

## State System News Highlights

### West Chester University to inaugurate its 15th president

Sunday, April 9, 2017

Christopher M. Fiorentino will be inaugurated as West Chester University's 15th president during a formal investiture ceremony on Friday, April 21, at 10 a.m. in Emilie K. Asplundh Concert Hall, 700 South High Street, West Chester.

*The (West Chester) Daily Local News*

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### State System per-credit experiment up for extension

Thursday, April 6, 2017

College students paying a flat tuition rate to enroll full time are known to pile on an extra course or two because they can, only to drop one or both not long into the semester. But at Millersville University, the first of Pennsylvania's 14 state-owned universities to adopt per-credit pricing, that practice may be declining along with the average credit-load taken, an official said. So is the number of students wait-listed for courses, down 50 percent campuswide since the experiment began in 2014-15.

*By Bill Schackner, The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*

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### New York just OK'd tuition-free college for middle class

Monday, April 10, 2017

Governor Andrew Cuomo introduced the tuition-free plan in January. Lawmakers agreed to include it in the state budget, which was approved by the Assembly on Saturday and by the Senate late Sunday night. The governor is expected to sign the budget bills. Tuition will be free for residents who earn up to a specific income cap, which will be phased in over the first three years.

*By Katie Lobosco, CNN Money*

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### Pennsylvanians envious of N.Y.'s free college tuition

Tuesday, April 11, 2017

What a difference a border can make. While officials at Pennsylvania's public universities and colleges worry about backfilling deficits, New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo and that state's general assembly have agreed on a budget package to provide free tuition to working-class New York residents who are full-time students at state public universities and community colleges.

*By Debra Erdley, The Pittsburgh Tribune Review*

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### CSCU president proposes consolidating administrative positions

Monday, April 3, 2017

The president of the Connecticut State College and University system is recommending the consolidation of administrative personnel across the 17 colleges and universities and an operational consolidation at the 12 community colleges to help meet serious budgetary challenges.

*The Associated Press*

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### Colleges' Endless Pursuit of Students

Monday, April 10, 2017

April is decision month for high-school seniors who still haven't made up their minds about where they're attending college next fall. With students applying to more schools than ever before—more than one-third now apply to at least seven schools—many seniors are likely weighing multiple offers as well as competing financial-aid packages.

*By Jeffrey Selinger, in The Atlantic*

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### **Cal U trustees recommend contract renewal for President Jones**

The California University of Pennsylvania council of trustees Wednesday approved an annual performance assessment of President Geraldine M. Jones and recommended renewal of Jones' contract to the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education board of governors.... -

*Uniontown Herald-Standard*