2014 Woman of Distinction:

**DR. JULIE E. WOLLMAN**

Area Girl Scouts Katie Duda and Sara Chernicky recently spent a morning shadowing their EU mentors, President Julie E. Wollman and Marilyn Goellner, with whom they also attended the Girl Scouts Western Pennsylvania annual Awards of Distinction luncheon. At the event, President Wollman was honored for outstanding leadership as the 2014 Woman of Distinction. The mentoring experience, a program called LeadHER, matched female professionals with Girls Scouts to introduce them to the workplace, empower them to dream without gender limitations and help them think imaginatively about family, work and community life.

Marilyn Goellner, Katie Duda, President Julie E. Wollman and Sara Chernicky, from left, begin their day at Pogue Student Center, where Dr. Wollman welcomed incoming EU students at an orientation program.

Member Highlight: Rita Bean, Ph.D.

Professor Emerita, University of Pittsburgh

“Women have an essential role in today’s world, serving as leaders in their professions and communities. The Women’s Philanthropy Council, through its financial and mentoring support, helps women develop leadership skills and achieve their professional and personal goals. My involvement with the Council provides me with an opportunity to thank Edinboro for helping me achieve my goals.”

Rita Bean is a founding member of the EU Women’s Philanthropy Council.

Student Mentoring Day

WPC held its first Student Mentoring and Networking event on April 22 at the Pogue Student Center. EU female students who attended the event had the opportunity to interact and network with female community leaders and mentors.

Ann Scott, Vice President of Community Outreach at Erie Insurance; Vickie Lampe, Vice President of Client and Community Relations at PNC Financial Services; Rose Horton, Director of the Women and Children’s Services at Saint Vincent Hospital/Highmark; Kelly Risto, Licensed Social Worker from Erie County Care Management; Liz Allen, Public Editor and Columnist at the Erie Times-News; Erika Berlin, Program Manager at Clover Technologies Group; and Tammy Roche, Vice President of Financial Development, Marketing and Membership for the YMCA of Greater Erie, graciously gave their time to answering questions and giving advice to the students.

2013-2014 WPC Study Away Award

Emily Chylinski
Secondary Education-English
Philadelphia Urban Seminar - Spring 2014

Katarina Palmer
Marketing, Minor in Russian Language
Poland – Spring 2014

Rebecca Leonard
Secondary Education - English, Minor in German
Germany - Summer 2014
**Women to Women at Porreco College**

A Conversation with your County Executive Kathy Dahlkemper was the first of a series of events co-sponsored by the Edinboro University Women’s Philanthropy Council and Athena PowerLink. During the event held Monday, May 19 at Mary Porreco Hall of Edinboro University’s Porreco College in Millcreek Township, more than 100 women filled the historic home and its veranda.

County Executive Dahlkemper addressed the need for more women to run for government positions and to serve on both nonprofit and corporate boards. She stressed the importance of working together, regardless of political views, to help women break through the glass ceiling that unfortunately still limits opportunity for many working women. The Women's Philanthropy Council is dedicated to helping female students develop into strong leaders through mentoring and scholarship opportunities. Athena PowerLink is a nonprofit, volunteer-run organization that provides professional advisory panels to woman-owned businesses.

Joining Erie County Executive Kathy Dahlkemper, second from left, on the veranda of Mary Porreco Hall during the Women to Women event at Porreco College are, from left, Peggy McCarthy, Selina Uglow and Lori Dolan.

**Women and Business: Did You Know?**

Women-owned businesses employ 7.7 million people. That’s 40% more people than three largest employers — McDonald’s, IBM and Wal-Mart — combined.

Despite owning nearly 30% of U.S. businesses, women attract only 5% of the nation’s equity capital. When it comes to first-year funding, women receive 80% less capital than men.

Source: mashable.com

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**Student Highlight: Rebecca Leonard**

Secondary Education - English, Minor in German

“I am so grateful to have been awarded a scholarship from the Women’s Philanthropy Council for my study abroad experience in Berlin, Germany. Most college students want to study abroad, and I am fortunate to be able to achieve that dream. While I am in Berlin I will be taking classes to complete my German Language minor, and I will be able to use my first-hand experiences in my future German classroom. The generosity of this organization will ensure that my study abroad experience will impact my German skills and allow me to grow.”

**Upcoming Events**

**WPC President’s Advisory Council Meeting**

Tuesday, Sept. 30, 4 – 5 p.m.

Van Houten South, Edinboro University

**EU Women Faculty and Staff Reception**

Tuesday, Sept. 30, 5 – 6:30 p.m.

Van Houten South, Edinboro University

https://your.edinboro.edu/events/wpcreception

**Pittsburgh Women to Women Event**

Tuesday, Nov. 18, 6-8 p.m.

Frick Art and Historical Center

https://your.edinboro.edu/events/pghwomen

**Giving**

Your gift to the Women’s Philanthropy Council is helping future female leaders, like honors student Becki Leonard, develop their confidence and untapped potential through scholarship, research grants and study abroad opportunities. We hope you will join us by paying it forward today! You may give online at: https://your.edinboro.edu/donate

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