

## State System News Highlights

### **University headlines**

[Cal U receives \\$1.9M federal grant for social work students in rural areas](#)

Sunday, August 27, 2017

A four-year, \$1.9 million grant will prepare California University of Pennsylvania graduate students to serve rural communities as school counselors, mental health counselors and social work practitioners. The grant from the federal Health Resources and Services Administration includes \$300,000 annually to provide \$10,000 stipends for 30 Cal U graduate students in the university's counselor education or social work programs.

*By Stacey Federoff, Pittsburgh Business Times*

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[Peaceful protest at ESU encourages diversity](#)

Tuesday, September 26, 2017

Dozens of students, professors and administrators gathered Tuesday for a peaceful protest at East Stroudsburg University. The crowd formed around 1:30 p.m. outside the University Center.

*By Bill Cameron, The Pocono Record*

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### **Chancellor's campus visits**

[PASSHE Chancellor Supports Plan for Major Change at Edinboro University](#)

Monday, October 2, 2017

The new head of Pennsylvania's State System of Higher Education is endorsing a plan for major changes at Edinboro University. Interim Chancellor Dr. Karen Whitney spent today meeting with groups of students, faculty, staff, and community members at Edinboro.

*By Paul Wagner, Erie News Now*

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[PASSHE chancellor praises Edinboro's 'Path Forward'](#)

Monday, October 2, 2017

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania has a sense of community that will be an asset as it works to increase student enrollment and retention, end deficit spending and make sure that its academic offerings prepare students for in-demand careers. That's according to Karen Whitney, interim chancellor of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education, who was at Edinboro University on Monday as part of a "strengths-finding" tour of the 14 state-owned universities.

*By Valerie Myers, Erie Times-News*

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### **Strategic review**

[PASSHE shifting from 'System review' to 'System redesign'](#)

Monday, October 2, 2017

The State System of Higher Education has completed its strategic system review and have received comments from other stakeholders. Now, the State System is looking to shift from collecting information to putting that information into practice.

*WCCS-FM (Indiana)*

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### **From the Governor's Office**

[Governor Wolf's Middle Class Task Force Kicks Off First Regional Roundtable](#)

Friday, September 29, 2017

Governor Tom Wolf's Middle Class Task Force, a panel of business, labor, education and workforce development experts, today held the first of six regional roundtables to hear from Pennsylvanians about how to improve the lives of hard-working, middle class families.

*Governor's Press Office*