

## State System News Highlights

### **Cheyney honor students expand cultural horizon in Belize**

Wednesday, August 23, 2017

When Cheyney University senior Shaneka Briggs and junior Veronica Baccera get back in the classroom next week, they will have much to share with their professors and classmates. Both women spent time over the summer break in Belize as part of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education's Honors Study Abroad program, which provided full scholarships to them and other students from PASSHE schools.

*The Philadelphia Tribune*

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### **SRU honoring those who serve during Salute to Military and First Responders event**

Sunday, September 17, 2017

Any day is a good day to recognize the courageous men and women who risk their lives to serve others, but Slippery Rock University has chosen a home football game to coincide with SRU's annual "Salute to Military and First Responders" event. Several activities will be staged at Mihalik-Thompson Stadium prior to the SRU football game against California University of Pennsylvania at 6 p.m., Sept. 30.

*(Grove City) Allied News*

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### **East Stroudsburg University Partners with Milton Hershey School to Benefit First Generation College Students**

Friday, September 15, 2017

East Stroudsburg University announced a formal partnership with Milton Hershey School that will provide support to low-income, first-generation college students, which will help ease them into the college atmosphere.

*WNEP-16*

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### **4 Philly Area Colleges Step Up To Help Foster Youth Succeed**

Sunday, September 17, 2017

College is a challenge for the best of students. But what if you are a foster child that has aged out of the system? Four local colleges are stepping up to lend a hand. Temple, West Chester and Cabrini Universities and the Community College of Philadelphia want to help foster teens heading to college. The schools are partnering with the Field Center for Children's Policy, Practice and Research at the University of Pennsylvania.

*By Kim Glovas, KYW News Radio*

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### **West Chester U. raises record \$57.6 million; 420 new scholarships on tap**

Thursday, September 14, 2017

West Chester University ended its fund-raising campaign a year early, having exceeded its target by bringing in a record \$57.6 million, university president Christopher M. Fiorentino announced to the campus Thursday. The previous record was \$35.4 million set in 2009.

*By Susan Snyder, The Philadelphia Inquirer*

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### **Erie schools ranked among best values for students with autism**

Monday, September 18, 2017

A website that ranks colleges in a variety of measures has listed two Erie-area universities as among the best values for students with autism. Best Value Schools, [www.bestvalueschools.com](http://www.bestvalueschools.com), has ranked Mercyhurst University third and Edinboro University of Pennsylvania fifth on its list of the top 20 Best Value Colleges for Students with Autism.

*GoErie.com*

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### **ESU brings awareness to mental health**

Monday, September 18, 2017

It's a hard subject to broach. It can be emotional, touchy and downright uncomfortable. But Gina Scala and Linda Van Meter are doing everything in their power to bring awareness to the importance of mental health issues and suicide prevention to East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania students.

*By Mandy Housenick, in The Pocono Record*

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### **Cal U. enrollment numbers in for 2017-18**

Tuesday, September 19, 2017

Enrollment at California University of Pennsylvania rose for the 2017-18 academic year, reversing a five-year trend. The university's official "census date" head count on Tuesday stands at 7,788, an increase of 3.1 percent compared to fall 2016, a news release stated.

*The (Washington, Pa.) Observer-Reporter*

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### **Our view: Edinboro faces change with resolve**

Sunday, September 17, 2017

Early this year, Edinboro University of Pennsylvania launched research meant to guide the transformation of the university in the face of steep challenges. Enrollment had fallen 28.1 percent over the past five years, a minority of students were completing degrees in four years, and officials found themselves dipping into cash reserves to balance the budget. Avoidance was one option, especially since the potential for conflict amid the change was strong. University President H. Fred Walker did not retreat into denial but instead deployed a brisk, collaborative and data-driven strategy. University stakeholders, including community members, gathered in a series of meetings to analyze data about the university and identify its strengths and weaknesses. Walker said the goal was to rewrite "the DNA" of the university and realign it with its core mission — meeting workforce needs of the region and state.

*The Erie Times-News (editorial)*

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### **Education Roundup: September is PHL Adult Education Month: PASSHE's Chancellor tours campuses**

Saturday, September 16, 2017

Pennsylvania's State System of Higher Education Interim Chancellor Karen M. Whitney toured some of the system's 14 campuses during her first days on the job. Whitney visited Slippery Rock University and Indiana University of Pennsylvania last week and met with students on both campuses, in addition to faculty, staff and university presidents.

*By Rynne Persinger, The Philadelphia Tribune*

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### **OpEd: Increasing Opportunities That Allow HBCUs to Thrive**

Monday, September 18, 2017

In 1837, Cheyney University of Pennsylvania became the first Historically Black College and University (HBCU) in the United States of America. Today, there are 106 HBCUs across our nation, enrolling over 300,000 students each year. Throughout history, many of our nation's greatest leaders have received degrees from HBCUs.

*U.S. Rep. Alma S. Adams*

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### **Articles from subscription sites**

#### **Cal U records increase in student voter turnout in 2016**

Efforts to create a politically engaged campus at California University of Pennsylvania have

been met with a positive response from the student body, according to the results of a recent study. - ***Uniontown Herald-Standard***

**Edinboro ranked among the 2017 Safest College Towns in America**

Safe city streets, preserved business and cultural lives for more than 6,000 part-time and permanent residents of Edinboro and a neighborhood watch programs have helped the Borough of Edinboro earn the No. 15 spot on the SafeWise Report's Top 30 Safest College Towns in America – ***The Corry Journal***

**Nonviolent dissent is how you effect change, professor tells Cal U students**

Nonviolent dissent isn't just a moral high ground in response to oppression. It's also the most effective way to generate social and political change. - ***Uniontown Herald-Standard***