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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.

Pittsburg State 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 Chorale
Directed by Dr. Susan Marchant
I Love My Love
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
Erin Bentley
Seth Boyer
Joshua Crown
Joshua Donaldson
Ariele Foltz
Richard Harper
Hannah Hashman
Samuel Haynie
Aaron Hayse
Andrew Hayse
Laura Holthus
Whitney Kraft

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!

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!”

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Aaron Powell
Jordan Riggs
Allison Rodriguez
Halley Sageng
Sylvia Singmaster
Brett Thomas
Dustin Trenberth
Daniel Troop
William Vance
Grace Wallace
Audra Welty
Dalton Williams
Madison Youngberg
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.