

Millersville University Exchange

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\$10,000 Gift to Millersville Borough

At the signing of the Millersville Vision 2020 statement on January 26, a special announcement was made of a \$10,000 gift to Millersville Borough from Student Lodging Inc. (SLI).

"Millersville University and Millersville Borough have a lengthy history of serving both students and residents," explained Borough President Scott Bailey.

"In keeping with the spirit of that partnership, I'm pleased to announce that SLI—a non-profit affiliate of the University—and at the request of the University, has gifted \$10,000 to the Borough."

The gift will help offset the money lost from the Borough's residential rental tax,

which was recently ruled unconstitutional by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court. The

Borough's 2009 budget originally included \$30,000 in revenue from the tax.

The gift from SLI is in addition to the voluntary contribution that Student Services Inc., (SSI) makes each year of over \$400,000: Millersville Borough Tax, \$148,355; and

Penn Manor School District Tax, \$285,548.

The University is forbidden by law from paying property taxes and SSI has voluntarily been the largest tax payer in the Borough over the past 30 years.

"We're glad to be of assistance," said Robert Slabinski, CEO and President of SLI and SSI.

"It's important to support the Borough in

this difficult situation. We will continue to assist the Borough as much as we can given the state of the economy and the limitations placed on the University by state laws."



Borough President Scott Bailey and Robert Slabinski, CEO and President of SLI and SSI.

Nominations Needed

Nominations are now being accepted for the Second Annual Distinguished Civic Leadership Awards through CCERP at Millersville University. The awards recognize notable civic/community contributions by both individuals and entities that had a positive impact on local, regional, national or international levels.

Nomination forms may be found online at www.millersville.edu/~ccerp and are due by March 6.

The award winners will be honored on April 16 at a banquet featuring Jerry Greenfield, co-founder of Ben & Jerry's Homemade, Inc. For more information, visit the CCERP office located in Huntingdon House, call #3049 or go online to www.millersville.edu/~ccerp.

Massage Your Soul on February 15

From biting commentary to high-caliber films, the Black Maria film festival is sure to impress even the most stubborn movie critic.

The festival is coming to Millersville University on Sunday, Febru-

ary 15, at 3 p.m. and will include 90 minutes of films and lots of discussion. Those attending will be able to experience the new and improved Bose sound and projection system recently installed in Meyers Auditorium in McComsey Hall.

Black Maria brings artists to life, and is a unique experience where film lovers are able to receive insider information on a smattering of films that "somehow, some way, touch you," explained Ben Cunningham, art.

Sponsored by the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, this date marks the second Black Maria stop at Millersville University. Classes are invited to attend the festival as a cultural event.

The festival brings out the idea that art is a cathartic experience, and is something that cannot be put into words. Cunningham said the films make viewers feel "like someone reached inside you and massaged your soul."

Each film ranges from one and a half minutes to 30 minutes long, and is a journey into the mind of the artist. The festival is free and open to the public. For more information on the festival, contact Cunningham at #3488 or email ben.cunningham@millersville.edu.



"A Horse is Not a Metaphor" 30 minutes long by Barbara Hammer, N.Y., N.Y.

Staff Activities

Lori B. Austin, judicial affairs, has been appointed to the executive board of the Mid-Atlantic Association of College and University Housing Officers. Her membership on the board is the result of her appointment as a Pennsylvania South Regional Coordinator for the association.

Dr. Robert J. Bookmiller, government and public affairs, had his book *Engaging Iran: Australian and Canadian Relations with the Islamic Republic* published recently by the Gulf Research Center, Dubai, United Arab Emirates. Based on archival research and extensive interviews with diplomats and policymakers, "Engaging Iran" is the first comprehensive study of Australian and Canadian economic and political relations with Iran.

Dr. Ximena Catepillan, mathematics, and Dr. Waclaw Szymanski, West Chester University, co-presented a paper entitled, "Inca Mathematics," at the Joint Mathematics Meeting in Washington, D.C., January 5 - 8.

Dr. Caleb Corkery, English, had his article, "Who Taught You Like That? A Study of Communicative Role Models and Academic Literacy Skills," published in the spring 2009 edition of "Composition Forum."

Dr. Abdelhadi Halawa, wellness and sport sciences, presented the research paper "The Role of School Nutrition in the Prevention of Childhood Obesity" at the 87th Annual Convention of Pennsylvania State Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance held in Pittsburgh, November 20-23, 2008. The purpose of his study was to investigate the role that school nutrition and federal and state governments' dietary policies have contributed to the rising rates of childhood obesity in Pennsylvania since World War II. The study also discussed strategies for prevention and management techniques.

Drs. Chris Hardy, biology, and **Nazli Hardy**, computer science, had their article on biodiversity informatics published in the *Journal of the Torrey Botanical Society*. The article is titled "Simple biodiversity mashups for non-tech-savvy biologists: a demonstration using the liana flora of Pennsylvania." The website on which the article is based is called "Liana Atlas of Pennsylvania" and is at the James C. Parks Herbarium website at <http://herbarium.millersville.edu/liana>.

Dr. Tim Mayers, English, had his article, "From Creative Writing to Creative Writing Studies" selected as the lead article in the January 2009 issue of *College English*, the journal of the National Council of Teachers of English.

Dr. Behnam Nakhai, business administration, was recently appointed to serve on the editorial board of the Current Empirical Research section of the *Organization Management Journal*, a peer-reviewed international journal in management and organizational studies, sponsored by the Eastern Academy of Management.

Dr. M.P.A. Sheaffer, English, sang as an alto ringer with the St. Olave's Singers for the Clothworkers' annual Carol Service at St. Olave's Church and in the Christmas banquet program at Clothworkers' Hall in London on December 20. She also cantored the two Christmas Eve services at St. John the Evangelist RCC in New York and sang as an alto ringer in the High Pontifical Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral on Christmas Day.

Dr. John Wright, industry and technology, recently received two major national service awards from the National Association of Industrial Technology (NAIT). These included the 2008 Service Award for Exemplary Contributions to NAIT as chairman of the executive board and the 2008 Service Award for Exemplary Contributions to NAIT as president of the Electricity, Electronics, and Computer Technology (EECT) Division. The awards were presented to Wright on November 22nd at the association's national conference. In addition, Wright was recently featured in *Robot Magazine* (March/April Issue). The article, about Wright's accomplishments with the NAIT national robotics contest that he founded in 2002, is titled "Bots & Bubbles: Students go for the Gold in the NAIT Robotic Manipulator Contest."

Retired Activities

Dr. Dennis Denenberg, professor emeritus, recently made Teaching American History (TAH) grant presentations in Trenton, N.J.; Elk Grove, Calif., and Fresno, Calif. He will be making a TAH grant presentation during February in Jasper, Ind. And, on February 27 and 28, he will present "Shaping our Students" in Port Richey, Fla.

Dr. Elizabeth Phillips-Hershey, retired, psychology, and Dr. Jane Weierbach, recently received two awards for their book, *Mind Over Basketball: Coach Yourself to Handle Stress*. The book received the NAPPA or National Parenting Publications Honors Award and the Moonbeam Children's Book Award for Juvenile Fiction (Silver).



Recyclemania!

Keep your eyes peeled for those green and blue bins because for the next 10 weeks Recyclemania is back to Millersville University's campus. From now until March 28, the University will be participating in the recycling competition.

Open nationally to all secondary institutions of higher learning, there are four categories that each school participates in, which range from determining a school's recycling rate as a percentage of its overall waste generation to simply collecting the largest combined amount of paper, cardboard and bottles and cans. The goal of the competition is to increase student awareness and involvement of recycling. For more information, see the Recyclemania website at www.recyclemaniacs.org/index.htm.

Academic Regalia Deadline Approaching

The deadline for renting or purchasing academic regalia for spring commencement is February 13. Sizing will be done at the University Store, see Victoria Fry. For more information call #2117 or email vfry@ssi.millersville.edu.

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Obituary

Christopher Tomlinson passed away on January 14. He joined the dining and conference services team in February, 2008 as a supervisor for retail operations.

The Gender Imbalance in Computing

Dr. Janice Cuny will be the keynote speaker at this year's Women in Math and Science Conference held at Millersville University. The conference is set for March 31. A program officer at the National Science Foundation since 2004, Cuny also served as a faculty member in computer science at Purdue University, the University of Massachusetts and the University of Oregon.



Dr. Janice Cuny

Cuny will speak on "the status of women in computing, the reasons for their underrepresentation and a possible agenda for change." For Cuny's efforts with underserved populations, she received a 2006 Association for Computing Machinery President's Award and the 2007 Computing Research Association's A. Nico Habermann Award.

The keynote presentation will be held from 9 to 10 a.m. in the Student Memorial Center Multipurpose Room. Admission to the lecture is free.

For more information, contact Susan Thomas, School of Science and Mathematics, at susan.thomas@millersville.edu.

Higher Education and the Economy

"Throughout the nation there has been much discussion about the state of the economy – from home mortgages to bailouts for automobile manufacturers. The news is bad, and higher education is not exempt from the economic downturn." Read the rest of President Francine G. McNairy's January 18, 2009 Sunday News column at www.millersville.edu.

Showcasing Scholarship

"A Showcase of Scholarship 2009," the annual exhibit highlighting scholarly and creative activities from January 2008 to the present, will be displayed in the Millersville University library during the months of March and April. A reception marking the exhibit opening will be held on the first floor of Ganser Library on Monday, March 16 from 3 -5 p.m.

To help make the exhibit a success, faculty and staff are encouraged to submit materials for inclusion. Materials appropriate for this exhibit include all published works (monographs, articles, poems, chapters, etc.); unpublished works (conference papers, texts or notes of speeches, musical compositions, etc.); records of other activities (catalogs, photographs, or slides of exhibits or individual works of art, programs or recordings of performances, etc.); and other scholarly and creative works from all Millersville employees (sculptures,

jewelry, films, posters, etc.).

Due to space limitations, the library will showcase materials displaying the diversity of Millersville University faculty and staff accomplishments. Those entering multiple submissions are asked to prioritize them for exhibition.

The library would also like to receive scholarly and creative works for inclusion in the "Millersville Authors Collection," a collection devoted to preserving the scholarly and creative activities of the University community. Exhibit submission forms will include the option to have scholarly and/or creative works added to this collection upon close of the exhibit.

Submissions must be received in the library by Friday, February 20. For entry forms and more information contact Erin Dorney, outreach librarian at #3617 or Library.Outreach@millersville.edu.

30 Years Or More



Attending the 2008 Employee Service Recognition on December 4, 2009 are (back row left to right): Dr. Susan Luek, psychology; Dr. Marjorie Warmkessel, library; Lenny Aurand, housekeeping; Dr. Carol Heintzelman, social work; (front row left to right) Deborah Sowers, library services and Marge Velde, dining & conference services; who were each recognized for having 30 or more years of service to Millersville University.

Who Makes Millersville Special?

This edition of “Who Makes Millersville Special” features Diane Marion-Zammetti, secretary of foreign languages. January 2009 marked her sixth year at Millersville University.

Q- How did you become interested in the foreign languages department?

A- When a position became available in the Foreign Languages department I thought it would be interesting to work with such a culturally rich, diverse faculty.

Q- Have you worked for any other departments at the University?

A- My first position at Millersville University was with the English Department. I transferred to the Foreign Languages Department at the beginning of the Fall 2005 semester.

Q- Do you speak other languages besides English?

A- Although I was raised in a home where Italian was spoken the majority of the time, and I took French I-V in high school, my language speaking skills are non-existent. However, my reading skills in those languages have improved since I joined the Foreign Languages department.

Q- What does your job entail?

A- An academic department secretary serves in many different capacities. We often wear the “hats” of an office manager, accountant, executive secretary, confidant, graphic designer, event planner, student assistant supervisor, special program coordinator, IT tech, purchase agent and even a substitute mom. As a department secretary, each day brings new and interesting challenges along with the everyday responsibilities.

Q- Have you traveled to foreign countries?

A- I have traveled to Jamaica, Mexico, Grand Cayman Islands and made a few memorable trips to Canada. I love to visit Niagara Falls. It is such a magnificent sight and I always return home refreshed and ready to face the world again!

Q- Do you watch foreign movies? If so, do you have a favorite?

A- I really enjoy watching foreign films with subtitles. My favorite one is the French movie, “The Butterfly.” This movie highlights the relationship between a young girl, an elderly gentleman neighbor and the magic of the transformation of caterpillars to butterflies.

Q- What is your favorite foreign cuisine?

A- Hands down-Italian. I think I may be biased on this question. My mom and grandmother were great Italian cooks and growing up in an Italian household connects you to that cuisine for life!

Q- Where did you go to school and what for?

A- I am originally from Brooklyn, New



Diane Marion-Zammetti

York, where I attended an experimental non-competitive high school and took some classes at Kings Borough Community College. At that time, my area of concentration was costume and fashion design.

Q- How long have you been working with the Girl Scouts? What got you involved with them?

A- I was lucky enough to become involved with the Girl Scout organization when my daughter entered kindergarten and the Daisy Girl Scout program. I have been involved with the program as a mom and a volunteer for the past 18 years, even though I was never a scout as a girl.

Q- What is the most difficult scout badge to receive?

A- Each level of the program has different badges and awards. It is hard to say which badge is the most difficult since that really depends on the interests of the girls. The highest award you can receive is the Gold Award, comparable to the Boy Scout Eagle Scout award. I have been lucky enough to witness four girls from my area reach this goal during their time as a Senior Girl Scout. This award is given for implementing a community based project that provides a service to that community which will be viable for many years.

Q- Why do you think this organization is a good experience for a young girl to have?

A- In girls who follow through with the program to adult Girl Scouts, it is evident they realize how important community service and education is are the future of our world. They have also formed valuable

and long-lasting relationships with female role models—women who are successful in business, as mothers, spouses and friends. These influences help the young women of today to progress into adulthood with the tools needed to succeed and a network of support from their Girl Scouts family.

Q- You also work with Meals on Wheels. What got you started with this organization?

A- I actually became involved with the Millersville Meals on Wheels program “by mistake.” When I was here only a few months, not knowing the campus very well, I mistakenly entered the Meals on Wheels headquarters while looking for the campus ministries office. My interest was sparked by the brief visit and in a short time, I was working with the organization once a week during my lunch hour. The commitment of that program to the community is invaluable and we are lucky to have them.

Q- What is the best part about working with Meals on Wheels?

A- Throughout my life, I learned from my mother, and the Girl Scouts program, how important it is for everyone to work together to help others whenever you can (and even sometimes when you can't). The Meals on Wheels program does just that. It is always there to help where needed. All the volunteers work with joy in their hearts. I love to stop in when they are cooking, it is an amazing sight and the dedication of the volunteers is very motivating.

Q- Are there any other organizations you help out?

A- I always try to volunteer when there is a need. I always say, “If I win the lottery, the first thing I am going to do is become a career volunteer.” Unfortunately, due to family illnesses during the past year, I have had to step back from my commitment to the Girl Scouts program and Meals on Wheels. I am looking forward to returning to my work with them in the near future.

Q- Between your job at Millersville and all of the organizations you help out, what do you do to relax?

A- We recently added a lovely little Westie puppy to our family and I enjoy taking her for long walks in the woods. When time allows, I also like to read about my adopted home here in Pennsylvania and cookbooks.

Q- What is your favorite book of all time?

A- “A Tree Grows in Brooklyn” by Betty Smith.