

PSU honors alumni at Homecoming

Pittsburg State University will honor five alumni during PSU Homecoming activities on Saturday, Oct. 8. The award is presented by the PSU Alumni Association and Pittsburg State University in recognition of professional and civic achievements.

The Outstanding Alumni will be honored Friday, Oct. 7, during the annual Crimson and Gold Dinner in the Overman Student Center. On Saturday, the honorees will ride in the annual Homecoming parade, which begins at 9 a.m. in downtown Pittsburg. They will then be recognized on the football field during the pre-game show beginning at 1:30 p.m. in Carnie Smith Stadium.

Following are the 2005 Outstanding Alumni along with brief biographical sketches (Photos available upon request):



Kathleen Marie Harnish-Doucet

Kathleen Marie Harnish-Doucet is the co-founder and CEO of Team Tech, Inc., an Olathe-based company that provides strategic facilitation and consulting services to individuals, teams and organizations. Since 2002, the firm has been under contract with Kansas Gov. Kathleen Sebelius as the strategic facilitators for the governor's budget efficiency savings team (BEST) initiative. Other clients include American Century Investments, Children's Cabinet, Financial Network Investment Corp., the Kansas Children's Service League, Sprint and Southwest Securities. She is the author of a number of published articles on Total Quality Management and leadership.

Harnish-Doucet earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from Pittsburg State University, graduating summa cum laude, in 1983. She earned a master's degree in business administration from the University of Kansas, again graduating summa cum laude, in 1988.

Harnish-Doucet's professional career includes service with Reimer and Koger Associates of Overland Park, Kan., where she was an investment manager. In that role, she assisted in monitoring and reviewing existing private placement investments including involvement and consulting with portfolio company boards and executives.

Harnish-Doucet is a founding member of the Midwest Facilitators Network and a member of the International Association of Facilitators. In 2002, she was selected as one of the volunteer facilitators from around the world to facilitate a discussion among New Yorkers on the future of Ground Zero. She is a lifetime member of the Pittsburg State University Alumni Association.

At PSU, Harnish-Doucet was named the outstanding finance student in 1988. She was chosen the outstanding senior woman at PSU in 1983. As a Rotary International Scholar, she studied at Durham University in England in 1981-82.

Harnish-Doucet and her husband, Jimmy Ray Doucet, live in Olathe, Kan. They have one son, Zachary Connor Doucet, who is 3.

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Barbara Ann Lombrano-Williamson

Barbara Ann Lombrano-Williamson is an attorney in private practice in Dallas, Texas. Board certified in Texas workers' compensation law, Lombrano-Williamson represents injured persons before the Texas Workers' Compensation Commission and before the District Court.

Lombrano-Williamson practices in Dallas, Tarrant and Denton counties. She maintains a primary office in Dallas and a satellite office in Fort Worth. Lombrano-Williamson employs four full-time and two part-time employees and recently hired a new associate attorney. She is a member of the American Bar Association, the Mexican American Bar Association, the Texas Bar Association, the Dallas Bar Association, the Dallas Trial Lawyers Association and the Dallas Women Lawyers Association.

Before beginning her own practice in 1994, Lombrano-Williamson served as an associate with Wynthia J. Cheatum and Associates in Dallas and the Law Offices of Earl Luna, P.C., also in Dallas. In 1990-91, she was an assistant attorney general in the Kansas Attorney General's Office and in 1989-1990, she was the assistant Crawford County Attorney in Crawford County, Kansas.

Lombrano-Williamson earned a bachelor's degree in business administration with a major in marketing from Pittsburg State University in 1986 and a juris doctor from the Washburn University School of Law in 1989.

Lombrano-Williamson has been active with both the Dallas Chapter of the Pittsburg State University Alumni Association and with her sorority, Alpha Sigma Alpha. With Alpha Sigma Alpha, she has served as national nominating chairman, vice president of finance, chairman of housing and province director. She serves as the President of the Dallas/Fort Worth, Texas Chapter of the Pittsburg State University Alumni Association.

Lombrano-Williamson and her husband, John H. Williamson II, live in Flower Mound, Texas. They have one son, John H. Williamson, III, who is 6.



Martin C. Bicknell

Martin C. Bicknell is the branch manager and senior vice president for investments with A.G. Edwards & Sons in Overland Park, Kan. A. G. Edwards & Sons is the fifth largest financial services and brokerage firm in the United States. Bicknell leads a team of professional financial consultants that provides customized financial solutions to public and private corporations, high-net-worth individuals and their families and charitable organizations. As branch manager, Bicknell is responsible for the overall management of his team and he is actively involved on a daily basis with the execution of the customized financial solutions for the team's more sophisticated clients. He is responsible for managing more than \$550 million in client assets.

Bicknell is also a successful entrepreneur, having started and co-founded several companies. He is treasurer of the Bi-State Investment Group, a venture capital fund and business incubator for the Midwest, and is co-founder of WPL Partners, a mentor-capitalist firm that helps technology and services companies take root in Kansas City. Bicknell plays an active role with Clubhouse Partners (Kansas City Club redevelopment project) and Xceligent. He has a passive investment role with Felton International, Flash Tech, Interstate Business Park, and LaGarde.

An active member of his community, Bicknell led a capital campaign raising more than \$3 million for Queen of the Holy Rosary Church. His philanthropic interests include the Bicknell Family Foundation, Marillac, Rosebrooks Centers, Heart to Heart International, Don Bosco, Mt. Carmel Medical Foundation and Queen of the Holy Rosary Church and School. He is also a member of the Young Entrepreneurs Organization (YEO) and Construction Leaders in Kansas City (CLIK). He is also a member of the Stilwell Community Organization (SCO), a youth sports organization and Sigma Chi Fraternity.

Bicknell received a bachelor of arts degree in political science from Pittsburg State University in 1991. He and his wife, Cherona Sexton Bicknell (BBA '89), live in Bucyrus, Kan. They have two children, a daughter, Savannah, who is 12 and a son, Zach, who is 10.

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Chris Jon Kelly

Chris Jon Kelly is the general manager of American Media Investments (AMI). AMI is the home to radio stations KKOW-AM/FM and KBZI-FM. Combined, these stations serve an estimated 175,000 listeners each week. Kelly leads a staff of 32 and oversees an annual budget in excess of \$1 million. Kelly assumed the role of general manager at AMI in 2004.

Kelly's career in broadcasting stretches back to 1994-1996 when he was the public affairs director for KANZ/KZNA, a public radio station in Garden City, Kan. Since then he has served as news director at KKOW-AM/FM; assignment editor for KODE-TV in Joplin, Mo.; program director at KKOW-AM, KBZI-FM and operations manager for KKOW-AM/FM, KBZI-FM.

Active in his profession and the community, Kelly is a current member of the Salvation Army Advisory Board and is a lifetime member of the Pittsburg State University Alumni Association. He is past president and past vice president of the Kansas Associated Press Broadcasters.

Among his numerous awards and honors are these from the Kansas Associated Press Broadcasters: 1st place, complete news reporting, 1999; 1st place complete news feature, 1999; 2nd place, complete news feature, 1999; Award of Merit, 1999; 1st place complete newscast, 1998; 1st place, in-depth news reporting, 1998; 1st place, small market enterprise, 1998; 2nd place, small market enterprise, 1998; 2nd place, small market spot news, 1998; 2nd place, small market newscast; and 1st place, small market newscast, 1997.

Kelly received an associate of arts degree from Independence Community College and a bachelor of arts degree with a major in communications from Pittsburg State University in 1993. Kelly and his wife, Missi Anne Lindsay Kelly (BA '92), live in Pittsburg.



Michael Dean Reisig

Michael Dean Reisig is an associate professor in the College of Criminology and Justice at Florida State University in Tallahassee, Fla. Among the classes that Dr. Reisig teaches are Introduction to Criminal Justice, Survey of Criminal Justice Studies and Ecology of Crime. His research has included an investigation into recidivism among women offenders, which was supported by the National Institute of Justice.

Dr. Reisig received a bachelor of science degree from Pittsburg State University in 1991, a master of arts degree from Washington State University in 1992 and a Ph.D. from Washington State University in 1996. Reisig was an assistant professor at Michigan State University from 1996 until 2002 and an associate professor at Michigan State from 2002 until 2004, when he joined Florida State.

Reisig has received numerous awards, honors and fellowships. He received the Teaching Assistant Merit Award from the Department of Political Science at Washington State University in 1993 and was inducted into the Pi Sigma Alpha national political science honor society that same year. In 1992 and 1993, he won first place in the Alpha Phi Sigma Graduate Student Paper Competition and in 1992 was inducted into the Alpha Phi Sigma national criminal justice honor society. He was inducted into Psi Chi, the national honor society in psychology, 1991.

Reisig has provided leadership for a number of national professional organizations. He served on the program and membership committees for the American Society of Criminology and is on the editorial board for both the Criminal Justice Policy Review and the Journal of Drug Issues. He is also an ad hoc reviewer for a long list of national publications dealing with psychology, crime and delinquency, criminology, criminal justice education and social science issues. Reisig is also a frequent presenter at conferences and meetings on criminal justice issues in the U.S. and abroad.

Reisig is a member of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, the American Society of Criminology, and the American Sociological Association. He is a lifetime member of Pittsburg State University Alumni Association. He and his wife, Kristy Reisig, live in Tallahassee, Fla.