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Pa.’s embattled state-owned universities are facing their challenges ‘aggressively and audaciously,’ top official says

Monday, March 18, 2019

Shutting down any one of Pennsylvania’s 14 state-owned universities would be a costly mistake that would deal an economic body blow to the schools’ host communities, the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education’s new chancellor warned Monday. But that doesn’t mean the schools can’t be improved or don’t have problems that need to be addressed, the official, Daniel Greenstein, told the audience at the monthly Pennsylvania Press Club luncheon in Harrisburg.
By John L. Micek, Pennsylvania Capital-Star

Mansfield University’s next president comes from a senior adviser post at the U.S. Department of Education

Monday, March 18, 2019

The senior adviser for executive outreach in the U.S. Department of Education’s Office of Federal Student Aid has been named as the next president of Mansfield University. Charles Patterson, 47, will take over the 1,600-student university’s reins from interim President Peter Fackler on July 1.
By Jan Murphy, The (Harrisburg) Patriot-News

Bloomsburg University Receives \$2.2 Million Donation For its 'Anchor Program'

Tuesday, March 19, 2019

More than 23-thousand children will age out of the U-S Foster Care System this year - and that's a problem...according to the National Foster Youth Institute. After reaching the age of 18, 20-percent of those children instantly become homeless. Bloomsburg University is entering their third year of running their "Anchor Program", which gives foster kids a chance to explore educational experiences on the University's campus.
By Morgan Parrish, PA Homepage

The Best Online Doctorate Programs

Wednesday, March 20, 2019

Cal U's Criminal Justice; West Chester's Public Administration degree programs featured
The Best Schools

Cal U readies for annual robotics competition

Tuesday, March 19, 2019

The robots are coming, again. More than 1,000 high school students, representing 52 robotics teams, will gather at California University of Pennsylvania later this week for Destination: Deep Space, the annual Greater Pittsburgh Regional FIRST Robotics Competition.

By Debra Erdley, The Tribune-Review

What happens after college for students with Down syndrome? Answer: A LOT

Monday, March 18, 2019

More than 2 million people watched — and wept — as Rion Holcombe, a 20-year-old man with Down syndrome, joyfully opened an acceptance letter from South Carolina's Clemson University in 2013. Behind the camera, Rion's mom was crying too... Rachel Grace is another success story. Like Rion, Rachel became an internet sensation when her parents filmed the moment she learned she was headed to Pennsylvania's East Stroudsburg University.

By Rachel Paula Abrahamson, Today

Clarion U.'s Sather Wins 3M National Title, Named Women's Diver of the Year; Hrovat Coach of the Year; Kehn All-American

Sunday, March 17, 2019

Christina Sather of Clarion University won the 3-meter NCAA Division II national championship Saturday with a score of 515.60, and teammate Emma Kehn also earned All-American honors with a fourth-place finish.

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Two Millersville University athletes come home NCAA Champions

Friday, March 15, 2019

Two Millersville University athletes are NCAA Champions. Shane Ruhnke, a senior wrestler, won Millersville's first national championship in wrestling since 1980 over the weekend. He was also voted the tournament's most outstanding and most dominant wrestler. Sunflower Greene, a senior shot putter, won her second consecutive indoor national championship.

Fox 43

Students spend spring break helping hurricane victims

Tuesday, March 12, 2019

Some Susquehanna Valley students are spending their spring break helping victims of a hurricane that hit more than 19 months ago. A dozen Millersville University students, who are part of a service learning trip through Mennonite Disaster Service, are rebuilding and repairing homes in Bloomington, Texas.

By Meredith Jorgensen, WGAL-8 Lancaster