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**Four area colleges rank in top online MBA list**  
**Thursday, March 21, 2019**

Four area colleges and universities made the 2019 list for having top online MBA programs. Provided by Businessstudent.com, a business education website, Carnegie Mellon University, Robert Morris University, Clarion University and California University of Pennsylvania made the list out of 202 schools.  
*By Megan Tomasic, The Tribune-Review*

**Lab rats looking for homes after retiring from Millersville University's psychology department**  
**Wednesday, March 20, 2019**

Millersville University is offering some unique pets for adoption. WGAL News 8’s Susan Shapiro shows us the rat pack looking for good homes.  
*By Susan Shapiro, WGAL-TV*

**Senate Democrats roll out college debt relief plan**  
**Thursday, March 21, 2019**

Senate Democrats on Wednesday rolled out a plan to help roughly 28,000 Pennsylvanians with high-interest student loans. Under the plan, modeled after a similar, but smaller program in Connecticut, the state would borrow $1 billion to offer lower student loan interest rates. It would cost taxpayers $80 million a year, said state Sen. Vince Hughes of Philadelphia, the party’s chairman on the appropriations committee.  
*By John Finnerty, CNH News Service*

**New vision for higher education in New Jersey aims to keep students in the Garden State**
New Jersey officials on Tuesday released a new vision for higher education in the state that will aim to improve affordability and access, and try to persuade more students to stay in the Garden State for college.

By Susan Snyder, The Philadelphia Inquirer