

Students from 14 State System universities to lead annual 'Advocacy Day' at Capitol

Harrisburg – Student-led teams from each of the 14 universities that comprise Pennsylvania's State System of Higher Education will visit the Capitol Tuesday, spending the day meeting with legislators and their staff to seek support for the State System. The universities also will set up displays in the East Wing Rotunda, in which they will showcase some of their top academic programs and research projects and provide information to Capitol visitors.

Logan Steigerwalt and Montana Leaks, student leaders from Slippery Rock and West Chester Universities of Pennsylvania, will talk about their experiences at their respective universities during a news conference scheduled for noon. Others scheduled to speak at the event are State System Chancellor Frank T. Brogan, Board of Governors Vice Chair David Maser, Slippery Rock University President Cheryl Norton and Association of Pennsylvania State College and University Faculty (APSCUF) President Ken Mash.

Your coverage of the day's activities, including the noon news conference, is invited. For more information or for assistance in arranging interviews during the day, please contact Kenn Marshall at (717) 720-4054 or (717) 329-0809, or email kmarshall@passhe.edu.

The State System is the largest provider of higher education in the Commonwealth, enrolling more than 100,000 degree-seeking students and thousands more in certificate and other career-development programs. Collectively, the 14 universities that comprise the State System offer more than 2,300 degree and certificate programs in more than 530 academic areas. Nearly 520,000 State System university alumni live in Pennsylvania.

The State System universities are Bloomsburg, California, Cheyney, Clarion, East Stroudsburg, Edinboro, Indiana, Kutztown, Lock Haven, Mansfield, Millersville, Shippensburg, Slippery Rock and West Chester Universities of Pennsylvania. The universities also operate branch campuses in Oil City (Clarion), Freeport and Punxsutawney (IUP), and Clearfield (Lock Haven), and offer classes and programs at several regional centers, including the Dixon University Center in Harrisburg and in Center City in Philadelphia.