TOGETHER NEWSLETTER

“Together” is the new name of this newsletter for friends of the University. In this edition and over the months ahead, we will share stories that demonstrate the variety of learning experiences on campus and illustrate the impact that private giving makes in the lives of our students. As you will read, everyone can help make a difference. Especially, when we join Together.

Glorious Sounds of the Season
Previews the Annual Scholarship Concert

The ultimate holiday playlist.
Pitch perfect performances.
A musical thrill ride making audience members laugh, cry and sing out loud.

Since 2006, the organizers of Glorious Sounds of the Season have been making this list and checking it … well, more than twice.

From symphony orchestras and choirs to jazz ensembles and glee clubs, nearly 30 performance groups share the stage (and the aisles) over the course of this annual showcase. Plus, with holiday song selections ranging from traditional to popular to world music, Glorious Sounds of the Season is a true musical variety show. There is a performance for everyone.

For many, the highlight is the program’s final singalong.

“It has become tradition that the finale be the Hallelujah Chorus performed by all 250 student performers with 650 attendees joining along,” explained Dr. Jeffrey Gemmell, Instructor of Music.

“Plus,” Dr. Gemmell added in jest, “closing the show with Hallelujah ensures a standing ovation.”

Just as important as the music, there is another highlight that is worthy of an ovation. With support from donors like you, Glorious Sounds of the Season

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HELPING HANDS

Biology Alum Explains Why He is Giving Back to the ‘Ville

“If it wasn’t for the education I received at Millersville,” said Dr. Joseph Choi ’96, “I wouldn’t be where I am today.”

An orthopedic surgeon, husband and father of three living in Athens, Pennsylvania, Joe is honoring this sentiment by funding an endowment to help today’s students with their educational experiences. Along with his wife, Eileen, Joe recently established The Choi Family Biology Endowment for Anatomic Studies.

The purpose of the fund is to support the costs of specimens to be used for teaching and research purposes under the supervision of Millersville faculty members.

Joe specifically credits Dr. John Hoover, now Biology Department Chair, with providing him opportunities to participate in research that gave him the leg up on his peers.

“Dr. Hoover and his colleagues,” explained Joe, “provided me with hands-on opportunities that were quite unique for undergraduates.”

He continued, “In fact, at med school, I found that I had more exposure to human anatomy due to my experience at Millersville than my peers from Ivy League schools.”

Originally from Radnor, Pennsylvania, Joe was a biology major and a member of the Archery Club. But it was his classroom experiences at Millersville that led him to a combined MD/PhD program at the State University of New York, Upstate Medical University in Syracuse, New York.

Now, a fellowship-trained shoulder surgeon, Joe continues to stay in touch with Dr. Hoover. And similar to their collaboration in the 1990’s, their conversations on the needs of today’s students spurred Joe and Eileen’s gift.

“It is just like Joe to help us assist our students,” said Dr. Hoover. “This fund will lead to excellent training and unique experiences to put our students ahead of the competition.”

“I consider Dr. Hoover a mentor and a friend,” Joe stated. “Because of his guidance and my education at Millersville, Eileen and I are fortunate that we can help serve as role models and help engage learners today.”

Endowments 101

An endowment may be created by investing or pledging a minimum of $25,000 over five years with the Millersville University Foundation. The original gift is never spent, but rather invested in perpetuity as part of the Foundation’s total endowment. For more information on how to join the Choi family and establish an endowed gift to Millersville, “Click Here”
Thank you to the donors, sponsors and participants who helped raise more than $85,000 for the American Dream Scholarship over the past year. This year’s culminating Scholarship Ride was held on September 16.

Benefiting students with excellent academic records, outstanding dedication to community service and demonstrated financial need, these scholarship dollars will allow our students to pursue the “American Dream.”
Lady Marauder Pride Golf Tournament

The 12th annual Lady Marauder Pride Golf Tournament was a success in raising money for the scholarship programs of the 12 women’s intercollegiate athletic teams at Millersville. Alumni, friends of athletics and businesses totaled 140 participants. The event was sponsored by 54 area business with Benchmark Construction, Mula Architects, Student Lodging, Inc. and Student Services, Inc., serving as Platinum sponsors. The event raised $120,000 for women’s scholarships.

Mark your calendars for the 13th annual event, which will be held on September 20, 2018 at Conestoga Country Club.

Marauder Baseball

Millersville history was made on August 15 in Toronto, Canada. Former Millersville pitcher Tim Mayza took the Rogers’ Centre mound for the Toronto Blue Jays, becoming the first Marauder to pitch in Major League Baseball since Jim Todd in 1969.

Mayza played for the Marauders from 2011-2013, before being drafted following an All-America junior season. Mayza climbed through the minor leagues for four-plus seasons, making stops in Vancouver; Bluefield, West Virginia; Dunedin, Florida; Manchester, New Hampshire; and Buffalo, New York before getting the call to the big leagues. Mayza played the remainder of the season with the Blue Jays, appearing in 19 games, totaling 17 innings pitched with 27 strikeouts. He picked up his first career victory on September 12 against the Baltimore Orioles. His final appearance of the season came against the New York Yankees in Yankee Stadium. He entered in the eighth inning and promptly struck out Didi Gregorious and Starlin Castro.
**RECORD SETTING Fall Performances**

**Football:** *Sean Dugan* broke his own program record for tackles in a game in Millersville’s win over Seton Hill. He totaled 21 tackles including 13 solo stops and was later named PSAC East Defensive Player of the Week for the second time in his career.

**Volleyball:** *Erin Harman* became just the third player in program history to total 1,000 career kills and 1,000 career digs. Harman, also a member of the track and field team as a pole vaulter, ranks second all-time in kills.

**Field Hockey:** *Kathleen Bishop* scored four goals in Millersville’s win over Queens, tying her for the second-most goals ever scored in a game by a Marauder. The team also posted eight shutouts in a row during the season, which came within one of the school record for consecutive shutouts.

**Men’s Golf:** *Connor Sheehan* shot a 6-under-par 66 at the Le Moyne Invitational, tying the Millersville scoring record previously set by Corey Gast in 2006-07. Sheehan went on to finish runner-up at the PSAC Championship, shooting a 3-under 68 in the second round.

To stay up to date on the latest, visit [MillersvilleAthletics.com](http://MillersvilleAthletics.com).

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**Athletics Giving**

*YOUR SUPPORT MAKES THESE ACHIEVEMENTS POSSIBLE!*

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Thank You!

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Sunflower Greene recorded an historic 2016-17 season. Greene set all-time PSAC records in both the outdoor shot put and hammer throw. She was an All-American in the indoor and outdoor seasons and was named the PSAC Outdoor Field Athlete of the Year in addition to the championships’ MVP.

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