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## King's on the SQUARE



Expands College's Commitment to  
Downtown Wilkes-Barre

# President's Message

Dear Alumni and Friends of King's College,

The Congregation of Holy Cross, who founded King's College in 1946 and has been in the ministry of higher education in the United States since 1842, has recently expressed a common set of principles for higher education in the Holy Cross tradition: **A Catholic education in the Holy Cross tradition transforms minds and hearts with zeal in communities of hope.** This issue of *Pride* explores some of the ways in which King's College continues to remain faithful to these Holy Cross principles of a Catholic education. You will read of exciting new programs and projects that will transform hearts and minds; new initiatives that build up communities of hope. In addition to the feature story about King's on The Square, we also have articles on the new cooperative Master's degree programs with University of Notre Dame, the dedication of the Baltimore Mine disaster historical marker in Wilkes-Barre, a story highlighting four of our students in the inaugural Engineering Program, and a story on the prestigious AACSB and NCATE reaccreditations.

A Holy Cross education makes a huge difference in the lives of people and the future of our world. Your support of King's College is very much appreciated; your support changes hearts and minds and helps build a better future.

May God bless you and your family and may God continue to bless King's College.

Sincerely,

Rev. Jack Ryan, C.S.C.



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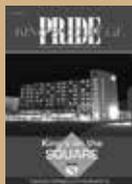
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**ON THE COVER:**



King's College enters Wilkes-Barre Public Square with the acquisition and renovation of the former Ramada Hotel. The new King's on the Square building will be both an academic and residential resource and will provide a boost to downtown businesses.



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## Corry Unis Appointed Vice President for Enrollment Management

Following a national search, Corry Unis was appointed vice president for enrollment management at King's. He began his duties in October.

Formerly director of admissions at Alfred University, Unis joined the College's Senior Staff and is responsible for leading the admissions and financial aid functions of the College.

"Corry is a bright, dynamic, and energetic consensus-builder whose experience and vision will be a wonderful addition to King's," said Father Ryan in an e-mail announcement to the campus community. "I am confident that Corry will help our institution improve and grow in a critically important area."

Unis is the recipient of a master's of science degree in higher education administration from Syracuse University. He earned his bachelor degree from Le Moyne College, where he worked for six years in various admissions capacities before joining Alfred University.

During Unis's three-year tenure at Alfred, the University realized record applications and admissions with an accompanying improvement in the academic profile of each entering class.

"I am very excited to join the terrific community at King's," Unis said. "I am looking forward to forming lasting partnerships with the students, faculty, and staff, as well as leading the enrollment team on a continued trajectory of success."

Unis is an active member of the National Association for College Admissions Counseling and New York State Association



Corry Unis



De Martin

for College Admission Counseling, serving as a Delegate and chairing the Marketing Committee.

Part of Unis's admissions duties will involve a new effort aimed at recruiting international students to King's. In the fall semester, King's also appointed De Martin as the College's first director of international student recruitment. She will develop and manage strategic and business plans for international student enrollment and retention, and will be responsible for promotion, branding, and advertising King's in key international target markets.

Prior to coming to King's, Martin served as director of the Department of International Student Admissions and the Department of International Relations at Zirve University in Turkey, where she was responsible for managing operations and marketing initiatives for student recruitment.

## King's Students Have Opportunity to Obtain Master's from University of Notre Dame

King's students will have an opportunity to participate in two master's degree programs at the University of Notre Dame's prestigious Mendoza College of Business beginning this summer. King's is the only college in the country with this unique arrangement with the University of Notre Dame.

Students who earn a bachelor's degree from King's and who maintain a required grade-point-average and Graduate Management Admissions Test (GMAT) score will be guaranteed admission to the University of Notre Dame's one-year Master of Science in Business or Master of Science in Accountancy programs. The guaranteed admission status will be granted to a maximum of two King's students per program per academic year.

"King's is very excited to offer these graduate degree cooperative programs with our Holy Cross Congregation 'sister' school, the University of Notre Dame," said Father John Ryan, C.S.C. "The College's ability to partner with the prestigious

Mendoza College of Business provides King's students from a wide variety of majors a wonderful opportunity to combine their bachelor's degree with concentrated studies in business to accelerate their professional and personal development. An added bonus is that the University of Notre Dame curriculum mirrors the emphasis on ethical behavior established at King's."

The Master of Science in Accountancy (MSA) Program is for students who receive an accounting degree from King's. Students successfully completing the program will also earn the minimum 150 credits necessary to earn a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) license following successful completion of the exam.

The MSA Program at the Mendoza College of Business was rated the top master's program for its size in America by the 2013 "Public Accounting Report" and had a 100% placement rate for 2013 graduates with 83% of those graduates placed with a Big Four accounting firm.

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# Paper co-authored by Father Ryan, Faculty Member, and Alumnus Earns Accolades

A research paper on undergraduate business ethics instruction co-written by the president, a faculty member, and a graduate of King's was chosen for presentation and recognized for distinction at the Academy of Management (AOM) conference held in Orlando.

The paper was co-written by Father John Ryan, C.S.C., president and former dean of the College's McGowan School of Business; Dr. Joan M. Blewitt, assistant professor of business administration; and Joan's son, J.C. Blewitt, a 2007 graduate of King's with a degree in accounting and a doctoral student at Saint Louis University.

The AOM conference is the premier international management conference involving nearly 9,000 participants from 88 countries. The King's paper, titled *Business Forums Pave the Way to Ethical Decision Making: the Mediating Role of Moral Courage and Religious Mission*, was awarded a best paper distinction, which was given to fewer than five percent of all presentations.

According to the authors, the paper was written in response to critics that claim that the current curriculum of business schools does not appropriately emphasize the concepts of responsibility, accountability, and ethical conduct. The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business, the international

accrediting agency for the McGowan School of Business, called for business schools "to renew and revitalize their commitment to the centrality of ethical responsibility at both the individual and corporate levels of preparing business leaders for the 21<sup>st</sup> century."

The paper, affectionately referred to as the "Mother, Father, and Son Paper" by Dr. Blewitt, advances the idea that participation in a business forum at a Catholic institution provides students with the opportunity to develop mentorship relationships which ultimately lead to a greater propensity towards ethical decision making in the real world.

Students who participated from 2008-2012 in the King's McGowan Business Forum, an annual event which provides students an opportunity to interact with alumni and business school advisory board member mentors in addition to attending a presentation on business ethics, were surveyed regarding their self-assessment of moral courage and their exposure to the Catholic identity of King's. Up to 80 junior and senior students participate in the Forum each year.

Five years of survey results indicate that students who participate in the business forum exhibit greater moral courage and have an enhanced awareness of their school's Catholic identity.

# King's Recognized for ROI of its Alumni in Two National Lists

King's was placed on national lists from *Forbes* magazine and Affordable Colleges Online in recognition of its overall excellence and for providing students excellent return on their tuition investment.

King's appeared on an exclusive list of "Best American Colleges" compiled for *Forbes* magazine by The Center for College Affordability and Productivity based on multiple factors related to affordability and student and faculty achievement.

King's ranking improved to 431<sup>st</sup> from 447<sup>th</sup> of 650 institutions in the annual rankings. Less than 15 percent of the nearly 4,400 colleges and universities nationwide are included in *Forbes* sixth annual ranking. King's was the only Luzerne County college or university included in the list and one of only two institutions (University of Scranton) in northeastern Pennsylvania. Both have been named to the list every year of its existence.

According to the magazine, "The *Forbes* list of 650 schools distinguishes itself from competitors by our belief in 'output' over 'input.' We're not all that interested in what gets a student into college, like our peers who focus heavily on selectivity metrics such as high school class rank, SAT scores and the like.

Our sights are set directly on Return on Investment: What are students getting out of college?"

AffordableCollegesOnline.org (AC Online), a San Francisco based resource for college affordability and financial aid information, identified King's as among the Pennsylvania colleges and universities with the greatest lifetime return on investment, the earnings gap between graduates and non-degree holders over 30 years.

Only 81 of 402 Pennsylvania public and private, four-year accredited institutions were placed on the list; King's College ranked 33<sup>rd</sup>. Data used for the rankings was acquired directly from the National Center for Education Statistics, Integrated Post-Secondary Education Data System, the Carnegie Foundation, and PayScale.com.

"King's College has always prided itself on providing its students an education that would allow them to be successful following graduation," said Father John Ryan, C.S.C. "These recent honors are validations of the countless stories we hear from recent and older King's alumni about their ability to adapt and be successful in today's very competitive job market."

# Notre Dame Co-op Engineering Program Off to Fast Start

As first reported in the Winter 2013 *PRIDE*, King's first cooperative degree program with the University of Notre Dame is a 3+2 dual bachelor's degree program in engineering.

The program started strong in the fall 2013 semester, with 20 declared majors, more than double the original goal of eight students for the first year. According to Paul Lamore, a member of the McGowan School of Business faculty and coordinator of the engineering program, there are six additional students who did not meet the entry requirements, but who are trying to build their academic resumes to officially enter the program before their sophomore year.

Students will spend three years at King's taking mathematics, science, pre-engineering and liberal arts courses, and then transfer to Notre Dame for two years to complete engineering courses in their chosen field. Upon successful completion of the five-year program, students will receive both a Bachelor of Science degree from King's (in Physics, Chemistry, or Computer Science) and a Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering from Notre Dame (in Aerospace, Chemical, Civil, Computer, Electrical, or Mechanical Engineering).

While they pursue their respective course work in one of three majors at King's, all the declared majors and those hoping to get into the program have been gathering together with Lamore twice a week during the spring semester as part of an Introduction to Engineering Seminar.

Interviews with several members of the inaugural engineering class indicate that the opportunity to attend the University of Notre Dame was a major attraction and was the deciding factor for the majority of the students to attend King's after being admitted to other colleges or universities who offered more traditional engineering degree programs.

**John Docalovich**, a graduate of North Pocono High School, was accepted into engineering programs at Penn State, Drexel,

the University of Pittsburgh, and the University of Scranton, before deciding to attend King's. He expects to earn a physics degree from King's and pursue an electrical engineering degree at Notre Dame. The son of a health and safety engineer, he is also planning to complete a math minor at King's.

**Anthony Anonia**, the grandson of an optometrist, was accepted to pre-med programs at Penn State and Wilkes University and applied to Notre Dame for the same program. On his visit to Notre Dame, he was attracted to the close-knit atmosphere. When he heard about the King's engineering program and made a visit, he felt the same type of closeness and decided to pursue a chemistry degree at King's and a chemical engineering degree at Notre Dame. A graduate of Shamokin Area High School, Anonia loves the camaraderie that has developed with his fellow first-year participants; he often joins with other students in the program to work on homework.

**William Gaynord**, a graduate of Scranton Preparatory School, wanted to pursue either an engineering or pharmacy degree in college and knew staying close to home would help with the expense of a college education. He chose the King's engineering program over the pharmacy program at Wilkes University because he liked the competitive advantage he expects to have in the job market with two bachelor's degrees. He is pursuing a degree in computer science from King's.

**Dylan Pegg** was immediately attracted to the King's program. The son of two King's employees and a graduate of Wyoming Area High School, Dylan chose King's because of the Notre Dame connection over the engineering program at Wilkes. He finds the chemistry, physics, and calculus requirements for the first-year students in the program challenging, but he also finds that the prospect of two bachelor's degrees, one of which will be a chemical engineering degree from Notre Dame, very inviting.



John Docalovich



Anthony Anonia



William Gaynord



Dylan Pegg

# Business and Education Programs Reaccredited



Barry H. Williams

The William G. McGowan School of Business and the College's Education Department both received reaccreditations from prestigious accrediting agencies during the fall semester.

The McGowan School of Business maintained its business accreditation

by The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB International). Founded in 1916, AACSB International is the longest serving global accrediting body for business schools that offer undergraduate, master's, and doctoral degrees in business and accounting.

AACSB Accreditation is the hallmark of excellence in business education and has been earned by 687 colleges and universities in the United States and more than 40 foreign countries. Fewer than five percent of the world's business programs receive the accreditation.

The McGowan School of Business was established in 1990 and is named in honor of the late William G. McGowan '52, founder and CEO of MCI Communications Corporation. The School of Business offers students a comprehensive business education through its core curriculum and through majors in Accounting, Finance, Human Resources Management, International Business, Marketing, and Management.

"We are proud of the accomplishments of the William G. McGowan School of Business. Our talented faculty has worked together with a shared vision in creating a world-class business school with unique programs that are second to none. Our students and alumni continue to achieve and have proven themselves competitive in their

professional careers," said Barry H. Williams, Dean.

The Education Department at King's was reaccredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE). This accreditation covers the department's initial teacher preparation programs and its post bachelor's degree teacher preparation programs.

The Education Department offers bachelor's degree programs in PK-4 (pre-school – grade 4), and specified secondary areas (grades 7-12) in biology, chemistry, citizenship, English, French, general science, mathematics, physics, social studies and Spanish. The department also offers special education courses to students who wish to obtain dual certification in either PK-8 or 7-12. Additionally, advanced degree programs are offered for reading specialist certification, English as a Second Language (ESL) certification and an autism endorsement. A post-baccalaureate program or "Fast Track" route to initial certification is available to all candidates who have earned a bachelor's degree in an appropriate major.

King's remains the only Wyoming Valley institution of higher learning and one of only four private colleges or universities in Pennsylvania to earn the NCATE accreditation. The program received its initial five-year NCATE accreditation in 2008.

The mission of the Education Department is to "prepare reflective practitioners who are recognized for their vision, motivation, knowledge, skills and dispositions as they develop, manage and monitor communities of learning in a diverse and complex world."

The King's undergraduate and graduate programs met every NCATE standard, including candidates' knowledge, skills and dispositions; assessment system and unit evaluation; field experiences and clinical practice; diversity; faculty qualifications, performance and development; and, unit governance and resources.

## Educational Improvement Tax Credit Program to Aid College Initiatives

The Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) has approved King's College as an Educational Improvement Organization as well as a Pre-Kindergarten Scholarship Organization under the Educational Improvement Tax Credit Program (EITC).

In-lieu of paying state taxes, eligible businesses may direct contributions to the College's Young Scholars Program, the McGowan Summer Residential Program, or King's College's Early Learning Center, and receive tax credits from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Businesses will be approved for a tax credit equal to 75% of its contribution(s) to King's College for the Young Scholars Program and/or the McGowan Summer Residential Program, up to a maximum of \$750,000 per taxable year. The tax credit may be increased to 90% of the contributions made, up to a maximum of \$750,000 per taxable year, if the business agrees at the time of application to provide the same amount of contribution for two consecutive tax years.

Businesses may receive a tax credit equal to 100% of the first \$10,000 contributed to King's College's Early Learning Center during the taxable year, and may receive a tax credit equal to 90% of any additional amount contributed during the taxable year, up to a maximum of \$200,000 of tax credits per taxable year.

The Young Scholars Program allows gifted high school juniors and seniors to take first-year or introductory-level courses at King's during the academic year and in the summer and receive college credit.

The McGowan Summer Residential Program is a three-week summer residential enrichment program for 15 to 17 low income junior and senior Latino high schools students from the Wilkes-Barre, Hazleton, and Scranton Area School Districts.

Under the Pre-Kindergarten Scholarship Program, scholarships will be provided to children to attend King's College's Early Learning Center's Pre-K program while their parents work.

Businesses must apply to DCED to obtain tax credits, which are available on a first-come first-served basis. The Business Application Timeline is as follows:

**May 15** – Business applicants who have fulfilled their 2-year commitment and wish to reapply in FY 13/14 to renew their 2-year commitment.

**May 15** – Businesses who are in the middle of their 2-year commitment.

**July 1** – All other businesses, including Pre-K business applications.

Questions can be directed to Freddie Pettit, Vice President of Institutional Advancement, by email at [frederickpettit@kings.edu](mailto:frederickpettit@kings.edu), or by telephoning Michelle Giovagnoli, Director of Institutional and Academic Grants, at (570) 208-5847.

Additional information and on-line applications are available at <http://www.newpa.com/find-and-apply-for-funding/funding-and-program-finder/educational-improvement-tax-credit-program-eitc>.

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"The education a student receives from the McGowan School of Business emphasizes an awareness of personal values, character development, and an understanding of liberal learning competencies applied in a business context," said Barry H. Williams, Dean. "The MSA Program will build upon the successful outcomes received from an accounting bachelor's degree from King's with a master's degree in accounting from the world-class Mendoza College of Business."

The Master of Science in Business (MSB) Program will be open to King's students who earn a bachelor's degree in a non-business major.

The MSB program requires 44 credits over an 11-month period. The curriculum provides students with an in-depth

exposure to various aspects of business, such as finance, accounting, marketing and management. "A unique aspect of the MSB program is the 'Bridge' course sequence that allows students to integrate their non-business background into their business studies. The students get to network with Notre Dame alumni with similar backgrounds, which helps them develop their own personal brand and career track," notes Paul Lamore, program coordinator at King's.

The Mendoza College of Business, which is accredited by AACSB International, has been consistently ranked among the top 20 United States business schools and as the number one school for ethics and corporate social responsibility by *Bloomberg Businessweek*.

# Baltimore Mine Historical Marker Unveiled

The Summer 2013 *Pride* included a News on Campus story about the efforts of faculty and students in the history department to research the 1919 Baltimore Mine disaster. The group eventually prepared a successful application for a state historical marker.

The marker was dedicated in January, thanks in part to two King's graduates. Once the marker was approved by the state, officials from Wilkes-Barre City needed to get permission from the current owner of the property where the Baltimore Mine was located.

Enter Michael and Bridget (Colonna) Leary, both members of the Class of '91. Bridget's family owns the property, which once housed a Sunshine Market and currently houses a small mall.

"It was a matter of a few days between when I read the story in *Pride* and we were contacted by Wilkes-Barre city administrators asking for permission to place the monument," said Michael recently. "Knowing that King's played a part in securing the monument, it made it easy for the Colonna family to say 'yes'."

The dedication ceremony was held on a brutally cold January morning and was attended by approximately 60 people, many of whom were descendants of people killed or injured in the incident, including Katie Lavery, who recalled her mother's on-going grief after losing two brothers in the event.

Lavery first became interested in having the event commemorated when she was in her early 20's. Now in her 80's, she approached Wilkes-Barre Mayor Tom Leighton '82 several years ago to request assistance in her efforts. Leighton and his staff approached the King's history department and a special class was created.



Shown, from left, at dedication ceremony is Professor Thomas Mackaman and student project participants Anthony Cardone, Tiffany Prescott and Kevin Pryor.

"I can't thank King's College enough," Lavery said. "I know how much work they had to go through. It's come alive."

"Katie Lavery was the inspiration and catalyst," Mackaman acknowledged during his comments at the ceremony.

Later that same day, Professors Tom Mackaman, Dan Clasby, and the King's students who conducted the research hosted a public on-campus seminar on their efforts and were able to answer questions and exchange information with many of the family members in attendance.

# King's on the SQUARE



## A Transformational Project for King's and City of Wilkes-Barre

THE DOWNTOWN BUSINESS DISTRICT is the economic and social lifeblood of cities and towns throughout the United States. Public Square has been the center of Wilkes-Barre since the town's founding by settlers from Connecticut in 1769.

Following New England custom, the new town was planned around a square – the community's civic center. In its early days, Public Square served as a place for livestock to graze; later it held a fort, a church, a school, and the Luzerne County Courthouse and jail.

For King's students in the pre-internet era, the Square was an essential place to gather necessities and avail themselves to entertainment. It was also a central point between the

campuses of King's and its neighbor educational institution Wilkes.

King's expanded beyond the Square when it teamed with Wilkes to open the Barnes & Noble College Bookstore on the first block of South Main Street in 2006.

In December, King's officials announced an exciting project that will be transformational for the College, for the City of Wilkes-Barre, and for the region. Through the acquisition and revitalization of the northwest corner of Public Square, the College is making a visible and impactful investment in its community. The College acquired the former Ramada Hotel and announced plans to renovate the building into a state-of-the-art educational and residential facility.



*The December announcement of the King's on the Square project attracted a number of government, business, and College officials.*



*The first floor of the renovated building will include both academic space for the Physician Assistant Program (left) and a public gallery that will exhibit pieces related to the coal mining experience in northeastern Pennsylvania (right).*

The announcement resulted in excitement from not only the King’s Community, but also from civic and business leaders who see the College’s commitment as vital to the downtown’s continued renaissance.

“Following months of research, conversation, debate, planning, presentations, and careful deliberation, King’s has agreed to purchase the Ramada Hotel property located on Public Square,” Father John Ryan, C.S.C., announced in the fall.

“This development advances critical strategic initiatives involving the expansion of in-demand academic programs and the improvement of the student experience. The project will include the complete renovation of the facility, and will create state-of-the-art academic space for the College’s highly regarded and competitive Physician Assistant Studies Program, its top-accredited Athletic Training Program, and a new Exercise Science Program. The transaction will also advance multiple important goals in the College’s campus master plan, namely the creation of attractive student housing facilities and increased parking capacity.”

The College acquired the property, which has been dubbed “King’s on the Square,” for \$2.7 million. King’s officials estimate the facility will undergo an estimated \$11.5 million in first-phase renovations before opening in time for the 2014-15 academic year. The College has applied for several local and state business development grants to assist with the renovation expenses.

The project immediately began garnering support from the local community. “The city administration is committed to fostering projects that keeps Public Square a thriving and attractive hub for economic development and residential living,” said Wilkes-Barre Mayor Thomas M. Leighton ’82. “The city can ill afford another vacant property in the center of downtown and King’s College has a proven track record of returning vacant properties to productive use. The increased presence of faculty, staff, and students downtown is a good thing for other business owners in the city.

“King’s College soon might expand its ever-widening campus footprint with the acquisition of the Ramada Hotel in Wilkes-Barre, providing a welcome shot in the arm for the

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city's central district," according to an editorial in the *Wilkes-Barre Times Leader*.

"Beyond signaling that this city-based educational institution is in good health — which should be seen as a positive for the entire area's future growth and development — the pending sale bodes well for Public Square's ambiance," the editorial continued.

"This facility has been the source of many memories - for many members of this community," Father Ryan said at a news conference in late December following the official closing of the real estate transaction. "Weddings, life celebrations, and professional gatherings have been held here. King's College is now preparing to transform this building into a place where new memories will be made: teaching and learning and growing and developing, a place of state-of-the-art academic facilities, a comfortable and safe new home, a place for nourishment, and a secure hub of activity, energy, and vibrancy."

Work on the facility began immediately following the news conference. A company contracted by King's had the building emptied by the end of December. Following a request from the College, more than 4,500 pieces of salvageable furniture and kitchen equipment was shipped to various Salesian Mission locations for re-purposing; the bulk of the items were shipped to a Salesian Mission in El Salvador. In addition, more than 1.7 tons of non-reusable materials were recycled.

First-phase construction plans include renovating the first and second floors into primarily academic space for the expansion of two existing academic majors and the

establishment of a third. The first floor will also include a student cafe and the floor's main corridor will house a 200-plus piece exhibit titled "The Anthracite Miners and Their Hallowed Ground," which will be open to the public. The top three floors of the eight-story building will be developed into apartment-type student residences, housing approximately 200 students.

The extensive renovations will allow for the expansion of both the Physician Assistant Studies Program, expanded facilities for the College's popular Athletic Training Program, and the introduction of an Exercise Science major. Recent national statistics indicate that there is a growing demand and rising salaries for graduates of all three science-based programs.

Initially, the Physician Assistant Studies Program will have the physical capacity to accept an additional 60 students and the Exercise Science Program will be able to accept 75 students. Also, the relocation of the two existing programs from campus will create additional space for the Chemistry, Biology, and Physics Departments. Those departments will see an increase of students from the Physician Assistant Studies, Athletic Training, and Exercise Sciences programs taking courses required for their majors. The College anticipates hiring additional faculty in all of the affected departments, as well as more staff personnel to enhance security, facilities, dining, and other services.

In addition to generating additional qualified graduates entering into fields in high demand, King's on the Square will bring associated faculty, staff, and students directly to Public



*The former hotel is being completely renovated as part of the King's on the Square project. The hotel's former first floor is being completely gutted as part of the renovation.*

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Square. According to the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Pennsylvania, “nearly 285,000 independent college and university students in Pennsylvania eat, shop, and spend almost \$1 billion annually at local businesses; an average of \$3,500 per student.” With the projected addition of new Physician Assistant and Exercise Science students, and with 200 additional students being housed downtown, this will equate to more than \$1 million in additional funds being spent annually at local businesses.

While the project allows for the realization of a number of strategic goals for the College and its students, the location of the building and its proposed design will also make King’s more visible in the Wilkes-Barre skyline.

Kyle Kinsman, a partner in Williams Kinsman Lewis Architecture P.C., the company handling the architectural and engineering aspects of King’s on the Square, gave a presentation on the project at the December media event. In completing his extensive review of the interior aspects of the

building, he commented, “At the top of the elevator tower, we will have a King’s College sign and shield. It will be positioned so motorists approaching Wilkes-Barre from the east will be able to see it lighting up the downtown.” John Panzitta ’84 is leading the project for General Contractor Panzitta Enterprises.

“This historic development has energized the campus community, alumni, friends of the College, and members of our wider community in a profound way,” said Freddie Pettit, Esquire ’96, Vice President for Institutional Advancement at King’s. “We encourage anyone interested in helping King’s make history to contact us and learn about some of the meaningful ways to participate in this milestone project.”

For more information or to support the King’s on the Square project, please contact Pettit at (570) 208-5882 or [frederickpettit@kings.edu](mailto:frederickpettit@kings.edu) or William Lynn (Director of Major Gifts and Planned Giving) at (570)208-5946 or [williamlynn@kings.edu](mailto:williamlynn@kings.edu).

## Staff Profile

### Kathy James '11

A family would be blessed to have a matriarch like Kathy James '11, a woman who has persevered through tragedy and raised her children while finding time to obtain a college education and become a staple in the King's admissions office.

Kathy was born and raised in nearby Exeter and was the oldest of four children. Kathy's father, Frank Charney, and her mother, Doris, were factory workers. As a high school student, Kathy began working as a secretary at her uncle's construction company, Wyoming Electric Line. It wasn't long after she earned her high school diploma that she met her future husband, Bill, who worked for the company as a draftsman.

The couple was married in 1973 and Kathy worked part-time jobs, primarily in payroll for several factories. After nearly a decade, she quit the factory business to obtain a part-time job with a budding new company. Kathy and Bill started their own business, BJ Electrical Contractors, and Kathy was able to work from home while raising their children, Billy, Heather '00, Kelli, Mollie '06, and Kristina.

In the summer of 1992, Kathy heard through the grapevine about an opening in the King's College Admissions Office. She applied and interviewed with former director Dan Conry and long-time admission representative Sandy Socash. She started that summer and was hired full-time that October as a data entry clerk. She was later promoted to Administrative Secretary.

When she began her career in Hessel Hall, Kathy's duties were done primarily by phone and mail. She received cards from admission counselors who attended college fairs or high school visits, processed information about prospective students into the computer, and mailed out King's literature.

Six months later, she began processing applications, which required teaming with admission counselors to track down missing information. In 2003, she was promoted to her current position as Application Coordinator.

"I like the family atmosphere at King's," said Kathy, who recently received the Twenty Year Award from the college. "There are a lot of good, hard-working people on campus. Everybody is friendly and walks around with a smile on their face."

Kathy enjoyed her time on campus and helped thousands of King's students through the application process. In the summer of 2002, she decided to take advantage of the College's tuition remission benefits. "I always wanted to go to college," Kathy said. "I graduated from high school and raised my family, now it was time to prove to myself that I could go back to school and get a degree."

Kathy enrolled in her first course: Introduction to Human Resources, taught by Dr. Marc Marchese. "Each professor

brought something different to my learning curve," Kathy said. "Faculty brought so much to class from the working world that every class was very interesting. As an adult learner, you truly appreciated learning from their experiences."

From that first course, Kathy became the epitome of perseverance: she took one course each semester while juggling her full-time job and her family. During her quest for a college degree, Kathy even took a couple courses with her daughter, Kristina. "I really loved taking classes with my daughter," Kathy said. "Being with the students, listening to their perspectives. It was different. I really liked what they had to say."

She hoped to double her coursework as her children grew older, by squeezing in summer courses. But her education would soon be placed on the back burner. Kathy's sister, Carol, passed away from a heart condition in 2000, and she and her family didn't hesitate to welcome Carol's two children, Anthony and Amy, who were 12 and 7 years old, respectively, into their home.

Kathy's biggest supporter was always her husband, who encouraged her every step toward earning her college degree. In December of 2011, Kathy completed the academic requirements and earned her bachelor's degree in business administration with a minor in human resources. "Well, it just shows that it's never too late to go back," Kathy said.

Bill was the first to congratulate Kathy on her accomplishment. As the couple planned to celebrate commencement festivities, Bill passed away unexpectedly. Without the cornerstone in her life, Kathy decided not to walk across stage without Bill in attendance; she took solace in the fact that her husband knew she had earned her degree and persevered through the love and support of her family.

Today, Kathy likes to enjoy time with her children and grandchildren, Nico and Tyler, and travelling between birthday parties and sporting events. Kathy recently celebrated the birth of her third grandchild, Addison, who was born in January.

Kathy is especially proud of her children's achievements. Billy works for an oil company; Heather is an attorney in Harrisburg; Kelli works for Catholic Social Services; Mollie earned a master's degree at King's and teaches at GAR High School; Kristina is working toward her college degree; and her sister's children, Anthony and Amy, are both college students at Luzerne County Community College and Penn State-Wilkes Barre, respectively.



# Monarch Sports

## King's Spring Sports Set to Compete

### Men's Lacrosse

The men's lacrosse team is looking to continue its upward trend after posting a program-best 10-4 record a year ago. The Monarchs reached the semi-finals of the Freedom Conference Tournament each of the past two seasons and are optimistic of breaking through and reaching the title game.

The Monarchs return 20 players from last season's squad, including eight starters and six of the team's top seven scorers.

Leading the list of veterans is two-time All-Freedom Conference defender Ed Dowse who was named to the Inside Lacrosse Pre-Season All-American Team. The Monarchs also return senior Mike O'Brien, who led the team with 42 points and 25 goals while earning first-team All-Freedom Honors. Senior Kieran McMahn was also an All-Freedom choice after registering 22 points with 19 goals. Junior Kevin Sweeney and senior Pat Bonnot are also back after contributing 16 and 15 points respectively.

Joe Massa joins Dowse on a Monarch defense that ranked 17th nationally in allowing just 6.86 goals per-game. Billy McCullough and Ryan Francik won 71 and 70 face-offs respectively while Brendan McCrudden returns in goal after yielding 6.81 goals per-game.



Mike O'Brien

### Women's Lacrosse

The women's lacrosse program at King's just missed a Freedom Conference Tournament berth last season and major personnel losses could set the team back a notch. The Lady Monarchs return just five players to the team and several newcomers will have little time to develop and will be thrown right into the fire.

Heading the list of returnees is senior Amanda Harney, a returning first-team All-Freedom selection. Harney led the Lady Monarchs last season with 70 points on 54 goals and 16 assists. Also back is senior Catherine McMahon, a second-team All-Freedom choice last year on defense after forcing 13 turnovers and scooping up 22 ground balls.

Other King's returnees include a trio of midfielders in senior Jessica Ormrod, junior Becky Morrison, and sophomore Breanna Shurgot.

### Golf

King's golf team resumes its season in the scoring after posting a 4-4 mark in the fall season. Freshman Ryan Tracy posted a team-best 78.3 per-round average while fellow rookie Mike Post

averaged 83.5. Returning veterans expected to contribute include senior Joe Caffrey, junior Kyle Newton, and sophomore Ryan Boyle, along with several other newcomers.

### Baseball

The baseball team will have a number of positions to fill with heavy losses due to the graduation of 15 seniors, including four All-Freedom Conference selections.

Leading the list of returnees is junior Anthony Lizzi who enjoyed a breakout 2013 campaign by batting .378 with two home runs, 12 doubles, and 34 RBI while playing first-base. Senior second baseman Anthony Re enters his fourth year as a starter and comes off a junior season in which he batted .214 with eight doubles, 13 RBI, and a .959 fielding percentage. Junior Tim Zaccone is also back at third-base after starting 15 of the 23 games he played.

King's pitching staff will also be young with a handful of experienced hurlers in tow. Junior Shawn Heck was 2-1 with a 4.15 ERA and 17 strikeouts last year. Sophomore Ryan Gimbi showed a great deal of promise after going 3-3 with a 5.80 ERA with 56 strikeouts in 45 innings.

### Softball

King's softball remains a perennial Freedom Conference contender and again figures to contend for a conference championship. The Lady Monarchs return seven position-player starters along with an experienced pitching staff.

The team is led by the senior combination of catcher Amanda Cardone and shortstop Jenn Harnischfeger. Both players earned first-team All-Freedom honors and were each selected as National Fastpitch Coaches Association Regional All-Americans. Cardone batted .467 with five home runs, 14 doubles, and 28 RBI while Harnischfeger followed at .400 with five doubles, three triples, 15 RBI while going 24-of-25 in stolen bases.

Sophomore Maggie Gola had a big freshman year, batting .354 with 14 home runs, six doubles, and 40 RBI.

Fellow sophomore Amy Kowalczyk shared first-base/designated player chores with Gola last season and posted a .319 average with three doubles and 13 RBI. Senior Tina Seber is at third base while fellow seniors Erin Beane and Nicolette Pizzo return to the outfield. Senior infielder Lisa Alley is also expected to contribute.

King's pitching staff is paced by seniors Brittany Haight (6-1) and Karissa Kross (6-2) while sophomore Rachel Linso showed promise, going 3-1 as a rookie. Juniors Allison Herbert and Robyn Klingerman are also capable hurlers.



Karissa Kross

# Mary Beth Bowler-Chambers, Larry Danko Honored with MAC Hall of Fame Inductions

The athletic department formally recognized two of the finest athletes ever to compete for the Red and Gold. Former women's basketball standout Mary Beth Bowler-Chambers '83 and wrestling great Larry Danko '90 were recognized for their inductions into the Middle Atlantic Conference (MAC) Hall of Fame during respective home games this winter.

Danko was honored in November prior to the Monarchs' home dual meet against the College of New Jersey.

A graduate of nearby Coughlin High School, Danko developed into a three-time NCAA Division III All-American wrestler with the Monarchs. He was also a three-time Middle Atlantic Conference champion from 1988-90.

As a sophomore, Danko became King's first NCAA Division III All-American when he placed eighth in the national tournament at 190-pounds. A year later, Danko again earned All-American status by placing fourth at 190-pounds. In his final season with the Monarchs, Danko dropped to 177-pounds and made King's history when he became the program's first national finalist, placing second in the 1990 NCAA Division III National Tournament.

Danko graduated with a three-year career record of 96-8 and was the college's first three-time All-American in any sport. He graduated King's with a degree in Marketing and has since become a successful businessman as the owner-operator of Danko's All-American Fitness.

*"It's an honor to be recognized by the MAC as a great athlete but more importantly to receive the award having my daughters present was the most gratifying moment of all," Danko noted. "Kings College helped me grow as a student-athlete as well as preparing me for future endeavors. My daughter, Alexa, will follow in her dad's footsteps and will be attending King's in the fall semester and playing field hockey."*

Bowler-Chambers, meanwhile, was recognized in January between games during the King's vs. Wilkes basketball doubleheader in Scandlon Gymnasium.

Regarded as the finest player in Lady Monarch history, Bowler was a two-time NCAA Division III All-American and is still the women's basketball program's all-time leading scorer with 2,024 points, remaining the only player in King's women's history to reach the 2,000 point plateau.



Bowler's point total is the third highest in MAC history. She was a two-time NCAA Division III all-American and a four-time MAC All-Star selection.

She owns the highest all-time career points per-game average in MAC history (25.0) as well as the second (25.9), third (25.7), sixth (24.2), and seventh (23.9) highest single season ppg averages. In 1980-81, her 25.9 ppg led all of NCAA Division III.

Bowler set King's single game record of 44 points against Lycoming on February 25, 1980, a number which also stands second in league history. She was also named an ECAC Scholar-Athlete and graduated from King's with a 3.20 grade-point average.

*"To be selected to the MAC Hall of Fame is such an unexpected honor, Bowler-Chambers stated. "Even though I played 30 years ago, some days it seems like only a few years have passed. I was very fortunate to have the coaches and teammates I did, including my twin sister Teresa, because without them an honor such as this would never have been possible. I guess you could say that I am both greatly honored and pleasantly surprised."*

The Mary Beth Bowler Award at King's is presented to the top graduating senior women's basketball player each year.

*"It is so much fun to think back on my days at King's," she added. "I not only enjoyed my basketball career there, but I loved everything about the school and the people. Everyone was so nice from my neighbors to the professors. I had no idea that I could learn like I did at King's. It surely opened my eyes to what my potential was. I will forever be grateful for my experience at King's, and will always remember my time there in the fondest of ways."*

# Brian Whitten '91 Earns 300<sup>th</sup> Career Win as Division I Coach

When Bryan Whitten enrolled at King's College back in 1987, his primary concerns were his education and trying to make the varsity basketball team. He hoped to one day become a basketball coach but, after two years on the men's junior varsity squad, he elected to jump start his coaching career as volunteer student assistant coach with the women's team. He would later enjoy a highly successful 12-year run as head coach of the Lady Monarchs.

Brian Whitten is now a NCAA Division I women's basketball head coach at Mt. St. Mary's University in Emmitsburg, Maryland, and recently earned his 300th career coaching victory.

After graduating from King's in 1991 and serving as an assistant under Robin Cummins from 1989-92, he returned to his native Delaware to coach high school and AAU basketball. After Cummins stepped down following the 1992-93 season, the then 25-year old Whitten was hired by King's late athletic director John Dorish to coach the Lady Monarchs beginning with the 1993-94 campaign.

Whitten's first season was hardly a precursor to eventual success. The Lady Monarchs battled injuries and limped to a 3-21 record. A strong recruiter, Whitten brought in a number of promising freshmen the following year and, combined with a healthier core of returning players, the 1994-95 season was the beginning of a remarkable turnaround. King's finished the regular-season with a 12-12 record and qualified for the MAC playoffs. The team lost in the first-round but sent a clear message that the Lady Monarchs were on the rise.

Under Whitten, King's women posted 10 straight winning seasons and reached the MAC playoffs each year. The Lady Monarchs posted five seasons with 20 or more victories, won two MAC Freedom Conference titles, and earned five NCAA Division III national tournament berths. Whitten coached the Lady Monarchs to the NCAA National Tournament Elite Eight in 2002 and to the NCAA "Sweet 16" in 2003.



After a MAC Freedom Conference championship and NCAA berth in 2003-04, Whitten guided King's to a 22-4 mark in 2004-05. It was then that Whitten received an opportunity to join the Division I coaching ranks when he took a position as the lead assistant coach at Virginia Commonwealth University from 2005-07.

"When I started coaching I just wanted to stay in the game after my playing days ended," Whitten recalled. "I didn't really think about becoming a Division I head coach until I was at King's for eight or nine years. We had some success at King's, and like any competitor, I wanted to see if I could do it at the highest level."

Whitten would get his opportunity to run his own program at the Division I level when he was named the new women's coach at Mt. St. Mary's heading into the 2007-08 campaign.

One challenge Whitten still encounters is trying to recruit at the Division I level at a relatively small college. Major recruits do not really grow up with Mount St. Mary's as their dream school when they are thinking big-time Division I," Whitten noted. "Kids grow up wanting to go to Villanova, Notre Dame, and other major programs, but not 'The Mount.' So getting kids to know Mt. St. Mary's, know our program, and know our players and staff is important."

One of Whitten's strengths has been building relationships, and that ability has been a major factor in building the Mt. St. Mary's program. In six full seasons with the Mounties, he has guided the team to the NEC Tournament quarterfinals on three occasions while leading the squad to the semi-finals last season. As of February 21, the Mounties were 15-11 overall and 10-4 in the NEC while poised to make a deeper run in the conference tournament which was held in early March.

On February 3, Mt. St. Mary's defeated Central Connecticut State 69-55 to hand Whitten his 300th career victory. Whitten earned 220 of his wins at King's

Whitten remains in contact with numerous former players he coached at King's, ex-classmates from his playing days, and past and current King's employees. Upon winning his 300th game, word spread and the former Lady Monarch mentor was besieged with congratulatory messages from many of his former players. To those who know Whitten, it should come as no surprise; he is an individual who takes tremendous pride in his present and past relationships.

"It means so much to me," Whitten said of his relationships with his players. "Getting text messages, phone calls, emails and well wishes from former players. Being invited to their weddings, having those who are coaching giving me a call to talk strategy, whatever it may be. Having that bond is something I will always cherish. I used to tell my players at King's, and still tell my current players, that we are on the '4-for-40 plan'. For four years we'll be player/coach and for the next 40 years we'll be friends. And that will always hold true. I have special memories of all the players and teams."



## Garrett's Streak of Defensive Scores Helped Key Monarchs' Success

A video montage of Garrett's touchdowns is available at [kings.edu/Pride](http://kings.edu/Pride)

The King's College 2013 football team enjoyed a memorable season filled with unusual plays and thrilling comebacks, but perhaps the biggest catalyst for the team building momentum was the remarkable streak of Monarch senior Ron Garrett. The defensive lineman scored touchdowns in five consecutive games.

Garrett's first score came innocently enough during the final minutes of a 38-17 loss at Lebanon Valley in September. The second came the following week during a 48-29 Homecoming loss to Albright when teammate Pete Santorelli blocked a field goal and Anthony Martuccio recovered and attempted a return. Martuccio lateraled the ball to Garrett who raced the final 54 yards for a touchdown.

One week later on the road against Misericordia University, the Monarchs won a 41-40 overtime shootout. Early in the third quarter, Garrett scooped up a fumble and ran for a 48-yard touchdown. The score proved critical as the Monarchs won their first game of the season after an 0-3 start. The return earned Garrett D3Football.com "National Play of the Week" honors and marked the first of many times that media outlets recognized the streak.

Seven days later, Garrett incredibly turned the trick again when he returned a fumble 22 yards for a touchdown, energizing the Monarchs en route to a 52-21 victory over FDU-Florham. Days later, CBS Sports Network mentioned Garrett's fourth touchdown during a college football segment. ESPN's College Game Day also discussed the streak as panelists Chris Fowler, Kirk Herbstriet, David Pollack, and Lee Corso commented on never having heard of such a feat by a defensive player. Garrett would later appear in the "Faces in the Crowd"

section of the October 21, 2013, edition of *Sports Illustrated*.

The magic continued the following week when Garrett scored against Stevenson University. In the second quarter, Garrett again hauled in a fumble and rumbled 20 yards for a touchdown as the Monarchs won a third straight game with a 31-24 triumph. CBS Sports Network again took interest in the streak and aired the play which was part of the Stevenson University television broadcast.

With the football gods seemingly smiling down upon King's, the Monarchs carried a tremendous amount of momentum the rest of the season. Although Garrett's streak would end the following week, King's went into overtime to upset a Delaware Valley squad which had won or shared four of the previous five MAC championships. A week later, the Monarchs stunned Lycoming with a touchdown with nine seconds remaining in the game.

After a road loss to defending MAC champion Widener, the Monarchs rebounded to win a 35-28 thriller against Wilkes to finish the season at 6-4 after having won six of the final seven games. Clearly, the touchdown run played a major role in a season filled with thrills and chills.

Garrett is believed to be the first player to score defensive touchdowns in five consecutive games. No such record is listed by the NCAA, and a national search distributed by the College Sports Information Directors of America did not yield a single player matching Garrett's accomplishment. Bob Ziadie, King's director of sports information, has petitioned the NCAA to include the mark beginning with next season's national record book. The NCAA has indicated they will make a decision when beginning to produce the 2014 record book over the summer.

# Monarch Soccer Teams Post Stellar Campaigns

## Men's Soccer

The men's soccer team made history when the Monarchs won their first-ever MAC Freedom Conference championship. Under the guidance of eighth-year head coach Mark Bassett, the team reached the title game twice the previous seven seasons but were unable to convert. This season Bassett's troops emerged with the



Niall Croke

league crown, finishing the year with a 11-5-5 record, including the program's first berth in the NCAA Division III National Tournament.

The Monarchs finished the regular-season as the third-seed in the Freedom Conference at 9-4-5 and upset second-seeded defending champion Misericordia on the road in a thrilling match that was 0-0 after two overtime periods. The Monarchs then won the title in a breathtaking 4-3 penalty-kick shootout. The Monarchs then hosted fourth-seeded FDU-Florham in the title game and after falling behind 1-0 at the half, King's rallied over the final 45 minutes to post a 2-1 triumph at McCarthy Stadium. The victory earned the team an automatic berth into the Division III National Tournament.

King's was awarded a first-round home game and hosted MAC Commonwealth Conference champion Lycoming. Unfortunately for the Monarchs, junior center-midfielder Niall Croke, the team's leading scorer, was hurt in the game against FDU and was forced to miss the NCAA opener. The Monarchs would ultimately drop a 1-0 verdict to Lycoming to see its NCAA journey come to an end.

The team was rewarded for its success with four players named to the All-Freedom Conference squad. First-team selections included Croke, senior defender Eric Stanfield, sophomore forward Daniel Hernandez, and sophomore forward Chris Nygren.

## Women's Soccer

The women's soccer team exceeded all expectations after being picked to finish sixth out of eight teams in the Freedom Conference Pre-season Coaches Poll. Having not had a winning season since the 1997 squad finished 12-8, the Lady Monarchs

went 4-12-1 in 2012 with a team comprised primarily of freshmen and sophomores showing signs of great potential.

Under the leadership of fourth-year head coach Frank Carrozza, the Lady Monarchs concluded the regular-season with a 9-7-2 record and were seeded third in the Freedom Conference Tournament. King's faced second-seeded cross-town rival Wilkes in the semi-finals. The Lady Monarchs had lost to Wilkes 1-0 in double-overtime two weeks earlier and the rematch figured to be another defensive, low-scoring affair.

Ivy Nulton gave King's a 1-0 first-half lead. The Lady Monarchs appeared to have the upset wrapped up until Wilkes scored as time expired in regulation. The game remained tied 1-1 through two overtime periods. The teams entered the penalty kick shootout with the survivor advancing to the Freedom Conference title game. King's sophomores Sarah Borajkiewicz and Michelle Spataro scored goals for the Lady Monarchs as the teams entered the fifth and final round of penalty kicks tied at 2-2. After Wilkes missed its fifth attempt, King's rookie Raquel Molina stepped forward and buried her shot to end the game and send the Lady Monarchs to the Freedom title game for the first time in program history.

There, King's faced a major task on the road against top-seeded and nationally-ranked Misericordia, a team which had not allowed a goal to conference opponents all season. After a scoreless first half, King's stunned the home crowd when Ivy Nulton scored a shot from 10 yards out to give the Lady Monarchs a 1-0 lead. But Misericordia responded with three goals over a six-minute span to register a 3-1 victory and secure an NCAA national tournament berth.

The Lady Monarchs were honored with four all-conference selections as Borajkiewicz was a first-team choice, Nulton and freshman Amy Barge were named to the second-team, while sophomore Lindsey Humanik was honorable mention. In addition, Carrozza was honored as the 2013 Freedom Conference "Coach of the Year".



Sarah Borajkiewicz

# Athletic Schedule

Spring 2014

## Baseball

### April

1	Tues.	Maine-Presque Isle	A	4:00 p.m.
2	Wed.	Marywood University	A	4:00 p.m.
4	Fri.	Wilkes University* (2)	H	1:00 p.m.
5	Sat.	Wilkes University* @ PNC Field, Moosic, Pa.	A	TBA
8	Tues.	University of Scranton	H	4:00 p.m.
11	Fri.	Eastern University*	A	3:30 p.m.
12	Sat.	Eastern University* (2)	H	1:00 p.m.
16	Wed.	Misericordia University*	H	3:30 p.m.
17	Thur.	Misericordia University* (2)	A	1:00 p.m.
22	Tues.	Baptist Bible College	H	4:00 p.m.
23	Wed.	Penn College of Technology @ Bowman Field	A	5:30 p.m.
25	Fri.	FDU-Florham*	H	3:30 p.m.
26	Sat.	@ FDU-Florham*	A	1:00 p.m.

### May

2	Fri.	Freedom Conference Tournament A @ Owls Field, Reading, PA	A	TBA
3	Sat.	Freedom Conference Tournament A @ Owls Field, Reading, PA	A	TBA
4	Sun.	Freedom Conference Tournament A @ Owls Field, Reading, PA	A	TBA

## Softball

### April

1	Tues.	Keystone College	H	3:00 p.m.
3	Thur.	Centenary College	A	3:00 p.m.
5	Sat.	Wilkes University*	A	1:00 p.m.
8	Tues.	University of Scranton	A	5:00 p.m.
10	Thur.	SUNY-Oneonta	A	3:00 p.m.
12	Sat.	Eastern University*	A	1:00 p.m.
15	Tues.	Lycoming College	H	3:00 p.m.
17	Thur.	Misericordia University*	H	TBA
26	Sat.	FDU-Florham*	H	1:00 p.m.

### May

2	Fri.	Freedom Conference Tournament @ Delaware Valley College, Doylestown, PA	A	TBA
3	Sat.	Freedom Conference Tournament @ Delaware Valley College, Doylestown, PA	A	TBA

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## Men's Lacrosse

### April

2	Wed.	Eastern University*	H	7:00 p.m.
5	Sat.	DeSales University*	A	1:00 p.m.
9	Wed.	Misericordia University*	H	7:00 p.m.
12	Sat.	Manhattanville College*	A	1:00 p.m.
17	Thur.	FDU-Florham*	H	4:00 p.m.
23	Wed.	Arcadia University*	A	7:00 p.m.
30	Wed.	Freedom Conference Tournament Semi-Final	TBA	TBA

### May

3	Sat.	Freedom Conference Tournament Championship	TBA	TBA
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## Women's Lacrosse

### April

2	Wed.	Eastern University*	A	4:00 p.m.
5	Sat.	Wilkes University*	H	1:00 p.m.
9	Wed.	Misericordia University*	A	7:00 p.m.
12	Sat.	Manhattanville College*	H	1:00 p.m.
17	Thur.	FDU-Florham*	A	4:00 p.m.
22	Tues.	Arcadia University*	H	4:00 p.m.
30	Wed.	Freedom Conference Tournament Semi-Finals	TBA	TBA

### May

3	Sat.	Freedom Conference Tournament Semi-Finals	TBA	TBA
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## Men's Tennis

### April

2	Wed.	Misericordia University*	A	3:00 p.m.
5	Sat.	FDU-Florham*	A	1:00 p.m.
6	Sun.	Marywood University	A	10:00 a.m.
6	Sun.	Keystone College	A	2:00 p.m.
8	Tues.	Wilkes University*	H	3:00 p.m.
12	Sat.	Arcadia University*	H	1:00 p.m.
13	Sun.	Elizabethtown College	H	TBA
26	Sat.	Eastern University*	A	12:00 p.m.
30	Wed.	Freedom Conference Team Tournament	TBA	TBA

### May

3	Sat.	Freedom Conference Team Championship	TBA	TBA
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## Women's Tennis

### April

1	Tues.	Misericordia University*	H	3:00 p.m.
5	Sat.	FDU-Florham*	A	1:00 p.m.
12	Sat.	Arcadia University*	H	1:00 p.m.
17	Thur.	Wilkes University*	A	3:30 p.m.
26	Sat.	Eastern University*	A	12:00 p.m.
29	Tues.	Freedom Conference Team Tournament	TBA	TBA

### May

3	Sat.	Freedom Conference Team Championship	TBA	TBA
9	Fri.	NCAA Division III National Tournament	TBA	TBA

## Golf

### April

2	Wed.	Tri-Meet w/Scranton & Misericordia @ Wyoming Valley Country Club	H	1:00 p.m.
4	Fri.	Tri-Meet w/Marywood & Baptist Bible @ Stonehedge Golf Club	A	1:00 p.m.
9	Wed.	Tri-Meet w/Scranton & Baptist Bible @ Glenmaura National Golf Club	A	1:00 p.m.
10	Thur.	Tri-Meet w/Marywood & Scranton @ Glenmaura National Golf Club	A	1:00 p.m.
13	Sun.	Glenmaura National Collegiate Invitational	A	TBA
14	Mon.	Glenmaura National Collegiate Invitational	A	TBA
23	Wed.	Tri-Meet w/Lycoming & FDU-Florham @ Wyoming Valley Country Club	H	1:00 p.m.
26	Sat.	Freedom Conference Championships @ Hershey Country Club	A	TBA
27	Sun.	Freedom Conference Championships @ Hershey Country Club	A	TBA

\*Freedom Conference Game

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### Jocelyn Hook, MPAS, PA-C '76

A snowstorm battered the east coast in the winter of 1972. As Gloria Chernetsky endured the treacherous drive to Mount Aloysius College, her car slid off the roadway and ended up in a ditch. She was towed out, but she had enough of the three-hour drive to Cresson, Pennsylvania. She told her daughter, Jocelyn, a freshman at the private, Catholic college, she wanted her closer to home.

Jocelyn Hook, MPAS, PA-C '76 was the ideal King's College student. She was raised in a working-class family in nearby Luzerne; her father, Edward, was a sales representative with Kraft Foods, and Gloria worked in the computer center for Met Life Insurance. Her grandfather, Joshua Sigmond, was a coal miner. Jocelyn would be the first member of her family to receive a college education.

Jocelyn transferred to King's and majored in biology. She developed a love for the sciences from Sister Claire, her biology teacher at Central Catholic High School in Kingston. During her sophomore year at King's, she learned about a new program being introduced on campus. Students would become licensed health care professionals, practicing medicine under the supervision of a physician.

In 1975, Jocelyn began taking courses in the Physician Assistant program. She credits professor Dr. Bob Paoletti for having the biggest impact on her professional development and fondly recalls courses he taught in biology and ecology. "He was a wonderful teacher and a great person," she said. She also was a member of the College's Glee Club, led by Mr. Bronus Voveris; Father Herve A. LeBlanc served as moderator of the group, which travelled to competitions in Puerto Rico and Italy.

While auditing a neuroanatomy course, a friend introduced her to Gerard Hook '80, a young man who recently enrolled at King's after serving in the military. Jocelyn didn't like to be set-up, but she's glad she did. The couple hit it off immediately, and they have been married for nearly 35 years.

After she earned her bachelor's degree in biology in 1976, Jocelyn continued courses for the PA certificate program. She spent six months of didactic training at Hahnemann Medical College, which is now Drexel University in Philadelphia. She returned for her clinical rotations at local medical practices, including an OB-GYN rotation at local physician Dr. Harry Reich's medical practice in Kingston, where she was offered a job before she graduated.

In August of 1977, Jocelyn was one of six students in the physician assistant program's first graduating class to earn a certificate.

Jocelyn and Gerard were married the following summer. Gerard earned his degree in business and marketing and began his career. Jocelyn worked at local medical practices and returned to her alma mater, serving as clinical coordinator and adjunct instructor, delivering board review lectures to prepare students to become certified physician assistants.



The couple welcomed their first child, Jonelle, in March of 1982. Jocelyn worked part-time to raise her family and, after their son, Joshua, was born in June of 1984, she began her nearly 20-year medical career at Women's OB-GYN in Kingston. She enjoyed educating patients about health, and the medical practice was supportive to employees raising a family.

During this time, Jocelyn learned about a new initiative making waves in the realm of higher education: Distance Learning. She learned about the master's degree program in physician assistant studies at the University of Nebraska. While practicing clinically, Jocelyn would submit papers and assignments via mail on tight deadlines. She had to maintain patient logs, and completed her thesis on breast cancer to earn her master's degree in 1999.

Years later she received a letter indicating King's was searching for a full-time professor in the Physician Assistant Program. She ignored the card, not quite prepared to make such a life-changing move. As fate would have it, she surfed the Internet that night, and an ad popped up for the same job opportunity.

Hook is currently an associate clinical professor in the PA program, where she has taught since 2003. In addition to her teaching responsibilities and student advisement, Hook also coordinates clinical rotations for students. She also continues to practice clinically, serving as a PA in the Geisinger Health System.

"It gives me credibility in the classroom," she said. "I can bring ideas from current practice to what I teach in the classroom."

While Jocelyn and Dr. Paoletti have teamed to serve the March of Dimes on the Health Professionals Advisory Council over the years, she still has a tough time calling him "Bob."

Jocelyn was granted the American Academy of Physician Assistants Distinguished Fellow status in 2008. She is also a Fellow member of the Pennsylvania Society of Physician Assistants. She has also served on the board at the Domestic Violence Service Center of Luzerne County.

As a member of the department's first class of graduates, Jocelyn is proud to see the Department of Physician Assistant Studies grow into one of the most prestigious programs in the country. "It's well deserved," Jocelyn said. "Not only for our program, but the profession itself."

Jocelyn is excited about the major changes happening in the Physician Assistant program and the move to "King's on the Square" in downtown Wilkes-Barre.

"It's incredible to see what the facilities will look like and the opportunities for students interested in the medical profession," she said. "King's on the Square' will really solidify Wilkes-Barre as a college town."

# Faculty Update

**Dr. Gregory Bassham**, professor of philosophy, recently published an essay titled “Virtue-Centered Approaches to Education: Prospects and Pitfalls” in Michael W. Austin, ed., *Virtues in Action: New Essays in Applied Virtue Ethics*.

Physician Assistant (PA) Studies faculty members **Kyle Fetterolf, MPAS, PA-C**; **Jocelyn Hook, MPAS, PA-C**; and **Lorraine Novinger, MS, PA-C**, recently passed the Physician Assistant National Recertification Exam (PANRE).

PAs practicing in the state of Pennsylvania must pass the PANRE exam and maintain 100 hours of continuing medical education credits every two years in order to maintain a license to practice medicine.

**Dr. Robin Field**, associate professor of English, published the article “‘You No Real Man’: Constructing Gender, Sexuality, and the Asian American Subject in Jana Monji’s *Kim*” in the journal *Asian American Literature: Discourses & Pedagogies*.

A book by **Dr. Ray Gamache**, assistant professor of journalism in the Mass Communication Department, titled *Gareth Jones: Eyewitness to the Holodomor*, was published by the Welsh Academic Press.

**Rev. Anthony Grasso, C.S.C.**, professor of English, recently presented a paper entitled, “Luther’s Theology of the Cross: Redemptive Suffering and Vivian Bearing’s Death in Margaret Edson’s Play, ‘Wit,’” at the Northeast Regional Meeting of the Conference on Christianity and Literature, held at St. Francis College, Brooklyn Heights, N.Y.

Father Grasso also had his poem accepted in this year’s “Poetry in Transit” series, sponsored by the Luzerne County Transportation Authority. His poem, “Time Warp,” will appear in billboard advertising on the LCCTA’s buses through the summer.

**Gregory Janik**, clinical professor of athletic training, was presented the 2014 Jeffrey Stone Service Award from the Eastern Athletic Trainers’ Association (EATA). The award is provided to an EATA member for his/her unselfish and dedicated efforts to serve and advance the EATA student program.

**Dr. William Irwin**, chair and professor of philosophy, published several papers, including “Death by Inauthenticity: Heidegger’s Debt to Ivan Ilyich’s Fall,” in *Tolstoy Studies Journal*; “Control Your Thoughts and Emotions,” in the *Journal of Modern Wisdom*; “A Reality Check to Form Your Philosophy” in the journal *Think*; “Writing for the Reader,” in *Essays in Philosophy*; and “*Fight Club*, Self-definition, and the Fragility of Authenticity,” in *Revista Portuguesa de Filosofia*.

**Dr. Brian Mangan**, professor of environmental science/biology and director of the Environmental Program, received a number of summer grants to support his ongoing research of the Susquehanna River.

Mangan received a total of \$37,500 in grants and in-kind equipment; \$12,500 from the Foundation for Pennsylvania Watersheds; \$10,000 from the Degenstein Foundation; \$5,000 from PA Sea Grant, in partnership with the PA Fish and Boat Commission; and \$10,000 in sampling equipment from KMS LLC, of Kingston.

**Dr. Jennifer McClinton-Temple**, professor of English, published the article “Expressing ‘Irishness’ in Three Irish American Autobiographies,” in *New Hibernia Review/ Iris Eireannach Nua*.

She also recently presented the paper, titled “Negotiating Irishness Down Under in Peter Carey’s True History of the Kelly Gang” at the American Conference on Irish Studies at the Community College of Rhode Island in Warwick, R.I.

**Robert McGonigle**, associate vice president for Student Affairs and Dean of Students, successfully completed the 2013 National Association of Student Personnel Administrators Student Affairs Law and Policy Certificate Program, covering legal research, federal and state courts and statutes, FERPA, Title IX, discrimination, employment issues, and academic fraud.

Three members of the King’s College faculty have published articles in the “Ethics in Focus” forum section of the recent issue of an academic journal, *Expositions: Interdisciplinary Studies in the Humanities*.

**Dr. Bernard Prusak**, associate professor of philosophy and director of the McGowan Center for Ethics and Social Responsibility, edited the forum and published its introduction, “Ethics Education: More Than a Good Idea?”; **Dr. Gregory Bassham** contributed the article “Mearsheimer’s Mistakes: Why Colleges Should (and Inevitably Do) Provide Moral Guidance”; and **Rev. Daniel Issing, C.S.C.**, assistant professor of theology, contributed “The Virtue of Teaching Theological Ethics.”

The “Ethics in Focus” forum is a collaborative initiative organized by the Villanova Center for Liberal Education and the McGowan Center for Ethics and Social Responsibility at King’s College.

**William Reynolds, MPAS, PA-C**, associate clinical professor and clinical director, Physician Assistant Studies, will serve a one-year appointment as second vice speaker for the American Academy of Physician Assistants House of Delegates.

King’s has been awarded a \$75,000 grant by the Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad Program to fund a four-week group trip to Uganda this summer to study the East African’s nation’s models of education.

**Margarita Rose**, professor and chair of the economics department, will serve as project director for the grant, which was one of only 16 awarded to United States colleges and universities. Other Group Projects Abroad Program grant recipients include Georgia Tech, the University of California at Berkeley, Columbia and UCLA.

The project, titled “Learning from Ugandan Models of Education,” will be a short-term area studies and language seminar in Uganda. Participants will include local K-12 teachers and school administrators, King’s faculty and staff, and King’s education majors who have not yet completed their student teaching.

**Dr. Michelle Schmude**, chair of the Mass Communications Department, and **Dr. Scott Weiland**, assistant professor of mass communications, co-wrote the academic article, titled “Non-Profits VS For-Profits in the Game of Social Media: Critical Observations and Reflections,” which was recently published in the *Journal of Mass Communications and Journalism*. They also presented a session, titled “Non-Profits vs. For-Profits in the Game of Social Media, Blogs and Online Media Tools,” at the NEPA BlogCon held at Luzerne County Community College.

## Alumni Profile

### Matthew Gordon, MPAS, PA-C '06

Matt Gordon MPAS, PA-C '06 was cut from the same cloth as the men who returned from World War II and built the foundation of King's College: Matt chose to serve his country before entering college. It was through this adventure he found his true calling. By healing underserved citizens halfway around the world, Matt took a humbling first-step to a rewarding career at a preeminent medical institution.

Matt was raised in a military family in Westfield, Mass., a suburb outside of Springfield. His father, Albert, and brother, Stephen, served in the military police for the U.S. Army and U.S. Air Force, respectively; his grandfathers were both stationed in the Pacific during WWII. But it was listening to the stories of his great uncle, Walter McCracken, a Special Forces soldier in the Airborne Division during WWII, that solidified Matt's path into the military.

"I knew I always wanted to be a paratrooper," Matt said. "I loved listening to my uncle's stories; the camaraderie that he had with the men of his unit. It was a brotherhood."

Matt scored high on the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery test, allowing him to enlist as a medic in the United States Army after graduating from high school in 1997.

Matt trained as a combat medic at Fort Sam Houston in Texas. He earned his Parachutist Badge in Airborne School in Fort Benning, Georgia, before being stationed with the 82nd Airborne at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, where he was primarily responsible for the health and welfare of a 100-person company, mainly handling daily sick calls and treating injuries during field missions.

Matt was deployed to Kosovo when the country was in the process of succeeding from Serbia. The United States Army was responsible for policing the two opposing forces during the conflict, trying to maintain peace.

Rooted in a small village of Dobrcane, Matt was a medic for a tactical response team, administering immediate care to soldiers with gunshot, landmine, and grenade wounds. There, he quickly learned there was no medical care for citizens in the area. A lone nurse with no formal training managed the village's clinic. She asked for Matt's assistance. Once a week, he visited the clinic, treating patients ranging from infants to the elderly. In the nine months Matt served in Kosovo, the aid station treated more than 300 local civilians.

"The citizens were truly grateful for the smallest amount of help you could offer," Matt said. "That was my turning point. I knew what I wanted to do with my life."

Matt said he was surprised how extensively the military used physician assistants. As a medic, he reported directly to his battalion's physician assistant, who shared his knowledge about the profession. After returning to Fort Bragg in 2000, Matt kept in touch with Sgt. Alex Piczon '04, who he served with overseas. Alex was pursuing a degree in physician assistant studies at King's. He told Matt about the program and how much he loved the college. Matt was sold.

During his first weekend on campus, Matt met Jennifer Stefanak '05. They were joined at the hip throughout their time at King's, and the couple married in 2007.

While his whirlwind romance was off to a great start, Matt's academic performance was not. He struggled to juggle two jobs with the demanding workload of the physician assistant program. He needed to meet the program's strict academic standards and discussed his options with Jean Denion, clinical professor and academic coordinator in the PA program.

"That first year, I struggled with my grades," Matt said. "Jean sat me down. She gave me a reality check and helped me come up with a plan to succeed. It was a fact that she went above and beyond for me. What she did captures the essence of what King's is all about. Faculty and staff genuinely care for the students."

The reality check worked. Matt graduated with honors with a master's degree in physician assistant studies. Matt and classmate Emily Kluck '06 were accepted into the competitive PA postgraduate surgical residency at Johns Hopkins Hospital in 2006. At one of the most prestigious hospitals in the country, physician assistants residents are treated the same as interning doctors, many of whom attended Ivy League universities.

During the residency, Matt completed rotations in several specialties, including plastic and cardiac surgery, as well as surgical intensive care units. Matt fell in love with the critical care unit for cardiac surgery. In the operating room, physician assistants play a critical role in surgery, typically performing the surgery to remove the vein that the surgeon will use in a by-pass procedure.

For his efforts, he earned the PA Surgical Resident of the Year Award, which helped him land his position as cardiac surgery physician assistant at Johns Hopkins. While Matt began his career in the cardiac surgery unit, Emily Kluck was hired in the thoracic surgery service at Johns Hopkins in 2007. "We were very successful, and that's definitely a credit to the education we received at King's," Matt said.

Since Matt and Emily joined Johns Hopkins, King's College has amassed their own army of physician assistant graduates who work in the surgical trenches at the famed hospital. Among the King's graduates working in surgical units at Johns Hopkins are Abigail Race '10, pancreatic surgery; Monica Christopher '10, plastic surgery; and Kristen Piazza '11, vascular surgery. "King's has become quite the feeder school for Hopkins," Matt joked.

Matt has since been promoted to Lead Cardiac Surgery PA, where he supervises 18 advanced practitioners in the operating room and cardiovascular surgical intensive care unit. Since he began his career in cardiac surgery, PA residents have voted him four times as the PA Surgical Residency Favorite PA Preceptor of the Year.

Matt and Jennifer reside in Baltimore, Md. Jennifer, who earned her degree in the Athletic Training Education Program, is the head athletic trainer and manager of the Athletic Training Program at University of Maryland Sports Medicine. The couple is expecting their first child in July.



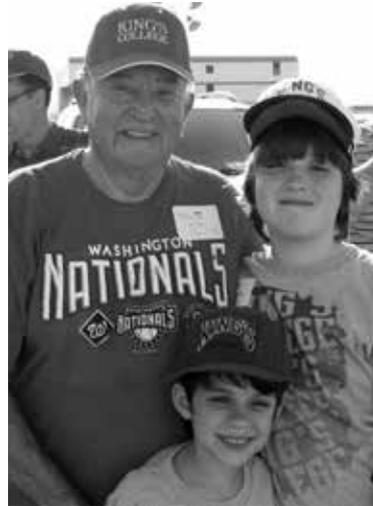
# Alumni Events & Gatherings

## Alumni Club Baseball Outings: July 2013

In July, the newly-formed King's Northeast Pennsylvania Alumni Club organized its inaugural Scranton/Wilkes-Barre RailRiders baseball game and tailgate. Local alumni enjoyed subs and refreshments before watching the RailRiders take on the Syracuse Chiefs. Later that month, the King's Washington Area Alumni Club hosted their annual baseball tailgate and game at Nationals Park. Forty-nine alumni and friends were there to cheer on the Washington Nationals in what ended up being a ten-inning game against the Los Angeles Dodgers.



Seen at the NEPA RailRiders game: Rob Coar '06, Neil Grimes '05, Christie Yarosavich Bonnice '04, Mallory Nobile '08, Rose Grysevicz '96, Lauren Smith '11, Meghan Lodge '04.



Seen at the KWAC Washington Nationals Game: Ray Kane '50 with his grandsons.

## Legacy Luncheon

On Move-in Day at the beginning of the fall semester, the Office of Alumni Relations and Annual Giving hosted its annual Legacy Luncheon to welcome alumni and their families whose children are enrolled at King's. Over 50 children of alumni are in the class of 2017.



Ann Marie Durako '75 and her daughter, freshman Marissa Durako, at the Legacy Luncheon last August.

## Homecoming/Reunion 2014



### Save the Dates

September 26-28, 2014

#### Friday

Golf Tournament  
Pints with Professors

#### Saturday

All Class Breakfast  
Campus Tours  
Homecoming BBQ  
Golden Monarchs Dinner

#### Sunday

Campus Tours  
Mass  
Farewell Family Lunch

# Homecoming

In September, King's College celebrated Homecoming 2013 with over 650 King's alumni, students, friends and families enjoying everything from beer tents to bouncy houses and a cookout prior to the football game.

Save the date for this fall's Homecoming/Reunion, September 26-28, 2014. There will be special celebrations for the classes of 1954, 1959, 1964, 1969, 1974, 1979, 1984, 1989, 1994, 1999, 2004, 2009 as well as clubs and organizations. All alumni are welcome. Make your plans to join us now!



From left: Terrance Wagner '12, James Martin '12, Mike Ziminski '67, Ian Stewart, Patrick Skellington '12 and Dan Niedzielski '12



Members of the Student Alumni Association volunteered to assist with the game tent. Shown, kneeling, from left, Kimberly Zurinski, Kayla Havens, Claire Parolski, and Danielle Lisnock. Shown standing, from left, Victoria Ortolani, Michelle LaMaire, and Sean Conway.



Children, from left: Ethan, Shane and Tessa Cegelka  
Adults, from left: Charlie Burns; Jerry '65, Patty '91 and Jackie Cegelka



From left: Christine Richter '96, Ben Jackson '93, and Aron Carter '94



From left, Paul Ivantic '72, Greg Fitzpatrick '73, Dave Rojek '71 and Pat McElwee '71

## Alumni Games

Throughout September and October, several King's athletic teams welcomed back former players for some friendly competition against current athletes.

**Women's Lacrosse.** *From left to right: Chelsea Manes '13, Alisa Marino '13, Krystina Villarreal '13, Michelle O'Brien '08, Rachel Agzigan '06, Patrice Cote '06, Jenifer Marrosu '06, Shannon Ellis '10.*



**Women's Volleyball.** *Back row, left to right: Head coach Bernie Kachinko, Cara Dienno Locke '05, Annie German, Jessica Luedeman '07, Samantha Paige '10, Katie Carr Meluskey '06, Jessica Kandefer Lee '06, Kaitlyn Malshefski '10, Kat Clerici '10, Assistant coach Jorge Alonzo '00, Assistant coach Steve Hoeft '93, Assistant coach Jeremy Sands '97. Front row: Shannon Ellis '10, Diane Lucas '06, Jillian Foster '12, Lauren Foster '04, Colleen Grosenick '12.*

**Softball.** *Kneeling from left to right: Leanne Harvey '08, Marie Roth '97, Linda Manarchuck-Farringer '04, Christen Piccola '04, Michele Dlugosz '02, Head coach Lisa Gigliello, Assistant Coach Tif Mulally, Maria Zangardi '04. Standing: Assistant Coach Ashley Kowalski, Kate Shiffer '07, Stacey Preambo '05, Mari Valonis '07, Lindsey Horner-Krug '10, Beck Loring '09, Becky Long-Sieg '96, Christie Parfitt '10, Katie Fry '10, Abbey Knoblauch-Graver '09.*



**Field Hockey.** *Kneeling, left to right: Holly Mannucci '12, Kelly Raulli-Mitzen '01, Jess Ametrano '01, Shawna Walp '12, Ashley Irwin '11, Megan Mundy '13. Middle row left to right: Brittany Naylor '13, Jackie Sikora '13, Erin McGinley '11, Jenera Quinones '12, Callie Berryman '13, Meghan Wernimont '13, Stephanie Wingerter '13. Back row left to right: Maggie McCormick '13, Molly Doheney '07, Ave Moran '08, Melissa Gates '08, Heather Kelly '08, Katie McCormick '08, Grace King '08, Christina Glenn '09.*

## Alumni International Trip To London/Paris: October 5-12, 2013

In October, a group of 42 alumni and friends traveled to London and then to Paris as part of the College's third International Alumni Trip. The London tour included famous landmarks: the House of Parliament, Big Ben, Westminster Abbey, Piccadilly Circus, Buckingham Palace, St. Paul's Cathedral, the Tower of London, and the ceremonial pageantry of the Changing of the Guards. Many experienced the England-in-One-Day excursion to discover the mysteries of Stonehenge, shopping in the beautiful Georgian city of Bath, and headed on to Stratford, the birthplace of William Shakespeare, before returning to London. The group continued on to Paris by means of the Eurostar Train. The Paris tour included famous landmarks: Arc de Triomphe, Opera Madeleine, Louvre, Champs-Elysees, Notre Dame Cathedral and a beautiful panoramic view of the city from the second floor of the Eiffel Tower. As in England, there was an optional excursion to historic Versailles, which many in the group experienced. Whether they opted for the special tours or took in the sights on their own, everyone now has memories to last a lifetime. Read some of their testimonials below.

### Personal reflections from travelers ...

Great to be back with familiar faces. The trip was very well scheduled including time to relax. I am referring friends for future trips.

—Bob Fortsch '77

The London and Paris trip was wonderful. It exceeded my expectations. Both cities are fabulous but I fell in love with London all over again. It just does not get any better than having fun with a great group of people and learning about the history of London and Paris at the same time.

—Nancy Fitz-Rolon '78

The King's Alumni Trip is a great way to tour some of the most iconic places with some wonderful people. The Paris and London trip was my second through the King's Alumni Office, and while I got the chance to catch up with friends from the prior trip to Italy, I also got to meet some amazing new people.

—Jennifer Stull '05



Stuffed in an iconic London phone booth are: Patricia Cegelka '91, Jennifer Stull '05, Gerald Grysevicz, Jacquelyn Cegelka, Kristen Gadomsky.



Ann Marie Zaffuto '87 at Stonehenge.



At the Paris Hotel, first row, left to right: Jerome Cegelka '65, Patricia Cegelka '91, Andrew Klemash, Lee Klemash, Rose Grysevicz '96, Gerald Grysevicz. Second row: Jacquelyn Cegelka, Susan Paoletti, Jennifer Stull '05. In back: Jane Doles, Paul Doles '70, Robert Paoletti, Heather Ruseskas, Kristen Gadomsky, Mark Ruseskas '78.

From our hotel in London we had a view of the London Eye and short walks to several English Pubs. Even though I was traveling alone, everyone made me feel welcome in their group and I enjoyed sharing the sites with my new acquaintances. In one pub we played a game of Trivia with English diners. The prize was a coupon for 50 Euros worth of Beer! ... After three days in London, we were off to Paris via the Chunnel. I had visited Paris once before, but 10 times is not enough for Paris, so I was excited to be there again. Lucky me, my hotel room overlooked a beautiful square and I had my coffee on my own French balcony. It was heaven.

—Ann Marie Zaffuto '87

Diane and I had a wonderful time on this action-packed, fun-filled trip to London and Paris with a ride through the Chunnel. The hotel selection in both capitals was great, first class (with great breakfasts) and superb locations.

—Bill Eydler '70

## Wrestling Reunion

On October 12, King's Wrestling Head Coach, Ned McGinley, welcomed back over 40 alumni wrestlers for a celebratory reunion dinner. Former Monarch wrestlers, **David Morgan '09** and **Bernie Nasser '72**, were recognized for special achievements. Morgan was inducted into King's Wrestling Wall of Fame for his 2007 and 2008 NCAA Division III National Wrestling Championship. Nasser was honored for his recent induction into the Connecticut Chapter's National Wrestling Hall of Fame as a coach and as an official.



Former King's wrestlers **David Morgan '09** and **Bernie Nasser '72** were recognized at the reunion by Coach McGinley.



At the wrestling reunion dinner, from left to right: **Dominick Mazzante '73**, **Ray Yagloski '73**, **Mike Hricik '81**, **Bernie Nasser '72**, **Jerry Bavero '73**, **John Gibbons '76**.

## Physician Assistant Student and Alumni Gathering

On October 8, alumni, students and friends of King's Physician Assistant program met for a night out at River Grill in Wilkes-Barre.

*Seated: Rita Cross '82, Adele Habbaz, Jocelyn Chernetsky Hook '76. Standing: Bret Stemrich '03, Ellie Steinruck, Pam Conway MacNeely '97, Tammy Frost, John Grimes, Michele Carey, Beth Grega, Ashley Sugalski, Samela Mariano, Shannon Tucker, Diana Laber Easton '86, Colleen Felty Reynolds '93, Bill Reynolds '93.*



## McGowan Business Forum

On October 17, the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual McGowan School of Business Forum was hosted in Wilkes-Barre at the Westmoreland Club. During the popular event, 38 alumni mentors met with 77 King's business students to critique their resumes, discuss skills needed to succeed in corporate environments and offer their support. The mentoring session was followed by a networking reception and dinner with keynote speaker Brother Stephen J. LaMendola, C.S.C.



## KWAC Career Day

The King's Washington Area Alumni Club sponsored the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Career Day in October when 46 King's College students traveled to D.C. for the two-day event. The opening reception featured as guest speaker, the Honorable **Patrick Mulloy '63**, currently an adjunct professor at Catholic University. Twenty-five Washington-area King's College alumni and friends hosted the students in their homes for the evening.



## King's and Wilkes Alumni Networking Night

Last fall, the alumni offices of King's College and Wilkes University coordinated an evening for local alumni of each school to gather, not as rivals but as friends. The networking event drew over 30 attendees who enjoyed the camaraderie, pizza and raffle prizes.

Seen at Rodanos during Networking Night are, left to right, **Jocelyn Hook '76**, **Cindy Miller '06**, **Dan Cebrick '83** and Wilkes alumnus **Stephen Moyer**.



## Fall Phonathon

The Fall Phonathon was held over a six-week period in November and early December. The Alumni Relations and Annual Giving Office hosted one night as Alumni Night, inviting local alumni back to campus for an Italian feast and some fellowship before making their calls. For the majority of nights, the calling was done by student callers who participated in a training session before dialing. Though raising money in support of the King's College Annual Fund is a primary purpose of the phonathon, callers were encouraged to inform alumni that participation, at any giving level, is key to a successful annual fund. We would like to thank all of our volunteers and callers who worked so hard on this important outreach effort. And thank you for answering the call!



*Left to right, sophomores Olivia Fink and Elizabeth Camardella.*



*Left to right, Jennifer Stull '05, Rose Gryskevicz '96 and Sharon Poray '86.*

## Breakfast With Santa

The annual Breakfast with Santa gathering was held on December 14. Dubbed “the cuteness convention” by staff, the event is an exciting time for alumni to bring their adorable children and grandchildren to campus for a chance to see Santa up close and take a family photo. Nearly 300 alumni and their families braved a mild snow storm to enjoy a delicious continental breakfast, hear the beautiful voices of Cantores Christi Regis, and pay a visit to Santa. Also attending was everyone’s favorite mascot, Leo the Lion.



*They don't call it a “cuteness convention” for nothing. Seen with their adorable children are, left to right, Darren Snyder '98, Kelly Bray Snyder '02, Roger Anderson '00, Lynn Nichols Anderson '01, and Almeda Appleby.*



*Pictures of the kids with Santa and with Leo the Lion were very popular.*



*Prior to his grand entrance, the Big Guy posed for a photo with members of the King's security team, Joseph Sapulak and Chester Kopco, and thanked them for helping him park his sleigh (and everyone else's cars) in the snowy conditions.*

## Silver Century Club Christmas Party

The Silver Century Club Christmas party was held on December 21, 2013 with over 450 guests in attendance. This annual donor appreciation event has been a King's College tradition for fifty years. A special Mass was held prior to the party with King's College President, Fr. Jack Ryan, C.S.C., presiding and with members of the Holy Cross Community concelebrating. Fr. Ryan was joined in the receiving line by Vice President for Institutional Advancement, **Frederick Pettit '96**, Silver Century Club Executive Committee Chair, **Bill Vinsko '69**, and members of the Holy Cross Community. During the event, guests enjoyed the sounds of Cantores Christi Regis, who performed in the lobby of the Sheehy-Farmer Campus Center. Food and fellowship abounded upstairs at the main event. To learn more about the Silver Century Club, please contact the Office of Institutional Advancement at (570) 208-5880.



*Cecelia McCarthy; Frederick Pettit '96, Vice President for Institutional Advancement; Drew McLaughlin '09 and Gary Lambert '10.*



*Mercedes and Bill Vinsko '69 greet Fr. Ryan following the Mass.*



*Fr. Jack Ryan, C.S.C., President; Heidi Gerding and Jim Clement.*

## Winter Alumni Club Events

The King's Washington Area Alumni Club hosted a "Welcome to Washington" reception for the members of the Women's Basketball team when they participated in a tournament at the Catholic University of America in late December. Members also organized a King's cheering section for both days of the tournament. Thank you to all the Washington area alumni who came out in support of the Lady Monarchs!



Seen with the Lady Monarchs at the reception are Ray Kane '50, Jim O'Hara '58, John Wetterau '70 (in rear) and Matt Wolfmayer '11.

On January 11 the Northeast Pennsylvania Alumni Club met at Senunas' for a pre-game party before catching a shuttle to the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Ice Hockey game when the Penguins took on the Hartford Wolfpack.

Members of the King's College cheering section at a Penguins game in January included (from right) Rob Coar '06, Former Mathematics Professor Dr. Tony Berard, Louise McNertney Berard '75, and Tom Crosby '75.



## Planned Gifts

WILL CHANGE STUDENTS' LIVES AT KING'S COLLEGE



There are many options to make a planned gift to King's College. The new King's website for planned giving offers a wealth of information to consider. The website is updated weekly with current news articles. Please visit [www.legacytokings.org](http://www.legacytokings.org) to discover exciting features, including:

- **Online Will Planner** - an easy and secure guide to planning your estate
- **Personal Planner** - articles on how to achieve your financial goals
- **Washington News** - articles on latest tax changes
- **Financial News** - latest news on stocks, bonds and interest rates

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King's College also created a folder with Planned Giving materials, including the **Guide to Planned Giving and Planning Your Legacy**. Please contact Bill for a copy of the new Wills Planning Folder.

## Alumni Profile

### Raymond D. Kane '50

Many people associated with King's College will know Ray Kane '50 as a member of the first graduating class, who is willing to devote his time and resources to a variety of causes, especially his alma mater. What people might not know is the story of military veteran who enrolled at King's as an under-sized football player with a hard-working, never-give-up attitude, who went on to become a respected player and a consultant in the world of business.

Ray was born in his family's home in the Heights section of Wilkes-Barre in 1927. His father, Augustus "Gus" Kane, a salesman, passed away unexpectedly when Ray was in grade school. His mother, Margaret, was left to raise Ray and his older brother, Tommy.

As a senior at GAR High school in 1945, Ray scored well on the military aptitude tests and asked his mother to sign a waiver allowing him to leave school and join Tommy in the Navy during World War II. Ray was stationed at a Navy PT Boat Base in the Philippines and then on a destroyer escort. Eight months into Ray's military career, the war ended. After he was discharged, Ray found a newspaper article describing an evening course at King's College. He enrolled into the College's inaugural class in September, 1946.

It wasn't long before he met Bob Ell '50 at Heffernan's No. 1 Pub, where Glee Club members would convene and sing at the bar. Bob later became King's first alumni director.

"To me, Bob Ell was, and is, Mr. King's College," Ray said. "He went out of his way to know everybody. Everybody loves him. He is a very special person."

While Bob continued to sing with the Glee Club, Ray was interested in an athletic team taking shape at King's – football. Ray met with Coach Tom Brock, who told Ray that he was too small to play: Ray was 5'8 and barely 140 pounds. Instead, Ray became the team's manager for three seasons until Coach Dick Riley arrived on campus from Notre Dame. Coach Riley noticed Ray punting the football after practice.

"Coach Riley said, 'If you want to play, get a uniform and be out here on Monday. We'll see what you can do,'" Ray said. "When I put on that uniform, I felt like I could run through a tree."

Ray suited up for his first game as a defensive quarterback, the safety position in modern football game, against Mt. Saint Mary's and forced a fumble on his first play on defense. Ray played every game during his senior season and was named co-captain along with Ed Konarski '50 for the rivalry game against Wilkes.

He is still very proud of that team and joked, "How many teams can claim three members whose last names begin with 'Z'? (Bill Zekas, Leo Zynel, and Jay Zaleskas)."

Success on the field inspired Ray to improve in the classroom. He adjusted to early morning classes and, while he still found time for a shuffleboard game with lay faculty, Ray devoted



Kane (right) with classmate Bob Ell at 2013 Homecoming

himself to his education. He became interested in his courses, including Rev. Leo F. Flood's public speaking class and history with Dr. John H.A. Whitman. Some of his fondest memories were the relationships he developed with faculty.

"It was a unique time on campus," Ray said. "Relationships with faculty were more peer-to-peer because our veterans' status made us closer in age. They treated you like equals."

Ray's new-found motivation to excel in the classroom hit a snag when his GI Bill eligibility expired after the fall semester of his senior year. He was working full-time as a delivery driver for the Kiddie Shop, a prestigious child's clothing shop near the old Percy Brown's, and used his paychecks to help support his mother. There was no room in the budget for tuition. Luckily, King's second president Rev. John Lane, C.S.C., found out about Ray's hardship and offered him a scholarship.

"That's another reason why I'll never forget King's," Ray said. "I never asked for the scholarship. Something made Father Lane believe in me. That to me is what makes King's special. King's takes people for who they are and has that quality of bringing out the best in them."

The scholarship allowed Ray to graduate with a degree in economics. Soon after graduation, Ray was recalled to the Navy for a brief stint during the Korean War. He retired from the military and began his 20-year business career with General Electric, working in various locations doing stints in marketing and sales.

Ray met his wife, Barbara, who also worked for the company, and the couple married in 1957. They travelled the country working at several General Electric locations before arriving in Silver Spring, Md.; the couple's eldest daughter had reached high school and they decided to plant their roots. The couple has five daughters – Nancy, Cindy, Maureen, Judy, and Sally – and nine grandchildren.

After GE service and five years with American Management Systems and later Unisys, Ray retired in 1990 and entered the world of consulting, serving as senior government consultant for other businesses. For his efforts, Ray received the President's Award from the Government Information Technology Executive Council in 1998. Last year, he received the first Lifetime Contributor Award for 65 years of service to the U.S. Government, the Information Technology Community, and the Industry Advisory Council. Today, while mixing in a round of

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golf or volunteering, Ray now represents three firms and lectures on customer service.

Ray regularly volunteers his time to his alma mater. During the College's "Legacy of Excellence Capital Campaign," Ray and board member Atty. James O'Hara '58 planned to host a gathering for alumni in the Washington, D.C., area at the prestigious Metropolitan Club, located a block from the White House. James's brother, former president Rev. Thomas J. O'Hara, C.S.C., '71 made the trip from Pennsylvania. The turnout was much less than expected.

"We invited about 16 people and only four showed up," Ray recalls. "It was embarrassing. We vowed it would never happen again."

In the event's ashes, those four alums – Jim, Ray, Atty. Joseph McMonigle '89, and board member Atty. Cathy Serafin '83 - created King's Washington, D.C., Area Alumni Club, KWAC, a group of dedicated alumni who organize social gatherings and mentoring events for current students, like the annual Career Day.

KWAC has nearly 600 members and Ray hopes it will serve as a model for other alumni groups to form around the country. "For any graduate that wants to extend King's geographically, King's has the staff to provide the resources to support them and make it easy for that to happen," he said.

Ray and Barbara have continued to be generous supporters of their parish and King's College. He still attends every alumni event he can, and remains good friends with Bob Ell. Ray and Barbara also sponsored an exchange-student named Moses Pundo '93 from Kenya, Africa, to study at King's. Moses earned a doctorate and teaches at a Catholic college in Nairobi, Kenya. For his dedication to King's, Ray received the Robert J. Ell Alumni Award for Outstanding Service to Alma Mater in 2000.

"I ask alumni all the time, 'What did your King's education mean to you?' Think of what you received from King's. What was the value to you? What do you think it would be worth to someone else to go to King's? What could you give to help?"

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# News & Notes

## '50s

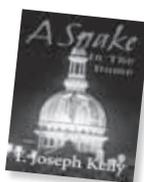
**Joseph Mazza '58** recently published his book "A Fifty Year History of Marshfield Clinic Research Foundation." Joseph is a senior research scientist and an emeritus physician at the Marshfield Clinic Research Foundation. A hematologist/oncologist, he joined the clinic in 1970. His book, available on Amazon, tracks the history of the clinic which began as a small group practice in rural Wisconsin but evolved into a huge medical network of more than 800 physicians, 55 regional locations and a world class research facility.

Business, has been elected to the audit committees of Bon Secours Health System, Inc. and UNICEF, the United Nations global children's aid organization. Alan's professional background includes over 30 years of internal auditing experience, including 12 years as a partner in the Big Five CPA firm internal audit/risk advisory services sector.



**Thomas J. Kelly '75** has just published a novel. He writes, "The novel is my first, published by Solstice Horizon and

available at Amazon Kindle Books. The title is "A Snake in the Dome." The paperback is due out in the spring. I have just completed my second novel and will be exploring my publishing options soon." Tom lives in Mt. Laurel, N.J., and will celebrate 33 years of marriage with his wife Patricia in April.



**Mike Liscovitz '75** sent in details of the 2013 Leo Cup Challenge, held at Jack Frost National in September. He writes "It was an awesome day! Team Leffler (Mark Leffler '75, Karin Donahue Purcell '77, Joe Purcell '79 and Dave Petzold) captured the Leo Cup in a nail-biting four hole playoff from Team Jacobs (John Jacobs '76, Paul Psak '75, Kevin Gosney '76 and Johnny Gosney '07). Kevin Gosney forced the playoff with a clutch birdie putt on #18 to tie. Dave "Money" Petzold hit the shot of the day on the fourth playoff hole with a 220 yard second shot to 12 feet from the Hole pin. Save the date for next year for The Leo Cup Challenge – on Friday of Homecoming Weekend! For those of you unable to attend King's Homecoming last fall, the school did an outstanding job with an awesome food and beer tent and a lot of fun activities. It is well worth attending this year."



**Mark Leffler '75** reports that the 40<sup>th</sup> annual gathering of 'An Unexpected Party' was celebrated twice in 2013, the first at the original location, Suscon Road in Bear Creek Township and the second at Beorn's Lair in McGraw, N.Y. 'An Unexpected Party' is a fellowship of King's College graduates and friends who meet each year to relive the tales of the first unexpected party which took place circa 1973-74 and involved several Holy Cross Hall roommates and a fascination by **John Sikorski '75** with J.R.R. Tolkien's "The Hobbit."

**Kevin Gosney '76**, a fellow unexpected party member, writes "A little over 43 years ago a group of high school kids began an unexpected journey by beginning their college education at King's College. They had no idea what to expect but what they found was worth its weight in gold. That group of kids began a tradition that has unexpectedly kept them forever young. The tradition is called the Unexpected Party and their unexpected journey is called life." Each party ends the same way: looking forward to the next."



Seen at the 2013 gatherings of unexpected partiers are alumni: **Duane Sbriscia '75, Donna Pizano Sbriscia '77, Parker Davis '75, John Jacobs '76, Mike Liscovitz '75, Scott Smith '75, Tom Crosby '75, Joan Sakowski Crosby '76, John Ammon '74, Frank Chinicci '75, Kevin Gosney '76, James Vanderlin '75, Edward Windas '75, Robert Silk '75, Charles Mulhern '75, Paul Psak '75, Hugh Wrigley '75 and Mark Leffler '75.**

**William Aitcheson '79**, a parish priest at St. Timothy's in Chantilly, Va., recently celebrated 25 years with the Arlington Diocese. In the past 25 years he has served various roles at several churches in the area, including an appointment as member of the Presbyteral Council in 2004 by Arlington Bishop, Paul Loverde.

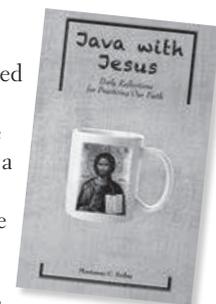
## '80s

**Kevin McIntyre '80** was elected president of the Pennsylvania Association for College Admission Counselors. The association is an organization of over 1,000 counselors at the secondary and post-secondary level and from community-based organizations who work with students in transition to post-secondary education. Kevin is the Vice President for Enrollment Management at Rosemont College.



**Marianne C. Sailus '80** recently saw her book, "Java with Jesus: Daily Reflections for Practicing Our Faith,"

published by Eastern Christian Publications of Fairfax, Va. The book contains 366 daily meditations along with suggested scriptural readings for each day of the year. Marianne is a board-certified chaplain and is the coordinator of pastoral care/patient advocate at Allied Services Integrated Health System Heinz Rehab Hospital in Wilkes-Barre Township. She is also a monthly contributor to Theosis, a journal of eastern Christian publications.



**Mary Beth Bowler-Chambers '83** was inducted into the Middle Atlantic Conference Hall of Fame. Mary Beth, who is regarded as the finest player in Lady Monarch history, was a two-time NCAA Division III All-American and is still the women's basketball program's all-time leading scorer with 2,024 points, which is also the third highest total in MAC history. She is the only player in King's women's history to reach the 2,000 point

## '60s

**Victor Cavacini '65**, an attorney with the Allentown law firm, Gross McGinley, LLP, was selected to a list of 2013 Pennsylvania Super Lawyers. Victor was selected for his achievements in the area of General Litigation. He is certified by the National Board of Trial Advocacy, a Pennsylvania Supreme Court approved agency, as a certified civil trial advocate. The annual Super Lawyers list consists of less than five percent of Pennsylvania lawyers. Victor was previously selected in 2012.

## '70s



**Patrick Rushton '73** received the 2013 Pennsylvania Visionary Voice Award from the National Sexual Violence

Resource Center for his work in sexual violence prevention. Patrick is Education/Outreach Manager for the Victims Resource Center in Wilkes-Barre, where he has worked the last 11 years. He retired from the Wilkes-Barre City Police Department after 20 years of service. Pat serves on several boards and is also a columnist and correspondent for the Citizens' Voice. He resides in Mountain Top with his wife, Dolores.

**Alan Siegfried '73**, currently an adjunct professor at the University of Maryland, Smith School of

plateau. She was recognized for her induction in a ceremony at half-time during a King's College home game in January.



Director of Athletics Cheryl Ish (left) presents the MAC plaque to Mary Beth Bowler-Chambers '83.

**Dr. Nichola Delbalso Gutgold '84** was promoted to full professor of communication arts and sciences at The Pennsylvania State University. She also accepted a new position as associate dean of academic affairs for Penn State's Schreyer Honors College. As dean, she will be responsible for developing honors courses in partnership with academic units across the University. She has written or co-authored a number of books examining communication by women in male-dominated fields. Her most recent books, both published in 2012, are "The Rhetoric of Supreme Court Women: From Obstacles to Options" and "Gender and the American Presidency: Nine Presidential Women and the Barriers They Faced," which she co-authored.

**Joseph Revit '86** was promoted to U.S. Air Force Colonel and Mission Support Group Commander for the 507<sup>th</sup> Air Refueling Wing. He serves at Tinker Air Force Base in Oklahoma.



**Mark Petrie '87** was hired as Vice President for Enrollment Management at Keuka College in Keuka Park, N.Y., in December. In

this role he provides strategic leadership for the College's admission and recruitment of traditional undergraduates, international students and adult/graduate students as well as the financial aid office. Mark earned his M.B.A. from the University of Buffalo in 1999.

## '90s

**Larry Danko '90** was selected to the Middle Atlantic Conference Hall of Fame for his achievements as a wrestler at King's, which include his three-time All-American placement in the NCAA Division III Wrestling Championships. He was presented with his official Hall of Fame plaque before a Monarch home wrestling match in November. Danko currently lives in Wilkes-Barre and is the owner of Danko's All-American Fitness in Plains.



Seen at a backyard BBQ last July are (left to right): **Laurie MacAniff Zila '90, Sean Smith '92, Kathy Hickey Granatelli '90 (back), Maureen McNally McKinney '90, Carolyn Logan Kennedy '90 (back), Michele Cunningham Grant '90, Mark Riviello '91, Tammy Wilkes Saunders '90, Erik Adamchak '90, and Host Scott Coppeto '90.**

**Sandy Sheridan '91** was selected as a Southwest Super Lawyer in 2012 and 2013 and nominated to serve on the American Immigration Lawyers State Department Liaison Committee for both years. She practices corporate immigration law as a partner at Fragomen Del Rey Bernsen & Loewy's Phoenix, Arizona office.

**Robyn Snyder '97** and **Scott Sanfilippo '93** are part of the Solid Cactus team that has been bringing informative webinars to its customers, including a January webinar with Yahoo executives. Solid Cactus is an eCommerce solutions provider that was co-founded by Scott in 1994.

**Shawn T. Kelly '96** was elected as a judge of the Civil Court of the City of New York for a 10-year term, which began last year. Shawn credits much of his professional success to his King's College education.

**Mina Mozijuki Gibbons '97** was chosen as Teacher of the Year from Hilton Elementary School where she works in Newport News, Va. Pride contacted Gibbons and she wrote this update: "After graduating from Kings, I went to Carthage College to earn a master's degree while teaching Japanese to college students as part of scholarship program. I met my husband and moved to Virginia. We have two children 4 and 9-years old. At Hilton, I am teaching 5<sup>th</sup> graders this year and am in charge of a math focus group at my school to educate teachers how to teach math in the classroom. I'm also involved with math curriculum and assessments for Newport News Public Schools, and am a member of Christopher Newport University's clinical faculty program."

**Brian Compton '99** is the deputy managing editor of NHL.com, the website of the National Hockey League. He is also the site's beat writer for the New York Islanders, reporting on many of their home games. In January, Brian covered the NHL Winter Classic in Ann Arbor, Mich., and sent in this photo taken at Michigan Stadium. He has worked for the NHL since 2007 and lives in Forest Hills, N.Y.



## '00s

**Jocelyn Holodick-Reed '00** was recognized by The Susquehanna Valley Section of the American Chemical Society as the Outstanding Chemistry Educator during National Chemistry Week. Dr. Holodick-Reed, a Hanover area chemistry teacher, was presented the award which

consisted of a plaque and check for \$100 during her Chemistry II class by Mr. Ronald Blatchley, past-chair of the Susquehanna Valley Section ACS, and **Dr. Ronald Supkowski '94**, chemistry professor at King's College.



In the photo from left to right: Mr. Daniel Malloy, Hanover High School Principal; Mr. Blatchley; Dr. Holodick-Reed '00 and Dr. Supkowski '94.

**Craig Stonaha '00** is president of Laughing Rock Technology, LLC, an IT company that was included among the Greater Reading Chamber of Commerce's Emerging Entrepreneurs list.

**Michael Thomas '01** works as legislative director for the office of Pennsylvania State Senator Sean D. Wiley of Erie County.

**Kelly Evans Trzeciak '04** was promoted to principal at ParenteBeard LLC, in Philadelphia. For over a decade, Kelly has been a key player in the firm's exempt tax practice. Her responsibilities include coordination and supervision of tax compliance and consulting issues on healthcare, higher education and membership organizations' clients.

**Jason Derr '05** was recently promoted to the position of Counsel at the Office of Inspector General for the Federal Reserve Board and the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau. He was the recipient of the Federal Reserve Board's Special Achievement Award in 2011, an annual honor awarded to Federal Reserve Board employees in recognition of excellent performance. Jason received his award from then Chairman Ben Bernanke and the Inspector General. Jason received his juris doctorate cum laude from Catholic University of America, Columbus School of Law in 2008. Additionally, in May 2013, he earned an L.L.M. in Law and Economics from George Mason University School of Law. He currently lives in Washington, DC, with his wife, Suzanne.

**Kasey Corbett '07** was promoted to president of the Corbett Insurance Agency. Prior to this promotion she was and will continue to be responsible for managing the day to day operations of both the Shavertown and Nanticoke offices. Ms. Corbett acquired her Property and Casualty and her Life and Health licenses in 2008 and 2009 respectively. She earned her Certified Insurance Counselor designation in 2012.

**Brandan Placke '08** is employed as a mental health counselor at the Guidance Center in Mount Vernon, New York. Brandan earned a master's degree in mental health counseling from Nova South Eastern University in Florida in 2011. He resides in the Bronx, New York.

**Sara Tomedi Greene '09** saw her short story, "The Pomelo," chosen as one of National Public Radio's Three Minute Fiction contest. An excerpt of her story was broadcast on NPR's "All Things Considered" last summer.



**David Prutzman '09** received his doctorate of osteopathic medicine from the Philadelphia

College of Osteopathic Medicine last June. He will continue his medical studies at St. Luke's University Health Network in Bethlehem.

## '10s

**Alexander Frisina '10** published a compilation of poetry, short stories and song lyrics titled "This is Alpha." Available on Amazon, Alexander noted that some of the works in the book date back to a creative writing class he took while at King's.

**Kyle Rowan '12** sent in this photo of a CohnReznick staff gathering of King's College alumni and friends at a Baltimore Orioles baseball game last summer.



Standing left to right are: **Jeff Massetti '12; Amanda Urban '12; Logan Monaco '12; Ashley Balogach '11; Jenna Ebersole '12; Megan Grohol '12; Kyle Rowan '12; Dr. Marc Marchese, King's Professor of Human Resources Management; Barry Williams, Dean, King's William G. McGowan School of Business; Florena Williams '00, Frank Galli '07; Matthew Richards '03; Joe Doll '93; Pam Bowles.**

**Megan Yetter '12**, a graduate of King's Physician Assistant program, is a lieutenant, junior grade in the U.S. Navy and currently serving in Afghanistan. Students and faculty in the PA program sent her care packages for the holidays. Megan sent her thanks and wrote "Receiving these boxes gives my team and me a little piece of home... Practicing medicine here is definitely different but primary care is still the basis. Even though we treat traumas, we still have clinic and do family medicine every day. I work with a great team here and love my job which makes being here a lot easier. We have learned to enjoy the little things like an amazing sunset and how bright the stars are at night. The perks of being in the middle of nowhere... Please share my gratitude with everyone!"



**Zachary Yodis '12** completed an amazing feat last year. He writes, "On the windy afternoon of March 10<sup>th</sup>, I was dropped off by my girlfriend (Kelly Caloway '12) and her father at Springer Mt. in Georgia, the southern terminus of the Appalachian Trail. From there, I proceeded to walk the entire length of the trail, 2,186 miles spanning 14 states over the course of 5 months. Why did I do it? ... On the surface, my reasons did not differ from other hikers; the challenge, the sense of accomplishment, an affinity for the outdoors. But after a short bit these reasons grow old... The trail is a great equalizer; doctors, dentists, military vets, college grads, old, young, it doesn't matter. The trail is a shared experience. And quite possibly the greatest thing about the trail is that it brings out the kindness of people. I remember thinking of how my faith in humanity reemerged during those months as I was treated so incredibly well by people whom I never met... The ending seemed all too abrupt, but I finished the trail August 14<sup>th</sup> and have since returned home. I keep in touch with a few of the hikers I was with and I can tell they miss the trail just as much as I do... I try to remain positive, and to remember the lessons the trail taught me while I try to move on in life, in a direction that is not marked with white paint on trees."



**Zachary Yodis '12** ends his 2,186-mile hike of the Appalachian Trail in August.

**Jake Lehnowsky '13** was hired as a staff accountant at ParenteBeard LLC, a top 25 accounting firm.

**Katlin Michaels '13**, a former Lady Monarch's basketball standout, was recognized by the NCAA as a national statistical leader. She was the 2012-13 season leader in NCAA Division III with a 7.3- assists-per-game average. Katlin, who is in her first year as a graduate student at the University of Hawaii, returned to King's to accept the award in January.



Lady Monarch Head Coach **Brian Donoghue** presents **Katlin Michaels '13** with her award.

**Christopher Sweeney '13** signed with the Kansas City Royals last summer, playing in their rookie Appalachian League with the Burlington Royals of North Carolina. He ended the 2013 season with a .203 average.

## Alumni Weddings

**Amanda Brodhead '12** wed Jeffrey Naperski on June 22, 2013. The bride is pursuing her master's degree in exercise science and health promotion from California University of Pennsylvania. She is employed by Phoenix Rehabilitation and Health Services as a certified athletic trainer. The groom is employed as a network administrator by United One Resources in Wilkes-Barre. They reside in Plymouth.

**Kelly Brzozowski '07** wed Sal Carroll on July 20, 2013. The bride works as a high school English teacher for the Wyoming Area School District and is pursuing her Ph.D. at Marywood University. The groom is a high school psychology teacher for the Pittston Area School District.

**Maria Bustin '11** wed **Mark Yankowski '08** on August 10, 2013. The bride is a fifth grade teacher at Wycallis Elementary School in Dallas, and the groom is a wellness specialist with Geisinger Health Plan. The couple resides in Edwardsville.

**Kevin Carle '04** wed Bethany Tomascik in the Chapel of Christ the King at King's College on September 7, 2013. The bride is employed as an analyst by Fortigent in Rockville, Md. The groom received his law degree from Hofstra University in 2007 and is an attorney with the Internal Revenue Service in Washington D.C. They reside in Gaithersburg, Md.

**Kelly Conroy '01** wed William Dussault on September 6, 2013 at St. Pius X Church in Loudonville, N.Y. King's College runs in her family: The bride's sister, **Casey Morgan '08** (pictured below), was maid of honor; father of the bride is **Steve Morgan '69** (also pictured) and the bride's uncle is **Tom Morgan '80** (not pictured but attended the ceremony). The couple resides in Albany, N.Y.



**Stephanie Gawlas '11** wed **Colin Walsh '11** on July 6, 2013 at St. Nicholas Roman Catholic Church in Wilkes-Barre. The bride is employed by Loudoun County, Va., as a first grade teacher. The groom is employed by Deloitte as a federal closeout analyst. They reside in Reston, Va.



*Seen at the Gawlas-Walsh reception from left to right: Ashley Washinski '09, Chad Hoffman '09, Kelly Rose, Steven Meckel '13, Therese Stemple '11, Tommy Gallagher '08, Stephanie Walsh '11, Colin Walsh '11, Katie Jones '11, Edward Rafter '09, Rebecca Abruzzese '11.*

**Michael Handzelek '82** wed Reba Imali Karani on October 26, 2013, in Eldoret, Kenya. The bride is employed as a marketing sales executive with Pwani Products, Inc., of Nairobi, Kenya. The groom is employed as a Clerk II for the Luzerne County Recorder of Deeds/Register of Wills in Wilkes-Barre. They plan to live in Exeter Park.

**Micheline Horvath '06** and **Peter Noon '10** were married on June 28, 2013. The bride is employed as a national bank examiner with the U.S. Treasury Department. The groom is employed as a sales representative with Fitness Headquarters.

**Amanda Marchica '08** and **Mark Chalmers '07** were married at Holly Hedge Estate in New Hope on April 27, 2013. Dr. Marchica is an internal medicine resident at Pennsylvania Hospital and Mr. Chalmers is assistant director of admissions at Thomas Jefferson University. The couple resides in Philadelphia.



**Melissa McGeer '00** wed Philip Bonczewski III on July 27, 2013. The bride is employed as a third grade teacher by the Pocono Mountain School District. The groom is a corrections officer for Luzerne County. They reside in Forty Fort.

**Kelly McNulty '11** wed Peter Monka Jr. at the Glen Summit Chapel on July 20, 2013. The bride is employed as a fourth grade teacher, and the groom as a sixth grade science teacher. The couple reside in Charlotte, N.C.

**Katherine Moore '11** committed to Cameron Steward in a ceremony at Frances Slocum State Park on September 7, 2013. The bride is employed by WVIA Public Media and Gerrity's Supermarket. The groom is employed as an EMT. They live in Ashley.

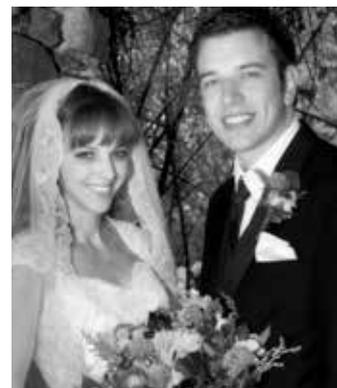
**Brian Murray '11** wed Rose Scott on July 6, 2013. The bride is a graduate of Misericordia University. The groom works for Volkswagen Corporation of America.

**Rosamaria Schillaci '07** wed **Frederick Locey '06** on July 13, 2013. The bride is employed as an elementary school teacher, and the groom is employed as an athletic trainer at Geisinger Wyoming Valley. The couple resides in West Pittston.

**Lindsay Smith '12** wed John Stavish on May 11, 2013. The groom is employed by Kellogg's as a market manager. The bride is employed as a physician assistant by Dallas Family Practice. The couple resides in Shavertown.

**Alison Taroli '07** wed **Eric Gelsleichter '07** on October 13, 2012 at The Highlands at Newberry Estate, in Dallas. They both majored in chemistry while at King's. Alison received her juris

**Alison Taroli '07 and Eric Gelsleichter '07**



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*Back row, left to right: Steven Pepper '07, Jonathan Swanson '07, Matthew Tomczykoski '07, Edward Rafter '09, Lauren Pyskoty '09, Evelyn Sorto '08, Michallyn Vilushis '09, Ashleigh Clair '06, Rachel Dumont '06, David Toth '06. Front row, left to right: Kristen Hunter Lomas '08, Mark Chalmers '07, Amanda Marchica '08, Susan Minnick '08, Sarah Guza '08.*

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doctorate from Syracuse University, College of Law, Syracuse, N.Y., and is employed as a patent attorney at the law firm of Steptoe and Johnson, Washington, D.C. Eric is completing his final year of veterinary school at VA-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine, Blacksburg, Va. At their wedding, Alison was attended to by her best friends and fellow 2007 King's College graduates: **Lauren Costanza Haynes**, **Maria Demuro Winters**, and **Kylene Dougherty Phillips**. Eric was attended to by his friend and fellow chemistry alum **Tim Balasavage '06**.

**Kurt Warner '06** wed Tanya Smith on July 27, 2013. The bride is attending Keuka College and works for Catholic Charities in Cortland, N.Y. The groom received his master's degree in social work from Binghamton University. He is also employed by Catholic Charities in Cortland as the permanent supportive housing coordinator.

**Jeffrey Yedloski '04** wed Elizabeth Collins on May 18, 2013. The bride is employed by the Social Security Administration. The groom is a computer graphics technician employed by Deluxe Digital Studios. The couple resides in Hanover Township.

**Mallory Zoeller '13** wed **Robert Hudak '11** on July 13, 2013. The bride is a sixth grade mathematics teacher in the Hanover Area School District. The groom is a special education teacher for the same district. They reside in Mountain Top.

## Alumni Births

Congratulations to **Sandra Sheridan '91** and Mark Reguerin on the birth of their daughter, Sienna Grace, on July 4, 2013. She joins her brother, Aldo, age 9.

Congratulations to **Dr. Jill Yurko '99** and her husband Emery on the birth of their son, Emery Jr., on October 18, 2013. Emery weighed in at 8 lbs, 3oz., and was 22 inches.

Congratulations to **Dave Reynolds '00** and **Christine Fadden Reynolds '00** on the birth of their latest production, Elliot Jude Reynolds. Born in early October 2013, he weighed in at 7 lbs, 8oz., and measured 18.5 inches.



*DeFeo children*

Congratulations to **Erin Marie Dawson DeFeo '01** and her husband Fred on the birth of her daughter Kaitlyn on August 7, 2013.

Congratulations to **Angela Piekutowski Smith '03** and her husband Kurt. Their son, Joshua Patrick, was born September 20, 2013 and weighed 8 lbs, 12oz. He was 20 inches long.



*Joshua Patrick Smith*

## In Memoriam

Our prayers and condolences are extended to the families of the following alumni and friends who recently passed away:

Paul J. Birmer '59  
Sandra M. Brulo '74  
Linda Burak '84  
Gerald Patrick Deady '77  
David J. Define Sr. '64  
Paul Endler '53  
Danette Fedock '88  
John J. Ford '60  
Vincent Gryscavage Sr. '58  
Joseph A. Habersky '69  
George Kropiewnicki '51  
Louis P. Kwarcinski '74  
Gene Lispi '51

Paul S. McGarry '72  
Mark Mulcahy '81  
John Nolan '53  
Peter A. Onukiewech '92  
William B. Palmer '92  
The Very Rev. Archpriest Daniel Pavelchak '68  
Anthony J. Petrillo Jr. '85  
Bernard M. Prevuznak '60  
Thomas Rudick '51  
Gary J. Serafine '72  
Samuel Shoucair '76  
Adamn B. Sieminski '83  
Susanne Stone '74

Jane Willey '89  
George Wooditch '60  
Leonard J. Zavada '50

**Former Faculty, Staff and Students**

Elizabeth (Betty) Venetz Didgeon  
Dr. Daniel Deblasi  
Rev. William H. Donahue  
Ray Edward Burd  
Marie Rodack  
Matthew Wascavage  
Peyton Walker

# Donor Profile Gus & Val Genetti

Gus and Val Genetti, noted regional business leaders and philanthropists, have established two scholarships at King's to help local students who are preparing to follow in their footsteps.

The couple has established need-based scholarships for Luzerne County students entering their junior or senior years in the physician assistant studies program and the McGowan School of Business. The first recipients of the scholarships will be selected this spring.

The couple's commitment to the College's highly acclaimed physician assistant studies program is based on Val's professional career as a registered nurse and her long association with the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital Auxiliary. The program will move to new and expanded facilities in King's on the Square, the renovated former Ramada Hotel, for the next academic year.

"I feel that young people who are striving to become our future business leaders and entrepreneurs deserve recognition and support," Gus said in explaining his rationale for assisting King's business majors.



A hallmark of the King's College experience is to contribute in a meaningful way to the community in which we live. In return, many members of the greater community, although neither alumni nor employees of the College, generously support King's, its mission, and its people, most especially its students. The mutual support between and benefit enjoyed by King's and the community is real. And it is treasured. To learn more about supporting King's, please contact William Lynn, Director of Major Gifts and Planned Giving, at (570) 208-5946 or [williamlynn@kings.edu](mailto:williamlynn@kings.edu).



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### Cruise with us to *Bermuda!*

May 31 to June 5, 2014

Sail aboard the Royal Caribbean Cruise Line *Explorer of the Seas* on a five-day cruise to beautiful Bermuda. We'll dock at King's Wharf, giving you the freedom to relax on pink-sand beaches, swim in the sparkling turquoise waters or explore golf courses, restaurants, shops and historic monuments. Come back aboard and get a massage, drop by the casino, eat late and dance all night. You decide!

**Cost: \$915** per person for an Interior Stateroom, or \$1,125 for a Balcony Stateroom, based on double occupancy. Additional stateroom options are available. Includes roundtrip transportation from King's\* to Cape Liberty Cruise Port; all meals and entertainment on board; a special King's cocktail party; taxes and fees. \*For those living outside of northeast Pennsylvania, contact Travelworld for special transportation arrangements.



### Next we are off to **TOUR CLASSICAL GREECE!**

October 2 to October 9, 2014

From picturesque fishing villages to historic ruins, this vacation is a classic! Spectacular ancient history will unfold as we tour:

- Athens: walking tour of lively Plaka, featuring dinner at a local restaurant and folklore show, followed the next day with a guided tour of Athens including the Acropolis archeological site and museum (fees included).
- Archaeological findings in Mycenae, Epidaurus and Nauplion, followed by dinner at the hotel.
- Olympia, where athletes of antiquity competed, and Delphi the following day, with a special visit to the Archaeological Museum (fees and dinner included at both locations).
- Athens on our return visit, with free time to explore, shop, and enjoy a farewell dinner.

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