State System News Highlights

**New degree programs at state schools aim to help PA’s evolving workforce**
Saturday, January 27, 2018
Some Pennsylvania state colleges are developing new degrees to fill gaps in the workforce. Miracle Brocco is a music education major at Millersville University. “It’s nice to have options in college updating because you know, some jobs are getting replaced and some jobs are coming in new,” said Brocco.
*By Priscilla Liguori, WHTM-TV (ABC 27)*

**California University of Pennsylvania adds new data science degree**
Thursday, January 25, 2018
Responding to changing workforce needs, California University of Pennsylvania will add a new degree this fall: a bachelor of science in statistics and data science.
*By Debra Erdley, The Tribune-Review*

**Edinboro University Designing Unique MBA Program**
Monday, January 29, 2018
The Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education has given Edinboro University approval to create an MBA program. Dr. Scott Miller, Dean of the Edinboro University School of Business says the new MBA program will be unique in its curriculum and in the delivery system for those taking the courses.
*By Lisa Adams, Erie News Now*

**State university system creates 6 new degree programs**
Thursday, January 25, 2018
The Board of Governors of Pennsylvania’s 14-university state higher education system says it’s approved six new degree programs to address workforce needs. The State System of Higher Education said Thursday the new degree programs target fields where there currently aren’t enough qualified employees to fill job openings.
*The Associated Press*

**New degrees made available to fill workforce needs**
Thursday, January 25, 2018
Several new academic programs were approved Thursday by the Board of Governors of Pennsylvania’s State System of Higher Education for universities to help address workforce needs. The new degree programs were developed to prepare students for careers in high-demand fields that are currently lacking potential employees to fill job openings.
*WFMZ-TV 69 News*

**Higher ed system approves six new majors to address skills gap**
Friday, January 26, 2018
The Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education's board of governors approved six new majors meant to address workforce needs. The universities developed the programs to fill the skills gap, hoping to prepare students for high-demand fields where there are not enough employees to fill available job openings.
*By Stacey Federoff, Pittsburgh Business Times*

**ESU offers fixed-rate tuition, new master’s degree**
Saturday, January 27, 2018
Starting this fall, degree-seeking students accepted into East Stroudsburg University won’t have to worry about a tuition increase for their next four years. A newly announced program gives students a fixed, four-year rate at the time of their enrollment.

*The Pocono Record*

**Four-year guaranteed tuition rate approved for East Stroudsburg University**
Thursday, January 25, 2018
Starting next fall, undergraduate students who enroll in East Stroudsburg University will go in knowing how much they will pay in tuition for their college degree if they graduate in four years.
*By Jan Murphy, The (Harrisburg) Patriot-News*

**State System board allows IUP, other universities to modify tuition prices**
Thursday, January 25, 2018
The board overseeing the 14 state-owned universities approved plans Thursday by several member universities to modify how they price tuition next year, including Indiana University of Pennsylvania, which will bill out-of-state students per-credit, rather than by flat rate. That university also will reduce charges at branch campuses.
*The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*

**IUP cuts tuition fees for regional undergrads, out-of-state students**
Thursday, January 25, 2018
Indiana University of Pennsylvania announced this week it will reduce tuition rates for freshman and sophomore students at regional campuses and for out-of-state students. The new rate structure, approved Thursday by the Pennsylvania State System Board of Governors, will go into effect for the fall 2018 semester.
*The Tribune-Review*

**This Pa. university is offering a promise to students worried about tuition**
Tuesday, January 30, 2018
East Stroudsburg University is making its students a rare promise not often seen in higher education. The university announced Monday that students enrolling in the fall of 2018 will be guaranteed to pay the same tuition rate for the next four years and tuition won't go up.
*By Sara K. Satullo, Lehigh Valley Live*

**LHU provost to serve as interim president**
Friday, January 26, 2018
Dr. Donna Wilson, Lock Haven University provost, has been selected to serve as interim president of LHU, effective March 30.
*The (Lock Haven) Express*

**State System of Higher Education board approves $19.7 million in faculty raises**
Thursday, January 25, 2018
Labor peace with the faculty employed by the 14 state universities has been extended by a year, giving the more than 100,000 students who will be attending those schools next year the freedom from worry about experiencing the disruption of a faculty strike.
*By Jan Murphy, The (Harrisburg) Patriot-News*

**Cal U inks deal with Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine**
Tuesday, January 30, 2018
Students looking for a quick, smooth route to dental, pharmacy or medical school might be able to find it at California University of Pennsylvania this fall. Officials at Cal U announced Monday
that the school has inked an agreement with the Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine that could guarantee high-achieving students a “reserved seat” at the Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine pharmacy, dentistry or medical schools.

*By Debra Erdley, The Tribune-Review*

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**Gamification in Education**
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In a day and age, people are hooked to games on their digital devices, often making it hard to focus on other areas of life. But more and more educators are using gaming to their advantage.

*By Jayne Ann Bugda, PA Homepage*