

State System News Highlights

[Millersville University meteorology grad gives Harvey updates to Texas emergency officials](#)

Tuesday, August 29, 2017

When the mayor of Victoria, Texas, ordered residents to evacuate in the wake of Hurricane Harvey on Thursday, Greg Heavener was there to represent the National Weather Service and give the latest forecasts.

By Lindsey Blest, Lancaster Online

[East Stroudsburg grads created, grew wildly successful Philly Pretzel Factory](#)

Monday, August 28, 2017

When Dan DiZio and Len Lehman were frat brother roommates at East Stroudsburg University, they talked about getting into the bar business together in their hometown of Philadelphia. By the time they graduated in the mid-1990s, their dream had faded and the pair got practical.

By Wendy Solomon, LVB.com

[IUP to offer clinical medical assistance training at Punxsutawney](#)

Monday, August 28, 2017

Starting this fall, the Punxsutawney campus of Indiana University of Pennsylvania is offering training for people wishing to become clinical medical assistants.

The Indiana Gazette

[At 21, Ethan Healey is a local authority on fighting opioid crisis](#)

Tuesday, August 15, 2017

Ethan Healey is just 21 years old, but he is already known throughout Chester County as an authority figure on drug abuse and education.

By Gil Cohen, The (West Chester) Daily Local News

[ESU Campus Ministry Holds Vigil In Wake Of Charlottesville, Va. Violence](#)

Friday, August 18, 2017

Nearly one week after a rally in Charlottesville, Virginia erupted into deadly violence, people gathered in Monroe County to remember the young woman who was killed. A candlelight vigil was held at East Stroudsburg University this evening.

By Peggy Lee, WNEP News

[Facility fills housing need at Bloomsburg University](#)

Monday, August 21, 2017

Nearly 400 Bloomsburg University students are living where no one has lived before. The 393 undergraduates and one graduate student are the first residents of the university's new David L. Soltz Hall, named for the recently retired BU president and built to relieve cramped on-campus housing.

By Joe Sylvester, The (Sunbury) Daily Item

[ESU unveils new Sycamore Suites](#)

Friday, August 18, 2017

East Stroudsburg University has officially finished Phase II of its new student housing project. The school's Warrior mascot cut the red ribbon Friday for the opening of Sycamore Suites residence hall.

By Bill Cameron, The Pocono Record

[State throws Cheyney University \\$30 million lifeline](#)

Tuesday, August 22, 2017

Pennsylvania's state university system on Tuesday extended a lifeline to struggling Cheyney University, agreeing to forgive more than \$30 million in loans if the school can achieve and maintain a balanced budget over the next four years.

By Susan Snyder, The Philadelphia Inquirer

[Plan approved to try to save state's oldest historically black university](#)

Tuesday, August 22, 2017

Faced with an approaching deadline to put Cheyney University on a steadier path or risk losing its accreditation, the State System of Higher Education board on Tuesday approved a plan that is intended to save the state's oldest historically black university.

By Jan Murphy, The (Harrisburg) Patriot-News

[Cheyney on the clock](#)

Friday, August 25, 2017

Cheyney University is preparing for its future, but first it must make it through the next three months. Interim President Aaron Walton is wrapping up a report the school must submit to the Middle States Commission on Higher Education by Sept. 1 to show why the historical Black college should remain accredited beyond the upcoming school year.

By Rynne Persinger, The Philadelphia Tribune

[What must we do to help HBCUs?](#)

Thursday, August 17, 2017

Will another Historically Black College or University (HBCU) bite the dust? That depends on us. Pennsylvania's Cheyney University, the oldest HBCU in the nation (founded in 1837) has been on probation since November 2015. If the Middle States Commission on Higher Education does not accept a sustainability report due on September 1, the school may lose its accreditation. Without accreditation, Cheyney students cannot receive federal financial aid. Many would leave school because they can't afford to attend school without assistance.

By Dr. Julianne Malveaux, in The Florida Courier

[75,000 Apply for State College Scholarships, but Many Won't Qualify](#)

Friday, August 25, 2017

This spring, when Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo won approval for his groundbreaking Excelsior Scholarship program to make college tuition-free for some students at New York's public colleges and universities, the state anticipated that 23,000 people would benefit, sharing \$87 million in funding. Instead, 75,000 people applied.

By David W. Chen, The New York Times