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KTI Paralegals Volunteer for Mock Trial Competition

By Raquel Ramos, Paralegal Specialist, & Kelly Thompson, Paralegal Instructor



Students standing inside Dauphin County Courthouse - From L to R: Medina Long, Latisha Hall, Tiyenne Greene, President Judge Richard A. Lewis, Jim Broom, Amy Wise, Raquel Ramos, Nicole Christino, & Jake Smith

Nine paralegal students from Keystone Technical Institute volunteered to judge participants in the 2009 Pennsylvania Bar Association's High School Mock Trial Competition. Celebrating its 25th year, the Pennsylvania competition ranks as one of the largest in the nation. Over 300 high school teams participated this year, and the winners advanced on to the district, regional, state, and national levels.

The competition provides students the opportunity to participate in a simulated case and serve as lawyers and witnesses in an actual courtroom before a court of common pleas judge. Involvement in the competition provides high school students the

opportunity to understand and experience the legal system and work with legal professionals. Each team works with a volunteer attorney-advisor for several months to prepare the case for trial. The students learn and apply actual rules of court, question witnesses, and respond to objections. This year's mock trial case involves an employer's potential liability for the negligent actions of an employee, which results in the death of a young woman.

As part of this volunteer project, KTI students had the opportunity to meet the Honorable Richard A. Lewis, President Judge, and the Honorable John F. Cherry, Judge, Dauphin County Court of Common Pleas. Paralegal students served as

jurors, alongside attorneys, administrative law judges, and other legal professionals, to score and evaluate the mock trial students on their delivery of the case. KTI students evaluated regional finalists in such areas as the presentation of opening and closing statements, reliance on notes, and direct and cross examination of witnesses. As mock jurors, students simulated discussions and evaluation of the case to reach a verdict. The paralegal students experienced first hand the mystery of what truly occurs in a jury room.

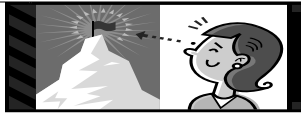
Central High School of Blair County will represent Pennsylvania at the national mock trial finals, May 6-10, 2009, in Atlanta, Georgia. High school students from over 44 states, U.S. territories, and South Korea participate in this two-day national competition.

The Pennsylvania Cable Network (PCN) will show the recorded final round of the statewide competition on April 3, 2009 at 7:00 p.m., April 4, 2009 at 5:00 p.m., and April 5, 2009 at 3:00 p.m. The Pennsylvania Bar Foundation, the charitable affiliate of the Pennsylvania Bar Association, will provide funding support for the broadcast.



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The Pacific Institute, Unit 1: What's Holding Me Back?

By Lou Tice, *Thought Patterns for a Successful Career*

Reflective Questions

What are the benefits of knowing I have scotomas?



What beliefs or thoughts do I have that might be limiting me in completing my education?



Where am I stuck? Why?



If I could make one change in my life, what would it be?



Have you ever been told that you are not smart enough or incapable of doing something? Did you believe these statements? According to Lou Tice, "People behave and act not in accordance with the truth as it *might* be. We behave and act in accordance with the truth as we *believe it to be*." In other words, your behaviors and actions do not reflect your actual potential because of the mind boundaries you create for yourself. If you think you

We behave and act not in accordance with the truth of our real potential, but according to the TRUTH as we BELIEVE it to be

aren't smart, then your actions will show it.

How many Fs are there in the following text?:

"FINISHED FILES ARE THE RESULT OF YEARS OF SCIENTIFIC STUDY COMBINED WITH THE EXPERIENCE OF YEARS"

The answer is 6. Did you guess correctly?

You might have left out the Fs in the word "OF" because you pronounce it as "OV".

Everyone has blind spots called SCOTOMAS. You

experienced a scotoma if you didn't find all 6 Fs. Scotomas are shaped by the enculturation process. You develop blind spots based on your background. Over the years, you have been conditioned to think a certain way and to see the world as you believe it to be.

You are smart and capable. If you are having trouble in a course, be persistent with finding that scotoma and breaking through it to get that "A" that you deserve.

Profile In Success: April Student of the Month



April's Student of the Month is Karen Krogler. She came to KTI in July 2008 and enrolled in the Medical Office Management program.

Originally from Warren, PA, Karen attended Warren Area High School and Mechanicsburg Area Senior High School. She went on to pursue her bachelor's degree at Shippensburg University. In December 2006, she earned her B.S. in Education with dual

certification in Elementary Education and Early Childhood Education.

Unable to secure a teaching position in today's unstable economy, she decided to change career paths. Family members working in the medical field inspired her to do the same. Her passion for doing clerical and customer service work led her down the Medical Office Management career path.

With future plans of working in a hospital, she looks forward to completing her program. According to Karen, "I feel that I am receiving a great education

at KTI. All of the instructors are thorough and they want you to learn and remember the materials just as well as they do. They want you to succeed and are here to help you in any way possible to accomplish this."

Karen currently resides in Mechanicsburg, PA. In her spare time, she likes being outdoors, exercising, taking her dog to the park, and reading.



Honors Awarded

Honors were awarded to the following students for the Day Module ending March 13, 2009:

- Aaron Folk
Perfect Attendance
- Amanda Kocher
Outstanding Attendance
- Amy Fidler
Outstanding Attendance
- Anji Baldwin
Honors
Outstanding Attendance
- Brenda Maynard
Distinguished Honors
Outstanding Attendance
- Brittney Kratzer
Distinguished Honors
Outstanding Attendance
- Carmen Mendoza-Marquez
Distinguished Honors
Outstanding Attendance
- Chris Anderson
Distinguished Honors
Outstanding Attendance
- Connie Cornman
Outstanding Attendance
- Courtney Caudill
Distinguished Honors
Outstanding Attendance
- Deanna Heath
Honors
Perfect Attendance
- Elizabeth Packer
Honors
Outstanding Attendance
- Erin Arlotta
Honors
Outstanding Attendance
- Jennifer Casey
Distinguished Honors
Outstanding Attendance
- Jessie Gould
Perfect Attendance
- Jessie Kissinger
Outstanding Attendance
- Karen Krogler
Honors
Perfect Attendance

- Kateleigh Urso
Distinguished Honors
Outstanding Attendance
- Kayla Frazier
Outstanding Attendance
- Kelsey Kennedy
Outstanding Attendance
- Kendra Trout
Distinguished Honors
Outstanding Attendance
- Kevin Lincourt
Outstanding Attendance
- Lauriette Dunston
Honors
Perfect Attendance
- Leigh Miller
Distinguished Honors
Outstanding Attendance
- Letitia Brooks
Outstanding Attendance
- Lindsay Sabo
Honors
Perfect Attendance
- Madeline Roadcap
Honors
Outstanding Attendance
- Marcela Kurtz-Acosta
Outstanding Attendance

- Micah Cayaban
Perfect Attendance
- Nichole Minium
Outstanding Attendance
- Nicole Fink
Distinguished Honors
Perfect Attendance
- Prashant Chahwala
Distinguished Honors
Outstanding Attendance
- Scott Ritter
Outstanding Attendance
- Sean Duncan
Outstanding Attendance
- Tasha Brady
Distinguished Honors
Perfect Attendance
- Terri Linn Peace
Distinguished Honors
Outstanding Attendance
- Tricia Zimmerman
Honors
Outstanding Attendance

KEY:
Distinguished Honors - 4.0 GPA & 90% Attendance
Honors - 3.5-3.99 GPA & 90% Attendance
Perfect Attendance - 100% Attendance
Outstanding Attendance - 90-99% Attendance

Placement & Externship Corner

The following students are beginning their externships:

- Amanda Smeltz
Dental Assistant Specialist
- Brandi Jackson
Child Care Specialist
- Deanna Heath
Medical Assistant Specialist
- Jessie Kissinger
Dental Assistant Specialist
- Judith Clark
Dental Assistant Specialist
- Katelyn Trego
Child Care Specialist

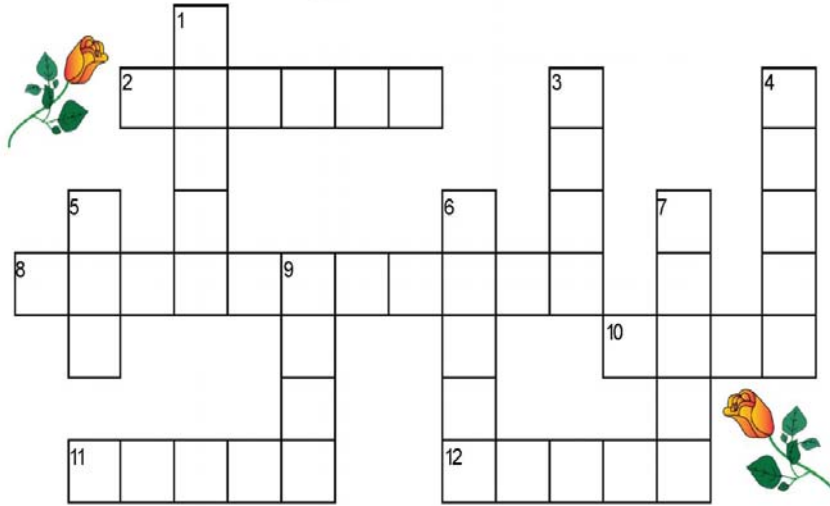
- Kendra Trout
Dental Assistant Specialist
- Kevin Lincourt
Culinary Arts Specialist
- Leigh Miller
Medical Assistant Specialist
- Lindsay Sabo
Medical Assistant Specialist
- Tricia Zimmerman
Medical Assistant Specialist

The following student was recently employed:

- Steven Zeigler
Professional Massage Therapy Specialist
Self-Employed



SPRING CROSSWORD PUZZLE



ACROSS:

- 2. It is fun to see the first _____ bloom in Spring.
- 8. In Spring, you can see _____ fluttering from flower to flower.
- 10. Kids look forward to playing outside in Spring when the temperature is _____.
- 11. It is nice to see plants become _____ in color during the Spring.
- 12. Spring is a good time for planting _____.

DOWN:

- 1. If you _____ tulips in fall, they will bloom early in Spring.
- 3. _____ appear on flowers and trees before they bloom in Spring.
- 4. It is interesting to watch a flower grow and _____ in Spring.
- 5. In Spring, the _____ warms the ground and shines on plants to help them grow.
- 6. Some _____ migrate to warmer places when it is cold and return again in Spring when it is warm.
- 7. Spring is when the _____ begins to grow quickly and lawns need to be mowed more often.
- 9. There is plenty of sunshine in Spring, but there is also _____ to help plants grow.

Answers: Across 2. flowers 8. butterflies 10. butterflies 11. bright 12. seeds Down 1. green 2. seeds 3. buds 4. bloom 5. sun 6. birds 7. grass 9. rain
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Staff Spotlight: Lisa Seifert, Senior Admissions Advisor



You all have seen her smiling face in the hallways, the cafeteria or even in her office. Lisa Seifert has been an instrumental part of KTI's Admissions Department.

You may ask, "How did Lisa get here?" She is a 1998 graduate of Central Dauphin High School. Lisa attended Shippensburg University and received her B.A. in Communications with a minor in Political Science. Upon graduation, Lisa worked at a variety of different jobs. It was not until a

few years later that she found her passion as an Admissions Advisor.

She has "been in the business" for quite some time. She loves helping students take their first step to changing their lives. She made KTI her home in April of 2008.

In her spare time, Lisa enjoys spending time with her husband, shopping, and playing with her puppies.

Submissions

Are you creative? Do you have an interest in writing? Is there something you would like to share with the student body? If you are interested in contributing to the May issue, please give your submissions to Christine Papandrea in the Business Office or email them to cpapandrea@kti.edu. **Submission deadline is April 24, 2009.**



MARCH MADNESS IS TAX TIME

That means applying for your GRANTS!!!

Tracy Stewart, KTI's Financial Aid Administrator, will be holding workshops for students to assist in completing the New Year Grant application by the filing deadline!

The deadline is April 24, 2009

Grant money is money you DO NOT have to pay back and there are deadlines you must meet!!!

You will need to bring with you:

A pen

Your Driver's License

Your 2008 Federal Tax Return (Parents, if applicable)

W-2's if you are not going to file

Any proof of:

Public Assistance

Child Support (paid or received)

Social Security Benefits

DAY STUDENTS

April 1, 2009 at 10AM

April 15, 2009 at 10AM

April 22 at 10AM

EVENING STUDENTS

April 14, 2009 at 6PM

April 21, 2009 at 6PM

**Room numbers will be posted in advance for each date,
so please keep your eyes open!**

OLD MAGAZINES DRIVE



DONATE YOUR OLD MAGAZINES TO THE RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE!!!

DRIVE ENDS APRIL 30, 2009

Many families travel far from home to get treatment for their seriously ill or injured children. The treatment may last a day, a month, or even longer. It's a long time to be away from home, or to divide a family. Ronald McDonald Houses around the world offer families a way to stay together, in proximity to the treatment hospital, and to be comfortable and cared for during their stay. Families are stronger when they are together, which helps in the healing process. By staying at a Ronald McDonald House, parents also can have better communication with their child's medical team and keep up with complicated treatment plans when needed.

Your donations will assist in financing Ronald McDonald House building projects. Newspapers will not be accepted. Please place your magazines in the collection boxes located in the Student Activities Center.

Recipe of the Month: Pasta Primavera ("Pasta of the Springtime")

By Chef King, Culinary Arts Instructor



INGREDIENTS

1 lb. Dry Spinach & Egg Fettuccine
 6 oz. Carrots (peeled, sliced thinly, & blanched)
 6 oz. Broccoli Florets (blanched)
 4 oz. Sliced Mushrooms
 3 oz. Spring Onions (fine dice)
 4 oz. Sliced Zucchini
 1 pt. Light Cream (can substitute with Half & Half)
 3/4 cup Grated Parmesan Cheese
 1 tsp. Minced Garlic
 1 tbsp. Olive Oil
 Salt & Pepper

PREPARATION

1. Cook dry spinach and egg fettuccine "al dente" style. Drain, cool, and set fettuccine to the side.
2. Sauté spring onions with garlic in hot olive oil very briefly.
3. Add mushrooms and zucchini. Continue cooking until soft.
4. Add broccoli, carrots, and cream. Cook until cream comes to a simmer. Reduce heat and season with salt and pepper.
5. Combine mixture with fettuccine and toss.
6. Add grated parmesan cheese. Serves 4.

Ask the Computer Expert

By George Vujasin, Network Administrator



Dear Computer Expert,

I have a friend who uses the Firefox web browser. She insists that it is a better browser than

Internet Explorer, and tells me that I should use it as well. Is Firefox a better browser?

Just Browsing

Dear "Just Browsing":

Welcome to yet another battle in the "War of the Nerds." One topic I've addressed a few times in this column is that tech-oriented people love to argue about things. This can lead to some confusion over the best product for a particular task. In the case of web browsers, we certainly make no exceptions. We know of Microsoft's Internet Explorer (IE) and Mozilla's Firefox, mainly because they command the majority of the market share, but did you know there are many more web browsers available for PC

users? A quick Google search turns up a list of at least 25 browsers for Microsoft Windows alone.

This is a battle that I sit out. In my years of experience, I have found that a web browser is simply that - a web browser. Browsers that I have personally used in the past and present include IE (versions 3 through 8), Firefox, Opera, Avant, Netscape Navigator, Safari, and Google Chrome. All have their individual features that I have liked and disliked. Features to look for in today's environment include ease of installation, pop up blocking capability, phishing detection, and tabbed browsing. Firefox was the first browser to include the tabbed browsing feature and many other browsers now offer this. Firefox is also touted as being more secure than IE, though security firms have tested both repeatedly and find them to be about the same when it comes to a secure browsing environment.

My advice to anyone who asks this question is to try the different browsers out and determine which

one works best for you. Most browsers are available at no cost and are easily installed. There is one caution on the installation process. Web browsers will want to take over and be the default browser for your system. Pay close attention to the installation process and answer "No" when the browser asks "Do you want to use this product as your default browser?" This way, if you find that the new browser is not for you, simply uninstall it in Control Panel, and you can then go back to using IE.



Birthday Watch

The following students are celebrating April Birthdays:

Brandi Jackson
April 4th

Crystal Evans
April 6th

Katherine Sanders
April 10th

Samantha Snyder
April 13th

Katie Templin
April 14th

Summer Penn
April 14th

Andrea Shank
April 17th

Elizabeth Packer
April 21st

Alexandra Buckner
April 22nd

Prashant Chahwala
April 22nd

Elizabeth Harding
April 24th

Mayliesha George
April 24th

Anthony Loffreda
April 24th

Tiyenne Greene
April 30th

Happy Birthday and best wishes to all of you from the students, staff, and faculty of KTI!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



April

- 2nd - Birthday Celebration
12 p.m. & 7 p.m.
- 9th - Dress Down Day
Eve Round Table
7 p.m.
- 10th - No Classes/School Closed
- 20th - End of Day Module
- 21st - End of Eve Module
New Day Module
- 22nd - New Evening Module
Career Day
- 23rd - Eve Round Table
7 p.m.
- 24th - Day Round Table
1 p.m.
- 30th - Day Honors Rally
12 p.m.
Eve Honors Rally
7 p.m.









May

- 7th - Birthday Celebration
12 p.m. & 7 p.m.
- 8th - **Meet the Faculty Day**
- 14th - Evening Round Table
7 p.m.
- 15th - Day Round Table
1 p.m.
- 22nd - End of Day Module
- 25th - No Classes/School Closed
- 26th - New Day Module
- 28th - Evening Round Table
7 p.m.
- 29th - Day Round Table
1 p.m.

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