

Good morning. Here are the State System News Highlights for March 13, 2019. This summary of news articles related to the State System and the member universities is distributed weekly.

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Pa. Senate plan would create new state commission to study higher ed. funding issues

Tuesday, March 12, 2019

State lawmakers have already come up with a “Fair Funding Formula” for Pennsylvania’s 500 school districts, so it was only a matter of time before the Keystone State’s public universities and colleges got their turn. Republican state Sens. Ryan Aument, of Lancaster County, and Pat Browne, of Lehigh County, began circulating their proposal Monday to create a new “Public Higher Education Funding Commission” that would both come up with that funding formula and “make recommendations related to ... higher education issues.”

By John L. Micek, Pennsylvania Capital-Star

New funding formula for Pa. public colleges and universities to be crafted through proposed bill

Monday, March 11, 2019

The days of doling out state funding for public higher education in Pennsylvania with little thought beyond looking at what the schools received one year and how much money is available to spend in the next may be nearing an end. A proposal being circulated in the state Senate seeks to form an 11-member commission to craft a higher education funding formula that factors in the college and universities’ performance on key measures.

By Jan Murphy, The (Harrisburg) Patriot-News

Kutztown University president: Higher ed institutions must adjust to demographics

Friday, March 8, 2019

As it faces challenges such as declines in student enrollment and funding, Kutztown University is looking at innovative and competitive ways to attract students, such as a new degree in social media strategy. Kutztown President Kenneth Hawkinson gave a presentation Friday morning to local legislators about the university’s challenges and its future. Colleges across the nation are experiencing a drop in enrollment as demographics shift.

By Jacqueline Palochko, The (Allentown) Morning Call

Kutztown University Foundation leads three construction projects

Friday, March 8, 2019

The Kutztown University Foundation told state and local lawmakers about three construction projects in the works during a legislative breakfast Friday, hosted in the Old Main building on campus.

By Beth Brelje, The Reading Eagle

LHU gets 2019 Rural Health Program of the Year award

Friday, March 8, 2019

Over the last 15 years Lock Haven University health science students, through their work with the Youth Development Task Force (YDTF), have mentored and engaged in research with eight local school districts and one parochial school to assess, plan, implement and evaluate substance abuse prevention efforts and mental health issues. Student work was recognized last fall as the 2018 Rural Health Program of the Year by the PA Office of Rural Health.

The (Lock Haven) Express

Shippensburg University: Making Public Higher Education Sustainable

Friday, March 8, 2019

A classic quote from Henry Kissinger has it that “The absence of alternatives clears the mind marvelously.” This admonition well applies to Pennsylvania’s fourteen state universities, whose operating model is being buffeted by declining enrollment, rising costs, and a shrinking percentage of state support. Time has passed for denial, or for burning incense and hoping for a miraculous turnaround. Underscoring this point, at the recent House budget hearing for the State System of Higher Education, a top leader pounded home the perception that the universities have lost public faith. Fortunately, several of the schools appear to have hitched up their intellectual wagons and set out on the comeback trail.

By David A. Atkinson, Susquehanna Valley Center for Public Policy

Better training for teachers' most important tool - the voice

Thursday, March 7, 2019

A teacher's voice may be their most important tool. However, few get training in how to use it and to keep it healthy. Now, a West Chester University professor is trying to change that.

WPVI-TV, Philadelphia

ESU Students Work to File Taxes for Low-Income Families

Thursday, March 7, 2019

Accounting students at East Stroudsburg University teamed up with United Way of Monroe County to help low-income families file their taxes for free.

By Staci Inez, PBS 39

LHU PA Program Helping Fill the Gap for Healthcare Providers

Thursday, March 7, 2019

The Lock Haven University physician assistant program was the first of its kind in the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE) when it began in 1996, and has

since continued to build on its reputation as a national leader for supplying underserved populations with much needed quality healthcare providers.

The Record Online

Shippensburg grad John Kuhn to retire with Green Bay Packers, press conference Thursday

Wednesday, March 6, 2019

Dover High School and Shippensburg University graduate John Kuhn retired from the NFL, with news breaking Wednesday that he officially retired with the Packers. Kuhn, 36, spent nine of his 12 seasons in the NFL playing for Green Bay, winning a Super Bowl ring with the Packers in 2011.

By Jim Seip, The York Daily Record

LHU students, faculty participate in Super Bowl activities

Tuesday, March 5, 2019

Sixteen Lock Haven University students enrolled in the sports administration program had the chance to travel to Atlanta, Ga., to benefit experientially through working at the National Football League Super Bowl LIII event.

The (Lock Haven) Express

North Museum Science and Engineering Fair opens in new location

Tuesday, March 5, 2019

For the first time in its 67 year history, the North Museum Science and Engineering Fair is taking place at the Student Memorial Center at Millersville University, Marauder Courts, 81 Shenks Lane, Millersville, on March 14. This year's Science Fair will showcase projects from over 325 Lancaster County students in grades 7 through 12.

The Lititz Record Express

Tree Swallow Project

Sunday, March 3, 2019

We'll show you how students and staff at Bloomsburg University are helping tree swallow populations by installing bird boxes in Columbia County. (video)

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