

Good morning. Here are the State System News Highlights for March 6, 2019. This summary of news articles related to the State System and the member universities is distributed weekly.

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Millersville University among 10 institutions nationally recognized for their environmental sustainability efforts

Wednesday, February 27, 2019

Millersville University was one of 10 institutions nationwide, and the lone Pennsylvania college, recognized this month for its environmental sustainability efforts during the 2019 Higher Education Climate Leadership Summit in Tempe, Arizona.

By Alex Geli, Lancaster Newspapers

Pignatello inaugurated as 15th president of LHU

Saturday, March 2, 2019

Before a packed house at Thomas Field House, Robert M. Pignatello was inaugurated as the 15th President of Lock Haven University on Friday afternoon.

By Chris Morelli, The (Lock Haven) Express

Wolf administration visits Mansfield University to discuss PAsmart funding for science and technology education

Saturday, March 2, 2019

Continuing Governor Wolf’s plan to develop a more skilled and better trained workforce, Department of Education (PDE) Special Assistant to the Secretary Pamela Smith joined leaders from Mansfield University to announce a \$277,307 PAsmart advancing grant has been awarded to the university’s PATHways to College Program.

NorthcentralPA.com

Cal U honored for voter engagement with Gen Z

Friday, March 1, 2019

California University of Pennsylvania’s effort to engage Gen Z students in the electoral process is getting rave reviews. The Fair Election Center’s Campus Vote Project recently named Cal U among the top 10 voter-friendly universities in Pennsylvania. This marks the second time the school has won the designation, first for its efforts in the 2016 election and now for its efforts last year.

By Debra Erdley, The Tribune-Review

SRU Joins Others Offering “Workforce Aligned Degrees”

Wednesday, March 27, 2019

Slippery Rock University is among the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education Schools to offer new programs in various areas of business, healthcare and social services where demand for highly skilled, well-educated individuals is growing. Officials say this move is an effort by the schools to continue to align their programming with employers' needs.

ButlerRadio.com

Employment for College Graduates with Disabilities Improving

Friday, March 1, 2019

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics the number of people with disabilities employed has steadily risen since 2017. This is especially true for college graduates, who have a higher rate of getting jobs in fields such as management, office, administrative, and education.

By Jonathan Skinner, Erie News Now

Edinboro Announces Spring Commencement Speaker

Tuesday, March 5, 2019

LaToya Ruby Frazier, an internationally recognized visual artist and social justice advocate, will return to her alma mater to deliver the commencement address at Edinboro University's undergraduate ceremony on Saturday, May 4th.

Erie News Now

Lock Haven University to demolish two residence halls

Monday, March 4, 2019

Two aging Lock Haven University residence halls will see the wrecking ball in the near future. Several other buildings on campus are targeted for renovations.

By Laura Jameson, The (Lock Haven) Express

Nation's oldest historically black university unveils its plan to put the school on sounder financial footing

Tuesday, March 5, 2019

Cheyney University's alumni and supporters are not ready to throw in the towel on the nation's oldest historically black university. Instead, they are mounting a \$4 million fundraising campaign, planning to lease out space on the 275-acre campus, and working on boosting enrollment for the next academic year to improve the university's financial situation.

By Jan Murphy, The (Harrisburg) Patriot-News

Cheyney University launches fundraising campaign; president vows to end the year with a balanced budget

Tuesday, March 5, 2019

Despite recent concerns about Cheyney University's accreditation and finances expressed by the head of Pennsylvania's state system, the school's president Tuesday announced an ambitious fund-raising campaign to help balance the budget by June 30 and vowed to work to keep the historically black university around for another 182 years.

By Susan Snyder, The Philadelphia Inquirer

Cheyney University president vows there will be a future for troubled HBCU

Monday, March 4, 2019

Cheyney University President Aaron Walton is planning a media blitz to tell supporters what has happened since he took the helm of the nation's oldest Black college in June 2017.

By Ryanne Persinger, The Philadelphia Tribune

More Pa. campuses giving students the chance to bring their pet to school

Monday, March 4, 2019

For generations, many angst-filled teenagers heading off to college first said their goodbyes to a beloved family pet, maybe a dog, a cat or even the occasional rat. They really had no choice since schools generally didn't allow critters in college dorms. But in Pennsylvania, that is starting to change.

By Bill Schackner, The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Four Pennsylvania Institutions Announce New Degree Programs

Wednesday, February 27, 2019

Four Pennsylvania-owned institutions – Millersville University, Slippery Rock University, West Chester University and East Stroudsburg University – have recently announced the addition of new degree programs developed in partnership with local employers.

Diverse Issues in Higher Education

Gov. Tom Wolf wants to offer first-of-its-kind college tuition benefit to Pa. National Guard member families

Wednesday, February 27, 2019

Gov. Tom Wolf wants to break new ground with a new incentive program to entice members of the Pennsylvania National Guard to re-enlist for six years by offering them a tuition assistance plan for their spouses or children.

By Jan Murphy, The (Harrisburg) Patriot-News

One Reason Rural Students Don't Go To College: Colleges Don't Go To Them

Wednesday, March 6, 2019

The sunrise in rural central Michigan reveals a landscape of neatly divided cornfields crossed by ditches and wooded creeks. But few of the sleepy teenagers on the school bus from Maple Valley Junior-Senior High School likely noticed this scene on their hour drive to Grand Rapids. They set out from their tiny school district of about 1,000 students, heading to the closest big city for a college recruiting fair. About 151 colleges and universities were waiting. The students,

from Nashville and Vermontville, Mich., were going to the recruiters because few recruiters come to see them.

By Aaron Gettinger, NPR