

Good morning. Here are the State System News Highlights for March 28, 2018 . This weekly summary of news articles related to the State System is distributed each Wednesday. To view the individual articles, click on the headline. *You also may view past articles and real-time news highlights from Twitter at www.passhe.edu/news.* Also included below are summaries of recent articles that have appeared on subscription only sites.

(Special Note: Registration is open for the 2018 Spring PACT Annual Conference that will be held April 12-13, 2018, at the Hilton Harrisburg Hotel. The Conference Planning Committee has been hard at work finalizing the agenda, which promises to be full of informative and engaging sessions to support the System's key strategic initiatives: Ensuring Student Success; Leveraging University Strengths; and Transforming the Governance / Leadership Structure. A complete agenda and other conference details are posted on the PACT website. To go to the site, click [here](#).)

[William Behre named new president of Slippery Rock University](#)

Wednesday, March 14, 2018

Leaders of Pennsylvania's State System of Higher Education have chosen William J. Behre as the next president of Slippery Rock University. Mr. Behre is currently chief academic officer of Georgian Court University in Lakewood, N.J., a position he has held since 2014.

By Anya Sostek, The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

[Hunter College administrator named president of Lock Haven University](#)

Friday, March 23, 2018

The board governing Pennsylvania's 14 state-owned universities Friday morning unanimously named Robert M. Pignatello as the next president of Lock Haven University in Clinton County, Pa.

By Christopher Huffaker, The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

[Slippery Rock University gets new president](#)

Wednesday, March 14, 2018

Officials at the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education on Wednesday tapped a New Jersey college administrator to head Slippery Rock University. William J. Behre, 52, provost of Georgian Court University in Lakewood, N.J., will assume the post of president at Slippery Rock, effective July 1.

By Debra Erdley, The Pittsburgh Tribune-Review

[Pa. state universities' system fills another of its presidential openings](#)

Friday, March 23, 2018

A senior vice president at Hunter College of the City University of New York has been named as the next president of Lock Haven University. The State System of Higher Education's governing board on Friday selected 57-year-old Robert Pignatello to take over the helm of the 3,900-student university in Clinton County on July 1.

By Jan Murphy, The (Harrisburg) Patriot-News

[Pignatello chosen as LHU President](#)

Saturday, March 24, 2018

Robert M. Pignatello will be the next president of Lock Haven University. Pignatello, currently senior vice president at Hunter College in New York City, was hired as LHU's 15th president by the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education's Board of Governors on Friday.

By Kevin McKee, The (Lock Haven) Express

[Slippery Rock rocks Twitter name game](#)

Friday, March 23, 2018

Their team isn't a contender in the 2018 NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Tournament, but Slippery Rock fans have pushed the school to the final showdown in a national contest to find the best U.S. college name.

By Debra Erdley, The Pittsburgh Tribune

[LHU gets \\$30,000 grant to combat sexual violence](#)

Wednesday, March 14, 2018

Lock Haven University has been awarded \$30,000 in "It's On Us PA" grant funding administered by the Department of Education to help combat sexual violence on campus.

The (Lock Haven) Express

[Mansfield takes part in advocacy effort in support of State System](#)

Tuesday, March 27, 2018

A contingent from Mansfield University was among the student-led teams from all 14 Pennsylvania's State System of Higher Education (PASSHE) universities that canvassed the State Capitol recently, visiting the offices of legislators to discuss the important role the universities play in each of the campus communities, as well as in their regions and across the Commonwealth.

The (Williamsport) Sun-Gazette

[Female veterans focus of event at Kutztown University](#)

Wednesday, March 28, 2018

Female veterans were the targets of the message "Make Your Mark" during a luncheon at Kutztown University. The women's veterans program, sponsored by Kutztown University Veterans Services, featured two speakers. Rebecca Murga, a 2002 KU graduate, is an Army veteran and award-winning filmmaker in Los Angeles. Pamela Varkony of Salisbury Township, Lehigh County, is a freelance journalist and speaker on women's empowerment.

By Bruce Posten, The Reading Eagle

From subscription only sites:

[SRU president-elect's opening act nearly flawless](#)

Butler Eagle

Last week's welcoming celebration at SRU had everything you would expect from such an event: a room full of supportive university students, faculty and staff, a glowing introduction from **PASSHE** Interim Chancellor Karen Whitney, and proud university trustees eager to introduce Behre to Slippery Rock.