University Named to Presidential Honor Roll for Community Service

The Corporation for National and Community Service honored Millersville University recently with a place on the President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll for exemplary service efforts and service to America’s communities.

“This recognition is possible because our students and faculty are so broadly engaged in the community,” said Kathy Naegele-Delgado, associate director of Millersville University’s Office of Internships and Civic Engagement Services. “Volunteerism thrives throughout our campus, supported by student organizations, faculty members who engage their students through service-learning and individual students who believe in serving others.”

Launched in 2006, the Community Service Honor Roll is the highest federal recognition a school can achieve for its commitment to service-learning and civic engagement. Honorees for the award were chosen based on a series of selection factors including scope and innovation of service projects, percentage of student participation in service activities, incentives for service and the extent to which the school offers academic service-learning courses.

“At Millersville, service-learning alone contributes well over 100,000 hours to the community every year,” explained Naegele-Delgado, “and many more thousands of hours are volunteered beyond that in community service activities. Millersville students are particularly active in the area of children and youth programs, volunteering in the schools, in after-school programs and hosting programs like Second Mile here on campus.”

Overall, the Corporation also honored six schools with Presidential Awards. In addition, 83 were named as Honor Roll with Distinction members and 546 schools as Honor Roll members. In total, 635 schools were recognized. A full list is available at www.nationalservice.gov/honorroll.

Any student or faculty member who wants to learn more about volunteer opportunities or would like support for volunteer activities they are working on can stop by Volunteer Central in the Bedford House at Millersville University, or view the website at www.millersville.edu/ices.

Governor’s Visit

Governor Ed Rendell was on Millersville’s campus February 26 to promote a tuition relief plan. The program is designed to make college affordable for working families by greatly reducing or eliminating reliance on student loans for those attending community colleges and the 14 Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE) universities, including Millersville. If approved, tuition relief would start this fall with first-year students at PASSHE universities and community colleges.

Programs of National Distinction

Creating programs of national distinction was the focus of the Spring Faculty Convocation on February 19. Drs. Frank Bremer, history; Richard Clark, earth sciences; and Cheryl Desmond, educational foundations, gave presentations. Clark’s presentation focused on how he and his colleagues have created a program of national distinction in earth sciences.

Key Ingredients

“They can because they think they can.” –Virgil

- It starts with Faculty:
  - Commitment to students
  - Commitment to a strong, relevant curriculum
  - Attention to trends in the discipline
  - Broad community participation and program advocacy
  - Shared goal to aspire to excellence

- Excellent facilities for authentic learning

- University Support
  - Resources; marketing; advocacy; identity integration

- Instill in students a sense of pride, ownership, and community
  - Reinforce the value of their Millersville degree

- Successful alumni - advocates and advisors
Dr. Ralph Anttonen, academic & student development, and Dr. Michelle White, academic advisement, gave two presentations at the 28th annual conference on the First Year Experience - Feb. 6-10, Orlando Fla. The presentations were: “An Exploratory Program – 23 Years and Still Thriving” and “First-Year Seminars Revitalize Senior Faculty.” In addition, Anttonen co-presented with professors from Rowan University, the University of Central Arkansas and Oakland Community College, “Advocating for Students: A Glimpse into the Process.”

Lori B. Austin, judicial affairs, was recently re-elected for a 3rd term as the Pennsylvania State Representative for the Association for Student Judicial Affairs at the annual conference in Clearwater Beach, Fla. Austin also serves as a member of the association’s finance committee.

Drs. Thomas Burns, academic administration, Laurie Hanich, educational foundations, Lynn Marquez, earth sciences, Linda McDowell, educational foundations; and Daniel O’Neill, counseling & human development, participated in the 28th annual conference on The First Year Experience in Orlando, Florida, February 7-10. Burns, Hanich and McDowell presented a roundtable discussion entitled, “Beyond the Book: Developing Academic Programming and Assessing the Common Reading.” McDowell and Marquez presented a roundtable on “Incorporating First Year Seminars into the General Education Curriculum,” co-authored with Dr. Fred Foster-Clark, psychology. McDowell and O’Neill presented a workshop on Millersville’s alcohol abuse prevention program for first year students entitled “CHOICES: A Unique Approach to Alcohol Education.” And, during the poster session, Hanich, McDowell and Foster-Clark discussed their work on “A Qualitative Assessment of First-Year Students’ Understanding of Liberal Arts Education and Civic Responsibility.”

Dr. Ximena Catépillán, mathematics, was an invited speaker at West Chester University, on February 11, where she co-presented with Dr. Waclaw Szymanski, West Chester University, a public lecture entitled “Inca Culture and Mathematics.”

Dr. Caleb Corkery, English, had his research from last year’s PASSHE Social Equity grant published in Teaching English in the Two-Year College. The article is titled, “Rhetoric of Race: Critical Pedagogy without Resistance.”

Dr. Sandra Deemer, educational foundations, recently published the introductory piece titled, “In Our Classrooms: Connecting Theory and Practice in Educational Psychology Courses,” in a special issue of the Teaching Educational Psychology (TEP) journal. Deemer also published an article titled, “Using Action Research Methodology to Unite Theory and Practice,” in the TEP journal.

Dr. Cheryl Desmond, educational foundations, presented a paper, “Dynamic Integration: The Practice of ‘power with’ in Leadership Preparation” at the 61st annual meeting of the American Association of Colleges of Teacher Education, Chicago, Ill, February 6.


Dr. Jeffrey W. Wimer, wellness and sport sciences, co-authored a peer-reviewed article with Dr. Hal Strough of College of St. Scholastica for the recent edition of Athletic Therapy Today—the professional journal of certified athletic trainers. The article discusses strategies educators may use to enhance student involvement in professional organizations.

Miriam Witmer, educational foundations, will be presenting information about Millersville’s Color of Teaching program at the Governor’s Conference on Higher Education, “Pathways to College Success,” on March 17 in State College, Pa.

Obituary
Herbert G. Lambert, 57, of Lancaster, died on February 10. He retired from Millersville University in 2008.

Synchronized Swimming Show

Millersville’s Dolphin Club is having its annual synchronized swim show in Pucillo Pool on March 26 – 27 at 8 p.m. and again on Sunday, March 29 at 3 p.m. Tickets for this year’s “Disney” themed show are $2 for students and $4 for non-students and will be available at the door. The Millersville University club is in its 56th year and will display past photos and memorabilia from the synchronized swim team over the years.

Congratulations to:
Matthew Kirchoff, dining and conference services, and his wife, Molly, on the birth of their baby boy, Brett
Matthew Kirchoff, on January 30.

John Sicotte, registrar, and Amy Nunemaker on the birth of their son, Grant Michael Sicotte, on February 2.

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Millersville Hosts Job Fairs

Millersville University’s Career Services will be participating in the following job fairs:

- Teacher Recruitment Day – April 1 at Pucillo Gym approximately 86 schools registered to date.
- Job Expo – April 7 at the Student Memorial Center multipurpose room – 46 companies registered to date.

For additional details, please contact Career Services at ext. 3312.

Calendar of Events
March 11-19, 2009

11 Biology Department Colloquium Series, 4 p.m., Caputo 210, “Mystery Diagnosis” by Mark Regan, MD.

Ghosts of Duffy’s Cut, 7 p.m., Myers Auditorium, McComsey Hall, Presentation by historian Dr. William Watson.

12 Film: Malcom X, 7 p.m., Myers Auditorium, McComsey Hall.

12-15 “Into the Woods” – All Campus Musical, Lyte Auditorium, Tickets available at the ticket office.

13 - 14 CCERP Policy Conference “Sustaining an American Middle Class in a Global Economy,” for information, email lori.leaman@millersville.edu, or call ext. 3049.


17 “Diversity and Tolerance in Northern Ireland- The Role of Education,” 7 p.m., Lehr Room, Gordinier Hall, Dr. Tony Gallagher from Queens University in Belfast, Northern Ireland. More information, contact Dominic Scott at dominic.scott@millersville.edu or call ext. 3382.

18 Conrad Nelson Lecture - Virgil Marti, 7 p.m., Myers Auditorium, McComsey Hall. Discussion about how he transformed the ground floor of the Hirshhorn Museum into a lounge wrapped in a web of nostalgia.

19 Anna Funk Lockey Education Lecture, 7 p.m., Lehr Room, Gordinier Hall, William Ayers, Distinguished Professor of Education and Senior University Scholar at the University of Illinois at Chicago, will speak on urban education.

Humanities Film Series: “La Haine,” 7 p.m., Myers Auditorium, McComsey Hall

New Staff-January 2009 Orientation

Who Makes Millersville Special?

This Exchange features Mark Mullen ’95. He is the audio visual technician for the communication and broadcasting department, located in the Hash and Bassler buildings.

Q: Tell us about your job.
A: As a title, audio visual technician is applicable to a portion of my job. I work for information technology as a technician and I also work as the technical director of the broadcasting facilities and editing rooms for the communication and theatre department. My office is in Bassler Hall, home to the communication and theatre department’s broadcasting facilities. I support two broadcast studios, seven edit rooms and all of the production equipment. I also manage the CER or Communications Equipment Room where students and faculty sign out portable broadcasting equipment. In addition to this, I provide support for the smart classrooms in Bassler, Byerly, Chryst and Hash Halls as part of my IT duties.

Q: How long have you been here at Millersville?
A: 18 years total. The first five years were as a student pursuing a degree in music business and a minor in business management. After graduating, Student Services hired me full time in their technical operations department. I provided audio, lighting and eventually video support services for all of the concerts, special events and sporting events on campus. In 2000, I was hired by IT to support the smart classrooms they were beginning to install on campus. My responsibilities were redesigned in 2003 to support smart classrooms in a limited number of buildings, provide technical support for communication and theatre’s broadcasting facilities and manage the CER.

Q: Have you always wanted to be an A/V professional?
A: It was a remote interest but not anything I pursued actively. I was more interested in music, running, swimming and live events. When I applied to Millersville, I wanted to be a music teacher. After my first experience out in the field, I had second thoughts and decided to try the business side of music. Throughout college, I worked for Students Services, Inc., providing sound and lighting for campus events and for local production companies. Through these experiences, I obtained an interest in producing live events.

Q: What is your favorite part and least favorite part of your job and why?
A: Working with the staff, faculty and students is the best part about my job. I constantly work on something different but related. My least favorite part of the job is broken and outdated equipment. However, this can also become a positive when you find a creative way to fix a problem, even temporarily.

Q: What is the biggest problem that you come across with your job?
A: Time. I am sure most people in the service field agree. The time we have to keep everything working smoothly is never anywhere near close to what is really required. A quickly encroaching problem is the digital transition of broadcasting. Everything in the audio and video field is quickly transitioning over to digital. With all of the new equipment and standards it is hard to maintain existing equipment and even harder to decide what equipment should be used to replace existing equipment or upgrade to. Not too long ago the decision to adopt HD DVD or Blu-ray as a format plagued many in the industry. As we transition to digital and high definition, standards are still being developed, tested and adopted. Transitioning our facilities to digital from our current analog in a step-by-step process will become the biggest problem I will face over the next several years.

Q: What is your favorite season and why?
A: I like all of the seasons. Having the opportunity to experience all four seasons adds to the lure of this area.

Q: What is your favorite activity when you are outside of work?
A: Spending time with my family.

Q: What is your favorite season and why?
A: Probably on a ship somewhere out on the sea or traveling around different areas in the Midwest.

Q: What is your favorite season and why?
A: I once performed in an opera with the Harrisburg Opera Company.

Q: If you could talk to one person either past or present, who would you talk to and what would you say?
A: I would like to talk to my grandfather again; he was a mentor to me growing up. I wish he was still around and able to see my two sons. I would ask him for advice, especially on raising two boys.

Q: Have you ever traveled for a vacation and where was your furthest vacation from here?
A: I love to travel and experience different places. My furthest vacation has been to San Diego and Mexico. My favorite vacation was driving out to Denver and back stopping along the way at different cities and landmarks.

Q: If you could be anywhere on the earth right now, where would you be?
A: Probably on a ship somewhere out on the sea or traveling around different areas in the Midwest.

Q: What is your favorite season and why?
A: I would like to talk to my grandfather again; he was a mentor to me growing up. I wish he was still around and able to see my two sons. I would ask him for advice, especially on raising two boys.

CUPPIE Award

Millersville University has won a Bronze CUPPIE Award in the “Print Brochures - 4 Color category for the “Threat Assessment K-Card.” Millersville will receive the award at a dinner on March 12 in Hershey during the annual CUPRAPE. The Association of Communicators in Education Conference. Wendy Sheaffer and Janet Kacksoes from UC&M worked on the card with other University staff.