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## Greetings,

I hope you'll enjoy the Spring/Summer edition of Millersville University's magazine, *The Review*.

I invite you to sit back and envision the vibrant colors in the Costume Shop, hear the smack of bats as we dedicate the Seaber Softball Stadium and smell the coffee brewing at our student-run entrepreneurial endeavor, Saxbys. You'll also share the excitement of students who were part of Made in Millersville and have the opportunity to be educated by the dean about what's going on in the College of Education and Human Services.

As you may have read or heard, the State System universities continue to face enormous cost pressures and—like other public universities across the nation—have struggled for the better part of a decade with lagging state funding and declining demographics. Responding to unprecedented challenges, the Board of Governors has launched an in-depth operational and organizational Strategic System Review to determine how the 14 universities and the Office of the Chancellor function. The Board has approached this review with no preconceptions on the outcome. The goal is to find solutions that are right for Pennsylvania and for our students.

The Board of Governors selected the National Center for Higher Education Management Systems (NCHEMS) to conduct the Strategic Review. NCHEMS will make recommendations for

changes that might be necessary to ensure the System's long-term future. The review is expected to conclude later this summer. We are confident their recommendations will allow Millersville University to continue meeting the needs of students and the Commonwealth by providing high-quality, affordable education in a way that ensures our long-term stability and sustainability.

While funding has been a challenge for MU, we have been good stewards of the budget and are on solid financial footing. When I retire from the University on March 1, 2018, I'm confident Millersville University will be in a strong position to move forward.

Now, I invite you to peruse these pages and read the inspiring stories of our faculty, staff, students and alumni—the people who have made and continue to make Millersville University a vibrant institution.

Best regards,

John M. Anderson, Ph.D.

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BY AARON JAFFE '17

# Keeping *Campus* CAFFEINATED



I walked into Gordinier Hall on an abnormally warm winter morning to get my breakfast at the new Saxbys Café. There was the smell of brewing coffee and the sound of light music playing in the air. The students around me were working hard on their homework. One was working on a new song they were writing and others were taking their time and enjoying the comfortable atmosphere the new establishment on campus provides.

The café, new to campus during the spring semester, is a partnership between the University and Saxbys Coffee. It offers new entrepreneurial opportunities to students. The café is completely student-run and offers the same level of service as one of the full-service shops in its home city, Philadelphia.

I had a chance to sit down with Gabrielle Spica, the first student Café Executive Officer (CEO) at Saxbys. She's a junior from Lancaster, Pa. and a speech communications major with a concentration in public relations and a minor in entrepreneurship. Her duties include overseeing the daily operations of the café, hiring staff and creating the design of the café. Her bubbly and pleasant yet driven personality made it clear why she was hired to take the role of being the first CEO at Millersville's Saxbys and help to establish it on campus.

Gabrielle excitedly said the café "provides a chance for students to gain practical experience on campus while making a reasonable wage." She's happy that she gets to have this experience while receiving a full semester's worth of academic credit as well as a stipend for running the café. She believes that it's beneficial to have a peer as their supervisor and that each year a new student will have the chance to gain the "monumental experience that she has."



GABRIELLE SPICA



"I'm excited for what Saxbys can do for the students," says Gabrielle. "We exceeded our opening goal by 110 percent, and it will be great to see where the café will go in the future."

As I sat there with my freshly brewed tea that gave a hint of lemon and honey into the air around me, I noticed that everyone behind the counter was enjoying themselves more than you would usually see at a café. Allison Palmer, a senior speech communications major with a concentration in public relations from Phoenixville, Pa. who has been working at Saxbys since its opening, said fondly, "My favorite part about working at Saxbys is how close everyone is. Everyone is truly a family and we are not just co-workers. We care about each other and truly enjoy working here. I love going into work each day and knowing I will be surrounded by my friends and doing something I love."

The café not only offers the regular items with a full-service Saxbys does, but also offers deals that fit on the students' meal plans. This means that they can eat and drink there without having to pay extra money out of pocket. This not only increases the popularity of the café, but it also gives students more variety to their on-campus diet.

"My favorite menu item is the caprese sandwich. It makes for a nice light lunch," says Sydney Wilcoxson, a freshman international studies major. "It's great that I can use my meal plan or Flex when I'm there, because it makes it easier to get more options than what is offered at the traditional dining spots on campus."

Plans for the café in the future are not yet solidified, but they're looking into a few options. Gabrielle says there are plans to work with the University Activities Board to bring local artists into the café, including student performers and adding outdoor seating during the warmer months. Courtney Petersheim will take over as student CEO next semester. ♦

# MADE IN Millersville

BY DEVIN MARINO '18

The 4th annual Made in Millersville conference showcased the scholarly and creative work of Millersville University students. Hundreds of students and faculty from different disciplines and backgrounds converged at the McNairy Library and Learning Forum on April 18. The event embraces traditional field and laboratory work as well as projects in the visual and performing arts, such as creative writing, music, drama, debate and public speaking.

This year boasted the largest showcase to date with more than 400 presenters. The library lobby, conference rooms and third floor bustled with activity all day long. Students stood by their poster boards, explaining their research to interested viewers. Here are five students who participated in this year's Made in Millersville showcase.

## Gary Grimm

MASTER'S NURSING | LANCASTER, PA

Graduate student Gary Grimm was asked to participate in Made in Millersville by his professor, but decided to go through with it because he wanted to get people thinking about his presentation topic. He presented a poster titled "Food as Medication: A Concept Analysis," which he hoped would educate the audience on the concept of using food as a form of medication.

"It is important to understand the power and effect of food beyond viewing it as simply fuel," says Grimm, who is studying



for his master's in nursing and is a member of the Sigma Theta Tau International - Xi Chi at large chapter.

His original intent was to become a nurse anesthetist. However, after he watched the documentary "Escape Fire: The Fight to Rescue American Healthcare," he decided to become a nurse practitioner. After he graduates in spring 2019, Grimm plans to go to work in an integrative medicine family practice, using a Direct Primary Care model for care. This is a no-insurance model that eliminates fee-for-service incentives, time restrictions, allows for a more trusting relationship between patient and provider, and reduces costs. Grimm enjoys backpacking with his wife and friends in his spare time.

## Ashley Jumbelick

ENGLISH MAJOR | LANCASTER, PA

Freshman English major Ashley Jumbelick moved around a lot during her childhood, but she considers Lancaster her home. She decided to participate in Made in Millersville because it was recommended by her professor. Jumbelick, who works at the campus radio station 91.7 WIXQ from 1 to 3 a.m. on Sunday nights, presented about American realist painter and printmaker Edward Hopper's art throughout the 1920s.

She explained how it represents the counterculture of the time and its importance.

"I think the most unique thing about it is that the presentation was an oral recording similar to the Khan Academy presentations," says Jumbelick.

This type of presentation was right up her alley since she possesses the ability to recall just about anything when it comes to history, a skill that she says serves as a good conversation starter and comes in handy in her classes. After she graduates, Jumbelick plans to attend graduate school in hopes of becoming a professor and one day leading an archaeological expedition to Greece.

## Lindsay Roschel

MASTER'S HISTORY | MOUNTVILLE, PA

Graduate student Lindsay Roschel saw Made in Millersville as an opportunity to highlight her research and sharpen her professional skills. She, along with her co-presenter Abigail Gruber, received a grant from the Noonan Endowment during the fall 2016 semester to participate in the Pennsylvania Historical Association's Student Poster Session. The Lancaster County native presented a poster detailing the experiences of families in Lancaster and Philadelphia during the American Revolution. The research focused on four prominent families: the Yeates and Hand families of Lancaster, and the Shippen and Drinker families of Philadelphia. All four families are somehow linked by lineage, business and/or friendship.

"The uniqueness of our research within the grand historiography of the American Revolution is noteworthy itself," says Roschel.

The Phi Alpha Theta member is currently working for an environmental consulting firm as a technical writer. After graduating with her master's in history, Roschel attended the Seventeenth Berkshire



Conference on the History of Women, Genders, and Sexualities in June as a roundtable participant with Dr. Tracey Weis, associate professor of history at MU. She also plans to seek employment in historical consulting or preservation and get married later this year.

## Dylan Houseal

GEOGRAPHY MAJOR | MOUNT JOY, PA

If you're lost anywhere on the planet, senior geography major Dylan Houseal is who you'd want to be lost with. Houseal is a geography major and has a focus in geospatial applications. He was among the top 100 students to compete in back-to-back years at the Pennsylvania State Geography Bee in middle school. He is on the student leadership team of the Navigators Christian Campus Ministry at Millersville University.

He decided to participate in Made in Millersville because it served as a requirement for his minor in land use. Houseal presented research that focused on the distribution of habitats of interest to the Lancaster County Nature Conservancy for future land preservation. His research was unique because it required the mapping of caves in Lancaster County. Whether these caves are still accessible or filled in over time is unknown.

"My research project provides spatial data for future fieldwork to see if these caves are still in existence," says Houseal, who plans to pursue a career where he can use Geographic Information Systems every day to solve and display spatial problems. He will also get married in September.

## Janelle Konkle

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION MAJOR  
MONTOURSVILLE, PA

Junior Janelle Konkle prides herself on being very involved on campus. She's a member of Early Childhood Education (ECHO), STEM Advocates of Millersville and Kappa Delta Pi just to name a few.

"I love being involved on campus because it allows me to make the most of my experience here at Millersville," says Konkle.

The Montoursville native, along with two of her fellow education majors, presented research on how teachers use web-based resources in their classrooms to encourage young writers. This information was previously presented at the Keystone State Reading Association conference.

"Our presentation was originally presented in front of teachers of all backgrounds and grade levels," says Konkle.

After she graduates in spring 2018, Konkle plans on getting a job in an urban public school somewhere in the Lancaster area. She's also thought about teaching abroad. She knows the value of international education because she was able to study abroad last summer at a bilingual school in Sweden. ♦

# DEAN WEIGHS IN

## on MU's Education School



DR. GEORGE DRAKE

**FOUNDED AS A NORMAL SCHOOL IN 1855.** Millersville University has always been recognized for producing high-quality educators. Over the years the University has diversified its program offerings, but education remains a premiere program and students from the local area and beyond continue to select Millersville for their higher education needs.

Dr. George Drake, dean of the College of Education and Human Services, weighs in on the status of the University's education program, the changing dynamics of students and offers advice to those who dream of becoming teachers.

### DO YOU THINK MILLERSVILLE'S REPUTATION AS A TEACHER'S COLLEGE STILL STANDS?

I do think it still stands. Millersville was the first Normal School in the commonwealth. It's part of our DNA, and that's a large part of why our reputation is still strong. We have many graduates serving as classroom teachers and as school leaders. If you talk to area superintendents, they will say they are very happy to hire MU grads. They agree they've been well prepared.

### HOW HAS ENROLLMENT IN MILLERSVILLE'S EDUCATION PROGRAMS CHANGED IN RECENT YEARS?

There has been a decrease in enrollment, not just at this University, but across the commonwealth. Enrollments are down and certifications are down. Birth rate is also down. That is part of it. Another part is that teaching is not viewed as positively as it once was. A lot of kids today seem to be turned off by the idea of being teachers. Had they been born 20 or 25 years ago, they might be [more willing]. There's a perception that teachers are poorly paid; if you compare, say, the salary of a chemist versus that of a chemistry teacher. Teaching as a profession has taken a bit of a bad rap in the media, and I think students in high school sense that their teachers are frustrated with things like high-stakes testing, paperwork, behavior problems and budget cuts.

### HAVE THERE BEEN ANY CHANGES TO MILLERSVILLE'S EDUCATION PROGRAM RECENTLY?

We are working on a new program...a middle-level and special education dual major. That should be on the books next year. We are doing it because we hear from principals and superintendents that they need teachers. Parents are disappointed [their children] can't come here for that program. Students with disabilities in middle school need good teachers, too.

### ARE THERE ANY POLICY CHANGES THAT AFFECT OUR EDUCATION STUDENTS?

I think the state has started to realize there is a shortage of teachers. Districts are having a harder time finding substitute teachers. Substitute services just don't have enough teachers to send to districts. To me, the fact that substitute services are having a tough time is an early indicator of a shortage.

There's recent legislation from the state to address this, Act 86 of 2016. Among other things, it gives superintendents the power to issue substitute teaching permits to teaching education candidates who have 60+ credits and are in good standing. They can teach while they're still students. If they are having a hard time putting an adult in front of students, then it's good for them. I think there are risks inherent in it, though. One of the things we take very seriously is evaluating the extent to which they gain the knowledge and skills they need, as well as professional dispositions. We measure these for all candidates. If a teacher candidate who is subbing on a day when she is not representing Millersville University as a teacher candidate gets into a tussle about something and displays unprofessional behavior, through what lens do we view that? What do we do about that if it occurred outside the context of a specific early field experience class? How does an incident such as this weigh into how we evaluate that candidate?

### ARE STUDENTS ALREADY SUBSTITUTE TEACHING IN AREA SCHOOLS?

We have one or two students who are participating in this already. We and the superintendents agree that it's inappropriate for students to miss class or the opportunity to student teach in order to substitute teach.

### WHAT WOULD YOU SAY TO STUDENTS WHO ARE CONSIDERING PURSUING EDUCATION AS A CAREER OR TO THEIR PARENTS?

I would say to the parents that they should support that interest. I think there is no more important endeavor in our society. Teachers prepare the next generation of students to participate in our democracy, in our society, and in life.

To the kids, I would say it is never too early to begin to develop the habits of mind to be a good teacher. Teaching, particularly, depends on life long learning. That can never start too early. When I speak to seniors and rising juniors, I say don't do a senior coast. Take that opportunity to go deeper into the content. That will serve you well. [I also] urge kids to make sure that they don't get into the wrong place at the wrong time. Legal problems and arrests are major barriers to this profession. ♦

OLD MAIN, 1854-1965, SERVED AS THE ADMINISTRATION OFFICES, CLASSROOMS, DINING HALL, LIBRARY, DORMITORY AND CHAPEL.

# BURSTING *at the Seams*

BY GABRIELLE REDCAY '18

TAKE ONE STEP INTO MILLERSVILLE UNIVERSITY'S COSTUME SHOP and you'll feel like you've entered a new world. First, you'll be greeted by Priscilla Kaufhold's cheerful smile. A slight shift of gaze will leave you nearly overwhelmed by an infinite number of colors and textures of all different shapes and sizes.

As you look around, the hum of a sewing machine and the laughter of a customer offer a calming backdrop. If you dare to take another step, Kaufhold will lead you through a labyrinth of clothing racks, boxes and dressers struggling to contain thousands of garments, shoes and accessories. And this is only one of the five rooms which comprise MU's nonprofit costume workshop and rental business.

"We're very lucky that the University thinks it's worthwhile enough to give up this much space for this collection," Kaufhold recognizes. The Costume Shop opened in 1982 when MU's Department of Communication and Theatre decided to make its costume collection available not only for campus productions, but also for rental. As the only Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education school with such a business, the venture soon took off. A donation of approximately 10,000 costumes from local costumer Jean Loeb propelled the collection in 1984, as it took the shape of a couple thousand costumes crammed in the basement of Hobbs Hall.

Thirty-five years later the shop now houses over 30,000 costumes. Despite the increased square footage granted by a transition from Hobbs to Jefferson Hall in August 2013, the diverse collection of garments only continues to grow as a result of collection buyouts and donations from alumni, retired costumers and local shops. While Kaufhold appreciates the space provided by Millersville University and is thrilled by each addition to the collection, she has returned to a hauntingly familiar conclusion.

"We need more space," says the store manager, who began working at the Costume Shop after graduating from the performing arts dance program at American University. While pursuing her master's degree in design and dance from George Washington University, she commuted from Lancaster to Washington, D.C., in order to continue working at the shop. "We have more space but I still want more."

The energetic store manager and her team, which now includes six students and four non-student workers, spent years meticulously organizing the extensive collection.

"About six years ago when we were in Hobbs, I had a student count all the hangers. So that didn't count any walls of dressers or any bins of shoes or hats or anything like that," remembers Kaufhold. "It was over 25,000. We have since bought out another collection, plus we keep building for shows, and we figure we can start adding some of the dressers and bins."

After moving to Jefferson Hall, the costumes were divided into five rooms: historian, fantasy, holiday, show and fabric.

The historian and fantasy rooms contain the bulk of the items, with hefty period gowns and authentic military uniforms in the one, and animals and storybook characters in the other. Several of Kaufhold's own masterful creations now hang among the clothing racks.

The holiday room lives up to its name in the form of Easter bunnies and Mrs. Claus costumes. The show room pairs wide-brimmed hats and wigs organized by color, length and curl with completed costume collections waiting to

go out to their respective shows. This spring, the shop assembled costumes for the Little Mermaid, Shrek, Wizard of Oz and Sound of Music, with its Beauty and the Beast collection being requested by nine different groups.

Last but not least, bolts and rolls of fabric of every color and size cover every inch of the fabric room, from the tables to the floors to the floor-to-ceiling shelves.

However, the magic of the MU Costume Shop does not lie in the number of costumes it contains or even in its many colors. Any member of the Millersville community or general public can walk into the shop and be magically transformed into the character of their dreams. Whether that character be a 1920s gangster or Snow White, Kaufhold and her team help customers find, build and alter the perfect costume. This transformative experience costs only \$40.



Halloween and theatrical productions consume a large portion of Kaufhold's team's time and effort. In the fall around Halloween, the number of individual customers outweigh larger groups looking for costumes. Costumers headed to Halloween festivities often opt for the shop's gangster and flapper costumes, and Kaufhold is sure to complete the look with hats, jewelry and shoes.

That trend reverses in the spring during musical season, when the shop creates the wardrobes for both University and external shows, with clients from Philadelphia, Baltimore, New Jersey and New York. In all her years in the industry, Kaufhold's closest call came when she was costuming the Ware Center's opening production of Pirates of Penzance in fall 2013. She finished sewing the last of the costumes by intermission.

The total number of the Costume Shop's rentals remains fairly consistent throughout the year, but the services offered vary slightly. "Halloween is really crazy in the way of keeping things flowing and looking presentable, and in the spring it's sewing and altering for people," she says.

But the gem of the Costume Shop tucked into Jefferson Hall caters to more than just the needs of theatrical productions and Halloween. A young man once rented a suit of armor from the shop to wear when he proposed to his girlfriend as a knight in shining armor. "We helped him with the armor, we helped him with the other stuff and of course we wanted to hear all about how it went," Kaufhold remembers.

High school students looking for prom attire, vocalists needing a stunning dress for an aria, young students transforming into their heroes for a school project and bridal parties dreaming of a themed wedding have also taken advantage of the collection at Millersville.

With most alterations covered in the base fee, Kaufhold revels in the economy of renting for these often expensive occasions. "Over the years I have had people, who are in my opinion smart, come and get a dress for \$40 to go to their prom. Now it might not be what is in right now," she admits, "but you can make it your own, you didn't have to pay \$200 and you get something different the next year."

These unique services offered by the Costume Shop have allowed the once fledgling brainchild of MU's communication and theatre department to maintain popularity over its 35 years of existence. That popularity leaves Kaufhold's work table cluttered with material and her pile of projects untouched, but she feeds off the energy of her clients and the excitement of her work. "I like interacting with people and creating with them," she says. "Whoever comes in is always in a good mood, because they're going to be in a play or they're going to go to a party. It's nice to meet people who are happy and excited."

The shop manager credits the Costume Shop's ability to thrive on not only its affordability, but also the interactive and experiential nature of its services. "You can touch it. You can feel it," she says. "Here you get the basic costume and then we help you. You can look phenomenal."

Through her role as manager, Kaufhold has come to realize that costuming is not wallowing behind a sewing machine all day. Costuming is very similar to the actual garments that line the walls, floors and ceilings of the Costume Shop. It's crazy. It's fun. It's something different every day.

As the Millersville community and beyond discover the exciting possibilities of costume rental, they ensure that Millersville University's Costume Shop will be bursting at its seams for another 35 years to come. ♦





# On a College Campus

How MU Professors are Teaching Students to Be Smart in a Time of Misinformation

BY KATE HARTMAN

The term "fake news" is so new to the everyday American vernacular that it isn't included in the Merriam-Webster dictionary yet. In an article published on the dictionary's website titled "The Real Story of 'Fake News,'" the phrase has been identified as a "word we're watching."

While the term may not be official in the eyes of the dictionary, it is being used at water coolers nationwide. The term has roots dating back to the end of the 19th century, but with the 2016 election, it gained national prominence.

Along with this phrase, a proliferation of inaccurate and uncited stories and a general distrust of the media has also taken hold. It's a trend that the whole country is dealing with, but it poses particular challenges on college campuses where the goal is to educate and prepare students for professional pursuits.

Professors must teach the fundamentals of responsible media consumption, which includes verifying sources and cross-checking facts, and instill a sense of ethical journalistic, public relations and communications skills in their students.

Millersville University professors are taking the challenge head-on; acknowledging that what they're seeing in their classrooms is a byproduct of a larger cultural trend and doing what they can to teach their students to be smart with the internet.

"In our classes, we have always addressed ethics and fact finding. I think students just thought that's what professors bugged them about," says media and broadcasting professor Dr. Stacey Irwin. "I think there's a new realization [of what we mean] when we say find the source."

Today's students grew up with the internet. "They're very good digital consumers," Irwin admits, but their aptitude with the internet can mean they prioritize shares and interaction over concrete facts.

"[Students] tend to find something they agree with and then push it out there, and then find out later it's not true and feel a little guilty," says Irwin, who is the faculty advisor for the campus television station MUTV-99. "It's almost like a trigger finger on the share button."

Social media has become the great equalizer of information. It is more difficult now than ever to tell who created the stories you see buzzing around Facebook or Twitter, and what their angle might be.

As Dr. Frank Bremer, history professor emeritus, says about today's society, "Anyone's opinion or interpretation is as good as anyone else's. That's very dangerous because you're getting away from objective reality."

Newspapers have always had their biases ever since the creation of the press. In the beginning, though, the biases were more blatant before the trend moved toward no visible biases at all. Now, the culture is swinging back toward biases, which are displayed proudly by media outlets.

"If you go far enough back—certainly in the early days of press in the 17th century—there were newspapers and they tended to be very partisan. They presented a particular point of view rather than trying to appear impartial," says Bremer, who taught at MU for 40 years.

Today, news outlets display their political leanings, and consumers tend to flock to sources that reinforce their already-held beliefs. The danger in that is people are not hearing or tolerating differing opinions.

"I do think on both sides there is a little bit more of a tendency to blur the distinction between facts and opinion," says Bremer. "The average person increasingly gets their views from looking at one way it is presented. There aren't a whole lot of people who spend half their time watching FOX and half their time watching MSNBC, and trying to figure out where the truth lies."

Critical thinking is necessary when consuming media. It is more vital now than ever. Professors are stressing the importance of sourcing stories to know where the information originates.

Dr. Robert Spicer, communications professor and faculty advisor of the student-run newspaper, *The Snapper*, has crafted several assignments that push his classes to explore sourcing.

"In my Press in Society class, which has all majors in it, one of the assignments is the 'What's in the News' assignment," he explains. "Each student is assigned a day where they have to come in and give us a news story. They are required to find three to five different places that report on the same story."

"Sometimes the students say all three reported exactly the same; there's no piece of info that's in one and not the others. Other times a student will say source one reported x, source two reported y and another reported z," Spicer continues. "You can begin to see how different sources give different pieces of information. Then we pull out why we think those differences are there... That can reflect on ideological blinders."

While some consumers are getting their news from only one or two sources, others are turning away from mainstream media altogether, instead believing that all media sources are liars. The term "fake news" can now cover any news source whose reports you don't believe. Dr. Spicer says that's dangerous.

"One of the big key things that I try to drive home to them is not to think of the media as a single entity, but as a collection of many different entities," he says. "Part of the problem is the use of that word—the media. Not just for students but for all Americans, it gets everyone into this mindset that there's a singular entity out there that can't be trusted. It creates this illusion that cynicism is the same as critical thought. They trick themselves into thinking if I don't trust the media and because I'm questioning everything, I am being a critical thinker. They really just think everything is a lie, and then they end up with nothing."

Professors don't want their students turning away from the media. Instead, they are encouraging them to really examine what is being reported and why. Students have to work harder, and so do professors.

"I have to be held to a very high standard," says Irwin. "It can be overwhelming checking what I say. I always tell [my students] where I got [the information] from. I have to talk the talk but also walk the walk."

In the era of "fake news" any media consumer needs to understand that the truth lies somewhere between the polarizing ends of the political spectrum. That yes, there are false stories being touted as truth, and it falls to the reader to pick through and find the facts. As Irwin says, "this is the new normal," and being a responsible consumer boils down to media literacy.

"We have to think of it differently, get our information differently," says Irwin. "Teaching people this can't start early enough." ♦



# COMMENCEMENT

SPRING 2017

Millersville University's 161st Annual Commencement was hosted in Pucillo Gymnasium on May 13, 2017 due to rain. While it wasn't the ideal scenario—the ceremony is typically held outside on Chryst Field—the joy and celebration of the graduates and their families was felt. The last time commencement was moved indoors due to weather concerns was nearly 10 years ago.

Students graduated in two ceremonies. The College of Education and Human Services and the School of Social Work, and the College of Science and Technology graduated at 10 a.m. The College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences graduated in the afternoon at 2 p.m. In all, about 1,000 graduates crossed the stage and joined the ranks as proud Millersville alumni.

Marie Harf, FOX News commentator and former senior advisor

to U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry, gave a heartfelt and moving commencement address at both ceremonies that encouraged the graduates to participate in society and not shy away from others whose opinions vary from their own.

Graduate Jose Urena gave a moving Moment of Reflection and Dana Chryst '81 received an honorary degree.

President John M. Anderson congratulated all of the graduates on their accomplishments and capped each ceremony with a selfie from the stage.

The night before, on May 12, 2017, graduate students received their degrees. Dr. Dennis Downey, professor and director of the Honors College, who is set to retire at the end of the year, gave the commencement address. ♦



# Homecoming | 2017

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2017

8:30 a.m.–5 p.m.  
UNIVERSITY STORE | OPEN  
Student Memorial Center

10 a.m.–3 p.m.  
ALUMNI & FRIENDS GOLF OUTING  
Crossgates Golf Course, Millersville

Open to alumni, faculty, staff and friends—all skill levels welcome! Sponsored by Liberty Mutual. Reservations required. \$

5–6 p.m.  
CAMPUS TOUR  
Meet at the Student Memorial Center, Clock Tower entrance  
The Class of 1967 is invited for a special riding tour of campus. Registration required. FREE

6–8 p.m.  
CLASS OF 1967 MEET AND MINGLE  
Biemesderfer Center  
Class of 1967 and guests are invited to kick off the reunion weekend with a casual reception. Reservations required. \$

6 p.m.  
23<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL HALL OF FAME RECEPTION AND DINNER  
Lehr Room, Gordinier Hall  
The 2017 Athletic Hall of Fame inductees will be honored. Reservations required. \$

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2017

7:30 a.m.  
DEAN'S OFFICE DROP-IN  
College of Education & Human Services, Stayer Hall 116  
Alumni and their families are invited to start the day by sharing coffee and donuts with the dean. Meet with current and former faculty and learn about what's happening in the education, psychology, social work and wellness and sport sciences departments. Registration required. Email [EDHS@millersville.edu](mailto:EDHS@millersville.edu) to sign up. FREE

8 a.m.–6 p.m.  
UNIVERSITY STORE | OPEN  
Student Memorial Center

9 a.m.  
MILLERSVILLE COMMUNITY PARADE  
"Celebrating Animation"  
Two-mile route from Herr Avenue to Landis Avenue to North George Street, Millersville. FREE

9–11:30 a.m.  
GLOBAL EDUCATION PORCH PARTY  
Cumberland House  
Study abroad alums, international student alums and anyone who supports or is interested in international programming are welcome to join us for prime parade viewing and light refreshments. Email [gloaleducation@millersville.edu](mailto:gloaleducation@millersville.edu) for information. FREE

9 a.m.  
ALUMNI BASEBALL GAME  
Cooper Park Baseball Stadium  
Baseball alumni are invited to participate in the Alumni Baseball Game. Batting practice begins at 8:40 a.m. Contact Coach Jon Shehan '06 at 717-871-5736 or [jonathan.shehan@millersville.edu](mailto:jonathan.shehan@millersville.edu). FREE

11 a.m.–2 p.m.  
ALUMNI & FRIENDS TENT PARTY  
High School Avenue, between Sugar Bowl Pizzeria and Biemesderfer Stadium  
Alumni, faculty, staff and friends are invited to stop in for refreshments and reconnecting before the football game at 2 p.m. Reservations appreciated. FREE

2 p.m.  
MARAUDER FOOTBALL VS. LOCK HAVEN  
Chryst Field at Biemesderfer Stadium \$

2 p.m.  
CAMPUS TOUR  
Meet at the Student Memorial Center, Clock Tower entrance  
This special riding tour is for alumni and friends. Registration required. FREE

5:30 p.m.  
CLASS OF 1952 65<sup>TH</sup> REUNION & CLASS OF 1957 60<sup>TH</sup> REUNION RECEPTION AND DINNER  
Bolger Conference Center, Gordinier Hall  
The Classes of 1952 and 1957 and guests are invited for a reception and will join the Class of 1967 for dinner and a special program. Reservations required. \$

5:30 p.m.  
CLASS OF 1967 50<sup>TH</sup> REUNION RECEPTION AND DINNER  
Bolger Conference Center, Gordinier Hall  
The Class of 1967 is invited for a reception, dinner and special program. All members of the class will be inducted into the Ad Astra Society during this celebration dinner. Reservations required. \$

6:30 p.m.  
CLASS OF THE '70s REUNION RECEPTION AND DINNER  
Bolger Conference Center, Gordinier Hall  
Highlighting the 40th reunion of the Class of 1977 and the 45th reunion of the Class of 1972. All classes of the 70s are welcome! Reservations required. \$

For additional details, please contact the Office of Alumni Engagement  
Duncan Alumni House,  
weekdays: 8 a.m.–4:30 p.m.  
Toll-free: 1-800-681-1855 or  
[mualumni@millersville.edu](mailto:mualumni@millersville.edu)

Check the alumni website for updates and additional events!  
[www.villealumni.com](http://www.villealumni.com)

## ALUMNI NEWS | EVENTS

# MU ALUMNI & FRIENDS

## Stay Connected

### VOLUNTEERS

We are grateful to our dedicated alums who volunteer their time and talent to support their alma mater. Some choose to serve on the MU Alumni Association Board of Directors and numerous other committees. Others assist with events that are hosted by Admissions and the Office of Experiential Learning and Career Management (ELCM). Alums also return to campus to serve on panels, host career-oriented discussions and much more.

Recently, more than 30 alumni served as reviewers for the annual showcase of student research and creativity, Made in Millersville. They provided valuable feedback to students regarding their projects. See page 6 for additional details.

The Alumni Association hosted an event at the Fulton Theatre on March 30 to recognize their loyal volunteers. Approximately 70 volunteers and guests attended a reception followed by a performance of the Tony Award winning musical *In the Heights*.

#### OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD

The Alumni Association presents an annual Outstanding Volunteer Service Award to recognize an alumnus who has dedicated a significant amount of time and effort to the Alumni Association or the University as a whole.



LEHR

The recipient for the 2016 award was **ROBERT "BOB" LEHR '57**, who hand-carved the 6.5-foot Marauder statue that sits in the athletic recruiting room in Jefferson Hall. Through the years, he has served on the engagement committee of the Alumni Association. He and his wife, Mary '58, attend the annual Homecoming festivities and help greet alums at the alumni tent. They also stop by many MU After Work networking events, often donating unique door prizes.



DIEROLF

**LORI DIEROLF '91** has been selected as the recipient of the 2017 Outstanding Volunteer Service Award which will be presented at the Honors & Awards ceremony on Oct. 28.

Dierolf has served on the Alumni Board of Directors since 2007, attended regular meetings of the Council of Trustees as a special advisor and participated in many alumni committees and initiatives over the years. She was instrumental in helping to design a volunteer brochure for prospective Alumni Association board and committee members, rewriting the association's bylaws and establishing the alumni regional coordinators for new alumni events. ♦



# MIX & MINGLE

Alumni and friends enjoy gathering for social and networking events both on and off campus. Spring semester was a busy and exciting time for MU alumni. Here are just a few of the events that brought alumni and friends together.

During February, events were held in Sarasota, Naples and The Villages in Florida. In March, more than 200 guests enjoyed an

inspiring performance of *Jonah* at the Sight & Sound Theatre in Ronks, Pa.

In April, several alumni who have associations with the University jazz band returned to campus to perform at the annual Jazz & Java event. The Eta Kappa Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi fraternity commemorated their 40th anniversary with a celebratory dinner in Gordinier Hall with

more than 110 people in attendance. Alumni Rugby Day was well attended.

Throughout the year, the MU Alumni Association hosts a variety of "MU After Work" networking events at locations throughout the region. Check out these upcoming events and visit the alumni website for more! ♦



ALUMNI RUGBY



JAZZ &amp; JAVA



JONAH AT SIGHT &amp; SOUND THEATRE

#### MU After WORK

A great way to end the work day while networking and socializing with fellow alums. Complimentary appetizers provided by the MU Alumni Association. **Events begin at 5:15 p.m.**

July 19 | Loxley's, Lancaster  
Sept. 13 | Field House, Philadelphia  
Sept. 20 | The Pressroom, Lancaster  
Nov. 15 | TBD

**OTHER ALUMNI EVENTS:**  
Oct. 13-14 | Homecoming  
Oct. 28 | Legacy Breakfast

Dec. 2 | Glorious Sounds of the Season Concert & Reception, Winter Center  
Jan. 9, 2018 | AMS Alumni & Friends Reception - Austin, TX



OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY



ALUMNI GATHERING AT THE VILLAGES, FLA.



ALUMNI GATHERING IN SARASOTA, FLA.



ALUMNI GATHERING IN NAPLES, FLA.

# BREAUX Named President of BOWIE STATE UNIVERSITY

**DR. AMINTA BREAUX**, vice president of advancement at Millersville University, was recently named president of Bowie State University (BSU), one of the University System of Maryland's (USM) 12 Institutions. She began her new role on July 1.

Breaux leaves MU after nearly 10 years of service. She joined the University in 2008 as the vice president for student affairs, where she oversaw financial aid, counseling services, intercollegiate athletics, housing and residential services, MUPD, judicial affairs, The Sherk Wellness Center, health services and the Center for Student Involvement and Leadership.

In 2014, she transitioned into her position as the vice president of advancement, where she managed development, scheduling and event management, external relations and alumni engagement for the University. Under her leadership, the University's endowment grew from approximately \$30 million to \$40 million.



AMINTA BREAUX

"I am deeply honored and delighted to be selected as the next president of Bowie State University and to have the opportunity to build on its rich history and legacy," says Breaux. "I look forward to working with the campus and greater community—students, faculty, staff, alumni, employers and friends—to ensure continued success for BSU."

"As a product of public education, I feel a special obligation to help ensure bright and successful futures for students attending our public universities. In collaboration with BSU's outstanding faculty and staff, a

strong community of learners, community and government leaders, and through business partnerships, I will strive to ensure that BSU graduates have a quality educational experience and continue to have a positive impact locally, regionally and globally."

A national search for Breaux's replacement as vice president of advancement is currently underway. ♦

## CALL FOR *Nominations!*

Do you know a fellow alumnus who deserves special recognition? The Millersville University Alumni Association (MUAA) is seeking nominations for: Distinguished Alumni Award | Young Alumni Achievement Award | Outstanding Volunteer Service Award | Honorary Alumnus Award. Find out more at [www.villealumni.com](http://www.villealumni.com) under Awards. Nomination deadline is Jan. 31.

## SEEKING CANDIDATES

The Millersville University Alumni Association is seeking candidates to serve on the Alumni Association Board of Directors. The board is comprised of 25 voting members from various class years, academic programs, geographical locations and diverse backgrounds. Members attend quarterly meetings and participate in board activities and programs. Learn more or apply under Alumni Association, Mission and Goals at [www.villealumni.com](http://www.villealumni.com). The deadline is Dec. 31.

## *Marauder Connections!*

HAVEN'T BEEN RECEIVING THE ALUMNI E-NEWSLETTER?

We probably don't have your email address on file! Visit [www.villealumni.com](http://www.villealumni.com) and click the "Sign Up Now" button to register.

The e-newsletter is a quick read and will keep you up to date on upcoming alumni events and what's happening at Millersville!

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 Email: [mualumni@millersville.edu](mailto:mualumni@millersville.edu)

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# CAMPUS NEWS | Spring/Summer

## Joan Jett Performs at MU



JOAN JETT

Hall-of-fame legends Joan Jett & the Blackhearts performed as part of Millersville University's annual spring music event, FestiVille, on April 29. More than 1,600 music

lovers came out to Marauder Courts and sang along with all the hits from "I Love Rock and Roll" to "Cherry Bomb." The show was opened by a variety of student bands, including President John Anderson, who performed several hits from other hall-of-famers including Led Zeppelin, AC/DC, Stevie Wonder and Green Day.

The night before, Canadian rapper and musician Tory Lanez headlined the student Spring Concert at Marauder Courts. About 800 students came out to the event.

## PASSHE Student Leadership Conference

Millersville University honors students hosted more than 100 participants at the PASSHE Student Leadership Conference on April 3 in Harrisburg. Honors students from all 14 state system universities participated in breakout sessions to address a range



DR. DENNIS DOWNEY (SEATED) WITH HONORS STUDENTS.

of concerns that impact them in their living-learning communities, and to create common strategies for achieving excellence in academics, social programs and service projects. Millersville's provost Dr. Vilas Prabhu, delivered the luncheon keynote address.

## Dr. Mehmet Goksu Named Educator of the Year

Physics professor Dr. Mehmet Goksu was named the 2016-17 Educator of the Year by the MU Faculty Senate and the Educator



DR. MEHMET GOKSU

of the Year Award Selection Committee for the dedication he has to his students and his ability to present difficult material in a clear, detailed and accessible way. He makes

himself available to his students through live video chats via the Online Help Centers on Sunday evenings, and Physics on Demand on Thursday evenings. He advises the MU Robotics Team, the Rugby Club and the Physics Demonstration Team; and also oversees many students' research projects.

## Students Win First Place at PACISE 2017 Conference

Millersville's student programming team of Ian Murry, Ryan Peterson and Steve Zelek won first place out of 15 teams at the Pennsylvania Association of Computer and Information Science Educators (PACISE) 2017 conference in April. The team had to solve six problems. The conference was hosted at Edinboro University.

## MU Tops National Ranking for Online Master's in Emergency Management

BestColleges.com named Millersville University number one in their 2017 ranking of Best Online Master's in Emergency Management Programs. MU's program is offered completely online and is geared towards students from a variety of disciplines and educational backgrounds. Faculty with real-life experience as emergency management experts, practitioners, disaster and emergency scholars and other related fields offer a comprehensive and interdisciplinary program designed to educate students in the fundamentals of emergency management.

## Website Redesign

Millersville.edu will be receiving a much-needed facelift after going largely unchanged for almost a decade. A team from University Marketing and Communications and IT is working in conjunction with BarkleyREI (BREI), a web design firm out of Pittsburgh, to develop the new site. The new site will be fully responsive with multiple breakpoints for common hand held devices. The intent is for the site to "tell the Millersville story" through media and text. The redesign will take place in several phases and is scheduled to be completed in 12 to 18 months.



## Admitted Student EXPO

More than 650 students came out to celebrate their admission to Millersville University at the Admitted Student Expo this spring. The students and their guests toured campus and the residence halls. They had the opportunity to hear from President John Anderson, speak with many current students, learn about MU clubs and organizations and take part in an academic department fair where they could meet faculty. Any student who had already paid their deposit was able to take their ID photo, and everyone enjoyed a free lunch. In total, 1,952 people, including students and guests, attended the expo.



# PRESIDENT ANDERSON Announces Retirement

After 44 years in higher education, Millersville University President **JOHN M. ANDERSON** has announced his retirement, effective March 1, 2018. He became Millersville's 14th president on April 1, 2013.

"It is time to pursue some personal interests and projects," says Anderson. "My daughter already has a backpacking trip planned for the Pacific Crest Trail during the summer of 2018." Anderson and his wife Vivien plan to relocate near family in the Albany, New York area where he will fish, bike and do some consulting work.

In his letter to the University community announcing his resignation, Anderson cited numerous accomplishments, including new academic and doctoral programs, stabilizing new student enrollment and finances, increasing the endowment fund and completing several major construction projects.

"Financially, Millersville is on a good track," said Anderson. "We eliminated a \$10 million deficit and implemented a new tuition model that is allowing us to increase our financial aid to students."

"Our impressive work in sustainability will certainly continue at the University with construction now underway on the Lombardo Welcome Center — our net zero energy building," he continued.

Anderson says he won't be a lame duck. "We have a lot of work to do," says Anderson. "In addition to sustainability projects, we'll be opening our Student Success Center and continuing work on our strategic plan; which includes increasing our nontraditional learners and international students. The international students will give our campus a richness of diversity."

When asked what he will miss most, Anderson says, "Definitely the students. I love being around the students and seeing their dreams come to reality."

The Council of Trustees for Millersville University will oversee the search for a new president. ♦



JOHN M. ANDERSON

## SPORTS | 2017

# WISH REVEAL

After raising \$5,000 for Make-A-Wish, the Millersville University Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) and the athletics department hosted a wish reveal for 9-year-old Parkesburg, Pa., resident Gavin Gretzula.

The wish reveal took place at the Black and Gold spring football game, beginning with a press conference and the signing of a one-day contract to be a member of the Millersville football team. Gavin has battled Leukemia for much of his life. He was joined at the event by his mother and twin sister.

Millersville football coach Greg Breitbart told Gavin, "We're excited to sign you to this one-day contract and add you to our football program not only for today as a football player but to the Millersville athletics department for life."

Gavin received a Millersville uniform and took part in the team's warm-up, kicking field goals and running routes and leading



stretches with senior Kevin Wiggins. During the game, Gavin wore a headset and helped call plays. He stood on the sideline with the team, cheering them on.

At halftime, Gavin's wish was revealed by members of SAAC. After receiving themed gifts from representatives of each Millersville team, it was announced Gavin and his family were going to Disney World.

"I'm feeling very, very happy, very, very excited," said Gavin. "This has meant a lot to

me. My wish came true that I get to go to Disney."

To finish the night, Gavin weaved through the defense to score a 40-yard touchdown, winning the game. Players rushed the end zone, hoisting Gavin in the air. Coach Breitbart gave Gavin the opportunity to speak to the team in the huddle and give the countdown for a "We're going to Disney!" chant. ♦

## DINING with CHAMPIONS

Marauder Scholarship Dinner & Auction

With more than 250 alumni, staff, student-athletes and friends of the athletic department in attendance, the first Dining with Champions Dinner and Silent Auction was a success. The event raised more than \$18,000 for athletic scholarships and operations.

Attendees were treated to a moving speech from keynote speaker Anthony Robles, who won a NCAA Division I wrestling championship despite being born with one leg. Robles was a winner of the Jimmy V Award at the 2011 ESPY's, and in 2012 he was selected by President Barack Obama as the Medal of Courage winner.



ANTHONY ROBLES

Millersville's best and brightest student-athletes were recognized during the event. Field hockey's Taylor Parker and baseball's Chas McCormick were announced as Career Achievement Award winners. Field hockey's Margaret Thorwart was presented with the Scholar Athlete Award. Millersville's Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) won the Community Service Award for its work with Make-A-Wish, and volunteer golf coach Amy Kreider was the recipient of the Core Values Award, which is presented annually to the individual who exemplifies the core values of the Millersville University athletic department through their everyday actions. ♦

# ON THE REBOUND

## Coach Casey Stitzel Prepares for Second Season at MU

When Casey Stitzel became Millersville University's men's basketball coach in May 2016, he became the program's first coach since 1904 to inherit a team with fewer than six wins in the previous season. In year one, Stitzel improved Millersville's win total by five (9-17), and one of those victories was handing then-nationally-ranked Shippensburg its first loss of the season. But far beyond wins and losses, Stitzel built the foundation for a program that is on its way back to PSAC, regional and national prominence. He developed Marcus Adkison (15.4 points per game) and Jordan Greene (11.5 points per game)—cast-offs from other programs—into team leaders. To start his offseason, he signed an impressive recruiting class of six freshmen, uncovering a pipeline into the talent-rich Washington, D.C./Virginia area. Stitzel is now set to take on his second season at Millersville after a whirlwind 2016-17.

**Q: WHAT IS THE KEY TO REBUILDING A PROGRAM?**

**A:** You have to be patient. You have to build a culture. You teach in all aspects, from how they get on the bus, work in the classroom, doing things the right way, being coachable. I think we set a really good culture.

**Q: WHAT SIMILARITIES WERE THERE BETWEEN YOUR FIRST YEAR AT DELAWARE VALLEY AND YOUR FIRST YEAR AT MILLERSVILLE?**

**A:** Getting guys to believe they can win. I remember we started our first year at like 4-10 and you could see that the losing culture was starting to seep in the program again. And then we went on a roll and won nine out of 12 and you could see guys believed they could win and believed in themselves. And this year was kind of the same thing. When you come off a year like that and when we have leads and a team makes a run, you can still see that "Oh, here we go again." That's a losing culture so we try to do our best to change that.

**Q: IN YOUR RECRUITING PROCESS, WHAT WAS THE RESPONSE OF HIGH SCHOOL PLAYERS TO MILLERSVILLE UNIVERSITY?**

**A:** It's been really good and it's part of the reason I wanted this job. Obviously as a staff and as a program, you have to work hard at building relationships and being visible but then to have this school in this booming area of Lancaster County, the feedback from families and coaches and student-athletes has been great. I think it really



CASEY STITZEL

**Q: YOUR FIRST RECRUITING CLASS HAD SIX FRESHMEN. WHAT DOES THAT DO FOR THE TEAM?**

**A:** In putting together a recruiting class, we were looking to find high-character, tough-minded student-athletes who also possessed high intangibles and a winning mentality. All of our recruits bring extreme versatility, and we believe they have the potential of being high-level Division II basketball players and student-athletes. We were able to improve our size and skill level. We are looking forward to them being a part of our program and hopefully helping us get back to the top of the PSAC.

**Q: THE TEAM DID VERY WELL ACADEMICALLY—ITS BEST TEAM GPA IN OVER A DECADE. WHAT CHANGES DID YOU IMPLEMENT TO MAKE SURE THE TEAM WAS DOING VERY WELL ACADEMICALLY?**

**A:** Coach [Damian] Pitts does a great job with our guys academically. He has something called a reading room, [where he] evaluates each project, each assignment, each test they have. I think it is accountability, making sure these guys realize if they're not getting it done in the classroom, they're not going to play. A lot of credit goes to my staff. A lot of credit goes to the guys. They worked really hard and they all buckled down academically and they're all on pace to graduate. So making sure guys realize that it's our job as a staff to use these four years to not only make you a great basketball player, but to prepare you for the real world. ♦

helped us with this recruiting class. The facilities we have, the education and academic reputation we have, the diverse majors, all that stuff has really helped us to build relationships with these kids and I don't think there's a staff working harder in the PSAC than we are. One thing we try to do is get kids who want to be coached, who want to get a degree, who want to be pushed on and off the court and who come from winning programs. That has been a big thing that I've learned: Get guys who are already used to winning who bring that winning mentality into a college program.

## TRACK & FIELD

### ATHLETE SETS ALL-TIME PSAC RECORD



Sophomore **SUNFLOWER GREENE** was named PSAC Outdoor Championships Field MVP after winning the shot put and hammer throw. She set an all-time PSAC record and became the first Marauder in program history to win two throwing events in the same day at the PSAC Outdoor Championships. She won the shot put with a toss of 48-11½. Greene hit 191-2 on her final hammer throw to break a PSAC record that stood since 1998 and improve her national standing to 10th. ♦

## Regner to Lead MU Wrestling

Millersville University Director of Athletics Miles Gallagher announced **KERRY REGNER** as the Marauders' new wrestling coach in June. Regner, the 10th coach in the program's 70 years, comes to Millersville after leading the Williams Baptist College program since 2014.

"Coach Regner was an accomplished wrestler, and now as a coach, he has shown the ability to get the best out of his student-athletes and build a successful team," says Gallagher. "He is going to bring leadership and a new direction to our wrestling program. We are excited for him to get started."

Regner, a two-time American Midwest Conference Coach of the Year, built the NAIA-affiliated Williams Baptist program from the ground up and seemingly overnight turned it into a nationally-relevant team. Not only did his teams win back-to-back American Midwest Conference titles in 2015-16 and 2016-17, but in just three seasons, he developed 23 national qualifiers, six All-Americans and a 2016 national champion. In 2016-17 his club reached a No. 3 national ranking—the highest of any team in the history of Williams Baptist Athletics. That team went on to finish fourth at the NAIA Championships. In all three seasons his teams finished in the NAIA's top 25.

"I am honored to be selected as the next head wrestling coach at Millersville University," says Regner. "I would like to express my appreciation to Miles Gallagher and the search committee for giving me this opportunity. It is a privilege to lead a program with a history such as Millersville's. I look forward assisting each



student-athlete to develop as leaders of quality character on and off the mat. My family and I are excited to call Millersville home."

Regner is no stranger to the wrestling landscape of Pennsylvania. After graduating from Northern Michigan in 2010 and a run as a wrestler at the Olympic level of Greco-Roman wrestling, Regner became the varsity

and junior high wrestling coach at Beaver High School in western Pennsylvania. He inherited a roster of five wrestlers and quickly recruited students and broke the school record for dual meet wins and regional qualifiers. He then landed a role as the graduate assistant coach at Division I Clarion University, where he coached four national qualifiers and an All-American, directed summer camps and assisted in recruiting a top-10 recruiting class according to FloWrestling.

As a wrestler, Regner was a resident of the United States Olympic Education Center in Marquette, Mich., from 2003-10. He also trained in Boise, Idaho, and at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colo., before retiring from competitive wrestling. He was a member of the U.S. Senior National Team at 60 kilograms in 2007-08 and competed in the 66 kilograms weight class at the 2010 University World Championships. He was a four-time placewinner at the U.S. Open and medaled at tournaments in Cuba, France, Sweden, Finland and Russia.

Regner received a bachelor's degree in communication studies from Northern Michigan and a master's degree in mass media and journalism from Clarion in 2014. ♦

## BASEBALL

### MU Players Earn PSAC Honors

Senior **CHAS MCCORMICK** was voted the PSAC Eastern Division Athlete of the Year, and **TYLER YANKOSKY** was voted PSAC Eastern Division Freshman of the Year.

Yankosky finished his rookie season with a 4-1 record. In the PSAC East, he was 3-1 with a 4.15 ERA. He struck out 33 in 39 innings and pitched into the sixth inning in five of seven league starts. Yankosky was named All-PSAC East Second Team.

McCormick ended the season with 306 career hits, setting a new PSAC record and ranking first at Millersville. He also set Millersville records in runs scored (219) and RBIs (186). He led the PSAC in hits (73), batting .384. He led the Marauders in home runs (9) and RBIs (47). McCormick is only the second Marauder to be named the division's athlete of the year and the first four-time All-PSAC East selection. He was recently drafted by the Houston Astros. ♦



## CoSIDA Academic All-District

### Two MU Athletes Dominate in the Classroom

Field hockey's **MARGARET THORWART** and wrestling's **DAVID WUESTNER** were named to the CoSIDA Academic All-District 2 at-large teams. Students eligible for the CoSIDA Academic All-District teams must hold a 3.3 cumulative



GPA or higher and must be a starter or key reserve. Thorwart held a 3.97 GPA in speech communication, with minors in entrepreneurship and athletic coaching. Wuestner posted a 3.85 GPA as a mathematics major. ♦

## MU SOFTBALL

### Smith Named Division Athlete of the Year

**BRITTANY SMITH** was named the 2017 PSAC Softball Eastern Division Athlete of the Year. She is the first Marauder to ever win the award. She led the team in slugging percentage, hits, RBIs, stolen bases and total bases. Smith set Millersville's all-time career hit record (204) and ranks first in career home runs (16), RBIs (115) and putouts (1,171). Smith was also named to the D2CCA Softball All-Atlantic Region Second Team and CoSIDA Academic All-America Second Team. ♦



## CLASS NOTES | 2017

## 1950s

**Virginia Horst Loewen '54**, State College, published many books for children and articles in "Highlights for Children," "The Secret Place," "The Upper Room" and various other local publications. Her most recent book is titled "Nourishing Seeds of Faith."

## 1960s

**Dr. Richard Frerichs '64**, Millersville, received the Timothy M. Allwein Advocacy Award for public education advocacy.

**Cathy Krammer Keim '65**, Rydal, was awarded the Spirit Award for her 37 years of dedicated service to the Meadowbrook School. For the past 26 years, she has worked as the school's librarian.

**Lewis Hemmer '66**, Lansdale, following his retirement as director of outpatient and early intervention services at the Center for Autism in Philadelphia, he has gone on to serve in the Peace Corps three times in three different countries.

**Kent Rynier '69**, Lancaster, after retiring from Lampeter-Strasburg in 1999, he went on to teach abroad for 16 years in Turkey, Spain, Pakistan, Egypt and Myanmar.

## 1970s

**Ronald Burger '70**, Tallahassee, Fla., spent 35 years with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention before moving on and spending 11 years as the BioWatch program coordinator for the southeast region, which is a contractor position for the

U.S. Department of Homeland Security. He is also a member of the National Disaster Medical System, who has responded to the Flint water emergency, the Zika virus in Puerto Rico and Hurricane Matthew.

**Linda MacMullen Lindquist '70**, North Fort Myers, Fla., published her first book, "Keeping Your Computer Healthy." She is a certified malware removal specialist with years of experience in computer software.

**Bruce Woodring '71**, Upperco, Md., retired after 30 years with the United States Intelligence Community.

**Joan Detz '73**, Millersville, published the Chinese edition of "How to Write & Give a Speech" in both print and e-book. The Washington Post praised the book as a "how-to class."

**Helen L. Ebersole '73**, Lancaster, has been elected president of Elizabethtown College's Blue Jay Athletic Association.

**Dennis B. Dougherty '74**, Ephrata, retired from Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology where he was a professor in the graphic communications & printing technology department.

**Eric Miller '76, '99M**, Hanover, earned signature membership status in the Pennsylvania Watercolor Society, and began serving as the society's vice president in January 2017.

**Linda McGuigan '79**, Basking Ridge, N.J., was appointed division president of corporate solutions at The John Maxwell Company.

## 1980s

**Ken Cressman '80**, Greensboro, N.C., published his fifth book, "Becoming Samantha Colt," available on Amazon.

**Lori Murray Koehler '81**, Sterling, was promoted to principle of the Fleetwood Area School District.

**Brian Kistler '82**, Austin, Texas, took a two-week tour of Mongolia in July 2014.

**Charles Reid '83**, Westampton, N.J., appeared on MSNBC and Norwegian Broadcasting Corporation for a follow-up to a front-page New York Times article, which featured his company First Class Seating.

**Eric Stallworth '83**, San Antonio, Fla., was promoted to adjunct professor of education at Saint Leo University and University of South Florida in Tampa Bay, Fla.

**Kenneth Loose '85**, Little Elm, TX, was promoted to chief operations officer at Property Damage Appraisers, Inc.

**Tye Barnhart '87**, Collegeville, was promoted to treasurer of the North American Element Fleet Management.

**Wendy Sirbak Calvert '88**, Mountville, retired after 26 years of teaching fourth and fifth grade at Mountville Elementary in the Hempfield School District.

**Cindy Butler McAree '88**, Swedesboro, N.J., was promoted to assistant vice president of marketing at M&T Bank.

## 1990s

**Jeffrey Clouser '91**, Mount Joy, received a Church Music Certification from Virginia Wesleyan College. His graduate work was published in the 2017 winter issue of the United Church of Christ Musicians Association's Worship and Music and Ministry Journal and the fall 2016 issue of ChorTeach, an online publication of the American Choral Directors Association.

**Alexander Hernandez-Siegel '91**, Watertown, Mass., was appointed Dartmouth College's Latino/Hispanic advisor.

**Darlene K. King '91**, Manheim, was recently named a shareholder of Saxton & Stump.

**Michael McGee '91**, Lancaster, was hired as chief executive officer of the Pennsylvania Association of Realtors.

**Cathy Busha '93**, Portland, Ore., joined Clark College in Vancouver, Wash. as dean of student engagement. She previously served as associate dean of students for student engagement at Lewis and Clark College.

**Stephen Avery '94**, Newport News, Va., was promoted to associate professor of radiation oncology at HUP in the Standing Faculty-Clinical Educator Track.

**Anthony Plakas '96**, Lake Worth, Fla., was honored with The Harvey Milk Civil Rights Award. He is currently the CEO of Compass, a not-for-profit company based in Lake Worth, Fla.

**Lynn Ritter Fitzsimons '97**, Lititz, was recently named president of the Walz Accounting Group. She joined Walz in 2002 as a senior accountant in the commercial enterprise division.

**Shawn Phelps Mark '97, '00M**, Feasterville, received her Ed.D. from Holy Family University. She is currently employed as the principal of Bensalem Township School District.

**David Polizzotti '97**, Copperas Cove, Texas, retired from his position as Battalion Commander in the U.S. Army.

**David Hiatt '98**, Virginia Beach, Va., earned second bachelor's degree in information systems technology with emphasis in information security.

**Karen Serianni Backenstose '99, '06M**, New Holland, was promoted from a teaching position at Upper Elementary to education director at The New School of Lancaster.

**Rich Kahmer '99**, Ridley Park, successfully completed all the necessary exams to obtain the professional designations: Accredited Advisor in Insurance (AAI), Associate in General Insurance (AINS) and Associate in Insurance Services (AIS).

**Rev. Jason Perkowski '99**, Lititz, oversees two churches, Emmanuel United Methodist Church and Faith and Oregon Community United Methodist Church, which recently expanded in hopes of becoming the community hub for the congregation.

**Kimberly Weihrer Long '99**, Stowe, recently accepted a position of environmental performance improvement manager with Exelon Corporation where she has been employed for eight years.



CATHY BUSHA '93

DAVID POLIZZOTTI '97

PATRICK DALEY '03

BEN SHULL '04



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## 2000S

**Andrew Sensenig '00**, Fresno, Calif., accepted a tenure track position as assistant professor of biology at Fresno Pacific University in Fresno, Calif. in 2015.

**Nathan Claycomb '01**, Strasburg, was nominated and selected as one of the top 10 people of the next generation who are making a difference in the group travel industry with their creative ideas and entrepreneurial spirit. He was featured in the January/February 2017 issue of Groups Today magazine.

**Emily Besinger Edmunds '01**, Camp Hill, was promoted to special counsel at Saul Ewing LLP, where she practices employment and higher education law.

**Stephanie Szerlag Egger '01**, Hatboro, accepted a job as fishery biologist, permits and conservation division for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration with the focus on sound management as it impacts marine mammals.

**Jeanette Westphal Kaub '01**, Millersville, started her own blog/website, Day Tripper Mom, a guide to family-friendly travel and events in southeastern Pa.

**Patrick T. Daley '03**, Philadelphia, became a partner at the media law firm of Sweeney & Neary, LLP, which is dedicated exclusively to the practice of family and matrimonial law. He has been an associate with the firm since 2009 and is the current chairman of the Delaware County Bar Association

Family Law Section, past president of the Young Lawyers' Section and a former director on the Board of Directors. He was recently named as a 2017 "Rising Star" by Pennsylvania Super Lawyers Magazine and a Top Lawyer 2016 by Main Line Today.

**Ben Shull '04**, York Springs, accepted a position as project manager, serving water and wastewater system clients at Herbert, Rowland, & Grubic, Inc.

**Brad Weymer '04**, Strasburg, received his Ph.D. in geology from Texas A&M University on 9/12/16.

**Joseph Marsh '06**, Langhorne, received his master's degree in business from Villanova University.



Hammaker - Rahn Wedding



McCauley - Trankle Wedding

**Sean Daly '07**, Lancaster, received his master's degree in political science and was employed as an instructor of record for Intro to American Government. He is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in political science from Northern Illinois University.

**Allison Hengst '09**, Mertztown, accepted the position of digital media coordinator at American National Insurance Company in Galveston, Texas.

**Michael Parker '12**, Reedsville, is currently a Ph.D. candidate in the Department of Immunology at Yale University. He published a review for the Yale Journal of Biology and Medicine and presented a TED Talk titled How Microbes Help to Forward Mankind, which is available on YouTube.

**Greg Durham '13**, Omaha, Neb., promoted to Assistant Director of Competitive Sports at Creighton University.

**Emily Parkins '14**, Harleysville, joined the Patriot League as the director for championships and sport management.

Shawn Allard '12 and Rebecca Allard '13, 12/29/16.

Christina Olindo '12 and Matthew Hoover, 10/8/16.

Ryan McCauley '12 and Vanessa Trankle '13, 9/17/16.

Sigourney Stelma '12 and Shae Portner '13, 10/2/16.

## BIRTHS

Kevin Sharkey '96 and wife Brandi, a son, Milo Ronan, 9/18/16.

Cherene Watford Thomas '98 and husband Najib, a son, 'Isa ibn Najib, 2/25/16.

Andrew Sensenig '00 and wife Erica Buller, identical twin girls, Kerstin and Linnea, 5/25/16.

Joseph Bauer '02 and Katarzyna (Dubowy) Bauer '02, '05M, a daughter, Adaline Belle, 2/8/16.

Sarah Spangler McGraw '03 and husband Jeff '03, a son, Evan John, 6/16/16.

Rebecca Bouboulis Flaherty '05 and husband James, a son, James P Flaherty IV, 4/8/17.

## 2010S

**Michael Gau '11**, Kennett Square, successfully defended his dissertation titled Self-Assembled, Labile, Multi-nuclear Metal Complexes Inspired by Nature's Oxygen Evolving Complex of Photosystem II and Iron-Molybdenum Cofactors at Temple University.

**Anthony Sagliani '11**, Germantown, Md., was selected by the AMS Board for Private Sector Meteorologist as Professional Highlight of the Week on 3/20/17.

**Lauren Zook '11**, Chambersburg, recently published her research in White House History, the quarterly journal of the White House Historical Association.

## WEDDINGS

Caroline Stone '69 and Allan Ruppert, 10/17/15.

Cherene Watford '98 and Najib Thomas, 8/15/14.

Nikole Hollins '02, '04M and Ronald Simms, 11/19/16.

Sarah Hammaker '08 and Nathan Rhan, 6/19/16.

Kate Irwin '10, and Brooke Martin '11, 11/12/16.



Portner - Stolma Wedding

Hollins - Sims Wedding



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## BIRTHS CONTINUED

Tiffani Gonzalez Rhen '06, a son, Braxtin Allen Lee Rhen, 3/30/16.

Brad Clemens '10 and wife Alyssa Koch Clemens '12, a son, Graham 3/12/16.

L Mackey '10 and husband Brandon Jenkins '11, a son, Lukas, 9/07/16.

## DEATHS

Clyde R. Gamber Sr. '47, Lancaster, died 12/16/16, at the age of 101. He spent much of his career as an educator and, later in life, worked in sales.

Edna Horner Falk '49, Natchitoches, La., died 9/13/14, at the age of 95.

Roberta Borgsede Fiorito '53, King of Prussia, died 1/22/17, at the age of 84. She started her career at Willistown Township Elementary School and ended her career with the Upper Merion School District.

John Richard "Jack" Sheaffer '53, Carol Stream, Ill., died 12/21/16, at the age of 85. He founded two west suburban engineering firms and built a reputation for creative solutions to issues in wastewater management and flood plan management.

Ethelmae Auchenbach McSparren '55, Reading, died 2/8/17, at the age of 83. She taught fifth grade at Wayne Elementary School, then retired to raise her three daughters.

Andrew R Skitko '57, Gilbertsville, died 7/11/15, at the age of 85. He taught industrial arts at Boyertown Area School District for 35 years.

Pearl Fares Dull '59, Carlisle, died 11/26/16, at the age of 97. She was employed as an elementary school teacher and reading specialist in the Penn Manor School District for 27 years.

Margaret Knox '64, West Hazelton, died 3/27/17, at the age of 74. She was retired from Greensburg Salem School District where she taught for 27 years.

Dr. Pearl W. Martin Brazier '66, McAllen, Texas, died 1/16/16 at the age of 71. She received her Ph.D. in computer science and became the founding chairperson of the University of Texas-Pan American Department of Computer Science.

Noah Krout '69, Spring Grove, died 2/10/17, at the age of 73. He taught fifth and sixth grade in the Central York School District for 35 years.

Greg Newak '69, Scott Township, died 3/23/16, at the age of 68. He was employed as an industrial arts teacher at Abington Heights School District for 34 years.

John Robert Clouser '70, Miami, Fla., died 7/27/16, at the age of 68. He was employed at the Miami Dade County Department of Education.

Kathleen "Kate" Sitler '71, East Hanover Township, died 11/5/16, at the age of 67. She retired from Hershey Entertainment and Resorts after 47 years of service.

Betsy Rock Diorio '72, Fort Myers, Fla., died 12/9/16, at the age of 67 in her home. Before retiring in 2010, she had a career working in the Information Technology North American Headquarters in Plymouth Meeting and The Prudential in Fort Washington.

Edward Laughniger '72, Linwood, died 1/16/17, at the age of 66. He was a teacher at the Academy Park High School in Sharon Hill for 39 years.

Orpha H. Bauer '74, a resident of Brethren Village, died 2/7/14, at the age of 94. She retired from the Visiting Nurse Association after 23 years, 17 spent as a supervisor.

Etta J. Bishop '79, a resident of Brethren Village, died 4/9/15 at the age of 83. She was a retired registered nurse of Brethren Village Retirement Community

Cynthia Smith Hummel '88, Strasburg, died 1/22/17, at the age of 50. She worked as a LNP correspondent, proudly serving her community by telling the news that affected her neighbors in their local communities.

Gregory Samuel Tyson '92, Breinigsville, died 7/30/14, at the age of 47. He was employed as a kindergarten teacher at Roosevelt Elementary School.

Karen Buler Baker '95, Exton, died 11/3/16, at the age of 42. She was a senior resource manager for IMS Health for 16 years.

Andrea Cocci Emig '00, '06M, Willow Grove, died 12/28/16, at the age of 40. She was employed as an early childhood educator for the School District of Lancaster and other Lancaster County districts.

## CECILEY BRADFORD-JONES '99

### MU Grad Leads Reintegration Services in Philadelphia

CECILEY BRADFORD-JONES chose to study at Millersville University because of her best friend. She had originally dreamt of attending a school somewhere far from her Philadelphia neighborhood.

"I had actually applied to schools in Atlanta," she recalls. "My high school best friend, her parents weren't going for it, so I U-turned at the last minute."

Instead of bustling Atlanta, she picked bucolic Millersville and opted to study political science, which she admits she "failed at miserably."

"I thought about going into law through political science. I had a naive image of what lawyers did," she says.

She switched her major to sociology, which set her on the right path, and spent a lot of time socializing and getting to know people at MU. "I was a social butterfly," she says with a laugh.

At age 20, while she was a student at MU, she gave birth to her son. She's proud to say she was back to school that Monday because she was committed to getting her degree.

"My entire class of 1999 remembers me walking class to class with this baby," she recalls. "Dr. Rita Smith-Wade-El, she was talking to me and told me to bring him to class. So I brought him. He sat in class with me.

"I tell young ladies all the time, [a baby] can be looked at as a detriment in your life," she continues. "I didn't realize I was strong, but when I look back at that time in my life, I think I had to be strong to get through that and to graduate."

That baby is now in college himself at North Carolina A&T State University in Greensboro, N.C., and Bradford-Jones is home in Philadelphia in a new position as the executive director of The Mayor's Office of Reintegration Services (R.I.S.E.).

R.I.S.E. provides supportive services to individuals who have been previously convicted, sentenced and incarcerated. The program offers a wide range of services, including case management, substance-abuse treatment, educational and vocational training and employment services. Bradford-Jones stepped into the role of executive director on Oct. 1.

"We are focused on folks coming home and staying home," she says. "If they have true and real opportunities, they will stay home."

As the executive director, Bradford-Jones has several focuses, including advocating for policy changes and getting the word out that R.I.S.E. exists and is available for anyone who needs assistance reintegrating into the community.



CECILEY BRADFORD-JONES

She came to this position after many years as a counselor working with children who displayed behavior difficulties in school and at home.

"The kids I was working with often had a parent who wasn't there," she explains. "They were being raised by a single parent, whether that was the mom or dad or a grandparent. More times than not, one parent was incarcerated. I started to draw lines between the children and the incarceration piece. I wanted to see if I could bridge the gap between the child I was working with and the

parent who was incarcerated."

Bradford-Jones began working on campaigns that connected the children with their parents. She got involved with the Pennsylvania Prison Society, which had a program to support the children of incarcerated parents. That was precisely the work she was doing without corporate or non-profit backing, so she decided to merge with them.

"I really learned the system, who the players are and what the bigger issues are," she says. "I started my re-entry career there. I dovetailed my career to fix the system; instead of working with the children, I started working with the folks who were being incarcerated."

Bradford-Jones says she misses working directly with the children because "that was the absolute joy of it," but she now focuses her efforts on programs that have a family focus.

"R.I.S.E. is unique. There has to be policy to impact a large scale, and we are also service providers. We have to balance the two. It makes for a great place to make sure the programs are working," she says.

In order to help the largest amount of people, R.I.S.E. builds partnerships and connections with other local organizations that are already helping members of the community.

"I know R.I.S.E. can't be all things to all people," she says. "We're looking for [other programs] that are also making a difference and bringing that in."

Bradford-Jones is still new to the job, but she's already seeing a shift in how the public thinks about R.I.S.E. She's optimistic about the positive change that can be created in the future.

"We're not just a social service anymore," she says. "We're really laying business, agriculture and design on top of this. We're bringing in other academic fields. Other people are getting involved. That's absolutely what's needed. I've spent a lot of time campaigning to make sure people know it's a wrap-around issue."

Bradford-Jones lives in Philadelphia with her daughter and her husband, Mark Jones, who is also a Millersville alum. ♦

# MICHAEL MCGEE '91

## MU Alum Heads Pennsylvania Association of Realtors

For **MICHAEL MCGEE**, internships made all the difference in his professional trajectory. While he was a political science student at Millersville University, McGee had two internships in Harrisburg—one with Pennsylvanians for Effective Government and the other with the Legislative Office for Research Liaison. "It's the relationships I developed while I did my internships that ultimately helped me get my first position," McGee admits.



MICHAEL MCGEE

That first position was as the Assistant Director of Government Affairs for Pennsylvania Realtors, which he held for six years before moving on. He's held many positions over the years including executive president of the Home Builders Association of Chester and Delaware Counties, CEO of the Realtors Legislative Alliance in Malvern and most recently executive director of both the Riverfront Alliance of Delaware County and the Pennsylvania Developers' Council.

Today, McGee has returned to his roots in a way. At the beginning of the year, he was named the CEO of the Pennsylvania Association of Realtors. He comes to the position with more than 25 years of association management experience.

"I'm in association management rather than the real estate world, but I'm passionate about realtor issues," he says. "I think they have a great mentality where they are very consumer oriented and they want to do what's best to make home ownership viable for as many people as possible."

Since taking the position in February, McGee has had "a full plate" of working with governmental affairs on tax reform and flood insurance, and getting his feet under him.

"I'm trying to drill down and make sure I understand the organization fully," he explains. Fortunately there's plenty of excitement and potential for the future.

McGee came to Millersville after spending a year at Cabrini College as a commuter. He decided to transfer because he knew some friends at MU and liked the campus.

When he was graduating in 1991, the economy was on a downswing. McGee went through the yellow pages looking for different associations to see if they had any job openings. The realtors were hiring at the time, so he sent in his application.

He secured that job through, "my experience plus a job reference from

one of my internships," he remembers.

"I was fortunate," he says. "I was interested in policy and governmental affairs. The right kind of experience allowed me to get started on the right foot."

For current students and recent graduates, McGee can't emphasize the importance of internships enough.

"For people looking for a leg up in the work force, getting some practical experience and developing their own personal networks, that was huge for me," he says.

McGee lives in Manheim Township with his wife, Janet Mutter McGee, who is also a Millersville alum, and their children.

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# WHY I GIVE

# KATHY HUGHES SEABER '76

## Seaber Softball Stadium

BY JANET KACSKOS

**KATHY HUGHES SEABER '76** has been watching softball games for many years. Now when she attends a game at her alma mater, she'll get to watch the games in the Seaber Softball Stadium. The stadium was named for Kathy and her late husband Sam in April of this year.

"Sam was the athlete. I was the spectator," Kathy explains. "Sam was a star baseball and football player at Manheim Township. I watched him there, even though we weren't dating then. When we were married, Sam was the coach of the Blue Angels, a Pennsylvania state champion women's slow-pitch team in Manheim Township, with his friend Bob Funk. We went to many games and tournaments over the years, so I've seen a lot of softball."

Kathy received her graduate degree from Millersville and has been connected to the University for many years through her work as a teacher in the Warwick School District in Lititz for 38 years. "I had many student teachers from Millersville, at least 10, and I got to know their advisors. It drew me to the campus, to see what was happening," she says.



MILES GALLAGHER & KATHY HUGHES SEABER

"My grandpa made the first scholarship to Millersville in our family; it was in the journalism and English departments through the Hughes Family Foundation," Kathy continues. "This foundation also supports scholarships for Monroe County students attending MU. My parents and I established a scholarship for music, because of our appreciation for (former professor) Jean Bradel. I took private voice lessons with her and she has become a close friend."

Another friend of Kathy's is Martha MacAdam, a recently retired major gift officer at Millersville.

"I was at a baseball game with Martha and saw that [the stadium] had a name [in honor of Ben Cooper '67] and I asked if the softball stadium had a name and how much it would cost me," she explains. "My parents were generous with us, and invested right, so I decided to do it. Martha was always after us to do something bigger, so she helped me through the process."

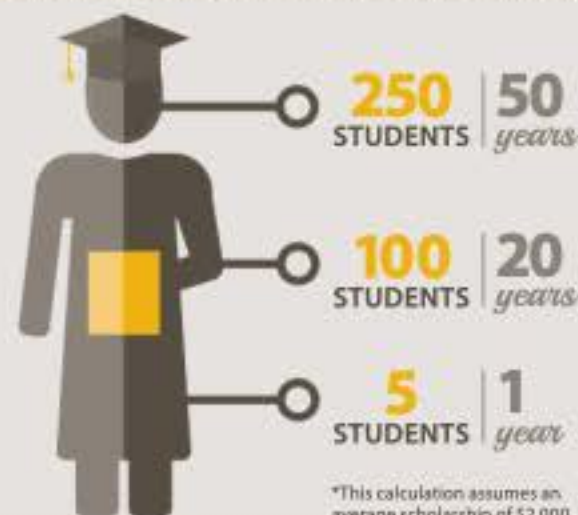
"I like Jen [Probst, head softball coach]," says Kathy. "She is a sincere person and I want her to be able to recruit, to offer the girls something to come here. Every little bit helps. I feel strongly about education. Softball won't last forever and in the end, you'll need the education."

Kathy committed to fund more than \$300,000 in new softball scholarships and, in gratitude, the University named it the Seaber Softball Stadium to honor Kathy Hughes Seaber and Sam Seaber, Jr.

In addition to the \$300,000 for softball, Kathy made total gifts and pledges of over \$115,000 for the baseball, English and vocal scholarships. She committed to continue the Kathryn G. Hughes Seaber & Samuel J. Seaber Jr., Men's Baseball Scholarship, the Russell C. Hughes English Scholarship, R. Clinton & Dorothy Hughes & Kathryn Hughes Seaber Vocal Scholarship in Honor of Jean Bradel, and the Hughes Foundation, Inc. Scholarship.

When Kathy isn't enjoying a Marauder softball game, you can find her traveling—she's been to Europe six times; substitute teaching or volunteering at her church or former school. ♦

### SEABER SOFTBALL SCHOLARSHIP



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