2013 Distinguished Civic Leadership Awards
Walker Center for Civic Responsibility and Leadership

Center for Public Scholarship and Social Change

Sustainability Education Research Project

Experiential Learning Center and Career Management
Millersville University has been recognized by the Carnegie Foundation as a Civic/Community Engagement University.

Millersville University was named a 2013 Recipient of the President`s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll with Distinction.
Hannah Weicheld
MU Student

• Sophomore at MU majoring in Communication Studies and a minor in Graphic Communication.

• Active member of the Millersville Honors College, Biology Club and Harry Potter Alliance.

• Enjoys reading (especially Harry Potter!), writing, art, singing, spending time outdoors, and having afternoon tea with friends and family.

• Hannah has been volunteering at Historic Yellow Springs since she was in elementary school.
Susquehanna Sustainable Business Network
Non-Profit Organization

SSBN Goals Include:

- Build a diverse network of people committed to our mission.
- Increase local and environmentally healthy purchasing by consumers and businesses.
- Collaborate to make local purchasing and environmental practices more convenient and affordable.
- Create opportunities for business leaders to network and share best sustainable business practices.

- Educate and engage the community to increase support for local, sustainable businesses.
- Provide civic leadership on economic equity and environmental stewardship issues.
- Direct capital toward local financial institutions and businesses committed to building a more inclusive and sustainable economy.
Homefields Farm
Non-Profit Organization
...Growing Food so People Can GROW!

• Supports over 160 adults with intellectual disabilities through agriculture jobs dedicated to providing people with freshly grown organic food

• Currently houses six adults

• Located minutes from Millersville University

• 2013 will include expanded agenda with services such as cheese making, bee keeping, and crafts.
Homefields Farm
Non-Profit Organization

- Provides each member with freshly harvested food, grown without chemicals.

- Last year there were over 200 members sharing in the crops.

- Practices sustainable growing that enriches the soil and produces food that is more nutritious, tastes better, and lasts longer!
Mr. Bob Shoemaker
Local/Regional Figure

President of the Lancaster Alliance

Key Missions include:
• Build community consensus and action around identified priorities and projects
• Commit organizational resources to these important initiatives
• Achieve extraordinary outcomes that are recognizable throughout the Lancaster community
Mr. Bob Shoemaker
Local/Regional Figure

• Previously a career banker with PNC Bank and Bank of Lancaster County

• Works with Board members and staff to serve as a focused intermediary and catalyst to improvement thru direct programs and collaboration with economic development peers.

• Bob and his wife currently reside outside Strasburg, Pennsylvania, and are the proud parents of three grown children, a wonderful daughter-in-law, and two grand dogs
Mr. Tom Strickler
Local/Regional Figure

• Executive Director of Community Life Network

• President of the Columbia Borough School District Board of Directors

• Awarded an Ah-Ha! grant from the Lancaster County Community Foundation for his work with middle school children, which provides for partnering students with local businesses to help learn and grow outside of the classroom

• Lancaster General Health Mission & Community Benefit Committee, Junior Achievement of Central Pennsylvania board of directors, Columbia Education Foundation, and a PIAA basketball official
Mr. Tom Strickler
Local/Regional Figure

- Helped bring Power Packs program to Columbia children to provide food for children over weekends when free lunches are not available

- Tom and his wife, Angie, have three sons: Ryan, Andrew, and Brandon.
Dr. Cathy Hoshauer
Local/Regional Figure

• Graduated from Albright College in 1980 with a BS in biology and went on to Hahnemann University in Philadelphia, PA to pursue an MD.

• She did her pediatric internship and residency at MS Hershey Medical Center from 1984-87.

• Dr. Hoshauer joined Roseville Pediatrics in July 1987, where she still practices.

• She is also blessed to be married to her high school sweetheart, Ken Hoshauer, for almost 34 years and has 2 children, Valerie and Chris.
Dr. Cathy Hoshauer
Local/Regional Figure

- Trained at UMDNJ in medical evaluation of child sexual abuse victims
- Provides medical care to the child victims of Lancaster County at Lancaster General Hospital.
- Partnered with law enforcement, Lancaster County Children and Youth Agency, the Sexual Assault Prevention and Counseling Center and the District Attorney’s Office to develop a coordinated response to child abuse in our county
- Opened advocacy center, the Lancaster County Children’s Alliance, in 2006.
Dr. Kerri Farkas
MU Faculty/Staff

• Incorporates community writing components into courses to allow students to actively apply writing while connecting with the community.

• Teaches both graduate and undergraduate courses at MU

• Ph.D. in English with specialization in Rhetoric and Composition, Kent State University, May 2003

• M.A. in English Language and Literature, The College of New Jersey, 1992

• B.A. in English, The College of New Jersey, 1992
Dr. Kerri Farkas
MU Faculty/Staff

• Former director of the Center for Public Scholarship & Social Change at Millersville University

• Co-chairs the English Department’s Writing Studies Committee

• Research focuses on civic discourse, citizen involvement in local government, and student preparation for informed and engaged public discourse

• Published articles in Critical Discourse Studies, National Council of Teachers of English journals--TETYC and The Journal of the Assembly for Expanded Perspectives on Learning
Lt. Todd Umstead
Alumnus

• 21 years with the Lancaster City Police

• Promoted to Lieutenant in 2009.

• Currently assigned as the Administrative Division Lieutenant and also serves as Public Information Officer.

• Striving to gain public trust by creating an atmosphere of transparency without compromising ongoing investigations

• Recently successfully integrated social media interaction with the local community.

“I enjoy my current position because I am able to help the officers and detectives do their jobs by keeping the Administrative Division (records, information technology, training, and support services) running smoothly. I especially enjoy working with the local media.”
Lt. Todd Umstead
Alumnus

• Currently lives in Lancaster Township with his wife Dawn, daughter Olivia, and a menagerie of pets.

• Todd enjoys fishing, camping, and playing guitar, which he plays almost every Sunday in his church praise band at 1st Presbyterian Church of Lancaster.
Mr. Justin Rule
Alumnus

- Currently serves as the Education Director at Prospect Grove High School. Notable achievements include:
  - Increased GED success rate from 62% to 96% in eight months
  - Restructured class for a new college and career preparatory course
  - Successfully obtained license to offer Special Education

- He also serves as the Executive Director of Heads Up Lancaster, which he founded in 2006.
Mr. Justin Rule
Alumnus

Heads Up Lancaster is a network non-profit that exists to unleash potential and release vision in youth through urban arts. Vision transcends circumstance. Give youth vision and you give them hope.

H : Helping
E : Empower
A : And
D : Develop
S : Students

U : Unleashing
P : Potential
Andrew Slack is co-founder and executive director of the Harry Potter Alliance (HPA). Under his leadership, the HPA has sent five cargo planes to Haiti, built libraries across the world and advocated for human rights, media reform, and equality on LGBTQ issues, education, and immigration.

- Written for the LA Times and CNN, been featured by NPR, Al Jazeera, the NYT, Forbes.com, and has been applauded by JK Rowling in Time Magazine.

- Served as keynote speaker at the Nobel Peace Prize Forum.

- Andrew is part of an ongoing collaboration with former Justice Sandra Day O’Connor, Bill Gates Sr, and top foundations and movie studios on igniting a culture that is more civically engaged.
Harry Potter Alliance

• Works with partner organizations [NGOs] in alerting the world to the dangers of global warming, poverty, and genocide.

• Raises funds for partner NGOs to support equality, literacy, and human rights

• [www.thehpalliance.org](http://www.thehpalliance.org)

• Encourage members to hone the magic of their creativity in endeavoring to make the world a better place.
Introducing
MU HPA Chapter: The Order of the Swans

Founding Goals of the Order of the Swans:

• The MU HPA will work to promote various Harry Potter Alliance campaigns throughout the year.
• Work to bring these campaigns and initiatives to our school and community.
• Focus on strengthening our own chapter leadership and structure.
• Currently looking for new members!

Advisor: Victor DeSantis