

# Millersville University Exchange

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## Millersville Ranked in Top 100

U.S. News & World Report in its annual college rankings issued for 2010, announced August 20 that Millersville University ranked in the top tier at 54 in the category of Best Universities – Master's in the North region. That's an improvement from last year's ranking of 58. Millersville was the highest ranked among the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE) universities in this category. Bloomsburg came in at 74, Shippensburg at 77 and West Chester at 81.

Highlights of the college rankings were published in the September 2009 issue of U.S. News & World Report. The 2010 America's Best Colleges guidebook is now available.

"As we start the 2009-2010 school year, we have much to celebrate at Millersville," said Dr. Vilas Prabhu, provost. "Our students are gaining national recognition, our faculty are obtaining major grants and awards and we continue to focus on service learning through our Civic and Community Engagement and Research Project (CCERP)."

Examples include:

- Student Chapter of the American Meteorological Society for the second consecutive year received the national "Chapter of the Year" award.

- The student chapter of the National Broadcast Society was recipient of the NBS Model Chapter Award
- The Society for American Management student team took first place in the Society for the Advancement of Management Case Competition in Las Vegas.
- Student Affairs received a \$50,000 "Students Working Against Tobacco" grant.
  - The Voter Assistance and Poll Workers' projects, a partnership between the Lancaster County Board of Elections and CCERP, where 50 MU students were assigned to election facilities throughout the county for last fall's national election.
  - The Walker Center Junior Associates and Fellows program, which placed 10 students in week-long "in-residence sessions" in Washington, D.C., or Harrisburg, affording students interaction with representatives of all three branches of government.

U.S. News & World Report rankings are based on numerous factors, including graduation and freshman retention rates, class size and student-to-faculty ratios. Overall, the category included a total of 572 institutions nationwide, ranked by region that provide a full range of undergraduate and graduate programs.



## Construction Almost Complete

After months of construction, creating traffic jams and dust storms, the George and Fredrick Street intersection is almost complete. The roads have been paved and new striped crosswalks installed; the only thing missing is the new traffic light at the intersection. According to the project manager, Greg Petruno, the traffic poles will take approximately two weeks to install, weather permitting. Once installed PENNDOT requires the light to flash for one full week. The light is expected to be fully operational by mid-September.

Also to be installed is the first "talking" intersection. The signal will verbally inform pedestrians when it is safe to cross the intersection, followed by a count down of how many seconds pedestrians have until the signal changes. The voice

of the "talking" intersection will be Mark Duncan's, development.

There will now be instances where every light in the intersection is red in order to allow pedestrians to cross. Vehicles will no longer be permitted to make right turns on red; "NO TURN ON RED" signs will be placed at the intersection in order to inform drivers in the Millersville University community of this change.



Jeni Rathman, UCC&M, and Lucie Baldwin, development, cross the newly paved intersection at George and Fredrick Streets.

## Radical Jewelry Makeover Film-Screening

Hardrock mining is the nation's most toxic industry according to the Environmental Protection Agency and 76 tons of mine wastes are generated in the extraction of one ounce of gold. Christina Miller, art, is teaming up with Susie Ganch, assistant professor of art at Virginia Commonwealth University, to raise awareness about the ethics behind jewelry material suppliers.

September 4 from 8 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. marks the debut film screening of "Radical Jewelry Makeover: a traveling community mining and recycling project," at Binn's Park in downtown Lancaster. The film will



Christina Miller

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## Staff Activities

**Drs. Sandra Deemer and Laurie B. Hanich**, educational foundations, recently attended a one day preconference workshop on the teaching of educational psychology at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association in Toronto, Canada. As participants they presented two papers entitled "Discussing the Aims and Scope of the Teaching Educational Psychology Journal: An Interactive Exchange Between Potential Authors and Editors" and "Utilizing Achievement Goal Theory in Educational Psychology."

**Dr. Abdelhadi Halawa**, wellness and sport sciences, has completed the evaluation of three research proposals for "The National Priorities Research Program," the largest grant funding agency of the State of Qatar National Research Funds (QNRF). The three research proposals investigate vitamin D deficiency in children, chronic metabolic diseases in adults and effects of fitness and weight loss programs on the health behaviors of Qatari women. The proposals presented by researchers from Latvia, Turkey and the U.S. have been approved for grants totaling \$1.2 million to conduct those studies. The mission of QNRF is to encourage and advance knowledge and education by supporting original, competitively selected research by providing grants ranging from \$20,000 up to \$350,000 per proposal per year in a myriad of research disciplines.

**Dr. Joseph Labant**, elementary and early childhood education, was recently elected president-elect for the Pennsylvania Council for the Social Studies

**Dr. Behnam Nakhai**, business administration, had his refereed research article entitled "The Challenges of Six Sigma

in Improving Service Quality," co-authored with Dr. Joao S. Neves of The College of New Jersey, published in the *International Journal of Quality & Reliability Management*.

**Dr. M.P.A. Sheaffer**, English, participated in two seminars at the Courtauld Institute of Art at the University of London in July: "Medieval London from 1100-1400" and the "English Baroque Garden in Art and Literature." She also participated in two poetry seminars at Birkbeck College of the University of London on June 18 and July 9.

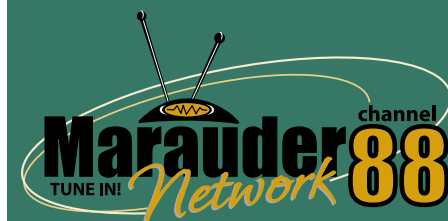
## Obituaries

Frances LeFever Faeth, 86, died August 24. She retired from Millersville University in 1983 where she served as the administrative assistant to several academic departments.

Shirley A. Good, 77, died August 30. She was employed at Millersville University in the food service department and retired in 1993.

John L. Rorabaugh, Sr., former associate professor of biology, died August 12. Rorabaugh '48, joined Millersville University in 1960. In addition to being a professor, he served as faculty advisor to the photography club, assistant curator for the science museum and was the alumni photographer.

Wilbur L. "Bill" Ware, 83, died August 13. He worked for 20 years, until his retirement, as the operations manager for the Millersville University Computer Center.



Millersville University is taking a new yet classic approach to promote on-campus events: television. Marauder Network, channel 88, will allow students to view upcoming events, dining hall menus, campus programs and a multitude of Millersville-related information. This fall, students will be able to access a newly installed satellite television network in residence halls and campus buildings. Millersville has teamed up with Clipper TV to provide the new satellite system. Similar to Clipper TV, Marauder Network will be a split screen channel with one side offering Millersville information, and the other offering local business specials, deals and events.

"Marauder Network will be an outlet for students to not only see what Millersville University is offering, but also what surrounding businesses in Millersville and Lancaster City are promoting," stated marketing graduate assistant, Tim Eckert, who set up and maintains the Marauder Network.

Millersville has 1,739 active jacks which can be used to access Marauder Network through a television. For more information or to place an event, email Eckert at [gamarketing@millersville.edu](mailto:gamarketing@millersville.edu).

## Welcome New Faculty

Below are the attendees of the New Faculty Orientation program held Aug. 17-19.



Dr. Erin Moss, mathematics; Dr. Samuel Earman, earth sciences; Dr. Christine Filippone, art; Dr. Victoria Weaver, art; Dr. Dominic Ording, English; Krista Higham, library; Dr. Michael Douglas, business administration; Tobin Sparfeld, music; Lowery Woodall, communications & theatre; Dr. Gregory Paul, communication & theatre; Melissa Gold, library; Dr. Leonora Foels, social work; David Johnson, social work; Donna Painter, industry & technology; Onek Adyanga, history; Dr. Zhigang Han, mathematics; Dr. Elizabeth Corrigan, business administration; Hsin-Yuan Chen, special education; Dr. Jeffery Prushankin, mathematics; Dr. Victoria Khiterer, history; Dr. Jennifer Jester, music; Dr. Louis Levy, mathematics; Dr. Ryan Orr, sociology & anthropology.

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# Reflect & Connect

The Reflect & Connect Series is a series of gatherings where community members—faculty, students, staff, and residents in the larger community—read short pieces of literature on service, reflect on civic engagement and connect with the community. This year-long series features four meetings each semester, the second Wednesday evening of each month at the Ford Atrium, McComsey Hall from 5 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Participants are welcome to join individual sessions or attend them all.

Prior to each event, participants register for the session, obtain the reading about civic engagement from Huntington House or through links on Facebook, and read a short (2-6 page) essay/story. At the event, facilitators—faculty, staff or students—organize discussion and activities to help participants reflect on the literature as it relates to service and civic engagement.

The first session will be held on September 9. The reading will be “Theme from English B” by Langston Hughes and the facilitator will be Dr. Tim Shea, English.

Sessions are free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be provided. For more information on the program or registration, contact Lori Leaman at [Lori.Leaman@Millersville.edu](mailto:Lori.Leaman@Millersville.edu) or ext. 3049.

## Parade Names Grand Marshals

The Millersville Community Parade Committee has named Ben Franklin

Kauffman and his wife Polly Huber Kauffman, both community leaders, as the 2009 grand marshals of this year’s event. The committee reviewed over 25 nominations for this prestigious honor. The grand marshals are selected every year based on his or her significant contributions to the Millersville community.

The Kauffmans will lead the two-mile award-winning parade that attracts over 5,000 spectators. The theme for this year’s parade on Saturday, October 24 is “Myths, Fables and Fairy Tales.” The parade coincides with Millersville University’s Homecoming weekend. According to parade chairman, Steven DiGuseppe, “This is one of the best, biggest and most eclectic parades in the county!” The parade starts at 9 a.m. at Penn Manor High School and ends at approximately 11:30 a.m. at the Student Memorial Center (S. George Street) on the

Millersville University campus.

The Kauffmans are only the second couple named to the prestigious list of notable community and business leaders who join the ranks of past grand marshals such as Dr. Ralph and Judy Anttonen, John Herr, Skip Rhodes, Jim Eshelman, Lynette Trout, Dr. William Duncan, Dr. Joseph Caputo, Steven DiGuseppe and



*Polly and Ben Kauffman*

Dorothy Bender.

Ben Kauffman, formerly taught plumbing/heating/AC with an area vo-tech program and was employed with the Wells Fargo financial entity as a maintenance supervisor. He attended Millersville University and has served as the Millersville Borough Manager and Millersville Borough Council President.

Polly Kauffman is retired from Millersville University, where she was employed with the Catholic Campus Ministry office for more than 20 years and formerly was employed with Garvin’s Department Store.

## Pizza, Policy and Politics

Pizza, Policy and Politics, hosted by the Civic and Community Engagement and Research Project (CCERP) at Millersville University is coming up later this month.

Former congressmen, the Hon. John LaFalce (D-NY, 1975-03) and Hon. Ron Sarasin (R-CT, 1968-72), will discuss “Being Principled and Being Practical... Has Politics Become Too Adversarial?” on Sept. 14, from 4 to 7 p.m. in Lehr Dining Room, Gordinier Hall.

LaFalce’s congressional career spans six United States Presidents, from Gerald Ford to George W. Bush. He is an advocate of reforming a troubled financial system and works towards winning legislative battles for union members, consumers and small businesses. He currently provides counsel to Hogan Willig’s Amherst Corporate and Business

Law departments, focusing on banking and financial services.

Sarasin served three terms as a member of Congress, representing the Fifth District of Connecticut, and two terms representing the Connecticut General Assembly. Sarasin is currently the president and chief executive officer of the United States Capitol Historical Society, a nonprofit, nonpartisan, educational entity attracting young people to careers in public service.

There will be free pizza, salad and a cookie buffet for those who participate.

For more information please contact CCERP at ext. 3049, stop by the Huntington House or go to the website at [www.millersville.edu/ccerp](http://www.millersville.edu/ccerp).



## Jewelry *continued from pg. 1*

run during Lancaster’s First Fridays, an event filled with art galleries, exhibits and performances held in Lancaster’s downtown district. Miller and Ganch designed and developed the Radical Jewelry Makeover (RJM) project, focused on reusing and recycling jewelry with collaborative work sessions to create distinctive handmade jewelry with exhibits and receptions. The film, produced and directed by Millersville alumna, Sarah Zentz and her collaborator, Dana Richardson, is 10 minutes long and will run as a continuous loop. RJM is a project of Ethical Metalsmiths, a non-profit organization dedicated to connecting metalsmiths with ethically and responsibly sourced materials.

The film will have a second screening at the Museum of Arts and Design in New York, for the museum’s “Jewelry Study Day,” Sept. 12. For more information visit [www.ethicalmetalsmiths.org](http://www.ethicalmetalsmiths.org).

# Who Makes Millersville Special

This edition of Who Makes Millersville Special features Judy Graham, dining & conference services, who has been with Millersville University for over 11 years.

Q- Your position is Supervisor II for dining and conference services. What does your job entail?

A- It includes supervision of the Galley, Starbucks, Cygnets, Turkey Hill Creamery and the Ganser Grind.



Q- What other responsibilities do you have at the University?

A- I have been involved with TLC Delivered, which is a program where faculty, staff, parents etc. contact me to schedule a delivery on campus for a birthday cake, a get well package, giant cookies, finals package or any of our other packages.

Q- What do you like most about your job?

A- I get to experience a lot of variety. I get to work at different locations and have student managers to help me out. I see that things are done around the University to keep things running smoothly.

Q- What is your favorite food sold in stores?

A- I LOVE the Mixing Bowl Salads at the Galley, and also their chicken tenders. I LOVE the Cove's chicken ceasar wraps. I LOVE the gummi lobsters in the bulk candy bins in Gordy's stores. I LOVE the Iced Mochas in



Judy Graham

Starbucks. I LOVE the chocolate chip muffins and the cheese Danish our MU Bake Shop makes and we sell in our locations.

Q- How do you take into consideration the fact that many students rely on places such as the Cove for their "grab-n-go" meals?

A- We try to offer choices for everyone, and we try to have a signature item available that you cannot get everywhere else on campus. It is all about choices.

Q- With your job comes many responsibilities, what's the best way to multi-task?

A- Sometimes I am amazed at all that gets accomplished, but much credit must be given to a good team effort by our excellent staff.

Q- Where did you work prior to Millersville?

A- I worked for 15 years for The Office Works, managing stores in Lancaster and Camp Hill, and then worked in the purchasing department. After I had my second child I became a stay-at-home mom, and then returned to the University.

Q- What kind of education and/or training do you have?

A- I attended Goshen College, in Goshen Indiana. I am currently taking classes here at Millersville.

Q- Have you traveled?

A- Between my junior and senior year of high school, I traveled to Europe with the Foreign Study League. I received college credits and studied in Rome, Lucerne, Paris and London. After graduation from Penn Manor, I traveled to Red Lake, Ontario, and taught Bible School to the Indian children. We would fly out to remote islands and land on the water with a pontoon plane. It was wonderful. The next summer I was a camp counselor, and I also took a 500-mile bike hike, which may surprise many people.

Q- Is there an essential object or routine that gets you through your day?

A- My morning cup of coffee.

Q- What are some activities that you are involved in outside of work?

A- My son is a junior here at Millersville, and he is on the volleyball team, so I go to every volleyball event. I also attend church, take care of my parents and their house, take care of my own household and volunteer at the Fulton Opera House as an usher.

Q- Where is your hometown?

A- I grew up on a dairy farm three miles west of Millersville, and graduated from Penn Manor High School. I remember being very upset when we watched Old Main torn down to make room for Ganser Library.

Q- Where would you go on an ideal vacation?

A- I enjoy traveling to new and different locations. My husband and I love exploring new areas and traveling to different states. We love going to a cabin near State College and spending time with extended family.

Q- What will you remember most about Millersville?

A- When I started, I opened The Cove. It was very busy, and the first place on campus to accept meal plans other than the dining halls. It was exciting and we had huge lines.

Q- What are some of your ideas for Millersville's future?

A- I am excited about the renovations in the SMC and the library and envision an exciting new role the SMC food court and the Ganser Grind will play in these renovations.

Q- What is your favorite sport at Millersville?

A- I have always loved basketball, ever since I was at Penn Manor when Wally Walker was our star player. I love to yell and scream. I attend some basketball games at Millersville. I often work at the football games at our concession stand and I do enjoy watching those games.

Q- Where do you want to be 10 years from now?

A- Happily retired hopefully.

Q- What is your life's philosophy?

A- Accept and follow Christ, always tell the truth, treat others the way you want to be treated, and live so that at the end, God says, "Well done, my good and faithful servant."

## Travel Programs

### Destinations

Call ext. 2308

—Broadway Shows—

- Oct. 17 "West Side Story,"
- Nov. 14 "South Pacific"

### Destinations Suspended

Millersville University has made the difficult decision to suspend the Destinations Travel Program after 2009, due to rising costs associated with the program. We thank you for your patronage and support over these past years and we hope to serve our travelling public again soon.

### Alumni & Friends

State System

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- Western Caribbean Cruise Jan. 10-17
- Punta Cana (Dominican Republic) Jan. 18-25
- South American Cruise Mar. 13-24
- Mediterranean Cruise Jun. 17-27

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