

Marine Science Consortium Dedicates New Environmental Learning Center



(L-R) Dr. John Cavanaugh, Chancellor PASSHE; Kenneth Jarin, chairman of PASSHE Board of Governors; Dr. Francine McNairy, president of MSC Board of Directors and president of Millersville University; Dr. Javier Cevallos, president of Kutztown University; Dr. Robert Dillman, president of East Stroudsburg University and Dr. William Ruud, president of Shippensburg University.

The Marine Science Consortium (MSC) recently held a ribbon cutting event for its newest building: A 35,000 square foot silver LEED Certified environmental learning center. LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) is an internationally recognized certification developed by the U.S. Green Building Council.

The Ribbon Cutting Ceremony was attended by more than 100 people from the Eastern Shore as well as MSC member universities, government officials and partners. Speakers at the ceremony included Dr. John Cavanaugh, PASSHE Chancellor; Kenneth Jarin, chairman of the PASSHE Board of Governors; Dr. Francine McNairy, president of MSC Board of Directors and president of Millersville University; Caroline Massey, assistant director of NASA's Wallops Flight Facility; Dr. Dominique Dagit, chair of MSC Academic Advisory Council and Millersville biology professor; Dr. David Zegers, Millersville biology professor and Rebecca Saunders, student at Millersville University and MSC Alumni.

“PASSHE is excited to create a learning facility that will benefit all its universities, students and faculty,” said Dr. John Cavanaugh during the ceremony.

The environmental learning center houses seven laboratories, three classrooms, a computer lab, administrative offices, a bookstore and an outdoor pavilion for work with marine species that require larger tanks.

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Soar to Greatness Capital Campaign to Raise \$85 Million



Four years ago President Francine G. McNairy asked the campus community, “If money is no object what are the major program needs of the University?” The top needs were prioritized and endorsed by a volunteer campaign committee, made up primarily of community members, and the “Soar to Greatness” campaign was born. On Friday, October 1, at a celebration at Millersville University-Lancaster, Steve Kapchar, ’70, chair of the campaign cabinet, announced publicly that \$57 million had been secured toward the \$85 million goal.

Money for the campaign comes from total revenue generation consisting of individuals, corporations and private foundations; the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, mainly through matching dollars for facilities and the federal government, through competitive grants such as the National Science Foundation and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

More than 420 current and retired faculty and staff contributed \$2.8 million to campaign objectives.

The eight funding priorities for the “Soar to Greatness” capital campaign include:

- Visual and performing arts
- Library renovations
- Instructional equipment
- Student-faculty research and faculty development
- Global opportunities
- Community/civic partnership
- Scholarship/fellowship
- Student health & wellness

The campaign will run for the next two and a half to three years.

Updates about campaign progress are posted at the [Soar to Greatness website](#), including a video about the campaign.

Upcoming Cupcake Event:

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Because nothing says "thank you" like a cupcake,
members of the University's Development Office,
Employee Giving Committee and the President's Cabinet
will be passing out

Soar to Greatness cupcakes!

When:
Thursday, October 14

Where:
The Quad

Time:
11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Don't miss a special appearance by
Skully!**



Thank you: For being a part of Millersville
Thank you: For believing in Millersville's mission
Thank you: For continuing to make Millersville great

Millersville Awarded Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board Grant

Millersville recently received a \$12,334 grant from the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board to support prevention of underage and dangerous drinking. Millersville will use this grant to publish new brochures and update the information given to students and families.

The grant will also support the Social Norms campaign, which educates students about the realities of college student drinking and the CHOICES orientation program, which informs first-year students about choices they have and the policies regarding alcohol and drugs at Millersville.

“Many students have an inaccurate picture of college drinking,” said Dr. Dan O’Neill, associate professor and clinical psychologist, Department of Counseling & Human Development. “They think ‘everybody does it.’ In reality, many students—almost a quarter of MU students—don’t use alcohol at all, and those that do, use it in moderate ways.”

The University’s subscription to an online confidential alcohol self assessment, www.echug.com, is also covered by the grant. This site allows students to get feedback on how their drinking compares to other students nationally and at the University. It provides information for students who worry about or question their own alcohol use.

“Preventing alcohol abuse and high-risk dangerous drinking on a college campus requires a multi-tiered approach,” O’Neill stated. “We try to think about individual students, the student body as a whole and the University and Millersville community at large.”

**1 out of 4 MU Students
Never Drank Alcohol**

**STAND
Un-Branded.**
Don't be bound by the misperceptions of college life.

Millersville University
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WE GOT THE FACTS FROM YOU National Collegiate Health Assessment, Fall 2009
www.millersville.edu/wandw/socialnorms

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Millersville presents \$2,000 donation check to YWCA Lancaster

Proceeds, totaling \$2,000, from ticket and merchandise sales from two February 2010 student performances of Even Ensler's play "The Vagina Monologues" was recently presented to the YWCA Lancaster by the Millersville University President's Commission on the Status of Women.



"The Vagina Monologues" has been performed on thousands of college and university campuses worldwide since 1998, with Millersville University being a participant since 2001. The performances are designed for both men and women, with the purpose of raising awareness about violence against women and girls. Performances of "The Vagina Monologues" and complementing events have raised millions of dollars for local charities over the past 10 years. The Millersville University proceeds benefited the YWCA Lancaster, an organization dedicated to eliminating racism, empowering women and promoting peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all.

YWCA Empowerment Center Director Mary Ross says Millersville University's V-Day events are commendable for speaking out against sexual violence toward women and girls, which is a key concern of the YWCA: "We are very grateful to Millersville for donating the proceeds of the 'The Vagina Monologues' to our Sexual Assault Prevention and Counseling Center." YWCA Lancaster provides free counseling and support to almost 1,000 survivors of sexual assault and abuse, and their loved ones each year; staffs a 24-hour sexual assault hotline (717-392-7273) and gives preventive education presentations on sexual assault annually to more than 7,500 children and adults.

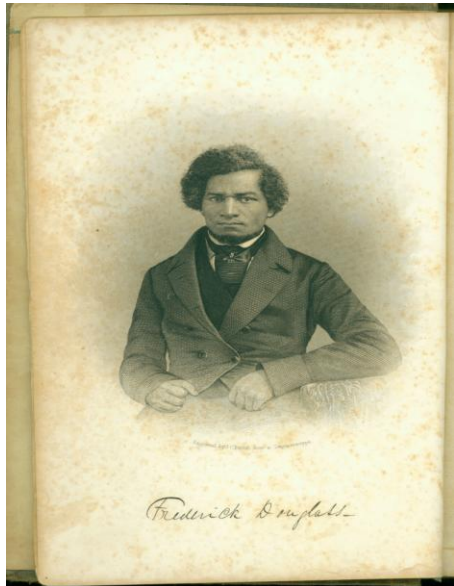
Millersville University will continue to participate in V-Day events for 2011 with two performances of "The Vagina Monologues" scheduled for mid-February 2011. Further details including dates, sponsorship information and ticket sales will be released later this fall.

For more information, please visit www.vday.org or contact Erin Dorney, chair for the commission's V-Day subcommittee, at Erin.Dorney@millersville.edu.

Dickinson College and Millersville University awarded additional \$34,000

Millersville University's library collaborated on a project with Dickinson College that resulted in the creation of the website [Slavery and Abolition in the U.S.: Select Publications of the 1800s](#). This website is a digital collection of books and pamphlets that demonstrate the varying ideas and beliefs about slavery in the U.S., as expressed by Americans throughout the nineteenth century. It was awarded an additional \$34,000 in grant funding to continue digitizing relevant materials and adding them to the website.

"The Slavery and Abolition Digital Collection is a valuable teaching tool that brings important and sometimes forgotten texts to a general audience.



Readers should be grateful for this collaborative project and the rich resources it makes available," said Dr. Dennis Downey, history professor and director of the University Honors College.

The works in this collection reflect arguments on both sides of the slavery debate and include first-person narratives, legal proceedings and decisions, anti-slavery tracts, religious sermons and early secondary works. In the past 18 months, more than 8,250 individuals from 101 different countries have accessed the collection.

"As a future English teacher, I could see using the Slavery & Abolition Digital Collection for many projects with my students," said Elizabeth Harkinson, English secondary education student. "The many voices and viewpoints give students a broad view of the topic for research papers. Students can also use these texts to analyze arguments and as the basis for creative writing."

The grant allowed more than 10,000 additional pages of text to be added to the collection. The collection represents work published between 1787 and 1911. The publications are all drawn from the holdings of Millersville University Library and the Dickinson College Library, as well as each of their respective Special Collections Departments.

The Slavery & Abolition digital collection was initially launched in fall of 2008. The completion of that project, as well as the extension of the collection with new materials, was supported in part by the Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act as administered by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in association with Millersville University and Dickinson College. This online resource is made freely available to the public, with the hope that providing these rare and important research materials will enhance teaching and learning about this complex issue at all levels of instruction.

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Any questions about this project may be directed to Marilyn Parrish, library, at Marilyn.Parrish@millersville.edu.

Call for Nominations



The Civic and Community Engagement and Research Project (CCERP) at Millersville is soliciting nominations for annual awards to be made at the Civic Engagement Recognition Banquet on November 18. The purpose of these awards is to publicly recognize notable civic/community contributions on the part of individuals and entities that have had a positive impact locally, regionally, nationally or internationally. The deadline for nominations is October 25.

Nominees may fall into one of the following eligible categories: a local, regional, national or international figure; a Millersville University faculty or staff member; a Millersville University student or alumni; a non-Millersville University student (including pre-college); a nonprofit organization or corporation or other business entity or institution including schools but not governmental agencies.

The awards recipients will be selected based on the following criteria:

1. Nominees fall into an eligible category.
2. Nominee has made a significant contribution(s) to the local, regional, national or international community.
3. Nominee's leadership or actions have benefited others or the community.
4. Nominee's leadership inspires or empowers others to become civically involved.

Nomination forms are available on CCERP's website, www.millersville.edu/ccerp. For more information, contact Lori Leaman, CCERP, at 717-872-3049 or Lori.Leaman@millersville.edu.

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Make a Donation Today

It's Friday and it's payday – score! With just \$2, why not help Millersville University make a difference. Millersville is again joining the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education in participating in the Commonwealth's State Employees' Combined Appeal (SECA) Campaign.

Last year, Millersville University faculty and staff raised more than \$26,000. The goal this year is \$27,000. The University's campaign will run through October 22; every donation, whether it's \$2 per pay period or more, helps.



“While there are always deserving agencies that need our support, the success of this year’s campaign is especially critical due to the large number of our fellow citizens who have lost their jobs and life savings in the ongoing recession,” said Dr. John McLarnon, associate history professor and this year’s SECA campaign team leader.

Each donation to SECA provides much-needed support to local, national and international human service agencies. Employees may choose which agency (or agencies) they wish to fund. SECA allows the University an opportunity to join a statewide effort to provide crucial services to people in need.

Making a donation is simple: Just fill out a pledge form and return it to the Office of Human Resources. For a complete list of organizations, check out the [2010 SECA Resource Guide](#). Payroll deductions will begin January 2011. For more information, contact Deb Pizzola, human resources, at Deborah.Pizzola@millersville.edu or 717-872-3017.

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Millersville Borough Police Department Receives Two AEDs



Millersville Borough residents now have a better chance of surviving sudden cardiac arrest. The police department received two automated external defibrillators (AEDs) to put in on-duty police cars. From left to right; Dr. Barbara Martin, executive director, Lancaster Heart and Stroke Foundation; Millersville Borough Police Chief John Rochat; Millersville Lions Club member and the director of Judicial Affairs at Millersville University, Lori Austin and Michael Peck, member of the Heart and Stroke Foundation Board and chair of the AED committee.

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10/07/10 Faculty & Staff Activities

Retirees Honored



Jean Boal, music (left) and Majorie V. White Greenawalt, library, were honored at Fall Convocation by Dr. Vilas Prabhu, provost and vice president of academic affairs.

Activities

Dr. Sandra Deemer, educational foundations, and **Melissa Ostrowski**, school counselor at Penn Manor High School and adjunct professor of educational foundations at Millersville, recently presented a workshop to the Penn Manor school board. Their workshop focused on the results of a three-year longitudinal study related to the high schools' graduation project. Deemer and Ostrowski have also presented the findings of this work at the Penn Manor summer and fall student/parent orientation sessions. In addition, Deemer and Ostrowski recently published their article titled "Students' Perceptions of a Program for Exploring Postsecondary Options" in the peer-reviewed journal, *American Secondary Education*.

Dr. Abdelhadi Halawa, wellness and sport sciences, published his research paper titled "Effects of Globalization on the Rising Rates of Childhood and Adult Obesity and Overweight in Developing Countries" in the spring 2010 issue of the *Journal of Applied Global Research*. His paper investigated the role of globalization and liberalization of foodstuff trade in the rising rates of obesity and overweight particularly in developing nations.

Dr. Timothy C. Miller, English, had his review of Miri Rubin's book, *Mother of God: A History of the Virgin Mary*, published in *Magill's Literary Annual*.

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Dr. Behnam Nakhai, business administration, had his refereed article titled "Searching for Pareto-optimal Settlements in Negotiations: The Extreme Payoffs Method," co-authored with Dr. Joao S. Neves of the College of the New Jersey, accepted for publication in the *International Journal of Strategic Decision Sciences*.

Dr. Tanya Kevorkian, history, was a Summer Faculty Fellow at the McNeil Center for Early American Studies at the University of Pennsylvania. She worked on articles about Native Americans and colonists in Lancaster County, and on Pietism and music. In March she gave an invited lecture titled "The Church, the Street, the Tower and the Home as Sites of Religious Music-Making in Urban Baroque Germany" at the Sounds of the City 18 conference at the University of Antwerp, Belgium. Also in March, she gave a pre-concert lecture in Philadelphia, "Zelenka's Dresden Audiences," for the Tempesta di Mare Baroque ensemble.

Dr. Kevin S. Robinson, mathematics, presented the talk "Happyville and Statistical Thinking" at MathFest 2010 conference in Pittsburgh, Pa., on August 7.

Dr. John Wallace, biology, was awarded a \$9,000 grant by the Hunterdon County Vector Management Program in Hunterdon County, N.J., to conduct black fly surveillance in the South Branch of the Raritan River, Hunterdon County. In addition, he was senior author in an article published in the peer-reviewed journal, *Applied Environmental Microbiology* titled, "Interaction of Mycobacterium Ulcerans with Mosquito Species: Implications for Transmission and Trophic Relationships." He was also co-author in an article published in the peer-reviewed publication, *PLoS Neglected Diseases* titled, "A Major Role for Mammals in the Ecology of Mycobacterium Ulcerans." And, Wallace co-authored a poster paper with his Research Experience for Undergraduate student, Nicolas Macias from Sacramento State University at the North American Benthological Society Conference in Santa Fe, N.M, in June titled, "Effects of an Invasive Plant Diet on Native and Non-indigenous Crayfish Growth, Survivorship and Behavior." And he co-authored an oral paper presented by collaborator Dr. Shannon LeDeau, CARY Institute of Ecosystems Studies, at the Ecological Society of America Conference in Pittsburgh, Pa., in August titled, "Mosquito Communities and Vector-borne Disease Risk in an Urban Landscape."

Jay D. Weaver, former computer science professor, recently published a collection of his writings including poems, hymns, devotionals, essays and personal stories titled "Footpaths through the Forest" with Amazon.com on their Kindle format.

Congratulations

William Reinert, maintenance operations, and his wife **Stacy Reinert**, housekeeping, on their 25th wedding anniversary on October 12.

Dr. Ryan Wagner, biology, and his wife Melissa, welcomed a son into their family on August 30.

Who Makes Millersville Special

This issue of “Who Makes Millersville Special” features Dr. Dominique Dagit, associate professor of biology.

Q: Since you’re a professor of biology, were you a science nerd in high school?

A: Yes. Very “geeked out.” I studied hard and put a priority on focusing on my education.

Q: Why did you decide to focus on ichthyology, or the study of fish?

A: I actually love bats and wanted to study bats. My mentor in college, Dr. Thomas Griffiths, convinced me instead to do a senior project on ratfish. Once I found out that there was nearly nothing known about this group of fish, I decided that was the area of study for me. I’m not especially competitive and the idea of being the only person studying this group of fish really appealed to me.



Watch this video to hear Dagit talk more about Ratfish:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MpU1VKrWFL0>

Q: You seem to be fascinated with sharks. Are you glued to the television during Shark Week on the Discovery Channel?

A: NO! Too much sensationalism and I’m not a big fan of television. I’d rather be swimming with sharks than watching them on TV.

Q: Your thoughts on the movie “Jaws” - misunderstood, playful creature or a mean-spirited vacation spoiler?

A: Yuk, really bad movie. Probably the single most influential bit of propaganda leading to the decline of sharks that exists today. People kill about 100 million sharks per year, and on average sharks in the North Atlantic have experienced declines of over 50%. Pretty soon the only sharks we’ll see *will* be on TV during shark week.

Q: You work with global fisheries and conservation organizations on fishery guides for identification. Have you ever thought about making an “app” for that?”

A: I’m too busy working in the 3-D world. I have no desire to spend all my time in a 2-D, electronic world.

Q: Are you interested in studying chimeras, or ratfish, because of their mysterious and enigmatic nature?

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A: Yes, and they are seriously beautiful fish. They have been around for more than 300 million years – since the Carboniferous Era; they’ve survived nearly unchanged for millions of years. They were here before humans were and likely will be here long after we are gone.

Q: What is the proper way to pronounce Chondrichthyes?

A: Kon-drick-thees

Q: What would you consider a relative of a shark?

A: Lawyers.

Q: So you have had the privilege of naming your own fish, how does that feel?

A: It’s really cool, actually. Once you name a species your name is associated with that species name forever. Every time someone refers to the species, they also include the name of the namer. It’s a legacy. The fish I’ve named are kind of like children, they will bear my name forever, and it’s a lot cheaper than raising a kid (although not nearly as much fun)!

Q: Why did you choose the name you did for the fish?

A: There are actually very specific rules for how to name a species. The rules are in a small book called *The International Code of Zoological Nomenclature* (ICZN). Typically I name species for a particular attribute of the fish, and sometimes I honor friends and loved ones by naming a species for them, but either way, I still have to create the name following the rules of the ICZN.

Q: From the looks of it, your car has a vanity license plate. What does it say and why?

A: I’m not telling – the campus police will be able to find me!! Just kidding. My license plate says RATFISH because they are my favorite fish. I get lots of strange looks while driving the “ratfish mobile” on the highway. Maybe it’s the license plate . . . maybe it’s my driving!

Q: Tell us about your work at Wallops Island.

A: I’m so excited about what’s going on there I could fill the whole Exchange, but to answer your question, I was at Wallops Island at the Marine Science Consortium (MSC) teaching a class on fish called Marine Ichthyology. We get to go fishing every day in my class! Summer classes at the MSC are loads of fun! Each session is only three weeks long and students have lots of opportunities to be outside in the field, plus the beach is nearby. It’s a great hands-on learning experience. We’re expanding the curriculum to include non-major courses and courses in other disciplines, like art.

Q: You have a great relationship with your students. What do you think gives you that little something extra that students look for in a teacher?

A: I’m not sure. I guess it’s because I really like my students. I like their enthusiasm and curiosity. I also have a lot of energy which I guess helps too.

Q: Do you enjoy working in the classroom or at on-site locations?

A: Oh I much prefer being in the lab or field. That’s when you really learn things. Get wet, get your hands dirty and discover new things. That’s when learning is exciting and it’s more fun to teach in that kind of environment.

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Q: Of all the oceans, which is your favorite and why?

A: The Pacific. It's full of lovely ratfish, but also it's where I've spent most of my research time. The Pacific Ocean, to me, also seems so wild and forceful – it's just awe inspiring.

Q: Since you spend so much of your time working in, around or near the ocean, do you still enjoy vacationing there as well or is there someplace else you enjoy?

A: I'd always rather be at the ocean. My dream life is to be somewhere where I can wear a bathing suit to work every day.

Upcoming Events

Black Marmot Concert with special guest Bern Kelly

When: Saturday, October 9, 2010 at 7:30 p.m.

Where: Millersville University - Lancaster, 42 North Prince St.

Contact: [Laura Micciche](#) ; **Phone:** 717-871-5628

The music of Black Marmot is a blend of acoustic folk and rock. The concert is sponsored by Millersville's American Meteorological Society. General admission tickets are \$15.00 and for students with Millersville University ID \$10.00. Visit muticketsonline.com to purchase tickets.

Soulful Expression with "Common"

When: Thursday, October 14, 2010 at 9 p.m.

Where: Brooks Gym, Millersville University

Contact: [Rita R. Smith-Wade-El](#) ; **Phone:** 717-872-3090

Common will give a speech on "Lessons of life, the human spirit, human nature and Common Ground: Empowering Urban Youth." The Black Culture Celebration, Black Student Union and NAACP, Millersville University College Chapter are sponsoring this event. This event is free and open to the public.

Humanities Film Series: Two Angry Moms

When: Friday, October 15, 2010 at 7 p.m.

Where: Myers Auditorium, McComsey Hall

Contact: [Jill Craven](#) ; **Phone:** 717-872-3627

The documentary Two Angry Moms documents filmmaker Amy Kalafa and Dr. Susan Rubin's quest to improve the nutritional content of school food. Kalafa crosses the country in search of alternatives to the toxic food environment found in many of our nation's schools. Meanwhile, Dr. Susan Rubin speaks out in Washington and organizes parents in her district. Together they become the Two Angry Moms.

The film will be followed by a discussion of the ideas, issues, and challenges that the film experience provides. Discussions are led both by faculty members and students, as well as invited guests. This event is free and open to the public. No tickets required.

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Human Resources Information

PEBTF Open Enrollment is taking place through October 29 (For AFSCME, SCUPA and Physicians Only)

Newsletters were mailed by PEBTF to the home address of eligible employees. If you did not receive yours, please click on the following link www.pebtf.org. You may also contact the Office of Human Resources at extension 3017 or by email, at human.resources@millersville.edu for a hard copy.

Informational Meetings will take place in Stayer MPR on the following dates and times:

Tuesday, October 12 at 2 p.m.

Tuesday, October 12 at 10 p.m.

You may now make your Open Enrollment Changes through ESS. For instructions, please click on the following link: www.passhe.edu.

Healthy U Phase 4 is now Underway! (For Faculty, Coaches, Managers, Police and Nurses Only)

Highmark Members: To complete Phase 4, you (and your covered spouse or domestic partner) must complete the online Pledge, the Wellness Profile and then a combination of other activities to obtain 70 points by **May 31, 2011**. To learn how to get started, click on the following link: www.passhe.edu. If you need assistance with Healthy U, please contact the Office of Human Resources at extension 3017 or by email, at human.resources@millersville.edu.

Upcoming Employee Wellness Event:

Meditation Workshop: Wednesday, October 20, from noon to 1 p.m. in Dutcher Hall, lower level. Ken De Lucca will offer instructions for beginning a meditation practice and suggestions for continued practice. For reservations, please contact the Office of Human Resources at extension 3017 or by email, at human.resources@millersville.edu.