

Good morning. Here are the State System News Highlights for June 27, 2018. This summary of news articles related to the State System is distributed weekly.

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#### [Pa. State System of Higher Education announces new degree programs](#)

Monday, June 25, 2018

Leadership of Pennsylvania's state-owned universities Monday announced a second wave of new degree programs under an expedited approval process, bringing to 21 the number of new degrees unveiled since January as those schools work to match more of their campus offerings to high-demand careers.

*By Bill Schackner, The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*

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#### [State universities launch new programs tailored to workforce needs](#)

Monday, June 25, 2018

Officials at Pennsylvania's 14 state-owned universities say they are ramping up efforts to meet the demand for degree programs tailored to workforce needs. That includes launching a dozen new degree programs this fall as the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education implements a redesign program and prepares to welcome a new chancellor.

*By Debra Erdley, The Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*

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#### [SRU Offers Degree In Hospitality](#)

Tuesday, June 26, 2018

Slippery Rock University will begin offering a master's degree in hospitality and tourism management beginning this fall. The Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education approved the Master of Science program on Monday.

*Butler Radio*

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#### ['Oh my God this is amazing': Pittsburgh scientists on team that discovered new ancient mammal](#)

Thursday, June 14, 2018

It wasn't just dinosaurs that populated the earth 126 million years ago — there were a few known placental mammals too. And now, there's one more: A team of international scientists — including two from the Pittsburgh area; the lead author of the study, from Indiana University of Pennsylvania — announced Wednesday that they have discovered a fourth placental mammal from that time period.

*By Anya Sostek, The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*

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#### [Research region: Amazing work is done here outside tech and meds](#)

Wednesday, June 27, 2018

Three local researchers, one from the Carnegie Museum of Natural History and two from Indiana University of Pennsylvania, had a hand in discovering an animal that lived the same time as the dinosaurs. The discovery, reported online last week by the journal Nature, shows the breadth of Pittsburgh's research expertise. Not all of the exciting work here revolves around medicine and robotics. Research in other branches of science, the arts and the humanities are important, too, and help to give Pittsburgh a rich educational and cultural profile.

[Senate Confirms West Chester Student Leader to State System's Board of Governors](#)

Monday, June 25, 2018

The state Senate has confirmed Rodney Kaplan Jr., president of the Student Government Association at West Chester University of Pennsylvania, to serve on the Board of Governors of Pennsylvania's State System of Higher Education. Kaplan joins fellow students Brian Swatt, president of the Student Government Association at Indiana University of Pennsylvania; and Joar Dahn, president of the Community Government Association at Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania, on the 20-member board that oversees Pennsylvania's 14 public universities.  
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[Kutztown University, Reading Area Community College team on social work degree](#)

Thursday, June 21, 2018

Kutztown University and Reading Area Community College are working together to speed up the process of earning a bachelor's degree in social work. KU President Dr. Kenneth Hawkinson and RACC President Dr. Anna Weitz signed an agreement Wednesday that will allow Kutztown to teach an accelerated bachelor's of social work program at RACC starting this fall.  
*The Reading Eagle*

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[Center for Global Engagement named at LHU](#)

Friday, June 22, 2018

During the spring semester, the former Lock Haven University Institute for International Studies changed its name to the Center for Global Engagement, to reflect the university's broad partnerships in multiple regions across the world.  
*The (Lock Haven) Express*

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[Shippensburg University earns first International Administrators Fulbright grant](#)

Wednesday, June 20, 2018

Shippensburg University earned its first International Administrators Fulbright grant. Mary Burnett, associate dean of students and director of international programs, will travel to Germany to attend an international education administrators seminar. During the two-week seminar, she will learn about the host country's education system and establish networks with U.S. and international colleagues that is intended to enhance her service to international students and prospective study-abroad students.  
*Herald-Mail Media*

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['The choice should be there.' More colleges enroll students with intellectual disabilities](#)

Monday, June 25, 2018

Emily Scott has been part of the West Chester University family for a long time. In her first year of life, West Chester students learning about child development regularly visited Emily and her twin sister, Elizabeth, at the family home in East Goshen Township. At age 3, Emily took swimming classes on campus. She's since participated in nutrition, fitness, and dance programs.  
So when it came time to think about college, West Chester was the logical choice. But Emily has Down syndrome, and the state university she had grown to love had no place for her or others like her. That changes this fall. Emily and one young man will become the first full-time students with intellectual disabilities at West Chester.  
*By Susan Snyder, The Philadelphia Inquirer*

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[Website Ranks Edinboro University's Autism Services Among the Best in the Nation](#)

Tuesday, June 26, 2018

Edinboro University is leading the nation, when it comes to providing autism services to students. That's according to bestvalueschools.org. It's an online higher education resource and ranking website.

*Erie News Now*

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### [Grandparents, grandchildren learn together at WCU](#)

Monday, June 25, 2018

For some it was a chance to look back at college life and for others it was their first time visiting a university campus. About 50 grandkids and their grandmoms and granddads are staying in the dorms and eating at the school dining hall as part of the three-day and two-night West Chester University Grandparents University.

*By Bill Rettew, The (West Chester) Daily Local News*

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### [IUP student publicists win statewide acclaim](#)

Sunday, June 24, 2018

Student publicists at Indiana University of Pennsylvania have won statewide acclaim and are in the hunt for national honors for their promotion of organ donations. IUP's Public Relations Student Society of America chapter won second prize in Donate Life Pennsylvania's inaugural registration challenge and will now move on to a national competition.

*By Patrick Cloonan, The Indiana Gazette*

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### [State universities vital to Pennsylvania](#)

Friday, June 22, 2018

The (Altoona) Mirror's recent editorial, "PASSHE faces tough decisions," made a number of important points, including the fact that several of the universities within Pennsylvania's State System of Higher Education are facing serious enrollment and fiscal challenges. It is important to note, however, that they are far from alone.

*By Kenn Marshall (Letter to the Editor)*

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## **State Budget Update:**

### [What will Pa.'s \\$32.7 billion budget buy?](#)

Saturday, June 23, 2018

It's official. Pennsylvania, for the first time in four years, has its state budget done on time. Gov. Tom Wolf on Friday evening signed the \$32.7 billion spending plan for 2018-19.

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