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Peter J. Anders Named Top Cop at Millersville

Peter J. Anders has been named chief of police for Millersville University. Vice president of student affairs, Dr. Aminta Hawkins Breaux made the announcement today. Anders has 20 years of law enforcement experience including most recently serving as captain of the criminal investigative division for Lancaster City Police. Anders will assume his new duties with the University on December 29.



“Peter Anders is a strong leader who comes to Millersville University with a record of solving problems, working with diverse communities and being a good communicator and facilitator,” said Breaux. “I am pleased that he will be overseeing the safety of our campus community as he brings to the position strong leadership experience in law enforcement. In addition, he is a Millersville alumnus, who graduated in 2002 with a psychology major, and former student leader who is familiar with our campus and our police department.”

Anders has been with Lancaster City Police since 1990. During that time he has moved from serving as an officer in various units to becoming a detective, sergeant, lieutenant and now a captain. He has won numerous awards including the 2010 and 2000 Kauffman Award, the 2009 Steven Mentzer Award and the 1998 Lancaster County Human Relations Commission Officer of the Year Award.

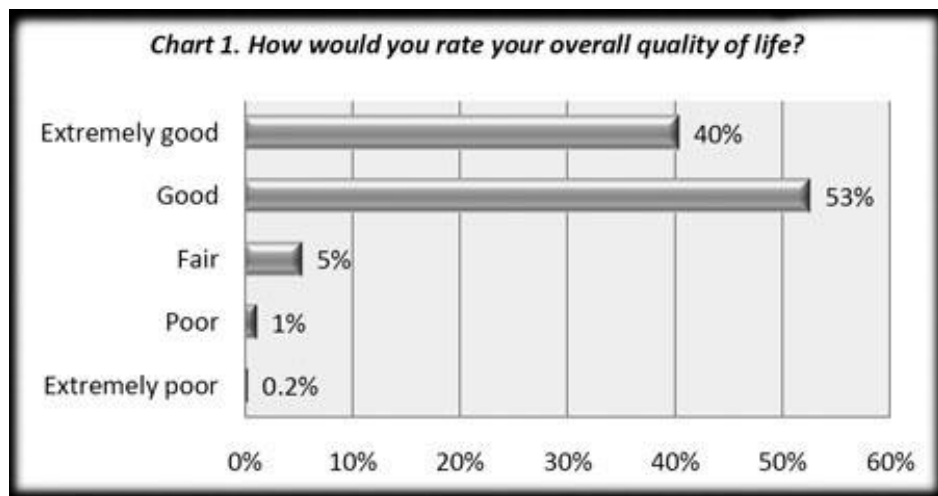
“I’m excited to be coming back to the Millersville campus and to join the solid police force here,” said Anders. “I believe my strong law enforcement and community contacts will be an asset to the campus community and help drive us forward in the coming years.”

Anders replaces Wayne Silcox who retired in July after 25 years with the University.

Quality of Life in Lancaster: The Results are in

A new survey, aimed at understanding the perceptions of quality of life in Lancaster County, Pa., found that a majority of residents, 93%, reported having a good, or extremely good quality of life (See Chart 1: page 4 of report).

This survey was completed in Millersville University’s Polling & Research Office under the supervision of Dr. Kerrie Farkas,



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associate professor of English and director of the center for public scholarship, and Dr. Adam Lawrence, associate professor of government & political affairs.

The idea for this survey arose about a year ago through a collaborative effort between Farkas, Lawrence and Dr. Victor DeSantis, dean of graduate and professional studies. “This project could not have been possible without the guidance and support of Dr. Melvin Allen, executive director, Civic & Community Engagement & Research Project,” said Farkas.

“We were looking for a survey that would have an impact on the community, and given the current economic climate, we thought a survey that captured Lancaster residents’ perceptions of their quality of life would be appropriate and meaningful.”

Based on computer-assisted telephone interviews with 405 adults, the purpose of the survey, conducted from February 22 to March 17, 2010, was to better understand the degree to which Lancaster County residents are satisfied with their lives and their level of satisfaction in five key areas: work, neighborhood, community, health and education.

In addition to respondents reporting a high quality of life, results illustrated that most respondents felt that they had a strong or very strong sense of community [85 percent].

Regarding education, while 43 percent surveyed thought public colleges and universities were accessible, in terms of cost and location, more respondents believed they were only somewhat accessible [53 percent]. And while most results were more positive, only about one third of respondents, 34 percent, thought the public schools in their area were safe; 46 percent thought public schools were somewhat safe.

In terms of services, evaluations of snow removal, street maintenance and senior services stood out as least favorably rated, while trash collection, recycling and fire were most favorably rated.

This survey will be complete annually in the fall of each year. To view a copy of this year’s report, visit the [Polling & Research Office](#) website.

Harvey Owen to Lead Millersville University – Lancaster



Harvey Owen, who has more than 10 years experience working for and with visual and performing arts, nonprofit and business organizations in Lancaster, has been hired as director of Millersville University – Lancaster, 42 N. Prince St., Lancaster. Owen will start with the University on January 3, 2011.

“I am excited about the opportunity and am hoping the community will continue to enthusiastically embrace Millersville’s efforts to transform Millersville University - Lancaster from a building with huge potential into a thriving 'town square,' which seeks to enrich, educate, engage and entertain the diverse communities of Lancaster

County including University and school district students,” said Owen.

Owen is the most recent past president of the board of trustees of the Fulton Opera House Foundation, where he has served as a trustee for nearly a decade. He has also run his own consultant business in Lancaster since 1998 and has been a mentor for SCORE Lancaster, working for a long list of clients including ASSETS Lancaster, Lancaster Convention Center Authority, LancasterHistory.org, Ephrata Playhouse in the Park, Keystone Cultural Center, the Lancaster Arts Hotel and the Lancaster Museum of Art. Owen has been an executive officer of several corporations including president of Molly’s Operating Corp., in Lancaster, and president/chief operating officer for NSI (a national trade association) and vice president of Gralla Publications in New York City, and chief operating officer of Sportscape, Inc. (a publishing and special events firm) in Massachusetts. Owen has a bachelor’s degree in business psychology from Wake Forest University.

“We’re extremely pleased Harvey has agreed to lead our efforts at Millersville’s new facility in downtown Lancaster,” said Roger Bruszewski, vice president of finance and administration at Millersville. “We are confident he will help expand the University’s civic engagement and education initiatives into the greater community in collaboration with key education and arts organizations.”

Millersville University’s Council of Trustees voted in March to purchase the building in Lancaster, Pa., from the owner, Union National Community Bank. The University was interested in the building because of its fit with the University’s mission to develop nationally recognized programs and opportunities for its students and faculty.

Graduation set for Dec. 19



Family and friends are invited to attend the fall 2010 commencement ceremony for the 463 baccalaureate degree candidates, Sunday, Dec. 19, at Millersville. The commencement ceremony will be held in Pucillo Gymnasium at 2 p.m., and features Dr. Sylvia Shellenberger '71, '74M, as the commencement speaker.

Shellenberger is a psychologist and professor of family medicine at Mercer University School of Medicine in Macon, Georgia. She is guest faculty at a number of institutions including Baylor University in Texas, Favaloro University in Buenos Aires, Argentina and Cayetano Heredia University in Lima, Perú.

Honorary degrees will be presented at the ceremony to Dr. Charles and Patricia Robertson. When Charles retired from the DuPont Corporation, the Robertsons, along with two colleagues, founded NanoDrop Technologies, Inc. (now a subsidiary of Thermo Fisher Scientific), in Wilmington, Del. He served as the company's chief technology officer and the primary inventor of the unique NanoDrop products. Patricia served as the company's director of finance and director of human resources before retiring in 2008.

At Millersville, the couple supports science education and research in a multitude of ways. These include scholarships for students in both physics and biology, funding for student and faculty research projects and internship opportunities for summer biology field experiences including the Marine Science Consortium at Wallops Island. They have also gifted the University with cutting-edge scientific equipment that is used in biotechnology research.

In the event of severe inclement weather, check Millersville's website at www.millersville.edu.

For more information regarding fall 2010 commencement, please visit Millersville's commencement website at www.millersville.edu/commencement or email commencement@millersville.edu.

Recognizing Employees

Faculty and staff were honored December 2 at the Employee Service Recognition Reception for their longevity of service to the University. Awards are given based on five year increments of service, e.g. five, 10, 15 years, etc.

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There were 178 faculty and staff members honored at the event. Thirteen of the 178 had dedicated 30 or more years to the University.

Those with 40 years of service include:

*Dr. Melvin R. Allen, civic & community engagement & research.

Those with 35 years of service include:

Joan M. Eby, accounting (pictured below, far right).

Those with 30 years of service include (pictured from left to right):

Henry P. Manning, information systems services,

Dr. Kathryn A. Gregoire, social work,

Dr. Leroy T. Hopkins, foreign languages,

Darlene Cassidy, purchasing,

Anna L. Stauffer, purchasing,

Philip J. Charles, dining & conference services,

*Dr. J. Douglas Frazer, business administration,

*Lynn R. Hess, maintenance operations,

*Matthew P. Sellers, maintenance operations,

*Cynthia A. Sharpe, housekeeping and

*Jill L. Rothweiler, housekeeping



*(Note: * indicates those not pictured)*



Living the Promise

President Francine G. McNairy presented the Living the Promise award to Laura Micciche (left) and Carol Reichler (right), November 11, for their work on the University's capital campaign public launch event at 42 N. Prince Street. The Soar to Greatness event on October 1 featured a musical performance by students, the first of its kind in the downtown facility, followed by a dinner for 250 guests. The Living the Promise award recognizes Millersville students, faculty and staff whose work and life exemplify the University identity, and who live the promise that "Millersville University offers an educational opportunity second to none."

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Millersville University's NBS Receives Honors

Twenty-three of Millersville's National Broadcasting Society (NBS) students used their skills to create multiple award-winning productions at this year's regional conference. It was held at Indiana University of Pennsylvania, November 12-14. Millersville's NBS chapter won nine first place production awards, five honorable mentions and a rookie of the year award.

Millersville students received the following awards:

Shawn Eckert, a senior from Pottstown, Pa., took two first place awards, news package and video program opening. He also received an honorable mention in the news feature segment category.

Scott Davies, a senior from Bel Air, Md., won for video documentary and honorable mention for video drama program.

Jessica Do, a junior from Hatfield, Pa., produced first place for video commercial and video feature segment as well as an honorable mention in the news package category.

Kimberly Landis, a junior from New Holland, Pa., took first for video sports segment and music video as well as an honorable mention for video sports program.

Jordan Kuhns, a junior from Harleysville, Pa., won first place for audio sports play by play and honorable mention for video sports play by play program.

Blake Davis, a junior from Palmyra, Pa., won first place for video live performance.

Rebecca Knier, a freshman from Wrightsville, Pa., was selected as the Regional Rookie of the Year. Her accomplishments included fundraising, video production on the Millersville University's television program, MUTV 99, "Improv Molotov," her work on the award-winning NBS homecoming float and her work on MUTV news.

Millersville's NBS students competed against nine other schools. Along with entering 20 productions, the students attended a variety of educational sessions during the conference. Dr. Bill Dorman, the chapter advisor, accompanied the group, and produced the awards program video.

Photo Caption (L-R): Kuhns, Landis, Davies, Knier, Davis and Do. Not pictured: Eckert.



Phillips Returns to Millersville

Dr. Vilas Prabhu, provost and vice president for academic affairs, announced that Dr. Carol Phillips, associate provost emerita, will return to Millersville as the interim associate provost for academic administration effective January 1, 2011.

Phillips retired from the University in June 2006 after 21 years of service, most recently in the dual roles of executive assistant to the president and associate provost from 2003 to 2006. She will serve in this new role while a national search is undertaken for a permanent replacement for Dr. Thomas Burns.



Millersville Gold Places First

In one day, 157 teams from 64 Mid-Atlantic institutions including Millersville University competed at the 35th annual Association for Computer Machinery (ACM) International Collegiate Programming Contest (ICPC), Mid-Atlantic Region, at Shippensburg University, November 6.



Millersville was represented by two teams, Millersville Gold and Millersville Black. Millersville Gold placed 1st at Shippensburg and 20th regionally. Millersville Black placed 11th and 87th, respectfully. The teams were made up of three computer science majors each. Matt Pape, Bob Grube and Daryl Boyer represented Millersville Gold while Millersville Black included Will Killian, Ben Bryant and Matt Maze.

Millersville was the only regional comprehensive University to place in the top 20. The University placed alongside Duke University, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Villanova University and Virginia Tech.

“I feel as though this event showcases what Millersville can really do, as well as help present opportunities for the students to gain experience in teamwork, programming skills and networking,” said Todd Echterling, computer science system administrator.

Also known as the Battle of the Brains, this competition challenges university students to complex and rigorous real-world problems using open technology and advanced computing methods under a grueling five-hour deadline. Teams try to advance for a chance to attend the world finals, which will be held March 4, 2011, in Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt.

The contest aligns with IBM's Smarter Planet initiative aimed at infusing intelligence into the fabric of society and technology, making the planet a more efficient and sustainable place. The

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ICPC encourages students to create smarter software solutions by embracing IBM's Smarter Planet initiative in an effort to solve the world's most daunting challenges.

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Faculty and Staff Activities

Dr. Sandra Deemer, educational foundations, recently served as an invited president at the international Learning and the Brain conference. This conference focused on how those in teacher education can utilize findings from neuroscience to create engaging learning environments.

Drs. Michael Dillon, Patrick McCaskey and Eric Blazer, business administration, had their referred article titled "MBA Internships: More Important than Ever" accepted for publication in *The Journal of Education for Business*.

Dr. Rich Mehrenberg, special education, had his article titled "The Evolution of a New College Course in Behavior Management: A Case Study in Collaboration and Compromise" published in the Spring/Summer 2010 edition of the refereed publication, *The Online Journal for Inclusive Education*.

Dr. Gregory J. Seigworth, communication and theatre, published a book, *The Affect Theory Reader*, in mid-November. The book is co-edited with Dr. Melissa Gregg, University of Sydney-Australia. Additionally, Seigworth gave an invited talk, "What is Affect Theory?" at the University of Pittsburgh October 7, as part of their Colloquium Series. In mid-September, Seigworth was the external examiner for a doctoral dissertation at the University of Alberta, Canada, and served also as a faculty mentor at a U of Alberta graduate student weekend-retreat on theory building.

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Dr. M.P.A. Sheaffer, English, sang as an alto ringer in the winter concert of the "Sacred Music Chorale of Richmond Hill" in New York City, December 5. Under the direction of the Rev. Robert Sonnenberg, the program included C.P.E.Bach's "Magnificat," "Noel," a medley of settings of Christmas carols originally for a Walt Disney production and Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus."

Congratulations

To **Jennifer L. Jeffrey-Pearsall**, psychology, and her husband, Bryon Pearsall, on the birth of Liam G. Pearsall, born October 19, 2010.

Obituary

Margaret G. (Peg) Shopf, 90, of Miami, Fla., formerly of Millersville, died December 1. She worked from 1968 to 1980 at the Millersville University Bookstore.

Marketplace

Car for Sale

2005 Dodge Durango Sport Utility 4D limited – \$19,000 or best offer. 46,000 mi, air conditioning, power steering, windows, door locks, tilt wheel, cruise control, dual front air bags, front and rear side air bags, rear air, navigation system, DVD system, leather, third seat, sun roof, towing package. **For more details, call 717-669-7854.**

Who Makes Millersville Special



This issue of the Exchange features Megan Kauffman, graduate records and data assistant at Millersville University.

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Q: How long have you been with Millersville University?

A: Three years.

Q: What college/university did you attend? What was your major?

A: University of South Carolina. Bachelor's degree in journalism and mass communications; major in advertising.

Q: Where did you grow up?

A: I grew up here in Lancaster, Pa. I went to Lampeter-Strasburg High School.

Q: What do you like best about your job?

A: I really enjoy all the people that I work with in Graduate and Professional Studies. I've found that anywhere you are and anything you do, the people make the job. I also find great satisfaction in finding ways to update processes and constantly improve our service to graduate students.

Q: Why do you feel so many people choose Millersville University for grad school?

A: Millersville has a strong academic reputation, particularly in the education field, in which a majority of our master's degrees are offered -- this along with being the most economical choice for graduate study in the area are strong contributors to our enrollment. More and more, Millersville is offering online courses and convenient evening/weekend course options for working professionals, which also helps make us an attractive choice for students.

Q: Why is having a College of Graduate & Professional Studies so important at Millersville?

A: Having a College of Graduate & Professional Studies lends more credibility to Millersville, or any institution. It shows that as an institution we are dedicated to graduate study and growing in our graduate student population and degree offerings. We continually work to grow our graduate student population within our offerings. Currently, there are three new master's degrees and our first post-master's degree in various stages of development.

Q: What services are offered through the College of Graduate & Professional Studies?

A: In 2009, we went through a transformation to become the College of Graduate and Professional Studies, encompassing our master's degree and post-baccalaureate certification programs along with our educator workshops, distance learning, the Corporate University and the Nonprofit Resource Network.

We handle recruitment and application processing for all graduate students including non-degree, and then work with them on all progress to degree issues through to processing their degree conferrals and planning and implementing the graduate commencement ceremony. We also administer the graduate assistantship application and placement process. The "professional" side of our office handles all aspects of educator workshops, from planning and marketing to delivery and evaluation. They also plan the summer and winter term schedules and work with distance learning courses.

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Q: Does the College of Graduate & Professional Studies have offices at Millersville University – Lancaster?

A: We do have an evening coordinator at Millersville University – Lancaster to handle coordination of our evening courses held there, many of which are graduate level. The graduate dean, the Nonprofit Resource Network director and the Corporate University director also have offices at the MU-Lancaster campus.

Q: What led you to Millersville? Where did you work previously?

A: Immediately prior to Millersville, I worked briefly at an advertising agency in the area as an account executive, but before that I worked as a program technician for continuing education at Southeast Missouri State University (SEMO). After receiving my bachelor's degree, I worked at an advertising agency in Syracuse, NY and decided that it wasn't the environment I wanted to work in. When I received my position at SEMO it was a perfect combination of my advertising experience and the environment of higher education that I enjoyed. When I decided to move back to this area and remain in higher education, Millersville was a natural choice.

Q: How do you help match graduate students with graduate assistant (G.A.) positions?

A: The graduate assistantship program is handled very much like any job search and placement. Students complete an application in which they outline their experience and skills including references, and we encourage them to attach a résumé. From the pool of applicants, department and office supervisors review the applications and choose those who best fit the qualifications they are looking for in their open positions. They conduct interviews with the students and make their recommendation to my office. Then I verify a student's eligibility and send out an offer letter. Since the positions vary so greatly by department, there isn't a way for our office to "match" students with available positions. We maintain the application pool and monitor eligibility, but it's really up to the student to provide the best application package possible to receive the most consideration from various departments.

Q: Do you help with commencement? If so, how do you help?

A: I do help with commencement. I work with the commencement committee and help to organize all the elements of the graduate ceremony. I am mostly responsible for the master's degree students participating in the ceremony. Since I process the graduation applications, I know who is graduating and I send some prior communication to those students, then I work with the dean on name pronunciation and print the name cards and line up the students on commencement day. I also line up the graduate coordinators who walk with their students to congratulate them as they walk across the stage.

Prior to the ceremony I collaborate with the certification office and the development office regarding the certification students and award students who attend the ceremony and the details of their attendance. Commencement is a large undertaking and requires coordination among many offices on campus, even for our smaller graduate student ceremony.

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Q: Why is there a separate graduate commencement?

A: Last year after the December commencement was cancelled, it made sense from a capacity perspective to fast track the graduate commencement ceremony, which was in the early consideration phases. However, the capacity is only a small reason for the ceremonies being separated. Many other schools already were holding graduate student commencement ceremonies, and we wanted to do the same to recognize our graduate students in a ceremony which would be more meaningful to them, as opposed to just being a small population of the large undergraduate ceremony. Also, this enables us to recognize our certification students in a formal ceremony as opposed to the separate banquet that we previously had for them. The program for the ceremony itself is very similar to the undergraduate ceremony, just focused on the graduate student population.

Given the number of graduate students eligible for degrees each semester we decided not to hold very small scale, separate ceremonies each term, but rather have one grander scale ceremony each year in May to recognize all students from June-May of that year. One of the highlights of having our own ceremony is that there is no need for us to limit tickets for graduates friends and family to attend the ceremony. Last year for our first ceremony with just about 150 students (master's degree, certification and awards), we had more than 1,000 attendees! The ceremony this year will again be the Friday before the undergraduate ceremony, May 6, 2011, at 6:30 p.m.

Q: What did you want to be when you were young?

A: When I was very little I used to want to be a teacher, I played "school" all the time. Then for a period of time I wanted to be a psychologist, I minored in that during my bachelor's degree and they were some of my most interesting classes. I still have an interest in psychology but found that wasn't what I wanted to do in practice.

Q: Finish this sentence, "If I could..."

A: Travel anywhere, I would go to Bora Bora in French Polynesia.

Q: What do you enjoy doing in your free time?

A: I love biking and indoor cycling (spinning), cooking, baking and traveling to visit friends.

Q: Would you rather lie on a beach or ski down a mountain?

A: Lie on a beach! I want to be warm on my vacation, not cold. Plus I've never been skiing and would rather relax in the sun than wind up with a broken leg!

Q: Who is someone you look up to? Why?

A: My grandparents. My grandmother worked at a bank for many years, though many women in her time did not work and were reliant solely on their husbands. She juggled a career and the demands that home life placed on her. My grandfather served in the Navy so I greatly respect him for that, but also that in addition to working hard for everything he has, he was and is involved greatly in his children's lives and in my life. They are both the most caring and dedicated people that I know.

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Q: What is one thing most people don't know about you?

A: At the University of South Carolina, I was a University ambassador working in the visitor center and giving tours of campus. One year I served as president of the organization and earned the "Ambassador of the Year" award.

Q: What is your favorite type of food? Why?

A: So hard to pick just one, but I'll say Latin food, I love El Maizal, which is a Colombian restaurant, and Cocina Mexicana in Lancaster. The Colombian empanadas are amazing and Cocina has the best tacos!