

From: Office of the President
Sent: Thursday, March 23, 2017 11:13 AM
To: University Community <univcomm@millersville.edu>
Subject: An Important Message from Dr. Anderson

Dear Campus Family:

It is with mixed emotions that I share with you my intent to retire as President of Millersville University on March 1, 2018. Vivien and I discussed this with our family over winter break and decided together that, after a career spanning 44 years, it is time for us to pursue some of our personal interests and projects. We are very grateful for the warm support we have received from the University and the greater Lancaster community during our tenure.

I want to be clear that my decision is not related to the State System review currently underway. Through our combined efforts we have ensured that Millersville University has created a solid foundation to sustain our mission well into the future.

Over the past four years, we have faced many challenges and accomplished a great deal in advancing the University - none of which would have been achieved without the dedication of faculty, staff, students, alumni, community members, trustees and the wonderful leadership team at Millersville.

Some of our major accomplishments include: launching new campus-wide sustainability efforts, offering three inaugural professional doctoral programs, increasing our online options and adding many new academic programs. We increased out-of-state and international student enrollment and stabilized our new-student enrollment while becoming more selective in the quality of our incoming students. We implemented strategies to close the academic achievement gap for underrepresented students including providing scholarship dollars for summer research projects, reformatting the Millersville Scholars Program and witnessing the success of that first cohort. We completed several major construction projects; the McNairy Library & Learning Forum, the enhancement of athletic facilities, the residence hall project and the Gordinier Hall expansion. Construction has also begun on the Lombardo Welcome Center, the University's first net zero energy building. We successfully piloted our per-credit tuition model which assisted us in closing our \$10 million budget gap and provided significant increases in student financial aid. We also significantly increased the University endowment. Together we have overcome many challenges and made great strides; however, there will always be more to do.

Going forward, Chancellor Brogan will initiate the search for my successor, and the Council of Trustees will oversee the search process. I will work diligently with the Chancellor, the System office, our Council of Trustees and the University community to ensure a smooth transition of leadership. It has been a privilege to serve Millersville University for the past several years, and I wish you all the best on your path forward.

Sincerely,

John M. Anderson, Ph.D.
President

c: Mr. Michael Warfel, Chairman, Millersville University Council of Trustees