WELCOME

While this is not the way we intended to celebrate the Student Government Association’s Leadership Awards, there is absolutely no doubt that Penn State DuBois has the best students. This is an exciting time of the year to share in celebrating the hard work and dedication that all of you have given to the campus and community and to your dedication to scholarship and learning outside the classroom.

Students always give thousands of hours back to our community in service and thousands of dollars to charitable organizations. This year is no different. Last semester clubs gave over 4,000 hours to community service and over $40,000 to community and charitable organizations. The Student Affairs mission is to provide opportunities and experiences to expand your personal horizons and develop students who can positively contribute to society – this is what we are talking about!

The work that you have done this year has positively impacted people on this campus, in our community, and around the world! The learning experiences you are taking away, the feeling of pride, and the accomplishments you have made will allow you to graduate as the best of the best. You make us SO proud and each of you should feel accomplished. We look forward to what we can achieve in the next year. Enjoy this announcement in your honor!
Outstanding Adult Learners – We as a campus have much admiration for the many obligations that many of you juggle in order to be here. You set an example for others, both in and out of the classroom and for this we thank you. Many of you are involved with honors programs like Delta Mu, some are involved with the community, and some of you are involved with athletics. Your nominators said the following:

- This student is a tremendous student both in and out of class. He leads his class academically and is also very involved with outside opportunities to gain experience. It is a pleasure having him as a Wildlife Technology Student.
- This student has overcome a great deal to persist here. He works diligently on all of his assignments but also maintains a large family household, works with his autistic son and is a role model for all other students.
- He is an EMT and volunteer fireman. She is an EMT. I understand his dedication to the volunteer training as my own son is a volunteer fireman. These individuals are most certainly committing to a lot outside of their schoolwork.
- This student is a valuable asset to the club and is doing an outstanding job academically.
- She is hard working, easy to get along. She prioritizes her time to get everything done. I would whole heartedly give her my endorsement. She is in various clubs on campus also and donates her time to events. She takes pride in her work.

We could spend an hour sharing the kind words that were submitted on your behalf; however, this just gives you an idea of the comments from others.
Whatever your involvement here on the campus is, we are very proud of all of you. We wish all of you well and Congratulations.

Andrea Caylor  Justin Lusk
Nathan Smith  Deborah Schatz
Samantha Tarr  Minor Adams
Eric Schill  Kurt Diehl
Gilbert Baez  Todd Herman
Michael Volosky  John Whitlock
Heather Grove  Sarah Zwick
Scot Coble  Brody Rowles
Alicia Royer  Kiersten Wasicki
Wendy Inzana  Cory Anderson
**Orientation Leaders**—We simply could not do orientation without our orientation leaders. These leaders train all summer and come in very early to assist Student Affairs in running New Student Orientation. We are grateful to have such dedicated and reliable students as orientation leaders. We are also excited for the new group of leaders this summer. The 2019 Orientation Leaders include:

- Katelyn Long
- Dylan Fezell
- Heather Witherow
- Logan Steele
- Kiersten Wasicki
- Katy Mazur
- Justin Orlowski
- Kacie Chamberlin
- Taylor Butler
- Shawnelle Miller
- Kira Fry
- Lydia Holt
- Danielle VanSteenberg
- Allison Easton
- Maci Raybuck
- Emily Gmerek
- Emily O'Neill
- Duncan Lavelle
- Jacob Chileski
- Charis Martel

**Leaderquest**—Each fall, our campus participates in a program called Leaderquest, which is designed for first year students who have demonstrated potential interest as a leader. These students are identified at New Student Orientation and in activities in the first few weeks of the semester. We would like to recognize the 2019 Leaderquest Participants:

- Alexa Shick
- Brianna Shaw
- Cassandra Whitehead
- Heather Witherow
- Jared McCoy
- John Whitlock
- Ryan Beatty
- Richard Nukpeta
- Logan Steele
- Katie Jimenez

**Summer Leadership Conference Attendees**—Each summer we participate in the annual Penn State Summer Leadership Conference. Every campus is permitted to invite 12 of their top leaders to attend. We typically have a hard time determining who to choose because we have such awesome student leaders. The 2019 Summer Leadership Conference Participants are:

- Dylan Fezell
- Heather Witherow
- Logan Steele
- Kiersten Wasicki
- Katy Mazur
- Taylor Butler
- Shawnelle Miller
- Kira Fry
- Danielle VanSteenberg
- Allison Easton
- Alena Keen
- Ethan Dennis
**Lion Ambassadors** – Our Lion Ambassador organization is comprised of some of our top students. These students volunteer their time to help with various campus programs and events, with their primary role providing tours of the campus. These amazing students provide a service to Penn State DuBois by sharing their pride, enthusiasm, and commitment to the University. This group of students have served as dedicated, responsible, and hardworking leaders who have enriched not only my life but the lives of many others surrounding them.

Heather Witherow  
Heather Grove  
Shawnelle Miller  
Kurt Diehl  
Mandy Snyder  
Addeson McAninch  
Nikol Chew  
Brandon Orsich  
Frankie Stefko  
Zane Morgan  
Danielle VanSteenberg  
Koren McCullough  
Duncan LaValle

**Certified Peer Educators** - Peer Educators are a group of student volunteers who are committed to promoting awareness and advocating health related issues such as drugs, alcohol, sex and other wellness concerns. Certified Peer Educators are trained through a comprehensive, intensive twelve-hour course designed to empower students to educate their peers in making healthy lifestyle choices. Our mission is to raise awareness within the Penn State DuBois community, and provide support to students in a safe and non-judgmental environment.

Lindsey Benevich  
Kadie Chamberlin  
Keeley Chiodo  
Taylor Charles  
Erin Kopp  
Katelyn Long  
Brandon Orsich  
Kyrsten Ruch  
Brianna Shaw  
Jerrica Strong  
Heather Witherow

**Alumni Mentor Recognition** - Our alumni mentors serve as role models by providing advice, guidance, and sharing personal experiences with their student protégé. We are grateful to Michael and John for volunteering for the Alumni Mentoring Program and for their dedication to our students. Students spent time talking with mentors and setting goals for their future.

Michael S. White ’07 - Mentor  
Patty Sherady - Mentee  
John D. Peterson ’03 - Mentor  
Richard Nupketa - Mentee
**Award of Appreciation** – Each year this award is presented to two individuals who, time and time again, volunteer for our Breakfast with Santa and make it the major success that it is. We have been hosting Breakfast with Santa for 25 years and they were a part of it for 24 of those years.

_Hank & Marianne Webster (Mr. & Mrs. Claus)_

**Business of the Year** – This award is presented to the business that has supported the DuBois campus by giving back to the clubs, helped support fund-raising and made events a success.

_This year’s Business of the Year is – Shannon’s Catering_
Shannon's Catering has provided services for many of our events, offer great support within the community, and they have been extremely helpful to our community during this chaotic time with the pandemic.

**Club Advisor of the Year** – Each club has the opportunity to nominate their advisor to receive this award. We know that as an advisor you can sometimes be overlooked, and it can be a thankless task. We appreciate all our club advisors as they typically go above and beyond what is required of them.

_This year’s Club Advisor of the Year is – Marcie Brubaker_
Marcie is always willing to help students as an advisor in any area of their lives. She is very caring and pushes members to do their best. She encourages her clubs to be independent and only rely on her when needed so they get the best experience possible.

**Club of the Year** – This award is presented to the club that has successfully made a difference on campus and within our community. They volunteer their time and energy in raising funds for their club, have contributed to the success of the campus and motivated not only their club members, but other students and clubs on campus.

_This year’s Club of the Year is - THON_
One of their nominators wrote, “this past year, our Penn State DuBois THON Organization has worked harder than ever before to raise money for children with pediatric cancer, raising over $34,000 for the kids. While each year, the organization works exceptionally hard, this year we have seen the organization work tirelessly: planning EXTRA events, being active in every event, advertising and even donating their personal money to help the kids. This year’s group smashed their all-time records, and I can attest to the pure selflessness and devotion that this group has put into this year’s THON 2020. They worked so hard, that our chair even offered them prizes for those who contribute the most volunteer hours, and despite this offer, the entire team unanimously refused, because making a kid smile was prize enough for them. That is the purest thing that I have ever had the pleasure of hearing. They worked so hard, and I am so proud of them, and feel that our THON organization is MOST deserving of this award.”
**Lion’s Pride Award** - This award was created to recognize a Staff member that has gone above and beyond the call of duty with their extraordinary work and interaction with students, staff, and faculty on a regular basis.

   **This year’s Lion’s Pride recipient is - Ann Whyte**
   Ann’s nominator writes, “Ann is truly one of the unrecognized heroes of Penn State DuBois. There are so many behind the scenes tasks she is involved in that are much harder than we can imagine. Ann has consistently donated gifts and monetary donations to THON, she has attended several events, she handles much of our paperwork and organization. Ann is kind, passionate, loving, and so supportive of Penn State DuBois. She is a hard worker, a faithful friend, and a light on campus. She truly deserves recognition for the work she has done.

**Launching into Leadership** - Student participants in the Launching into Leadership program joined to immerse themselves into Penn State DuBois opportunities in the areas of community service, intellectual programming, multicultural/diversity awareness, personal awareness, and social programming. Expectations were that the students would break out of their comfort zones in order to build upon leadership traits that they have, as well as form new ones, in this introductory leadership program. With the current changes in our situation, these exact requirements were not able to be fulfilled, but these two students continuously participate in virtual programming offered through Student Engagement and even go above and beyond by finding ways to engage our student population. They are more than deserving of the recognition, as they continue their leadership journey virtually.

   **Brianna Shaw**
   **Heather Witherow**

**Most Involved Students** - While compiling the list of involved students, we noticed several exemplary students with impressive amounts of different involvements on campus.

Involvements include: Clubs and organizations, athletic teams, leadership programs, Orientation Leaders, Lion Ambassadors, Certified Peer Educators, leadership conferences, and service trips.

Those students are as follows:

   **Heather Witherow (16 involvements)**
   **Dylan Fezell (7 involvements)**
   **Shawnelle Miller (7 involvements)**
   **Brianna Shaw (7 involvements)**
**Club Members of the Year** – Each club is able to choose members that stand out for their hard work and dedication to the club. Below please find the clubs and their members of the year!

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