Good morning. Here are the State System News Highlights for April 11, 2019. This summary of news articles related to the State System and the member universities is distributed weekly.

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**Bloomsburg University, Dieruff High pipeline benefits both urban students and rural college**

Monday, April 8, 2019

Destiny Smith wanted to go to college — she just wasn’t sure where to apply. At the urging of one of her principals, the Dieruff High senior signed up for a dinner with Bloomsburg University representatives in Allentown back in October. There she talked to Bloomsburg students and university President Bashar Hanna. Meeting one-on-one with Hanna piqued Smith’s interest in the college. Soon after, she took a field trip to Bloomsburg with her parents and grandmother. She fell in love with the scenic campus and diverse student population she saw.

*By Jacqueline Palochko, The (Allentown) Morning Call*

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**Cal U, Slippery Rock to launch new degree programs**

Tuesday, April 9, 2019

Two Western Pennsylvania public universities are launching new programs in physical therapy, veterinary technology and educational leadership and administration as part of an effort to increase enrollment and serve workforce needs. Officials at the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education said California University of Pennsylvania will begin offering both associate and bachelor’s degrees in veterinary technology this fall and is developing a new three-year doctor of physical therapy program. Slippery Rock University meanwhile will begin offering a new online doctoral degree in educational leadership and administration this fall.

*By Debra Erdley, The Tribune-Review*

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**Edinboro ROTC team to compete at West Point**

Sunday, April 7, 2019

Members of Edinboro University of Pennsylvania’s Army ROTC Battalion will deploy to West Point this weekend for the world cup of military skills competitions. They’ll compete in the Sandhurst Military Skills Competition against teams from the four American service academies; from leading military academies around the world, including academies in the United Kingdom and Japan; and from ROTC programs at 15 other American universities, including Florida State and Johns Hopkins.

*By Valerie Myers, GoErie.com*

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**IUP honors philanthropy of Latrobe couple**
A Latrobe couple who pledged $7 million to Indiana University of Pennsylvania and helped steer its ongoing fund raising campaign has received IUP’s inaugural Award of Excellence in Volunteer Leadership. Tim and Deb Phillips Cejka, of Latrobe and Houston, Texas, were honored for their generosity and work advancing IUP’s $75 million Imagine Unlimited fund raising campaign. To date, the campaign has raised $62 million and is on track to meet its goals, officials said, due to the dedication of volunteers like the Cejkas.

By Debra Erdley, The Tribune-Review

New Veteran's Center Opens at Lock Haven University
Wednesday, April 10, 2019

A local university in Clinton County is giving back to those who served our country. Lock Haven University announced the opening of its new Veteran's Center on campus. The center offers Lock Haven University student veterans a place to connect and relax. They can also scan their military id card and have access to certain military websites.

By Jayne Ann Bugda, PA homepage

Millersville University event brings awareness about lesser known weather aspects
Saturday, April 6, 2019

At Millersville University, it’s the 11th annual Public Weather Awareness Day. The free, family-friendly event focused on all things weather.

WGAL-TV

Kutztown University faces cutbacks to balance budget
Thursday, April 11, 2019

Kutztown University has undertaken sweeping measures to balance its 2019-20 budget, the university announced. Dr. Kenneth S. Hawkinson, president, outlined the following measures Tuesday in an open letter to the campus community:

By Ron Devlin, The Reading Eagle

Edinboro University students help launch glass recycling survey
Sunday, April 7, 2019

You can take part in determining the future of glass recycling in Erie County. The Erie County Department of Planning and Community Development has teamed up with a group of business students at Edinboro University to launch an online survey, which will help them find a way to save recycled glass from being phased out.

Erie News Now

Tuition changes at the Pa. State System of Higher Education: Quick takeaways
Saturday, April 6, 2019

The Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education, the governing body of the 14 state-owned universities, is making some big changes to its tuition policies to attract more students. The
system’s board signed off on the changes Thursday. Officials say the changes will give students more predictability and schools more flexibility. Here’s a look at the key changes and how they affect families and students.

By Jan Murphy and Ron Southwick, The (Harrisburg) Patriot-News

**New state university plan lets students know tuition earlier; State System schools get to set own rates**
Thursday, April 4, 2019

Next year at this time, students planning to attend one of the 14 state universities in the fall of 2020 will know how much they’ll be paying in tuition for the upcoming academic year. Not only that, they also will have a good idea what the rate will be for the following year as well.

By Jan Murphy, The (Harrisburg) Patriot-News

**State System allows universities to set their own tuition rates**
Thursday, April 4, 2019

Starting in fall 2020, individual state-owned universities in Pennsylvania will set their own tuition in a major policy change that also gives them new freedom to decide how much financial aid to dispense and in what form.

By Bill Schackner, The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

**State universities will have more power to set own tuition plans**
Thursday, April 4, 2019

A new policy will give Pennsylvania’s 14 state-owned universities more of a say in what their students will pay in tuition. The State System of Higher Education's Board of Governors adopted the change on Thursday to allow individual schools to develop tuition plans, although the board retains final approval authority.

The Associated Press

**Editorial: PASSHE tuition decision is common sense**
Sunday, April 7, 2019

On Thursday, the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education acknowledged something. It’s possible that things don’t always cost the same everywhere. PASSHE’s Board of Governors voted to let individual members of the state university system evaluate their own costs and set their own tuition.

The Tribune-Review (Editorial)