

SPRING 2022



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College of Education

ALUMNI BOARD

EMERI-TIES

Keeping Former Board Members

IN THE LOOP!



Jonathan Klingeman (left) accepts the gavel from President Joe Clapper (right). He will serve from 2022-2024.

PASSING THE GAVEL

On June 25, the Alumni Society Board was excited to gather for their first in-person meeting since October 2019. Held at the Tussey Mountain Lodge, the meeting included welcoming three new Board members, Krishawna Goins, Deborah Marron, and Matt Richards, and bidding a fond farewell to four members whose terms came to an end, Shubha Kashyap, Allison Mackley, Pam Peter, and Jeannene Willow.

Congratulations to our newly promoted faculty

Promoted to professor:



Soo-Yong Byun



John Cheslock



Jacqueline Reid-Walsh



Paul Riccomini



Mark Threeton

Promoted to associate professor:



Amy Crosson



Karly Ford



Ty Hollett



Marsha Modeste



Ashley Patterson



Kelly Rosinger



Rachel Wolkenhauer



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING FACULTY WHO WERE PROMOTED TO PROFESSOR:

- SOO-YONG BYUN, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION POLICY STUDIES
- JOHN CHESLOCK, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION POLICY STUDIES
- JACQUELINE REID-WALSH, DEPARTMENT OF CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION
- PAUL RICCOMINI, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY, COUNSELING, AND SPECIAL EDUCATION
- MARK THREETON, DEPARTMENT OF LEARNING AND PERFORMANCE SYSTEMS

AND TO THE FOLLOWING FACULTY WHO WERE PROMOTED TO ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR:

- AMY CROSSON, DEPARTMENT OF CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION
- KARLY FORD, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION POLICY STUDIES
- TYLER HOLLETT, DEPARTMENT OF LEARNING AND PERFORMANCE SYSTEMS
- MARSHA MODESTE, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION POLICY STUDIES
- ASHLEY PATTERSON, DEPARTMENT OF CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION
- KELLY ROSINGER, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION POLICY STUDIES
- RACHEL WOLKENHAUER, DEPARTMENT OF CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

WELCOME



Matt Richards
ASB Board Member

Matt Richards

I am a proud, two-time graduate of the Penn State College of Education, with a Bachelor's in SECED: Chemistry and a Master's in C&I with a STEM focus. Currently, I teach project-based chemistry and freshman inquiry science at Emmaus High school. My passion for education is rooted in developing my practice with Ambitious Science Teaching pedagogy, which centers on equity and inclusivity in science classrooms. I am proud and fortunate to say that my enthusiasm for this pedagogy has spread to my colleagues, and our collaboration has led to the development of more equitable and quality opportunities for engagement in rigorous science learning! With that said, I owe the Penn State College of Education for everything that I have become as a teacher, as well as the opportunities that our great Alumni Society afforded me throughout my time as a student and beyond - I would have never discovered these passions without such support, and it is for this reason I am most excited to serve on the Alumni Board. The opportunity to help the College of Education continue to grow its service and support of its current and former students is a gift, and I am excited to begin working alongside such an excellent Alumni Board!



**THE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION
ALUMNI TAILGATE IS BACK!**

DATE: SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10
TIME: 9:30 A.M. ET
**LOCATION: BRYCE JORDAN
CENTER, FOUNDERS LOUNGE**



**INVITATIONS WILL BE SENT OUT IN
LATE AUGUST.**



**WHO DID PENN STATE PLAY IN ITS FIRST
COLLEGIATE FOOTBALL GAME?**

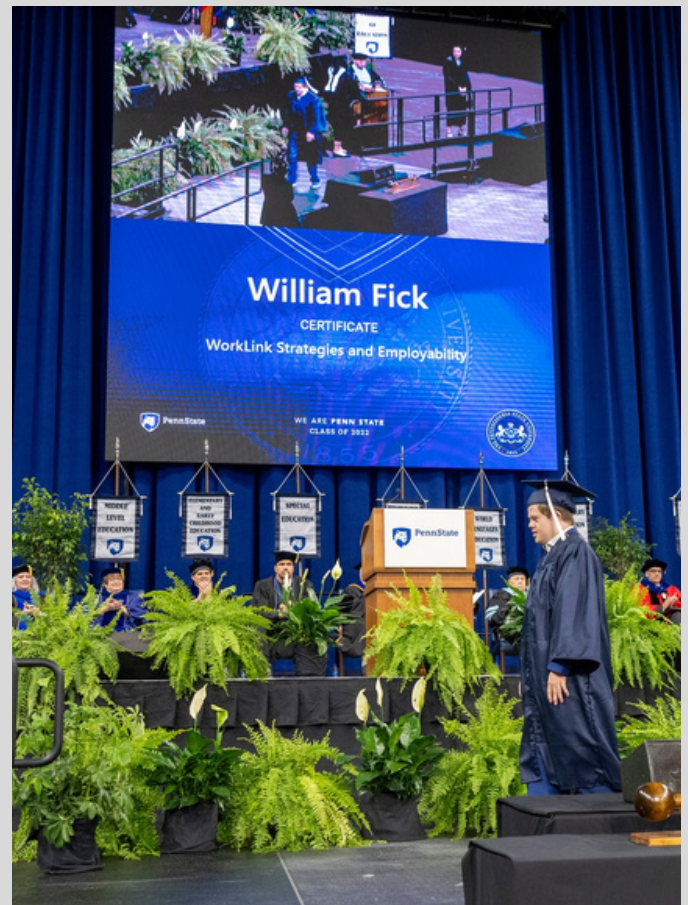
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CONGRATULATIONS

The College of Education held its spring commencement ceremony on Sunday, May 8, at Pegula Ice Arena. Among the proud graduates who walked across the stage were Will Fick (right) and Aaron Packard (left), who are the first to receive certificates from Penn State's WorkLink program!

WorkLink provides the opportunity for individuals with Intellectual Disabilities to participate in postsecondary experiences and education with their peers.

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE WORKLINK PROGRAM AT
[HTTPS://WORKLINK.PSU.EDU/WORKLINK/](https://worklink.psu.edu/worklink/)



WELCOME



Dr. Deborah Marron
ASB Board Member

Dr. Deborah Marron is the Executive Director of the Jack McGovern Coats' Disease Foundation which raises awareness of and funds research on Coats' Disease, a rare retinal disease that afflicts children as well as adults. Deborah previously served as the Director of Alumni and Student Engagement with the Penn State Alumni Association for nearly 17 years. She established the Alumni Career Services office and led a team in developing programs, events, and services to engage alumni, students, volunteers, and donors in support of the Association's and the University's missions. Prior to her tenure at Penn State, Deborah worked in the private sector in Human Resources Management and served as Director of Career Development with several colleges and universities.

A native of Meadowbrook, Pennsylvania, Deborah earned a B.A. in Psychology and an M.Ed. in College Student Personnel/Counselor Education from Penn State. She received a Doctorate in Education in Behavioral Sciences and Organizational Development from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

"My Master's Degree in Education from Penn State provided the foundation for my professional career. I credit the support and guidance that I received from the faculty and staff of the College of Education, in particular Dr. Harold Cheatham, the program head at the time, for helping me crystallize my career direction. I will be forever grateful and look forward to serving on the Board to pay it forward."



Kayla Schubert

Hello College of Education Alumni Society Board, my name is Kayla Schubert and I recently started here at Penn State in the Office of Development and Alumni Relations. I began my role as the new Administrative Assistant on February 28th and could not be more excited. I earned my bachelor's degree in psychology from Lock Haven University in 2012, and immediately started my career in childcare. I began this 10-year career path at the YMCA of Centre County in State College as their Childcare Coordinator and worked my way up to Childcare Director over the years. In this role, I mentored and trained new staff, managed our department budget, and planned and organized activities for children. Although I loved my work in childcare, I was beyond excited to embark on a new journey with Penn State. One thing I am most excited for in this new role is the opportunity to meet Alumni and help build relationships within the College. I look forward to working closely with each one of you as I continue my time here, learning and growing within the College of Education.



Kayla replaces Wanda Wasilko as the Administrative Assistant in COE's Alumni and Development Office!

WELCOME



Krishawna Goins ASB Board Member

Krishawna Goins

Krishawna is a first grade teacher and school based equity lead in Loudoun County, VA. Krishawna has had a wide range of experiences throughout her career such as serving as a political advocacy coordinator for the union, being appointed to Virginia Department of Education's Culturally Relevant Practices Teacher Advisory Committee, working for the Walt Disney Company, as well as launching her own tech start up to educate women and BIPOC communities about blockchain technology to build technological literacy and pathways to leadership in web3. Krishawna is excited to be joining the College of Education Alumni Society Board and is looking forward to being able to continue to build sustainable bridges to engage all our Nittany Lions of the past, present, and future.

WE ARE WEEKEND LUNCHEON

The College of Education hosted a luncheon with Dean Kimberly Lawless in the Garden Room of the Pasquerilla Spiritual Center on Friday, June 17, as part of We Are Weekend. Dean Lawless shared all the amazing new initiatives in the college with approximately 50 Education alumni who were excited to return to campus for the first time since 2019.

