

GOLDEN BEAR NEWS

Week Ending Friday, February 6, 2015

Campus News

If you attended any number of the **Presidential Candidate open forums**, please take the time to complete the feedback surveys for the individual(s) by clicking on the name(s) below. For a complete list of the Presidential Candidates, the search committee, schedules and more, please visit the [Presidential Search page](#) on the Kutztown University website.

[Dr. Carol Bresnahan](#)

[Dr. Lorrie Clemo](#)

[Dr. Kenneth S. Hawkinson](#)

[Dr. James F. Conneely](#)

[Dr. Lori V. Quigley](#)

(right) **Michael Covello: *The Triangles Between the Leaves* - A Site Specific Installation, Miller Gallery - Thursday, Feb 5, 4-6 p.m., artist lecture 7 p.m., Sharadin 120.** The Marlin and Regina Miller Gallery at KU will host the opening reception for Michael Covello's site specific installation this Thursday from 4-6 p.m. The exhibit runs Feb 5 - March 8, 2015. The artist has worked with university students from January 21 to February 5 to transform the gallery space into a unique temporary installation. Covello was chosen for this installation residency out of over 100 applicants from all over the world by a committee of university faculty. The gallery is free and open to the public Tues-Fri 10-4 PM, Sat 12-4 PM, Sun 2-4 PM.

The Kutztown University tennis team will be hosting a concert featuring KU musicians and professors on Thursday, February 12 at 7:30 PM in the Georgian Room of Old Main. This concert is a unique combination of various styles of music including classical, jazz, and modern. This exciting combination of music and athletics is an opportunity to bring the KU community together to celebrate its many talented and dedicated students, as well as raise money for a great program.



David Wheeler, father of Sandy Hook victim Ben Wheeler, will present a talk at 7 PM on Tuesday, March 24 in Schaeffer Auditorium. Wheeler will discuss the aftermath of the school shooting and how cultural and societal change must be the driving force to protect future generations of children from the threat of gun violence. After the tragic shooting in December 2012, which claimed the lives of 20 students and four adults, including his son, Wheeler struggled in his grief to make sense of that which seemed senseless. In his talk, Wheeler will share his journey of grief and his effort to make sense of the tragedy, discussing his belief that only through understanding is it possible to find solutions that will help to make our communities safe. This event is sponsored by the Association of Campus Events (ACE). For more information contact Petritsa Chatzitziva, Student Involvement Services, at 610-683-4043 or chatzitz@kutztown.edu.

Jennifer Rodriguez, a freshman at Kutztown University (KU), was presented with the Bethlehem Housing Authority's annual Josefina A. Berrios Community Service Award on Wednesday, Jan. 28, 2015 for her outstanding efforts within the community. Rodriguez, a cancer survivor, actively volunteers with Relay for Life, at her church and as a tutor, and is the award's youngest winner. In 2014, she was named a Bethlehem Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA) Teen of the Year. Now, as a freshman at KU, she studies business management and hopes to have a business of her own one day. The annual award is named after a former housing authority resident who spent most of her free time picking up litter and sprucing up her neighborhood. [Read her story in Lehigh Valley Live.](#)

KU will host its 17th annual Children's Literature Conference (CLC) from 8:30 AM – 5:30 PM on Saturday, April 18 in the McFarland Student Union (MSU) building, with registration starting at 7:30 AM in the MSU auditorium. On April 17, elementary school students from local and regional school districts will visit KU to meet featured authors and illustrators from the conference. The CLC is a collaborative initiative involving KU's faculty and staff working towards providing current and future educators with the opportunity to experience the work of award-winning authors and illustrators. Each year, the conference strives to present attendees with new ideas on a variety of topics such as the integration of learning; exploring reading and writing through the personal experiences of students; facilitating childhood literacy through the exploration of different genres; and effective use of nonfiction reading materials across all subject areas. Those in attendance at the conference are encouraged to challenge themselves and others to be active and creative in the learning process. For more information about the event, visit the CLC website at www.kuchildrensliterature.weebly.com.

The Kutztown University Ambassadors contributed \$500 of their funds to support the Randy Schaeffer Memorial Fund. The Ambassadors voted and wanted to support the memory of such a wonderful and dedicated professor who gave so much back to KU.

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O'Pake Field House was packed with local elementary school students and Kutztown University student-athletes on Tuesday afternoon as KU supported the nationwide celebration of National Girls and Women in Sports Day (NGWSD). Youngsters got the chance to interact with KU student-athletes. Students moved from station-to-station during the 90-minute session and got to spend their Tuesday afternoon kicking soccer balls, practice their softball swing, handing off batons in relay races, and trying to bowl a strike. NGWSD is celebrated in all 50 states with community-based events, award ceremonies, and activities honoring the achievements and encouraging participation of girls and women in sports.



Golden Bear Athletics

Saturday, Feb. 7 - #14 Wrestling vs. #8 Lake Erie – 2 p.m. (Keystone Arena – Senior Day) [Live Stats](#)

KU hockey and KUTV will hit the ice this weekend. The KU ice hockey team will take on Muhlenberg Sunday, Feb. 8 at 11 a.m. in the Santander Center in Reading. Come out and support the Golden Bears. If you can't make the game you can watch it live. KUTV will be broadcasting the game online. [Click here to watch the game.](#) They will also replay the game on KUTV Sunday at 6 p.m.

Kutztown University Foundation & Alumni Relations Events

Annapolis Happy Hour – The KU Alumni Relations Happy Hour Series is headed to Annapolis, MD! Join us on Thursday, Feb. 19 at the O'Callaghan Annapolis Hotel, 174 West Street, Annapolis, MD 21401, from 5 PM – 8 PM. Nestled in the heart of historic downtown Annapolis, the O'Callaghan Annapolis Hotel is a short walk from the United States Naval Academy, the Marland State House and the City Dock. The first drink is on us, and assorted appetizers will be available free of charge. While this event is complimentary, we do ask for reservations so we may properly account for everyone. For more information, please email info@kutztownUfoundation.org or call 610.683.4110. You may also [register online](#).

Lehigh Valley Phantoms Game – On Sunday, March 29, 2015, the Lehigh Valley Phantoms take on the Manchester Monarchs at the PPL Center in Allentown. The puck drops at 3:05 PM. At 1 PM, enjoy their famous crabfries from Chickie's and Pete's prior to the game and mingling with other KU alumni. The cost for this event is \$18.66 prior to March 20. After that date, tickets will be \$25. Note that kids 3 and under are free if they are able to sit on their parent's lap. Tickets after March 20 are \$25 each. [Register here](#).



Philadelphia Happy Hour – The KU Happy Hour Series is moving to the city of brotherly love! Join us on Thursday, April 30 at the Manayunk Brewery and Restaurant, 4120 Main Street, Philadelphia, and unwind in the company of other KU alumni. The event will take place from 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM. KU will provide appetizers and the first drink of the evening. While the event is complimentary, we do ask that you and your guest [pre-register](#).



Dinner with Golden Bears – This program is intended to bring alumni, faculty and students from all generations together to enjoy good food and great conversation. It’s an opportunity for alumni and current KU students to connect, share stories and prepare for life after leaving campus. The date for Dinner with Golden Bears is April 1, 2015 from 6 PM – 8 PM in the Multipurpose Room of the McFarland Student Union. We invite you to get involved by sponsoring and hosting a table for \$200. You will be paired with 8-9 current KU students in your field or area of interest, and discuss various topics over a shared meal. If you can’t sponsor but would still like to help, you can simply host a table. If you are willing to sponsor a table but can’t attend the event, we’ll find an alternate host for your table. In any scenario, it’s a wonderful way to give back to KU, and students thoroughly benefit from this opportunity. If you are interested in participating in Dinner with Golden Bears on April 1, 2015 either by hosting a table and/or sponsoring, please call the Foundation and Alumni Relations office at 610-683-4110 or email info@kutztownUfoundation.org. Thank you for your help and support of KU students!

Alumni News



Greg McElvaney '84, business manager for the United Parcel Service, [has been appointed](#) as a new member of the Schuylkill United Way board.

(left) Congrats to **Emily Fisch '10**, who recently got engaged to Jordan Guse. A May wedding is planned for the happy couple.

Melissa L. Reitmeyer '86, CFO of Mayer Pollock Steel Corporation, has been honored as a [2015 Professional Woman of the Year](#) by the National Association of Professional Women (NAPW).

Kim Taylor '90 was [recently promoted](#) to assistant vice president of Human Resources at the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia. Taylor joined the Bank in 1993.

(right) As part of his master’s thesis at the School of the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston, **Justin Teurk '10** took a [seven-week summer road trip](#) that follows Jack Kerouac’s journey from the novel *On the Road*.

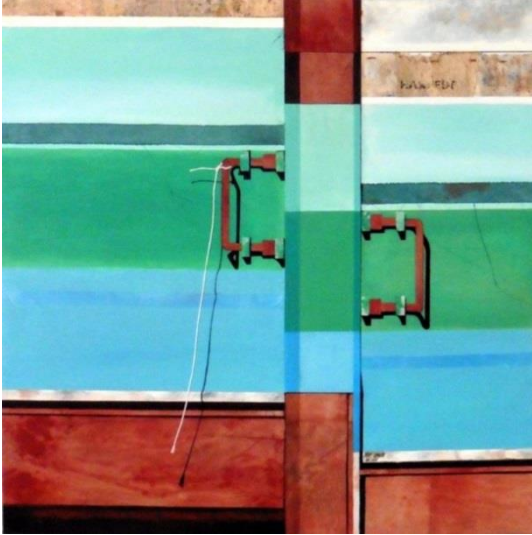


Shawn Proctor, MFA, '99 recently published “Downed” in *Lycan Lore* from Source Point Press and is currently working on an urban fantasy novel about two former high school classmates who receive superhuman powers only to discover their abilities have made them the target of a serial killer. Shawn is a staff writer at Villanova University.

Justin Vanning '04 is the senior manager of Marketing & Growth for Porch.com, managing all of its marketing efforts on the home professional side of the business and manages a team of marketers focused on acquiring, education, onboarding and retaining the home professional customers.

Heather Geist '10 is one of 16 women vying to be crowned [Queen of Snows](#) during the Senior Princess Coronation pageant and Queens Ball on Saturday, February 7, at the 2015 Greater Pottsville Winter Carnival. Heather is a server at 901 Pub and is

sponsored by Palermo's Restaurant. In addition, **Meghan Devlin, a senior at KU**, is also in the running for Queen of Snows. She is sponsored by Hess Catering.



(left) [UC Davis Craft Center Gallery](#), South Silo Building, UC Davis, presents "Distinctive Angles," the solo exhibition of drawing and painting instructor **Marieke DeWaard '85 '88**, from Monday, Feb. 9, through Friday, March 13, at the gallery. Marieke did her formal art training in the Netherlands, focusing on form and composition of architecture and nature.

Tara Houser '96 [was recently named](#) to the York Chapter of Credit Unions Board of Directors. She is the vice president of marketing at First Capital Federal Credit Union. Congratulations!

Bank of America announced that **Baron Holland '96** has been appointed small business banker manager for Philadelphia, South Jersey and Delaware. He has 18 years of experience in the financial services industry.



(left) Congratulations to **Joy Schwenk '11**, who recently got engaged to her fiancé Kristian Stennett. A September wedding is planned.

Another engagement was announced for **Stephanie Spleen '08** and her fiancé, Peter McDonald. A June wedding is planned.