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Eric Savage as president and CEO of the successful Freedom Auto Group is a 23-year automotive industry veteran. But for Eric, “people first” is more than a task – it’s a way of life, and the very core of the culture of the Freedom Toyota and Freedom Hyundai dealerships. Eric and his staff have contributed meaningful funding, and most significantly, time and energy to numerous worthy causes that attest to this “people first” attitude.

Working in the family business, Eric then took on the role of Mergers & Acquisition and Turnaround Operator for the small company, expanding it from 2 dealership operations in 1998 to 9 dealerships by 2003 by acquiring under-performing competitors. Employee count topped 400 and total vehicle volume increased to nearly 8,000 units per year.

In 2006, Eric decided to leave the family business and form his own dealership operation, naming it the Freedom Auto Group. Starting with a Toyota dealership in Hamburg, the Freedom Auto Group now includes a Hyundai dealership (also in Hamburg), a Toyota dealership and a Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram dealership, both in Harrisburg. Freedom Auto Group employs nearly 300 people and retails over 5,000 vehicles per year.

But no matter how many cars his dealerships sell, Eric's focus remains on improving the lives of his customers, employees and the community.

For more information about Freedom Toyota, newest location, Hamburg, PA which opened in 2007 or careers, visit the website: http://www.freedomtoyota.com/aboutus.aspx

Thursday, February 20th 11:00am DF 100

Message from the Dean

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Message from the Dean continued:

The Department of Sport Management and Leadership Studies continues to do well in managing recent increases in the number of majors for the B.S. in Leisure and Sport Studies. The department is moving forward in working on accreditation from the Commission on Sport Management Accreditation (COSMA).

At this time, the College is working with the other colleges and units at KU to meet the significant challenge of making budget cut-backs that need to be made in 2014-15.

Justin Roach continued:

My position here at the Berks County Community Foundation is a Marketing Intern where I help clients at the Berks Jump Start Incubator with marketing materials and their business plans. I am originally from Millersburg, Pennsylvania where I played football and golf throughout high school. After completing my degree, my plan is to attain a Masters in Business Administration and continue my education.

My passion for small business is what attracted me to the incubator for this internship. I plan to use the experience I gain here and apply it to my career. I would like to start my own business once I have completed my education and the skills I have learned as an intern here will help take my business to the next level. I enjoy working with the small business owners to develop their dream into a successful reality.

Other items of interest involving the Small Business Development Center and the Department of Business Administration

Economic Forecast project with the Reading Eagle – role of SBDC – role of Drs. Li, Dalgin and COB/KU

John Green, Associate VP, Communications/Marketing and Dean Dempsey, met with several staff members from the Reading Eagle on December 11. The Reading Eagle reached out to KUSBDC in December to work with them on developing an economic forecast report for the greater Reading Metro region. Dr. Liaoli Li and Dr. Muhammed Dalgin, faculty members in the Department of Business Administration are working with the Reading Eagle on the economic analysis report on key industry sectors in the region. Dr. Post and the SBDC are conducting the Executive Pulse Survey that will solicit the perceptions of local executives and entrepreneurs concerning their growth and capital formation expectations for this coming year. The results of the economic analysis and the Executive Pulse Survey will be published in early March in the Reading Eagle Business Weekly and this information.

Paul Frederick - several staff members from Paul Frederick (Fleetwood) met with Dean Dempsey, Dr. Ernie Post (Director of KU-SBDC), Peter Hornberger (SBDC) and Duane Crider (Faculty Coordinator for the Entrepreneurial Leadership Center) on December 12th. Paul Fredrick, is a catalog distributor of high-end men’s clothing that has grown in sales to over $50,000,000 annually. They are located in Fleetwood, PA about 7 miles from campus. They requested undergrad / MBA & faculty assistance on strategic marketing for their company. As a result of the initial meeting, Dr. Roger Hibbs, Chair for Department of Business Administration, Dr. Ernie Post and Marty Brill (SBDC) met at the company this month and developed the scope of the project. Dr. Roger Hibbs sought the help of Dr. Therese Maskulka and her marketing class to work on the strategic marketing objectives for the company for this winter/spring term. In addition, the KUSBDC will work with the company on location analysis, financial planning and projections as they seek to grow and expand in the local area. The Greater Reading Economic Partnership was also brought into the project for site and expansion process in the local area.

Congratulations!

Dr. Ernie Post, SBDC Director, completed his doctorate at Penn State University. He successfully defended his dissertation “Exploring Nascent Entrepreneurial Learning: A Mixed Method Study” on December 9, 2013.

Congratulations on your achievement!

News from Small Business Development Center

Latino Business Resource Center (LBRC)-November 20, 2013-- twelve entrepreneurs graduated from the eight-week bilingual program in Kennett Square offered in Spanish entitled, "Business Skills for Latino Entrepreneurs.”

LBRC - November 21 - eleven entrepreneurs graduated from the eight-week bilingual program in Reading offered in Spanish entitled, "Business Skills for Latino Entrepreneurs”.

To learn more about the Small Business Development Center visit their website at: http://www.kutztownsbdc.org/default.asp or contact the office at 484-646-4009

Student Internship at Small Business Development Center

Hello, my name is Justin Roach. I am currently a senior at Kutztown University with a major in both Marketing and Management, and a minor in Economics. I am also on the Executive Board of the American Marketing Association on campus.
SBDC News Continued...

**WeDnet** is a university program with the state of DCED. DCED provides training grants for manufacturing and technology companies to reimburse them for workforce training. KUSBDC will be managing that program and helping local companies secure the grants and implement training programs for their staff. It would be an opportunity for faculty to deliver a certificate program involving logistics, quality control, export, certification or software programming types of certifications. Transitioning from Career Services to KUSBDC that will take place in July.

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**SLAM Club Coordinates 2nd Year Super Bowl Trip**

**Club officers:**
President: Tim Szewczak,
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Vice President: Mike Lineman
Secretary: Kate Herlinhy
Treasurer: Ashley Currao and Zach Werner
Faculty Advisor: Kerri Cebula,
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**Super Bowl trip - Denver Broncos vs Seattle Seahawks**

**Congratulations Seahawks fan!**

The students left on Thursday, January 30 and had shifts on January 31 and February 1. **Professor Kerri Cebula** indicated the students volunteered with the Host Committee and were assigned to Times Square to help answer questions about all of the Super Bowl activities taking place in New York City. It was a really great opportunity for the students and they looked forward to going. It was a wonderful opportunity for our students and for the university. Dr. Lorri Engstrom, Chair, and Professor Kerri Cebula accompanied the students.

**The following leisure and sport management students are participating:** Paige Baltzersen, Greg Bamberger, Brittany Bridi, Brittany Byers, Ashley Currao, Paige Donmoyer, Michael Fantry, Kirstin Gockley, Faith Gruber, Kathleen Herlihy, Madison Houseal, Colin Klauder,

**SLAM Club Continued.....**

Meghan Kowalchuk, Michael Lineman, Cameron Lipnicky, Hannah Martin, Dean May, Ryan McFarland, Anthony Mollitor, Camala Nichols, Alex Oleginski, Kimberly Reimel, Lamont Riley, Ryan Rodriguez, Erika Sallavanti, Lauren Schlitt, Molly Schwab, Michael Sharpe, Noah Sneeringer, Brandon Sochovka, Lauren Sopko, Britney Stone, Timothy Szewczak, Nicholas Vuotto, Michael Wasco Zachary Werner. There are a lot of great opportunities for students to participate in SLAM club this spring.

**NOTE:** On February 1st the Reading Eagle posted a photo and article on club members participating at the Super Bowl. The article was written by Bruce R. Posten.

**Get to know…..**

For those who are reading this whom I have not yet had the pleasure of meeting, please allow me to introduce myself. My name is **Elizabeth Rogol** and for the past 30 years I have had the opportunity of teaching here at Kutztown University. My current University residence is in the **Department of Sports Management and Leadership Studies, located in Old Main 202, 610-683-4589.** I taught marketing course for many years and have recently expanded my areas of teaching. In addition to teaching the sport marketing course for the Leisure and Sport Studies (LSS) major, I have been teaching personal finance and leadership courses, which are open to all students in the university and can be used as general education electives. My move to the department also gave me the unique opportunity to travel to New Orleans with a number of the LSS majors last February to volunteer at the NFL’s Fan Experience at the Super Bowl. The experience was fabulous (except for the 24 hours bus ride, each way).

The expansion of teaching responsibilities was the motivation behind my enrolling in a graduate program in organizational leadership. For the past couple of years I have been taking courses toward completing a degree. The information I have been studying has not only been useful for the leadership course I teach but also from a practical standpoint. There has also been an additional benefit that initially I did not anticipate. Taking classes again has allowed me to better appreciate the student’s perspective because I am living it. Like many of you, I can see light at the end of my current academic journey and am as excited as you are to get to the finish line.

Occasionally you might find me traversing our beautiful campus, especially on weekends, with my two golden retrievers. They enjoy Kutztown University as much as I do.

Dr. Lorri Engstrom, DSMLS Chair, indicated that Professor Rogol has the most longevity in the Department. Her commitment to “Life Long Learning” and excellence in teaching is commendable. Our department is strengthened and enriched by her hard work ethic, passion for teaching and expertise in all curriculum matters.
Dr. John Walker, Professor of Finance, Department of Business Administration is the instructor for the course FIN 375-Applied Investment Management. This course is dual listed for honors and has writing intensive and critical thinking competencies. Students are enrolled in the course based on GPA, major in finance, and recommendation of finance faculty. Dr. Walker reported the average GPA for the spring 2014 class is 3.83. Students are: Arjun Arora, double major in Business Administration, marketing and Leisure and Sport studies, Corey Cherif, Business with majors in finance and economics Christopher Detz, Business with a major in accounting Adam Dobson, business with a major in finance, Trevor Frey, Business, major in finance, Kevin Sekulic, business with majors in finance and economics, Stephanie Spatz, business with management major; music minor, Chloe Swope, business with marketing major; Spanish minor Briane Koert, business with management major; communication studies, Kelly Quigley, business with a accounting and finance major.

Projects these students will be involved in during spring include: after a stellar year for the stock market and the AIM portfolio, the AIM team will be reviewing the portfolio to see if all the stocks continue to look poised for another good year of performance. The AIM students analyze each company’s earnings, dividends, and expense structure, along with other fundamentals, to ensure that the stocks are positioned to meet or exceed their portfolio benchmark—the SPY. The SPY is an exchange traded fund that mimics the performance of the S&P 500, a common benchmark used by portfolio managers.

This year the Global Asset Management Education (G.A.M.E.) Forum will be held in New York City on March 19–22. AIM students will have the opportunity to attend this conference and hear industry leaders such as Abbey Joseph Cohen from Goldman Sachs and Guy Adami from Fast Money on CNBC. While in New York, the AIM students will have the opportunity to meet with students from other schools to discuss and learn about alternative portfolio strategies. Plus, Dr. Walker mentioned, the students enjoy having a little time to explore the city.

Dr. John S. Walker, CFA, currently teaches AIM, a course created by Dr. Jonathan K. Kramer, CFP, about ten years ago. In addition to AIM (which stands for applied investment management and is listed in the course catalog as FIN 375), Dr. Walker teaches Financial Markets & Institutions, as he worked in the banking industry for 12 years prior to coming to KU. Walker points out that finance majors find their careers going in many directions upon graduation. He said that “recently I heard from Eric Gibson who accepted a job as a wealth operations specialist at TD Bank.”

Pulak Parag was a December 2013 Business graduate with a dual major in Accounting and Finance and a minor in Economics. He graduated with a 4.0 GPA.

When Dr. John Walker, Associate Professor of Finance, learned of the news that Pulak Parag had been offered a job by Goldman Sachs, he stated, “Goldman is one of the top investment banks in the world. Pulak has the perfect background to be successful at this multinational company – a dual major in accounting and finance, with a minor in economics. Often accountants don’t fully understand the financial markets; and many in finance don’t fully understand the accounting impact of their decisions. Pulak’s double major, and the experience he gained by participating in our Applied Investment Management program, gives him that understanding and makes him a perfect fit for the company. I’m thrilled to see one of KU’s top students go to Wall Street. Pulak’s hard work is going to pay off and he has a bright future ahead!” Pulak is excited to begin his position at Goldman Sachs on January 27, 2014.

On February 5th, Pulak stated, “I just finished my first week here at Goldman. It’s been a good first week. I think my job will be challenging, yet satisfying.” Below is a picture that was taken by Pulak when leaving the building at the end of a day’s work.

The College of Business congratulates Pulak and wishes him continued success throughout his career.

Ryan Friedman was a 2009 Business graduate, who majored in Finance. Dr. John Walker recently shared the news, “Ryan just reported that he won the Regional Paragon Award while working for CVS, which is only given to 50 of the more than 7,500 managers company-wide, for his performance.

Congratulations Ryan on your success!
American Advertising Federation - AAF

President: Heather Galusz
Secretary: Tierney Bechtel
VP Social: Joe Favinger
Creative Director: Josh Moyer
Treasurer: Nikki Kyriakopoulos
AAF Faculty Advisor:
For information contact Dr. Roger Hibbs, Chair, DBA Rm. 233 DF

The American Advertising Federation is a competitive organization that strives to better the students knowledge of current advertising. Through an exciting advertising campaign competition, the American Advertising Federation works diligently on a specified advertising task which is presented in New York City in April. During your experience, you will learn a great amount about developing and implementing an efficient advertising campaign.

AAF plans a large event/concert in April and will be selling things for Valentines Day through out the week. Also, a goal is to create packets for other clubs if they are interested in having us do any type of advertising for them.

Supply Chain Management Business Logistics Club

Club Officers:
President: Justin Maynard
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Treasurer: Daniel Rouse
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The Supply Chain Management & Logistics Club provides business students who are interest in supply chain management and/or logistics with the opportunity to meet with other students who express the same interest.

American Marketing Association - AFA

Club Officers:
President - Lily Rubinstein
Vice President - John Wenner
Treasurer - Justin Roach
Secretary - Autumn Anthony
VP of Fundraising - Casey Utz
Advisor: Dr. Paul Sable: DF 220: sable@kutztown.edu

Heatwaves Tanning owner, Breanna Kramer is displaying an award on behalf of AMA. Breanna Kramer was awarded a certificate of appreciation due to her involvement with AMA. She has donated several free tanning sessions and other great deals. We are so thankful for her generosity.

Treasurer Justin Roach (left), and Advisor Dr. Paul Sable (right)
Justin Roach and Dr. Sable are discussing important matters.
Justin commented, “Without having Dr. Sable to guide us in the right direction we would not be as successful as we are today.”

ACCOUNTING CLUB

Message from club advisor, Professor Dave Wagaman:

“Our initial meeting was on Tuesday (2/4) and we will discuss our plans for the semester and a presentation will be made on the benefits of student memberships in various accounting organizations (AICPA, PICPA, IMA). So far, the only date and speaker that has been confirmed is Kimberly (Hedden) Stank, ‘95 who is a director for Zelenkofske Axelrod LLC in Harrisburg. She will be here on March 25. Our annual banquet has also been scheduled for Friday evening, April 25.”

Other events the club will be working on to sponsor later in the semester include: Recent Alumni Panel, Becker CPA Review, and two additional speaker events.
Entrepreneurial Leadership Center

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Visit the ELC website at: http://www2.kutztown.edu/ELC

Entrepreneurship Day
Thursday, March 6th, 11 a.m., MSU 218

Entrepreneurship Day will be held on Thursday, March 6, 2014 at 11 a.m. in MSU 218. All Kutztown University Students & Faculty were welcome to attend the event, sponsored by the Entrepreneurial Leadership Center, Dr. Duane Crider, faculty coordinator. The purpose of this event is to expose students and faculty to successful entrepreneurs and support services in the area, spread awareness of the Entrepreneurial Leadership Center and create support and awareness for the Business Plan Competition and classes. As details are confirmed, information will be posted across campus.

SIFE (Students in Free Enterprise)
Club and Entrepreneurship Club Planning to Merge

President: Nicole Davidson
VP of Marketing: Vanessa Sundra
VP of Operations: Holly Zellner
VP of Finance: Miranda Berry
Club Faculty Advisor: Dr. Roger Hibbs, DF 233,
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Dr. Christine Rhoads, former advisor to SIFE, met a few days ago with the executive board of the newly forming Entrepreneurship Club. They have decided to merge with SIFE. **SIFE (Students in Free Enterprise) will be changing its name to the Entrepreneurship Club**, and the Executive Board of the new Entrepreneurship Club will take over as the executive board of SIFE/Entrepreneurship Club. **Nicole Davidson is the new student Club President.**

Dr. Roger Hibbs will be serving as the advisor to the Entrepreneurship Club. **Dr. CJ Rhoads** will help out in an advisory role, or co-advisor as needed.

Chad Fry, MBA student and former President of SIFE (fall 2013 semester) has decided to stay on as a student advisor to the new Entrepreneurship Club. Chad will be sending

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Kutztown University is home to nearly 100 international students from 30 different countries around the world. Opportunities for cross-cultural exchange abound at KU. Students seeking opportunities for international enrichment can join the International Student Organization (ISO), elect an International Studies minor, or study abroad. Located in Boxwood House, the International Office serves incoming and current international students as well as students who wish to participate in a study away program.

The College of Business has exchange partner agreements with Reutlingen University, Germany, INHOLLAND The Netherlands, and Southern Denmark University. There are many other opportunities for exchanges which are available through NSE, National Student Exchange.

Plan to attend the study abroad fair, an information session or visit a study away table to learn more about the opportunities that are available to you at KU!

**Study Abroad Fair (includes NSE)**
Wednesday, February 19 at 12:00 - 3:00 pm, MSU 218

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**
International Week April 13 – 19: The International Student Organization and the International Affairs Committee Conferences, Symposia, and Colloquia Task Force will join together with the KU campus community to host events for International Week in April. We encourage the entire campus community to get involved!

Please contact us if you and/or your department would like to be involved with International Week. You can host an event, a display, or an information session, just to name a few ideas. Contact Nicole Becker, Assistant Director of International Admissions, at nbecker@kutztown.edu or x6-4257 if you want to participate.

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### Kutztown Tutoring Services

At Kutztown University, tutoring is designed to give students individualized attention to help them succeed in their courses. Our tutoring services provide excellent tutors who connect with students at their level and help guide them towards academic success. (Need some quick study tips on-line? Check out our [Study Toolkits](#)!) Using our services, students are guaranteed reinforced learning, support for in-class learning, and an advanced sense of community. Tutors can help build a student’s confidence while connecting them with other useful campus resources.

We are proud to say that all of our tutoring is peer tutoring, meaning that students are tutored by students. This is a great advantage to tutees, as their tutors will understand their perspective. Our tutors have excelled in their classes and at Kutztown University, with a minimum of a 3.0 in their major courses. Check out our [Tutoring Services Facebook](#) page for study tips and updates on our tutors!

Tutoring Services is located in Rohrbach Library Room 30. Our hours are 9-4 Monday through Friday and can also be reach at tutor@kutztown.edu

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### Kutztown Launches Meritpages Website:

Some students may have recently received an invitation to Meritpages, an online record of exceptional academic, athletic and personal accomplishments worthy of praise. This is a brand new, official university website that provides a way to easily share accomplishments on social media, as well as hometown traditional media. By accepting the invitation, you will gain access to your own page that includes your digital badges, indicating what areas you have excelled in at KU.

Through Merit, you have the opportunity to share the badge received via social media (e.g. Facebook and Twitter) for employers, family and friends to see. The accomplishments are automatically shared with students’ hometown media. Check the website to see what achievements have been added so far, and keep an eye on your KU email for your invitation to setup your Meritpage. More Information: [http://kutztown.meritpages.com/](http://kutztown.meritpages.com/)

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### SIFE (Students in Free Enterprise) club and Entrepreneurship Club Planning to Merge continued....

out an email to all former SIFE members and invite them to join the Entrepreneurship Club.

Dr. Rhoads commented, “I am thrilled with these events, as the new Entrepreneurship club members seem to be involved and passionate, and will undoubtedly do wonderful things. They’ve expressed interest in all the existing projects of SIFE, and have several new projects they would like to do.”

### Department of Business Administration Research Workshop Scheduled

The first DBA Research Workshop for spring 2014 will be on Friday February 14, at 2:00 pm in DF 117. Professors John Walker and Jonathan Kramer will present a paper titled “Applying Bogle’s Decomposition Model to the Review and Analysis of a Community Bank’s Stock Performance.”

All are welcome to attend.
Faculty Scholarly Activity beginning Fall 2013:


Roth, William - (2013). Who makes the most productive executive? *Performance Improvement, 52*(9), 6-12.


Continued beginning Fall 2013:


