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Joyce Kutz Wehr '46 Leaves a Lasting Legacy

With a \$2.4 million bequest from her estate, Joyce Kutz Wehr '46 leaves a lasting legacy for students who will receive scholarships far into the future through her generosity and her husband's.

Mrs. Wehr left Kutztown University Foundation its largest gift thus far, through a bequest of \$2,402,063 after her January 1, 2016 passing at age 89. Prior to this bequest, the largest single gift in the Foundation's history



was \$1,577,991, received in 1996 from our benefactor Arthur L. Wiesenberger.

A graduate of Kutztown High School, Wehr spent 34 years teaching in the Allentown School District after getting her degree in Elementary Education/Early Childhood Education from Kutztown State Teachers College. With her husband Charles A. Wehr, she established four different scholarships for KU students - having previously contributed over \$90,000 with her husband through the years and served two terms during the early years of the Alumni Association Board.

The scholarships she and Charles left to KU students are:

- The John and Sadie Kutz Scholarship, established in 1987 to honor her parents
- The Calvin E. Afflerbach & Mamie H. Afflerbach Scholarship, established in 1991
- The Kutz-Henderson '70 Scholarship, established in 1994 to honor Wehr's mother Sadie and daughter Nancy
- The Charles A. and Joyce Kutz Wehr '46 Scholarship, established in 2000

Thank You Class of 2017



The Kutztown University Foundation & Alumni Relations team wants to thank the Class of 2017 for their active participation in and generous philanthropy to the 2017 Class Gift. Recent graduates were given the opportunity to further a culture of Paying It Forward and we are pleased to report that the class achieved a 26% giving rate! A \$20.17 gift earned graduates a class gift pin that could be worn during Commencement. All 2017 Class Gift donations benefit Kutztown

University through our Keystone Fund which provides resources for some of the University's most immediate needs.

Support Kutztown University. Make your gift today!



Support Kutztown University. **Make your gift today.** Every single gift, no matter the amount, makes a difference in the lives of Kutztown University students. Make your gift today [online](#) or by calling 610.683.4425.

Kutztown Folk Festival Highlights!

Some of the new highlights this year include expanded presentations in the one room school house, featuring daily life, fraktur, and PA Dutch dialect. Festival visitors can witness the quick power of a 100 year old portable steam traction engine, one of the largest ever built operating daily. The Pennsylvania German Cultural Heritage Center at Kutztown University will be adding to their Festival programming with an expanded display that features the works of some of the area's original hex artists. Returning festival enthusiasts will see several new faces amongst the 200 participating craftsman and artists. Additionally, several new acts and presentations can be found on the festival's five entertainment stages.



These new features will add to the already ever popular, displays, quilts, local wineries, Bier Garten, antique barn and folk life, plus the children's activities, and scrumptious PA Dutch food.

Don't forget, as a KU alumnus, you have the opportunity to purchase advance tickets at a discount of nearly 40%! To purchase tickets, please call the Alumni Relations office at 610.683.4110 or stop by the Wiesenberger Alumni Center between 8 AM and 3:30 PM. For additional information about the Kutztown Folk Festival, please visit www.kutztownfestival.com. The dates are July 1st through July 9th.



Upcoming Events



2017 KU Alumni Lehigh Valley Iron Pigs Game

On Sunday, July 30, join KU alumni, family and friends as they cheer on the Lehigh Valley Iron Pigs against the Durham Bulls. The gates to the PenTeleData Party Porch 1 will open at 12 PM and you will be able to enjoy a hot buffet before the game begins at 1:35 PM! Cost for the game and buffet is \$23. Children 2 and under do not require a ticket and are free as long as they accompany an adult.

For more information, please call 610.683.4110 or email info@kutztownUfoundation.org

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2017 Alumni Happy Hour - Novak's Tavern, Columbus, OH

The KU Happy Hour Series will be traveling to the city of Columbus, Ohio! Join us on August 2, at the Novak's Tavern, 475 N. High Street, Columbus and unwind in the company of other KU alumni. This is our first happy hour event in Columbus, let's make it as big as we can! The event will take place from 6 PM to 8 PM. KU will provide appetizers and the first drink of the evening. While the event is complimentary, we do ask that you and your guest pre-register.

For more information, please call 610.683.4110 or email info@kutztownUfoundation.org.

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Updates

2017 R.G. Wells Jazz Scholarship

The R.G. Wells Jazz Scholarships were awarded at the KU Jazz Ensemble I concert on May 4 at Kutztown University. Five students from the ensemble who received scholarships.



- Kevin Almanza - Guitar
- Aedan Drummond - Alto Sax, Flute & Clarinet
- Adam Helmer - Tenor Sax, Flute & Clarinet
- Dylan Langschwanger - Bass
- RaeAnn Rawlin - Trumpet

The R.G. Wells Jazz Scholarships are awarded each year to the students in Jazz Ensemble I. They must meet high standards in the following requirements: musicianship, creative improvisation, leadership, and excellent academic rating

Congratulations to those musician students and Director of Jazz Studies at KU, Dr. Kevin Kjos, who has helped them achieve these standards.

2017 International Summer Chamber Music Festival



Kutztown University is pleased to announce its sixth **International Summer Chamber Music Festival**, which will take place from **July 1 through July 8, 2017**. We are anticipating an exciting musical week of intensive study and performance opportunities for ambitious young musicians. As in previous years, we are happy to welcome participants

from the US, Greece, China, Chile and the Dominican Republic, who will join forces for one week in a fully immersive musical experience, working with the Festival's renowned roster of devoted musicians and teachers. Every evening there is a wonderful concert highlighting the talent of the musicians which brings chamber music alive. All concerts are free and open to the public. This is a week not to miss!

Photo courtesy of John Stinsmen '61

2017 Concert Schedule

Sunday, July 2, 7:30 PM

Schaeffer Auditorium

Opening Night

Festival faculty will perform beloved chamber works from all eras.

Monday, July 3, 7:30 PM

Georgian Room, Old Main

The Great Romantics

Festival faculty and students will perform some of the most celebrated works from the Romantic era.

Tuesday, July 4, 7:30 PM

Schaeffer Auditorium

American Fireworks

Students and faculty will showcase American favorites.

Wednesday, July 5, 7 PM

Kutztown Park Band Shell, 440 East Main St

Music without Borders

A potpourri of classical and popular favorites performed by faculty and festival participants.

Thursday, July 6, 7:30 PM

Schaeffer Auditorium

The essence of the piano

A variety of works for piano(s) performed by festival participants.

Friday, July 7, 7:30 PM

Schaeffer Auditorium

The Edge of Expression

Performed by festival participants.

Saturday, July 8, 2 PM

Schaeffer Auditorium

Passion and Precision

Performed by festival participants.

Save the Date - Homecoming 2017

This year's Homecoming will take place on October 28, 2017. Keep an eye out in the future for information regarding Homecoming events, reunion details (April 27th & 28th 2018), and more!



PSECU Can Help You Save Money on Loans



PSECU is the on-campus credit union for Kutztown University, and alumni are eligible to join. With their digital banking services, including mobile check deposit, members can access their accounts no matter where they live.

As a member-owned, not-for-profit credit union, PSECU believes that everyone deserves the opportunity for a better life. That's why they offer so many free or low-cost financial services.

It's also why they make borrowing easy and affordable. Their auto loan rates are the same for both new and used vehicles, while their home loans offer competitive rates and flexible terms. They also don't come with many of the fees other lenders charge.

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Recent Events

The Class of 1967 50th Reunion



During the weekend of May 12 and 13, the Kutztown University Foundation & Alumni Relations office welcomed the Class of 1967 back to campus. Almost 70 alumni enjoyed events throughout the weekend. It was a wonderful time, filled with the sharing of favorite memories and the creation of new ones. Classmates who had not seen each other for 50 years reconnected and laughed as if it were yesterday when they were on campus dining together in the Georgian Room. The weekend included a welcome tea, a tour of campus, dinner, breakfast, robing, Commencement and lunch. It truly was a great celebration. Pictured above are the members of the class who took part in the Commencement ceremonies.

2017 Spring Commencement



Congratulations to the graduating class of spring 2017! May you have success in every aspect of your lives. Go Bears!



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

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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