



## Peter Hudson Receives Kish Bank’s Humanitarian of the Year Award

STATE COLLEGE, PA – June 22, 2018 – William P. Hayes, Chairman and CEO of Kish Bank and Kish Bancorp, awarded Kish Bank’s Humanitarian of the Year Award to Dr. Peter Hudson, FRS, Director of the Huck Institutes of the Life Sciences and Willaman Professor of Biology at Penn State, at the fourth annual Kish Celebrates Community event held at Beaver Stadium last night.



**William P. Hayes, Chairman and CEO of Kish Bank and Kish Bancorp, presents the Humanitarian of the Year Award to Dr. Peter Hudson at the fourth annual Kish Celebrates Community event on June 21, 2018.**

The award, sponsored this year by *The Centre County Gazette* and *Town&Gown Magazine*, is made annually to recognize an individual who

has positively impacted the central Pennsylvania community through selfless dedication to elevating quality of life and providing leadership and inspiration to all who live in the region.

In presenting the award, Hayes said he has developed a deep respect for the profound impact Dr. Hudson’s work and life have had on global populations of species that are under duress from the spread of infectious and transmittable disease.

“If you happen to be in northern Italy; or in Yellowstone National Park; or Hells Canyon, Oregon; or the Mojave Desert, California; or Eastern Australia; or the Nelson Mandela African Institute of Science and Technology at Arusha, Tanzania, you might be fortunate enough to encounter Dr. Hudson,” Hayes said, adding, “The places that were mentioned are just some of his laboratories where he does fieldwork, laboratory studies, and mathematical modeling to explore disease dynamics—how parasites and pathogens flow through animal populations, who infects whom, which individuals are important for disease transmission, and the consequences of infection. His studies not only include the diseases that affect wildlife, but also the role of wildlife in transmitting diseases to other animals, including ourselves. This has resulted in his becoming heavily involved in global health and attempting to solve major disease problems that cause human suffering in Africa, India, and South America.”

Hayes also saluted Hudson’s establishment of the Penn State Center for Infectious Disease Dynamics (CIDDD), an internationally recognized interdisciplinary center that is considered to be a global leader in

solving infectious disease problems; his brilliant leadership of the Huck Institutes at Penn State; his countless awards for his scientific work; his unflagging support for the careers of young scientists; and the establishment of the new global health security lab, the Applied Biological Research Lab.

“So for his work as a research scientist, an educator dedicated to the next generation of scientists, an impassioned protector of animal populations, and his recognition of the delicate balance among all life forms on this planet, with particular sensitivity to the implications of his work for human populations, it is my high honor to present Kish’s Humanitarian of the Year Award to Dr. Peter Hudson,” Hayes concluded.

In accepting the award, Hudson, said, “I am truly humbled by this wonderful and kind award. I could never have achieved half of what we have done without the energy of my wonderful colleagues in the Huck Institutes, Penn State leadership, and the faith of two great Penn State alumni, Lloyd Huck and Verne Willaman. Our motivation is simple: how can we reduce human suffering, improve global health, and at the same time, reduce the impact on the natural environments? The answer of course is to reduce the rate at which the global population is increasing—and this is best done through educating a higher proportion of women and men and helping to build in-country capability. Education and research are at the center of what we do.”

As part of the award, and in keeping with Kish Bank’s commitment to community, the Bank directed a donation in Hudson’s name to the Nelson Mandela African Institute, a charity of his choice.

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