

Golden Bear News

Campus News



More than 1,650 students have been named to the Fall 2015 Dean's List at Kutztown University. The Dean's List is a prestigious honor that demonstrates a commitment to academic excellence and the ability to rise and achieve a higher standard of performance. To be eligible for the list, an undergraduate student must be registered for at least 12 credits and have a minimum grade point average of 3.60. [View the complete list here.](#)

Alex Faison-Donahoe, a member of the KU Men's Rugby Club, has been selected to participate in the USA Falcons 2016 South America Tour with matches on Jan. 9, 10, 16 and 17. The Falcons will face Argentina, Canada and South Africa on the tour. Founded in 2005, the USA Falcons are one of two national representative rugby union teams from the United States that compete in the North America 4 Series. [Click here](#) for more information, including a complete list of players and the team's schedule. >>>

The Kutztown University Department of Physics was recently recognized by the American Institute of Physics (AIP) for producing the highest average number of undergraduate physics degrees in Pennsylvania. [This list](#) includes only those schools where the bachelor's degree is the highest level degree offered in the subject. KU tied for 21st in the nation with Colby College (ME), Colorado College and the University of Wisconsin, River Falls, with an average of 15 graduates each year from 2012-2014.

AIP

American Institute of Physics



Twenty-two students from KU embarked on a trip to London for a [two-week course](#) in history and English, respectively. So far, the group of students and professors visited the London Eye and took an exclusive graffiti tour around the Spitalfield area, followed by a tour of the Tower of London, Tower Bridge and the London Museum. A tour of St. Paul's Cathedral incorporated the crypts and a hike to the top of the dome.

KU HISTORY

In January 1942, campus mail delivery is cut to once a day in an effort to save the rubber soles of shoes in support of the war.

KUF&AR Events



On February 20, 2016, the Lehigh Valley Phantoms take on the Bridgeport Sound Tigers at the PPL Center in Allentown.

The puck drops at 7:05 PM. Enjoy a \$5 food voucher and great seats for this game, as well as hearing the National Anthem performed by the KU Trombone Choir. The cost for this event is \$20 per person. Admission for children three years-old and under are complimentary. Please [register](#) early, as seats for this event will go fast!



Please join the KU Foundation and Alumni Relations office for a Happy Hour in Harrisburg! This event will take place from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM on January 29 at the Lancaster Brewing Company, 469 Eisenhower Boulevard in Harrisburg. Gather amongst other alumni from the greater Harrisburg area and network while enjoying the night out! Appetizers and first drink are complimentary. Please [register online](#) for this event. For more information, please call 610.683.4110 or email info@kutztownUfoundation.org.

Alumni Recognition

Allentown native **Stephen Berkowitz '10** invented a [new blackjack game](#) that is now being featured at the Sands Casino in Bethlehem, PA. The game, called Switch Hands, lets players buy into a second blackjack hand during the same deal, if they don't like the hand they've been dealt.

After brief stints at Life Time Fitness and Active Interest Media, **Jeff Tkach '01** returns to [Rodale Inc.](#) as its Vice President, Managing Director for Rodale's *Organic Life*, a new magazine brand that launched in spring 2015.

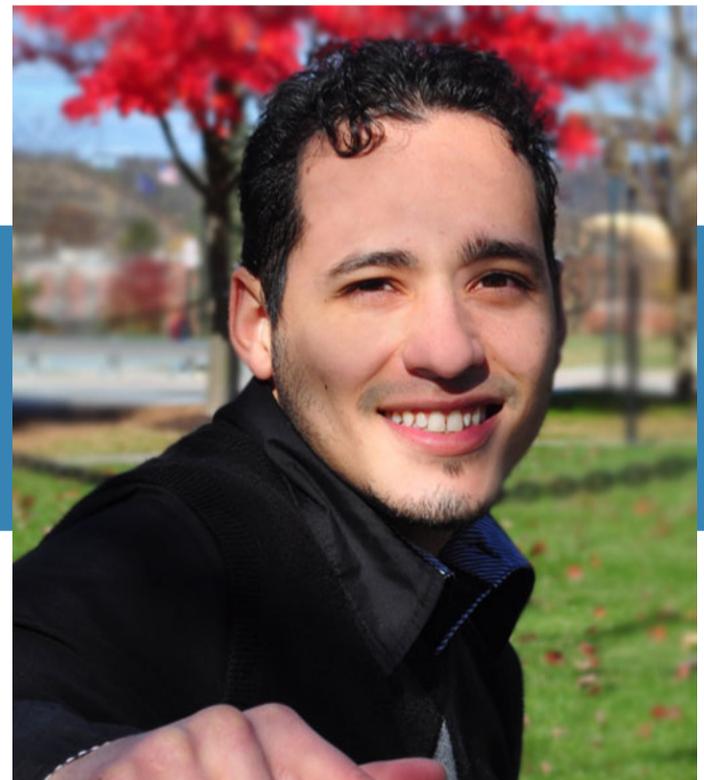
Luis Beltran '13 has called Berks County his home for more than 10 years, and in October 2015 he finally gained the right to call himself a [U.S. citizen](#). He currently works for Millersville University's Migrant Education Program, working with non-English-speaking Reading School District students. [Read his featured profile >>>](#)

Emmaus businessman **Fred Hafer Jr. '86** invented the world's first recreational [football-throwing machine](#). The Ball Cannon, which includes a partnership with Hasbro, went on sale earlier in December 2015. The patented toy launches perfectly spiraled footballs any distance between 10 feet to 110 feet.

James J. Hoban '07 and **Amanda K. Pallo '08** were [married](#) on October 10, 2015 in Clarks Summit, PA. The bride is employed by UPS Supply Chain Solutions, and the groom works for the Federal Bureau of Prisons.

Melody J. Chapman '06 is [engaged](#) to Shawn C. Hartlove Baron. The wedding is planned for August 20, 2016.

Matthew D. West '98 of the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission is the first to assume the new role of [Director of Technology](#) at the Borough of Narberth. He also teaches GIS at KU on a part-time basis.



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