Millersville's Swan Lake
Welcome to Millersville University’s magazine, The Review. In this issue, you can read about the success of our social work program through the eyes of our alumni, see a photo montage of our spring graduation and learn about the man behind Clair Companies, Roy Clair Jr. We’ll also take a stroll back in time to the 1800s and the Civil War.

This past year we came together as a community to outline our dreams to engage students, ensure the University’s long-term success and embrace agility. “Our Bold Path,” MU’s strategic plan, will allow us to distinguish ourselves as an institution of higher learning while preserving what we do well. As a result, we are pleased to announce the launch of two new doctoral degrees in Educational Leadership and Social Work. These exciting new opportunities are designed with flexibility for the working professional. And we have renamed our academic units from “schools” to “colleges.” The new terminology reflects the growth of Millersville’s academic offerings and reputation.

We’re proud of our more than 1,000 spring graduates who are being highly sought after by employers or are going on to the finest graduate schools in the country. In fact, in a survey of Millersville graduates, 97 percent reported that they were currently employed. From being active in community service to being well-prepared to lead successful professional lives and becoming engaged citizens of the world, our students and alumni are using their degrees for the good of society as a whole.

This summer, take some time to stop by our beautiful campus. Located on 250 acres in the heart of historic Lancaster County, we enjoy a tranquil setting featuring a blend of historic buildings and modern structures, including our new residence halls, and of course, our resident swans, Miller and S’Ville.

We look forward to seeing you on campus soon.

Best regards,

John M. Anderson, Ph.D.
President
Civil War Artifacts

Millersville alumni played a role in preserving unique pieces of Civil War history.

Commencement

More than 1,200 graduates are now Millersville alumni.

Clair Rocks On

Starting with sound for sock hops, Roy Clair and his brother Gene grew an international business with clients who are music megastars.

Social Work

The social work field and its need for caring professionals is exploding with varied career specialties and projected job growth.

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Homecoming 2015

Come to Millersville for Homecoming on October 23-24 to enjoy the parade, reunions, sports events and more.

About the cover

Resident swans—Miller and S’Ville—enjoy a swim.

Image by Samantha Magaard, a Millersville student.
Millersville University alumni were increased by 1,064 when the Class of 2015 joined the ranks on May 9.

Award-winning WGAL-TV news anchor Kim Lemon delivered the commencement speech to the new Millersville graduates and their family and friends. For commitment to community service, she was presented with Millersville’s Presidential Medallion by Dr. John Anderson.

Lemon shared her very personal connection to Millersville University—her parents met at Millersville more than 60 years ago when they were students. Her father, R. Dean Lemon ’54, majored in industrial arts, and her mother, the late Shirley Pickell ’55, an education major, was the 1955 Sweetheart Queen. Lemon recounted recently going through her mother’s things following her death. She brought one of her mother’s treasures to commencement to share. It was a “tiny embroidered case...a pearlized compact, engraved on the back with ‘M.S.T.C. Sweetheart Queen 1955.’”

About life, “Some of it will be wondrous and kind...and some of it may be horrifying and heartbreaking...,” Lemon said. She urged the audience to “live a life of gratitude and kindness.”

Congratulations to the Class of 2015.
The commencement ceremony for the College of Graduate and Professional Studies was held on the evening of May 8. Dr. Leroy Hopkins ’66, a Millersville German professor who is retiring this summer, delivered the commencement address. In all, 167 individuals received master’s degrees.

New graduates with master’s degrees in Social Work (left) with gold scarves, and those with master’s degrees in Psychology (below) with blue scarves pose with two of their professors.
“I never worked a day in my life in the sound business,” says Roy B. Clair Jr. ’67. That’s because he loves what he does for a living.

It all started when Roy and his brother Gene received a sound system from their father for Christmas. “Just imagine, getting a sound system in the 1950s. That was an unheard of gift. But that’s what started our interest. We’d do sock hops, varsity dances and travel around to schools with our PA [public address] system.”

Clair was always ahead of everyone else. By age 18 he was married, had a child and was attending Millersville. In 1966, during his junior year at MU, Roy and Gene co-founded Clair Brothers. That same year they were asked to provide sound for a Four Seasons concert at Franklin & Marshall College in Lancaster. The boys from Jersey were impressed with the brothers from Lititz, many other bands quickly followed, and Clair Global, what they now call the Clair touring company, is currently the largest and most awarded company in the live touring and sound industry. Roy and Gene worked together for 35 years until Gene’s death in 2013.

Clair says he’s always had a good ear. “It was actually the combination of an ear and the ability to see what might work best to project sound that worked together for me.”

“The outstanding industrial arts [IA] program also enabled me to be involved with a wide variety of professional areas such as woodworking, printing, even mechanics. That meant I could identify professionally with people, and I could physically do more than anyone else could for musical groups because of my know-how. One of the reasons for Clair Brothers’ success was the fact that we built the best speaker cabinet in the industry. That can be directly traced to my training in IA from Millersville.”

The Live Aid concert held in July of 1985 was a turning point for Clair Brothers. The event, to raise funds for relief of the ongoing Ethiopian famine, was held simultaneously in London and at JFK Stadium in Philadelphia. Clair Brothers did the sound for the Philly venue. “Almost every group in the world signed up for Live Aid. We knew then that we had made it. After that, we were definitely sought after.”

Clair Brothers has worked with thousands of musical groups ranging from Garth Brooks and the Rolling Stones to Kiss and Lionel Richie. Clair says one of his favorite groups is U2. “I got involved a lot with U2 from the beginning. They were during our era—and I had the privilege to follow them from the beginning when they were a support band to when they became a megagroup.”
Today, the Clair family businesses have branched off into several disciplines within the audio-visual industry. They have offices reaching from Lititz, Pa., and Nashville, Tenn., to multiple locations in California, New York, Europe, South America, Japan and Australia. While Clair has been to all of the locations and satellite companies, these days he lets the “younger generation” do the traveling.

In December 2013, Roy received an honorary doctorate degree from Millersville and was the speaker at the commencement ceremony. His message to the graduates that day was about the importance of a smile. In fact, he unrolled a huge smiley face onstage to start his address.

“A smile is responsible for anywhere between one-half and three-quarters of your success. No one appreciates someone who is down. A smile denotes that you’re a happy person and enjoy what you’re doing. Customers appreciate the fact that you’re happy and love what you’re doing.”

During the past two years, Clair Solutions, the audio, video and lighting integration division, installed the sound system in Millersville University’s Winter Visual and Performing Arts Center, and the Clair Performance Hall in the center was named after Clair and his wife, Rochelle. And, Clair has been involved in the creation of a new Entertainment Technology program within the multidisciplinary studies major at MU. The new program was recently approved at the University.

“With Clair Companies being so close in proximity to Millersville, I thought there would be good synergy to create a sound technology program that would be better than most in the United States. It could incorporate the actual roadwork within the program.”

What’s Clair up to these days? You can often find him in the Manheim office thinking about the next best thing in the sound industry. “You can’t remain stagnant. We’ve done things in the industry that were innovative, and we try to continue to innovate. One of my jobs is to sit here and think about where the industry is going and what will be our next great endeavor. I can’t say enough about the IA department at Millersville and how progressive they were in teaching us how to do it different.”

“I love my job. It never appears to be work when you’re working for people who provide gratification. My advice to college students, to everyone, get involved in what you like to do—a hobby—rather than doing a job where you’re just making money. I love sound, lights, video—that was all interesting to me and my brother, and we took our hobby and turned it into a vocation. Through my whole career I wanted someone to pinch me, because I couldn’t believe I was having so much fun. Pinch me.”

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Social change for a better society

BY LAURA KNOWLES
New Doctor of Social Work Program

This fall, Millersville University and Kutztown University will be offering a Doctorate of Social Work (DSW) Program.

The joint DSW program is geared to advance careers in social work through a part-time, eight-session program offering two courses per session for fall, spring and summer terms. It has a cohort model and is primarily completed online, with a weekend residency and face-to-face learning component of one weekend per semester.

The DSW program builds on the success of the Master of Social Work (MSW); 290 students have graduated from the joint program with Shippensburg University since it began in 2006.

Graduates of the Millersville University-Shippensburg University MSW program passed the exam to become licensed social workers in Pennsylvania at a rate far exceeding the national average.

The first-time passing rate is 91 percent with an overall range of 81 to 100 percent. The national average was 81 percent (range of 74 percent to 84 percent).

Look around in our society. Social workers are anywhere and everywhere.

They may be working with children or senior citizens. They may be working with the homeless or with churches that help to provide shelter. They may be working with abused women or with the men who have abused them. They may be working with victims of crime or with those who have perpetrated crimes.

Quite simply, says Dr. Karen Rice ’91, assistant professor and department chair at Millersville University’s Department of Social Work, social workers are all about social justice and making social change to better society.

“We are nothing as a society if we don’t care for people,” says Rice.

There are many ways to do that, she adds. Social workers are involved in politics and policy making. They are involved in research and determining the needs of society. They often work with those whose voices are not heard—refugees, inmates, prisoners, the homeless, the elderly, children, students, the mentally or physically disabled, the poor, those with illnesses, those who are dying.

“Social workers are there to give a voice to those who don’t have it,” says Rice, adding that the main role of social workers is to empower those who have been exploited.

As she emphasizes, “Social workers work WITH you, not FOR you.” They help you open your own doors and make your own changes, whether you are a woman who has been abused or you are a man with mental illness who is trying to fit into society and be productive.

According to the U.S. Department of Labor, employment of social workers is projected to grow 19 percent from 2012 to 2022.
When it comes to being an effective social worker, education is critical, reports Rice. As an applied profession, having the tools to rise through the system and make a difference as a director of a nonprofit or in a leadership role in social work comes from education.

How do you effectively make an intervention? How do you promote a climate of change? How do you influence policy and make improvements in society? How do you work within the system to make the world better for future generations? How do you fund the changes that are so desperately needed?

It’s never simple, admits Rice. It takes leadership.

To fill that gap and give social workers the tools they need to be more effective, Millersville University has developed a Doctor of Social Work (DSW) program in partnership with Kutztown University.

Millersville’s new degree in Doctor of Social Work prepares academicians who are able to lead, and leaders who are able to teach. The DSW program allows social workers to pursue their passion for social justice through enhanced leadership, giving them the transformative opportunity to explore and develop themselves as scholars and practitioners.

“We are looking for people who are passionate and compassionate. We want people who are willing to stand up for others.”

–Dr. Karen Rice

It’s not all about idealism. Through the DSW program offered by Millersville and Kutztown universities, leaders and educators will be better prepared for career advancement in agencies, government and higher education. They will have the tools they need to take on the challenges of the industry—in practice and in reality.

“This isn’t a 9-to-5 program,” says Rice. “The DSW program is designed with the working professional in mind.”

Rice is excited that Millersville University is able to offer the DSW program. Following her bachelor’s degree in psychology, she earned her master’s degree in social work from Temple University and then her Ph.D. in social work at the University of Maryland in Baltimore.

Anne L. Gingerich, MSW
Impact of Nonprofit Organizations

As executive director of the Pennsylvania Association of Nonprofit Organizations (PANO), Anne Gingerich ’98 is at the helm of an agency that amplifies the impact of the community benefit sector through advocacy, collaboration, learning and support.

“We serve nonprofits of all types and sizes,” says Gingerich, who previously served as the director of Millersville’s Nonprofit Resource Center.

PANO sets standards of excellence for programming, along with monthly webinars and face-to-face workshops.

“Some of the most important issues facing nonprofits are legislative,” reports Gingerich. For example, amendments to Title 23, Domestic Relations, implement new requirements for adult volunteers who have contact with children.

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–Jacqueline Burch, executive director, Lancaster County Office of Aging
environments,” she says. “The work that I do—especially now at a state level—focuses on making changes in systems so that more people can be served more effectively and efficiently.”

As she points out, social workers are generally good at developing and maintaining strong relationships, which are assets that can be leveraged for the highest community impact.

“Good relationships can change the world, at very local levels all the way up to positions that carry more power. People will work with people they trust,” says Gingerich.

Jacqueline A. Burch, MSW, LSW
Advocating for Seniors

As executive director of the Lancaster County Office of Aging (LCOA) since 1996, Jacqueline Burch ’82 ensures that senior citizens are not passed over, disregarded or ignored. She has been at the agency for 33 years.

Serving 10,000 people each year, LCOA “provides a wide range of home-and community-based services and support to older people and their families,” explains Burch.

“One of our ongoing responsibilities is to serve as advocates, providing community education and outreach on any number of issues affecting the aging population,” says Burch, adding that on occasion she has been called on to present testimony before various state legislative committees.

There are many issues facing older people today, such as maintaining their independence and quality of life, accessing and affording needed care for long-term living, and having adequate support, services and choices for where and how care is delivered.

“Unfortunately, we are seeing an unprecedented number of cases of elder abuse and financial exploitation in Lancaster County,” admits Burch.

The LCOA offers a continuum of programs and services directly and in partnership with many organizations throughout the community.

She explains that an agency Advisory Council is appointed by the Board of Commissioners to inform and guide the work they do, serving as an extension of “our eyes, ears and legs” in the county in regard to advocating for the needs of the older population.

They also have the benefit of being part of that larger aging network, which allows us to mobilize and collaborate with many other organizations to leverage their impact on priority issues.

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"If you don’t like the way the world is, you change it. You have an obligation to change it. You just do it one step at a time.”
–Marian Wright Edelman, president and founder of the Children’s Defense Fund

She discovered her passion for seniors when she was a college student, and today feels rewarded for being able to impact social policy and see the changes and improvements in people’s lives and circumstances.

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Mary C. Beck, LSW, C-ASWCM
Caring for People as They Age

Mary Beck ’83, ’10M is one of those professionals. She is certified as a Geriatric Care Manager, Advanced Aging Life Care Manager and is a licensed social worker.

Her business, Beck Care Managers LLC in Hummelstown, “is committed to promoting quality of life and peace of mind,” says Beck, adding that they encourage independence and autonomy in the least restrictive, safe environment, while preserving dignity and respect.

When Beck was a student at Millersville, she decided to major in social work because she loved the limitless number of areas for a career from newborns to the elderly. She worked with the elderly, and was always comfortable talking to older adults, hearing their stories and advocating for their rights.

According to the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging, the elderly population is increasing at nearly twice the rate of the general population. There is a need for seniors and their caregivers to be educated on the services available to them. That’s where Aging Life Care Managers fit in. They are experienced, degreed, licensed and certified professionals who assist seniors and their families in meeting their long term care needs with a custom-tailored plan for each individual.

“Most seniors want to age in their own homes,” observes Beck. She works with clients, families and primary caregivers to provide answers at a time of uncertainty.

“The most rewarding part of my job is family meetings, seeing it all come together, seeing the relief and peace in someone’s eyes knowing that everything will work out,” says Beck.

It used to be that not all social workers had to have a social work degree, but Beck graduated in Millersville’s first bachelor’s and master’s degree classes with the accreditation for social work.

“Social work has come a long way, and now most social
work jobs require a BSW or MSW degree from an accredited school,” says Beck, adding that enrolling in Millersville’s MSW program opened more doors for her.

“It is awesome that Millersville will be offering a doctorate program in social work. What an opportunity and how exciting to see how far we’ve come as a profession,” she says.

James Doughty
A Man for All Kids and Families

James Doughty ’79 is used to being in a world that many people think of as a woman’s world.

“There are more and more men in social work,” says Doughty, who always knew helping others was his calling. He believes those in the social work field go into it with a passion for making a difference.

As director of Mental Health School-Based Outpatient Services for T.W. Ponessa & Associates Counseling Services, Inc., he is a master’s level clinician with more than 30 years’ experience in the social services/mental health field in Lancaster County.

It’s not easy, either. Doughty has had his share of disappointments, frustrations and pressures that come with the work.

Then there are the triumphs. And they may seem small to some.

In the 1980s, Doughty had worked extensively with a young man who had addiction problems. For six months he worked tirelessly with the man to help him overcome his addiction to heroin, avoid prison and make good decisions. Sadly, the man was unable to fight his demons and ended up in jail, despite Doughty’s efforts.

It was a surprise when Doughty got a call from the man 20 years later, who had tracked him down. He wasn’t sure what to think. He held his breath and answered the phone. The man had turned his life around, married, had children and a good job. He told Doughty, “I finally got it.”

“He was calling to thank me,” says Doughty. “That meant the world to me.”

At T.W. Ponessa, his work involves guiding and nurturing the safety, well-being and permanency for children, adults and families. The practice is dedicated to providing comprehensive therapeutic interventions throughout Central Pennsylvania, working with school districts, managed care organizations and numerous community-based providers.

“The scope of work within the School Based Behavioral Health Services department is to provide accessible behavioral health services, thus increasing the client’s ability to resolve problematic behaviors, beliefs, feelings, relationship issues and somatic responses,” says Doughty.

“My philosophy in providing services to students and families is heavily influenced by a commitment to the mental health work values of respect, acceptance, hope, choices, recovery and support to ensure their safety, wellness and permanency,” Doughty explains.
Millersville alumni contribute to Civil War history projects

BY STEPHEN KOPFINGER

2015 marks the 150th anniversary of the end of America’s Civil War when Confederate General Robert E. Lee surrendered to the Union at Appomattox, Virginia. The war divided our nation and touched the lives of all Americans—and we are still touched by its history. Several Millersville University alumni have more than just a passing interest. They have been part of replicating artifacts, researching historical roles of people and items used, and publishing their findings. Discover what a submarine, a printing press, African-American soldiers and an alumnus from the Class of 1869 have in common.

H.L. Hunley Submarine

When you think of Civil War watercraft, you don’t think of submarines. Ironclads and blockade runners, yes. But submarines?

Yet there was an underwater vessel that served during the War Between the States. Fred Lutkus ’69 is keeping the memory of the Confederate submersible CSS H.L. Hunley, which mysteriously sank in 1864, alive.

“I’ve always been a history buff,” says Lutkus, who graduated with a
degree in industrial arts and played football for the Marauders. Now retired, Lutkus taught for three decades and became involved in unlocking the secrets of the Hunley through a hands-on mentoring project with students.

But first, some Hunley history is in order. The craft was the first boat of its kind to sink an enemy warship, but it was not the first submarine. Proposals for underwater boats date to the 1600s, and in 1776 a one-man American vessel named Turtle attempted but failed to carry out an attack on a British ship in New York Harbor. In 1800, Lancaster County’s Robert Fulton, who created the first commercially successful passenger steamboat, built a boat called Nautilus.

One of the Union’s naval strategies relied on establishing blockades of major Southern coastal seaports. Designed to cripple the South’s economy and ability to trade with other countries, it was very effective.

By the time of the Civil War, submarine technology had advanced, but had yet to be put to any real military use. But the Confederate Navy saw the potential for a secret weapon to break the Union’s blockade on Southern ports.

Based on a design by marine engineer Horace L. Hunley, the submarine was privately built in Alabama. It arrived in Charleston in August 1863. During a trial voyage, it sank, drowning five men. Hunley was raised, only to sink again. Eight perished, including her namesake designer. But once again, she was refloated. On the night of Feb. 17, 1864, Hunley crept through the waters of Charleston Harbor, heading for the anchored Union warship USS Housatonic.

A crew member of the Housatonic saw something approaching. The warship’s cannons were useless, as the Hunley was too close. The Hunley’s crew managed to ram a barb-tipped torpedo into Housatonic’s hull before backing away. The idea was that the explosive would detonate when Hunley was at a safe distance.

It worked. Housatonic sank in minutes, though its masts and rigging remained above the surface. The same could not be said of the Hunley. The hand-cranked vessel and its eight-man crew were never seen again.

And there’s another mysterious side of the story, one which intrigued Lutkus—the myth of the Hunley’s blue lantern. After the Housatonic sank, but before the Hunley vanished, a sailor from the warship allegedly spotted something.

“He was in the rigging,” Lutkus says. “He saw a blue light. From what [it came from], nobody knows.”

Could it have come from Hunley signaling her triumph to Confederate forces ashore just before disaster struck? The subject continues to stir debate among Hunley fans and scholars. In 2000, the Hunley’s wreck was raised from Charleston Harbor, and among the items salvaged was indeed a lantern.
In addition to his expertise as a professor of German at Millersville, Dr. Leroy Hopkins ’66 is also a noted authority on African-American history in the Lancaster region.

Hopkins says he found that “local African Americans lacked a sense of their history and their connection to the community, so I started with the question ‘Does Lancaster County have a black history?’ I posed that question back in 1977-78 and have been answering it ever since.” He has been instrumental in the African-American Historical Society of South Central Pennsylvania.

Through his research, he has documented the role of local African-American soldiers. Hopkins writes:

“Over 300 blacks from Lancaster County served in the Civil War; 150 are buried in 34 cemeteries throughout the county. They were not treated well. They served in 10 regiments, including the famous Massachusetts 54th and 55th Volunteers. Stephen Swails, a native of Columbia, was one of the first to receive a battlefield promotion to lieutenant. The Army tried to deprive him of that. The film “Glory” tells some of his story. Most of the men in the Massachusetts regiments were from Pennsylvania. Swails and the nephew of William Whipper, a Lancaster Countian who was a very successful entrepreneur in Columbia and a major stationmaster on the Underground Railroad, served in the Army and then were part of Reconstruction in South Carolina. In the regiment started by Wickersham, there was a Millersville student who later joined one of the black regiments as an officer.”
Memoirs of Christian Lenker, M.D.—Class of 1869

Judith A. Kennedy ’03M published a transcribed and edited version of her great-grandfather’s memoirs from the Civil War.

Christian Lenker, M.D., was a Millersville graduate, Class of 1869, as was his wife, Mary Stoddart Lenker. The memoir is called The Civil War Memoir of Sgt. Christian Lenker, 19th Ohio Volunteers.

It was originally published as a series of 174 articles appearing from 1912 to 1915 in the Pottsville (Pa.) Evening Chronicle. Nearly a century later, author Michael Barton and Sgt. Lenker’s direct descendant, Judith A. Kennedy, highlight the contributions of the brave sergeant.

In this narrative, Sgt. Lenker shares his thoughts and experiences in great detail about the historical events of the times as well as his regiment’s fighting in major battles, including Shiloh.

Printing “Parole Papers” at Appomattox

A printing press is not often thought of as something that can be lifted. Printing presses are big things, historically used to turn out Bibles or the works of Benjamin Franklin.

But Giles Robert Wagner ’75 has a detailed connection to a press that was part of an important mission of mercy in the aftermath of the Civil War: a portable Adams College Printing Press.

The portable press was used to turn out “parole passes” for Confederate soldiers after the Army of Northern Virginia surrendered at Appomattox in 1865. The soldiers pledged not to take up arms again against the Union and were then issued “parole papers.” Those passes were intended to ensure safe passage for Confederate soldiers on their way home.

This little printing press, which dates to circa 1861, can be hauled around quite nicely, though it resides today at Appomattox Court House National Historical Park in Virginia. How it came to be there is a tribute to Wagner’s interest—and a little bit of sidetracking.

Wagner, an artist from Landisville, didn’t even major in history during his time at Millersville. But his link to this press came by way of business.

“I was selling posters I made...as I was doing posters, I noticed this old press,” recalls Wagner.

He found it in a most unlikely place several years ago: the Lancaster County town of Intercourse. He remembers thinking at the time that the metal contraption was “so crummy. You can’t bring it home!” But Wagner did, and spent time and effort restoring the press. “I cleaned it up. I used it for some etchings,” he recollects.

But history called. Wagner started looking into the backstory of the old device. He became intrigued by what it was used for. As noted in an April 2015 column by Jack Brubaker, known to Lancaster residents for his newspaper feature “The Scribbler,” the Adams press “breaks down into two parts and can be carried by one person...[It] was patented and advertised in 1861 as making ‘every man his own printer.’ ”

“It was a portable press. They carried it into the field,” Wagner notes.

But Wagner has other ties to history which don’t necessarily connect to the Civil War. Early in his career, he worked for the Lancaster Planning Commission, and “I drew the county seal,” Wagner says.

He also speaks with pride about his family’s military service. Wagner’s “great-great-grandfather,” a man named Martin Ressel, lived to remember his participation in the famous “March to the Sea,” when Gen. William Tecumseh Sherman swept through the South in 1864. “He lived to be 90 years old.”

Wagner’s father landed in Normandy, France, during World War II. Those military connections forged something of a bond when Wagner decided to donate the Civil War era press to Appomattox. The museum used the press to print parole passes as part of the 150th anniversary commemoration.

As for Millersville history, Wagner remembers with fondness Old Main, the venerable center of campus which was torn down in the 1970s. It was a soon-to-be-demolished place where Wagner and his fellow arts students could express themselves creatively.

“We painted in the basement. They let us paint on the walls,” Wagner remembers.

Wagner has high praise for Millersville’s art program. “They told me how to open up my mind, [to] different angles, different viewpoints. The professors were very supportive.”
Thursday, October 22

6 p.m.  Xi Chi Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International Nursing Reception and Annual Awards. Ford Atrium, McComsey Hall. Reception followed by awards and presentations in Myers Auditorium, McComsey Hall. Speaker: Dr. Ruth McDermott-Levy, Villanova University. RSVP by October 14 to barbara.zimmerman@millersville.edu

7:30 p.m.  Vocalocity, a cappella group. Winter Center. This concert is made possible by the Melva S. McIlwaine concert and master class endowment. Tickets: $10. Students: Free.

Friday, October 23

8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.  Science and Mathematics Student Research Poster Display. Caputo Hall Lobby. Undergraduate and graduate research projects will be displayed. Free.


5 p.m.  Campus Tour. Members of the Class of 1965 are invited to a special riding tour of campus. Meet at the Student Memorial Center Main Entrance/Clock Tower. Registration required. Free.

6 p.m.  Annual Athletic Hall of Fame Reception and Dinner. Lehr Room, Bolger Conference Center, Gordinier Hall. Honoring the 2015 Athletic Hall of Fame inductees. Price: $35 per person, $15 per child. Former inductee: $20.

Saturday, October 24

8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.  Science and Mathematics Student Research Poster Display. Caputo Hall Lobby. Undergraduate and graduate research projects will be displayed. Free.

9 a.m.  Millersville Community Parade “Superheroes.” (See details on next page.)


10 a.m.  Alumni Baseball Game. Cooper Park Baseball Stadium. Baseball alumni are invited back to play in the Alumni Baseball game hosted by Coach Jon Shehan and the MU baseball team. Batting practice will start at 8:40 a.m. Jon Shehan: 717-871-5736 or jonathan.shehan@millersville.edu. Free.

11 a.m. – 2 p.m.  Marauder Zone. Byerly parking areas (adjacent to Biemesderfer Stadium). Stop in on the fun for a family-friendly event featuring student organizations, games, student performances and other entertainment. Free.

11 a.m. – 3 p.m.  Annual Alumni & Friends Tailgate Zone Tent. High School Avenue, between the Sugar Bowl Pizzeria and Biemesderfer Stadium. Stop in before the Homecoming football game start time of at 2 p.m. for refreshments and reconnecting. Free.


12:30 – 2 p.m.  Sociology/Anthropology Department Alumni Gathering. (Location TBD). Sociology/Anthropology alumni are invited for dessert and beverages. Free.

1 p.m.  Wrestling Luncheon Reunion. Chryst Field, Biemesderfer Stadium. Current wrestlers and their families and wrestling alumni are invited to attend this picnic prior to the football game. For further information, contact Coach Todd Roberts at todd.roberts@millersville.edu or by phone at 717-872-3795. Price: $23 (includes general admission to football).


2 p.m.  Campus Tour. Student Memorial Center Main Entrance/Clock Tower. Open to all. Tour the campus during this special riding tour. Free.

Sunday, October 25

2 p.m.  Launching the Dream: A Benefit for Breast Cancer Awareness. Ware Center. Diana Denenberg Durand ’67 battled breast cancer for 18 years before it took her life. Her brother, Dr. Dennis Denenberg, professor emeritus, has been a tireless advocate for breast cancer awareness and prevention. This special fundraiser will debut a brand-new song based on a poem written by Diana, and put to music by a Millersville student. The event will also feature selections from Denenberg’s popular one-man show, “Hooray for Heroes.” Ticket cost is $20 for adults, $5 for students. Proceeds will benefit the Diana’s Dreamers endowment fund at Millersville University.

Visit the University Store

The University Store is open during Homecoming for Millersville University apparel and insignia items. Student Memorial Center.

Friday & Saturday, October 23-24
8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.

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REUNIONS

Friday, October 23

6 p.m.  Class of 1965 Meet and Mingle. Gordinier Hall. All members of the class of 1965 are invited to kickoff their reunion weekend with a casual reception. Price: $15.

Saturday, October 24

11 a.m.  Phi Sigma Pi Reunion. Location TBD. All Brothers are invited to campus to reconnect. Wear your letters and bring any memorabilia to celebrate the Fraternity. For more information, contact Ryan Schgie: rgschgie@millersville.edu Price TBD.

5 p.m.  Sigma Phi Omega Sorority Reunion. Details to be announced.

5:30 p.m.  Class of 1965 50th Reunion Reception, Dinner and Special Program. Bolger Conference Center, Gordinier Hall. Price: $40.

6 p.m.  50 Years of Mu Alpha Kappa MAK Fraternity Reunion. Join us to celebrate at the Homecoming Football game under the tent and then after the game at Crossgates Golf Club for a dinner buffet. Crossgates is located at 1 Crossland Pass, Millersville, PA. MAK Brothers and their guests are invited to this reunion event, $56 per person. For more information, contact Carl Borst ’72 at 757-592-5626, Dave Van Gilder ’71, at 570-743-7448 or Lorie Mahoney at 717-871-7551.

6:30 p.m.  Class of 1975 40th Reunion Reception and Dinner. Bolger Conference Center, Gordinier Hall. Price: $30.

MILLERSVILLE COMMUNITY PARADE

Saturday, October 24

9 a.m.  “Superheroes” Herr Avenue, Landis Avenue and N. George Street, Millersville. The 19th annual parade includes over 2,000 participants along a two-mile route. One of Lancaster County’s largest parades, with 15–20 varied music groups (i.e., Millersville University and high school bands, drum and bugle corps, bagpipers, U.S. Armed Forces bands, a steel drum band, a Philadelphia Mummers band), floats, impersonators, mascots/inflatable costumed characters, fire and emergency groups, twirlers, antique vehicles and more. Toys for Tots will be on hand to collect new toys from parade spectators for less fortunate children in Lancaster County. Free.

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Toll-free: 800-681-1855 or mualumni@millersville.edu

EVENT REGISTRATION DEADLINE: OCTOBER 16, 2015
Administrative

In March, two University divisions—Student Affairs and Enrollment Management—were reorganized into one and are being led by Vice President Brian Hazlett. The realignment maintains existing traditions of success while improving retention of our students by developing a comprehensive strategy for student achievement. The new model will allow the Student Affairs and Enrollment Management division to oversee the entire student life cycle in partnership with Academic Affairs. The new structure reallocates resources to positions that directly impact student success, without additional costs.

The Office of Diversity and Social Justice at Millersville University was created in May.

And, to centralize our efforts around the sustainable development goals of economic and social development, and environmental protection, a new position is being created to coordinate our sustainability efforts.

Academic Affairs

Millersville’s first doctoral programs:

The Doctorate in Educational Leadership (Ed.D.), focusing on poverty and technology, is being offered in partnership with Shippensburg University. It begins this summer.

The Doctorate of Social Work, in partnership with Kutztown University, begins in fall 2015.

The Doctorate in Nursing is in development.

A reorganization of Millersville’s Academic Affairs went into effect on July 1, 2015. This change aligns Millersville with the majority of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education universities, which have colleges instead of schools as their degree-granting units.

The new Academic Affairs organizational structure is:

- College of Education and Human Services—formerly the School of Education
- College of Science and Technology—formerly the School of Science and Mathematics
- College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences—formerly the School of Humanities and Social Sciences
- College of Graduate Studies and Adult Learning—formerly the College of Graduate and Professional Studies

PASSHE Alumni & Friends Travel Program 2015

**October 31 - Hawai’i** (11-day, land and cruise, NCL). Enjoy four nights (land) in Waikiki, then cruising with ports of call including Maui, Hilo, Kona and Kauai. Visit www.alumnivacations.com or call Main Line Vacations at 800-506-7447. Or call Steve DiGuiseppe, PASSHE travel coordinator, at Millersville: 800-681-1855.

**December 1 - Christmas Markets along the Danube** (7-night Grand Circle River cruise). Tentative host Steve DiGuiseppe from Millersville University. Ports of call include Nuremberg, Regensburg, Passau, Germany; Linz, Melk and Vienna, Austria. For additional details and reservations, contact Grand Circle Tours at 800-597-2452.

Instagram: As seen on social media

Everybody loves Millersville’s beautiful swans—Miller and S’Ville. Share your mobile photos of campus or fellow Marauders on Millersville University’s Instagram site at “millersvilleu.”
News Bites

Dr. Jennifer F. Wood was named 2014-15 Educator of the Year. She joined the Communication & Theatre Department at Millersville University in 2004 and teaches courses in public relations, business and professional communication, and organizational communication. Her research expertise is in the areas of organizational culture, communication management and pedagogy. Wood’s students routinely talk about the passion she brings to her work, and how that passion inspires them to do their best.

Beginning August 1, 2015, prospective undergraduate students can apply for admission to Millersville University by using the Common Application (aka Common App). The completed application is filled out once and is then able to be shared with multiple colleges. More than 500 colleges and universities accept the Common App.

Millersville’s “golden ticket,” a fee waiver initiative to apply for admission, has proven to be a great success. The “tickets” provide an easy and appealing way for alumni and others to recommend Millersville University to prospective undergraduate students. For more information, visit www.millersville.edu/waiver.

Millersville Mourns

On February 8, Karlie Hall, a Millersville University freshman, was slain. It was a time of shock and grief for Karlie’s family and friends, and her Millersville family who held a candlelight vigil in her memory. One student started an online funding effort to help Karlie’s family with funeral expenses, and more than $18,000 was raised within days. Alumni and strangers across the country reached out to express their condolences. From the tragedy came a heightened awareness of the preponderance of dating violence among teens.

To honor Karlie’s memory, Millersville has renamed the peer health educator team, which focuses on dating violence, and is now known as “Karlie’s Angels.” Her boyfriend (not a Millersville student) was arrested and charged with her death.

Matching grant challenge

At the biannual Millersville’s Lancaster Partnership Program (LPP) Executive Committee meeting, the Steinman Foundation announced a special challenge grant to its current partners, where the Steinman Foundation would match every gift 2:1, up to a total of $100,000, through the end of 2015. The LPP, now in its 25th year, is an innovative program that offers socioeconomically disadvantaged students enrolled in the School District of Lancaster an incentive to finish high school and provides a unique opportunity to obtain a college education. The Steinman Foundation, a longtime LPP partner, has chosen to increase its giving in support of scholarships and programming of the LPP.

Pictured at top (l to r): Dr. Aminta Breaux, MU vice president for advancement; Bill Jimenez, McCaskey East High School, School District of Lancaster; Shane Zimmerman, president of the Steinman Foundation; Mindy Herr, Fulton Financial Corporation; Tyra Salapeh, Alcoa Mill Products; Dr. Vilas Prabhu, MU provost and vice president of Academic Affairs; Brian Hazlett, vice president for student affairs and enrollment management; and Dr. John Anderson, Millersville University president.
Alumni Interest

2015 Alumni Awards

At the annual Honors and Awards Convocation held April 25, the Millersville University Alumni Association presented four major awards; the five recipients are:

Rodeny S. Loose ’70 received the Distinguished Alumni Award. He served his country as a special agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), a member of the U.S. Marine Corps and as a civilian working for the U.S. Department of Defense. His career with the FBI spanned over 35 years, where he served in various capacities. Loose is an expert in terrorism, industrial security and is a certified hostage negotiator. He is currently an adjunct professor of criminal justice at Alvernia University. He earned his bachelor’s degree in education, majoring in social sciences, and holds a master’s degree in criminal justice from West Chester University.

Gerald C. Eckert received the Honorary Alumni Award. He has devoted the majority of his career to being a champion for public higher education and, in particular, for Millersville University. He recently retired as Millersville’s vice president for University Advancement after 30 years. Under his leadership, Millersville completed three successful campaigns generating more than $150 million that enhanced academic facilities and equipment, and endowment support for scholarships and programs. Eckert held numerous positions with the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) District II and has been recognized for his contributions to the advancement profession.

John Held ’02 received the Young Alumni Achievement Award. Held is director of communications for the ABIM Foundation, where he develops strategic communications initiatives. As a student he was president of PRSSA, served on the University Activities Board and on the Student Senate Executive Council, and was a commentary columnist for “The Snapper.” He earned his bachelor’s degree in speech communication.

Rodney Loose ’70 (center) receives the award from Lori Dierolf ’91, president of the Alumni Association, and Dr. John Anderson, Millersville’s president.

Alumni director named

Denise Berg joined Millersville University in January as director of alumni engagement. For the past 14 years, Berg served as director of alumni relations at Mansfield University. She holds a bachelor’s degree in business administration with a concentration in marketing from Bloomsburg University.

Dr. Matthew Stoltzfus ’02 received the Young Alumni Achievement Award. “Dr. Fus,” as he is known to his students at Ohio State University, is an accomplished chemistry lecturer and Digital First faculty fellow. Stoltzfus earned his bachelor’s degree in chemistry and his doctoral degree in chemistry from Ohio State University.

David Hernandez ’71 received the Outstanding Volunteer Service Award. After 34 years of service with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources and Department of Conservation, he retired in 2007. As a student, he worked on “The Snapper” and “The Touchstone,” and was elected to Pi Delta Epsilon. He has served on the alumni events committee since 1986 and has been a dedicated volunteer for the association. He earned a bachelor’s degree in political science.
From 1956–82, Richard DeHart won six NAIA district championships and coached many of the all-time great Marauder basketball players. He also coached the men’s cross country team and women’s tennis team, and served as a professor at Millersville.

His players remember DeHart as a caring man who always made his players and students a priority. He stood by them and stayed in touch years after they graduated.

“He cared so much about his players and for people,” said Jim Morgan ’62, who played basketball and ran cross country. “I had graduated about 20 years earlier, and several of his former players got together. Every one of us had a story to relate how he helped us solve a problem off the court. He was a good coach, but a great man and great educator.”

“He was always there, anytime you needed anything,” said Millersville Hall of Fame member Roger Raspen ’67. “Two years after I graduated, he called me and was telling me about coaching jobs. He set me up with a tryout for the Miami Dolphins. He came to my wife’s funeral 14 years after I graduated. He was always looking out for me.”

“He was low-key and I know for me that was good,” said Raspen. “He never raised his voice at anything. He was the same demeanor all the time.”

In 1982, Millersville sports information director Donald Bird wrote a recap of DeHart’s career, describing him as a hands-on coach: “In his day-to-day coaching, he got out on the court and showed the men how it should be done; how to effectively work the plays for which he was known to call out such exotic names as ‘Pittsburgh’ or ‘Rochester’ several times each game. Those techniques brought plenty of rewards.”

DeHart’s teams won NAIA district titles in 1957, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1974 and 1975 and compiled a total of 321 wins. His 1956-57 and 1957-58 clubs won PSAC Championships. Among his players were Hall of Famers Roger Raspen, Glenn Stitzel ’68 and Phil Walker ’79, who still ranks fourth in the PSAC records for career points with 2,261. Stitzel, who played in 1967-68, ranks second in PSAC history in points scored in a game (58) and sixth in points scored in a season (778). Raspen’s 486 rebounds in the 1965-66 season is also first in the PSAC records.

DeHart recognized the 1966-67 club as the best he coached. “A national tournament was great experience for the boys,” said DeHart in the media guide article. “In that tourney you played against colleges that gave athletic scholarships [which Millersville did not], and the competition was on a much higher level.”

DeHart built Millersville into an exciting club to watch in that era. The team routinely scored over 100 points per game in a run-and-gun style, and even scored 143 points in a 1967 game against Lycoming—a school record that still stands. He believed that enjoying the game and success went hand-in-hand.

“He knew the players and he coached according to our abilities,” said Raspen. “We were the highest-scoring teams in history, and we didn’t have a great shooter. We ran and full-court pressed. That’s what made us successful. He coached us to our abilities. He made it fun. I liked Millersville so much because it was fun. That was part of his philosophy. It wasn’t a job; you were there to have fun.”

Coach Richard DeHart passes away at 87

Millersville Athletics Hall of Fame member and legendary Marauder basketball coach Richard DeHart passed away on January 22 at his home in Lakeland, Fla. DeHart led the men’s basketball program for 26 years and retired with more wins than any other coach in the long, tradition-filled history of the Marauders.
Men’s golf NCAA regional

Millersville men’s golf reached the NCAA Atlantic/East Super Regional for the third year in a row and at season’s end, Conor Gilbert and Robby Rowe were both named All-PSAC East First Team for the second consecutive season. Millersville was the only team with two golfers named first team. Rowe was also named Capital One Academic All-District 2 for his efforts in the classroom.

Women’s golf

Scott Vandegrift had already coached the Millersville men’s golf team for more than 20 years and had won three PSAC Coach of the Year awards when he was asked to take on a new responsibility in 2009: build a women’s golf program from scratch.

What Vandegrift has accomplished with an established program and a burgeoning program in the last six years is remarkable. Despite sharing his time and even missing an entire fall schedule with health issues, Vandegrift has built the women’s team into a regular winner and a program on the rise in the region. The added attention to the women’s team hasn’t inhibited the success of the men. That team has qualified for three consecutive NCAA Super Regionals for the first time ever.

The 2014-15 women’s squad won five tournaments a year after the program won the first three events in program history. It also finished runner-up in three other events.

“The development of the women’s golf program has been slow but steady, and only four years ago, we had just enough players to post a team score,” said Vandegrift. “We now have a group of ladies who have tournament experience and want to improve their games, which has made us competitive. Winning always makes it easier to show what hard work can do, and the ladies this year have had some success.”

This team’s scoring average (88.3) was also more than seven strokes lower than the previous program best. The roster now includes five golfers who have won first place at tournaments.

While the Marauders have found success, it hasn’t come easy. Vandegrift knew it would take time, and six years may be faster than he had even hoped for.

“There are just not too many female golfers out there to recruit to play collegiate golf, and without scholarship money, it is very hard to attract players who are ready to compete,” said Vandegrift.

But the challenges haven’t prevented Vandegrift from landing plum recruits like Shannon Weber, who experienced the most successful season of any golfer in 2014-15. Weber claimed six wins, 11 top 10s, and nine top 25s; her 82.1 scoring average was the best in program history.

Along with sophomore Danielle Freed and juniors Jaimie Wharton and Kendal Olear, the core group continues to improve. Even after 30 years of coaching, Vandegrift loves what he does now more than ever and can’t wait to find what the future holds.

“I coach because I love working with young people, and it’s not just about trying to impact their golf games,” said Vandegrift. “Watching these young people reach for their goals and having the opportunity to help facilitate this journey is why I still enjoy coaching. Millersville did the correct thing when they started the women’s golf program.”

Track and field

2015 was a banner season for the women’s outdoor track and field program. After finishing third at the PSAC Championships, Kiara Allen (100 meters), Erin Madison (400-meter hurdles) and Amanda Myers (javelin) qualified for the NCAA Championships. Madison placed eighth in her event to earn All-America status, and Myers, just a freshman, placed 13th. Additionally, Ann Kovacs, who produced an NCAA provisional mark in the hammer throw, was named Capital One Academic All-District 2 with a 3.95 cumulative GPA.

Erin Madison stands on the podium at the NCAA Division II Outdoor Championships after receiving her eighth-place trophy.
Chris Murphy had his choice of any baseball program, any school, anywhere in the country. His final decision came down to Division I powerhouses Texas Christian and Mississippi State universities. He ended up at Millersville.

Murphy built a resume that rivals any in PSAC history. He became the only pitcher ever to win back-to-back PSAC East Pitcher of the Year awards in 2013 and 2014, and then he won the award for a third time as a senior. His 33-4 record ranks him fourth in career winning percentage, and no other pitcher in the top 10 has even 20 wins. His 31 wins ranks second all-time. He owns six single-season school records and three career records. All this in just three seasons.

Murphy comes from a baseball family. His father is a die-hard Phillies fan with an impressive collection of memorabilia that includes signed bats and baseballs from some of the all-time greats. His mom grew up playing with the neighborhood boys and was routinely picked first.

Murphy first caught the eye of college coaches as a member of the All-Star Baseball Academy, playing tournaments every weekend all across the region. After returning home from one weekend-long event, there were 15 voicemails from college coaches on his voicemail.

An unfortunate change of circumstances at his first stop—TCU—was a tremendous change of fortune for Jon Shehan’s Marauders. Pitchers like Murphy are once in a generation; the kind of player that peers reminisce about 30 years later. Almost 1,500 miles away from home in Fort Worth, Texas, the awed feeling Murphy first felt at TCU quickly dissolved.

“It wasn’t working out. I pitched well in the fall, but over the winter I wasn’t throwing as well so I didn’t get opportunities to pitch,” said Murphy. “My velocity was falling; I wasn’t given a chance to compete. Those schools are so competitive. New guys are coming in all the time, so they aren’t taking the time to build you back up.”

Murphy threw six innings for the Horned Frogs as a freshman. “You are only going to get drafted if you pitch,” said Murphy.

“I would have had to sit out if I went D1, and I didn’t want to jump around from school to school if I went the JUCO route. I decided on Division II, and it came down to Millersville and West Chester. I sent Coach Shehan an email, and he got back to me in 10 minutes. He sounded really excited, and we arranged a visit.”

There are few players ever who can rival Murphy’s individual success and the profound impact that he has had on the program.

“His stuff is good but he is just a competitor,” said Shehan. “From a physical aspect there are not a lot of guys who throw that hard from that arm angle and are able to repeat the delivery. I heard one scout say that [Murphy] doesn’t care. What he meant is that it doesn’t matter what situation it is, you can’t rattle him. He’s brought arrogance to our pitching staff,” said Shehan. “He’s made the guys around him better. Tim Mayza and Brandon Miller are two prime examples.”

Mayza and Miller are two All-PSAC East First Team selections. Mayza was a 12th-round draft pick by the Toronto Blue Jays as a junior, and Miller is trending in that direction as well.

“I’ve built a great career here and had great success with the team. I’ve made some great friends. I wouldn’t trade it,” said Murphy.

And now Murphy packs his bags for the South again after being drafted by the Houston Astros in June—a lifelong dream fulfilled.
1960s

- Lamar Kauffman ’60, Columbia, received the J. Freeland Chryst Sports Achievement Award. Now retired, he coached the girls’ basketball team at Lancaster Catholic High School for 32 seasons.
- Ronald Marcella ‘61, Denton, Texas, has published a book about his hometown titled Small Town America in World War II: War Stories from Wrightsville, Pennsylvania. He is professor emeritus at the University of North Texas.
- Henry Taylor ’62, Abington, retired from Chestnut Hill College, where he was a professor of business communications.
- Jayne Niskey ’68, Williamsville, Mo., was honored by the Missouri State Medical Association for her outstanding work over the last 30 years in counseling recovering physicians.
- Barbara (Straub) Olsen ’68, Denver, earned a master’s degree in community counseling from Alvernia University in May 2014.

1970s

- Stephen Kepchar ’70, ’12H, Lititz, was honored with the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) District II Robert L. Payton Award for Voluntary Service. A senior vice president with Morgan Stanley in Lancaster, he has been a committed volunteer and advocate for Millersville University. Most recently, he co-chaired the University’s capital campaign cabinet, which raised $88 million.
- Donald Miller ’70, Harrisburg, has had his 15th and 16th books, Saving Lincoln: Mystic Chords of Memory. Part 2 and On The Trak, published by Outskirts Press. He writes under the pen name Donald Motier.
- Russell Benfer ’71, Turbotville, retired from the Austin Area School District as a technology education teacher and STEM coordinator. In 2014, his STEM team was awarded 4th place/honorable mention in the first Pennsylvania state STEM competition in Harrisburg.
- Diann (Hunter) Rose ’72, Orlando, Fla., retired from teaching, after having spent 28 years with Orange County Schools.
- Vickie (Rorar) Usciak ’72, Millersville, retired from Conestoga Elementary School, Penn Manor School District, after 40 years of teaching.

1980s

- Vicky Scheid ’80, West Grove, has been named regional medical director for the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia’s Care Network. She serves as the school physician for the Avon Grove School District, the Oxford Area School District and the Avon Grove Charter School.
- Karl Armstrong ’82, Telford, is the managing principal of Armstrong Counseling and Consulting Corporation in Montgomery County.
- Laura McHenry ’83, Huddleston, Va., earned a master’s degree of divinity chaplaincy at Liberty University in December 2014.
- Anna Kirchner ’84, Salisbury, Md., is a transition services RN at Peninsula Regional Medical Center.
- Andy Scheid ’84, Lancaster, is the sales manager at WSFX-TV in Wilmington, N.C.
- Melissa Byers ’85, ’90M, Canoga Park, Calif., accepted a position as associate digital producer at Bemis Balkind in West Hollywood.
- Craig Kauffman ’85, Landisville, is the chief executive officer of Susquehanna Bank’s Central Pennsylvania Division.

Florida Alumni Event

On Friday, Feb. 6, 2015, alumni from the Naples, Fla., region gathered at Pebble Creek Clubhouse for an alumni luncheon hosted by Drs. George and Helen Asbury Stine ’64. Dr. John Anderson, University president, presented a comprehensive update on the University.

Dianne Roeder ’85, ’90M, Landisville, was promoted to chief financial officer at the Shadowlight Group, Leola.

Scott Davis ’86, Bethlehem, became the principal of Washington Elementary School, Bangor Area School District, in 2013.

Nicholas Dodge ’86, Wilmington, N.C., received his Ph.D. in organization and management from Capella University in May 2014. He is an adjunct assistant professor at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.

Eric Tate ’87, Foster City, Calif., is now Senior Manager of Drug Safety & Public Health at Gilead Sciences.

Brian Wiczkowski ’89, Lancaster, is the chief of police for West Lampeter Township. He served on the Lancaster City Bureau of Police for 24 years.

**1990s**

Mark Diener ’90, Grant, Fla., received the Distinguished Alumni Entrepreneur award from Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology.

Steven Miller ’90, Clinton, N.C., was named Principal of the Year for Clinton City Schools in 2014.

April (Bell) Hampton ’92, Mifflintown, is a math teacher at Dauphin County Technical School.

Dale Jacobs ’92, Center Valley, is a web application developer and web design instructor at Lehigh Carbon Community College.

Kelly (Cassidy) McCool ’92, Broomall, earned her doctorate in education from Northeastern University in January 2015.

Cathi Fuhrman ’93, Columbia, was selected to participate in the 2015-2016 Lilead Fellows Program, a development program for only 25 school district library supervisors in the United States.

Krista Cox ’93, Conestoga, is principal of Penn Manor’s Eshleman Elementary School.

Dean Radinovsky ’93, Woodside, N.Y., had a Project Wall titled “The Vivian Girls Grow Up” on display at The New Arts Program in Kutztown from January to April 2015.

Sherry (Sharpe) Kijowski ’94, Wyoming, Del., was named Delaware’s National Distinguished Principal by the National Association of Elementary School Principals. She is the principal of Caesar Rodney High School.

Andrew Wright ’95, Tempe, Ariz., is the director of ESRI Services with Epoch Solutions Group in Denver, Colo.

Alexander Tryciecky ’96, Orangeburg, S.C., received a master’s of education in administration and supervision from Southern Wesleyan University in December 2014.

Ashley Harper ’97, Hemet, Calif., was the 2013-2014 Teacher of the Year Award recipient at Vista Murrieta High School.

Joseph Wowk ’97, Lehighton, is the director of advertising and production for Dealer World LLC, an advertising agency in Leighton. He is also the public address announcer for the Lehigh Valley Phantoms of the American Hockey League in Allentown.

Lyda (Murillo) Wilbur ’99M, Tulka, Okla., received her doctoral degree in education from the University of Oklahoma in October 2014.

**2000s**

Travis Williamson ’02, Shillington, received a master’s degree in education from Wilkes University in August 2014.

Josh Brown ’04, Eau Claire, Wis., was awarded Teacher of Excellence by the German Embassy of the United States.

Julina (Peterson) Greineder ’04, Mount Joy, has been promoted to director of communications at ABC Keystone, Manheim.

Sarah Jacobson ’04, Reading, received a Ph.D. in sociology from Temple University in December 2014.

William Vogt ’04, Landisville, is the principal of Nottingham Elementary School, Oxford Area School District.

Ryan Kuehner ’05M, East Petersburg, earned a Ph.D. in clinical psychology from Fielding Graduate University in December 2014. He is an associate professor at Capital Seminary and Graduate School, Lancaster Bible College.

Jessica Bird-Bellis ’06, Strasburg, is a school counselor at Linden Hall School for Girls.

Joel Jackle-Hugh ’06, Avoca, Iowa, is ordained as a pastor in the Presbyterian Church USA.

Angela Ottoson ’06, Arnold,
**Good Taste: I taste chocolate for a living.**

“I taste chocolate for a living,” says Zoa (Bashline) Kile. There wasn’t a major in chocolate tasting when she graduated from Millersville University in 1979. There still isn’t. Not yet.

Even so, Kile has managed to find a unique career as a chocolate and food taster in Hershey. As a sensory panelist for System One, she is contracted to taste products that range from chocolate to candy flavorings to powdered milk.

It’s not quite as glamorous as it sounds. Kile admits that panelists can only work four hours or so before their taste buds go into burnout. It can actually get tiring to taste the difference between a creamy milk chocolate and a richer semi-sweet chocolate.

A friend told her about the job as a “taster” in Hershey back in 2007. Both of her parents were very good cooks—her mother wrote several fish and game cookbooks. Kile had a sensitive palate and loved trying new things, like pickled venison heart and dandelion salads.

“I had a feeling I would be good at it,” says Kile. “I’m not a picky eater, but I can usually pick out an off flavor in foods if there is something there.”

A pet peeve of hers is refrigerated butter that has not been covered. She can always discern the other flavors that have permeated the butter.

To get the job, Kile had to pass a screening where they eliminated people with habits that might affect their sense of taste—such as smoking or certain medications. Then she was screened for her taste buds. Could she tell the difference between peppermint, spearmint and wintergreen? Could she smell the difference between lemon and lime? Could she rank sweet solutions in order of sweetness? She could!

“Once you pass that, then they evaluate how well you work within a group, because we function as two panels of 12, and some of the work is done by consensus,” says Kile, who is an assistant panel leader.

After two months of training to learn the terminology used to describe flavors and textures, she was ready to put her taste buds to the test. As she notes, you can’t just say something is sweet or salty; you have to quantify it. Just how sweet is it on an exact scale?

“We don’t say whether or not we like something; that’s done by consumer testing,” she adds.

Some of the work is commodity testing, such as tasting the things that go into chocolate and candies, such as milk, cocoa powders, coconut, nuts and flavorings. Some of it is new product development, like the new chocolate spreads. Sometimes it’s troubleshooting, like tasting peanuts from different crops or conditions.

“We don’t eat all of it, either,” explains Kile. “We usually just taste, then spit it out; otherwise, we would weigh 300 pounds.”

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At Millersville, Kile majored in art and liberal arts. No chocolate degree, remember? She met her husband, Terry Kile ‘76, at Millersville, and their two children kept her busy after she left a full-time job at WGAL-TV. Kile worked part-time for WGAL-TV when she was in college. When she graduated, she worked for WLTY-TV Lebanon as a reporter/videoographer. Then she returned to WGAL as a reporter in 1983, working for five years until their daughter was born.

“I worked a series of part-time jobs while my kids were growing up, including news anchor for WLPA radio and a paraeducator for IU13,” says Kile. “Then the tasting job came along.”

Growing up, food was a “big deal” in the Bashline household. Her father was a writer, and her mother did photography and writing. Even today, Kile loves to cook and bake. Among her favorites are pizza, burgers and guacamole, as well as fancier fare like arugula and goat cheese salad. Breakfast is her favorite, such as the bacon, egg and cheese bagel from Lancaster’s Grand Central, or the baked oatmeal at the Pantry.

As for food memories at Millersville, “Apple dumplings for dinner was my favorite from Gordinier Dining Hall, as well as the awesome Sunday brunches,” she says.
Marlo Thomas honored as a result of nomination by Trish Doll ’82

Marlo Thomas (center) accepts the ATHENA award in her New York City penthouse. The 2015 award was presented by ATHENA International representatives (l to r): Dianne Dinkel, president/CEO; Jan Maddox, chair; Judy Lancaster, vice-chair; and Trish Doll, ATHENA International’s Pennsylvania State Ambassador.

ATHENA International, a nonprofit Chicago-based organization known for recognizing women leaders throughout the world, bestowed its highest honor—the Global ATHENA Leadership Award—to Marlo Thomas in April. Thomas was nominated by philanthropist Trish Doll ’82 of Bowmansville, Lancaster County, a 1996 ATHENA Leadership Award recipient and owner of Publicity Works, a marketing and public relations agency.

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Bringing the U.S. Women’s Open to Lancaster

Michelle Wie, Paula Creamer, Stacy Lewis, Christi Kerr and Lexi Thompson might not be household names. But soon they will be in Lancaster, when the 2015 U.S. Women’s Open comes to Lancaster Country Club (LCC) on July 6–12.

It seems that male golfers tend to get most of the attention these days, but Steve Buterbaugh, vice chair of the 2015 U.S. Women’s Open, wants to make sure the ladies get their share of applause for their ball-striking ability and precise putting.

Buterbaugh, who graduated from Millersville with a bachelor’s degree in finance, is executive vice president and principal of McConkey Insurance & Benefits in York. He and his wife Jody ’88 and their children live in Lancaster. And he loves golf. A lot.

A member of Lancaster Country Club for many years, the Chambersburg native was a four-year letterman in golf at Millersville. He got his start when he was just 13 or 14 years old, and it’s been in his blood ever since.

The idea for hosting the U.S. Women’s Open in Lancaster was hatched years ago when Buterbaugh was vacationing at his cabin in northern Pennsylvania with his longtime pal, Mike Davis. Davis, a Chambersburg native and executive director of the United States Golf Association (USGA), mentioned that he would like to hold a major championship at the Lancaster Country Club.

“What about the U.S. Women’s Open?” says Buterbaugh, adding that they decided to suggest the idea to then-president of the Lancaster Country Club Jerry Hostetter.

That was back in 2006, and Hostetter liked the idea. It took years of planning, and it just so happens that Hostetter is now general chairman of the 2015 U.S. Women’s Open.

It wasn’t hard to get others inspired in what may be the biggest international sporting event to ever be held in Lancaster. The Lancaster Country Club board was overwhelmingly in favor of the idea and worked in unison with Buterbaugh and Hostetter on a proposal to the USGA Executive Committee.

Before Lancaster Country Club accepted the bid to host the 70th annual U.S. Women’s Open, a town hall–style meeting was held for LCC members so they could express their concerns about everything from traffic to crowds at the country club.

“The members were especially thrilled about hosting a major sporting event, and a large majority of them volunteered and have chaired various committees,” Buterbaugh said. “The club members are not only giving up their club for a few weeks, but they are volunteering their time and talking it up in the community. It has been great to see them get engaged!”

The event is expected to draw more than 100,000 spectators for the week and provide an economic boost. It will also give Lancaster international exposure, with some 300 worldwide media covering the event and broadcasting to 130 countries. Lancaster Country Club’s renowned William Flynn design and pristine rolling course will be showcased for the whole world to see.

“Some of the women have already been here to practice,” says Buterbaugh, adding that they’ll be competing for a $4-million prize purse.

Getting ready for the big event takes a lot of hard work, from manicuring the course to setting up grandstands and hospitality cottages. Private air-conditioned cottages and updates to the 1761 Club near the 12th hole are under way. A traffic plan is being set up to shuttle guests to the course from parking locations in Lancaster County.

“The Central Pennsylvania community has really embraced this event. We have a sizable waiting list to volunteer, and ticket sales have been brisk as we near a sellout,” says Buterbaugh.

Ever since he was recruited to Millersville by golf coach Bud Smart, Buterbaugh has had a special place in his heart for golf in Lancaster County. He even set up the B. Todd Myers Memorial Golf Scholarship, which was recently endowed in honor of one of his best friends, teammate and MU graduate Todd Myers, who passed away in 2008.

“The U.S. Women’s Open is the most prestigious and longest-running championship in women’s golf, and it’s going to be right here in Lancaster,” says Buterbaugh.
Deaths

- Ada Leaman ’32, Lancaster, died 10/22/14, at the age of 102. She was an elementary school teacher for the School District of Lancaster for over 40 years.
- Anna Martin ’33, Alexandria, Va., died 2/21/15, at the age of 102. She was a librarian at Hempfield High School before retiring in 1977 and had previously taught in Lancaster schools.
- Minda (Morrison) Sanders ’37, Millersville, died 1/19/15, at the age of 99. She was the high school librarian in Downingtown School District and an associate professor at Millersville University. She earned graduate degrees in library science and children’s literature.
- Izora (Wiskman) Bowermaster ’38, Mount Joy, died 10/14/14, at the age of 97. She hosted a children’s story program on WGAL-TV and worked as the library media specialist at J.P. McCaskey High School for 22 years.
- Charles Meole ’40, Philadelphia, died 1/23/15, at the age of 84. He taught American children of service-men at the American Dependent School of Occupations Forces in Japan.
- Margaret (Herr) Rhodes ’44, Lancaster, died 10/29/14, at the age of 103. She was an elementary teacher at Lampeter-Strasburg School District and pioneered one of the first special education classes in Lancaster County.
- Betty (Brenner) DeMartino ’47, Lancaster, died 3/5/15, at the age of 89. She retired from Brick Township New Jersey School System in 1980, where she was a kindergarten teacher.
- John Kilbourne ’47, Wellsboro, died 5/27/14, at the age of 91. He taught industrial arts in the Sayre Area and Wellsboro Area school districts.
- Mary Ann Hostetter ’48, Lancaster, died 3/4/15, at the age of 89. She taught first grade for 38 years at the School District of Lancaster and was the founder of Hostetter’s Day Camp, Manheim.
- Harriet Trout Walker ’48, Newport, died 12/24/14, at the age of 88. She was an elementary schoolteacher at the Newport School District and retired from the Harrisburg Intermediate Unit.
- Jay Irwin ’49, Avondale, died 12/22/14, at the age of 89. He taught industrial arts in Avon Grove and Mt. Pleasant school districts. He enjoyed a post-retirement career as a woodcarver, and two of his carvings made their way to the White House.
- Samuel Lightwood ’49, Copper Center, Alaska, died 9/12/14, at the age of 84. He served on the Copper River school board and founded the Copper Valley Views newspaper.
- Nancy Rill ’49, Lancaster, died 1/23/15, at the age of 87. She was a teacher and principal in the School District of Lancaster.
- Robert Romberger ’49, Danville, died 1/19/15, at the age of 90. He taught shop class in the Danville Junior High School for 33 years and was active in coaching intramural football, basketball and baseball.
- Marian Youngblood ’50, Sun City Center, Fla., died 10/12/14, at the age of 85. She taught at Lower Pottsgrove, Aruba, Saudi Arabia and retired from Phoenixville School District.
- Robert Mayer ’51, Newark, Del., died 2/21/15, at the age of 86. He taught at the University of Delaware and served as the vice president for facilities and management services until his retirement. He served in the Army’s Counter Intelligence Corps and was stationed on the border between Germany and Russia during the Cold War.
- Donald Schwenk ’52, ’70M, Myerstown, died 1/10/15, at the age of 84. He taught industrial arts and driver education at Wilson High School, retiring after 35 years of service in 1987. He also served as pastor of Immanuel E.C. Church in Drehersville from 1970 to 2001.
- Paul Warwood ’52, Lancaster, died 10/19/14, at the age of 90. He taught at Manheim Township School District for 30 years.
- Marilyn (Stout) Phillips ’53, Cherry Log, Ga., died 5/1/14, at the age of 82. She retired after 30 years in elementary education.
- Robert Thomas ’54, Bloomsburg, died 10/23/14, at the age of 85. He taught shop and was principal of Central Columbia Middle School.
- Nancy (Moore) Bence ’55, Havertown, died 8/4/14, at the age of 80.
- Bruce Couillard ’55, Bangor, died 10/10/14, at the age of 84. He taught industrial arts and aviation at Belvedere High School in N.J. and Wilson Boro High School in Easton, Pa., until retiring in 1988.
- Eugene Stewart ’55, Apollo, died 12/22/14, at the age of 83. He worked as an educator, a pastor and an attorney.
- John Workinger ’56, York, died 8/2/14, at the age of 83. He was retired from Topflight Corporation and served in the Strategic Air Command.
- Joan Courtless ’57, Downingtown, died 12/31/14, at the age of 79. She was an elementary schoolteacher at the Coatesville School District and also served as a school librarian.
- Richard Mull ’57, Spring City, died 9/25/14, at the age of 83. He was a teacher and principal at the Spring-Ford School District.
- James Petaccio ’57, Norristown, died 11/4/14, at the age of 83. He was employed for over 28 years with Mobil Chemical Company in sales, retiring in 1992.
- Palmer Frey ’58, York, died 2/23/15, at the age of 83. He taught elementary school at the York Area School District and became an elementary school principal in Dover, Pa. Following retirement, he was an adjunct instructor at York College.

Represents a veteran who served their country in the U.S. military.
Eileen Shannon ’58, Lancaster, died 10/3/14, at the age of 77. She taught third grade and kindergarten classes at Lafayette Elementary School in Lancaster for almost 40 years.

Judith Driesen ’59, Melbourne Beach, Fla., died 7/25/14, at the age of 77. She was a media center specialist for the Department of Defense School System for 38 years before retiring in 2002.

Nancy (Riglin) Haycock ’59, Lancaster, died 10/19/14. For over 30 years, she worked as a librarian at Reynolds Middle School in Lancaster.

Charles Lilley ’59, Gettysburg, died 11/5/11, at the age of 78. He taught social studies, geography, and health and physical education at Gettysburg High School until his retirement in 1990.

David Myers ’59, Lancaster, died 9/16/14, at the age of 78. He taught English for over 30 years at Wheatland Junior High.

Frances (Keefoer) Norman ’59, Baltimore, Md., died 7/8/14, at the age of 76. She worked as a claims representative for Allstate Insurance Company.

Ronald Rowe ’59, Glenside, died 11/10/14, at the age of 77. He taught at Beaver College (now Arcadia University) and retired from the Unionville-Chadds Ford School District in 1999.

Dorothy (Ottohofer) Deily ’60, Lancaster, died 1/23/13, at the age of 89. She taught at the Penn Manor School District.

Thomas Morrison ’60, Mountain View, Calif, died 8/13/14, at the age of 80. He worked in production management in the aluminum industry and retired as the vice president of manufacturing for Luxfer Gas Cylinders.

Ruth Bachman ’61, York, died 1/13/15, at the age of 88. She was retired from York City Schools, where she was an elementary schoolteacher and reading specialist for 25 years.

Ronald Hash ’63, ’69M, Costa Rica, died 6/23/13, at the age of 72. He served as an administrator at Life Chiropractic College in Atlanta, Ga., and practiced chiropractic in the British Virgin Islands and Costa Rica.

Charles McAfee ’63, Spring Grove, died 1/25/15, at the age of 83. He taught in the Northeastern, York City and West York school districts for over 37 years and also served as principal at Northeastern and West York. He was a licensed pilot and an aviation enthusiast.

Patricia (Huber) Page ’64, York, died 11/25/14, at the age of 71. She retired from the York City School District after teaching for 32 years.

Victoria Bingham ’66, Lancaster, died 2/8/14, at the age of 70. She taught at Rhoerstown Elementary School for 30 years.

John Hartman ’66, Lebanon, died 10/22/14, at the age of 71. He was a physics teacher for 40 years with Derry Township School District and served as the mayor of Cleona Borough for 31 years.

Jere Hoin ’66, Lancaster, died 9/10/14, at the age of 69. He retired from Penn Manor School District in 1997, where he taught fifth grade for 31 years at Pequea Elementary School.

Marion Byram ’68, Mechanicsburg, died 9/30/14, at the age of 90. She taught at Warwick High School and later taught English and French at Franklin & Marshall College.

Heidi (Eicher) Ludwig ’68, Allentown, died 8/8/14, at the age of 88. She was a claims representative for Allstate Insurance Company.

Sarah Signore ’11 and Marty O’Hara ’11 were married on 8/9/14 in Scranton. At Millersville, Sarah played on the softball team 2009-11 and Marty was on the men’s tennis team from 2007-11, Drew Slocum ’11 was in the wedding party. Pictured are the Millersville alumni who attended the wedding.

Liz Beeman ’07 married Bill Fantini on 11/1/14. L to r: Brett Corday ’08, Aurora Pattishall ’07, Glen Geserick ’07, the bride, Liz Jacobine ’07, Lindsay Morris ’07, Jim Chupka ’07 and Carrie Smith ’07.

Esme Santiago ’09 and Jason McClean ’07 were married in St. Lucia on 6/28/14. Marauders in attendance were Travis Buckwalter ’10 and Krista Derk ’09.

Angela DiPierro ’09 and Jon Mimm ’08 were married on 10/04/14. Other Marauders in the bridal party were Amanda Schantz ’12, Erik Pfister ’09, Andy Blaufarb ’08, and Ryan Blandy ’10.
Brie Dohm ’11 and Rick Brooks ’07 were married 10/18/14. The bride works at Lancaster Cabinetry in Willow Street, and the groom is the safety director of Kinsley Construction in York.

Tiffany Skias ’11 and Shane Henry ’12 were married on 11/8/14. Marauders in the wedding party were Lindsay Bricker ’11, Brian Cooper ’12, Mathew Dudas ’12, Andrew Fisher ’12, Nick Magenta ’10 and Aaron Rolland ’12. Marauders in attendance were Allison Snyder ’12, Amanda Soto ’12, Brittany Illgenfritz ’12, Stephen Melnick ’10, Patrick Baffuto ’12, Brandon Bayman ’04, Adam Steller, Ethan Daubert ’12 and Karli Henry ’11.

Nicole Brubaker ’12 married William Negley on 5/18/13. Pictured, l to r: Jolonda Brubaker ’97 (the bride’s stepmom), the bride and bridesmaid Laura Beard ’12.

Dana Mundey ’07 and Mickey Blymier ’06, ’08M were married on 7/12/14. Marauders in the bridal party were Jeni Hlubny ’08, Rachel Raytik ’07, Erin Gerlach ’07, Diana Witmer ’09, Dara Bower ’08M and Matt Blymier ’05.

Jim Boyer ’11 and Katie Krediet were married on 7/5/14 in Mechanicsburg, Pa. Boyer ran both cross country and track while attending Millersville, and many of his former teammates were in attendance at his wedding. L to r: Linda (Brown) Ainslie ’76, Joan Miller ’76, Ben Morrison ’14, Nick Hannifey, Zack Kelchner ’11, Mike Maret ’09, Josh Foulds ’11, Katie (Krediet) Boyer, Jim Boyer ’11, Katie Dutch ’10, Denise Blyler ’85, Rebekah (Moore) Foulds ’12, Brandon Lane, and the groom’s parents, Mark Boyer ’76, ’82M and Paula (Alfano) Boyer ’76.
Remembrances

Richard DeHart, Lakeland, Fla., died 1/22/15, at the age of 87. Millersville Athletics Hall of Fame member and legendary Marauder basketball coach, he led the men’s basketball program for 26 years and retired with more wins than any other Millersville coach. He also coached the men’s cross country team and women’s tennis team. Any contributions in his memory should be directed to the Richard DeHart Basketball Scholarship, Millersville University Development Office, Millersville, PA 17551. Checks should be made payable to Millersville University. (See page 23 for more about his career at Millersville.)

Carol Anne (White) Fridinger, Lancaster, died 12/15/14, at the age of 64. She began working at Millersville in 1969 as a secretary in the foreign language department. Years later, she transferred to the women’s athletics department, where she worked for the remainder of her career. Her friends and colleagues from Millersville were her extended family.

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Kelly (Reed) Gromlich ’94, Bethel, died 1/24/14, at the age of 41. She was a nurse at Manor Care Nursing Home in Reading.

Michael Heim ’99M, Greensboro, N.C., died 8/25/14, at the age of 63. He was a special education teacher at Mendenhall Middle School, Greensboro.

Amanda Rodgers ’07, Mechanicsburg, died 5/18/15, at the age of 30. She was a social worker case manager for visually and hearing impaired adults with Schazenbach Consulting in Dillsburg.

Barbara (Dunkleberger) Fenstermacher ’70, Lancaster, died 8/24/14, at the age of 67. She taught third grade for over 30 years.

Susan (Heiner) Reichard ’73, Lancaster, died 10/24/14, at the age of 66. She was a special education and learning support teacher at Eastern York Senior High School before retiring in 2004.

Charles W. Frank ’72, Sellersville, died 1/2/15, at the age of 68. He taught Spanish for 13 years at Hillsboro Schools.

Joseph Faranda ’74M, Akron, died 3/9/15, at the age of 74. He was a longtime member of St. Anne’s Roman Catholic Church.

Charlotte Maclay ’74M, New Holland, died 10/10/14, at the age of 88. She taught reading at Pequea Valley School District before retiring in 1989.

Donna Williamson ’74, East Petersburg, died 9/30/14, at the age of 63. After 30 years at Lancaster General Hospital School of Nursing, she retired as dean of student affairs.

Mary (Bailey) Carey ’75, Montrose, died 8/7/14, at the age of 61. She and her husband were in the restaurant business.

Esther (Kettering) Hartman ’75M, Lancaster, died 9/9/14, at the age of 96. She taught in four different states and volunteered over 35 years at Lancaster General Hospital and Brethren Village.

Charles F. “Chuck” Miller Jr. ’75, York, died on 5/24/15, at the age of 62. He was an independent book dealer and published over 150 books. A noteworthy publisher of science fiction, he won the World Fantasy Award and was nominated for the Hugo Award.

Terry (Tretter) Bennett ’76, Lancaster, died 10/24/14, at the age of 58. She was employed as a caregiver through Keystone Human Services.

Karl D. Brendle ’76, Laurel, Md., died 12/24/14, at the age of 60. He was the economic development officer for the City of Laurel and served on the Maryland State Planning Commission to assist in coordinating projects within the Baltimore/Washington corridor.

Marie Hammond ’77, Las Vegas, Nev., died 1/5/15, at the age of 81. She retired from Pennsylvania Power and Light (PP&L) and worked as a substitute teacher. She was a founding member of the Eicher Arts Center in Ephrata.

Terrence Powderly ’87, Lancaster, died 8/4/14, at the age of 73. He worked at RCA for 25 years and was on the board of directors of the IBEW.

Tracy Reppert ’87, Alexandria, Va., died 10/16/13, at the age of 48. She taught special education at Mt. Vernon High School, Alexandria.

Valerie (Wiseman) McGuinness ’89, West Milford, N.J., died 9/27/14, at the age of 47. She was a member of the West Milford school board and previously worked as marketing and admissions director for Milford Manor.

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When Brian Gladden was back at Millersville University after many years, he made a beeline to the Sugar Bowl for a stromboli. Then he headed over to Biemesderfer Stadium to give the commencement address to the Millersville University Class of 2010.

"It was a great honor to speak to the graduating class five years ago," says Gladden. "And I never miss a chance for a stromboli."

Ever since Gladden graduated from Millersville in 1987 with a B.S. degree in business administration, he has always wanted to give back to his alma mater. "I wanted to make sure others can benefit from the same great start that I had, especially those who might not be able to financially make it work," says Gladden, adding that he and his wife Judi created an endowment focused on providing help to worthy student-athletes who participate in Millersville's football program.

Gladden played football when he was at Millersville—a punter who started for three years. Millersville had a great program with many memorable teams and wins, he recalls. His best memories were built around the great friends, players and coaches who made a huge impact on his life. He still keeps in touch with many of his college buddies and enjoys hearing about their successes in life.

He has had his share of success. After graduating from Millersville, he joined General Electric and progressed through their finance function. He was a divisional CFO for the healthcare and plastics businesses, and ended up as the CEO for GE Plastics.

After 20 years at GE, he became the CEO for SABIC Innovative Plastics, and in 2008 he was named as CFO for Dell, where he spent six years and ultimately took the company private in 2013.

Gladden is now the CFO at Mondelez International, a $35 billion global snacking company that owns brands such as Oreo, Ritz, Trident, Cadbury, Triscuit, Swedish Fish and Sour Patch Kids.

He gives Millersville University a great deal of credit for his success in the corporate world.

"MU taught me so many foundational skills," he says. "I had some incredibly engaging professors who pushed me and really got me excited about business. I also built some great early leadership skills, not only in the classroom, but on the football field. The legendary football coach Dr. Gene Carpenter was a great role model and a strong disciplinarian."

As a donor to Millersville, Gladden encourages other alumni to get involved and help support the University. It has been terrific to get reengaged with the University and play even a small part in helping it grow and be successful, he explains. By giving back, he has been able to reconnect with the University and meet many students.

"I would encourage all alumni to stay connected and find ways to give back, mentoring, giving your time, getting to know some of the current students. It's very rewarding," says Gladden.

Back in 2010, he told Millersville graduates to pick a profession they can be passionate about and explore the world far from home. He urged them to keep pace with new technology or "get left in the dust." Most importantly, he added, cultivate self-confidence and integrity.

Five years later, he offers similar advice, saying, "Don't settle. You really can do anything you want. It takes lots of hard work, perseverance and a little luck. If you focus on a career doing something you really do enjoy and get excited about, it's easy to be immensely successful."

Gladden grew up in Delaware and was recruited by Coach Carpenter to play football at Millersville. With his new position at Mondelez International, he and his family recently moved to Chicago from Austin, Texas.

"Millersville University really did transform me and continues to serve as a platform for everything I do!" he says, adding that being a MU donor is a way he can pay back.
By insisting on FSC certified paper, Millersville University helps to expand the protection of water quality, prohibit harvest of rare old-growth forest and prevent the loss of natural forest cover.

The hairdos and clothing styles may have changed since you were a Millersville student, but the memories are priceless.

Make some more memories at Homecoming on October 23-24, 2015.

For more information on Homecoming events, see pages 18-19.