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## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings Lock Haven Family,

Another academic year has come and gone at The Haven, and with it, a year of firsts. Reflecting on many of our inaugural milestones, including the first official Commonwealth University commencement ceremonies, I am most proud of the achievements of our students. Their grit, determination, and heart are inspiring, and I hope you'll enjoy reading their stories within these pages.

Our cover story highlights five-sport athlete Billie Jo Bollinger, whose energy, drive, and determination exemplify what it means to be a Bald Eagle. Billie Jo's athletic achievements are impressive, but her academic accomplishments prove that nothing is impossible when you work hard and dream big.

We are quickly approaching the one-year anniversary of Commonwealth University. I'm proud of all we have accomplished together, and I am inspired by the work ahead of us. Commonwealth University began as a bold dream designed to bring new opportunities for students across Pennsylvania, to harness the strengths of three powerhouse institutions, and to ensure that affordable high-quality education options remain available in the communities we call home. Our future students will have access to a fully updated curriculum and pathbreaking coursework leading to degrees that are increasingly relevant in today's economy.

The integration of Bloomsburg, Lock Haven, and Mansfield also has allowed for benefits beyond the classroom by leveraging our combined resources to create initiatives that positively impact a range of stakeholders. Commonwealth University students will enter the workforce ready to make an immediate difference and positive impact for their employers.

In this issue, you'll read about Professional U—our comprehensive approach to career and student professional engagement coupled with an engaged community of dedicated faculty, staff, alumni and employers. It begins on the first day a student sets foot on campus. Our goal is for each student to complete one professional experience, such as an internship, each year. These high-impact professional experiences give students an advantage when they prepare for their first jobs. About 70% of our interns are offered employment at the company where they interned, and 80% accept these job offers.

As Lock Haven alumni and supporters, you can partner with us to provide these crucial experiences for current Bald Eagles. From establishing high-impact internships, to supporting Professional Experience Grants that make it possible for students without the financial means to complete internships, or returning to campus to conduct mock interviews or resume reviews with students, your support makes a difference in the lives of our students.

In May, we celebrated our graduates at the 2023 Commencement Ceremony. As President, one of my favorite moments is shaking hands with our graduates as they receive their diplomas. Commencement marks a significant achievement in our students' experiences, but more than that it signifies the beginning of the next phase of their lives when possibilities are limitless.

Thank you for all you have done and continue to do in support of our students. As you'll see in these pages, our Lock Haven students are dreaming and achieving big. I hope you will join us on campus in the coming months for Homecoming, or to cheer on our student athletes this Fall season.

Sincerely,

Dr. Bashar Hanna  
President







## CAMPUS VIEW

Graduates their family, friends, and supporters along with Commonwealth University faculty and staff filled a sunny Hubert Jack Stadium on Friday, May 12, to celebrate the class of 2023 during the 146th spring commencement ceremony.



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Senior Billie Jo Bollinger hurdles toward the future following her graduation from LHU this spring.

Photo By: Bill Crowell





# HAVEN HAPPENINGS

## Commonwealth University Honored with 3 'CUPPIE' Awards

The Marketing and Communications Department (MarComm) at Commonwealth University (CU) took home three awards at the recent 2023 CUPPIE Awards competition sponsored by CUPRAP (College and University Public Relations and Associated Professionals). Commonwealth U received one bronze and two gold CUPPIES. A gold was awarded in the Long Form Story Writing category for the piece, "Pulling Back the Curtain on the Uncommon Man," written by Thomas McGuire, senior director of strategic communications, for the Bloomsburg: The University Magazine winter 2022 issue. The second gold was awarded in the Wild Card category to the MarComm staff for their collective effort for community scholars and scholarship strategy

(scholarship materials, media relations, social media, and webpage), and the bronze was awarded in the Executive Communications Speech Writing/Remarks category for the "Clinton County Economic Partnership Keynote," written by Elizabeth Arnold, executive communications and editorial director, and Dan Knorr director of external and government relations. CUPPIE Awards are given for creative excellence in marketing and communications to the work of member institutions in the categories of advertising, electronic media, print, public relations and marketing, writing, and photography.



From left, Tom McGuire, Nikki Keller, Stephen Filipiak.



## Hanna Appointed to Tuition Account Advisory Board

Dr. Bashar W. Hanna, president, has been appointed to serve on Pennsylvania's Tuition Account Program (TAP) Advisory Board by former Gov. Tom Wolf. Hanna's appointment runs through September 2026.

The board advises on the work of the Pennsylvania 529 College Savings Program, which provides families with a tax-advantaged way to help save for their children's higher education.

State Treasurer Stacy Garrity, a 1986 graduate of Bloomsburg University, oversees the PA 529 program. PA 529 accounts are designed to help Pennsylvania families steadily and strategically save for future educational expenses. The PA 529 Guaranteed Savings Plan allows families to save at today's tuition rates to meet tomorrow's tuition costs.

More than 276,000 PA 529 accounts are open, with over \$6 billion saved for future education. Over the program's more than 30 years, it has helped families pay for more than \$5 billion in qualified higher education expenses.



## Commonwealth University Hosts Inaugural Presidential Leadership Summit

Commonwealth University recently hosted the inaugural Presidential Leadership Summit at the Pennsylvania Capitol in Harrisburg on Tuesday, April 25. The event, sponsored by PSECU, brought together student leaders, legislative allies, and alumni from Bloomsburg, Lock Haven, and Mansfield.

Commonwealth University President, Bashar Hanna, spoke about the transformative power of education and the need for the university, alumni, and supporters to partner together to create opportunities for students to participate in professional experiences that prepare them for today's workforce.

According to Hanna, Commonwealth University strives to provide at least



one professional experience, such as an internship, for each student every year. "Students who participate in an internship have a 70 percent chance of being employed immediately upon graduation, compared to 36 percent for those who do not participate in an internship," Hanna said.

The Chair of Commonwealth U's Council of Trustees, John Wetzel, spoke about the power of three and the importance

of placing student success at the forefront of the university's mission. He also thanked the student trustees from Bloomsburg, Lock Haven, and Mansfield for attending the event and supporting their fellow students.

Adam Stewart, PSECU's vice president of strategic growth, marketing, and relationship management, cited the strength of the partnership between PSECU and Commonwealth U. He touted the importance of providing affordable, high-quality academic options for Pennsylvania students and spoke about PSECU's role in offering financial literacy training to students at all Commonwealth U locations.

As Commonwealth University approaches the milestone of its first anniversary, student success remains the focal point of the institution's mission. Through partnerships with local and regional employers and alumni, the university will continue to serve as an economic engine for local communities and the commonwealth.



## Grant Helps Students in Need of Food

In an effort to address student hunger on campus, Commonwealth University (CU) received the Pennsylvania Hunger-Free Campus+ designation from the PA Department of Education. This designation also qualified CU to apply for grant opportunities, resulting in a \$60K grant awarded

to the University to address food insecurity on its campuses at Bloomsburg, Lock Haven, and Mansfield. This was the highest amount given to five of the 28 colleges and universities that received the grant in the 2022-23 academic year.

Former Gov. Tom Wolf successfully advocated for \$1 million to support postsecondary institutions' efforts to address student hunger needs on campus. This effort resulted in the institutions being invited to apply for the PA Hunger-Free Campus or Campus+ designation to demonstrate their commitment to addressing the hunger needs and food insecurity for

college students and diminishing hunger as a barrier to learning.

Dr. Tiffany Welch, associate professor of social work at Mansfield, wrote the grant and Dr. Amy Downes, associate vice president for student success and campus life at Lock Haven and director of the Haven Cupboard food pantry, assisted her efforts.

The grant will help the three campuses with their objectives of expanding pantry services with food purchases and refrigeration and upgrades to their existing facilities. They also plan to create a more standard system for food delivery across all campuses and supply sharing.



## Commonwealth Earns PNGAS 'Guard Friendly School' Recognition

Lock Haven, Bloomsburg, and Mansfield, as Commonwealth University, have been named as "PNGAS Guard-Friendly School" by the Pennsylvania National Guard Associations (PNGAS).

Developed by the PNGAS Education Advisory Council, the "PNGAS Guard-Friendly School" program was designed to recognize high schools, colleges, universities, and trade schools that meet or exceed a set of standards for creating a supportive learning environment that is friendly to recruiting and assists members of the Pennsylvania Guard in pursuing post-secondary degrees and military service.





# Professional U:

## The Human Endowment of Commonwealth University

By: John Vitale

**A**n exciting era in career development and alumni relations is officially underway at The Haven.

Commonwealth University-Lock Haven's newly formed Office of Alumni and Professional Engagement combines alumni relations with career and professional development to better leverage its more than 37,000 alumni as members of an actively engaged professional student-support network.

Professional U—a new and innovative approach within Alumni and Professional Engagement—is a career community of

alumni, faculty, staff, and employers who support student success through transformative partnerships that increase graduates' probability for rapid, high return professional job opportunities upon earning their degrees.

"Professional U is the human endowment of our university," says Dr. Lynda Michaels, associate vice president for alumni and professional engagement. "It's a promise we've made to students that from the time we recruit you to graduation and beyond, we are committed to you and your professional goals."

"Professional U is about

the network, and once you're in it, it's never going to leave you," she adds. "Through integration and 'The Power of Three,' the alumni network available to students grows exponentially."

"Alumni and businesses want to give back, but they want to make sure it's strategic and meaningful," says LHU Foundation (LHUF) Executive Director, Ashley Koser. "Professional U is more than faculty connecting students with alumni, alumni offering internships, or employers hiring students at a job expo. It is all those things and so much more," she adds. "It's a robust

career community of highly accomplished professionals providing best-in-class practical experiences to differentiate students for post-graduate success in a global workforce."

Before she was appointed executive director, Koser spent nine years overseeing Lock Haven's alumni relations and all aspects of alumni and donor engagement. In January, Ashley Conrad, Koser's protege at The Haven since 2016, was promoted to replace Koser as Director of Alumni and Employer Engagement.

In January, Lock Haven also welcomed Darwin Kysor,



and his more than 25 years of experience in higher education and professional development, as its new director of employer engagement and career and professional development.

In conjunction with Michaels and Koser, Conrad and Kysor will lead Professional U at Lock Haven. In this revamped, 21st-century, alumni and professional engagement model, Conrad, through in-person and virtual alumni programs and events, cultivates relationships with alumni and employers as volunteers to impact successful student outcomes at The Haven.

From there, Kysor works with the career team to connect alumni and employer volunteers with deans and faculty. Through these connections, more students will engage in important

resume-building and career-launching professional experiences graduates need to navigate today's highly competitive job market.

Koser and the LHUF development team also engage alumni and business partners to secure Professional Experience Grants (PEGs) and the needed program dollars that make Professional U's experiential learning opportunities affordable for Lock Haven students.

"We'll never stop engaging alumni in the traditional ways they enjoy," says Michaels. "With Professional U, we've taken alumni engagement and employer engagement and blended them to facilitate newer, better, more-efficient pathways to student partnerships, along with philanthropic opportunities for alumni

and businesses interested in getting even more involved."

"As a result, we're seeing relationships blossom and we're finding more meaningful ways to engage stakeholders that support their passion, impact students' professional growth, and directly align with the University's mission to provide an affordable, experiential, world-class education for our students," she adds.

Michaels also notes that volunteer board members from the Bloomsburg, Lock Haven, and Mansfield alumni associations will play pivotal roles in expanding alumni networks to support student partnerships as Professional U evolves to meet everchanging student and employer needs.

"Our Alumni Association volunteer boards are going to be critical ambassadors as we continue building Professional U and Alumni and Professional Engagement into the future," says Conrad. "The LHU Alumni Association is very fortunate to have President, Ameer Vance '75 and Philip Burlingame '78 and his more than 30 years in higher education leadership as the volunteer alumni championing The Haven's Professional Engagement Committee."

To learn more about Alumni and Professional Engagement, Professional U, or how you or your company can facilitate impactful alumni-student partnerships at The Haven, contact Ashley Conrad at [amc815@lockhaven.edu](mailto:amc815@lockhaven.edu) or 570-484-2360.



L-R: Ashley Conrad, Ashley Koser, and Darwin Kysor

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# COMMENCEMENT

**A** wealth of sunshine and smiles were out in full force to celebrate Commonwealth University-Lock Haven's graduating Class of 2023 during the 146th Spring Commencement Ceremonies on Friday, May 12.

More than 500 graduate and undergraduate students received their degrees during the combined ceremony at Hubert Jack Stadium.

Dr. Diana Rogers-Adkinson, CU provost, welcomed the guests, followed by remarks from Dr. Bashar Hanna, president; John E. Wetzels, Council of Trustees chair; and a greeting from the faculty and coaches by Dr. Richard

Goulet, Lock Haven APSCUF president.

Student speakers were Loren Glossner, student government president; Katherin Marion Lorson, graduate student speaker; and Justin White, undergraduate student speaker and student member of the CU Council of Trustees.

Top honor graduates also were recognized during the ceremony: College of Arts, Social Sciences, and Humanities – Kerri Hoover; College of Education and Human Studies – Marissa Bulkley; College of Health Professions – Megan Peters; College of Science and Technology – Blake Roberts; and Zeigler College of Business – Kinley Gioglio.







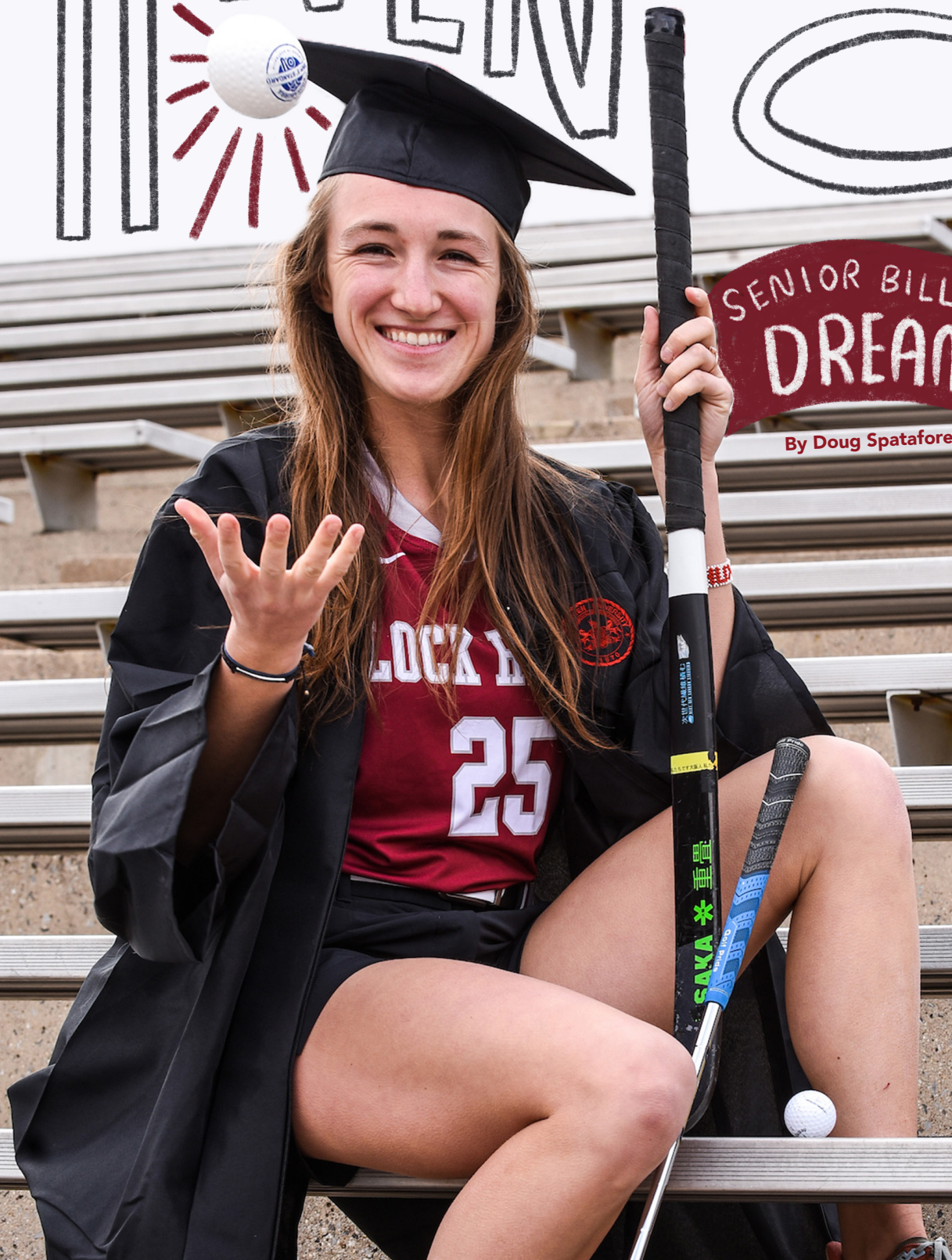


# HAVEN THE WAY



SENIOR BILLIE JO BOLLINGER  
DREAMS BIG

By Doug Spatafore





**5** Five sport student-athlete and academic standout Billie Jo Bollinger chose LHU for the opportunity to chase her dreams. She's done that, and much more, during her remarkable journey at The Haven.

When it's all said and done, Billie Jo Bollinger's name will be synonymous with some of the best athletes in Lock Haven history.

As a five-sport student-athlete, yes five, she's done it all on the field, track, and course.

But Bollinger has done much more. She's made the most of what she calls an amazing opportunity.

She admits Lock Haven wasn't her first choice for college, but now calls coming to Lock Haven one of the best choices of her life.

"Coming to LHU has allowed me to chase my dreams," says Bollinger.

To fully appreciate her success, one must understand the beginning. Early in the recruiting process, Bollinger called Lock Haven the "perfect trifecta" for her.

From the start, she wanted to participate in college athletics, and playing multiple sports was key. As parts one and two of her "trifecta," Bollinger wanted to play both field hockey and participate in track and field.

Academics played a pivotal role in her decision right from the beginning. Given Lock Haven's historically strong physician's assistant program, Bollinger knew LHU had all the components to be the right fit. She first reached out to Division I field hockey coach Pat Rudy '77. The two had a strong connection right away, as both are Manheim Central High School graduates. Few schools presented an opportunity to play Division I field hockey and

participate in track and field, but Lock Haven offered that chance, and Bollinger seized it.

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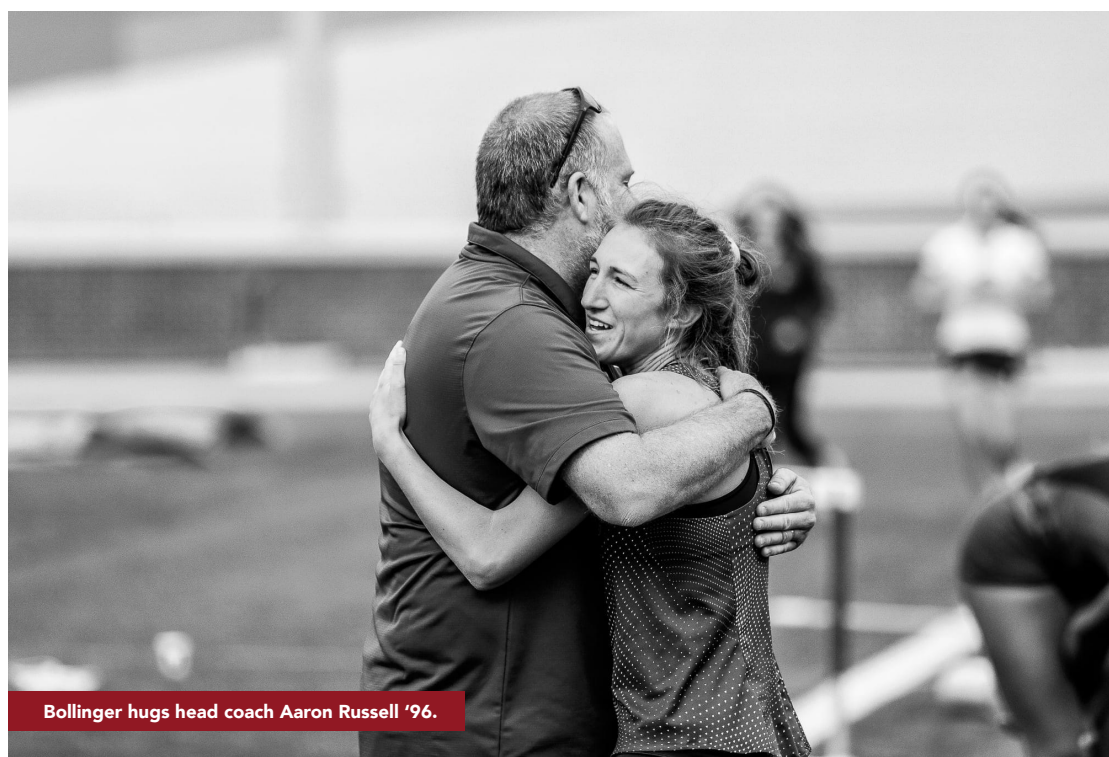
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According to Rudy, she and Bollinger are a lot alike. "We both were three-sport athletes in high school," says Rudy.

"I'm very intrigued and very supportive of, and I even seek out, multi-sport athletes," adds Rudy, who calls multi-sport athletes a "plus."

After their time at Manheim Central, both Bollinger and Rudy earned the school's Female Athlete of the Year award. Going full circle, Bollinger was the recipient of the Lock Haven University Pat Rudy Field Hockey Scholarship. According to Bollinger, one of her greatest moments at LHU came as a freshman when she was one of the players on the field hockey team the day the Bald Eagles won at Davidson, helping coach Rudy secure her 600th career coaching victory.

In the arena, Bollinger quickly made a name for herself as a three-sport athlete, competing for the field hockey



Bollinger hugs head coach Aaron Russell '96.





program, and in both indoor and outdoor track and field. She helped guide the field hockey team to a number of successes and her name is littered throughout the women's indoor and outdoor record books as she's dominated the hurdle events during her career.

Last spring, at the 2022 Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference Outdoor Track and Field Championships, Bollinger scored in both the 100-meter and 400-meter hurdle events, finishing second and third, respectively.

Most recently, at the 2022-23 PSAC Indoor Championships, Bollinger finished sixth in the 60-meter hurdles. She entered the championship event seeded 13th, but as she normally does, she saved her best for the biggest stage.

With her Division I field hockey playing eligibility exhausted, Bollinger entered the Fall of 2020 needing a new challenge. She found it in what some would say was an unlikely place for a sprinter and hurdler. Bollinger took on

her newest sport at The Haven—the fourth of her varsity career—cross country.

Bollinger joined the cross country program in fall and stood out from the start. Her one and only season on the cross country course proved remarkable. She ran to All-Conference honors at the PSAC Championship in November and helped lead the Bald Eagles to a third-place finish in the team standings.

Two weeks later, she did it again and helped lead the Bald Eagles to a berth in the 2022 NCAA Division II Cross Country Championships.

At the regional championship meet, Bollinger was Lock Haven's fifth runner as the team placed third and earned a spot in the national championship meet. She was 59th overall in a deep field of talented runners. Even more impressive was the fact that a year earlier she was on the field hockey field and hadn't even given cross country a thought.

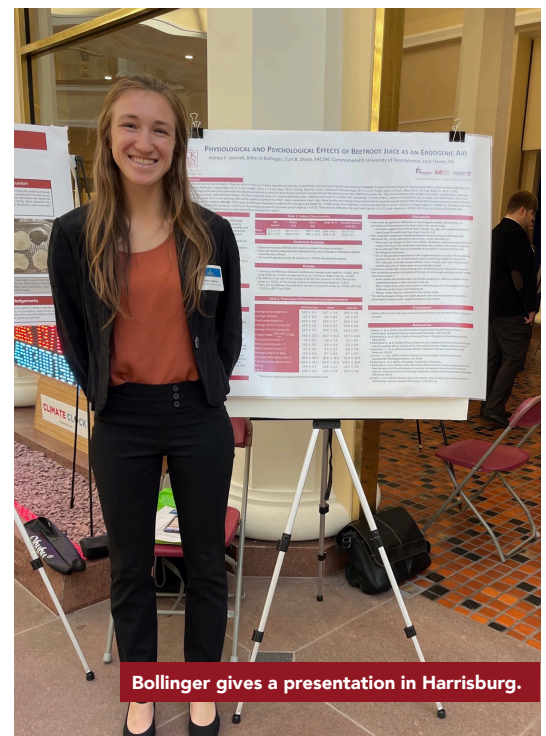
But there she was, helping to lead the women's cross country program to just its second national championship appearance in school history.

"Focused" is how head women's cross country and track and field head coach Aaron Russell '96 describes Bollinger in one word.

"She shows up every day and works hard," Russell says. "She's not afraid to try new things or challenge herself." Russell believes her determination and focus inspires those around her.

If the Fall of 2022 wasn't busy enough, Bollinger decided to make one more major impact in athletics.

On an early October day, she took to a course, one in a completely new and different form, as she suited up for the still young LHU women's golf program and competed at the Bloomsburg Husky Invitational. Still new to the game, she was one of three Bald Eagles who competed that day.



Bollinger gives a presentation in Harrisburg.



And, with a round of collegiate golf now on her resume, Bollinger had officially lettered in five varsity sports at The Haven: Division I field hockey, indoor track and field, outdoor track and field, cross country, and golf. A feat almost unheard of in collegiate athletics.

Despite the busy athletic schedule, there is much more to her story. Along with participating in five collegiate sports, Bollinger has held several jobs, volunteered with numerous organizations, and was involved in many campus clubs.

Throughout her college career, she spent time as a member of the Health Science Club and Student Athlete-Advisory Council and had stints participating in other on-

campus organizations like the Red Cross Club, Haven Cupboard, the Social Justice Task Force, and the Student Auxiliary Services Board.

And of course, there is the academic part of Bollinger's remarkable story. Her listing of academic honors rivals those she's earned in athletics. The dean's list student finished with a 3.5 grade-point-average and a degree in health sciences. She also graduated with minors in psychology and biology.

But how can one accomplish so much while doing it so well?

Bollinger's mindset is simple—take advantage of every opportunity in front of you. "Do not let the little things pass you by and live life to the fullest," she says. "Enjoy the college experience. Lock Haven has given

me the opportunities and I took advantage, I lived my Haven life to the fullest and enjoyed every moment because of what the university presented to me."

Bollinger's future plans include graduate school; her ultimate goal is to work in trauma or neurosurgery.

She came to The Haven to chase her dreams. Bollinger did just that, and much more.

Her experiences will certainly inspire the next generation of Lock Haven dream chasers.

Bollinger's strong will and desire to achieve greatness will allow her to continue to chase those lofty dreams. And she will continue to make us all Haven proud.



Bollinger with teammates at the 2022 NCAA Division II National Championships.

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# SHARING EXPERIENCE

## Wright '71 Mobilizes Peers to Provide Academic & Professional Development Through Alumni Mentorship Program



with 12 instances of students ending a semester with a GPA of at least 3.0, and seven instances of students making the dean's list with a GPA of 3.5 or higher.

**“What we’ve discovered, is there’s a wide range of reasons students sometimes choose to leave college and, more often than not, we can help them feel better connected with a little nurturing, one-on-one support, and an increased sense of community,” Wright says.**

Through LAMP, alumni and students develop an agreed upon meet-up schedule (in-person or virtual) that allows mentors to proactively monitor the students’ academic progression and address issues they might be facing. If major concerns arise, mentors follow up with Hall, who connects mentees with trained student support staff on campus, ensuring these vulnerable students have access to the resources they need before it’s too late.

“We can’t just bring students to campus and think just because it’s The Haven, they’re going to love it here. With minority students, you have to think outside the box,” says Wright. “We have to get more successful alumni of color involved and must do our part to help all students who come to The Haven complete their journey and walk across that stage at graduation.”

“We have successful alumni all over the country,” he adds. “What makes LAMP special is through virtual mentorship, we’re still seeing these students overcome obstacles and flourish.”

To learn more about alumni-student mentorship opportunities and other ways to leave your mark on student success at The Haven, contact Director of Alumni and Employer Engagement, Ashley Conrad, at [amc815@lockhaven.edu](mailto:amc815@lockhaven.edu) or 570-484-2360.

When Lock Haven State College alumnus, **Ed Wright '71**, learned from longtime Council of Trustees Chair, Dan Elby '71, that retention and graduation rates for students of color were disproportionately lower than their non-minority peers, he couldn't help but wonder why.

For Wright—a passionate president ex-officio of the Lock Haven University Alumni Association who credits his experience as an African American student at Lock Haven State College more than five decades ago with much of his personal and professional success—letting Lock Haven students in pursuit of a college education fall short of their career goals was not The Haven way.

Through his relationship with the Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion—1994 alumnus, Kenneth Hall—Wright invested time learning about the unique challenges students

of color often encounter upon arriving on campus. After months of collaboration, Wright and Hall recruited a team of alumni eager to do something about it.

At the start of the 2021-22 academic year, Wright, Hall, and their network of alumni volunteers launched the Lock Haven Alumni Mentorship Program (LAMP) through the University's Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.

Since its inception, LAMP has seen almost 20 students partner with alumni mentors—the majority of whom were on academic probation prior to volunteering to participate—with more than 90% of participants improving from probation to good academic standing after just one semester of mentorship. Each student who began the program in good academic standing also saw their GPA improve.

To date, 17 students have received mentorship from nine Lock Haven alumni through three completed semesters of LAMP,



# FOOTBALL STANDOUT

## Named Student Trustee



**Justin White** can do it all. And he has since arriving on campus at The Haven in the Fall of 2018.

During the Fall 2022 semester, the Commonwealth University Council of Trustees welcomed White, a senior sport administration major from Philadelphia, as its student member, representing Lock Haven.

White was a wide receiver and two-time Lock Haven football team captain for the Bald Eagles. He also is a member of the Black Student Union; Student Athletics Advisory Council; the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee; and is involved with the new Multicultural Resource Center. White is the recipient of Lock

Haven's Big Train Dintiman Scholarship and the Ron and Jo Ann Bowes Locker Room Scholarship for the 2022-23 academic year.

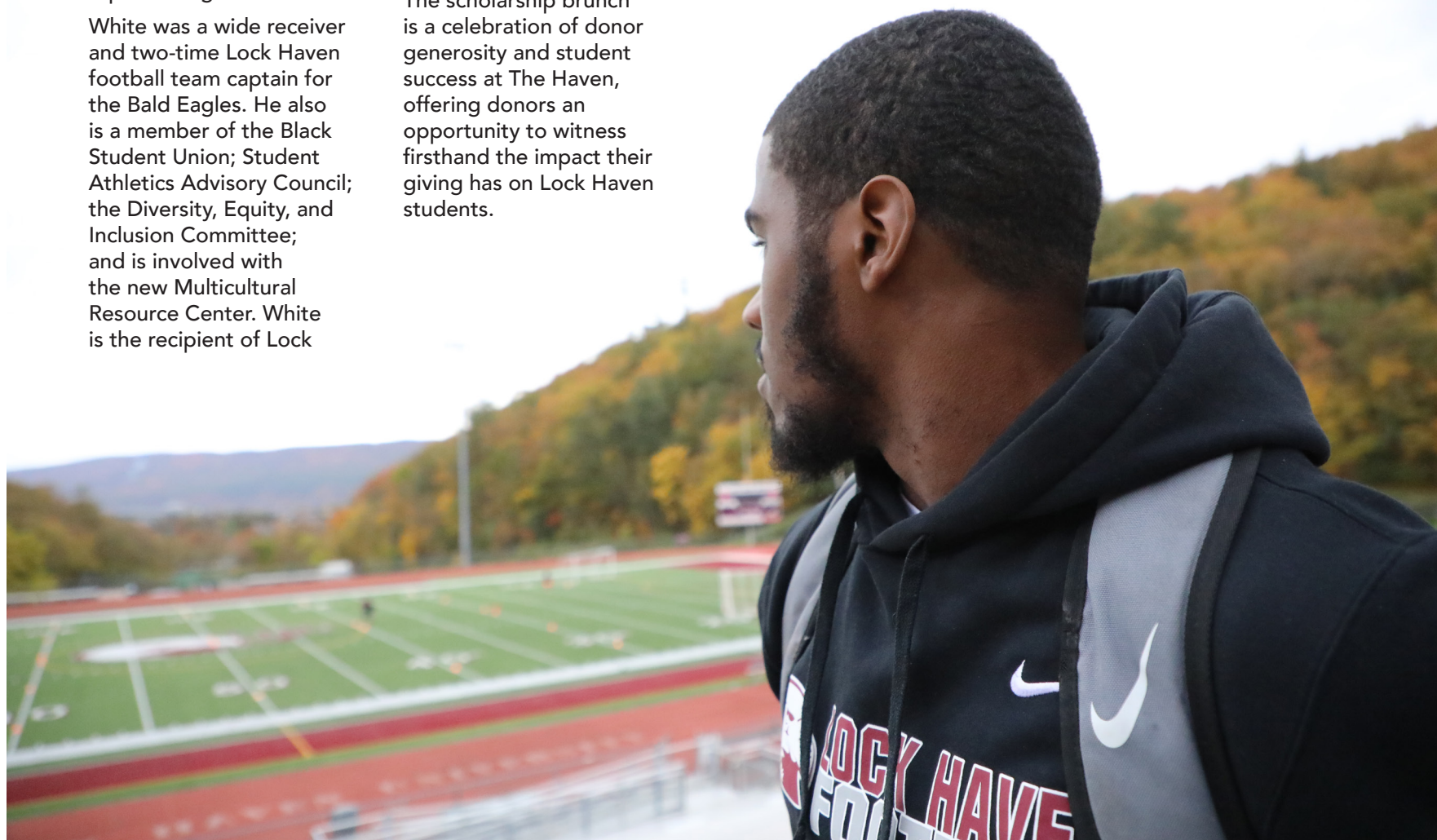
In October 2022, White was also the featured student speaker at the Lock Haven University Foundation's ninth annual James C. Reeser Scholarship Brunch.

The scholarship brunch is a celebration of donor generosity and student success at The Haven, offering donors an opportunity to witness firsthand the impact their giving has on Lock Haven students.

White credits his professors and coursework with helping him become a better leader and providing him with a platform to use his voice to make the world a better place. He also lauded first-year head football coach, Dan Mulrooney, and his entire staff, for creating a fun, positive, optimistic

culture for White and his teammates, both, on and off the field.

Upon graduating, White plans to become an athletic director and high school football coach.







Maddy Reeves rolled to victory at No. 1 singles and helped the Bald Eagles record a win on March 29 in Coach Wert's debut.

## Tennis Opens New Era in Style

On March 29, the women's tennis team opened the spring portion of the 2022-23 schedule in style. The Bald Eagles soared to a perfect 7-0 victory at home over Shepherd.

The shutout-win ushered in a new era for the program as it marked the first match for newly appointed head coach Pete Wert. Wert was named the team's new head coach on January 19.

The Lock Haven native and longtime local coach earned his

bachelor's degree in secondary education at The Haven in 1989.

Prior to joining the LHU staff, the local middle school teacher served as the head boys and girls tennis coach at nearby Central Mountain High School. Last May, Wert guided Central Mountain's David Lindsay to gold at the PIAA Boys Tennis State Championship in what proved to be a historic event as Lindsay became the first Wildcat in history to capture a state title in boys' tennis.

It was announced on Aug. 3, 2018, that women's tennis would officially return as a varsity sport. On Sept. 15, 2019, the Bald Eagles celebrated their return with a home match versus Lycoming. It marked the first home varsity women's tennis match since Oct. 3, 1992. Historically, LHU has had success on the courts. The Bald Eagles went undefeated during the 1973 and 1983 season, and have crowned seven individual conference champions.



## Gelnovatch Named to USG 30 Under 30

In January, new head women's soccer coach Sunny Gelnovatch was named to the prestigious United Soccer Coaches (USC) 30 under 30 Class of 2022-23 at the USC Convention in Philadelphia.

Launched in 2013, the 30 Under 30 program is a year-long education and mentorship opportunity designed to support up-and-coming coaches who are 30 years of age or younger.

Gelnovatch was named the new women's soccer coach at The Haven on Dec. 21, 2022.

A former NCAA Division III All-American at Messiah University, Gelnovatch most recently coached at the University of Alabama in Huntsville as the first assistant coach for the women's soccer program.

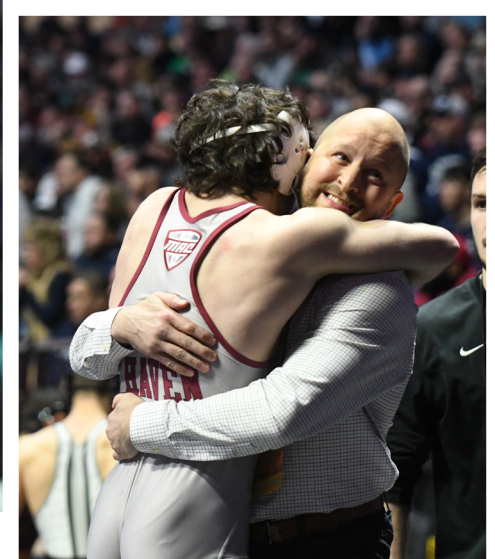
Gelnovatch has Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference experience after serving as a graduate assistant coach at Bloomsburg University during the 2020 and 2021 seasons. She earned a bachelor's degree in sport management from Messiah University in 2020, and received her master's degree in educational leadership and college student affairs in 2022 while serving as a graduate assistant with the Bloomsburg Huskies.



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## All-American Anthony Noto Named MAC Wrestler of the Year

Following a remarkable 2022-23 season, All-American 125-pounder Anthony Noto of the Division I men's wrestling team was named the Mid-American Conference Wrestler of the Year.

The major season-ending award followed Noto's sensational run to All-American honors, cemented by his fourth-place finish at 2022-23 NCAA Division I Men's Wrestling National Championships. In earning All-American status, Noto became the 44th NCAA Division I All-American for the Bald Eagles, and the first since 2019.

Noto also claimed his second consecutive individual MAC title at 125 pounds on March 4.

Noto finished his run to fourth place and All-American status with a 5-2 record at the 2023 NCAA Championships. He entered the NCAA quarterfinals on a 20-match win streak.

The Bald Eagle finished the season with a phenomenal 34-4 record and Noto is now 65-7 in this remarkable two-year LHU career. Following his rookie season with Lock Haven, Noto was named the Mid-American

Conference Freshman of the Year.

Noto was one of four Lock Haven wrestlers who capped their season on the biggest stage, competing at the 2023 NCAA Championships in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Gable Strickland, Tyler Stoltzfus, and senior Ashton Eyler represented Lock Haven at the national tournament.

The four played a key role in guiding the Bald Eagles to their second consecutive Mid-American Conference Tournament title in early March as Lock Haven has firmly planted itself as the team to beat in the MAC.





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# TRIO OF ALL-AMERICANS HEADLINES BANNER YEAR FOR WOMEN'S WRESTLING



All five national qualifiers are set to return next season as the future is extremely bright for The Haven women on the mats. During the season, Lock Haven jumped to as high as No. 7 in the national rankings, the highest in program history. Lackey is just the second coach in program history when he was officially appointed to lead the

program on Oct. 19, 2022. He and the team never looked back as they soared to new heights. Lackey replaced Ronnie Perry who is now the assistant coach with The Haven's Division I men's program. Lackey, a former NCAA Division I national champion, served as an assistant coach with the men's program from 2009-2011.



What a year it was for the women's wrestling program and first-year head coach Matt Lackey. The nationally-ranked women's wrestling team closed the 2022-23 season in style on the biggest stage, and with three All-Americans after a historic run through the National Collegiate Women's Wrestling Championships (NCWWC) National Championship tournament in early March. The trio of Grace Stem, Kaelani Shufeldt, and Lily Sherer all earned All-American status. As a team, the Bald Eagles placed 11th overall with 38.5

points, narrowly missing the top-10 by half a point. In historic fashion, it marked the highest team finish ever for the still-young program. Stem finished fourth overall, Shufeldt was sixth overall, and Sherer placed eighth as they became LHU's first All-Americans for women's wrestling. In all, five Bald Eagles competed at the national championships as both Madison Matta and Trinity Monaghan qualified for the tournament and represented Lock Haven well.





## DONOR PROFILE



### ALUMNI COUPLE ESTABLISHES LHU FOUNDATION'S FIRST-EVER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE GRANT

Alumni Joe '84 and Terri (Wise) Koehler '85 made their first gift to their alma mater not long after graduating from LHU nearly four decades ago.

For Terri, a first-generation college graduate turned lifelong educator, and Joe, an accomplished, 38-year IT (Information Technology) engineer, helping Lock Haven students achieve professional success has always been a cause close to their hearts.

For the first time in their

nearly 40-year history of supporting Lock Haven students, Joe and Terri have established a student scholarship: The Joey Koehler Educational Professional Experience Grant.

Professional Experience Grants (PEGs) are funded by donors and awarded by the Office of Alumni and Professional Engagement. They provide supplemental resources that break down barriers to experiential

learning opportunities.

Unfortunately, some Lock Haven students—many of whom are first-generation or come from financially-limited families—are unable to benefit from these professional development opportunities.

PEGs combat this student hurdle, making high-impact, co-curricular, career-launching opportunities like faculty-mentored research, presenting research, corporate internships, leadership conferences, and study abroad programs more accessible for students.

Named in honor of the Koehler's deceased son, Joe III, "The Joey PEG" will support student teachers at The Haven on their journey to becoming educators. It will assist education majors with expenses like traveling for placement exams or student teaching, purchasing classroom

supplies, obtaining background clearances and certifications, and other student teaching needs.

"Our nation is desperate for quality educators with a passion to teach," says Joe. "We need them now more than ever. If our gift can alleviate financial pressure and allow students to focus more on their educational and professional success, well, then we will feel successful too."

Says Terri, "LHU is in our DNA and as we are able to support the university in more ways, it makes us proud to make a difference at an institution that is at the core of who we are not only professionally, but personally."

Among their many achievements, The Koehlers have proudly returned "Home to The Haven" every year since graduating. Joe is a former President of the

LHU Alumni Association (2016-18) and currently sits on the LHUF Board of Directors. Terri has served on the LHUF board and sits on the Alumni Association board as a member of its Professional Engagement Committee.

In 2018, they were honored with the Lock Haven University Wagner Award at LHUF's James C. Reeser Scholarship Celebration, in recognition of their decades of philanthropic support and service to LHU students.

Making their gift even more special, The Koehlers have pledged to fully endow "The Joey PEG" by 2025, ensuring the Lock Haven legacies of Joe, Terri, and Joey—who was accepted to The Haven, but never enrolled—carry on at The Haven forever.

The Lock Haven University Foundation recognizes "The Joey PEG" as the first Professional Experience Grant in LHUF's 56-year history.

## ALUMNI NEWS

### PADELSKI '17 EARNS WORLD SERIES RING AS ACCOUNT EXECUTIVE WITH HOUSTON ASTROS

Hired by the Houston Astros in August 2021 as an account executive, Jacob Padeliski '17 became a World Series Champion when the Astros defeated the Philadelphia Phillies to win the 2022 World Series.

Padelski earned a bachelor's degree in sport administration and a minor in coaching from Lock Haven. During his time at The Haven, he was an active member of the Sport

Administration Society as well as Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity.

"I chose LHU due to the reputation of the sport administration program, as well as it being close to home and the beautiful surrounding areas," says Padeliski. "The sport administration program is one of the best in the country. I highly recommend the program to any high school students considering getting into sports."

In his role as account executive, Padeliski manages more than 400 season ticket holder accounts, speaks with clients daily about securing their season tickets, plans group

outings for companies, and helps fill premium seating areas of Minute Maid Ballpark.

"As a lifelong sports fan, it was always a dream to be a part of a championship organization," says Padeliski. "Winning the World Series is a feeling like no other."





## ALUMNI RETURN FOR BLACK HISTORY MONTH PANEL

Four alumni participated in a panel discussion in celebration of Black History Month on campus in February. Panelists shared their Haven experiences, discussed LHU's impact on their careers, and provided students career advice.

Panelist, Ed Wright '71 is a former president of the LHU Alumni Association who played football and basketball as a student at Lock Haven State College (LHSC). He then enjoyed a successful career as an educator, before retiring as an Assistant Superintendent.

Dan Elby '71 is the former chair of the LHU Council of Trustees and currently serves on the Commonwealth University Council of Trustees. During his time at LHSC, his greatest student accomplishment was establishing Lock Haven's Black Student Union. Professionally, Elby spent the bulk of his career as the founder of Alternative Rehabilitation Communities, a youth social rehabilitation program. In 2013, he was inducted into the Lock Haven Business Hall of Fame.



The Black History Month Alumni Panel.

Philip Overton '72 played football for LHSC while earning a degree in psychology. He began his career at Harrisburg State Hospital, and later worked in the Governor's Office of Administration before transitioning to careers with the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission and Department of Labor and Industry.

Like Wright, Sam Vaughn '72 played football and basketball at LHSC while earning his degree in elementary education. Vaughn taught in the Allentown School District for 32 years before retiring. He also coached basketball and football.

The panel was organized with the support of the Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, led by Kenneth Hall '94 director, and Mia Swales '19 student success specialist, and Albert Jones '99 chief diversity, equity, and inclusion officer, who moderated the panel.

## LOCK HAVEN ALPHA SIGMA TAU CHAPTER HONORED WITH NATIONAL AWARD

Following the chapter's Centennial last semester, Alpha Sigma Tau's Zeta Chapter at Lock Haven was honored with the Elizabeth Wilson Excellence Award at the sorority's national convention held in Tampa, Florida.

The Elizabeth Wilson Operational Excellence Award is presented to collegiate chapters that exhibit excellence in chapter operations and management throughout the biennium. Zeta chapter members attending the conference included president and social work major, Natalie Wilson, and vice president of organizational development and business administration major, Sadie Nahman.



Alpha Sigma Tau Zeta advisor Amy Brooks (right), accepts the Yellow Rose Award.

The Zeta chapter's advisors, Colleen Reese Stiening '92 and Amy Brooks '80 (Mansfield University), also attended the convention and were the recipients of the Yellow Rose Award honoring alumnae who have given long, faithful service to Alpha Sigma Tau.

The Zeta chapter is the longest-standing chapter of Alpha Sigma Tau and has been at Lock Haven since 1921. Since its establishment, more than 1,200 women at The Haven have been initiated into the chapter.

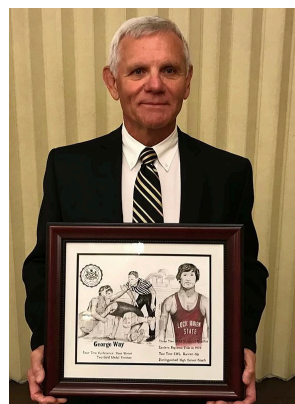
## WAY '78 AIMS TO IMPACT STUDENTS THROUGH VOLUNTEERISM

George Way '78 enjoyed a rewarding career that spanned more than three decades as a teacher, coach, and principal. Now retired, he continues his passion for impacting students as an elected volunteer board member with the Lock Haven University Alumni Association as a member of the board's legacy committee.

Way spent four years as a student-athlete with LHSC's nationally-ranked wrestling program, compiling 93 wins, two Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference championships, and qualifying for three NCAA tournaments, on his way to becoming a two-time team captain. He was also a member of the Kappa Delta Rho fraternity.

He holds a master's degree in educational administration and supervision from Clemson University.

"Throughout my entire career, I've worked at developing and maintaining positive relationships with people, and that is precisely the mission of the LHU Alumni



Association," Way says. "I feel I can provide insightful and creative ideas to help us work collaboratively with alumni and the entire campus community to best meet the needs of everyone who calls The Haven home."

A native of Williamsport, Way now resides in Ephrata with his wife, Pamela. Although officially retired as a coach and educator, he continues his involvement with the wrestling world, working remotely for the National Wrestling Coaches Association as the organization's scholastic director.

## LHU FOUNDATION CELEBRATES DONOR GENEROSITY & STUDENT SUCCESS AT ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP BRUNCH

In October 2022, more than 130 donors and scholarship recipients attended the Lock Haven University Foundation's ninth annual James C. Reeser Scholarship Brunch. The event is a commemoration of donor generosity and student success at The Haven. It allows donors to see the impact their support has on students' lives and gives students a chance to thank donors for their commitment to helping them achieve academic and athletic success.

Each year, two awards are presented to donors for the impact of their support: The Wagner Lock Haven University Achievement Award and the Philanthropy Award. This year's recipients of the Wagner Award were



Norm Gordon '73 receives the 2022 Wagner Lock Haven University Achievement Award during the ninth annual James C. Reeser Scholarship Brunch on October 9.

Norm Gordon '73 and the Philanthropy Award recipient was LHU emerita, Dr. Paula "Sandy" Bell.

During the 2021-22 academic year, 461 scholarships were awarded by the LHU Foundation to 360 students, totaling nearly \$676,000. For more information on the Lock Haven University Foundation or to make a gift to support Lock Haven students, visit [www.givetolhu.com](http://www.givetolhu.com).



# NEWS & NOTES

## LOCK HAVEN UNIVERSITY NAMES FOUNDATION EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND DIRECTOR OF ALUMNI AND EMPLOYER ENGAGEMENT

The Lock Haven University Foundation (LHUF) board of directors has appointed Ashley Koser as the Foundation's executive director.

Koser, who began her new role in January, has more than 10 years' experience in higher education advancement and development leadership. She was hired as the LHUF's alumni director in March 2014 and four years later, she was promoted to her most recent role as executive director of alumni engagement. Prior to joining The Haven family, she served as the assistant director of the Susquehanna University Fund. She also spent time in Penn State University's Division of Development and Alumni Relations.

In her new role, Koser will oversee daily operations

of the LHU Foundation's development and finance teams, while simultaneously leading the execution of all fundraising campaigns—including major gifts, annual giving, planned giving, and other revenue-generating initiatives.

Also, within the Lock Haven University Advancement Division, Ashley Conrad has been named LHU's director of alumni and employer engagement.

Conrad began at the LHUF in 2016 as its development assistant. In 2020, she was promoted to LHU's alumni events manager, and has served as interim director of alumni relations for Mansfield University.

In her new role, Conrad is responsible for engaging LHU's network of more than 37,000 living alumni to increase alumni-student partnerships and expand upon the career pathways and professional networking opportunities available to LHU students.

## POLICE COLLECT FOOD FOR FINES

The Lock Haven University Police Department held a Food for Fines event, in which parking tickets were forgiven in exchange for donated food items.

Approximately 40 campus parking tickets were forgiven in exchange for donated food items. Each forgiven parking ticket required a donation of five items, resulting in the collection of 200 items that were split equally between the Haven Cupboard campus food pantry for LHU students and the Lock Haven Salvation Army Food Pantry.

"This was such a creative event and we are so appreciative of the donations," says Dr. Amy Downes, associate vice president for student success and campus life also oversees Cupboard operations. "The Haven Cupboard loves the partnerships we have on campus and in the community. Our Public Safety Department is one of our biggest supporters and we are so grateful."

LHU police also held its own department-wide donation drive to add to the items given to the Cupboard and the Salvation Army.

## LOCK HAVEN FACULTY SHARE EXPERTISE AT CHEMICAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE

Three faculty members from Lock Haven, Drs. Jacqueline Dumm, Brent May, and Kevin Range, shared their chemical education expertise at the 2022 Biennial Conference on Chemical Education.

Dumm presented "Undergraduate Instructional Resources for Performance of Chemical Demonstrations" as part of the "Community-Based Learning in Chemistry: Implementation, Best Practices, and Evaluation" symposium.

May presented "Using R in the Physical Chemistry Laboratory," co-authored with Range, as part of the "Engaging Students in Physical Chemistry" symposium.

Range presented "Exploring electron configurations of atoms and ions with WebMO and Gaussian" as part of the "Computational Chemistry in the Classroom" symposium and

"Analyzing infrared and NMR spectra of organic molecules with WebMO and Gaussian" as part of the "Using Computational Chemistry to Improve Student Understanding of Chemical Reactions" symposium.

Range also served as a facilitator at the "Computational Chemistry in the Classroom" workshop.



Jacqueline Dumm



Brent May



Kevin Range

## STUDENTS ATTEND NATIONAL HEALTH EDUCATION ADVOCACY SUMMIT

During the Fall 2022 semester, Lock Haven community and public health education majors, Meghan Malloy, of Seaford, N.Y., and Jessica McCarthy, of Wellsboro, spent a weekend learning how to engage policy makers in public health dialogue and experiences at the National Health Education Advocacy Summit in Washington, D.C.

The students, along with their professor, Dr. Rick Schulze, joined 200 graduate and undergraduate public health and health education students from around the country. They learned how to engage in effective advocacy for a common agenda at national, state, and local levels in relation to public

health. The focus of the summit was the Youth Health Equity Real Education and Access for Health Act. Students also spent a day on Capitol Hill meeting with legislative aides and chiefs of staff.

"The summit really opened my eyes to just how important it is to educate people about youth issues," Malloy says. "If we want to make an impact, we must advocate to make public health a priority in schools and communities everywhere."



From left, are Dr. Rick Schulze; Meghan Malloy; Allegra Smith, Legislative Correspondence on Committee of Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions; and Jessica McCarthy.



## PRESIDENT HANNA NAMED TO HIGHER EDUCATION POWER 100

President Bashar W. Hanna recently was named to the 2023 Higher Education Power 100 list by City & State Pennsylvania.

After a multi-year consolidation process, Hanna took over leadership of Commonwealth University on July 1, 2022. With University finances stabilized, Hanna is launching a new strategic plan and touting the merger's opportunities for everyone from varsity athletes to local community college students. View the full list at [cityandstatepa.com](http://cityandstatepa.com).

## CLASS NOTES

### 50's

**James "Jim" Farr '57** earned a gold medal and the title of world champion in the 85-89 age group after competing for Team USA at the World Sprint Triathlon Championships in Montreal, Canada in June 2022.

human performance at Nebraska Wesleyan University (left), and **Dr. Christopher O'Brien, Ph.D, LAT, ATC '94** dean of health sciences at King's College (right), were inducted into the National Academies of Practice (NAP) during the organization's annual conference held in Washington D.C. from Mar. 30 to Apr. 3. Stutz was inducted as a professional member. O'Brien as a public policy fellow.

**Jessica McAlarney Lee '08** is the third woman in the 105-year history of the Kappa Kappa Psi National Honorary Band Fraternity to serve as the organization's national president. A past LHU Woman of Distinction student-award winner, Lee was a member of the LHU band and undergraduate president of the Eta Alpha chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi from 2003 to 2008.

### 60's



**Margery Krevsky Dosey '66**, founder and chairperson of the board of Productions Plus, was recently inducted into the Michigan Business Hall of Fame. Dosey is widely known for changing the role and view of women and how they are portrayed in marketing, especially auto shows by transforming how the auto industry showcased models.



**Chris Franklin '97**, long-time Harlem Globetrotter and philanthropist, received the Martin Luther King Jr. Leadership Award from the Interdenominational Ministries Conference of Greater Harrisburg.

### 10's

After nine years as an assistant coach, **Nick Keefer '10** was named head football coach of the Spartans of Hempfield Area High School.



### 70's

**John Heagney '71** released his debut novel, *Traveler*, centered on the experiences of his father and tens of thousands of other Irish children ensnared as indentured servants by the infamous British Home Children program (1867-1849).



**Jennifer (Algoe) Keaton '98** was named director of communications by the Broadband Communications Association of Pennsylvania (BCAP). In her new role, she will oversee all external and internal communications for the association and its foundation.



**Julie Buonaguro '11** was named the recipient of the New Jersey Recreation and Park Association's William D. Foelsch Rising Professional Award, in recognition of her dedication and excellence in parks and recreation programming, publicity, and facility design.

**Duane Diviney '75** retired after a 45-year career teaching refugee and immigrant children, teens and adults to understand and speak English as a new language, both in the U.S. and in Asia.

### 00's



**Jessica Wellar '03** joined by her mother, Sherri, and partner, Stephanie, summited Mount Kilimanjaro via the Lemosho Route in February of 2023, braving temperatures less than negative-20-degrees Fahrenheit and climbing to an elevation north of 20,000 feet.

**Cassidy Charles '12** was recently promoted to legislative data analyst/librarian with the Congressional Research Service at the Library of Congress.

**Michael Jacobs '17** was recently elevated to Marketing Account Manager for Little League International.

### 90's

**James Garraway '93** was named director of enrollment management in Penn State Scranton's admissions office. Garraway has over 24 years of higher education experience and was previously an assistant director of admissions and transfer student coordinator at Kutztown University.



**Dr. Mark Stutz Ph.D, LAT, ATC, '91** an associate professor of health &



Former LHU student government president, **Matt Wise '07**, was named district director for Pennsylvania's 23rd senatorial district.

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## In Memoriam

Robert Baily '68  
 Michael Burke '77  
 Megan Cherry '15  
 Robert DiFonzo '60  
 Barbara Dixon '97  
 Joann Glossner '65  
 John Gugliocello '74  
 Geraldine Hoffman '52  
 Susan Johnson '80  
 Jennifer Johnstonbaugh '07  
 Emeritus Ralph Lehman '64  
 Chad McDowell '95  
 Ronald Muthler '58  
 Robert M. Norton '61  
 Emerita Carol Rehn  
 George Rey '88  
 Margaret Shivery '13  
 Kenneth Stearns '50  
 Mary Stillman '58  
 William I. Vance '54  
 Emeritus John Zaharis

**Emeritus, Ralph E. Lehman '64**  
 Associate Professor Emeritus, Ralph E. Lehman '64 died Nov. 13, 2022. Lehman was an employee and faculty member at Lock Haven University for 27 years, retiring as director of international and local student teaching in 1994. In 2018, Lehman, and his wife, Linda '61, received the Lock Haven University Wagner Award for their decades of philanthropic support of students through the LHU Foundation. He is survived by Linda, as well as their children, Sherri, Craig, and Mark.

**Emerita, Carol Rehn**  
 Carol A. Rehn died peacefully on Feb. 19, 2023, after a lengthy battle with Alzheimer's. She graduated from Nanticoke High School in 1959, received a bachelor's degree in education from Wilkes College in 1962, and a master's degree in mathematics from Bucknell University in 1968. She taught math at Elk Lake, Hughesville, and Montoursville high schools before transitioning to Lock Haven University. Among her many accomplishments, she is recognized as the first female chair of the Math Department in LHU history.

## A CENTURY OF CAMPUS CONSERVATION: LEVI ULMER'S NATURALIST CLUB

By: Joby Topper, Library Director



The Naturalist Club pictured in 1923.



A sketch of the naturalist cabin from 1948.

One hundred years ago, in March 1923, a small group of Central State Normal School students formed the Naturalist Club. Its purpose was "to acquaint its members with nature, to provide occasional fun, and, most importantly, to give its members an opportunity to get out of doors." The charter members were Gertrude Dolan (president), Hazel Johnson (vice president), Mildred Erickson (secretary), Ella Forcey (treasurer), Elinor Doerr, Mildred Stonemetz, Bridget Rydesky, and Ina Chapel.

The club invited science professor Levi J. Ulmer to serve

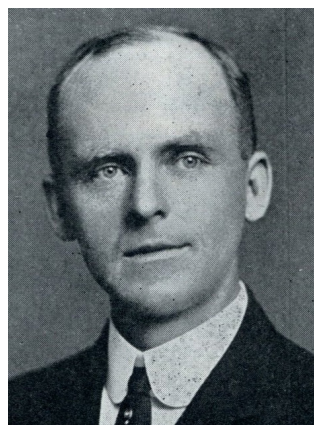
as an honorary club member and as faculty adviser. An avid outdoorsman, Ulmer was the perfect choice. He taught his science classes outdoors whenever possible and often led field trips to nearby farms and into the hills, where he and his students would observe the growth and behavior of plants and animals.

Ulmer and the club planted thousands of trees on campus during the 1920s, 30s, and 40s. Planting trees was one of Ulmer's passions, and for good reason. When he came to Lock Haven in 1918, the campus was almost bare. Long before the advent of selective cutting and conservation, it had been stripped by lumber companies of the mid and late 19th century. When Ulmer died in 1942, President Richard T. Parsons named the campus woodlands "Ulmer Memorial Forest" in his honor.

The campus Nature Trail is another legacy of the old Naturalist Club. Between 1931 and 1938, the Naturalists carved a network of trails through the hills and valleys of our campus. Along the trails, they labeled many of the trees, shrubs,

flowers, and mosses as a way to educate the school community. They posted signs bearing quotations from Emerson, Muir, and other famous naturalists, and they built rustic chairs and benches for weary hikers. In 1941, they built a club cabin on the trail, not far from the Beth Yehuda Cemetery.

When the Naturalist Club dissolved in 1958, its mission was inherited by the newly formed Biology Club, led by Levi Ulmer's son, professor David C. Ulmer. During the next several decades, the Biology Club, the Wilderness Club, the Geology Club, and the Outdoor Club collectively kept the spirit of the old Naturalist Club alive. Today's Environmental Club, founded in 2008 by professor Bob Myers, carries the torch. In 2014, Myers organized a group of students, staff, and faculty to clear and blaze the old Nature Trail, parts of which were completely hidden by thick brush and fallen trees. They removed brush and garbage from the ruins of the old club cabin. They also posted educational signs and built rustic benches and stairs along the way. The tradition of stewardship and conservation started by Ulmer and the Naturalist Club lives on.



Levi Ulmer circa 1919.



# Q & A

**WITH STEPHEN LEE, VICE PRESIDENT FOR  
ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT,  
CAMPUS ADMINISTRATOR**





**Stephen Lee is no stranger to The Haven. The 1989 alumnus spent 10 years leading Lock Haven University admissions. In 2019, Lee returned to Lock Haven after serving eight years as associate vice president for enrollment management at West Virginia University. In July 2022, Lee was named vice president for enrollment management for Commonwealth University. He also serves as campus administrator, acting as a vital link between the campus and community.**

**Q: Tell us about your role at Commonwealth U and what inspired you to Come Home to The Haven.**

**A:** I serve as the vice president of enrollment management and Lock Haven campus administrator. I was employed by Lock Haven University from 1997 to 2011 and left to work at West Virginia University for eight years. As an alum, and previously working at The Haven for 14 years, I jumped at the opportunity to come home. I love our mission and the transformative experience we offer our students. I also love working alongside the dedicated employees who serve our students.

**Q: What is your vision for future enrollment success at Commonwealth University?**

**A:** We have a unique opportunity to chart a path that few universities are afforded—to continue to offer a personalized, supportive, and quality educational experience, while also expanding opportunities for students through Commonwealth University. We are leveraging this uniqueness in our enrollment management strategy to separate ourselves from our competition and accentuate our strengths in the competitive market for prospective students. Enrollment success

will manifest from the full adoption of our unique marketing position and the efforts of the talented team of Commonwealth University employees who work hard for our students.

**Q: What most excites you about the path ahead for Commonwealth U students?**

**A:** With the new academic program array, students will have opportunities to enroll in a new curriculum that has been designed by faculty. Very few universities offer a completely reimagined curriculum that was developed from the expertise of faculty on three campuses. In addition, students will have opportunities to enroll in majors and minors that previously were not available to them before integration. Finally, more expansive co-curricular opportunities will be available for students across CU; such as study abroad, internships, and student activities. All the way around, integration provides a greater depth and breadth to the student experience.

**Q: How do you enjoy spending your time away from campus?**

**A:** I am blessed with a wonderful and supportive family—my wife of 30 years, Lashelle, and my two daughters, Sydney (24) and Abby (20). Also, my father and four siblings live two hours from Lock Haven in Northeast, Pa. My wife and I are blessed with wonderful friends in the community, who we enjoy getting together with frequently. I also enjoy the beautiful setting we are so fortunate to live in; especially hikes in the mountains. When I have time, I love to read—but it takes me a while to get through a book these days!



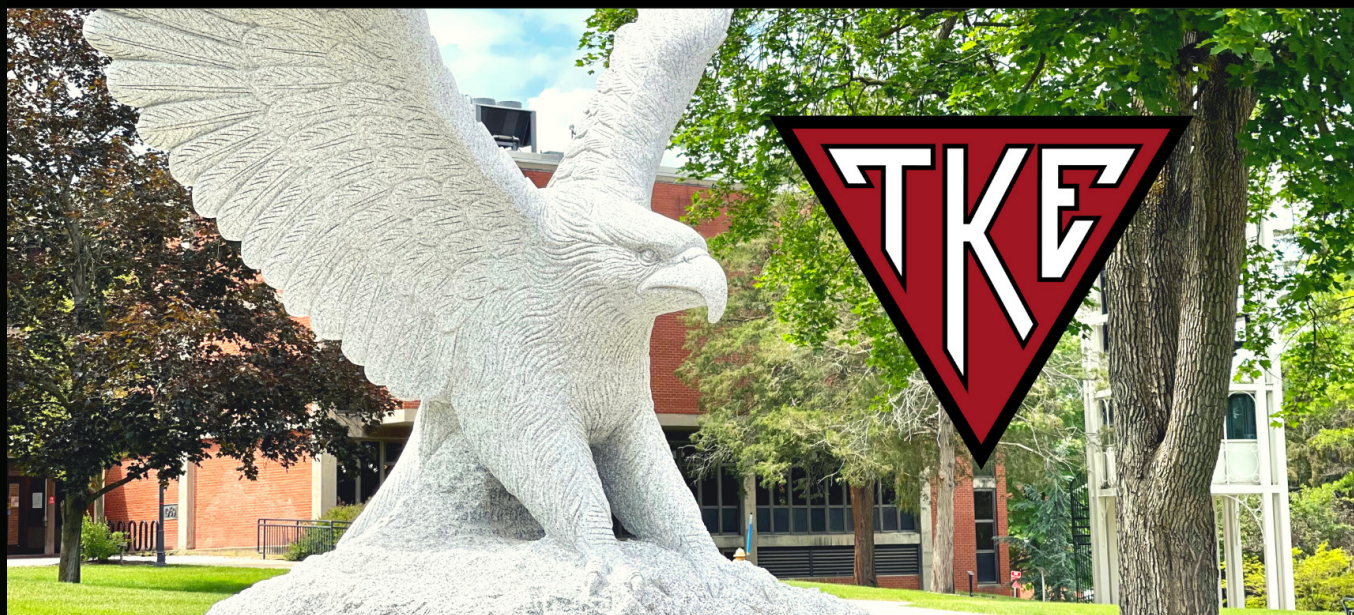


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