On Thursday, Nov. 19, Millersville University (MU) President John Anderson traveled to the White House for the launching of the “American Campuses Act on Climate” Pledge Day of Action. The day included a roundtable discussion with higher-education campus and business leaders, White House officials and other public figures to highlight the best practices to promote sustainability and address climate change on college campuses.

More than 200 colleges and universities representing more than three million students submitted pledges to the “American Campuses Act on Climate.” Of those colleges and universities, 38 were invited to the Day of Action at the White House, including MU. As a regional leader on the issue of climate change, MU has taken steps to reduce greenhouse gas emissions that not only lessens our own carbon footprint, but inspires others to take action.

“By signing the climate pledge, Millersville has reaffirmed its commitment to be part of the climate change solution at a critical time when leaders from around the world are meeting in Paris to develop international climate change mitigation strategies,” said Chris Steuer, MU sustainability manager.

MU made the pledge to achieve carbon neutrality within two decades by reducing absolute greenhouse gas emissions from campus operations through significant upgrades in building energy efficiency, transitioning to on-site renewable energy generation and use of low-carbon modes of travel. A new model for responsible campus growth will begin with the construction of the Lombardo Welcome Center, which will be a Net-Zero Energy building. Community-based climate change initiatives will elevate the conversation among students, faculty and staff, as agents of change within our community, through positive education and outreach programs.

In 2013, MU signed the American College and University Presidents’ Climate Commitment that requires the University to prepare a greenhouse gas emission inventory and a Climate Action Plan that sets a path to go carbon neutral. The “American Campuses Act on Climate” renews that commitment for not only MU, but other colleges and universities around the country.

“As members of the Millersville community and global community, we can each do our part—beginning with being part of the discussion in the upcoming Climate Action Plan briefings,” Steuer added.
Solving the climate change problem requires participation at all levels, from individuals to nations. Students, faculty and staff are encouraged to take individual steps to better the environment by recycling plastic bottles or turning off electronics at night. There are three upcoming Climate Action Plan informational sessions that are open to the public:

- Monday, Dec. 7, 10 – 11 a.m. in SMC Room 18
- Wednesday, Dec. 9, 2 – 3 p.m. in SMC Room 118
- Thursday, Dec. 10, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. in SMC Room 118

For additional information concerning the Climate Action Plan and/or MU’s climate commitments, please contact Chris Steuer, sustainability manager, at 717-871-5031 or Chris.Steuer@millersville.edu.


**Steinman Challenge**

Everyone loves a challenge and The Steinman Foundation has challenged the community to raise $100,000 for the Lancaster Partnership Program (LPP) at Millersville University. The Steinman Foundation will match gifts up to a total of $100,000. The donation is renewable, based on getting matching dollars from additional donors.

The additional funds will go specifically to provide more scholarship dollars to help students enroll and continue their education. Without such assistance many students must seek more part-time jobs to help with their education and support themselves and their families.

“We’re pleased to receive this matching gift challenge,” said Dr. Aminta Breaux, vice president of advancement at Millersville University. “The partnership is a wonderful program that provides School District of Lancaster students with the opportunity to attend college. The challenge gives the community a chance to provide postsecondary education for students and to help them to prepare to enter the workforce.”

Since 1988, MU has served as the lead partner for LPP and through the many contributions of the partnership, 1,100 students have enrolled in the program to date. These students receive guidance and support and 73 percent of those enrolled have pursued post-secondary education.
“The LPP has demonstrated that it is an essential exemplary educational model that helps chart the course to a better future for students in the City of Lancaster,” said Shane Zimmerman, President of The Steinman Foundation. “The Steinman Foundation has been a part of LPP since the beginning and this grant will allow the students increased preparation at McCaskey High School and as they enter college.”

In addition to The Steinman Foundation the corporate partners of LPP include Alcoa Foundation, Armstrong Foundation, Campbell Soup Foundation, Fulton Bank, Hershey Foods (Y&S Candies), Murray Securus, TE Connectivity, Susquehanna Bank, Wells Fargo Foundation and the William Randolph Hearst Foundation.

“I encourage you to join these partners in contributing to the success of students graduating from McCaskey, who have aspirations to pursue higher education in the region,” said Breaux.

Meanwhile, Turkey Hill, upon hearing about the Steinman challenged, pledged $67,000 to help with the match over two years.

For more information on LPP go to http://www.millersville.edu/lpp/. For information on how to double your donation through The Steinman Foundation’s matching grant, contact MU’s Development Office at 717-871-7520, toll-free at 877-872-3820 or email: givetomu@millersville.edu.

About The Steinman Foundation:
The Steinman Foundation is a private foundation dedicated to improving the quality of life in, and the communities that comprise, Lancaster County, PA. Over the past 63 years and with the support of LNP Media Group, Inc. and other Steinman Communications companies, the Foundation has granted more than $80 million to eleemosynary endeavors.

Campus Cupboard Helps Stock Students’ Shelves

United Campus Ministry (UCM) is taking steps to make sure no student on Millersville University’s campus goes hungry.

The Campus Cupboard launched in 2012 as a partnership between the University and UCM. Its shelves are lined with various types of food at its location at the First United Methodist Church on Dilworth Road, where students in need can stock up on fresh milk, eggs, bread and cheeses, as well as non-perishable foods such as soup, peanut butter, jelly and cereal.

Since its opening, the Cupboard has increased its reach each semester.
“For the first year, the Cupboard was open Friday afternoons for two hours. The average weekly clientele was around 12-15,” said Campus Cupboard director Ed Weber.

In the fall of 2014, the food bank moved into its current location and increased operational hours to remain open three days a week to meet the increased demand.

“By the end of the 2015 spring semester, the Cupboard had served over 175 students, distributed more than 6,000 items of food and was averaging 50 clients per week,” said Weber. The Cupboard has added evening hours on Wednesdays during the fall 2015 semester.

Aside from Weber, the Cupboard is completely staffed by Millersville University students.

“The Campus Cupboard is a great place to get food,” said Tasnia Chowdhury, former student worker at the Campus Cupboard. “More people should know about it!”

Donations to the Campus Cupboard come from many departments and organizations from Millersville University, including Volunteer Central, the Office of Financial Aid, the University Store, The Cove and MU’s radio station, WIXQ.

But support doesn’t stop there. Weber added that the Cupboard continues to receive donations from local churches and businesses, local individuals and through a partnership with the Central Pa., Food Bank in Harrisburg.

Students who meet the eligibility requirements for the Emergency Food Assistance Program may visit the Cupboard once a week to get food. For more information, visit their website at www.mufoodpantry.com or contact Ed Weber at give@mufoodpantry.com.
Millersville University (MU) has been recognized by OnlineColleges.net as a top choice for online education in Pennsylvania. Ranked at No. 8 out of 24, MU was acclaimed for its integration of the Desire2Learn online learning management system and online programs that are available.

“Enrolling in an online program at Millersville is both intellectually challenging and personally rewarding,” said Lauren Edgell, director of online services. “Students have the opportunity to learn from experienced faculty while still balancing the other commitments in their lives. This combination of academic excellence and flexibility allows our students to think big and go far.”

MU offers numerous, fully-online degrees including a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) and master's degrees in assessment, curriculum and teaching, special education and emergency management. Online educational certification programs are also available.

Using the Desire2Learn system provides online students at MU with convenient access to lectures, videos, discussion boards and exams. University technical support is available to online students, and Desire2Learn has its own integrated support tool for users experiencing issues.

Rankings for the Best Online Colleges in Pennsylvania are determined by retention rate, student-teacher ratio and a host of financial aid metrics. Data was collected from the National Center for Education Statistics and the official websites of the colleges listed. Every ranked college offers a range of programs that can be completed fully online. Slippery Rock University (No. 6) is the only other state system college that was ranked.

OnlineColleges.net is a one-stop resource for information on online colleges in Pennsylvania. It provides a general overview of higher education in the state and then documents Pennsylvania’s specific initiatives and the progress in supporting online education.
TubaChristmas in Lancaster City

On Friday, Nov. 27, the Millersville University (MU) music department helped kick off the holiday season with the annual TubaChristmas event in downtown Lancaster. The night began at 7 p.m. with a visit from Santa Claus, followed by the lighting of the Christmas tree at Penn Square.

Several MU students performed in the event including Korbin Shearer, vice president of finance for Student Senate. “The love of holiday music and tubas can keep a tradition going for over 30 years! For anyone that has never been to a TubaChristmas event, it is truly a unique experience that you won’t forget,” said Shearer.

TubaChristmas in Lancaster was started in the late ’70s by Dr. Sy Brandon, professor emeritus, and has been continued by Dr. Keith Wiley, associate professor of music, and Dr. Christy Banks, associate professor and assistant chair of the music department.

Although the event is called TubaChristmas, any low brass instrumentalist is able to participate. A one hour rehearsal took place before the performance to prepare the musicians, and then show time. The ensemble played several traditional carols including “The Holly and the Ivy,” “Silent Night” and more.

The music department will also be performing at the annual Glorious Sounds of the Season concert this weekend at the Clair Performance Hall, Winter Visual and Performing Arts Center on campus:

- Saturday, December 5 at 4 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
- Sunday, December 6 at 2:30 p.m. (SOLD OUT)

The concert will feature more than 200 performers for a holiday music extravaganza. Glorious Sounds of the Season is a scholarship benefit concert that features students from the University’s music department. Those who attend will enjoy a holiday celebration of beloved traditions from around the world expressed in music.

Tickets cost $20 at the door or $16 in advance. $5 for MU students with ID (Saturday afternoon show only). Tickets may be purchased online at MUTicketsOnline.com, at the Student Memorial...
Center Ticket Office (Room 103, 21 S. George St., Millersville), by calling the ticket office at 717-871-7600 or at the Ware Center Box Office (42 N. Prince St., Lancaster). The Student Memorial Center ticket office is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. The Ware Center box office is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. -4:30 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. The Winter Center Box Office will be opening one hour prior to showtime.

An Environmental Encounter

Millersville students and elementary schoolers teamed up and created a solution for a local environmental problem at Carter & MacRae (C&M) Elementary School this semester and presented one of their solutions on December 1.

From trays to apple cores, the students participated in a hands-on event focused on proposing a system to collect and sort materials from the C&M school cafeteria in an effort to decrease the amount of waste going into landfills and to reduce the elementary school’s environmental footprint.

The elementary students built a model of a proposed sorting system for the materials and created a display that was presented to the Environmental Recovery Corporation (ERC), a residual waste company. Throughout this process Millersville University students from Sharon Brusic’s UNIV 103 class, Learning by Doing, assisted the children and guided them through the planning and the execution of the project.

The event was a part of the Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math (STEAM) Team, the after school program that engages fourth and fifth graders in learning and exploring the STEAM careers.

“The program typically consists of 3-day ‘modules’,” said Brusic, MU professor of applied engineering, safety and technology and an organizer of the program. “On day one of a module, local representatives from a business visit the class to talk about their job and a problem they
face. Then, the elementary schoolers work the remainder of day one, and through day two, brainstorming solutions to the problems. On day three, they finalize their solutions and present them to the business representatives, who returns to the class that day, to see what kinds of solutions the children came up with.”

The STEAM team program began last year as a partnership between C&M Elementary School, Millersville University and other local organizations. The various MU faculty members are assisting in this program, including Brusic, Cheryl Desmond, a MU faculty emeritus, and Barry Kornhauser, assistant director of campus and community engagement. For more information about the program, please contact, Sharon Brusic at 717-871-5548 or Sharon.Brusic@millersville.edu.

Garnet Rogers Comes to MU

On Monday, Dec. 7, leading Canadian folksinger and songwriter Garnet Rogers visited Millersville University to speak to students about life in Canada and his career as a musician.

Students in the Canadian Government and Politics course taught by Dr. Charles Greenawalt, associate professor of government and political affairs, had the opportunity to ask questions about Canadian customs and were particularly interested in Rogers as an artist and musician. Rogers said, “I make the music I want to listen to,” when asked about how he feels about his own work.

“The University, our department and my Canadian Government and Politics class were very fortunate to have a musician of Garnet Rogers’ caliber come to our classroom and share his experiences and knowledge with our students,” said Dr. Greenawalt. “Garnet’s combination of knowledge, wit and humor made the class very useful in the attempt to understand Canada and the evolution of modern day music north of the border.”

As a perspectives requirement, students learn about not only the government and political environment, but also get a taste for all facets of the country including geography, history,
literature and music. As a special farewell to the class for the fall semester, Dr. Greenawalt was able to arrange for Rogers’ visit.

Rogers speaking to students in Dr. Charles Greenawalt's Canadian Government and Politics course.

“I absolutely enjoyed having Garnet Rogers in for our last day of Canadian Government [and Politics] class,” said MU senior Brandon Smith, majoring in government and political affairs. “As a musician myself, I found it extremely intriguing how he approaches music and instruments in general. It’s very different from how we are taught to approach music in formal instruction, but it is very effective for him. It really helped to supplement my general understanding of Canada and Canadian culture in a way that I do not think I could have gotten elsewhere in college.”

While in South Central Pennsylvania, Rogers also performed a concert on Sunday, Dec. 6 at the Allen Theatre in Annville, Pa. as a benefit for the Dutchmen Education Foundation, a citizen group that raises private money for the Annville-Cleona School District.

To learn more about the life of Garnet Rogers and to see a list of upcoming live performances, please visit http://garnetrogers.com/site/.
The Tastiest Traditions of the Holidays

The holidays are the time of the year for decorations, spending time with friends and family and celebrating long-standing traditions. Many of these traditions involve the most mouth-watering part of the holiday season: the food. What tasty traditions do Millersville University faculty and staff hold?

The Great Cookie Swap

Kelly Davis, administrative assistant in the Office of Dean of Education and Human Services, holds an annual cookie exchange at her house. Davis and her friends come together each holiday season, bringing seven dozen of their favorite cookies to her house for others to taste and share.

“We give equal shares of the variety of cookies to each person who attends to take home to their families,” said Davis. “It really does lighten the load of holiday baking. You make a large batch of your favorite and come home with a variety of cookies.”

A few “rules” that the cookie exchange participants must follow include sending Davis a recipe prior to the swap to avoid duplicates, arranging the cookies creatively in a basket or platter and, of course, baking each cookie with love.

Lots of Latkes

MU’s members (and friends) of the Jewish organization Hillel gather together each year and enjoy latkes (potato pancakes) with apple sauce and sour cream.

“The latkes fried in oil remind us of the oil that was supposed to last one day, but lasted eight,” said Dr. Barry David, professor of applied engineering, safety and technology and the faculty advisor of Hillel.

The club also holds an annual event for MU students to decorate wooden dreidels, as well as giving out MU Hillel T-shirts and Hanukkah chocolate gelt (money in Yiddish). In addition, Hillel has gathered together every night since Hanukkah began to light the Millersville University menorah.
Spreading Holiday Joy

Darlene Hunsberger, supplies coordinator at the University Store, participates in her church’s annual cookie bake, where a group of volunteers comes together to bake approximately 70 batches of different kinds of cookies, fudge, candy and Christmas treats for shut-ins at church, friends, family and the community.

“We mix and bake for two or three days, and on the last day, we make up trays and platters of Christmas goodies,” said Hunsberger. “You come and help when it suits your schedule and make new friends.”

The final day of the bake is the time for assembling trays, which usually fill several eight foot tables with cookies and goodies.

“We have a wonderful time together and bless others during this special season of the year,” said Hunsberger.

A Tree-mendous App

Need to distinguish between True-Firs and Douglas-Firs? There’s an app for that.

“Doug Fir’s Christmas Tree Guide” is a website and phone application created by Dr. Chris Hardy, professor of biology. He wrote the content of the app, while his wife, Dr. Nazli Hardy, associate professor of computer science, helped design the website along with alumnus Joseph Marks who helped create the Android app.

New this year, the app allows users to learn more about the Christmas trees that are on display at the Rockefeller Center, the White House and at Lancaster’s Penn Square. For live tweets regarding the app and various tree facts: https://twitter.com/MuHerbarium.

The app provides a guide to the selection, biology, history and trivia of America’s top 10 Christmas trees which collectively comprise more than 95% of the market.

“We wrote this app not only to help folks pick their trees, but also to provide fodder for lively discussions with family and friends around the tree of the many fun facts, history and trivia associated with the different trees,” said Dr. Chris Hardy.
If you’re shopping for this year’s family Christmas tree, the app allows users to compare various tree species on color, needle retention, fragrance, branch stiffness and more in order to help select the ideal tree that you are looking for.

Available as a free download as an Android App at the Google Play Store and also at www.natureatlas.org/christmastree/, the app allows users to not only browse and explore various types of trees, but also identify the species of tree they are buying through its history, etymology and biology.

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New Officers Sworn In

On Tuesday, Dec. 1 two full-time and two part-time patrol officers were sworn into Millersville University’s Police Department. From left to right Ashley Henderson, a MU alumna, Seth Reed, Patrick Rodriguez and John Wostmann.

During the swearing in ceremony, Patrick Rodriguez proposed to his girlfriend Allie Coulton. She said “Yes!”

Songs Available Now

Dr. Dennis Denenberg, professor emeritus, hosted the Launching the Dream event in October at the Ware Center. The event included the debut of original songs by students Zac Terrazas and Liz Fulmer. Fulmer performed “Fighter” and Terrazas performed “Diana’s Dream.” They are both owned by the Millersville University Foundation and are
currently available for download. All proceeds will benefit the Diana’s Dreamers endowment.

“Fighter”


Amazon Music – https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B018WMODS2?ie=UTF8&keywords=fighter%20liz%20fulmer&qid=1449599382&ref_=sr_1_1&s=dmusic&sr=1-1-mp3-albums-bar-strip-0

“Diana’s Dream”


Amazon Music – https://www.amazon.com/Dianas-Dream-Zac-Terrazas/dp/B018YQOJ8U/ref=sr_1_1?s=dmusic&ie=UTF8&qid=1449599532&sr=1-1-mp3-albums-bar-strip-0&keywords=diana%27s+dream+zac

Faculty/Staff News

Drs. Persida and William Himmele, both from Early, Middle and Exceptional Education, recently received an award for their work. The Television, Internet and Video Association of DC (TIVA-DC) awarded the Digital Products team a gold trophy at TIVA-DC’s annual Peer Awards ceremony for the video, “Total Participation Techniques.” The award was for achievement in the category of “Education/Training (25K and over). Total Participation Techniques is based on the work of the Himmeles and shows teachers across grade levels how to use field-tested strategies to engage all students in deep, meaningful thinking.

Dr. Rich Mehrenberg, Early, Middle and Exceptional Education, had his article, “Big Bucks, No Whammies: Classroom Management via TV Game Shows?” featured on the Edutopia website. Edutopia is an internationally renowned educational resource for K-12 teachers founded by George Lucas. The article can be read at the following link:

http://www.edutopia.org/blog/classroom-management-tv-game-shows-richard-mehrenberg
This edition of Who Makes Millersville Special features Dr. Barry Atticks, director of music business and technology.

Q: Where are you originally from?
I was born and raised in the Harrisburg/Hershey area.

Q: What is your educational background?
Ph.D. in music education and technology from Penn State University, master’s in strategic intelligence and terrorism from American Military University, a master’s in commercial music composition from California State University, Los Angeles and a bachelor’s in business management and piano performance from Elizabethtown College. Also, I studied at Berklee College of Music for two years.

Q: What is music technology and why is it important today?
To me, music technology is using technology to create music and it is important today because it allows unlimited creativity to all musicians. The cutting edge technology was only available to a few people in the past, but now is affordable to almost anyone.

Q: How did you become interested in studying music business and technology?
I have always been interested in the commercial music world. When I went to college, music business and technology programs did not exist, so I double-majored in traditional business and music performance. When the music technology industry boomed, I went back to school at Berklee College of Music just to study this field and fell in love creating music with technology.

Q: How many years have you been at Millersville?
This is my third full-time year; however, I taught a recording class as an adjunct prior.

Q: What was your experience like being a sound effect editor for Sony and appearing on television shows?
I worked on shows like “Doctor Quinn, Medicine Woman” and “Chicago Hope.” In between gigs, I appeared on “Power Rangers” and other shows as an actor. These experiences were all unique and beneficial to my career. Well, maybe not the “Power Rangers” gig, since I was one of the queen’s evil henchmen and constantly got beaten up by the Power Rangers! Working with the music on “Chicago Hope” was definitely more exciting than sitting in a dark room by myself all day doing sound effects for Sony.
Q: What was your experience like going to Norway during your doctorate dissertation?
It was the first time I had ever been out of the United States. Living in a different culture and seeing the world from an alternate viewpoint changed my life and perspective on many issues. I would not recommend moving there in December like I did. We only had like three hours of sunlight a day and experienced 30 below zero wind chills on New Year’s Eve. However, the 21 hours of sunlight in July was definitely worth it. It is, by far, the most beautiful country I have ever traveled to. In fact, MU’s music department is sponsoring a trip to Norway next July and we may have some spots available for the MU community!

Q: What do you think your students would be most surprised to know about you?
I received a contract to work with the FBI and Secret Service. Sorry, the details are classified.

Q: What is your favorite place to travel to?
The Caribbean. It is the only time I ever relax.

Q: What are your hobbies outside of work?
I have two teenagers who are involved in many sports and arts activities. So, I have limited time for hobbies, but I am a PIAA high school football official which I love and I am hoping to continue writing my musical next summer.

Q: What type of music do you listen to?
I listen to everything, but mostly classic rock, 80s, hairbands, electronic space music and some modern country.

Q: Do you play any instruments?
I have played keyboards since age 4 but I also play the trumpet, French horn, percussion and I sing.

Q: What is your greatest accomplishment?
I was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship to study in Norway for a year and I am doing what I love for a living.

Q: Other Involvement/Extra Fun Facts
I am the faculty advisor to Student Senate and the faculty advisor to Marauder Music Productions. I am traveling back to the Dominican Republic in January with 30 music students. I got engaged backstage before a concert, while Kevin Cronin, of my favorite 80s band, REO Speedwagon, serenaded us with the song “Keep on Loving You.”

Q: Is there anything else you want to add?
I reside in Allentown with my wife Amie and two children, Brendan, 14, and Brynn, 12.