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Rick Vito Benefit Concert Coming to KU



Rick Vito, a KU alumnus and world famous blues guitarist, will present benefit concert for the Greg Purdon '70 Memorial Scholarship on April 8 at 7:30 PM. This scholarship will benefit a Northampton Community College student who has graduated from NCC and will be entering Kutztown University as a major within the College of Visual and Performing Arts. Tickets are \$20 general admission and \$10 for KU and NCC students. Donations of \$200 or more will receive one complimentary ticket. For more information and

to purchase tickets, please contact Phil Irwin, KU Foundation senior development officer, at 610.683.4920 or email irwin@kutztownUfoundation.org. Additional information can also be found on [Facebook](#).

Senior Class Gift Kick-Off

In honor of Kutztown University's Sesquicentennial Celebration, a Senior Class Gift committee was created to provide an opportunity for seniors to pay it forward and help maintain the same quality of life and education for younger students. The KU Presidential Ambassadors kicked-off the first Senior Class Gift table during free period on January 21, promoting this new initiative and the benefits of philanthropy! More tables will be setup throughout the semester, and our 2nd annual Love a Donor event will be held on February 9, 10 and 11 - just in time for Valentine's Day.



Contributions toward the Senior Class Gift support the 150th Scholarship Fund, a fund created to finance student scholarships for future Golden Bears. Seniors who contribute \$20.16 to the Senior Class Gift will receive a 2016 pin that can be worn during commencement. All seniors who contribute \$1 or more (because every dollar can make a difference) are welcome to sign their names on a Senior Class Gift banner that will be carried as part of the commencement march. Special thanks to this year's Senior Class Gift committee for their help with this project: Maria Sunik '18, Molly Gallagher '18, Erin Meehan '16 and Heather Browne '16.

KU Pitcher Signed to Washington Nationals Minor League Deal



The Washington Nationals have signed left-handed pitcher Kutztown University product Darin Gorski to a minor league deal.

Gorski pitched the entire 2015 season with the AAA Las Vegas 51's in the New York Mets system, the team that drafted him in the seventh round in 2009. The 28-year old was 10-8 with a 5.52 ERA and 1.66 WHIP in 28 games (27 starts) over 137 innings.

He was promoted to AAA on May 31, 2014, from being the opening-day starter for the AA Binghamton Mets in 2014. In nine starts with Binghamton, he posted a 2.22 ERA with a 4-2 record over 52.2 innings. He held a strikeout/walk ratio of 54/12 and was one of the Eastern League's top pitchers.

In Gorski's seven minor league seasons, he has gone 52-38 with a 3.82 ERA and 1.29 WHIP. He was the Florida State League Starting Pitcher of the Year in 2011.

Gorski, who was the 224th overall pick of the 2009 draft, was 8-2 with a 2.17 ERA for Kutztown in 2009. He led the Golden Bears in numerous categories, including strikeouts (100), innings pitched (78.2) and batting average against (.208). The left-hander had the most strikeouts in the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference and ranked second in ERA. His strikeout total ranked tied for 10th in all of Division II.

Upcoming Events



Lehigh Valley Phantoms Game

On February 20, the Lehigh Valley Phantoms take on the Bridgeport Sound Tigers at the PPL Center in Allentown, PA. 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. Tickets are \$18.66 if purchased before February 12. Note that kids 3 and under are free if they are able to sit on their parent's lap. Tickets after February 12 are \$25 each. Please register early, as seats for this event will go fast!

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2016 KU 150th Planetarium Show

Join the KU Alumni Relations office in a celebration of our university's 150th anniversary with the showing of "150 Years of the Sky Over Kutztown University." This event will take place on March 18 starting at 6:30 PM in the Grim Science Building on KU campus. There will be light refreshments prior to the showing. This event is free

and sponsored by the KU Foundation and Alumni Relations office. To request your tickets, please register online or call 610.683.4110. Registration is required for entry into the planetarium. Seating is limited, so please reserve your seat today!

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Caldwell Happy Hour

On March 24, the KU Alumni Association will host its second annual Happy Hour event at the Cloverleaf Tavern, 395 Bloomfield Avenue in Caldwell, NJ. Join fellow alumni from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM for appetizers and a complimentary first drink! Though the event is free, we do ask that you please register so that we can accommodate guests accordingly. For more information, call 610.683.4110 or email info@kutztownUfoundation.org.

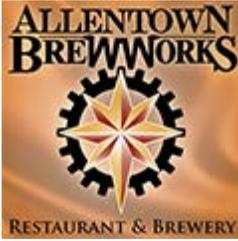
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Annapolis Happy Hour

Our Happy Hour Series is returning to the O'Callaghan Annapolis Hotel, 174 West Street in Annapolis, MD on April 21. Mingle with KU alums from 5 PM to 8 PM in the heart of historic downtown Annapolis - just a short walk from the United States Naval Academy, Maryland State House and City Dock. The first drink is on us, and assorted appetizers are available free of charge. While this event is complimentary, we do ask that you please register so we may properly account for everyone. For more information, call 610.683.4110 or email info@kutztownUfoundation.org.

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Lehigh Valley Educator Happy Hour

Calling all educators! The KU Alumni Relations Office is hosting a Happy Hour on May 12, 2016 from 5 PM to 7 PM at the Allentown BrewWorks, located at 812 West Hamilton Street. We do believe that it's time for you to have your own "RECESS" and let KU be there to buy your first drink! Appetizers are also complimentary this evening, and we hope you can round up your co-workers and come out to help make our first Lehigh Valley Educator Happy Hour a huge success! For more information, call 610.683.4110 or email info@kutztownUfoundation.org.

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NYC Happy Hour

On May 19, Charles Devigne '97 will host a KU Happy Hour event at Pescatore Restaurant in New York City beginning at 5:30 PM. Join us for a complimentary reception of food, drinks and a chance to network with other alumni in the NYC area. Pescatore is located at 955 2nd Ave, New York, NY 10022. RSVPs are required for this event. Please use the link below to register. For more information, call 610.683.4110 or email info@kutztownUfoundation.org.

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Updates

Please Answer Our Call This Spring!

When you see Kutztown University on your caller ID, please answer your phone and talk with a current KU Phonathon student about your college experiences and allow them to tell you all of the exciting things that are happening at KU during the Sesquicentennial Celebration. Our students enjoy hearing what you love about your alma mater. They will also ask you for your gift to the KU Annual Fund. Your gift - no matter the amount - is important and appreciated!

InnoVision College of Business Newsletter

The current issue of the College of Business newsletter, *InnoVision*, includes upcoming events, featured speakers, clubs and organizations, new hires and featured articles. Take a closer look at [InnoVision](#).

KU Presidential Ambassadors Newsletter

The Kutztown University Presidential Ambassadors (KUPA) publishes a newsletter every month! This month's issue includes a review of the fall 2016 commencement, Holiday Social, Ambassador of the Month, and more! [Check it out](#).

Freeze Your Rates with the PSECU Visa Balance Transfer Offer



You can put your high-interest credit card balances on ice with the PSECU Visa® Balance Transfer offer. It's a cool way to save money because their low rate is frozen until December 31, 2017! Here's what else you need to know:

- 2.9% Annual Percentage Rate (APR) Visa Balance Transfers. For complete details, visit www.psecu.com/visa.
- 9.9% APR for both purchases and cash advances.
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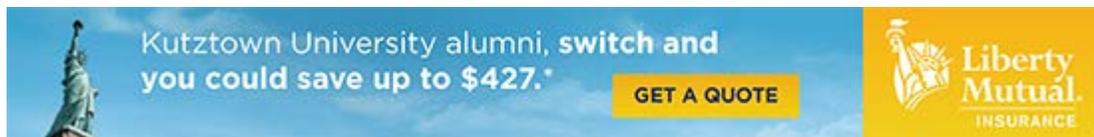
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From the southern charm of New Orleans to the stately palaces of Stockholm, you are invited to book a cruise being offered through the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE) Alumni & Friends Travel Program! Grab your bags for an excursion you'll never forget: book a Mississippi River Cruise traveling from Memphis down to New Orleans, or tour the radiant waters and cultural rhythms of the southeastern coastline of South America. Voyage to Scandinavia and Russia for a summertime treasure trove, and then escape to Cuba's colonial cities for a warm Christmas getaway. All PASSHE Alumni & Friends Travel Programs are open to State System alumni, retirees, current faculty and staff, parents, students and friends of the universities. For more details and prices of each trip, please visit our [website](#). Reservations can be made by calling 800.506.7447.



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Recent Events

Harrisburg Happy Hour

On Friday, January 29, KU alumni gathered for a Happy Hour at the Lancaster Brewing Company in Harrisburg. Good conversation, good food and a great time were had by

those in attendance! Please be sure to review our upcoming events to see if we are coming to your town!



Alumni just like you help to make a difference every day.

DONATE NOW

Stay Connected



There is definitely power in numbers. The alumni of Kutztown University are forging successful careers in business, education, theatre, the arts and a host of other professions. They can open doors and point you in the right direction, too. [KU Connect](#) provides you with effective tools and resources to establish your own KU alumni network. Get started by creating your Golden Bear profile today!

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