On November 21, Dr. Lynn M. Kutch, associate professor of German, Modern Language Studies, received the Best Article Award for "From Visual Literacy to Literary Proficiency: An Instructional and Assessment Model for the Graphic Novel Version of Kafka's Die Verwandlung" at an awards ceremony in San Diego, CA. The award was presented by the American Association of Teachers of German (AATG) as part of the annual convention of the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL). The article, made possible in part by a KU research grant and a KU assessment grant, appeared in the nation's leading journal on German pedagogy, *Die Unterrichtspraxis/Teaching German*, a peer-reviewed publication produced by the AATG and published by Wiley.

Kutztown University will host its annual December Commencement tomorrow at 9 AM in O’Pake Fieldhouse. Congratulations to the newest members of the Class of 2015. The ceremony will be broadcast live online. [Click here for complete information.]

**THIS MONTH IN KU HISTORY**

Dec. 11, 1909: Ellen Hermany Klingaman hosted a birthday party in her dormitory room in Old Main. Word of the party was spread by the use of Keystone State Normal School postcards. Between 1902 and 1922, KSNS paid W.W. Deatrick, a faculty member with an interest in photography, to take photos of the school to be made into postcards. These cards were used to communicate campus information. Deatrick Hall was named after the professor and photographer.

Junior forward Josh Johnson and redshirt-freshman guard Anthony Lee of the Kutztown University men's basketball team were recognized by the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (PSAC) on Monday for their performances last week. Johnson was named PSAC East Athlete of the Week, while Lee earned Freshman of the Week honors. [Read their stories here.]

The KU Alumni Hall of Distinction was created to celebrate KU alumni who’ve achieved remarkable success in their professions and in service to their communities. Kutztown University alumni, faculty, staff, students and friends, along with members of the greater Kutztown University community, are invited to submit nominations for individuals to be inducted into the Kutztown University Alumni Hall of Distinction: Nomination Form.
Are you in need of a great stocking stuffer? A pair of Kutztown Folk Festival admission tickets is the perfect gift, specially discounted for the holiday season! For a limited time, now through December 31, save 30% — double the regular discount. Valid on adult, senior and weekly festival admission tickets. Tickets ordered on or before December 22 will be mailed the next business day. Tickets ordered after December 22 will be mailed January 4, 2016. Don't wait, buy today!

Need another gift idea? Celebrate the holidays and Kutztown University’s 150th anniversary by purchasing a Sesquicentennial poster! The posters were designed by emeriti Bill Bateman and the late Randy Schaeffer, class of ’72, to commemorate KU’s Sesquicentennial Celebration. Posters are $10 apiece and can be purchased by calling 610.683.4110 or by email. Shipping charges may apply.

KUF&AR Events

On February 20, 2016, the Lehigh Valley Phantoms take on the Bridgeport Sound Tigers at the PPL Center in Allentown. The puck drops at 7:05 PM. Enjoy a $5 food voucher and great seats for this game, as well as hearing the National Anthem performed by the KU Trombone Choir. The cost for this event is $20 per person. Admission for children three years-old and under are complimentary. Please register early, as seats for this event will go fast!

Alumni Recognition

Guy Sechrist ’14 was recently accepted to Cambridge University, a highly-exclusive university located in Cambridge, England. He is the first Kutztown University alumnus to be accepted to Cambridge University, and he credits KU and Dr. Johnson for preparing him for this accomplishment.

Amy Resh ’08 is the new director of the Boone Area Library, hired in September 2015. She previously worked as an archaist at Alvernia University and the Adult Services Librarian at Parkland Community Library.

Elinor Hart ’03 has been appointed to a three-year term to serve on the Board of Directors of the Orange County Land Trust. Prior to joining the Board of Directors, she was a member of the following Land Trust committees, Benefit Reception committee; Communications and Marketing committee; and Stewardship and Land Protection committee.

East Stroudsburg University has named Jaime Wohlbach ’00 ’02 as head coach of its softball program. She has eight years of collegiate head coaching experience, all at the Division I level.

Cody Montz ’13 was hired as a patrolman with the Pottsville Bureau of Police after successfully completing Act 120 training at the Lackawanna College Police Academy.