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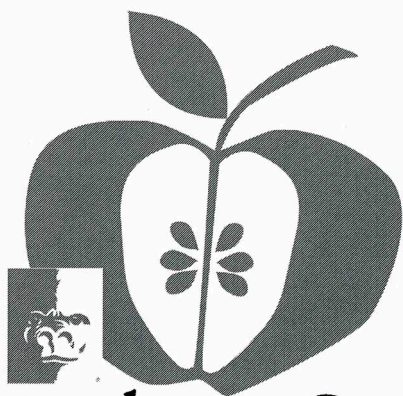
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Pittsburg State Apple Day

Pittsburg State University
Apple Day
Convocation

Thursday, March 1, 2012
3:00 PM
McCray Hall

Convocation Program

Welcome & Introductions

Eric Jones, President, Student Government Association

The Story of Apple Day

Randy Roberts

Commemoration Day Address

Ed McKechnie

Chairman, Kansas Board of Regents

Musical Selection by PSU Choral

Directed by Dr. Susan Marchant

I Love My Love

David Dickau

Kyle George, clarinet

Dongyuan Chen, piano

Presentation of the 2012 Dr. Ralf J. Thomas

Distinguished Service Awards

Dr. Steven A. Scott, President, Pittsburg State University

Monica Murnan, National President, PSU Alumni Association

Presentation of the 2012 Dr. Robert K. Ratzlaff

Outstanding Faculty Awards

Lara Ismert, Academic Affairs Director, Student Government Association

Golden Gorilla Awards Presentation

Dr. Steven A. Scott, President, Pittsburg State University

Announcement of Apple Dessert Contest Winners

Eric Jones, President, Student Government Association

Centennial Scholarships Presentation

Hal Rivard, PSU Homecoming King

Callie Wheeler, PSU Homecoming Queen

Alma Mater

Apple Distribution

Faculty Association

Centennial Tower Bell Ringing by Award Winners

Dr. Robert K. Ratzlaff

Outstanding Faculty Award Winners

Dr. Craig Fuchs

Director of Honors College

"I am certain I would have lost my mind if it wasn't for Dr. Fuchs. It's safe to say that he has not only impacted my college career, but my life."

- Carson Felt, nominator

"Dr. Fuchs goes above and beyond what is expected to serve all of his students. His passion has inspired me to keep learning and growing."

- Rachael Osborn, nominator

Dr. Paul McCallum

Professor, Department of English

"Dr. McCallum is the reason that I became a graduate student and a teacher. I learned from him that learning could be fun once again - that literature was much more than a dry cannon of over-read and studied works. His ability to impart a love of learning to students is something that is truly unique and invaluable."

- Anna Bahr, nominator

"Dr. McCallum is simply the best professor I have ever had the pleasure of taking a class from. If it wasn't for him, I never would have attended graduate school."

- Lora Winters, nominator

Dr. Grant Moss

Assoc Professor, Department of Modern Languages & Literatures

"A great professor is someone who is passionate about their given subject, cares deeply for their students, and most importantly, is able to combine these qualities to inspire their students. Dr. Grant Moss deserves to be recognized for demonstrating all of these attributes. He has a gift for teaching because it is his goal that each of his students will succeed and enjoy their studies with him."

- Brittney Schmitz, nominator

Golden Gorilla Student Leadership Award Winners

Bailey Bloomingdale

Alheli Aranda Britez

Esther Chang

Christian Cruz

Megan Dean

Sarah Duffy

Tyler Edwards

Meron Garedew

Danielle Geier

Eduardo Gonzalez

Kyla Henderson

Kara Hixon

Hannah Hunsinger

Kylie Klenke

Jeanine Kunshek

Ashley Mestepey

Austin Osborn

Alex Rausch

Harold Rivard

Jordan Simoncic

James Smith

Jessica Smith

Edwin Stremel

Cassandra Temaat

Anupam Thakur

Sydney Ward

PSU Chorale

Dr. Susan Marchant, Director

Kimberly Arzoian	Aaron Powell
Erin Bentley	Jordan Riggs
Seth Boyer	Allison Rodriguez
Joshua Crown	Halley Sageng
Joshua Donaldson	Sylvia Singmaster
Ariele Foltz	Brett Thomas
Richard Harper	Dustin Trenberth
Hannah Hashman	Daniel Troop
Samuel Haynie	William Vance
Aaron Hayse	Grace Wallace
Andrew Hayse	Audra Welty
Laura Holthus	Dalton Williams
Whitney Kraft	Madison Youngberg

I Love My Love

- Samuel Taylor Coleridge -

Do you ask what the birds say? The Sparrow, the Dove,
The Linnet and Thrush say, "I love and I love!"
In the winter they're silent—the wind is so strong;
What it says, I don't know, but it sings a loud song.
But green leaves, and blossoms, and sunny warm weather,
And singing, and loving—all come back together.
But the Lark is so brimful of gladness and love,
The green fields below him, the blue sky above,
That he sings, and he sings; and for ever sings he—
"I love my Love, and my Love loves me!"

PSU Alma Mater

On the plains of Southeast Kansas,
'Neath an ever cloudless sky,
Far away from surging ocean,
And the storm-bird's plaintive cry;
With her prairies rolling Westward,
Where the buffalo once were great,
With her ensign proudly waiving,
Stands our own Pittsburg State.

Refrain
Let us greet the Gold and Crimson
With a strong and cordial cheer;
Let our hearts be ever loyal
To our Alma Mater dear.

Dr. Ralf J. Thomas Distinguished Service Award Winners

Dr. Donald M. Holsinger
&
Mr. Don Smith

The Dr. Ralf J. Thomas Distinguished Service Award honors persons who have demonstrated significant volunteer service to the PSU community.

This year's honorees are Dr. Donald M. Holsinger, BS 1960, and Don Smith. Dr. Holsinger is a Pittsburg physician and Smith is a minister with Campus Christians.

Don Holsinger has been involved in almost every aspect of the PSU community, most recently serving as medical director of the Bryant Student Health Center. Holsinger played an important role in the fundraising for the center and its construction. He is a lifetime member of the President's Club, is a PSU Foundation Board trustee and is a charter member of the Heritage Society and a Friend of the Music Department. A recipient of the Outstanding Young Alumni Award, Holsinger and his wife, Kay (BS 1960), established the Donald and Kay Holsinger Scholarship.

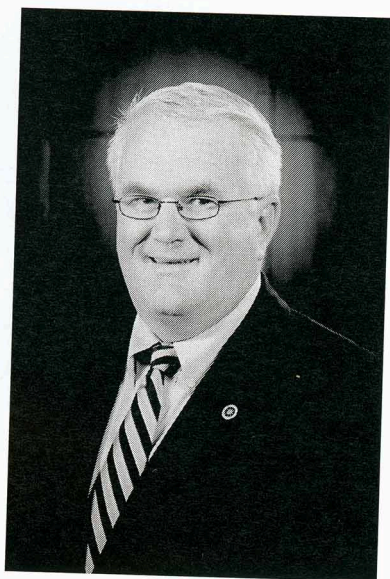
Don Smith has made it his mission to make international students feel welcome in Pittsburg. Nearly 15 years ago, Smith recognized that one of the biggest problems new international students faced when they arrived in Pittsburg, was getting around in a city that then had no public transportation. Smith established a bicycle loan program for international students. The program has grown to more than 200 bicycles and serves as a visible example of the ways the campus and community welcome students from other nations.

Regent Ed McKechnie

Governor Mark Parkinson appointed Arthur Edwin "Ed" McKechnie to the Kansas Board of Regents in February 2010. He currently serves as chairman of the board, is a member of the Academic Affairs Committee, has served as vice chairman of the board and has served on the Audit and Finance Committee. He is the executive vice president for strategic development and the chief commercial officer for Watco Companies, Inc., in Pittsburg.

Regent McKechnie is a member of the American Shortline and Regional Railroad Association and has served as chairman of the Legislative Policy Committee and as a member of the Executive Committee. He is a former Kansas state Representative, serving the legislature from 1991-2001. As a state representative, he served on various committees including the Appropriations, Transportation, Energy and Natural Resources, and State Building Committees. He also served as a member of the Joint Committee on Legislative Post Audit.

He earned a B.A. in communications from Pittsburg State University in 1986. Regent McKechnie and his wife, Kristine, have two sons and live on an American quarter horse ranch near Arcadia, Kansas. He enjoys horse riding, snow skiing and attending college athletic events.



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Student Government Association

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Jamie Vanderbeck

Callie Wheeler

Ron Womble

Brian Woods

Apples are compliments of
Faculty Association and Marrone's.

Following the Convocation, Award
Recipients will proceed to the Centennial Bell
Tower to announce their achievements by ringing
the bell.

The Centennial Scholarships presented today are courtesy of the PSU
Foundation, Inc., and are made available through funds received during
PSU's Centennial celebration.

Any full-time undergraduate student enrolled at Pittsburg State University
during the Spring 2012 semester is eligible to participate. The recipient
must be present here today and must enroll as a full-time
undergraduate student in the Fall 2012 semester.