

## **Kutztown University Hosts Environmental Education Center's First Satellite Office**

SLIPPERY ROCK, PA – September 29, 2009 – The Pennsylvania Center for Environmental Education has established its first satellite office at Kutztown University. Located 90 minutes from Philadelphia, the satellite office gives PCEE a stronger presence in the eastern portion of the state. The office will be operated under the supervision of Carol Mapes, chair of the biology department, and Christopher Sacchi, coordinator of the environmental science program at KU.

The KU office will be staffed on a part-time basis by Emily Sheriden, a senior in environmental science, who will be contacting environmental educators, providers and organizations located east of Harrisburg and encouraging them to publicize their programs, events and resources on the PCEE website. An events calendar, nature center directory and educational resources directory are all offered at [www.pcee.org](http://www.pcee.org), resulting in almost 4 million hits to the site last year. The website currently gives over 700 providers of environmental education free marketing and publicity through PCEE's online resources.

PCEE provides Pennsylvanian professionals in a variety of fields and the general public with access to environmental information and resources. Their website, along with "EE Connections" a free newsletter emailed to 13,000 addresses monthly, offers up-to-date links to educational materials, environmental services and professional development opportunities. One online resource, the "Green Guide to Pennsylvania," contains more than 2,000 web links to help adults bring sustainable practices into their daily lives.

PCEE Director, Kathleen Paul, says "PCEE is charged with making environmental resources available to all Pennsylvanians. Establishing an outreach satellite office in the eastern part of the state makes it easier for us to effectively serve people living closer to Philadelphia. I'm delighted to welcome Kutztown University to the PCEE 'family.'"

Kutztown University is comprised of four colleges - Business, Education, Liberal Arts and Sciences and Visual and Performing Arts - and offers a diverse range of academic programs. Kutztown University of Pennsylvania is a member of the State System of Higher Education.

**About PCEE:** The Pennsylvania Center for Environmental Education (PCEE) was created by Executive Order of the Governor in 1997 to "provide an avenue for increased participation by educators, local officials, citizen and non-profit groups, business and industry as partners in the implementation of quality environmental education on a state-wide basis." Administered by the PA State System of Higher Education, PCEE is housed at Slippery Rock University.

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