

Colleagues,

It is with great pleasure that I am this year's State Employees' Combined Appeal Campaign (SECA) chair for Millersville University. Spending nearly four decades in public service and as a volunteer firefighter, I have witnessed the perils of those who have not been as fortunate in their lives.

The SECA campaign is an opportunity for us to create opportunities for crucial service support for those desperately in need of these vital programs and services. Now, more than ever, we are witnessing more citizens in need, while the funding is being reduced. Our gifts for these valuable services will go a long way to helping out our local communities and neighbors.

SECA contributions can be designated to a participating organization of your choice, or can help provide valuable scholarship money to Millersville students. With continued government reductions in funding, we can all understand the need for us as a proud Millersville University to step up and help close the gaps that have been created.

This year's campaign, "Sow Compassion, Grow Hope," is the fortieth anniversary of the SECA campaign. We, the Millersville community, have been a huge part of the SECA success over these past four decades. This year I am hoping that we will demonstrate the vital importance of higher education in Pennsylvania and our local communities as we give back to those most in need.

Please join me in giving back and demonstrating our compassion for our neighbors. I challenge all of you to see if we can get one hundred percent participation in this year's campaign as a message to those who tend to downplay the importance of the State System of Higher Education.

As a reward and a challenge, I will take the first department on campus with one hundred percent participation to the Campus Grille for lunch.

Respectfully,

Duane Hagelgans