Millersville students will invest $200K out of university's endowment with new Marauder Fund
Monday, December 11, 2017
It's one thing for a university to trust its students to excel and represent their alma mater well. It's quite another to trust students with its own money. By establishing its first student-managed investment portfolio, that's exactly what Millersville University has done.
By Alex Geli, Lancaster Online

Cal U honors students premier digital stories on regional historic sites
Sunday, December 10, 2017
Over the past five years, the rich history belonging to the communities of Southwestern Pennsylvania has been preserved one story at a time, one semester at a time. Historically significant and culturally important stories of the region and its individuals are being captured and shared through a digital medium by honors students at California University of Pennsylvania.
By Eric Morris, The (Uniontown) Herald-Standard

Millersville University professor directs adoption documentary for BBC
Friday, December 8, 2017
On the morning of the Qixi Festival, also known as Chinese Valentine’s Day, in 2005, Xu Lida and Qian Fenxiang stood on the Broken Bridge in Hangzhou, China, waiting for a miracle.
By Alex Geli, Lancaster Online

WCU staff, alum monitor NFL players for concussions
Sunday, November 26, 2017
Inconceivable as it might seem, there are at least two people at Lincoln Financial Field during Eagles games who aren’t always aware of the score. But still, four certified athletic trainers, from West Chester University, are busy watching the players closer than almost anyone else in the stadium. From high above the field, a team of two certified athletic trainers act as an “eye in the sky,” to ensure that players taking big hits, and possibly suffering from concussions, are removed from the game.
By Bill Rettew Jr., The (West Chester) Daily Local News

WCU Winter puppyland raise money for Barclay Friends fire victims
Thursday, December 7, 2017
A line of students snaked across the lobby of Sykes Student Union on the West Chester campus Thursday for the chance to hug a puppy while raising money for seniors displaced by the Barclay Friends fire. Students from the West Chester University Honors College hosted the event, which brought 14 dogs from the Brandywine Valley SPCA to campus for a Winter Puppyland.
By Pete Bannan, The (West Chester) Daily Local News

How can the arts benefit kids from disadvantaged neighborhoods?
Thursday, December 7, 2017
With the recent buzz around teaching STEM concepts to our children, it shouldn’t be forgotten how the arts plays a role in enhancing the learning experience as well. One such program that teaches preschool kids using an arts-integrated approach is the Kaleidoscope Preschool Arts Enrichment Program at Settlement Music School.
By Anna Nguyen, The Philadelphia Inquirer

PASSHE schools aim to align degree programs with workforce demand
Since July 2015, the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE) Board of Governors has approved 59 new degree programs, stretching across 12 of the 14 state universities. Additionally, in the last three years, the universities have reorganized more than 400 degree, minor and certificate programs and have either placed in moratorium or discontinued more than 370 programs no longer in demand. These changes have been part of the effort to realign PASSHE schools’ degree programs with the demand in the Pennsylvania workforce.

By Dakota Palmer, The (Edinboro) Spectator

Spring tuition grant cuts could cost Pennsylvania college students $20 million in funding

Several universities say they will dig into their resources to backfill a mid-year reduction in state grant awards that help underwrite costs for more than 100,000 Pennsylvania college students.

By Debra Erdley, The Pittsburgh Tribune-Review

SRU to cover funding gap from state grant reductions

Slippery Rock University is covering the cost that its students would have to pay because of cutbacks in a state-funded grant program. The Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency State Grant Program, which provides need-based student aid for Pennsylvania students, made the decision last month to reduce conditional awards for the spring 2018 semester.

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SRU will cover grant shortfall for 2,346 students

SLIPPERY ROCK — More than 2,000 Slippery Rock University students will not have to worry about paying extra next semester after a state cutback. SRU announced Wednesday that it would cover money students will not receive for the spring semester after a reduction in awards from the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency State Grant Program.

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Cal U to cover funding gap for students affected by PHEAA reductions

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