

Good morning. Here are the State System News Highlights for March 7, 2018 (a day late because of yesterday's snow storm). 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.pasche.edu/news.

(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](#).)

[After five years of development, IUP's diversity strategy heads to trustees](#)

Monday, March 5, 2018

Indiana University of Pennsylvania trustees will get a final version of a Diversity Action Plan to consider when they meet March 22 at IUP's Northpointe campus in Armstrong County. The plan caps "over the past five years, a healthy history of using a collaborative, mutually consultative approach to launching institutional projects," started when Dr. Michael A. Driscoll became IUP's president.

By Patrick Cloonan, The Indiana Gazette

[Hazleton soldier helping student veterans at BU](#)

Wednesday, March 28, 2018

Some students enter college with three main concerns: earning a degree, staying healthy and balancing a social life. Others, such as Raul Santana of Hazleton, add serving our country to that mix. Santana, a senior communications major at Bloomsburg University, serves as a member of the U.S. Army and also is president of the BU Student Veterans Associations.

(Hazleton) Standard-Speaker

[West Chester University launches pilot program](#)

Monday, March 5, 2018

A new pilot program at West Chester University is focused on helping students with intellectual disabilities attend college and prepare for employment. The RAM (Real Achievement Matters) Initiative at West Chester University is seeking its first participants — two qualified students that will begin their college experience in the fall.

By Donna Rovins, The (Norristown) Times Herald

[Bloomsburg University Green Zone](#)

Monday, March 5, 2018

For many of the veterans of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, school is the next step after separating from the military but working with these vets can prove challenging for colleges and universities. Here is a look at how one of those schools is taking extra steps to make those who were or still are in the military feel at home.

By Rachel Vitale, PA Homepage

[LHU presidential hopefuls have different backgrounds](#)

Tuesday, March 6, 2018

Dr. Bryan DePoy, vice president at Lake Erie College, and Robert Pignatello, vice president and COO at Hunter College, are the top two candidates for Lock Haven University's next president. The LHU Council of Trustees held a brief meeting Monday and quickly voted to recommend them to the Board of Governors of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education.

By Wendy Stiver, The Lock Haven Express

[Greensburg couple gives IUP \\$1.4 million](#)

Tuesday, March 6, 2018

Indiana University of Pennsylvania is renaming its Literary Center in honor of Bill and Judy Scheeren, of Greensburg, following an announcement that they have committed \$1.4 million to the College of Education and Communications. A university spokeswoman said the gift focuses on IUP's Literacy Center, a project by which graduate students seeking reading specialist certificates provide assessment and instruction for local youngsters who need assistance with reading and writing.

By Debra Erdley, The Tribune-Review