



SPECIAL EVENTS

Parents and Family Weekend

Oct. 4 to Oct. 6

Homecoming Weekend

Oct. 25 to Oct. 27

For the latest information on upcoming events, check the Bloomsburg University website bloomu.edu/events. For alumni events, visit bloomualumni.com, call 800-526-0254 or email alum@bloomu.edu for details.

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From left: Mirlie Larose, Michaela Poulard,
Ronald Rhoads, Tyler Hafner.
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