

State System News Highlights

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NOTE: The Office of the Chancellor will be closed next week; News Highlights will not be distributed and will return January 3. Have a happy holiday season!

[Mega university to be set up in Amaravati soon](#)

Thursday, December 14, 2017

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu has announced that a new mega university would be set up in the new capital of Andhra Pradesh, Amaravati very soon. This decision was taken when Naidu met with Dr. Peter Garland, Vice Chancellor of Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE) at the Secretariat in Hyderabad today.

The Hans India

['No longer an orphan:' Millersville University graduates hear her message of resilience](#)

Monday, December 18, 2017

At Millersville University's fall graduation Sunday, there were mortarboards decorated with sparkles, flowers and other kinds of flair. Alicia Martin covered her cap with the board game Life, complete with the spinner dial and a car parked on the graduation space. Inside the yellow game piece, she added a single pink person peg. Four years ago, Martin had her life planned out.

By Erin Negley, Lancaster Newspapers

[SRU receives grant funding for new veterans program](#)

Wednesday, December 13, 2017

Slippery Rock University, along with West Chester University in southeastern part of the state, will receive more than \$272,000 in funding under the federal Troops to Teachers grant program.

New Castle News

[Penn, CHOP, Moss Rehab, Cheyney get \\$4 million to study traumatic brain injury](#)

Friday, December 15, 2017

The Pennsylvania Department of Health has awarded a \$4 million, four-year grant to a consortium of five institutions led by Penn Medicine to rethink how traumatic brain injuries are diagnosed and eventually treated. Douglas Smith, who directs Penn's Center for Brain Injury and Repair, will lead researchers from Penn, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, Moss Rehab, the University of Pittsburgh, and Cheyney University.

By Stacey Burling, The Philadelphia Inquirer

[California, Duquesne universities get grant to help students recovering from substance abuse](#)

Monday, December 18, 2017

A Nevada-based nonprofit has awarded California University of Pennsylvania a \$5,000 grant to help assist students who are recovering from substance-use disorders.

By Jeff Himler, The Pittsburgh Tribune-Review

[Slippery Rock's Marcus Martin named Division II Defensive Player of the Year](#)

Wednesday, December 13, 2017

The honors keep rolling in for Slippery Rock senior defensive end Marcus Martin. On Wednesday, the West Mifflin graduate was named the NCAA Division II Ron Lenz National Defensive Player of the Year.

[At Millersville University, students are clamoring for cadavers](#)

Wednesday, December 13, 2017

At other colleges, students protest everything from mascots and class times to cafeteria food and the closure of beloved bars. At Millersville University near Lancaster, Pennsylvania, they're mobilizing to keep their cadavers. Four students in biology professor James Cosentino's anatomy and physiology classes have collected more than 600 signatures on an online petition and plan to present a letter to administrators to save the cadaver program, which they fear may end when Cosentino, the professor who procures the bodies for Millersville, retires this month.

By Dana DiFilippo, WHYY

[WCU helps homeless students during winter break](#)

Saturday, December 16, 2017

During its five-week winter break when most students leave campus, West Chester University will continue its tradition of helping those students who are homeless by providing, at no cost, rooms in the residence halls, meals, and the friendship of university staff.

The (West Chester) Daily Local News

[African Americans Connect with Roots Through DNA](#)

Tuesday, December 12, 2017

Impatient, Laquana Cooke checked her e-mails every day. She scanned her computer screen in hopes of finally seeing the results of her DNA test. She knew that her family comes from somewhere in Africa, but she wanted to know which country, which culture, which language. "I am a mother and I want to be able to tell my child where we come from," said Cooke, an English professor at West Chester University in Pennsylvania. "You know who you are, but the test gives another dimension to your identity."

By Nastasia Peteuil, Voice of America

[More than 200 receive diplomas from LHU](#)

Tuesday, December 19, 2017

Lock Haven University held its final winter commencement ceremony at 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 16 in the Thomas Field House. All future ceremonies will be held in the spring. Approximately 218 graduate and undergraduate students participated in the ceremony, which will also be the last ceremony LHU President Dr. Michael Fiorentino Jr. will preside over before his retirement in March 2018.

The (Lock Haven) Express