

Golden Bear News

Campus News

A record number of KU student-athletes came out in support of the KU Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC)'s third annual Main Street Clean Up. An estimated 225 student-athletes participated and walked down Kutztown's Main Street the morning after KU's annual homecoming celebration. Student-athletes started at KU's Stratton Building and walked up and down Main Street (including nearby crossroads) with their gloves and trash bags in hand, all for the common goal of giving back to the community. 2015 marks the third year SAAC has led the charge to clean up Main Street, and the effort has grown every year.



KU HISTORY

Nov. 8, 1960: John F. Kennedy was elected President of the United States. In a mock election at Kutztown State College, Richard Nixon was the winner 464-288. The leaders of the campus Republicans were certain Nixon would be triumphant in the national election; so certain, in fact, that they promised to push peanuts down Kutztown Road with their noses if Kennedy won. They made good on their promise.



The Kutztown University Council of Trustees voted unanimously to award an honorary doctor of laws degree to **Guido Pichini '74**. Guido was elected to a fifth consecutive term as chairman of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE) Board of Governors in July. Four years ago, he became the first State System university alumnus to chair the board that oversees PASSHE.

Guido is president of WSK & Associates and its related companies of Wyomissing. He is a member and former chair of the Council of Trustees at Kutztown University of Pennsylvania and the former chair of the Pennsylvania Association of Councils of Trustees, the statewide organization that comprises the trustees from all 14 PASSHE schools. Guido will be presented with the [honorary doctorate](#) at Kutztown University's Presidential Inauguration on April 15, 2016.

At Homecoming, KU Alumni Board President Kathy Fridirici '77, '87 picked the winning raffle ticket for a free weekend at the O'Callahan Hotel in Historical Annapolis, MD. All proceeds from the raffle went to the Lambda Chi Alpha Scholarship Fund.

The Robert McMullen Memorial Scholarship for Lambda Chi Alpha started in 2005 to recognize and award students who excel academically, as a brother in the chapter, and in their community. <<< Financial need is also considered when selecting the winners.

Kutztown University's Small Business Development Center (SBDC) took top honors from the Community First Fund at the Lancaster County Convention Center. The SBDC received the James Hyson Advocate Award for its work as a community partner that provides loan referral and business support services for Community First Fund clients. The SBDC shared a video highlighting the story of a client, Super Natural and Fresh Produce, in which the Center worked with Community First Fund to get the store a loan and provided support and training, thus bridging the gap for small and startup businesses.

[READ THE FULL STORY](#)

KUF&AR Events

Breakfast with Santa and Avalanche

December 5 • 9:30 AM – 11 AM

KU Foundation & Alumni Relations will host a special Christmastime gathering on Saturday, December 5 from 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM in the Georgian Room, located in Old Main. Enjoy a hearty breakfast, craft activities and cheerful seasonal music in the company of Santa and KU's own Avalanche. Children will receive a free 5x7 photo with Santa. Register before December 1 to take advantage of our discounted rate: \$12 for adults and \$7 for children 12 years and under. Prices after December 1 and at the door are \$15 per person, regardless of age. To register, please visit our [website](#) or contact the KU Foundation & Alumni Relations office at 610.683.4110.

Make it a day of festivities by heading over to Main Street for Christmas in Kutztown from 1 PM to 6 PM. Also, visit the Pennsylvania German Cultural Heritage Center that day for Christmas on the Farm, where you can pick out a freshly cut Christmas tree to take home!



Alumni Recognition

Kutztown University's Stratton Administration Center recently hired **Kristin Ihling '07** as its budget manager. She began her position on November 2.

Scott Graber '98 contracted current KU student, **Joseph Painter**, to create a [sculpture piece](#) for Wilson High School in Spring Township, PA. The work is being funded by **Dr. George Fiore '00**, high school principal.

Summer 2015, **Katlyn Snyder '12** participated in Miami University's [Earth Expeditions](#) global field course in Baja, CA. As a seasonal zookeeper at the Potter Park Zoo in Lansing, MI, she studied the ecosystems, array of desert plants and diversity of life during the graduate course.

Linda Keck, MA '80, alongside Frank Mariano, M.Ed, will present a [free presentation](#) on creating emotional wellness through artwork at the Commonwealth Health First Hospital on November 12. The program will focus on arts and how creative expression can enhance emotional well-being.

The late **LeRoy Seip '57** was among six [Pride of Schuylkill Valley](#) inductees recognized by the Schuylkill Valley School District. He received several teaching and sports awards throughout his 36 years as an education. Laura Seip accepted the honor on her husband's behalf.

[Barry Isett & Associates](#) added **Sean Burns '15**, of Milford, to its special inspections and materials testing group.

Ashley B. Singer '09 [wed](#) Andrew Bard on July 4, 2015. The ceremony and reception took place at the Inn at Leola Village.

Katherine E. Oliveri '14 and Shawn Hurst were [married](#) on July 18, 2015. Following the ceremony, the couple honeymooned in Jamaica.

Anthony Susi '15 has been added to the Stiegler, Wells, Brusnick & Roth creative team as [associate art director](#). He previously interned at the company during his college experience.