

Civil Society Advocate and Author to Speak at Commencement

Don Eberly, an award-winning author, civic entrepreneur and civil society advocate will be the May 2 commencement speaker. Eberly will be speaking on "Serving in the Spirit of Lincoln."

Eberly is a nationally and internationally noted author and advocate for civil society, private philanthropy and volunteerism. His career includes a decade serving in senior policy positions in Congress and two administrations, and another decade advocating for and creating nonprofit organizations to strengthen community and civic life.

Eberly has authored numerous books and essays on topics of community-based solutions.

His latest book, *The Rise of Global Civil Society: Building Communities and Nations from the Bottom Up*, received critical acclaim for its sweeping overview of the forces now shaping the global debate, including citizen-led development projects, poverty-reduction strategies that substitute opportunity for charity, and electronically linked movements to combat corruption and autocratic rule. An earlier

book, *Building a Community of Citizens*, has been translated into Arabic and is widely circulated within pro-democracy movements in the Middle East.

Eberly has founded several nationally recognized nonpartisan, nonprofit organizations to promote civic and democratic renewal, including the National Fatherhood Initiative, which is credited with having launched a national community-based social movement to renew committed, involved fatherhood. He also founded the "Civil Society Project," which promotes philanthropy, volunteerism and nonprofit solutions.

Eberly holds master's degrees in government from George Washington University and the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, and has done doctoral studies at the School of Public Affairs at Penn State University.

Commencement will be held Saturday, May 2, at 10 a.m. on Chryst Field at Biemesderfer Stadium. For more information, go to: www.millersville.edu/commencement.



Don Eberly

University's Annual Alumni Awards



Paul S. Beideman

Paul S. Beideman '71, will receive the Distinguished Alumni Award from the Millersville University Alumni Association at the 51st Annual Undergraduate Honors and Awards Convocation on April 18. This is the highest award an alumnus can receive from the alumni association. Beideman is the CEO of Associated Bank Corp, headquartered in Green Bay, Wisconsin. The Honors College Fellowship Program at Millersville University was established by Beideman and his wife, Caroline.

Beideman is on the University of Green Bay Board of Directors, Wisconsin Manufacturers and Commerce Board of Directors and also serves on the Board of Trustees for Widener

University and the Philadelphia Zoo.

The recipients of the Honorary Alumnus Award this year are Dr. Charles Winter and Stanley Kabacinski.

Winter is a world-renowned surgeon who was born in Germany and made his home in Lancaster in 1960 after working in New York, Tennessee and Ohio. In 1963, he made medical history when he reattached the severed arm of a local farmer, and in 1970 he connected the first electric prosthesis arm in the United States. A longtime friend and supporter of the University, Winter made a major gift to the University in 2007 in support of a visual and performing arts center.

An instructor in wellness & sport sciences at the University for 29 years, Kabacinski retired in May 2007. He served as an assistant football coach for 11 years and became chair of wellness & sports sciences in 1999 and served in that position until 2006. Kabacinski was also involved in over 450 motivational workshops over the years, including presentations to student clubs, men's and women's sports teams and the Millersville University Council of Trustees. In 2001, he wrote the book *Coach Kab Presents: Success Strategies to Motivate...Focus... Empower the Champion Within*.

The Outstanding Service Award Recipients this year are Michael Choroneko '83, Lorraine Patton '53, Fay Kramer '62, Gloria Jaremkov '73, Darlene Newman '84, Cher Rineer '96, Jen Strobel '95 and Gina Crawford '96. This award

is presented to those alumni who have served their fellow alumni through longevity of loyal service, significant accomplishment in special alumni or University projects or have served in a committee or regional branch capacity of the alumni association.

The honors and awards convocation is scheduled for 10 a.m. in Pucillo Gym on April 18.



Dr. Charles Winter



Stanley Kabacinski

Softball Field Takes the Gold

The newly renovated Millersville University softball field has been recognized as a 2009 Keystone Athletic Field Managers Organization (KAFMO) Field of Distinction. Grounds supervisor Kevin Bevenour accepted the award on behalf of Millersville University.

With a seating capacity of 250, the softball field hosted its first game in March 2008. Improvements to the field include a climate-controlled press box, a concession stand and a new scoreboard behind the left field

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Staff Activities

Drs. Ximena Catepillan, mathematics; **Natalia Dushkina**, physics; and **Nazli Hardy**, computer science, had their workshop proposal entitled “Developing the Interdisciplinary Women in Mathematics and Science” accepted for presentation at the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education’s (PASSHE) 2009 Diversity Summit. They will present the workshop in Harrisburg on April 24.

Drs. Nadine Garner, psychology, and **James Valle**, elementary and early childhood education, and Nichole Hinkle, school counselor at Manor Middle School and a Millersville alum, co-authored the chapter, “Settings and Counseling Career Choices” in the book, *Orientation to the Counseling Profession: Advocacy, Ethics, and Essential Professional Foundations*. The chapter includes contributions by **Dr. Jason Baker**, psychology, **Dr. David Hill**, psychology, **Dr. Joseph Lynch**, counseling and human development, **Dr. Thomas Neuville**, special education and local and regional school counselors and a rehabilitation director. The chapter also highlights Millersville University’s efforts to honor the victims of the 9/11 tragedy, including the paper crane folding project and art installation.

Dr. Joseph C. Labant, elementary and early childhood education, recently presented at the 106th Middle States Regional Conference on the Social Studies, Salisbury University, Salisbury, Maryland, February 26-28. The title of Labant’s

presentation was “Integrating Artifact Bags into Oral History Projects Related to Cultural and Ethnic Awareness.”

Dr. Timothy C. Miller, English, recently had his article, “Saint Augustine – Biography, Analysis, Confessions and the City of God” published in Magill’s *Survey of World Literature*.

Dr. Kendra Saunders, counseling & human development, **Dr. Cheryl Desmond**, educational foundations, **Dr. Carol Phillips**, associate provost emerita; Louise Williams, retired District Justice and current president of Lancaster City Council; and Dr. Molly Henderson, former Lancaster County Commissioner, presented as a panel on “Gender and Race in Contemporary Politics” at the annual Women’s Studies Conference of the Central Pennsylvania Consortium, Gettysburg College, March 28.

Dr. M.P.A. Sheaffer, English, has been invited to read one of her poems at a book-signing for *Pennsylvania Seasons: A Collection of Fifty-Two Pennsylvania Poets*. She is one of the 52 poets featured in this collection. The book-signing will take place at the Osterhout Free Library in Wilkes-Barre as part of the celebration in April of National Poetry Month.

Dr. Ron Umble, mathematics, gave an invited presentation on April 4 in the Southeastern Section Meeting of the American Mathematical Society held at North Carolina State University in Raleigh, N.C., entitled “On the Transfer of Multiplicative Structure.” His presentation announced recent results in a collaborative project with Dr. Samson Sanbladze of the A. Razmadze Mathematical Institute in Tbilisi, Rep. of Georgia.

Kenneth N. Weaver ’73, elementary and early childhood education, recently returned from the annual Teachers of English

to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) convention in Denver, Colo., where he presented two sessions: “Forging a Partnership with your Principal” and “Understanding your Cultural Identity.” In addition, he has been elected to serve a three-year term on the steering board of the elementary education interest section of the organization.

Retired Staff Activities

Dr. Dennis Denenberg, professor emeritus, elementary and early childhood, continues to present keynote addresses to conferences and conventions for corporate, teacher and parent groups. Denenberg gave the workshop “An Entire Day with REAL Heroes!” to 110 teachers on March 28 in Charleston, W. Va., and on March 30, also in Charleston, he presented “Values and Real Heroes: A Perfect Fit!” – as the keynote address for the W. Va., Department of Education’s State Character Education Conference.

Piccola Named to Board of Governors

State Senator Jeffrey E. Piccola of Susquehanna Twp. (Dauphin County) has been named to the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education’s (PASSHE) Board of Governors.

The 20-member board has overall responsibility for planning and coordinating the development and operation of the State System. The governors establish broad fiscal, personnel and educational policies under which the 14 PASSHE universities operate.

Obituary

Ralph L. Nace, 83, of Columbia died March 29. He retired in 1987 after 20 years of working at Millersville University as a painter.

SAM Takes First

Millersville’s student chapter of the Society for the Advancement of Management (SAM) was awarded first place in the recent annual case-study competition.

A professional and student organization that publishes a quarterly journal with cutting-edge research on business management topics, SAM helps prepare students for the real business world. The SAM National Conference was held in Las Vegas on March 24. The competition consists of a

team of no more than five students who put together a 15-minute presentation analyzing a case study. A three-to-five minute strategic plan for the company is presented as well, followed by 10 minutes of questions from the judges.

SAM president and junior Collin Moseley recalled hearing from the judges of their decision, “First place was our easiest decision. Third and fourth were the most difficult.” The Millersville University chapter competed against 17 different teams.

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Earth Day 2009

Some Millersville students will be celebrating Earth Day on April 18 with activities at the Frank Sahn Salvage Center in Columbia. Students from the Technology Education Collegiate Association will display alternative energy models and energy conservation products.

In addition, Dr. Leonard Litowitz, industry & technology, will be presenting at the third annual Earth Day event. The activities are aimed toward children ages four through 10 and their families. Earth Day activities will take place from 8 a.m. until noon.

Distinguished Leaders Announced

The Civic and Community Engagement Research (CCERP) project at Millersville has announced the winners of this year's Distinguished Civic Leadership Awards.

The people honored at the Second Annual Distinguished Civic Leadership Awards ceremony include:

- Non Profit; Aarons Acres and executive director - Risa Paskoff
- Millersville Student; Shannon Hickey - Founder of Mychal's Message
- Faculty Emeriti; Dr. Betty J. Finney - myriad of community services
- Faculty/Staff; Dr. Blaise Liffick,

computer science, and his wife, Alanna Berger - Silent Witness and MU Allies Programs

- Millersville Alumnus; Thomas Baker - Leadership Advocate and Author: "Get Involved" Making the most of your twenties and thirties.

- Community Awareness Group; Dr. Nazli Hardy, computer science and Charlie Reisinger - MU/Penn Manor Cyber Partnership

- Local/Regional/National Figure; Dr. Albert Alley - Founder of the World Blindness Outreach Foundation

WIXQ Participates in Earth Day Activities



Doc and his WIXQ crew pick up trash in Millersville.

Earth Day is April 22 and Millersville's WIXQ radio station will participate. On Sunday, April 26, more than a dozen DJs from WIXQ will help pick up Long Lane as part of the Great American Cleanup. Dr. Ralph Anttonen (Doc) and his wife Judy, who maintain Long Lane as part of the Adopt-A-Highway program, will also be participating.

Grant Supports School Violence Conference

The University has received a \$10,000 grant from Verizon to fund a conference on school violence.

"We are delighted to receive this grant," said Dr. Jane Bray, Dean of the School of Education. "Unfortunately school violence is an all too common occurrence. Hosting a conference will give us a chance to discuss ways to eliminate problems before they happen."

Millersville received a similar grant last year from Verizon and hosted the summer-time conference, "Schoolyard Bullies: A Source of School Violence." It focused on identifying and preventing bullying from grades K-12.

"The conference is a way for Millersville University to take a lead in the community to educate ourselves and our school districts on the preparation for and prevention of violence in schools," said Bray. The second conference will be held in the fall of 2009.

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fence. The field also features a newly installed warning track and new sound system. There are lights for night games and the dugouts include storage areas.

Formed in 1994, KAFMO examines the quality of the athletic fields in Pennsylvania. A member of the Sports Turf Managers Association, KAFMO and its 300 members are committed to improving these fields across the Keystone state.

Voted on by the awards committee, the Field of Distinction Award distinguishes the Pennsylvania athletic field that stands out and is taken to the next level in the form of its safety, appearance and playability.



New softball field.

Who Makes Millersville Special?

This edition of The Exchange features history professor Dr. John M. McLarnon III '93. He has been with the University for nine years.

Q- Tell us about your education.

A- I have a bachelor's degree in history and philosophy from Millersville, and my master's and doctorate are in American history both from the University of Delaware.

Q- What do you like most about Millersville University?

A- Simply put, Millersville is home to me. The friends I have made among the staff and faculty make it a pleasure to come to school almost every day. I count two colleagues – Dr. Mel Allen, philosophy, and Dr. Derek Shanahan, geography – among my closest personal friends.

Q- Besides being a history professor, what are you involved with on campus?

A- President of the Association of Pennsylvania State College and University Faculties; member of the PASSHE Faculty Professional Development Council; member of the Chancellor's Committee on Class Size; director of public impact for the Community and Civic Engagement and Research Project; member of the Undergraduate Course and Program Review Committee; member of the



Dr. John McLarnon

Social Sciences Undergraduate Course and Program Review Committee; member of the Campus-Wide Advisement Committee; coordinator of information technology for Project Forward Leap, academic advisor for exploratory students and faculty advisor to the History Club.

Q- What do you believe to be the most important thing about teaching history?

A- Don't preach or proselytize. The history classroom is not a forum for expressing the personal political views of the professor. Rather it is a place to present the actions and motivations of people in the past in as unbiased a fashion as possible, encourage students to think critically about these people and their actions, and express their

thoughts, both verbally and in writing, in grammatically correct English.

Q- If a student only gets one thing out of your courses, what should it be?

A- There is always more than one interpretation of the past.

Q- Has teaching history always been a dream of yours?

A- Teaching history was never a dream of mine until halfway through my undergraduate career at Millersville, which would have been at about age 41 or 42. My dream job growing up was to play in a rock band that would be as famous and successful as the Beatles so I could buy a new Mustang GT and live in a house that had fewer than 12 children.

Q- What do you do in your spare time?

A- Play guitar and keyboards in a rock band and work on my Austin Healey Sprite.

Q- Name three musical artists you wouldn't mind being played on repeat for the rest of your life.

A- The Beatles, Blue Rodeo, Creedence Clearwater Revival

Q- What is a movie you recommend as a history professor?

A- Romero

Q- What is a movie you recommend, all collegiate titles aside?

A- The In-Laws (the original movie with Alan Arkin and Peter Faulk)

Q- What would we find you doing on a weekend?

A- A lot of housework, grading tests and papers, more housework, watching English football or Formula One racing (or both), and making music either with the band or with my brothers.

Q- Have you traveled outside the U.S.?

A- I have been to England, Canada, France, Russia, Ukraine, Latvia, Mexico and Vietnam. My favorite is a toss-up between England and Canada but I would not consider moving to either permanently. Millersville is home.

Breakfast for Champions

All faculty, staff and students who have been working on a Middle States Working Group are invited to breakfast on April 21. It will be held in the University room 7 a.m. – 9 a.m. Grab & go or made to order omelets.

Travel Programs Destinations

For more information call ext. 2308 or email: specialevents@millersville.edu

- Apr. 25 - N.Y.C. "Billy Elliot"
- Sept. 5 - U.S. Open

Alumni & Friends

State System

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- Gems of the Baltic Cruise Jul. 8-21
- Bermuda Cruise Aug. 9-16
- Iceland/Newfoundland Sept. 19-30

Including Vision Impaired

The School of Education's Diversity Committee will host a discussion "Including the Vision Impaired Student in the Classroom" on Tuesday, April 21st from 11 a.m. – noon in Stayer Hall's multipurpose room. Rose Mary Nightengale and Kendra Farrow from the Susquehanna Association for the Blind and Vision Impaired will be featured speakers. Please contact Shawn Gallagher, sgallagher@millersville.edu or ext. 2354 if you would like to attend.

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