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## **State university system pledges to transform amid struggles**

Tuesday, February 12, 2019

Leaders of Pennsylvania's state-owned university system promised lawmakers a transformation amid declining enrollments and rising costs, as well as lackluster state support that skeptical Republican lawmakers suggested Tuesday was not a coincidence. The hearing before the House Appropriations Committee came after the fall enrollment at the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education fell below 100,000 for the first time since 2001. Public university systems in many states face similar challenges, including declining high school graduation numbers and stagnant post-recession state aid.

*By Marc Levy, The Associated Press*

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## **Edinboro University to host youth business academy**

Tuesday, February 12, 2019

Edinboro University will again host the Xavier and Tina Williams Summer Youth Business Academy. The academy is open to high school students from across the United States entering grades 10-12. Participants will learn about finance, business strategy, marketing, management, team building, problem-solving, and financial planning for college.

*By Melina Druga, Pennsylvania Business Report*

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### **Cal U's new Rutledge Institute teaches children, budding early childhood educators**

Sunday, February 10, 2019

An inaugural program and newly opened center at California University of Pennsylvania funded by the largest gift in the school's history has its sights set on making a considerable impact on the local learning community. The Rutledge Institute for Early Childhood Education, which opened its doors at the start of the 2018-19 academic year, is a place where children can learn and grow, young professionals can develop and become leaders and families can be strengthened and lifted, university officials say.

*By Eric Morris, The (Uniontown) Herald-Standard*

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### **Kutztown University and HACC sign transfer and articulation agreement**

Sunday, February 10, 2019

Kutztown University and HACC, Central Pennsylvania's Community College, signed a five-year transfer and articulation agreement Jan. 10, facilitating the transfer of HACC students to Kutztown University, effective immediately.

*The (Allentown) Morning Call*

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### **Kutztown University ranked among best for communication design**

Friday, February 8, 2019

Kutztown University and its communication design department have been recognized for their value to students by a national college-ranking organization, the university reported. Kutztown was ranked first in Pennsylvania and 12th in the country in College Factual's "2019 Best Design & Applied Arts Colleges for the Money Competition."

*Reading Eagle*

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### **Auditor General visits WCU**

Thursday, February 7, 2019

West Chester University President Chris Fiorentino had a chance to show off the two-year-old Business and Public Management Center to Pennsylvania Auditor General Eugene DePasquale. During Wednesday's tour of the largest classroom building on campus, DePasquale peeked through windows and entered a couple of classrooms. He saw what Fiorentino said was a building like "no other on campus – this is state-of-art."

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

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### **Edinboro seeks business-savvy high school students for Summer Business Academy**

Thursday, February 7, 2019

Drawing upon the success of the past six years, Edinboro University will again welcome young men and women from high schools across the U.S. to campus for the Xavier and Tina Williams Summer Youth Business Academy.

*YourErie.com*

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### **Creating Care Bags for Foster Children in Monroe County**

Thursday, February 7, 2019

Every year, East Stroudsburg University students participate in a Day of Service in honor of Martin Luther King Junior. The event was held today, since students are now back on campus after the holiday.

*By Brianna Strunk, PA homepage*

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**Pa. budget winner: Colleges and universities overall would see a funding bump**

Tuesday, February 5, 2019

The governor is proposing a 1.1 percent increase in funding for higher education in his 2019-20 budget proposal, bringing the total to \$1.85 billion. Higher education funding accounts for 5.2 percent of the governor's total general fund budget.

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

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### **ESU to host black history celebration**

Monday, February 4, 2019

Next week marks the 93rd anniversary of the founding of Negro History Week by Virginia native and scholar Carter G. Woodson in February 1926.

*By Andrew Scott, ThePocono Record*

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### **Cal U celebrates Black History Month**

Saturday, February 2, 2019

California University of Pennsylvania plans a series of events in February to celebrate Black History Month.

*The (Washington, Pa.) Observer-Reporter*

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