**State System News Highlights:**

**How a Single Conversation Changed the Lives of a Bloomsburg University Baseball Player and a Little Boy With Autism**

Thursday, April 26, 2018
Austin Edgette is a senior outfielder for the Bloomsburg Huskies baseball team. Edgette is third in the PSAC East in hitting with a .495 average and the Huskies are on a roll with 26 wins this season. Last summer while playing in North Carolina for the Fayetteville Swamp Dogs of the Coastal Plains League, Edgette spent a few minutes with 9-year-old Thomas James Skinner. That brief meeting would change both of their lives.

*By Steve Lloyd, WNEP-ABC 16*

**IUP saluted for military friendliness**

Monday, April 30, 2018
Indiana University of Pennsylvania has been named to Victory Media’s 2018-19 list of military-friendly schools. This is the seventh year IUP has been selected for the list, which honors institutions the magazine’s editors describe as delivering “the best experience for military students.”

*The (Johnstown) Tribune-Democrat*

**New president inaugurated at Bloomsburg University**

Friday, April 27, 2018
An area university has new leadership. Dr. Bashar Hanna was inaugurated today as the 19th president of Bloomsburg University. Dr. Hanna was named president of Bloomsburg University, last July.

*By Rachel Vitale, PA homepage*

**California University of Pennsylvania announces $4.2 million gift, largest in its history**

Monday, April 30, 2018
California University of Pennsylvania Monday announced the largest gift in its history, a $4.2 million donation from a couple for whom a new early childhood education institute will be named. The donation by Karen and Tom Rutledge, of Greenwich, Conn. will go toward founding the Rutledge Institute for Early Childhood Education.

*By Bill Schackner, The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*

**Historic $2 million gift is music to university's ears**

Wednesday, April 25, 2018
Millersville University has received the largest gift ever from an individual in the school's 163-year history that will be used to support music education courtesy of Lancaster entrepreneur and philanthropist Patrick J. Tell. In recognition of the $2 million gift, the university's council of trustees recently approved naming the school of music after him.

*By Jan Murphy, The (Harrisburg) Patriot-News*

**Millersville kicks off $32M student-focused fundraising campaign**

Tuesday, May 1, 2018
Millersville University officially kicked off its first fundraising campaign solely focused on student success last week. Dubbed “Imagine the Possible,” Millersville’s campaign seeks to raise $32 million by 2020 to support student scholarships, learning experiences and athletics.

*By Alex Geli, Lancaster Newspapers*

**$4.2 million gift to Cal U to start new early education institute in fall**
Monday, April 30, 2018
A new opportunity for college students and preschool-age students has been made possible following the largest single gift in California University of Pennsylvania’s history. On Monday, Cal U announced plans for the upcoming Rutledge Institute for Early Childhood Education with a $4.2 million gift from Karen and Tom Rutledge, both of whom were residents of Washington County and Cal U alumni.

By Mark Hofmann, The (Uniontown) Herald-Standard

$4.2 million gift to Cal U will establish learning institute
Monday, April 30, 2018
Historically a teachers college, California University of Pennsylvania announced on Monday a $4.2 million gift to establish an institute that will train preschoolers and aspiring teachers.

By Stephen Huba, The Tribune-Review

Highlights of articles from subscription only sites:

4 candidates for Clarion presidency to hold open forums
The Clarion University Presidential Search Committee has invited four candidates for university president to visit campus and conduct open forums. Community members, along with employees and students, may attend and provide feedback via a survey managed by the firm AGB Search. - Oil City Derrick

Student government stocks food pantry
SLIPPERY ROCK — Slippery Rock University's Student Government Association is collecting nonperishable food items until May 5 for its SGA Food Pantry, which benefits students. – Butler Eagle

SRU environmental efforts recognized
SLIPPERY ROCK — Slippery Rock University received another vote of confidence this month for its environmental efforts. The university is among 23 institutions to receive Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection’s 2018 Governor’s Award for Environmental Excellence. – Butler Eagle

Kutztown University hosts Out of the Darkness Walk for suicide awareness and prevention
KUTZTOWN, PA — Community members turned out in force Sunday at Kutztown University for the fourth annual Out of the Darkness Walk for suicide awareness and prevention. – Reading Eagle