

## State System News Highlights

### Interim Chancellor

Clarion University president Karen Whitney appointed interim chancellor of Pa. State System Friday, August 4, 2017

The board governing Pennsylvania's 14 state-owned universities Friday morning named Clarion University President Karen Whitney as interim chancellor of the State System of Higher Education to which those schools belong.

*By Bill Schackner, The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*

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Union hails Karen Whitney as 'best choice' for interim chancellor's job at state university system

Friday, August 4, 2017

The union representing more than 700 mid-level managers at the 14 state universities is excited at the selection of Clarion University President Karen Whitney as the incoming interim chancellor of State System of Higher Education.

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

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Interim chancellor named for Pennsylvania university system

Friday, August 4, 2017

The board of governors for Pennsylvania's struggling state-owned university system announced Friday that Clarion University of Pennsylvania President Karen Whitney will take over as the system's interim chancellor on Sept. 12

*The Associated Press*

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PASSHE names new temporary chief

Friday, August 4, 2017

Pennsylvania's State System of Higher Education will have a temporary chief after Chancellor Frank Brogan's retirement takes effect next month.

PASSHE's board of governors on Friday named Clarion University President Karen M. Whitney interim chancellor. Her post will start Sept. 12.

*By Steve Esack, The (Allentown) Morning Call*

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Clarion University president named interim chancellor of State System schools

Friday, August 4, 2017

Clarion University of Pennsylvania President Karen M. Whitney has been named interim chancellor for the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education and its approximately 105,000 students.

*By Debra Erdley, The Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*

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Clarion U. president named interim chancellor of State System

Friday, August 4, 2017

Pennsylvania's State System of Higher Education has named the president of Clarion University as interim chancellor once its current chancellor retires at the start of September. Karen Whitney will serve as the interim leader of the State System beginning Sept. 12, officials said Friday.

*By David O'Connor, Central Penn Business Journal*

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Clarion University president named interim chancellor of Pa. State System of Higher Ed

Friday, August 4, 2017

Clarion University President Karen M. Whitney will become interim chancellor of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education, the board of governors announced Friday in Harrisburg.

*By Martha Woodall, The Philadelphia Inquirer*

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### [Faculty union concerned about state university system's pick to fill interim chancellorship](#)

Friday, August 4, 2017

Clarion University President Karen Whitney has been tapped to serve as the interim chancellor of the State System of Higher Education, effective Sept. 12, drawing a damning response from the system's faculty union.

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

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### [Interim leader will serve State System of Higher Education well](#)

Tuesday, August 8, 2017

The faculty union's immediate response to Clarion University President Karen Whitney's selection to serve as interim chancellor of Pennsylvania's State System of Higher Education is somewhat disappointing. Ms. Whitney has been a strong leader for Clarion, guiding it through some turbulent times while always putting the needs of students first.

*By Cynthia D. Shapira (Letter to the Editor in The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette)*

**(Note: This letter also appeared in the Pittsburgh Tribune-Review)**

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## **University headlines**

### [Volant resident conducting new soybean plant research at SRU](#)

Monday, August 7, 2017

The United States, as the world's largest producer of soybeans, has nearly 90 million acres devoted to the crop, according to the most recent outlook published by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The most interesting soybeans however, could very well sprout up in a greenhouse at Slippery Rock University's Vincent Science Center.

*New Castle News*

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### [NASA features Edinboro professor for eclipse contributions](#)

Tuesday, August 8, 2017

NASA has featured an Edinboro University of Pennsylvania professor on its YouTube channel for his contributions to coverage of the upcoming total solar eclipse. The eclipse will be visible in the United States Aug. 21, when the moon will completely block the sun during daylight hours.

David Hurd, a professor of geosciences and director of the planetarium at the university, helped create NASA's official eclipse guide for individuals with visual impairments.

*The Erie Times-News*

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### [WCU staffers participate in conflict resolution training](#)

Monday, August 7, 2017

You messed up and got caught. West Chester University might just suspend you or even toss you out. Thankfully, there are other solutions. About 20 professional staffers met for three days last week to learn how to handle student life issues and conflict resolution.

*By Bill Rettew, The (West Chester) Daily Local News*

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### [Cheyney problem isn't racism; it's failing to compete for students](#)

Monday, August 7, 2017

The latest campaign to save Cheyney University, like so many previous attempts, is largely fueled by emotion. But emotion, no matter how strong, will only carry you so far. The nation's oldest black college needs more than appeals to the heart. To survive, it needs a credible plan.  
*The Philadelphia Inquirer (editorial)*

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### [With crisis pending, Cheyney gets support from federal officials](#)

Saturday, August 5, 2017

As a deadline approaches that may threaten Cheyney University's Middle States accreditation, U.S. Sen. Bob Casey, D-Pa., and U.S. Rep. Dwight Evans, D-2, of Philadelphia voiced their support for the country's oldest historically black college.

*By Kathleen E. Carey, The (West Chester) Daily Local News*

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### [State-owned universities face presidential exits, search costs](#)

Wednesday, August 2, 2017

As officials at Pennsylvania's 14 state-owned universities prepare for the coming school year, they face some major changes in leadership. In addition to the Sept. 1 retirement of Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education Chancellor Frank Brogan, the schools now must undertake presidential vacancies at six universities.

*BY Debra Erdley, The Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*

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### [State universities experiencing presidential churn with Lock Haven's being the latest who plans to go](#)

Wednesday, August 2, 2017

The state universities' revolving door of chief executives continues to spin with Lock Haven President Michael Fiorentino, Jr. being the latest one to announce his impending departure. He announced on Wednesday he will be retiring in March 2018 after nearly seven years of serving as this Clinton County public university's chief executive.

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

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## **Other Higher Ed News**

### [Bookstores beware: College students are spending less on books, shifting to free and digital options, report finds](#)

Tuesday, August 8, 2017

College students cooled down their spending on books and other class materials last year, according to a new report. Oberlin-based National Association of College Stores said students on average spent considerably less on course materials last year than in 2015.

*By Jeremy Hill, Columbus Business First*

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## **Articles from subscription only sites**

### **Edinboro University students discover international culture in Belize**

**EDINBORO** – Before this summer, Hannah McDonald had never traveled outside of the United States. The journalism and public relations major was looking for an opportunity to see the world and to develop her interviewing skills. Thanks to an annual trip for honors students hosted by Pennsylvania's State System of Higher Education, McDonald realized that opportunity with an educational experience in Central America. – *The Corry Journal*

**IUP offering two new programs**

Indiana University of Pennsylvania is offering two new programs: a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Engineering and a Ph.D. in Business. - ***Bloomsburg Press Enterprise***

**Albright, Kutztown on list of top schools**

Both Albright College and Kutztown University were included in the most recent addition of The Princeton Review's collection of top schools by region...***Reading Eagle***