



Individual awards were presented by various schools and organizations within the University. Below is a list of these additional awardees:

Outstanding Contribution to Student Life:	Kevin Childs
Student Life Achievement Award:	Tia Ninzeheltzer
Outstanding International Student:	Fatima Hameed
Athletics – President’s Award:	Alaina Jacobi Brian Tomko
Athletic Achievement Award:	Janet Tarpey Brent Welton
Athletic Director’s Award:	Kiesha King Sean Kroszner
Ian Tupper Memorial Recreation Award:	Kevin Childs Caroline Alvarez
Design Citizens Award Winner:	Matthew Dechen
Outstanding Tax Student:	Cheryl Fell
Outstanding Evening MBA Student:	Bernadette Carey
Outstanding Day MBA Student:	Adriana Cesta

For a complete list of winners from the 29th annual Awards Ceremony to recognize the academic contributions of some of the school's top students, visit [www.PhilaU.edu/academics/awards05.htm](http://www.PhilaU.edu/academics/awards05.htm).

For photos from Commencement, visit [PhilaU.edu/Commencement/Photos](http://PhilaU.edu/Commencement/Photos).

## Philadelphia University Research Center Opens in Manayunk

The doors of the new Philadelphia University Research Center (PURC) officially opened last Monday, May 9, when the ceremonial ribbon was cut with help from Philadelphia University President James P. Gallagher, Dean of the School of Engineering and Textiles David Brookstein, and U.S. Rep. Curt Weldon.

Housed in a historic 19th-century textile mill at 4145 Station Street in Manayunk, the new facility is home to the Laboratory for Engineered Human Protection and the Engineering and Design Institute — both centers for cutting-edge research in engineering, textiles and green building techniques.

## EVENTS

**Monday, May 16 through Sunday May 22**

### **Textile Design Exhibition**

10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The Mills at East Falls

Contact: x2750

At the opening, visitors toured of the state-of-the-art facilities, viewing demonstrations of the Kawabata fabric evaluation system; the heliodon; which shows how the sun illuminates structures any time of the year and at any latitude; and the sweating guarded hot plate, which simulates how heat and moisture move through fabrics. In the Laboratory for Engineered Human Protection, scientists are studying the latest in protective fabrics and garments for use by military and civilian first-responders. The multi-million-dollar research program is funded by the U.S. Department of Defense. In addition to doing research, testing and development of more efficient,



comfortable and appropriate protective garments, LEHP will work to move these technologies into production by manufacturers. Representatives from the Natick (Ma.) Soldier Center attended the opening.

The Engineering and Design Institute is an interdisciplinary research center focusing on green materials, sustainable design and community outreach. With funding from Pennsylvania's Department of Community and Economic Development, EDI was instrumental in establishing the Consortium for Sustainable Design and Research, a coalition of university researchers. EDI is directed by professors Rob Fleming, of the School of Architecture, and Chris Pastore, of the School of Engineering and Textiles.

Symbolically, Philadelphia University's new Research Center is located in an 1864 textile mill, dating from when Philadelphia was in the forefront of the textiles and apparel industry in the U.S. Not only does the work being carried out at PURC reflect the latest in research and development into textiles and fabrics, but the facility also includes the latest in sustainability methods, including advanced daylighting systems and the use of green building materials.

"The Philadelphia University Research Center represents a knowledge hub that will capitalize on the University's unique capabilities as an innovator in the fields of engineering, textiles and building design," said David Brookstein, Dean of the School of Engineering and Textiles. "The new facility affords us the best possible tools to respond to the critical national needs in those areas."

For more information on the innovative studies at the Philadelphia University Research Center, visit [www.PhilaU.edu/PURC](http://www.PhilaU.edu/PURC).

#### Faculty Dinner Held at Union League

Philadelphia University honored faculty with a dinner at the Union League on May 9. Over 160 faculty members and their families were hosted by President Gallagher at the event.

Emeriti faculty in attendance included Joyce Storey, Sigrid Weltge, and Robert Wagner. They, along with the other members of the University family, acknowledged Professors William Brown (School of Liberal Arts) and Saul Lassoff (School of Science and Health) who will be retiring this year after 43 and 35 years of teaching, respectively.

Are you up to the 10,000 Step Challenge?

Ten thousand daily steps help to reduce stress, improve mood, and increase energy. Beginning Monday, May 23, join the Common Thread for a 10,000 Step Challenge and you may even get to eat healthier for less.

Participants will receive a pedometer and charts to track daily steps. Over a 12-week period, participating individuals and teams will report their totals to the Common Thread. Weekly winners will be able to help shape heart-healthy menus for the week. In addition, they will receive 50% off their purchase for that day.

Stop by the Common Thread during the week of May 16th to register and to receive your pedometer. If you have any questions or need additional information please contact Pat Viola or Susan Devine at the Common Thread.

## IN THE NEWS

The official opening of the **Philadelphia University Research Center** and the **Laboratory for Engineered Human Protection** was featured in the May 16 *Philadelphia Inquirer*. The story quotes **David Brookstein**, dean of the School of Engineering and Textiles. To read the article, which ran on the front page of the business section, go to <http://www.philly.com/mld/philly/business/11655971.htm>.

**Philadelphia University's Commencement** ceremony was featured on the WPVI-TV/Ch.6 late news on Sunday, May 15, and on the early morning news on Monday, May 16.

**Tim Butler**, director of Student Activities, was featured in the May 12 issue of *Metro* in an interview highlighting his work as a musician.

The official opening of the **Philadelphia University Research Center** was covered in detail in the May 11 *Roxborough Review*. The story quotes **David Brookstein**, dean of the School of Engineering and Textiles; **Chris Pastore** and **Rob Fleming**, co-directors of the Engineering and Design Institute; **Janet Brady**, lab supervisor, and **Carol Konopinski**, research associate. To read the story, go to [http://www.zwire.com/site/news.cfm?newsid=14509048&BRD=1680&PAG=461&dept\\_id=40301&rfi=6](http://www.zwire.com/site/news.cfm?newsid=14509048&BRD=1680&PAG=461&dept_id=40301&rfi=6)

**Steven J. Bell**, director of the Paul J. Gutman Library, was featured in a story in the May 11 online edition of the *The Chronicle of Higher Education* about college and university use of the new Google Scholar search engine. To read the story, go to <http://chronicle.com/free/2005/05/2005051101t.htm>.

**Elmore Alexander**, dean of the School of Business Administration, and **Ryan Flynn**, an accounting student, were featured in a story in the May 6-12 edition of the *Philadelphia Business Journal* on how accounting internships help both students and CPA firms during tax season. The story can now be read online at <http://philadelphia.bizjournals.com/philadelphia/stories/2005/05/09/focus3.html>.

## HATS OFF

Hats off to Jennifer Kohler, a fashion design student, who was one of four winners of a new American Heart Association design contest "Go Red for Women." The winners were honored by having their dresses displayed in the Nicole Miller Bellevue store until a June 13 AHA fundraising luncheon, when the winning designs will be auctioned off.



## SAVE THE DATE

2005 Summer START  
and Family Orientation Dates

Freshman Session #1: Thursday, June 16 and Friday, June 17  
Freshman Session #2: Wednesday, June 22 and Thursday, June 23  
Freshman Session #3: Tuesday, June 28 and Wednesday, June 29  
Transfer Session: Monday, July 11 and Tuesday, July 12  
Freshman Session #4: Tuesday, July 19 and Wednesday, July 20  
Freshman Session #5: Monday, July 25 and Tuesday, July 26  
Freshman, Transfer & International Session: Tuesday, August 23 and Wednesday, August 24

For more information, contact the Office of Student Development Programs at 215.951.2634

4th Annual Alumni Golf Invitational

**Wednesday, June 22**

Chesapeake Bay Golf Club  
128 Karen Drive  
Rising Sun, MD 21911

Philadelphia University is looking forward to yet another exciting Alumni Golf outing as this is the 4th Annual Invitational. The day on the course is a perfect way to relax and have fun with fellow alumni. It also provides a great benefit to the student-athletes and programs at the University.

Tom Shirley, director of Athletics and Head Women's Basketball Coach exclaimed his excitement for the upcoming event. "It seems like only yesterday that this outing was just a lunch-time conversation and now here we are at year 4. I would be remiss if I did not thank our co-chairs Bob Lockyer '68 and Dave Falcione '81 for their outstanding leadership in growing this event. To date, support of this outing has resulted in real-world benefits for our student athletes. We have been able to increase travel opportunities as well as support services in the areas of technology and academic counseling. These advances, coupled with our new athletic conference and numerous campus projects, make Philadelphia University a great place to be. Thank you for helping our student athletes. Go Rams!"

Register to play or become a sponsor today by calling Hazel Winborn at 215.951.2710, emailing winbornh@philau.edu or by returning your payment and registration to the Alumni Office.

Opening Academic Convocation

**Thursday, August 25**

For more information, contact the Office of Academic Affairs at 215.951.2705.

Homecoming

**Friday September 30 to Sunday October 2**

For more information, contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 215.951.2929.

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