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Rankin Graduate Scholarship Recipients Announced

Clarion University Alumni Association Board of Directors has announced the Spring 2008 recipients of the Ross Rankin Graduate Scholarships. Each received \$750 to be applied to the Spring 2008 semester. Recipients include:

Kellee DeLoia ('07) of Ellwood City, Pa., who is seeking a master's degree in speech language pathology; **Kathleen Andre Foreman ('06)** of Philadelphia, Pa., who plans to enroll at the University of Pennsylvania or Temple University to pursue a doctorate in English following her May 2008 graduation with a master's degree in English; **Amber Guyton ('06)** of Oil City, Pa., who is seeking a master's degree in English; and **Melisa Shuman ('06)** of Turbotville, who is seeking a master's degree in speech language pathology.

The Ross Rankin and Family Graduate Scholarships are open to full- and part-time graduate students who will have completed at least nine graduate credit hours at Clarion University. Students must be in good academic standing with at least a 3.0 QPA in their program. Applicants for the scholarship must state their scholarly goals and show their service to the University and community at large. The scholarship is named for Ross Rankin, his son, Gary, and grandson, Dan, in honor of their volunteer service to Clarion University.

Glen Reid Named Director Of Public Safety



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Glen Reid has been appointed the new Clarion University Director of Public Safety. She is replacing David Tedjeske, who left for a position at Villanova University.

Reid received her bachelor's degree from Point Park University with a major in public administration and a minor in political science. She obtained her master's degree in leadership and business ethics from Duquesne University.

Most recently, Reid served as Chief of Police for Penn State Greater Allegheny, formerly Penn State McKeesport, for seven years. There she organized the transition of their police officers and also served as an adjunct faculty member, teaching courses in criminal justice and political science.

Reid currently serves as an instructor at the Police Academy of Allegheny County. For the past 20 years, she has taught classes such as alcohol awareness, domestic violence and officer safety. Reid has also provided patrol and security in Pittsburgh locations and as senior patrol officer at the University of Rochester.

Fourteen Inducted Into Beta Gamma Sigma

Clarion University inducted 14 of its business students to the Clarion chapter of Beta Gamma Sigma, an international honor society for the best business students in the world, during a ceremony in Moore Hall. Induction into the society is a high honor, with only students ranking in the top seven percent of their junior class, top 10 percent of their senior class, and top 20 percent of master's programs at schools accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) eligible for invitation to join this society. The guest speaker was Maria Kirby, economic development specialist for Clarion County Economic Development Corporation. Her topic was "Work Ethic."

The following students were inducted into the Clarion University chapter of Beta Gamma Sigma at the Spring 2008 Ceremony: Master's of business administration: **Alissa Graffius** of Punxsutawney, **Gina Walker** of Pittsburgh, **Andrew Welliver** of Williamsport, Pa., and **Adam Whitaker** of Pittsburgh, Pa.; seniors: **Mallory Daniels** of Butler, Pa., **Kenneth Hogue** of Leeper, Pa., **Britney Pniewski** of Ligonier, Pa., and **Rozlynd Vares** of Kaneohe, Hawaii; and juniors: **Kimberly Chernosky** of Valencia, Pa., **Kristofer Gregory** of Cattaraugus, N.Y., **Wendy Hollendonner** of Carbondale, Pa., **Shaelin Knebel** of Cranberry Township, Pa., **Matthew Petruna** of St. Marys, Pa., and **Sarah Wedekind** of Shippenville, Pa.

Thomas Presents Paper At International Conference

Joe Thomas, associate professor of art at Clarion University, presented a paper at the 32nd Congress of the International Committee of the History of Art in Melbourne, Australia. The conference, entitled "Crossing Cultures: Conflict, Migration, Convergence," included participants from dozens of countries around the world from Sri Lanka to Poland. Thomas's lecture, "Komar and Melamid: The Future Memory of International Modernism," explored the meaning of three paintings of famous modern buildings by the Russian collaborative artists Vitaly Komar and Alex Melamid.

Dede Leads Delegation To PBCOHE Conference

Dr. Brenda Sanders Dede, assistant vice president for academic affairs at Clarion University, completed her two-year term as president of the Pennsylvania Black Conference on Higher Education (PBCOHE) at the organization's 38th annual meeting held in Pittsburgh. Dede led a delegation of 17 participants from Clarion University, including President Joseph Grunenwald.

PBCOHE's mission is to provide programs and services, which help ensure that the post-secondary educational needs and aspirations of African Americans in particular are met, and to work in concert with members of other underrepresented groups in the Commonwealth.

During Dede's term as president, PBCOHE experienced significant growth in membership, especially from Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE) institutions. During her report at the conference, Dede listed many additional accomplishments including: three scholarships were established, the PBCOHE endowment increased by \$25,000, a new, interactive website was completed, and updates of the PBCOHE strategic plan and constitution and by-laws.

Tippin And Fine Arts Expansions Top Clarion Capital List

Clarion University's building renaissance could continue for many years if funding is received for capital projects approved by the Trustees at its regular meeting, including a \$26.4 million renovation and expansion of Tippin Gymnasium and Natatorium and a \$26.2 million renovation and expansion of Marwick Boyd Fine Arts Center.

The Capital Programs are submitted to the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education for funding through its capital projects budget. Capital projects for all 14 System universities are considered in the budget funding through appropriations from the Commonwealth.

In addition, Trustees approved the following submissions for Capital Projects, 2009-2010: Renovate Becker Hall, \$14.4 Million and Modify Facilities for ADA Compliance, \$6.5 Million.



2008 FACULTY RETIREES FROM LEFT – BILL ENGLISH, DONNA POLJANEC, SAUNDRA MCKEE, AND WADE LANCASTER

Five Clarion University Faculty Members Retire

Five Clarion University faculty members were honored during a retirement reception in Moore Hall attended by President Joseph Grunenwald, other administrators, colleagues, and staff.

The retirees included: Dr. Sandra McKee, professor of education since 1987; **Dr. Donna Poljanec ('72)**, professor of education, since 1980; Dr. William English, associate professor of health and physical education, since 1972; Dr. Wade Lancaster, professor of marketing, since 2003 and Dr. Thomas Stuhldreher, professor of marketing, since 1979.

Adams Presents Video At Conference

Bill Adams, assistant professor of mass media arts, journalism and communication studies at Clarion University, presented the video, "Hiking the East Coast Trail" at the Pennsylvania Canadian Studies Consortium's annual conference, hosted this year at Penn State University.

The 16-minute video documentary details Newfoundland's East Coast Trail, which is a 540 kilometer hiking experience taking hikers to the outermost reaches of North America. The trail provides hikers with a special blend of wilderness adventure, outstanding natural beauty, wildlife, history and cultural contacts. This heritage trail is being developed and maintained by the East Coast Trail Association, a member-driven, volunteer-based, organization formed in 1994 with the mission to develop, maintain and operate the East Coast Trail.

The work was co-produced by Dr. Arthur H. Barlow, Clarion University professor emeritus, who provided the narrative and script while Adams shot and edited the video. This is the fourth video production by Adams and Barlow for the PACSC.



Lagnese Receives MEAEOPP's Outstanding Service Award

Michele Lagnese, director of Clarion University's Upward Bound program in the Department of Academic Enrichment, received Pennsylvania's 2008 Outstanding Service Award during the annual conference of the Mid-Eastern Association of Educational Opportunity Program Personnel (MEAEOPP) conference held in Virginia Beach, Va., March 30-April 2.

Health Science Education Center First In Nation

Clarion University's Health Science Education Center (HSEC) became the first facility in the nation to be accredited by the Accreditation Commission for the National Association of Health Education Centers (NAHEC). NAHEC accreditation demonstrates that HSEC meets and exceeds standards of health education measured against programs from across the country.

Clarion University's Health Science Education Center, one of only four in Pennsylvania, was established in 2002 to expand health education opportunities to a seven county area including Clarion, Venango, Armstrong, Butler, Elk, Forest, and Jefferson. The primary goal of this project, partially funded by the Pennsylvania Department of Health, is to provide health education programs, which meet National Health Education standards, for school-aged students living within a 40-mile radius of the center.

Clarion's HSEC is one of only two health science education centers in the country to be part of a university, the other being Florida Gulf Coast. It is the only one to be completely grant funded and offer all programs free.

Clarion University Presents Alumni Association Scholarships

The Clarion University Alumni Association Scholarship and Leadership Awards are presented based on academic performance, active participation in Clarion groups and organizations, and community service. Applicants meeting the outlined criteria meet with members of the Alumni Association Board of Directors. Special consideration is given to children of Clarion alumni, as well as members of the Student Alumni Group, the Eagle Ambassadors. Individual scholarships are awarded in varying amounts, up to \$1,500.

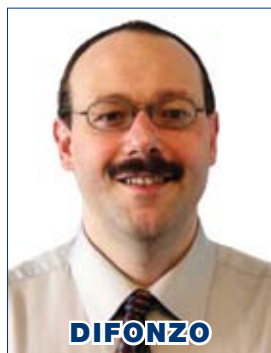
Funding for these scholarships is made possible in part, by proceeds from the annual Golden Eagle Scholars Extravaganza.

DiFonzo Named PAGES Director

Brian DiFonzo of Titusville, Pa., was appointed director of printing services at Clarion University PAGES (Printing and Graphics Express Services) on March 10.

DiFonzo takes the new position after 19 years in various positions within the publishing industry. PAGES is part of the Center for University Relations at Clarion, including marketing, web development, news services, sports information, and general public relations.

A 1989 graduate of St. Bonaventure University in Olean, N.Y., with a bachelor of arts in mass communication, DiFonzo started his career as sports editor of *The Titusville Herald* before taking over the same post at *The Corry Journal*. After a short stint there, he became an account executive at *The Titusville Herald* in April 1992 before being named operations manager at *The Herald* in June 2001. His last position at *The Herald* was advertising director, a position he held since October 2005.



Academic Series

Recognizes Excellence

Academic achievement from faculty and staff through undergraduate students were recognized April 15-20 at Clarion University's Third Annual Academic Excellence Series. The series is a five-day celebration of university recognition and scholarship.

In addition to recognizing achievements, the series serves as an educational component for the students making presentations. At some point in their careers, most of them will have to make a presentation. The Academic Excellence Series provides them with this experience and allows them to promote themselves for the first time.

The series included: Faculty and Staff Scholarship Recognition Reception recognizing faculty and staff research, scholarship, professional development, external grants, and creative endeavors; Eighteen Honors Program students presenting their Senior Honors; the Undergraduate Research Conference featuring presentations of the research efforts of undergraduate students; Academic Convocation, recognizing student scholarship winners, outstanding academic achievement, and for the first time the Syed R. Ali-Zaidi Award for Academic Excellence nominees; and the Graduate Research Seminar and Reception, where graduate students present their research at the seminar and the outstanding student from each graduate area is recognized.

Quesenberry To Visit Africa

Dr. Legene Quesenberry, professor of finance at Clarion University, will travel to Africa to observe business challenges. She has been invited to research the obstacles and opportunities of business operations in South Africa, Zambia, Zimbabwe and Botswana this summer. She will assess Sasol's (South Africa's petrochemical company) black empowerment deal, which aims to build skills and capacity for the nation's economy. It focuses primarily on developing knowledge and skills for women in technology industries. She is also studying environmentally progressive industrial plants, which use high-performance technology to process rain water and natural light.