

PMI Keystone Chapter Newsletter

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Congratulations to the Spider Team – Winners of the PDD PM Competition on Saturday September 19th

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Fall Professional Development Day: Got Risk?

Overall, I think the chapter does a great job! Continue what you do. As I told Jesse today, I really appreciate what the chapter does; especially the PPD. The chapter has helped me obtain my PMP. --- Fall PDD Attendee

On Friday, September 18th, Risk experts **Carl Pritchard, PMP** & **Susan Parente, PMP, PMI-RMP, PMI-ACP, CISSP, MS Eng. Mgmt.** took the Fall Professional Development Day (PDD) attendees through the four P's and four C's of risk management, looked at the positive side of risk, shared with us some risk tools and looked at various risk versus opportunity scenarios. This was just the

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Volunteer Appreciation!

A special Thank You to the following volunteers for helping to make the Fall PDD a success:

Cindy Ireland
Jill Laws
Tracy Mensinger
Stan Moore
Vishnu Rajasekhar

Thank you!

From the Desk of Jesse Middaugh

Hello Fellow PMI-Keystone members and Project Management Professionals,

With 2015 soon coming to the end, PMI and the chapter are changing. First, chapter

elections for new officers to the board will be coming this fall. Our chapter runs on volunteers and we need your assistance for nominating committee, board positions, or various other committees to keep our chapter running.

[Have you checked for volunteer positions and updated your volunteer profile on the vrms.pmi.org?](#)

Board Elections

Elections for the two-year term of 2016 & 2017 will happen in the last quarter of the year. The Chapter is looking for nominees in the following areas:

- Secretary,
- Finance Director,
- Project Development Director,
- Communication Director and
- Technology Director.

Nominees can be sent to Gordon Vanauken ms-programs@pmi-keystone.org. If you would like to know more about the position, contact the chapter's President Jesse Middaugh at president@pmi-keystone.org

Chapter Website

Another change for the Keystone chapter is our webpage. You many have noticed that the chapter's website has been expanding to bring you more valuable resources. We would love to hear what resources you would like to see on our website. Comments can be sent to webmaster@pmi-keystone.org Bookmark this site and come back often or daily to be kept informed of chapter resources and

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Taking Project Management to the Schools

Last Spring, we began the journey to bring the knowledge and skills related to project management into local schools. Through numerous conversations and willing volunteers interested in helping out we got closer to making this reality happen.

As a new school year has begun, we are moving forward with plans to have the six session program shared with the Middletown High School and Middle School. At the High School, we will be partnering with Mrs. Denise Wade, who is teaching 18 students this fall semester about starting a company and creating and marketing a real product along with more entrepreneurial skills. Our planned project management curriculum will be incorporated into this effort. We will share each session on a schedule that will meet in the morning at the classroom location from about 8:30 AM until 10 AM.

How can you help with this exciting opportunity? We will be reaching out to those who have been willing to volunteer in the past and see if their schedule allows for them to be in the classroom during the time mentioned and then finalize the date of the prepared 6 sessions. In total, we would like to get two volunteers to work together with the teacher and students to present the course content. The overall time commitment would include the 90 minutes in the classroom plus and any review and preparation time before and after each session, estimated at another 30 minutes to an hour.

Here is the course outline and its related 6 project management session

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start of what proved to be an educational and fun filled day for the attendees!

Excellent session I enjoyed the integration of content --- Fall PDD Attendee



Carl Pritchard

The educational event continued on Saturday with a SimulTrain® computer based project management training simulator hosted by [Merit Career Development](#).

On Saturday, the attendees worked in small groups of 3-4 to a table. Each group worked on completing a project of building a website using the simulation software. The winner was selected by who had the highest average between all the categories.

Overall great conference. Would like to attend more. Carl & Susan were great! ---- Fall PDD Attendee

TEAM	COST	SCH	Mot	Qual	Risk
	72	58	107	94	68
FORE	87	96	111	100	70
SPIDERS	75	65	92	92	91
	91	100	109	100	91
THREE	68	58	67	79	79
	74	76	97	98	75
COFFEE	85	61	93	87	68
	86	87	98	98	73

Scorecard from Saturday PDD

We hope you were able to take advantage of these educational events. We are planning two PDDs for 2016. Watch our website for details!! ♦

Chapter Technology News

The first half of 2015 has involved identifying and prioritizing the chapter's technology needs and setting both short-term and long-term initiatives to advance the overall technologies employed by our chapter. This includes user experience improvements to the chapter website as well as introducing better tools to support chapter communications and value added online services for our members.

Additionally, teams have been stood up to begin focusing on content creation for the new "Professional Development" section of the website. In the near future, you will have access to valuable articles, videos, and other digital resources all dedicated to the growth of our members in the area of project management.

We would love to hear what resources you would like to see on our website. Comments can be sent to webmaster@pmi-keystone.org

As we enter into the latter half of 2015 and the start of 2016, we're excited about the possibility of introducing a new and improved chapter website along with ways to fully integrate with mobile devices so our members can access valuable resources in ways that are convenient for them. Stay tuned for more exciting Keystone Chapter technology news! ♦



Thank you for attending the 2015 Fall PDD on Friday, September 18th. We do hope you enjoyed the conference and found the topics

events.

PMP Exam

From PMI, the PMP exam is changing. To allow all stakeholders additional time to prepare for the updated Project Management Professional (PMP)[®] exam, PMI has moved the last day to take the current exam to 11 January 2016. After this date, the PMP exam will reflect the new exam content outline.

January 11th is the last day for the current PMP exam

Visit the [exam hub](http://www.pmi.org/certification/exam-changes/pmp.aspx) (<http://www.pmi.org/certification/exam-changes/pmp.aspx>) and find information about the new exam.

Here's an overview of the newly added content:

Initiation	• 3 Tasks Added
Planning	• 1 Task Added
Executing	• 2 Tasks Added
Monitoring and Controlling	• 2 Tasks Added
Closing	• No Tasks Added

PDU Reporting

Last change, the PDU Reporting and the CCRS (Continuing Certification Requirements System) are changing. This is change in how PDUs are scheduled and record. PDU will now be classified into three categories that align with the PMI Talent Triangle.

These three categories are:

Technical Project Management:	• Knowledge, skills and behaviors related to specific domains of Project, Program and Portfolio Management.
Leadership	• Knowledge, skills and behaviors specific to leadership-oriented, cross-cutting skills that help an organization achieve its business goals.
Business and Strategic:	• Knowledge of and expertise in the industry or organization that enhances performance and better delivers business outcomes.

Employers need project practitioners with leadership and business intelligence skills to support long-range strategic

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Introduce Project Management to the Next Generation of Project Leaders!

Save the trip to your local library by downloading free digital e-books for the 10-12 year old youth in your life! Gary Nelson, PMP has authored two books which introduce youth to project management skills and terminology in a charming, and engaging way in *The Ultimate Tree House Project* and *The Scariest Haunted House Project – Ever!*

Join The Project Kids as they take on the challenges of building the ultimate tree house and creating a terrifying haunted house – with the help of a Project Manager dad. These fiction books are fun and educational, and available for download [here](#).

EcoCAR3: A Sustainability Competition for the Future of the Automotive Industry



- By Emma Herbert

Since 1988, the Pennsylvania State University Advanced Vehicle Team (PSU AVT) has participated in AVTCs aim to train the next generation of automotive engineers and industry professionals. In an industry where environmental sustainability is a constantly emerging issue, we rise to the forefront in innovation. Approximately 60 undergraduate and graduate students, faculty, staff, and veteran volunteers comprise the innovative and passionate staff that participates in the EcoCAR3 competition. These volunteers form modeling and simulation, electrical, control, mechanical, project management and communications teams- leading to diverse subgroups whose purposes range from re-engineering fuel efficient vehicles, to educating the Penn State community about the crucial importance of hybrid, environmentally friendly vehicles.

EcoCAR3 is North America's premier collegiate automotive engineering competition, sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy and General Motors. This competition challenges 16 North American university teams to redesign a Chevrolet Camaro to reduce its environmental impact while maintaining the legacy that it has developed in the American market. Teams working on this project explore areas of alternative fuels, advanced vehicle technologies that lower greenhouse gases, and developing innovative ideas in sustainability and efficiency. Currently, EcoCAR3 is in its third year of competition- and things are speeding up quickly.

The ultimate goal of EcoCAR3 is to reduce fuel consumption, green house gas and criteria tailpipe emissions while maintaining the consumer acceptability and performance that comes with a Camaro. Students who have elected to take part in the competition learn about EcoCAR3 in an environment where they can thrive. They are immersed in real-world experiences, business, and communications through various levels of exposure and training in their respective fields. This experience is invaluable to those headed into the automotive industry, and is driven by those with a passion for not only cars with muscle, but also for cars that are environmentally sustainable.

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objectives that contribute to the bottom line. The ideal skill set — the PMI Talent Triangle — is a combination of technical, leadership, and strategic and business management expertise.

Effective 1 December 2015 the CCR program will be aligned with the employer-identified skills depicted in the PMI Talent Triangle to ensure you are equipped to remain relevant in a continually changing business environment.

Learn more about [skills of the PMI Talent Triangle](#).

Learn more about [CCR Program updates](#).

Learn [important dates](#).

***Don't forget! CCR Changes Go Live
1 December 2015.***

Information about this upcoming PDU changes can also be found on the chapter's website by clicking on the Resource Center > Webinars -> PMI Talent Triangle

In closing, I thank our many chapter volunteers who are indeed the backbone of the PMI-Keystone chapter. All board members and other leaders are volunteers. There are no paid positions within the chapter. Each member contributes his/her time, work, and expertise. Your dedication to this chapter is sincerely appreciated. ♦

Jesse Middaugh, PMP
President
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We are so happy to be in touch with you and for giving us the chance to tell you a little more about our project. If you would like to follow our social media accounts, our Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram are all @psuecocar3. Please feel free to contact us on any of these sites for further information, or with the contact information listed below. We hope you enjoy watching our project unfold as much as we enjoy participating in it! ♦

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Save the Date!

The Annual Membership meeting will be held at the Hershey Lodge on October 20th at 6:30 PM.

Take this opportunity to meet the Chapter's Board members and learn about future events and opportunities.

Watch our website for details!

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topics:

- Introduction to Project Management
- Scope and Communication
- Time and Human Resources
- Cost and Procurement
- Quality and Risk
- Status Report and Review

If you are interested in this effort, please log in to the PMI Volunteer Database and apply to be a session presenter through this link: <https://vrms.pmi.org/>

We anticipate starting this program in October and completing it by mid-November.

The Middle School program is being pursued as well and more opportunities to volunteer will be coming soon.

If you have any questions related to this program, please contact PMIEF Liaison, Myles Miller at miller665@verzon.net ♦

Volunteer Opportunities!

Check out the VRMS system for the latest postings of volunteer opportunities with the Keystone Chapter. We are currently looking for your help in the following capacities....

Chapter Correspondents/Reporters (VRMS Opportunity #5606):

Our Communications Director is seeking folks to serve as Chapter correspondents and photographers. Activities include capturing chapter event and meeting photos, preparing announcements, news flashes and other “blurbs” and content for our social media communications. Create newsletter and web articles about our Chapter events and/or draft essays and commentaries on various topics of interest to the PM community we serve. Apply through our VRMS system or contact **Peg Bradley** directly at Communications@pmi-keystone.org

Branch Coordinators are needed for the Susquehanna and Northeast Regions. These positions are not yet posted in VRMS so please contact Jesse Middaugh at president@pmi-keystone.org

WE NEED YOU!!!

Events Near You!

The Chapter offers educational events throughout the Central PA region: York, Port Matilda, Allentown and Harrisburg. You are welcome to attend events at any and all of these venues. Go to our website for the list of upcoming events!

Agile Certification Class

The Keystone Chapter offers many educational opportunities for members. The Agile Certified Practitioner (ACP) Exam Prep 2-day class in July that was sponsored by the chapter and presented by John Stenbeck from GR8PM provided valuable insights into the world of Agile Project Management.

This was a great course; I learned a tremendous amount and appreciated such a quality course that was offered relatively close to home. ---- Diane McCann, PhD, PMP

John has an excellent information sharing mannerism that kept the attendees engaged throughout the intense two days. Although the course is marketed as an Exam Prep, the course was much more than a drill of questions and appropriate responses; the course provided best practices and pulled the different components of Agile and the 11 books listed by PMI as the basis of their test into a single source. In addition, John provided real-life examples of how to approach and handle challenges.

I enjoyed the class and the interaction with the instructor and other attendees. The material brought together several concepts into an easily understood framework. ---- Gordon Vanauken



WHAT'S NEW @GR8PM

Our new ACP book is in the final stages of editing!!! We are excited to have so many people endorsing it! Stay tuned for its release! #agile

Call for Nominations

The chapter runs best with volunteers who take ownership. You can improve the chapter and your marketability and professional resume by volunteering with PMI either through the local chapter (www.pmi-keystone.org) or other various PMI opportunities.

For the upcoming year's election, the chapter will vote for the following positions:

- Secretary
- Finance Director
- Professional Development Director
- Communication Director
- Technology Director

The **SECRETARY** is an elected volunteer responsible for preparing, maintaining, recording, circulating all records, correspondence, minutes of meetings, and related affairs of the chapter. The SECRETARY shall keep the all records of all business meetings of the PMI KEYSTONE CHAPTER and meetings of the Board. The SECRETARY will be elected in odd years.

The **FINANCE DIRECTOR** is an elected volunteer responsible for finance. Responsible for maintaining and presenting all financial records required for chapter operations in accordance with chapter and bylaws. The FINANCE DIRECTOR shall oversee the management of all funds for duly authorized purposes of the PMI KEYSTONE CHAPTER. The FINANCE DIRECTOR will be elected in odd years.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR is an elected volunteer responsible for the development of chapter education events in accordance with chapter policies and bylaws. The PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR shall oversee the development of training classes, relationships with educational institutions and the Professional Development Team (PDT). The PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR will be elected in odd years.

The **COMMUNICATION DIRECTOR** is an elected volunteer responsible for the Chapter's Communication Plan. The COMMUNICATION DIRECTOR is responsible for publishing the Chapter newsletter and providing oversight for the content published on the Chapter website and social media venues. The COMMUNICATION DIRECTOR provides support to other Board members and volunteers regarding communication with the membership. The COMMUNICATION DIRECTOR will be elected in odd years.

TECHNOLOGY DIRECTOR is an elected volunteer responsible for addressing the technology needs of the chapter including managing officer account, chapter website and various other chapter computer resources. This position is also responsible for managing any and all computer contract relations. The TECHNOLOGY DIRECTOR will be elected in odd years.

Anyone who is interested in any of these positions should submit the following

- **Why I am a good candidate** (short statement)
- **Biography** (Short History)
- **Photograph** (Separate JPEG file)

NO LATER THAN September 30, 2015 at 11:59 PM

To the nominations committee
C/O Mid-State Coordinator
ms-programs@pmi-keystone.org

Flyers for Upcoming Events/Opportunities

Go to our [website](#) for registration and information on any of these events!

PMI-Keystone Study Groups

The PMI-Keystone Professional Development Team is in the process of organizing certification study groups for chapter members. Members would be responsible for purchasing their own study materials.

If you are interested in participating in a study group as a certification candidate please email pmikeystonestudygroups@wiggiomail.com. The email should include:

- your name
- email address
- preferred meeting area
- certification you are studying for
- when you plan to sit for the exam

New groups will be starting in the fall based on need. We will contact you as groups open that fit your indicated interest.

Notes: The study groups are designed for candidates who already have fulfilled the educational and experience qualifications of the credential. A study group does not qualify as "contact hours" for the certification educational requirement. This program is offered only to members of PMI-Keystone as a free benefit.

If you are willing to be a study group facilitator, please email pmikeystonestudygroups@wiggiomail.com the following information:

- your name
- email address
- preferred meeting area
- certification(s) you hold
- general availability



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PMI® Keystone Chapter is pleased to announce Becker's Online PMI-ACP Exam Prep Course!

The PMI® Keystone Chapter is proud to partner with Becker Professional Education, a Global Registered Education Provider of the Project Management Institute, to offer members an online course to help you prepare for the Project Management Institute's Agile Certified Practitioner (PMI-ACP®) Exam.

This PMI-ACP® Exam prep course focuses on the methodologies and practices that Agilists need to master to become proficient practitioners. The course begins with the Agile Basics and Agile Applications modules, as a foundation for students to build on as they prepare for their exams. These modules describe fundamental Agile ideas and concepts, and use Best Practices and Case Studies to explain how Agile methodologies are implemented in real-world situations. The course continues with a discussion and clarification of the key tools, techniques, and strategies that PMI has listed as important for Agile practitioners to understand to achieve their certification.

Students in this course will increase their knowledge of Agile concepts with interactive exercises, vocabulary games, flashcards, and video segments from experienced Agile practitioners. Each student's understanding of key Agile concepts and principles will be tested in several comprehensive module quizzes as well as in two 120-question practice exams designed to mirror the PMI-ACP® certification exam process.

With this course you can expect:

- **100% Web-based learning.** This flexible, self-paced course can be taken anytime, anywhere via the internet.
- **"Ask the Expert" feature:** Learners can pose questions directly to an expert in the field and receive feedback within 24 hours.
- **Interactive tools.** Courses include interactive videos from subject matter experts and interactive exercises to engage learners.
- **PMI® Certified content.** Courses align with the PMBOK® Guide 5th Edition and offer 21 PDUs.
- **Dual-functioning materials.** Combining instructional material with real-world application of concepts, while simultaneously enhancing team leadership skills and completion of Agile projects.

Registration Cost: \$499

Access time: 180 days

Registration for this course will be available soon at pmi-keystone.org.
For more information, please contact John Sikora at jsikora@becker.com.

becker.com/pm

PROJECT MANAGEMENT

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PMI® Keystone Chapter is pleased to announce Becker's Online Introduction to Agile Course!

The PMI® Keystone Chapter is proud to partner with Becker Professional Education, a Global Registered Education Provider of the Project Management Institute, to offer members an online project management course, Introduction to Agile.

The Introduction to Agile course explores the methodologies and practices of Agile development and explains the key concepts and principles that form the foundation of Agile project management. This self-paced course contains vocabulary games, flashcards, and interactive exercises to supplement and enhance your understanding of Agile concepts, as well as video segments from Agile experts to help you become a more proficient Agile practitioner.

With this course you can expect:

- **100% Web-based learning.** This flexible, self-paced course can be taken anytime, anywhere via the internet.
- **"Ask the Expert" feature:** Learners can pose questions directly to an expert in the field and receive feedback within 24 hours.
- **PMI® Certified content.** Courses align with the PMBOK® Guide 5th Edition and offer 10 PDUs.
- **Interactive tools.** Courses include interactive videos from subject matter experts and interactive exercises to engage learners.
- **Easy-to-follow materials.** Concise explanations, real-world examples, and references enable learners to easily explore course topics.

Registration Cost: \$249

Access time: 180 days

Registration for this course will be available soon at pmi-keystone.org.
For more information, please contact John Sikora at jsikora@becker.com.

PMI® Keystone Chapter is pleased to announce Becker's Online PMP Exam Prep Course!

The PMI® Keystone Chapter is proud to partner with Becker Professional Education, a Global Registered Education Provider of the Project Management Institute, to offer an online course to help you prepare for the PMP® Certification Exam.

This PMP® Exam prep course focuses on the methodologies, concepts and tools of project management as they are applied in real-world situations. The course covers the ten knowledge areas of the PMBOK® Guide 5th Edition through a combination of text, videos, graphics, interactive exercises, case studies, and quizzes. Complete with two full-length practice exams and exam-taking tips and strategies, this course helps prepare participants to pass the PMP® Exam.

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- **100% Web-based learning.** This flexible, self-paced course can be taken anytime, anywhere via the internet.
- **Instructor support.** Learners can pose content-related questions and receive feedback within 24 hours.
- **PMI® Certified content.** Courses align with the PMBOK® Guide 5th Edition and offer 35 PDUs.
- **Interactive tools.** Courses include interactive videos from subject matter experts and interactive exercises to engage learners.
- **Easy-to-follow materials.** Concise explanations, real-world examples, and references enable learners to easily explore course topics.

Registration Cost: \$699

Access time: 180 days

Registration for this course will be available soon at pmi-keystone.org.
For more information, please contact John Sikora at jsikora@becker.com.

Current Board Members

Board Member	Role
Anderson, Doug	Technology Director
Bradley, Peg	Communication Director
Frey, Ellen	Membership Director
Gritz, David	Marketing Director
Hoffman, Bryan	Past-President
King, Ed	Finance Director
Leininger, Neal	Program Director
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TBD	Northeast Coordinator
Vanauken, Gordon	Mid-State Coordinator
Wisniewski, Valerie	Secretary

We want to recognize the achievements of our members in future issues. Get a promotion, new job, earn a certification or award? Let us know. Email your information to Peg Bradley, Communication Director at Communications@pmi-keystone.org

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