

## HONORS STUDENTS

# Christine Giuliano

Honors scholar says family, faculty helped her to succeed

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Upon first glance, Christine "Chrissy" Giuliano appears to be a rather typical Penn State Behrend student.

However, this former Warrior from Mohawk High School in New Castle, Pa. has more than a few noteworthy accomplishments tucked under her belt.

As a freshman, Giuliano knew absolutely nothing about the Schreyer's Honors Program, and was only involved in the Behrend Honors Program.

It was not until her sophomore year here that she discovered the Schreyer's program and opted to join.

Now, nearly three years later, Giuliano is considered one of the most gifted students graduating in Spring 2010. John Gamble, a Distinguished Professor of Political Science and Behrend's Schreyer's Honors College Director, speaks highly

of her.

"I know of no undergraduate student at Behrend who has accomplished more than Chrissy Giuliano," he said.

While majoring in accounting and minoring in political science, Giuliano has been no stranger to hard work. However, she says that being involved with the Schreyer's program did not make school much more difficult, even with the addition of honors classes.

The only differences she found were perhaps a larger volume of classes required and the added work needed to write a thesis paper.

Aside from her daily classes, Giuliano is involved in a research project with Gamble, and working alongside this professor is nothing new to her.

Together, these two minds have also collaborated on an article for the *Leidan Journal of International Law*, entitled "U.S. Supreme Court, *Medellin v. Texas*: More than an Assiduous Building Inspector?" as well as an article for the *American Political Science Association's* conference entitled, "The Laterality of Treaties; Aligning Legal Notions with Behavioral Reality," with Charlotte Ku.

Working with one of only two Distinguished Professors at the university presented chal-



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Christine Giuliano, in her final year at Penn State Behrend, will graduate knowing that she has taken full advantage of all of the resources available to her at college.

lenges, but held some payoffs too.

"It was tough, but a good experience," Giuliano said. [Gamble] is fun, and it helped me prepare for law school."

Giuliano is still searching for the perfect law school that will enable her to further her education. However, as of late, Duquesne University looks rather promising.

She is also planning to obtain her CPA license, which will compliment her accounting de-

gree.

Throughout her years at Behrend, Chrissy Giuliano has never been without the support of her family.

"We are very, very close," she says.

She admits that her Aunt Susan has been a role model for her. The work Giuliano has done in this aunt's real-estate office is work she considers to be her greatest accomplishment.

The only aspect of college life

Giuliano does not particularly enjoy is the distance from her family.

"Every Sunday we ate dinner together. I miss that."

Though Christine Giuliano experiences the occasional home-sickness anyone away at college might feel, she has been able to acquire high academic success, along with the respect of her professors.

## CHANCELLOR SEARCH

# Chancellor candidate holds Q&A open forum

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Donald Birx, one of the finalists for the opening position of chancellor at Penn State Behrend, spoke to a packed REDC 180 on his ideas for the school, his philosophies, and his vision.

Birx is currently the vice chancellor and vice president for research at the University of Houston.

What is the rationale, then, for Birx to consider a job at a university nearly a tenth the size?

"Here you can really affect things and follow through on ideas to shape a college for the 21st-century," he said. "The opportunities are great."

Birx's goals for Behrend include an increased focus on inter-disciplinary study, encouraging undergraduate research, and increasing communication.

Birx says one of his highest concerns with students is making sure their education is relevant.

"We want to provide the type of education and feedback that allows students to succeed in the economy that's out there right now," he said.

**Next week:** Read the *Beacon* for a full feature of two chancellor candidates, including Birx.

### Next Open Forum:

**When:** Tuesday Feb. 23, 3:00pm

**Where:** REDC 180

**Who:** Allen Soyster, Director, Engineering Education at the National Science Foundation

### Why should I care:

"Students have a chance to offer their opinion in the selection of their chancellor. This is an unbelievable opportunity for them," says Diane Parente.

## STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

# Behrend choirs receive \$50,000 for New York concert

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A small token of gratitude can go a long way.

In the case of the Penn State Behrend Concert Choir and Chamber Singers, it is a gift that has come as a welcomed surprise.

This coming May, the Concert Choir and Chamber Singers will be traveling to New York City to perform on one of the most prestigious concert halls in the world, Carnegie Hall.

Yet instead of fundraising to raise this money or begging parents for the funds to have this chance, the trip has been entirely paid for by an alumnus of Penn State Behrend.

The Richard J. Fasenmyer Foundation has given the choir groups \$50,000 to pay for the trip to New York. The donation was made in honor of Alice Catherine "Kay" Litzinger Fasenmyer, the mother of Richard J. Fasenmyer, due to herself being a musician and patron of the musical arts.

"The foundation that supplied us with the funds is a godsend," said Nichole Juliano, a soprano in the Chamber Singers.

"I would not have been able

to go had it not been for them and I'm grateful to be able to perform in such a place because of it."

No doubt the journey that the students participating in choir have taken to come this far has been challenging and the performance at Carnegie Hall will be the greatest accomplishment of their lives.

However, according to Zoe Southworth, one of the members of the Concert Choir, "our choir loves a challenge. It's exhilarating to spend the school

year with our sights set on a performance in one of the most well-known venues in the world. The opportunity is overwhelmingly humbling."

This performance was provided through the Richard J. Fasenmyer Foundation presented opportunity for choral groups.

Jason Bishop, the director of the choir here at Penn State Behrend, will be debuting at Carnegie Hall as well conducting a 170-person choir and also an orchestra performing the

"Lord Nelson Mass," by Franz Joseph Haydn on May 23rd.

The performance will be dedicated to the memory of Alice Fasenmyer.

"This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for our students," Bishop said. "Due to the extraordinary generosity of the Fasenmyer Foundation, Penn State Behrend choral students will have the opportunity to showcase their talent in one of the world's most celebrated concert halls."

For Bishop and the students attending the trip, the gift means more than just a check. For them, it will be an event which they will remember long after their college careers are over.

### ABOUT THE R. J. FASENMYER FOUNDATION

- Named after Richard J. Fasenmyer, Behrend alum
- Donates millions to charities
- Donations center around healthcare, education, arts
- Receives funding from RJF Corp., industrial business

### ABOUT THE DONATION

- Made in honor of Richard's mother, Alice Catherine "Kay" Litzinger Fasenmyer

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