



Dr. Paul Grimes helped coach local trainers in financial literacy in Jakarta.

Dean Grimes visits Indonesia

Kelce Dean Paul Grimes visited Jakarta, Indonesia, during the Christmas break on a USAID project to train Indonesian teachers. Collaborating with other economists and the non-profit Global Economic Education Alliance, Grimes and his colleagues gave a workshop to Indonesian educators on how to teach financial literacy and other personal skills to disadvantaged youth. If the project continues to be successful, Grimes expects to make more visits to Indonesia.



Kelce College of Business ranked No. 3 on 2018 list of Most Family Friendly Business Schools in the U.S. by the Princeton Review, up one spot from last year.



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Capital campaign moving forward

The capital campaign for the Kelce College of Business renovation/expansion project continues to move forward with major donations from local banks.



Above: Commerce Bank, another long-time supporter of Pittsburg State University and its students, contributed a \$50,000 donation to the Kelce College renovation.

Right: In fall 2017, officers and employees of Girard National Bank and its University Bank branches pledged \$300,000 in support of the project.



Civic project in Haiti

In January 2018, five students of Enactus, Kelce's free enterprise student organization, traveled to Haiti for a civic project to help an orphanage. The students brought and installed a hydroponics system designed to help Haitians plant, irrigate, and grow vegetables for domestic consumption and sale of excess produce. The Enactus group will visit Haiti again during spring break.



Win Xiang (Darren) Tan, senior, International Business

SPOTLIGHT ON STUDENTS



Enactus awards

The Enactus team won awards in 2017 including a \$7,500 grant for their Homeless Solutions project and \$1,000 award for placing in the National Exposition. Enactus member Heather Burger won a \$10,000 scholarship and was named 2017-2018 Enactus Student Ambassador; Enactus faculty adviser Suzanne Hurt was inducted into the Sam Walton Fellow Hall of Fame.



Outstanding student employee of the year

Alicia Goodman was awarded the 2017 Outstanding Student Employee of the Year. An accounting and management major, Goodman worked as a student peer adviser in the Kelce Advising Center and graduated in May 2017.



Homecoming King

Steven Andersen was crowned the 2017 PSU Homecoming King. A junior majoring in business management and finance, Andersen was nominated by the University Ambassadors.



Published author

In 2017, Luis Carlos Gonzalez Rodriguez, an MBA student from Venezuela, wrote and published his book "The Miracle of Life." The book is based on the life of Gonzalez' mother who, despite growing up in poverty, overcame obstacles, earned a college degree, and became a bank president. Gonzalez credits his mother for his strong determination and work ethic. He completed his MBA in international business in December.



Studying in France

Four MBA students are studying in the La Rochelle Business School in France. Blake Guier, Anthony Groves, Zachary Botkin, and Nick Bonham are participating in the PSU-La Rochelle dual degree program where they will earn both an MBA from PSU and a Master in Management from La Rochelle. The students are taking specialized courses taught in English, followed by internships and a master thesis.



Accounting professor **Dr. Gail Yarick** was awarded the university's Outstanding Faculty Award in 2017. Yarick was one of three faculty members who received the Robert K. Ratzlaff Outstanding Faculty Award medallion. She was nominated by students and stated: "I think the world of my students, and to know they appreciate what I do... is amazing."



Jae Choi



Michael Davidsson

Dr. Jae Choi, computer information systems professor, and **Dr. Michael Davidsson**, economics professor, were promoted to Associate Professor rank with tenure. Dr. Choi received his Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee in 2009; he teaches computer information systems, computer networking, and information assurance & computer security. Choi received the Kelce Excellence in Research Award. Dr. Davidsson earned his Ph.D. from Oklahoma State University in 2012; he teaches introductory and intermediate macroeconomics, money and banking, and seminar in applied economics. Davidsson directs the Kelce Economic Development Center which publishes the Pittsburg Micropolitan Area Economic Report and Economic Profile.



Associate Professor of Management **Dr. Stephen Horner** won the 2017 Outstanding Educator Award from the Southwest Academy of Management. This award is given to educators who demonstrate excellence in teaching and serve as leaders and mentors. Horner said that he "loved working with the students in Kelce" and that it was "especially gratifying to be recognized by peers in his field."

In Memory



Don Cash



Jack Fay

Former Kelce accounting professor **Donald Melvin Cash, Sr.**, passed away in December 2017. Cash received his BBA in Accounting and MBA from the University of Denver. He was a CPA and a member of the AICPA and KSCPA. Cash taught at the Kelce College for 30 years and also served as the accounting department chair; he retired in 1996.

Former Kelce accounting professor **Dr. Jack Fay** passed away in January 2018. Fay earned his PhD in accounting from the University of Arkansas in 1976 and taught for 56 years at various institutions including the universities of Arkansas and Alabama-Huntsville. He joined PSU in 1996 and retired in 2016.



The Accounting Degree Review ranked Kelce's BBA accounting with minor in fraud examination degree the number 6 on the list of Top 25 Bachelor's Degrees in Forensic Accounting.



Internal auditors student chapter hosts guest speaker

Kelce alumnus and FBI Special Agent Kevin McCrary visited campus in fall 2017 as a guest speaker of the Institute of Internal Auditors Student Chapter. McCrary has a BBA in accounting and is a CPA. He has worked in the FBI for more than 29 years and has served as Commander of the Kansas City Field Office Violent Crime/Fugitive Apprehension Squad and the SWAT Team. McCrary talked to students about his experiences investigating white collar crime, violent crime, and terrorism.



Executive on campus

Kelce College of Business alumnus Chris Medley visited his alma mater as the Executive-on-Campus in September. Medley received his BBA in finance and economics from PSU in 1980 and MBA in finance and marketing from Oklahoma State. He shared his career experiences at A.G. Edwards and R.W. Baird Private Wealth Management during his class presentations and meetings with students and faculty.

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