

## State System News Highlights

### [Two Kutztown University math students could save Kutztown Borough thousands](#)

Wednesday, March 29, 2017

Two Kutztown University students in Dr. Eric Lanquist's course, "Mathematical Modeling," have been working in conjunction with the Kutztown Borough's wastewater treatment plant. Their work has enough impact to potentially save the borough thousands of dollars. The students, Joe Ritzko and Dan Steinberg, are both second semester seniors with dual majors in physics and math.

*By Laura E. Quain, Berks-Mont News*

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### [For Goodness Sake: Students helping sick WCU food worker](#)

Saturday, March 11, 2017

Students can often be labeled a lot of things and not all positive, but at West Chester University they're trying to be selfless and positive as they come together to help a friend in need. FOX 29's Bill Anderson met a local food service worker who had no idea how much the students he serves loved him until they stepped up and rallied in his support, For Goodness Sake. Darby and Lexi agree, "He's definitely had a huge impact on us. I hope he knows that. I hope he knows that."

*WTXF-Fox 29*

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### [At many Pa. colleges, black students are not benefiting amid rising graduation rates](#)

Wednesday, March 29, 2017

A recent study finds graduation rates at four-year colleges and universities in the U.S. have risen in the last decade — but the gap between the number of white and black students graduating has actually widened. A companion study found successful schools enrolled more minorities; addressed completion inequities; and increased the graduation rate of minority students. East Stroudsburg University in Pennsylvania and New Jersey's Rutgers University-Newark were singled out as models for closing the gaps.

*By Sara Hoover, Newsworks*

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### [IUP students work to save food destined to be tossed](#)

Saturday, April 1, 2017

Roughly 1.3 billion tons of food is wasted each year, which is about one-third of the amount produced for human consumption, but one student group at IUP is working hard to cut down on that.

*By Casey Kelly, The Indiana Gazette*

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### [Hundreds of prospective students flock to an energized Cheyney University for Spring Open House](#)

Friday, March 31, 2017

More than 600 prospective students traveled to Cheyney University of Pennsylvania's beautiful suburban campus on March 24th for Spring Open House. Buses brought students from New York, Washington, DC, and Philadelphia. Students also flew in from Texas and North Carolina, while others came by car from all around Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, and other states.

*The Philadelphia Sun*

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### [SRU emergency app connects students 'Just in Case'](#)

Saturday, April 1, 2017

Right or wrong, chances are that most college students hold onto their smartphones tighter and with greater care than they do their textbooks. In today's "need to know now" society, Instagram and Twitter are always just a swipe or tap away. But what happens when an emergency strikes? Are relief and instruction as immediately accessible as a Snapchat story? At Slippery Rock University, the answer is a resounding "yes" courtesy of the new "Just in Case" application available for download to any mobile device.

*Allied News*

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### [CalU, Clarion, Edinboro, Cheyney faculty union warned of possible layoffs](#)

Monday, April 3, 2017

Five of Pennsylvania's 14 state-owned universities now have given notice that faculty layoffs are possible by the end of the upcoming academic year as those campuses refocus programs and missions to regain enrollment.

*By Bill Schackner, The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*

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### [Faculty notified of possible layoffs at four more Pa. state universities](#)

Monday, April 3, 2017

Faculty at four more state universities have been put on notice that layoffs may be coming at the end of the 2017-18 academic year. California, Cheyney, Clarion and Edinboro universities advised their campus chapter of the faculty union, the Association of Pennsylvania State College and University Faculties, that layoffs may be necessary next year due to program curtailment, elimination of courses, or elimination of duties and responsibilities performed by non-classroom faculty.

*By Jan Murphy, The (Harrisburg) Patriot-News*

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### [5 Pa. universities could face layoffs in 2018](#)

Monday, April 3, 2017

Officials could cut programs, eliminate courses and lay off faculty at five of Pennsylvania's struggling state-owned universities starting in 2018. California, Cheyney, Clarion and Edinboro university administrators sent union groups a letter about the possible cuts ahead of an April 1 deadline, as required by union contract. Mansfield University administrators issued the same notice March 21, according to the Association of Pennsylvania State College and University Faculties.

*By Michael Walton, The Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*

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### [Edinboro faculty notified of possible job cuts](#)

Thursday, March 30, 2017

Faculty jobs could be eliminated at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania at the end of the 2017-18 academic year. University President H. Fred Walker notified faculty union leaders Thursday that jobs might be lost if academic programs are eliminated or changed.

*By Valerie Myers, The Erie Times-News*

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### [Layoffs possible for Cal U. professors](#)

Monday, April 3, 2017

California University of Pennsylvania is among five state universities where union professors were put on notice that layoffs are on the table at the end of the next term. The other universities where faculty layoffs are possible are Edinboro, Cheyney, Clarion and Mansfield. The State System of Higher Education is embarking on a study to determine if mergers or closings should be considered during uncertain financial times, the Association of Pennsylvania State College and University Faculties announced Monday.

*By Scott Beveridge, The (Washington, Pa.) Observer-Reporter*

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### [Erie region colleges fight declining enrollment trend](#)

Wednesday, March 29, 2017

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania is working to rebuild enrollment that has fallen 24 to 28.5 percent in recent years. It isn't alone in facing that challenge. Nationwide, undergraduate and graduate enrollment was down 1.6 million students this past fall compared to 2011 enrollment peaks, according to the National Student Clearinghouse Research Center. Pennsylvania is among the five states with the largest enrollment declines, including 18,000 fewer students in fall 2016 than in fall 2015.

*By Valerie Myers, The Erie Times-News*

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### [Academia's sexual abuse dysfunction](#)

Saturday, April 1, 2017

After a wave of activism created a frenzy over campus sexual assaults, the Obama administration twice rewrote federal rules governing how allegations must be handled at colleges and universities. In response to this movement, too many schools have adopted procedures that force accused students to turn to the courts for any hope of justice.

*By K.C. Johnson and Stuart Taylor, in The Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*

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### [Consolidating Community Colleges](#)

Tuesday, April 4, 2017

The Connecticut State Colleges and Universities system is tumbling down an enrollment and funding cliff, landing it back in line for cuts and consolidations. The system's president, Mark E. Ojakian, laid out a pair of consolidation recommendations Monday that he will put before the state's Board of Regents for Higher Education this week. Ojakian is recommending a systemwide consolidation of administrative and non-student-facing personnel. And he is recommending consolidating CSCU's 12 community colleges into a single, centrally managed organization.

*By Rick Seltzer, Inside Higher Ed*

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### [Merging Colleges to Cut Costs and Still Boost Graduation Rates](#)

Wednesday, March 29, 2017

Students who apply to Georgia State University no longer receive a rejection letter if they don't get in. Instead, they're invited to enroll in Georgia State's Perimeter College — the former community college that was absorbed by the Atlanta university last year. Now that the two schools are one, students who attend classes on one of the five Perimeter College campuses can easily transition to complete a four-year degree at the university. Georgia State expanded its system for advising and tracking students to Perimeter College and used money saved through the merger to hire more people to counsel them.

*By Sophie Quinton, Stateline*