

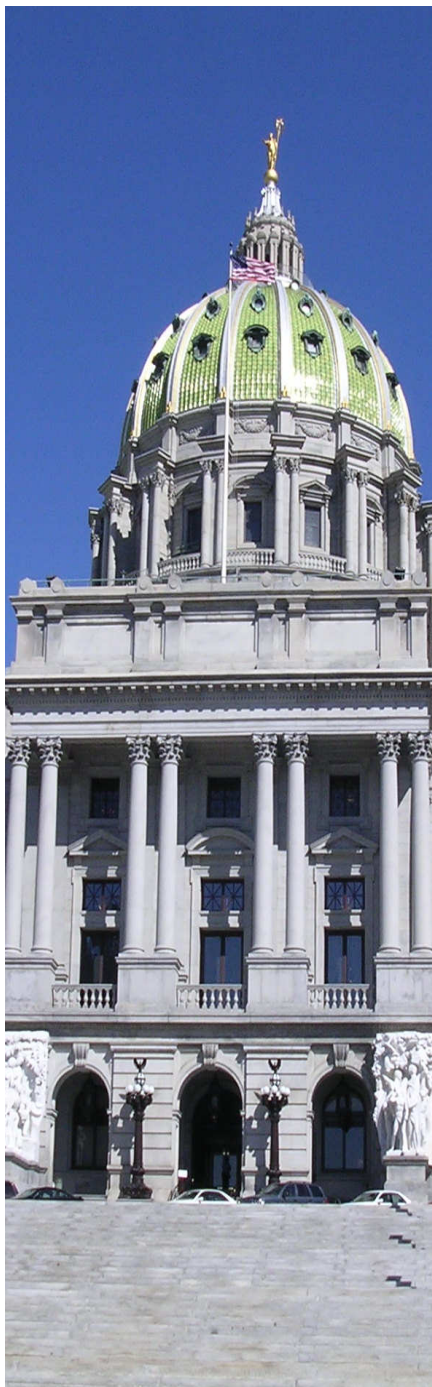


DEVELOPING LEADERS

March 2011

Session 6

The Political Process



In the early morning hours of March 1st, this year's class of the *Community Leadership Program*, together with co-facilitators and *Tioga County Development Corporation* staff traveled to Harrisburg for a tour of the capitol and informational sessions with state legislators. After arrival and meeting together in Strawberry Square, the group headed over to the Capitol for a tour. However, with a press conference highlighting child abuse and neglect legislation in the Rotunda, we delayed our tour to observe the process in action. Next up was a photo opportunity on the second level stairs. We were then able to begin our tour of the historic Pennsylvania Capitol building. With the House, Senate and Judicial Chambers just a few of our stops, we were treated to the amazing art and architecture of the century old building.

Our group then had some time to spend in the museum on the lower level understanding some more of the state history and political system. We then walked to Representative Matt Baker's office for lunch and brief discussion on the upcoming state budget. We took some time after for another photo opportunity and headed back across campus to meet with Senator Joe Scarnati. Senator Scarnati led us to the Senate floor where we were able to get a great perspective on the room and have another photo session. The Senate session was then called to order and we were able to observe the political process in action. At the close of the session, we headed outside for one more

photo opportunity before we headed home.

If you are interested, you can check out our day's activities on either Representative Baker or Senator Scarnati's Facebook pages. We head to Mansfield University for our next session, Technology, Information Literacy and Communication in April.



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...A day at the State Capitol.



CLP Spotlight— Brett Huzey

Brett Huzey is the first featured member of the *Community Leadership Program* Class of 2011 for this month. Brett is a Tioga County native who grew up in Knoxville and graduated from Notre Dame High School in Elmira, NY. Brett earned his Associates Degree from the Pennsylvania College of Technology in Welding Technologies and is currently taking classes there to complete his Bachelors in Business Technology Management. Brett and his wife of eleven years, Heather, recently moved from Tioga to Elkland with their daughters, Madison, 5, and Katie, who is nine months old. Brett is a Quality Coordinator at Hitachi Metals Automotive Components (HMAC) in Lawrenceville. His responsibilities include assisting with new product launch, customer relations and non-destructive testing.

When not at work, Brett is very busy with his young family and homework for his college studies. In addition, he enjoys spending time landscaping and doing home improvement projects. One of his philosophies is “building equity in your home is building equity in yourself”. When he does have some free time, he enjoys archery hunting, bass fishing, and riding ATV’s.

Brett became involved with the *Community Leadership Program* based on a recommendation from the HR Department at HMAC. His favorite experience with the *CLP* to this point was the trip to Harrisburg. He felt that visiting the state capital was a good reminder of how our government works and he enjoyed the time getting to know other members of the *CLP* class during the drive to and from Harrisburg.

Brett’s perfect day in Tioga County would be a nice October morning taking his family to Bill’s Place in Lawrenceville for breakfast, then taking their boat out on Cowanesque Lake for a few hours. In the afternoon he would head to his tree stand to archery hunt whitetail deer to finish out the day.

Brett’s leadership quality that he has started to practice is “seek first to understand, then to be understood”.



CLP Spotlight— Katie Mays

Katie Mays is our second featured member of the *Community Leadership Program* Class of 2011. Katie was born in Levittown, PA, near Philadelphia. Katie, her mom and her sister moved to Mansfield in 1991 and then Wellsboro in 1996. She currently lives in the Stony Fork area with her dog Beau, a Weimaraner, and her cat, Lola. She is a Wellsboro high school graduate and attended Mansfield University with a major in Business Administration and a minor in Accounting. Her first job was at the Native Bagel in Wellsboro where she worked for five years. She started working at Citizens and Northern Bank in 2006 as a teller. Since then she has held several different positions at the bank and currently is a Client Contact Specialist II. She answers incoming customer calls from the 26 branches of Citizens and Northern. She serves as acting Team Leader when needed and is responsible for training all new employees of her department.

Katie participates in the annual Relay for Life of Wellsboro event and is looking forward to helping with the CPS-3 study at this year's kick off. Participating in the *Community Leadership Program* has opened Katie's eyes to the many community activities and volunteer opportunities that are available in Tioga County. One that she is particularly interested in exploring is Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Tioga County.

Katie's supervisor and the HR department at the bank approached her about participating in the *CLP*. She was not familiar with the program and was very nervous about participating in something that would take her out of her comfort zone. Her favorite part of the *CLP* to this point was the session held at Penn College that focused on Continuous Learning and Workforce Development. It made her realize the importance of continuing her education throughout her life. She also enjoyed the trip to Harrisburg to visit the State Capitol.

When she's not working, Katie really enjoys being outdoors. In the warmer months, she spends a lot of time taking Beau on hikes all around the county and visiting some of the parks like Ives Run and Hills Creek and the Pennsylvania Grand Canyon. She has also started gardening and is excited to start this year now that spring is approaching. Summer in Tioga County is her favorite time of year but she also enjoys the fall foliage.

Her perfect day spent in Tioga County would be sightseeing around the county on a hot sunny day, visiting with friends and family, and going out to dinner at one of the local restaurants or having a BBQ at her house.

Katie's thoughts on leadership are that to be an effective leader you have to be open and understanding of others and their opinions. She feels that the ability to communicate is a great quality to possess.



Oh The Places We Will Go...

Ever wonder what happens to the participants of the youth leadership program? The focus of the follow-up is to address three main questions.

- *What you have done since participating in the leadership program?*
- *What leadership roles have you undertaken since participating in the program?*
- *How are you using what you learned in the leadership program?*

This month we are featuring Krista Deats. Krista participated in the program in 2001 as then went on to graduated from Williamson High School in June 2002, third in her class. Following high school, she attended Mansfield University, where she graduated magna cum laude in December 2005 with a degree in Business Management and a minor in Pre-Law.

While at Mansfield University, she was a PSAC Scholar and Presidential Scholar Athlete. In addition, she was a member of the University's Committee on Finance. After working for a short period of time, Krista attended Widener University School of Law in Harrisburg, PA, where she graduated in May 2010. She sat for the

Pennsylvania Bar Examination in July 2010 and received her passing score in October 2010.

Krista has taken several leadership roles throughout her education and subsequent career. During high school, she was the president of the student government and vice president of the senior class of 2002. While at Mansfield University, her membership on the Committee of Finance allowed her to work with disbursing student activity funds to the appropriate organizations. She currently is the Chairman of the local policy board.

Her participation in the leadership program taught her many things. Most importantly, to her, the program reinforced the significance of team work and efficiency. The time spent at local businesses, the court house, etc., gave her the opportunity to view the real world in a new light. As a teenager, the "behind the scenes" look at how our county worked showed her the importance of time/money management and hard work. The efficiency and time management skills she picked up through high school are what ultimately helped her to survive law school. As a young teenager she, like many, had mastered the skill of procrastination. However, once she figured out how to be efficient with her time and study smart, she

was able to get through law school with a lot less stress than other students.

Other parts of the program that might seem to go unnoticed are the networking and public speaking aspects. She has learned throughout her life how important networking is, and can be. Keeping in contact with former teachers/coaches is what brought her to where she is today. Without it, she wouldn't be a Tioga County Assistant District Attorney. At the age of 16 or 17, nobody likes public speaking. The Youth Leadership program helped her to get through that. Although the program itself wasn't completely focused on speaking, it was surprising how much the program helped kids to break out of their shell and feel more comfortable doing it.

Finally, it was a great way to make life-long friends and acquaintances. If she had to do it all over again, she would most definitely apply to be a member of the Tioga County Youth Leadership Program.

Today, Krista is the Assistant District Attorney in Tioga County, PA. She is also a member of the Pennsylvania Bar Association, the Tioga County Bar Association, and the Pennsylvania District Attorney's Association.

"Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn." Benjamin Franklin

Youth Leadership Program Studies Local, State & Federal Government

The Tioga County Development Corporation's **Leadership Tioga County Youth Leadership Program** Class of 2011 studied the government at all levels on March 8, 2011 while participating in Session 6 **Local, State & Federal Government**. The Session was sponsored by United States Congressman Glenn "GT" Thompson, Senator Joseph B. Scarnati III, and State Representative Matthew E. Baker. It was held at the Tioga County Court House in Wellsboro. As part of the Session, the *Youth Leadership Program* Class of 2011 participants attended the Tioga County Commissioners meeting held on that same day. During the meeting, youth members of Team 6 presented a Resolution to the Commissioners.

Session 7 **Quality of Life** is scheduled to be held at Ives Run State Park on April 13, 2011 & **The Class of 2011 Graduation Ceremony** will be held on April 28, 2011 at the W. M. Tokishi Training Center in Wellsboro, Pennsylvania.



L to R (back row): Jacob Allen, New Covenant Academy; Victoria Nance, Mansfield High School; Commissioner Sue Vogler; Cory Wilson, Cowanesque Valley High School; Erika Wilson, Wellsboro High School and Commissioner Erick Coolidge.

April 2011

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Schedule of Events

April 16th—Opening Day of PA trout season

April 16th—Healthy Kids Day—Tioga County YMCA

April 18th—tax season filing deadline

April 20th—Ives Run Opening Day

April 23rd—Young Spring Gobbler Hunt

April 30th—Spring Gobbler opens

Get Outside in Tioga County!

Can anyone say thank goodness? We're turning the corner on better weather and that is great. We still see some cold mornings but for the thousands of anglers about to hit the streams for the first day of trout season on Saturday April 16th it's no big deal. To just name a couple of the great streams to test your skills on I would mention the Cowanesque River around the Westfield area which is always very good fishing and stocked on March 22nd with some big ones from what I have been told. Don't forget to stop at Ackley's where the Lion's club will be selling sausages and hot coffee to warm you up and fill you up to keep on fishing. There is also Long Run, Marsh Creek, Mill Creek, West Branch, Stony Fork, and probably the most sought after stream in the county Pine Creek. Pine Creek can be fished from Galeton clear down the Canyon to Blackwell and beyond for some beautiful scenery and some great fishing. Watch out for the Ospreys and Eagles you may have some competition for the fish. It is a daily occurrence to see these majestic birds when fishing on Pine Creek waters. If you're not much into moving water the PGC also stocks Beechwood Lake and Hamilton Lake with a lot of good quality trout for your outdoor fishing adventure. So if you're into fishing get the poles ready because it is time to get outside in Tioga County and fish some of the best trout streams in the state.



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Session 7 will take place on April 1st at Mansfield University. The Topic is Business Etiquette, Professional Networking & Communication.... and that's no joke!

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The Town Crier— Mansfield Pennsylvania

In 1804 Asa Mann settled in the area of Tioga county with a purchase of 200 acres of land. He cleared 25 acres which included a common greens area which is now at the corners of main and Wellsboro streets where First Citizen's bank resides. This became a gathering place by the early settlers and eventually became known as "Mann's Field".

Asa was the first developer of the area and had planned plots, established a hotel, setup a general store and started the trades industry with a sawmill and distillery.

The borough of Mansfield was founded in 1857, the same year that Mansfield Classical Seminary was founded. On August 8th 1854 J.S. Hoard and Reverend H.N Seaver lead a committee to present a plan to procure a charter school and build a four story brick structure sized 100 feet by 75 feet on six acres of land donated by Dr. Joseph P. Morris at the base of a hillside as a site. The School opened January 7th 1857 with an enrollment of 105 students. The final price of the building was 20,000 dollars with an additional 6 thousand in debt. Shortly after returning from Spring break, in April with snow still on the ground, the building caught fire and was a total loss. Luckily there were no casualties of life. The school was rebuilt the following year.

The seminary school went on to become a state school in 1862 and was named Mansfield State Normal School. In 1927 it was named Mansfield State Teachers College and changed again in 1960 to just Mansfield State College offering multiple degrees. Finally on November 12th 1983 the Pennsylvania adopted Act 188 making all 14 state owned institutions into a large publicly owned university system. Now

known as Mansfield University of Pennsylvania it has a total enrollment of about 3500 students offering 62 undergraduate and 8 graduate degrees accredited by the Middle States association of Colleges and Secondary Schools and the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education.

Mansfield Borough also boasts to be the first place where a night football game was played under electric lights on September 28th 1892 between Mansfield State Normal School and Wyoming Seminary ending in a zero- zero tie.

