University Steps Up Sustainability Efforts

Leading campus sustainability efforts, Millersville University is the only university in the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE) to be a signatory on the Alliance for Resilient Campuses (ARC). The Alliance was created by Second Nature, a national nonprofit that works toward a healthy, just and sustainable society by transforming higher education. Millersville is also one of 682 signatory colleges with Second Nature’s flagship program, the American College & University Presidents' Climate Commitment (ACUPCC).

“Millersville is a leader of sustainability and our participation in the Alliance ensures that we keep the subject at the forefront of discussions and that we consider the impact of climate change not only on our campus community, but also on the larger community,” said Dr. John Anderson, president.

“ACUPCC has played an enormously influential role in reducing greenhouse gas emissions and of embedding sustainability as an operating principle across higher education,” said David Hales, president of Second Nature. “At the same time, we recognize that there is an increasing likelihood of damaging climate impacts to many of our colleges. ARC will provide a platform for developing flexible and state-of-the-art guidance and support for assessment, learning, implementation and evaluation with respect to adaptation and resilience, and will do so in full partnership with local communities.”

“While we’re working to coordinate the great efforts of our faculty, staff and students towards carbon neutrality, this new Alliance will provide help in dealing with ongoing climate changes,” said Anderson. “Millersville University needs to invest in its own resilience. Severe weather events and long-term climate impacts from extremes such as flooding, drought and heat waves pose complex challenges for universities across the country. Addressing these risks can provide an innovative opportunity to strengthen our institutions, equipping us and others to be safer and more secure in the face of change, more actively engaged in solving real-world problems and organized to provide the education and research needed to create and maintain a sustainable society.”
Millersville’s Center for Sustainability, a branch of the Civic and Community Engagement and Research Project (CCERP), will be the liaison with the Alliance.

“The Center’s focus has always been about working within the community,” said director Dr. Nadine Garner. “Whether it’s our TerraCycle project, the ‘Ville-age Organic Garden on campus, or creating urban garden projects with children in the city of Lancaster, we are working to bring the campus and community together to dialogue about sustainability. The Alliance is an opportunity to expand our focus on designing a resilient society. I look forward to sharing our tools, information resources and successes to support and highlight these efforts.”

Millersville’s President Joins Unprecedented National Effort to Take Action on Climate Change

Dr. John Anderson, president of Millersville University, joined a diverse group of high-profile leaders recently at the MomentUs Leadership Summit to develop actionable solutions to climate change. The group comprises more than 140 leaders from faith, business, health, higher education and local communities, including climate scientist Dr. Katharine Hayhoe, named as one of Time Magazine’s “100 Most influential people.”

“Sustainability is an ongoing discussion at Millersville and joining the effort on climate change helps keep the discussion at the forefront,” said Anderson. “We want to build on the momentum we’ve started at the University and do our part to move America toward climate solutions.”

Leaders from 26 states gathered to discuss the accelerating impacts of man-made climate change and how Americans can respond. The group included Dr. Georges Benjamin, head of the
American Public Health Association, who has testified before Congress that we act “to address the growing threat that climate change poses not just to the environment but also to the health of the American public and the entire global community.”

Other leaders involved in the Summit included Dr. Antonio Flores, president of the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities, and former Seattle Mayor Greg Nickels, who created the U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement.

The gathering took place under the MomentUs banner, which explores ways to move climate change into the American mainstream. The group wants to inspire and empower new leaders to build the public support needed for climate solutions, including clean technology, policy and political efforts.

Responding to the challenges in the U.S. National Climate Assessment, released May 6, the MomentUs leaders announced a Path to Positive plan for their sectors and the nation. This is a commitment to lead by example on climate change and to engage others in reversing the impacts of climate pollution on our health and economy. To support their efforts, the group will launch specific programs and websites to support faith, health, higher education, business and other communities to provide them with the information and tools they need to address climate change. The first of these programs, Blessed Tomorrow, was launched just prior to the Summit.

The MomentUs Summit marks the first time these diverse leaders have come together to share their expertise, catalyze cross-sector actions and develop ideas for engaging their communities in climate solutions.

Millersville Respiratory Therapy Program Receives National Acclaim

Continuing the University’s longstanding history of national acclaim, Millersville University has maintained full accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care (CoARC) for its bachelor’s degree program in respiratory care.

This summer at the American Association for Respiratory Care, the program will receive the Distinguished RRT (Registered Respiratory Therapy) Credentialing Success Award. According to CoARC, “this award is presented as part of the CoARC’s continued efforts to value the RRT credential as a standard of professional achievement. From a program effectiveness perspective, the CoARC views the RRT credential as a measure of a program’s
success in inspiring its graduates to achieve their highest educational and professional aspirations.”

Millersville’s respiratory therapy program was first accredited in 1965, providing an in-depth education and training to students for over 50 years. Although many schools offer associates degrees, Millersville is one of only five colleges in Pennsylvania to offer a bachelor’s degree in respiratory care in any capacity and the only one in the country whose graduates are also awarded a bachelor’s degree in biology.

While CoARC requires that most universities apply for reaccreditation every five years, the period can be extended for exceptional programs. It has been 10 years since CoARC last required Millersville to reapply, a statement to the quality of the program being provided to students.

“We’ve maintained a top-notch, highly respected program for 51 years,” said John Hughes, former director of the respiratory therapy program at Millersville.

Millersville has the distinction of boasting a 100 percent job placement rate among its graduates, 96 percent of whom have gone on to get their RRT credentials in a three-year window following graduation, according to Hughes.

Hughes, who retired at the end of the spring semester, has been involved with the respiratory therapy program for 42 years, spending the last 27 as the program’s director.

“We haven’t had anyone who has sought employment after graduation not get a job,” said Hughes. “The University’s successes speak for themselves.”

Old Dorm Furniture Donated

If you’ve spent any time at Millersville University in the past few, you may have noticed the construction of new, and the demolition of old, residence halls. Over the next few years, the old residence halls will be replaced by suite-style living areas. With the razing of residence halls comes a wealth of furniture—from desks and chairs to mattresses and dressers. The University decided to donate all the furniture from Lenhardt Hall to charities, including Habitat for Humanity and Catholic Charities Immigration and Refugee Services of Harrisburg (CCIRSH).

“CCIRSH provides lodging for refugees who found their way here from Somalia, Iraq and many other third world countries,” said John Cox, assistant director of purchasing

A variety of furniture, including bed frames, desks and dressers were recently loaded into a truck by CCIRSH to be given to those in need.
and campus services. “These people came here with nothing, so at least these beds and dressers will provide them with a comfortable place to sleep and a place to store their clothes.”

Lenhardt Hall, along with fellow high-rise residence hall Burrowes, will be demolished this summer.

**Students Raise Money and Awareness for Good Causes**

When Millersville University students get together, great things can happen.

Three particularly noteworthy groups in Dr. Lisa Schreiber’s two Small Group Communication classes combined to raise more than $2,000 dollars for charities of their choosing.

Over the course of about 10 weeks, one group was able to raise $1,578 dollars for the Ronald McDonald House Charity (RMHC). The group, consisting of Emily Bartlett, Josh Reinert, Kiara Allen, Jesse DiVento and Raven Ortega collected donations from friends and family, set donation bins in businesses around the area, held bake sales and a car wash in order to raise funds and awareness for RMHC.

Ortega, whose aunt and uncle stayed at a Ronald McDonald House when their son was hospitalized at Penn State Hershey Medical Center, was the first to propose the idea of raising money for the charity, a suggestion which quickly turned to a choice the entire group was able to get on board with.

“We collectively chose the RMHC as our nonprofit because we wanted to work with children,” said Ortega. “After our group did a little research on what the house provides for families of ill children, we were very excited to begin raising money and awareness of the charity. The RMHC is a ‘home-away-from-home’ and runs solely off of donations and we wanted to do anything we could to help.”
DiVento, decked out in dress shirt, tie and dress pants, was a full-fledged participant in the car wash despite his less-than-typical attire.

A second group consisting of Morgan Lenhert, Ryan Rimby, Tim Coleman, Kelsea Straube and Meg Stevens were able to raise money to go towards the Lancaster County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA). The group held numerous bake sales, took trips to the shelter and, in the end, presented the SPCA with a check for $783.

“We chose the SPCA for a number of different reasons,” said Stevens. “The first being that most of our group members have pets that are rescue animals, and they know how adopting from these shelters can make a difference. We also support the Lancaster County SPCA in their practice of accepting any animal, in any condition. They do not turn away animals that are too old or too sick/injured. They have even accepted wild animals such as a baby alligator. We knew that our efforts would directly impact these animals’ lives by keeping them off the streets, finding them loving homes and giving them a second chance at life.”

According to Schreiber, successes like these are not at all unusual. She attributes each group’s accomplishments to their ability to “clearly set measurable goals, personally identify with the group’s goal and own it, overcome obstacles as they arise, and put their personal differences aside and focus on the needs of the group.”

Some groups, including the team of Kelley Burr, Emily Purcell, Julie Press, Emily Kaledas, Kaitlin Crouthamel and Chris Walker were able to raise more than just money for their cause. The group was able to raise money and awareness for the Orange 4 Owen Organization, an organization that was started in 2011 when 8-year-old Owen Brezitski was struck and killed by a distracted teenage driver.

Setting up booths outside of a Millersville baseball game and inside the Student Memorial Center, the group was able to raise over $250 and get 160 pledges signed asking drivers to not drive distracted. After their successful campaign, the group was contacted by Millersville Athletics and asked to come back to work with them again next semester.
Small Group Communication, a course offered periodically at Millersville University, can be beneficial to any and all students, according to Dr. Schreiber, who is assistant professor of communication & theatre.

“Group work in professional life is unavoidable and this course provides a solid knowledge base and a set of practical skills that prepares students well for their careers,” said Schreiber. “The course project is a real-life experience, and students can see for themselves the fruits of their own labor. Most students walk away from this class very proud of their accomplishments, because the nonprofits that they work for are very grateful for their efforts.”

While the class itself is beneficial to both students and the nonprofits, Schreiber attributes the successes of the projects to the students themselves.

“I give the students project parameters and help them clarify and articulate their goals and their plan to accomplish the goals. The groups select their own organization and design their own projects,” said Schreiber. “My main role is as an adviser; it’s the students themselves who are responsible for this.”

A Day to Sustain

The day has been set, September 24, and plans are in the works for Millersville University’s first Campus Sustainability Day. Events will be held in the ‘Ville-age Garden, in the SMC and at other sites around campus.

“The purpose of the event is three-fold,” according to Dr. Nadine Garner, associate professor of psychology, director of the Center for Sustainability and chair of the Sustainability committee. “We want to celebrate and showcase the many sustainability projects that are already in existence at MU; educate the campus about the three pillars of sustainability (environmental preservation, social equity and economic justice); and engage the MU community in activities that will allow them to participate in sustainability.
Campus Sustainability Day will be a collaborative effort of the Sustainability Committee, with contributions by the Center for Sustainability and the Office of the President.

Through the Center for Sustainability, Garner will feature four of the Center’s initiatives:

- **‘Ville-age Garden** (behind Huntingdon House), an organic vegetable, herb and native plant garden where students are growing their own food and donating a portion to the campus food bank. There will be tours, food and music events;

- An expansion of the TerraCycle/SmileTrain program, the University’s signature upcycling program that provides an opportunity for all members of the MU community to participate in sustainability by contributing waste items that are not typically recycled. The Center funds cleft lip and palate surgeries through the Smile Train charity with the money generated from sending the waste to TerraCycle;

- **Millersville University/Wheatland Middle School Partnership Garden**, an organic garden located across from Wheatland MS in the School District of Lancaster, which teaches urban children to grow their own food and brings MU undergraduate and graduate Garden Mentors to work with the students;

- Public unveiling of MU’s first **on-site composting program**, which began in April behind the Garden House in the ‘Ville-age Garden, turning coffee grounds and fresh fruit and vegetable scraps from Gordinier, the Galley, the Juice Bar and George St. Café into “black gold.”

Sustainability Committee member Dr. Duane Hagelgans, assistant professor of emergency management, is spearheading a project to salvage bricks from the outer walls of the Lenhardt and Burrowes residence halls, which will be demolished this summer, for possible reuse as a brick path in the ‘Ville-age Garden.

“This project exemplifies sustainability by demonstrating how to retain a piece of Millersville’s legacy and simultaneously providing a new use for an object that will serve the campus community,” said Garner.
President Anderson will be on hand during the day and is arranging for his colleague and friend Bob Perkowitz, founder of Eco America, to bring his Tesla (a high-end, electric vehicle) to campus for display.

New events for the day will continue to develop over the summer. Please visit the Center for Sustainability’s Facebook page at “Center for Sustainability – Millersville University” and “like” it to receive updates on the progress of Campus Sustainability Day.

Grand Salon Becomes Harvey Worth Owen III Grand Salon

While Harvey Owen won’t officially be retiring as director of the Ware Center until the end of July, on May 12 he was honored for his work with the University. Daniella Dalli and friends created a wonderful journey through the eyes of an aspiring Broadway star. Woven within the evening were tributes to Owen.

Among the highlights of the evening were Lancaster Mayor Rick Gray declaring May 12 as Harvey Owen Day and the University announcing the renaming of the Ware Center’s Grand Salon to the Harvey Worth Owen III Grand Salon. The Council of Trustees will officially approve the naming at their meeting later this month.
Student Senate Elects Executive Board

With the onset of summer, student organizations across campus have begun making preparations for the fall semester. In mid-April, Millersville’s Student Senate held their elections through GetInvolved to select their new executive board for the 2014-2015 year.

The Millersville Student Senate serves as the voice for the students, handling student issues and concerns, allocations and funding for organizations and clubs, and constitutional/judicial affairs between clubs.

The new executive board, which still has in-house elected positions to fill, is led by new president Randi Chrismer, the former Student Senate parliamentarian.

“My love for the University as well as my desire to continue working closely with the students fueled my decision to run,” said Chrismer. “Winning this election has opened up countless opportunities for me to gain both professional experience and to expand my knowledge of Millersville University.”

Joining Chrismer in office will be vice president for advocacy and outreach, Keegan Worley; vice president for finance, Samantha D’Adamo; vice president for student organizations, Marcus Sterner; director of membership Christian Copeland; chief justice, Justin Miller; and director of marketing, Deanna Maurone.

2014 Student Alumni Association Tuition Raffle Winners

The Student Alumni Association (SSA) of Millersville University has announced the winners of their 10th annual tuition raffle fundraiser. The first-place prize of $5,000 towards full-time tuition costs for one year was awarded to Scott R. Appel of Holtwood; second-place prize of $2,500 towards full-time tuition costs for one semester was awarded to Taylor J. Lane of Parkesburg; and the third-place prize of $1,000...
towards student fees and expenses for one semester went to Brian Kelly of Broomall. More than 1,100 raffle tickets were sold to the families of undergraduate students.

The SAA is a dedicated team of student leaders. Founded in 1986 by the MU Alumni Association, the members are comprised of students of different class levels and various majors linking students to alumni. It encourages students to become more actively involved with the university and its alumni. SAA is a member of the Association of Student Advancement Programs, which provides a communication link for almost 300 student alumni groups throughout the United States and Canada.

Need to Know

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ARTS SMARTS Summer Camps

June 16-20 and 23-27

Registration is now open for the ARTS SMARTS CAMPS that Millersville University is offering at:

The Ware Center – 42 North Prince St., Lancaster, Pa.

These are high-quality low-cost programs in music, theater and visual arts for young people entering Grades K – 8, designed to encourage artistic expression, foster knowledge and skills, and inspire the imagination. They’re also just plain fun! We hope you will consider enrolling your child(ren).

Thanks and Best Wishes,
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BSW Program Director, Adelphi University

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- Learn interventions that can be utilized to enhance youth well-being
- Understand environmental factors that impact young adults
- Acquire skills that can be used across multiple levels and professions

6/5/14 Activities

Here are the faculty and staff activities for June 5, 2014.
Faculty and Staff Activities

New Associate Vice President for Finance and Administration

Nancy Pruskowski was appointed as Millersville University’s associate vice president for finance and administration, effective June 23.

Pruskowski formerly served as the executive director of Budget and Internal Audit at Bucks County Community College. She provided financial reporting, analysis and strategic planning to the Board of Trustees, president, provost, chief financial officer, vice presidents, deans and budget managers.

Most notably, she prepared the Pa. Department of Education Application for Funding Assistance for Construction of Facilities resulting in a recent award of $17.5 million for the construction of a new science building.

“I am very excited and pleased to have been chosen for the position,” said Pruskowski. “As the proud parent of a Millersville graduate, Millersville University has always had a special place in my heart...I never dreamed that I would have the honor of helping to carry on Millersville's traditions of excellence.”

Pruskowski holds a master’s degree in business administration from Villanova University and received her bachelor’s degree in business administration from the State University of New York.

“With the challenges faced by higher education, I will be drawing on all of my experiences and expertise to support the mission of the University and make a positive contribution to Millersville's bright and exciting future,” said Pruskowski. “I can’t wait to get started.”

Dr. M. P. A Sheaffer, English, sang as an alto ringer with the Canterbury Choral Society in their spring concert at the Church of the Heavenly Rest in New York City on May 18. The program featured Haydn’s “Maria Therese Te Deum” and his “Lord Nelson Mass,” as well as Mozart’s “Exultate Jubilate.”

Dr. Gregory J. Seigworth, communication and theatre, recently published the essay “Affect Theory as Pedagogy of the Non-" in FOOTPRINT, the Delft Architecture Theory Journal. He was a respondent to a panel on affect and literature at the Northeast Modern Language Association held in Harrisburg. He also organized two student panels (three students each) that
focused on social media and new technologies for the Laurel Highlands Communications Conference held at Indiana University of Pa. in April.

**Dr. John Wallace, biology,** is mentioned in the latest edition of Academy News, a publication of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences. The article wrote, “Within our Pathology/Biology Section, we have seen growth in the number of forensic biologists—particularly entomologists…It is not surprising that the knowledge, dedication and inspiration of Jeffery Tomberlin, Jason Byrd, John Wallace, Michelle Sanford and Neal Haskell (General Section) continue the growth of this field.”

**Retired**

**Dr. Cheryl T. Desmond,** professor emeriti of educational foundations, presented a poster titled “The Effects of a Mindful Awareness Program on the Executive Functions of Early Adolescents in an Urban Middle School” at the Kripalu Institute for Extraordinary Living's Conference on Yoga in the Schools, April 26. The research was conducted on the Wellness Works program, directed by Wynne Kinder and was statistically analyzed by **Dr. Laurie Hanich,** professor, educational foundations.

**Who Makes Millersville Special**

This edition of Who Makes Millersville Special features Audrey Herr, University Store manager.
Q: Where are you from originally?

A: I am originally from Reamstown, Pa., in northern Lancaster County. I graduated from Cocalico High School. When I married I moved to the southern end of Lancaster County and currently live in Pequea.

Q: Can you tell us about your family?

A: In May, I was married to my husband John for 33 years. We have two daughters, Julie and Kelly. Julie has graduated from Millersville and Kelly is a sophomore here at Millersville. We also have a black lab Molly. She is part of the family too.

Q: How long have you worked at Student Services, Inc.?

A: I have worked at Student Services since 2003. I began part time in the banking center, and I moved to the University Store when a full time position opened in 2005. Shortly after joining the University Store staff, I was offered and accepted a position as the tradebook buyer. In 2009 the store manager position was open, so I applied.

Q: What are some of your daily duties here at the University Store?

A: Daily tasks include managing student staff, processing payroll, maintaining several departments with inventory, processing invoices for store business, as well as insignia gifts, beauty aids and tradebooks. We also have to maintain our online store website and process orders that are received each day. When time allows, I enjoy working on displays and rearranging merchandise in the store.

Q: What do you enjoy about working at the University Store the most?

A: I enjoy the customer service aspect of helping customers. Interacting with students and staff is very rewarding. Working with students to find the item they are looking for or assisting staff to make a gift purchase is very enjoyable. I also am a buyer for the insignia gift items. This aspect of my job is fun too, as you help to select and create an item that ends up on our store shelves. It is rewarding when an item is popular, and we sell out of that item.

Q: What did you do before you began working at SSI?

A: Before working at SSI, the majority of my work history (23 years) was spent working as a medical claims adjustor for Erin Group Administrators.
Q: What do you enjoy about the campus the most?

A: I am fortunate to have a large window that looks toward the library and bell tower. I am able to watch the changing of the seasons on this beautiful campus every day. I find the architecture in the older buildings very interesting and beautiful.

Q: What is something you absolutely need to get through your day?

A: A cup of coffee and hugs from my husband and daughters.

Q: What are your interests outside of work?

A: I am active in my church. Singing in the church choir, and I am also church secretary and lay leader. My hobbies include music, performing or listening to music. I get teased for breaking out in song for any situation. I also love to sew. Crafts and needlework such as crewel embroidery and cross stitch, are my main interests.

Q: Do you have a favorite quote?

A: “If you act enthusiastic, you will be enthusiastic,” by Dale Carnegie. I attended a Dale Carnegie course, and this was one of the many confidence builders that I learned from that course.

Q: What is your greatest accomplishment?

A: I am fortunate that my husband and I have raised two wonderful adult daughters. My husband is a carpenter, and we have built two homes during our marriage. I have assisted with the construction of both buildings.

Q: What is one person who has been an inspiration to your life and why?

A: “Praise to the women on my journey.” This is a phrase that pays tribute to all of the women in my life, from my mother, sisters, grandmother, mother-in-law, sisters-in-law, aunts, old friends, new friends—the ladies I meet on campus, the ladies from MUBA and young ladies that are students. I am thankful for those who show me how to live and not to live, show me support, love and friendship throughout my life.