

Good morning. Here are the State System News Highlights for September 19, 2018. This summary of news articles related to the State System universities is distributed weekly.

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[Area graduate has pick of HBCUs — chooses Cheyney](#)

Saturday, September 15, 2018

A Montgomery County college freshman was accepted into 39 HBCUs — and chose to attend the nation’s oldest historically Black college. Inaya Mander, 18, graduated in June with a 3.9 GPA from Charter High School for Architecture and Design (CHAD) and had her pick of the nation’s historically Black colleges or universities (HBCUs) to choose from — but selected the Keystone Honors Scholarship at Cheyney University of Pennsylvania.

By Bobbi Booker, The Philadelphia Tribune

[WCU geology students drill into soil at campus](#)

Friday, September 14, 2018

West Chester University students received a hands-on geology lesson this week. As part of a collaboration, about 30 students and approximately 35 seasoned professionals watched side by side as a 50-foot tall rotasonic drilling unit dug into South Campus soil.

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

[IUP to help with teacher shortage](#)

Monday, September 17, 2018

Indiana University of Pennsylvania’s College of Education and Communications is seeking to reduce shortages of teachers in urban classrooms across the Keystone State.

By Patrick Cloonan, The Indiana Gazette

[Kutztown University's Secondary Education program receives acknowledgement](#)

Friday, September 14, 2018

Kutztown University’s secondary education mathematics program has received national recognition from the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics.

The (Allentown) Morning Call

[Mansfield University to hold ‘Heroes Come Home’ Homecoming weekend](#)

Monday, September 17, 2018

Mansfield University will celebrate “Heroes Come Home” with alumni, family and friends during Homecoming weekend from Oct. 19 to 21.

The (Williamsport) Sun-Gazette

[East Stroudsburg University Turns 125 Years Old](#)

Wednesday, September 12, 2018

East Stroudsburg University students, both past and present, filled the lawn outside the Science and Technology Center for a party to celebrate the 125th birthday of the school. "You can see the progression between how it was all those years ago to now. It's still a family bond. It's grown here with all the students on campus, but it still has that close-knit family feeling," said Cassie Reeke, ESU graduate student.

By Carmella Mataloni, WNEP-TV16

[Academic credentials reaching new highs for incoming students](#)

Friday, September 14, 2018

As Clarion University kicks off a new year, the quality of academic credentials of the incoming freshman class is the highest it has been in more than a decade. Grade point averages have been creeping up, from 3.20 in 2005 to 3.43 now.

The Courier Express

[Providing affordable pathways](#)

Friday, September 14, 2018

Last week, on this page, three university presidents discussed how colleges and universities across the nation today face a crisis of affordability. At public universities, more and more of these costs have shifted to the student to cover state aid reductions and mandatory expense increases. Apart from the community colleges, our State System universities have the largest share of low income students among first-time freshman in the Commonwealth.

By Robert M. Pignatello, in The (Lock Haven) Express

[ARC summit examines mental health workforce](#)

Monday, September 17, 2018

The epidemic of deaths from opioid overdose deaths has strained an already stretched mental health workforce. At the Appalachian Works summit held in Tupelo last week, one expert panel shared insights and resources on ways to expand the behavioral health workforce. Clarion University in Pennsylvania developed a four-course online opioid specialist certificate program to help the mental health workforce ramp up its expertise in response to opioid crisis.

By Michaela Gibson Morris, (Tupelo) Daily Journal

[Bloomsburg University announces \\$775K gift for radio, fellowships](#)

Wednesday, September 19, 2018

The Bloomsburg University Foundation announced two major gifts totaling \$775,000 building momentum behind the university's initiative to provide students with invaluable experiential learning opportunities preparing them for success beyond graduation.

The (Sunbury) Daily Item

[Fundraiser at Cal U supports scholarship for families of service members](#)

Tuesday, September 11, 2018

The spouses and children of military members serve too – and a fundraising dinner at California University of Pennsylvania will support a scholarship to assist military families. University President Geraldine M. Jones and University trustee Larry Maggi, a Marine Corps veteran, are the official hosts for Families First, set for Oct. 5 in the Cal U Convocation Center.

The (Uniontown) Herald-Standard

[Edinboro looks to the future — in eSports](#)

Monday, September 17, 2018

Edinboro University is making a push into collegiate sports — eSports, that is. Don't expect to see any sprawling new outdoor stadium, artificial turf or giant light towers with this athletics expansion. Do expect to see uniforms (T-shirts, at least).

By Bill Schackner, The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

[IUP approves construction of \\$90 million academic building](#)

Friday, September 14, 2018

Indiana University of Pennsylvania is preparing to spend \$90 million on construction of a new building along Oakland Avenue for the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics. The building would cover more than 100,000 net square feet, including 51,635 net square feet for laboratory and specialty uses and 16,207 for lab support. It also would have a greenhouse and a planetarium, as well as an outdoor courtyard that could be used for classroom space.

By Patrick Cloonan, The Indiana Gazette

[Buying college textbooks can be a lesson in spending -- and saving -- money](#)

Monday, September 17, 2018

When students graduate from a university, the class often bands together to donate toward a gift to their alma mater: a new landmark, perhaps, a tree, a scholarship fund. At Penn State's University Park campus last spring, the Class of 2018 gave money to help underclassmen purchase textbooks. Like many class gifts, this one was a sign of its time. Over the past decade, according to the National Association of College Stores, the average price of a new textbook has risen from \$57 to \$80.

By Jennifer Kipf, Lancaster Online