

GOLDEN BEAR NEWS

Week Ending November 22, 2014

Campus News

Kutztown University students and Kutztown Middle School students after school art program, *Adventures in the Land of Art*, invite older adults from surrounding communities to participate in an intergenerational gathering on Wednesday, Nov. 19, 3:30–5:30 pm, Trinity Lutheran Church, 357 West Main, Kutztown. This free event is about making connections across generations through collaborations in art. For more information, please contact art education student, Jacob Schaub, jscha980@live.kutztown.edu or 570.541.3130. *Carrie Nordlund, Ph.D., associate professor of Art Education*

The Kutztown University Foundation and Alumni Relations Office would like to cordially invite you to participate in the 4th Annual KU Foundation Chili Cook-Off. Stop by the Wiesenberger Alumni House on Dec. 8 from 11 am – 2 pm to sample a variety of chili and vote for your favorite. So take a break during finals week to enjoy a complimentary chili lunch on us! See if anyone can knock Swavely off her “3-peat throne!” Drinks and corn bread will also be available. Hope to see you there! *Cheryl Swavely, Alumni Events Manager, KU Foundation & Alumni Relations*

The Department of Music vocal ensembles will present “O Magnum Mysterium” Nov. 22 at 7:30 pm in Schaeffer Auditorium. This free concert will include the University Choir, Chamber Singers, AfterHours and Bear Voices under the direction of Dr. Hank Alviani. The concert titled “O Magnum Mysterium” will feature settings of this popular text from the 16th to 20th centuries by Morales, Victoria, Poulenc, Pinkham, Da Rold and Lauridsen. The concert will include a variety of other types of seasonal, secular and sacred music including selections from the “Polar Express,” jazz arrangements of “God Rest ye Merry Gentlemen,” “Christmas is Coming,” “Carol of the Bells,” “Silent Night” and “Hanukkah Madrigal.” Other selections include medleys from “Wicked” and “Frozen.”

The Military Club at Kutztown University is hosting a Toys For Tots Toy Drive until December 10, 2014. There are 4 drop sites on campus: The Veterans Center, MSU 262; the Library; the Women's Center, Old Main Room 126, and the Housing Office, Old Main Room 106. All new toys, regardless of size or quantity, are acceptable. Please do not donate used toys. If you have any questions, feel free to stop in the Veterans Center or call 610-683-4228. *Military Club Co-Advisor*

Faculty and Staff and families are invited to join KU students and the Student Volunteer Coalition and Community Outreach Center for MARTIN LUTHER KING JR DAY OF SERVICE on Monday, Jan. 19. We will organize service projects in Kutztown, Reading, and all over Berks County and then assign our volunteers. If interested, please log on to KUnited and click on "YES" under "will you attend" and more information will be sent to you.

<https://orgsync.com/68686/events/919541/occurrences/1988105>

It is with deep sadness that the Department of Public Safety and Police Services announces the passing of David Pottiger. Pottiger was a sergeant with University Police for 27 years, retiring in 2012. Condolences can be sent to his son, Eric Pottiger at 944 Timber Ln, Sinking Spring, Pa. 19608. A viewing will be held on Saturday, Nov. 22, from 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. at Kuhn Funeral Home, 739 Penn Ave, West Reading, Pa. 19611-1089. A funeral service will begin at 10 a.m. at the funeral home and interment will follow at Berks Memorial Gardens. [Pottiger's complete obituary can be read here.](#)

Department of Social Work 13th Annual Community Forum, *Immigration and Refugee Children and their Families: A Systemic, Ethical Response to Regional Needs*. March 20, 8:30-4:30pm. Forum 2015 explores systemic ethical responses to the regional needs of immigrant and refugee children and their families. We invite community leaders, agency executives, policy makers, social workers, human services professionals, faculty, alumni, and students. Full-day attendees receive 6 social work continuing education credits, including 3 ethics credits. To register (by March 6, 2015), please visit <http://socialwork.kutztown.edu>: a registration link will be available soon. Questions? Contact Dr. Sharon Lyter, Forum Chair, lyter@kutztown.edu or (610) 683-4235. Alexa Rodriguez, graduate assistant, Dept. of Social Work

Golden Bear Athletics

The Kutztown University Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) asked all fans and attendees to bring canned goods to Wednesday night's home basketball doubleheader for its annual canned food drive. As it did last year, the KU SAAC delivered all donations to the Friends Inc. Food Pantry in Kutztown. Last year, SAAC's goals were exceeded at the food drive. Its original goal was set for 250 canned goods, and it collected 351.

Kutztown University Foundation & Alumni Relations Events

Breakfast with Santa & Avalanche – Kutztown University Foundation & Alumni Relations will host Santa and Avalanche for a special Christmastime gathering on Saturday, Dec. 6 from 9:30 am – 11:30 am in the McFarland Student Union Multipurpose Room. Enjoy a hearty breakfast, craft activities and cheerful seasonal music in the company of Santa and KU's own Avalanche. Children get a free photo with Santa. Register before Dec. 2 to take advantage of a discounted price of \$10 for adults, and \$5 for children. To register, please contact the KU Foundation & Alumni Relations office at 610.683.4110.



2014 Ladies Holiday Tea – On Wednesday, Dec. 3, 2014, female alumnae from the classes of 1976 and earlier are invited to the Ladies Holiday Tea in the McFarland Student Union Multipurpose Room. Registration begins at 12:30 pm, with the event beginning at 1:00 pm. Music will be provided by the KU Jazz Combo. To register for this event, please call the Kutztown University Foundation & Alumni Relations office at 610.683.4110.

Kutztown State Teachers College Class of 1965 is welcomed back to campus to celebrate their 50th class reunion, being held Friday, May 8 – Saturday, May 9, 2015. This will be a special time to catch up with old friends, revisit lots of memories and see the changes to the beautiful KU campus. We really hope you can make it. You are welcome to participate in all events, or pick just one, but we would love to see you return. [Please register here.](#)

Alumni News

Congratulations to Rebecca Stein '08 and Hunter Moyer, of Mount Carmel, on their July wedding, [announced November 16](#). The bride is a graduate of Kutztown University, earning her Bachelor's Degree in History Education.

Lena Ziegler '09 is serving with Americorps Vista at Austin Peay State University (APSU). As the food pantry manager for the S.O.S. Food Pantry, she manages the daily operations of the pantry in addition to coordinating the implementation of a campus victory garden program. [Click here for more details.](#)

Bruce Harper, former defensive running back for the New York Jets and Kutztown University friend, was featured in a [recent article](#) in the wake of seven players charged in connection with the alleged hazing and sexual assault of four teammates in Middlesex County. Harper is the creator of “Heroes & Cool Kids,” a non-profit mentoring program that utilizes the services of current and former professional athletes whose personal life experiences enable them to train high school student leaders. [Learn more about the New Jersey-based program here.](#)

Valetta Eshbach '75 is one of three teachers, seven alumni and one team being inducted into the Muhlenberg School District Hall of Fame on Nov. 28. Eshbach served as a high school math teacher for 29 years and served as math department chair and adviser to Students Against Drunk Driving, Youth-to-Youth, and commencement. She's a longtime volunteer at Mary's Shelter and Mary's Home in Reading and Kenhorst. [Read more here.](#)



*Rebecca Stein '08 married Hunter Miller in July 2014.
Congratulations to the happy couple!*