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## On the Calendar. . .



The Branford Marsalis Quartet with special guest Kurt Elling  
Thursday, April 20 7:30 p.m.

Cirque Mechanics - Pedal Punk  
Tuesday, May 2 7:30 p.m.

Live and Unplugged:  
Scott Stapp of Creed 2017 Tour  
Thursday, May 18 7:30 p.m.

Wynonna & The Big Noise –  
Roots and Revival Tour  
Saturday, October 7 7:30 p.m.

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## Student Center Grand Opening!

More than 200 Penn State York students, faculty, staff and invited guests gathered on campus for the much-awaited opening of the newly renovated Joe and Rosie Ruhl Student Community Center on Wednesday, October 12. When the dignitaries and student leaders finished their comments, and the grand opening ribbon was cut, Penn State York's Lion Ambassadors were first into the building to man their stations to share fun facts with guests about the new facilities. Visitors took self-guided tours and were treated to an ice



cream social with Penn State Berkey Creamery ice cream. The more than 28,000-square-foot project included much-needed upgraded kinesiology, intramural and athletic spaces including a new multi-activity court, fitness center, training room, locker rooms and a kinesiology studio classroom. Student relaxation was not forgotten during the renovation: the student lounge incorporated a new designated gaming area with state-of-the-art electronics. The campus dining area also received a facelift incorporating a new focus on sustainability: china and silverware to replace disposables. The kitchen and food service area, formerly known as the Lion's Den, re-opened under a new name, Rosie's, with a new coffee bar called Cup O' Joe, both named after the late Joe and Rosie Ruhl. Plan to tour this exciting addition to our campus during your next visit.



## Michael Allen - Spreading Kindness

Michael F. Allen, the former executive-in-residence of The Graham Center for Entrepreneurial Leadership Studies at Penn State York, was the commencement speaker for spring 2016. While addressing the graduating class he quoted Jackie Robinson, the first African American to break the color barrier in major league baseball, and described him as a remarkably insightful man. The quote he shared was, “A life is not important except in the impact it has on other lives.” Allen shared his belief that every single one of us has the ability and the opportunity to positively impact other peoples’ lives, regardless of our vocations, regardless of how much wealth we accumulate, regardless of what notoriety we achieve, and we can do this by being kind. He also spoke of Mr. Rogers, who dedicated his career demonstrating to the younger generation the importance of kindness, compassion, and learning. Mr. Rogers also spent his time visiting disabled children who were often forgotten by society. Mr. Rogers showed them love, compassion, and kindness, and was famously known for saying, “I like you just the way you are.” Allen encouraged the students to follow in Mr. Roger’s footsteps by spreading kindness and decency wherever they can, and create their lasting legacy.



## Bill Shipley - Listen to Your Angel

William S. Shipley III (Bill) is the chairman of the board of Shipley Group in York, Pennsylvania, and the operator of companies that serve people and businesses in Pennsylvania and the Mid-Atlantic region. He joined his father’s business in 1982 as an administrative assistant, and worked his way up the management ladder to become the fourth generation of the Shipley family to lead the family business. His message to the graduating class included two pieces of personal advice: listen to your angel, and don’t be afraid to incorporate the positive life lessons you can learn from Dr. Seuss into your daily life – specifically the words of wisdom from one of his favorite Dr. Seuss

books, *Green Eggs and Ham*. After congratulating the graduating class, he told the story of when he met his angel while backpacking one summer in Italy. He was a 20-year-old college graduate who didn’t know what he wanted to do with his life. His angel, a grumpy-looking Italian man told him, “You will go into the family business and you will be a success.” Shipley shared, “Looking back, I was glad I listened to my angel.” He then tied *Green Eggs and Ham* into his message by telling the graduates they may not know exactly where they’re going in life and they may be afraid of change, but to be optimistic even when faced with fear of the unknown and the pressure of succeeding in life, like Sam-I-Am from *Green Eggs and Ham*. He concluded his speech with these four key points: 1. Winners are optimistic; 2. Show up; 3. Learn from failures, you got nothing to lose; and 4. Listen to your angel.” Each graduate received a copy of *Green Eggs and Ham*, courtesy of Shipley, at the end of the commencement exercise.



Graduate Christine King with *Green Eggs and Ham* book from Bill Shipley

## Success Beyond York – For These 2+2 Lion Ambassadors, Dreams Do Come True

When Whitney Brown, Wyatt Franks, and Lesly Salazar were Lion Ambassadors at Penn State York, they could only imagine how their Penn State careers could evolve into experiences that would provide opportunities of a lifetime. For each, the York campus served as a launch pad, and all three have flourished by following their own personal path to finish their academic careers. Along the way a Biology of Eco-Health (Bio 498) class in Tanzania, a fall and spring semester internship at Disney World, and a multi-summer television internship at Fox 5 in Washington DC have played key roles in preparing them for future success.

Whitney Brown is a senior earning a bachelor of science in science and a minor in African-American Studies. Brown began her Penn State career in York. She says, “Starting at Penn State York was the best thing to ever happen to me. My time at the campus gave me the connections, leadership skills, educational development, and rigor to become a successful student. I’ll always love and appreciate Penn State York.” Brown continued to build her academic resume at University Park with unique and amazing opportunities to learn and lead. She became a nationally certified mentor under Penn State’s BLUEPrint program, the president of the Black Student Union, and a science dean scholar. She worked as an intern with the Richmond Police Department in Richmond Virginia, and studied abroad in Tanzania, Africa, participating in a Biology of Eco-Health course.



Wyatt Franks believes dreams do come true. Franks says, “After accepting my admissions to Penn State York I couldn’t wait to hit the ground running. After all, Penn State is known for its kind-hearted alumni and spirited faculty. This is ever so true at Penn State York. As a York student we have the opportunity to seize the moment and open doors we didn’t know existed. Penn State York opened countless doors, some of which are still opening, which jumped-started my professional career with the Walt Disney Company.” Franks took advantage of Penn State meet-and-greet opportunities to network with Disney professionals who were his mentors in the Disney College Program (food and beverage) and are currently his mentors in the Disney Professional Internship Program (Project

Management, Operations Design). Franks shares, “Penn State York offers endless opportunities on such a small campus; but the impact on its students and the world is huge. Thank you for helping make the magic, Penn State York!”



Lesly Salazar graduated in December 2016 with a Penn State degree in broadcast journalism. She shares her thoughts on her Penn State career that began at Penn State York. “I am so happy to say that I started my college journey at Penn State York. During my two years there, I was involved with Lion Ambassadors, THON and so many other extracurricular activities. I made friendships that will last a lifetime. In fact, my transition to University Park went smoothly thanks to those friendships.” In the summer of 2016, Salazar completed a four-year paid internship at WTTG FOX 5. She was able to learn directly from some of the best professionals in the field-- from producers to photographers and editors. Salazar is now looking forward to chasing a career as a video producer.



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## Employee Spotlight



Tina Rohrbach, director, Pullo Family Performing Arts Center (The Pullo Center) has been honored with the Employee Spotlight, and according to her Pullo Center family she surely deserves it! Rohrbach has been with The Pullo Center for eight years, but has worked in the industry

since she was just a teenager. In her eight years at The Pullo Center, she has been able to catch hundreds of events on The Pullo Center stage. She says that some of her most memorable shows are Buddy Guy, Key & Peele, Richard Marx, and Rick Springfield. It is certainly no secret that she is an amazing asset to The Pullo Center, and it shows with the wonderful acts and shows that are a part of their 2016-17 season. Her team at The Pullo Center is so proud and happy to have her as their team leader.

## Women's Softball Hits Home Run With Ilyes

Penn State York is pleased to welcome Susan (Sue) Ilyes as the new head women's softball coach. She brings many years of experience to Penn State York, not only as a player but also as a coach. Coach Ilyes has competed at the highest level of women's softball including locally with the former York Barbellettes, and was inducted into the York County Sports Hall of Fame in 2009. She is a current assistant coach at West York High School. She is a native of Philadelphia, but graduated locally from Dallastown High School, where she excelled in three varsity sports including field hockey, basketball, and softball. Penn State York's Athletic Department is currently recruiting for the women's softball team which will begin competition in 2018.



# Penn State York WOMEN'S Philanthropic Network

In November 2015 we made history at the York campus with the creation of the first Women's Philanthropic Network at Penn State University.



Dottie Metcalf-Lindenburger, retired NASA astronaut

Thanks to our charter members' generosity, we exceeded our first year's goal by nearly \$5,000. The first round of grants absolutely provided the positive impact the WPN hoped for: four leadership scholarships were awarded; the Teaching International kickoff was a success; planning began for the transformation and relocation of the Nittany Success Center; a new women's softball coach was hired to start recruiting for this new addition to our athletic programs; and a keynote speaker to celebrate STEM Pathways twentieth anniversary was sponsored.

Dottie Metcalf-Lindenburger, retired NASA astronaut, attended the May celebration reception to thank the WPN for their support to bring her to York to share her story and encourage the audience, attending the program the next day, to reach for the stars. The STEM Pathways attendees were transfixed by Metcalf-Lindenburger's presentation and Q&A session.

The seventh grade girls were so inspired almost all of them wanted their "future career" picture taken in the astronaut suit.

The second annual Discovery Meeting was held last October, and Penn State York committed to providing WPN members with a link (<https://psu.box.com/s/q4wn8pswcm0ut8g2owcj4obok02auhc0>) to the videos from our six current grant applicants – so they can tell members what they are applying for, why the WPN should fund their initiative, and how it will positively impact the campus. If you would like more information about the WPN, contact Di Hershey at [dkh13@psu.edu](mailto:dkh13@psu.edu).



**Join the Women's Philanthropic Network.** Become part of the WPN's "collective voice" – to create, nurture, and transform Penn State York through philanthropy and the development of women as philanthropic leaders. What WPN members can accomplish by coming together to reach the 2017 goal (\$28,000) will truly transform our campus.

## Student Spotlight on Luke Marsiglia

Luke Marsiglia, a Penn State York electro-mechanical engineering technology major, had the opportunity to be a part of the construction process for the new student center during his internship with Alexander Building Construction Company. Marsiglia was referred to the internship by a member of The Graham Center. After joining The Graham Program, he was able to get an internship with the Alexander Building Construction Company. "I wore many different hats during the project. I often found myself in direct coordination with the architect, other contractors and suppliers, the owners (aka Penn State officials), and many other people directly involved with the project. I oversaw contractor work and materials deliveries, obtained bids on different items, and even designed a few features within the building. My favorite aspect of the project was being part of a major addition to the campus. Not only did I get to use the new space once completed, I was able to see and help hands-on for the majority of the project. Upon the achievement of the finalized building, I felt a great sense of pride in what I had been a part of. I was able to be part of something that bettered the campus for every other student. Also, I will be able to come back many years from now and the project I took part in will still be a living testament to my efforts." - Luke Marsiglia



From Left: Daniel Flickinger, Alexander Building Construction Company, and Luke Marsiglia

## Jane Emery Receives NACADA Award for Advising Administration

Advising students is something that Jane Emery does very well, so well in fact that she was recently named the recipient of the National Academic Advising Association (NACADA) Region 2 Certificate of Merit for Advising Administrator Award. Emery, director of advising and career development and coordinator of the Division of Undergraduate Studies (DUS) at Penn State York for the past ten years, received her award during NACADA's spring conference in Hyattsville, Maryland.



## Former Heisman Trophy Winner Drew Record Numbers at Eighth Annual Clay Shoot



From left: Jonathan Spanos, Celebrity Guest Sponsor; Sally Lindsay and John Cappelletti



The 2016 annual clay shoot provided all-time high numbers for lead sponsors, attendees, and dollars raised to support athletics. John Cappelletti, former Penn State Heisman trophy winner, was our celebrity guest. With 132 shooters in attendance, we surpassed our \$15,000 goal with the proceeds from the event. Thanks to all of the sponsors, Shipley Energy, PeoplesBank, the Paddock, M&T Bank and Buchart-Horn, the eighth annual clay shoot event was a great success.



Our 2017 celebrity clay shoot guest will be **Franco Harris**, former Penn State football player and fullback for the Pittsburgh Steelers and Seattle Seahawks. The clay shoot will be held on April 20, 2017.



Franco Harris, 2017 Celebrity Clay Shoot Guest