

State System News Highlights

Shippensburg University's next president is no stranger to Pa.'s State System of Higher Education

Thursday, May 18, 2017

An executive vice president and university counsel for Eastern Kentucky University has been selected to become Shippensburg University's next president. The State System of Higher Education's governing board on Thursday voted to hire system alum Laurie Carter to fill the presidency at the 7,000-student university that was vacated in January by George "Jody" Harpster.

By Jan Murphy, The (Harrisburg) Patriot-News

Bloomsburg U. names new president

Tuesday, May 23, 2017

Bashar W. Hanna hopes his journey from Syrian immigrant to president of Bloomsburg University will help inspire students, he said Monday after his selection became public. Hanna, 50, whose family emigrated to the United States from Syria when he was 10, said he could even speak English when he entered sixth grade.

By Joe Sylvester, The Danville News

IUP: Muslim oasis in Trump Country

Saturday, May 20, 2017

Sahar Al-Shoubaki was engrossed in graduate studies at Indiana University of Pennsylvania when her frantic mother called from Jordan. The retired principal of an English-speaking school feared for her daughter's safety after the Nov. 8 election of President Trump. She had read about Trump's campaign call for a "total and complete shutdown of Muslims entering the United States" and heard disparaging comments about Muslims that seemed to permeate the campaign. "She was worried," Al-Shoubaki said. "She told me to take off my hijab. She didn't want me to stand out. And I said, 'No, Mom. Don't worry.' "

By Debra Erdley, The (Pittsburgh) Tribune-Review

WCU invites public to guided tour of new facility

Friday, May 19, 2017

At a time when 21st century learning has evolved dramatically, so, too, have learning spaces. West Chester University invited area residents to preview its new state-of-the-art Business and Public Management Center during a Community Open House on Saturday, May 20.

The (West Chester) Daily Local News

She's 4-foot-11 and probably stronger than you

Monday, May 1, 2017

Shannon McNames is 4-foot-11 and 105 pounds. Of the 25-plus lifters throwing their weights around Wednesday at the CrossFit West Chester, to the tune of clanging steel and thumping music, she appeared to be the tiniest. Measured in strength per square inch or by the pound, there was nobody better, however.

By Kevin Tresolini, The (Wilmington) News Journal

WCU grads told to adapt and overcome challenges

Monday, May 15, 2017

A bit of rain couldn't hold back the West Chester University 2017 graduates over the weekend as the university gave its good wishes and said goodbye to its largest class yet. More than

3,000 students – 2,590 undergraduates and 444 master’s and doctoral degree recipients – walked across the stage to receive their hard-earned diplomas.

By Taylor E. Ploeger, Digital First Media

[Penn State plans 'report card' on frats](#)

Monday, May 22, 2017

Pennsylvania State University for the first time this fall plans to publish a “report card” on its fraternities and sororities, listing their status — active or suspended — and their history of conduct infractions.

By Susan Snyder, The Philadelphia Inquirer

[How Colleges Know What You Can Afford \(and the Limits of That Tactic\)](#)

Wednesday, May 17, 2017

Earlier this month, Kelly Jordan, vice president for student affairs at Holy Cross College in South Bend, Ind., accidentally sent an email to the entire student body declaring that the small Catholic college was on the brink of financial ruin. “It may be that I will spend the better part of the coming year closing down the college,” Mr. Jordan wrote, in what was supposed to be a “strictly confidential” message to the administrator of an Indiana boarding school where Mr. Jordan hoped to get work. Holy Cross leaders quickly announced that Mr. Jordan was departing and that they had a robust plan for the future. But Holy Cross has serious financial troubles, and it is not alone.

By Kevin Carey, The New York Times