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### **LHU announces plans to create school of nursing and expand nursing program to main campus**

Wednesday, February 27, 2019

Given the increasing demand for highly qualified nurses in an ever-evolving healthcare environment, Lock Haven University is announcing plans to expand its nursing program to the main campus and establish a school of nursing.

*By NorthcentralPA.com*

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### **4 state-owned Pennsylvania universities add degree programs**

Tuesday, February 26, 2019

Four of Pennsylvania’s state-owned universities Tuesday unveiled new degree programs developed in concert with local employers.

*By Debra Erdley, The Tribune-Review*

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### **Community invited to LHU President Robert Pignatello’s inauguration**

Friday, February 22, 2019

Lock Haven University will be officially welcoming its 15th president, Robert Pignatello, to the bald eagle family at his inauguration on Friday, March 1.

*The (Lock Haven) Express*

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### **Jennie Carter left a legacy of admiration, hope at Cal U.**

Thursday, February 21, 2019

The Monongahela newspaper published an editorial in 1881 in which it doubted black children could be educated, following a state ruling requiring communities to desegregate their schools. The Daily Republican would reverse its opinion a decade later in an obituary, published high and center on its front page, following the untimely death of a local young black woman of great educational accomplishment for her time.

*By Scott Beveridge, The (Washington, Pa.) Observer-Reporter*

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### **State universities may use retirement bonus to trim payroll**

Thursday, February 21, 2019

The Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education may offer as many as 1,000 employees an early-retirement incentive as the system struggles to rein in costs amid declining enrollment trends, the PASSHE chancellor told lawmakers Thursday. Chancellor Dan Greenstein said that the system is looking to control costs in part because it can't afford to continue increasing tuition rate.

*By John Finnerty, CNHI.com*

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### **Pa. public universities 'treading water' with declining enrollment, higher than average tuition**

Thursday, February 21, 2019

During a candid budget hearing Thursday, lawmakers heard a bleak tale of Pennsylvania's system of higher education. In particular, Cheyney University risks losing its accreditation next year amid declining enrollment and growing debt.

*By Jen Kinney, WHYY*

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### **Short on cash and students, a historically black university in Pa. faces a 'watershed moment'**

Thursday, February 21, 2019

Cheyney University, founded 182 years ago, has reached a point where its future has never looked more bleak. The Delaware County historically black university is nearly \$10 million short of being able to keep its doors open for the remainder of this academic year. Its enrollment has sunk to 469, the lowest level in at least four decades. And it's looking increasingly likely the institution needs a miracle to happen to avoid losing its accreditation.

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

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### **Mansfield University will receive piece of \$10 million grant**

Thursday, February 21, 2019

Continuing the rollout of his PAsmart initiative, Gov. Tom Wolf announced \$9.6 million in PAsmart advancing grants to enhance science and technology education in schools statewide. Combined with PAsmart targeted grants announced last month, the Wolf administration has awarded nearly \$20 million this year to bolster STEM and computer science in schools. Among those receiving funds is Mansfield University, which will receive \$277,307.

*Wellsboro Gazette*

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### **Edinboro now taking applications for single rooms for students with pets**

Wednesday, February 20, 2019

Edinboro University students will have the option to bring their pets to campus this fall, when the NWPA campus introduces a new pet-friendly, living-learning community for 2019-2020

*Your.Erie.com*

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### **ESU expected to begin doctorate program in fall**

Wednesday, February 20, 2019

A new doctorate program is coming to East Stroudsburg University which, pending approval, will arrive in time for the 2019-20 academic year. The Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education's chancellor and Board of Governors signed off on the new Doctor of Health Sciences program on Feb. 12, sending it to the Middle States Commission on Higher Education for final approval by the end of April.

*The Pocono Record*

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### **Mother of Trayvon Martin Speaks to Students at Bloomsburg University**

Saturday, February 16, 2019

Nearly seven years after her son was shot to death, sparking national headlines and protests, Trayvon Martin's mother spoke at Bloomsburg University. Sybrina Fulton was the keynote speaker at the Sankofa Conference at Bloomsburg University on Saturday.

*WNEP 16*

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### **Service Dogs Helping with PTSD**

Wednesday, February 13, 2019

A military organization at Bloomsburg University is trying to bring attention to veterans suffering from PTSD by bringing in a service dog.

*By Nikki Krize, WNEP 16*