Sarah Carroll was awarded the Ruth Jameyson ‘Above and Beyond’ Award by MSU President Simon. Sarah is earning an MPA at WMU, and after working for 10 years at the Kellogg Bird Sanctuary, is taking on a larger role at KBS as the Development and Community Relations Coordinator.

Battle Creek Scout Levi Vandyke (Troop 374) installed a new Osprey platform along the Lake Loop trail at the Kellogg Bird Sanctuary as part of his Eagle Scout project.

Gouda, made at the MSU dairy using milk from the KBS Pasture dairy herd, won 2nd place in the Dutch-style category at the 2014 American Cheese Society Judging & Competition. This prize-winning Gouda, as well as other artisanal cheeses made from KBS milk, will be available at the KBS Holiday Walk & Market.

Dr. Stephen K. Hamilton, KBS Professor of Zoology, was named the 2014 recipient of the Petoskey Prize for Environmental Leadership by the Michigan Environmental Council for his work on the cleanup of the 2010 Kalamazoo River Oil Spill.

In May, 39 KBS employees participated in the MSU Global Day of Service. The group contributed 97 hours of volunteer work which included tree trimming and brush removal, painting and other projects at Ross Township Park.
This past year we continued maintenance and improvements to the historic structures and grounds of the Kellogg Estate. Exciting plans, developed by summum 2014 intern, are in place to restore the lagoon and grounds surrounding Windmill Island to its original grandeur. The project will emphasize natural and managed ecosystems and context of their natural habitat. This gives them a better understanding of both local and global environmental issues. Many of you have donated generously to student scholarships, allowing us to continue to provide opportunities for these future scientists.

While we celebrate these accomplishments, we join with MSU to unveil the campus capital campaign. By embarking on such a venture, we acknowledge the desire of the University to excel and the needs of the communities who benefit from strong relationships. The challenges in today’s world are more complex, so we need to empower our students and faculty and provide the resources needed to make seemingly impossible ideas possible.

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A Long-Term Collaboration

For nearly half a century, KBS researchers have collaborated with the Gull Lake Quality Organization (GLQO) on research and outreach programs to protect local water quality. Research done at KBS in the 1970s showing high phosphorus levels in Gull Lake, due to lawn fertilizers and septic systems, led to efforts supported by the GLQO to install a sewer system around Gull Lake. The partnership continues today through a variety of collaborations.

- GLQO funds a graduate student fellowship at KBS to monitor water quality in Gull Lake and surrounding streams.
- KBS scientists are synthesizing data to develop a current phosphorus budget for Gull Lake to compare to earlier budgets (1974, 1994) and determine if a 2012 statewide ban of phosphorus lawn fertilizers has impacted water quality.
- KBS and GLQO work together to monitor invasive species in local lakes and support Research Experiences for Teachers (RET) on water quality.
- GLQO sponsored “Dessert with Discussion” featuring KBS scientists whose research is focused on water quality – Dr. Stephen Hamilton (October 2013) on the cleanup of the Kalamazoo River following the 2010 Enbridge oil spill and Dr. Elena Litchman (May 2014) on causes of harmful algal blooms.

SUMMER 2014 by the numbers

- 8 Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU) students
- 12 Undergraduate Research Apprenticeship (URA) students
- 12 academic interns
- 58 students came to KBS only to take summer courses
- $230,000+ Amount of financial support for undergraduates leveraged from scholarships, grants, MSU funds and community support
- $30,000+ Awarded to graduate students from KBS fellowship funds

Interns: Enhancing the Estate

The W.K. Kellogg Manor House & Estate Endowment provides funds to maintain the historical facilities at KBS and supports summer internships. The interns work with KBS staff on projects to enhance the grounds and increase visitor appreciation for the Kellogg Estate.

This year the endowment supported three interns, one of whom, Katie Barry (Landscape Architecture), initiated a project that will lead to the restoration of the lagoon and grounds surrounding Windmill Island. The goal is to develop a landscape plan that reflects the Estate’s original design, emphasizes sustainability and provides areas that can be used for educational programs. Katie was co-mentored by Mark Williams, KBS Physical Plant, and Sandy Bleisner, a professional landscape architect (and MSU graduate) at O’Boyle, Cowell, Blalock & Associates, Inc. (OCBA).

When asked about her time at KBS, Katie said, “The thing I value most at KBS is my ability to conduct research. I have learned many different techniques, from working with online resources, to interviewing historical experts or reading historical files. This experience will help me in the rest of my education as well as in my future career. A gift to the Kellogg Manor House & Estate Endowment will allow us to continue to support interns and maintain the legacy of Kellogg Estate on Gull Lake. For more information contact the KBS Development Office at giving@kbs.msu.edu or call (269) 671-2444.

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This year the W.K. Kellogg Estate Botanical Guide, a collaboration between KBS interns, volunteers and staff, was printed and is now available for free at KBS. The printing was made possible by the funds generated from the W.K. Kellogg Manor House & Estate Endowment.

Graduate student, Jeff White (Fisheries & Wildlife), monitoring water quality in Gull Lake.