Soar to Greatness Tops $85 Million

The Soar to Greatness capital campaign celebrated exceeding the $85 million goal at a reception on October 11 in the Winter Center.

In June 2006 Millersville University launched a $60 million campaign to fund eight priorities: visual and performing arts; library renovations; instructional equipment; student-faculty research and faculty development; global opportunities; community/civic partnerships; scholarships/fellowships; and student health and wellness.

The 32 campaign cabinet members met and guided the campaign through the six year period. Campaign Chair, Steve Kepchar ‘70 discussed the campaign’s background at the celebration, “Given concerns with state and national economic issues, a public announcement of the campaign was delayed a year, but in October of 2010 the cabinet, based on fundraising success, momentum and ongoing needs of the University, decided to increase the goal to $85 million.” He continued, “This campaign has been a total ‘revenue generation’ effort with matching commonwealth dollars for the library and this Winter Center, from competitive public grants, and corporate sponsorships and, of course, private gifts from alumni, corporations, foundations, university employees and friends of the University.”

There were 11,245 donors contributing $85,105,803 as of October 11, 2012. Gifts to the Soar to Greatness campaign will be counted until December 31. Some of the gifts to date include:

- $4 million gifted to the visual and performing arts priority providing present and future students with quality facilities such as the Ware and Winter Centers and their programming;
- $500,000 gift of equipment that greatly enhanced student learning within the technology and science areas;
- $1.5 million competitive public grant that provided scholarships for students interested in teaching math in urban school districts;
- More than a million dollars in gifts that will assist student scholarships in the sciences, particularly marine biology and physics;
- Athletics private fundraising, primarily for scholarships, increased from $220,000 to $600,000 this year;
- More than $20 million for all scholarship purposes.
- $2 million raised for global partnerships to provide important international experiences for students;
- a $500,000 commitment will enhance the library area;
- $5.8 million secured in grants promote faculty-student research including a $73,000 grant allowing for students and faculty to collaborate on data collection in the development of military night vision equipment;
- a $200,000 corporate gift assists students volunteering at nonprofit organizations;
• a $100,000 gift established a unique alumni mentoring program for Honors College students;
• a $100,000 gift established the first Innovator-in-Residence and Lectureship;
• a $300,000 gift established the Walker Center for Leadership and Civic Responsibility, bringing interesting national and international leaders to campus and offering internship experiences for students in Washington, D.C.; and a
• $50,000 gift strengthened the University’s women’s wellness center programming.

“This initiative, I believe, illustrates well how a greater community comes together to make a university a better place providing educational opportunities “second to none,”” said Francine G. McNairy, president of Millersville University. “I have always felt that public higher education is about the public good – we graduate an educated workforce, aware consumers, informed citizens and those who understand family and community responsibilities. By your investment you have not only strengthened this University but I believe also our community, state and nation – please do not underestimate your contribution to the public good!”

In addition to celebrating breaking the $85 million mark, attendees at the celebration got to hear the world premiere of “Horizons,” a commissioned work by composer Jonathan Leshnoff, in honor of Caroline Steinman Nunan, local philanthropist and donor to the University who passed away in July 2010.

Marauders Give Back: Homecoming Charity Competition

The winners of the 2012 Marauders Give Back: Homecoming Charity Competition were announced at half-time during the October 13 homecoming football game. Formerly known as the Charity King and Queen event, this year’s competition was open to all student organizations on campus and recognized success in fundraising, service to the community, creativity and impact. Each of the six participating student organizations entered a student to represent their group at the award ceremony. Winners were awarded in the following categories:

• Most Money Raised- Alpha Sigma Alpha raised $5,014.02 for the S. June Smith Center.
• Most Service Hours Completed- Phi Sigma Pi completed 377.5 service hours for 9 different organizations.
• Most Creative Fundraiser- Alpha Xi Delta for their basket bingo benefitting Autism Speaks.
• Most Creative Service Project- Phi Sigma Pi for collecting and filling backpacks for local students.
• Best Combined Effort (most money raised and service hours completed) - Alpha Sigma Alpha raised $5,014.02 for the S. June Smith Center and completed 202.5 service hours.
The total money raised this year was $12,670.07 and 586 service hours were completed since May 14, 2012.

**Millersville’s Barry Kornhauser and Dr. William Redmond Honored by Adelante**

The Adelante Latino Education Committee honors four individuals each year for their contributions to educational excellence in the region. On October 6, Millersville University’s Barry Kornhauser, family arts collaborative creator, and Dr. William Redmond, assistant vice president for academic services and pre-collegiate programs, were two of those individuals selected as award winners by the committee. Each award recipient received an Adelante Award and a citation from the Pennsylvania Senate.

Kornhauser received the Partner in Education Award for his work with underserved children and accepted it in the name of Millersville University. Kornhauser recently joined the staff of Millersville University to help lead Millersville’s newly formed Family Arts Collaborative. Prior to Millersville, he served 32 years as the playwright-in-residence at Fulton Theatre. He is a recipient of the Charlotte B. Chorpenning Cup, honoring “a body of distinguished work by a nationally known writer of outstanding plays for children,” the Helen Hayes Outstanding Play Award, Ivey Award, two American Alliance for Theatre & Education Outstanding Play Awards and a Bonderman Prize; along with Pennsylvania’s “Best Practices Honor” and the state’s first Educational Theatre Award. In 2008, Kornhauser was selected as the United States nominee for the “ASSITEJ International Award for Artistic Excellence” and his Youtheatre program for at-risk teens and those living with disabilities and was honored at the White House as one of the nation’s top arts-education initiatives.

Redmond received the Leadership in Education Award. Redmond has been employed by Millersville University for the past 28 years. Currently, he serves as the assistant vice president for academic services and pre-collegiate programs. Redmond is also the creator and served as the director of the nationally recognized and award-winning Lancaster Partnership Program. Since 1993, the program has seen 73 percent of its Latino and African American students pursuing postsecondary education, with more than $2.2 million of corporate financial aid being awarded to Lancaster Partnership students attending Millersville University. As a Governor-appointed member of the Board of Trustees at Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology for more than 11 years, Redmond played a key role in the school’s recognition as an accredited college by the Middle States Association of Schools and Colleges.
Wright Named Emerging Leader by PDK International

Dr. Tiffany Wright ’02M, assistant professor of educational foundations, has been named an Emerging Leader of 2012-2013 by Phi Delta Kappa (PDK) International, one of the largest education associations in the world with thousands of members dedicated to improving the field.

Wright was selected among 21 educators around the world for their visionary leadership, professional achievements and commitment to the field of education. Those nominated for the Emerging Leader award must be members of PDK and under the age of 40 at the time of nomination.

This class of Emerging Leaders will be honored in November at an event in Washington, D.C., and will also have the opportunity to be published by PDK International. “I am very excited to participate in the opportunities that come with the award, especially the upcoming conference and the opportunity to write for ‘The Kappan,’” shared Wright.

Wright, an alumna of Millersville University, has been a member of PDK International First Capital Pennsylvania Chapter since 2010, while still a principal at York County School of Technology and an adjunct professor at Millersville. “I am thrilled to have an opportunity to be affiliated with Millersville as my place of employment and professional growth with something that feels prestigious and honorable,” said Wright, who also received PDK’s Outstanding Dissertation Award in 2010.

Wright is a member of the American Educational Researchers’ Association, Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, National Association of Secondary School Principals and Association of Pennsylvania State Colleges and University Facilities.

She received her bachelor’s degree in English and secondary education from Gettysburg College, her master’s degree in education leadership for teaching and learning at Millersville University and her Ph.D. in teacher development and leadership from Johns Hopkins University. For more information on PDK International’s Emerging Leader award, visit pdkintl.org/awards/emerging.htm.

Unsung Heroes

Dr. Dennis Denenberg, Millersville University professor emeritus, author and speaker, will present a special abbreviated version of “Hooray for Heroes” at 2 p.m. on October 21 at the Ware Center. Proceeds from this event will support a new Millersville University endowment called “Diana's Dreamers: Determined to Defeat Breast Cancer.” Under this endowment, funds will be directed towards the University’s student health and wellness programming with a specific emphasis on breast health.
The goal of “Hooray for Heroes” is to promote the acknowledgment of real and unsung heroes in our lives. “My sister Diana is my unsung hero,” said Denenberg. “I will be presenting at the exact day and time of Diana’s passing, which will be very emotional,” Diana was first diagnosed with cancer in one of her breasts in 1989. She fought an unwavering battle with cancer for 17 years, but in 2006, the cancer moved to her brain and she passed away on October 21, 2007.

“Hooray for Heroes” has been heard by more than 75,000 teachers and parents in 40 states during the past 23 years. “I seldom get the chance to speak locally, so I am very excited to speak in Lancaster,” said Denenberg.

Denenberg, who will be introduced by Millersville University President Francine G. McNairy, will discuss both famous and unsung heroes, including Harry Truman and Eleanor Roosevelt. “These are two major players in American history; Harry Truman was a man of integrity and decisiveness. Eleanor Roosevelt was probably the greatest first lady we have ever had,” said Denenberg. “Eleanor’s story is so amazing, and I love role playing her character.”

This event is open to public. Tickets cost $15 for adults, $10 for students. Tickets may be purchased online, at MUTicketsOnline.com, at the Student Memorial Center Ticket Office, at the Ware Center or by calling the Ticket Office at 717-872-3811. Ticket offices are open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Vietnam in Context: The Healing Continues**

On November 13 American heroes Jack McLean and Dick Hughes will present "Vietnam in Context: The Healing Continues" at Millersville University to share lessons learned from the Vietnam War and their work with survivor groups. This event, which is free and open to the public, will be held at 7 p.m. in Lehr Room, Bolger Conference Center, Gordinier Hall.

McLean is author of *Loon: A Marine Story*, the highly acclaimed and gripping memoir about his life from a civilian to enlisted Marine at Parris Island to combat veteran in Vietnam to the first Vietnam veteran to graduate from Harvard. McLean will discuss the tumultuous political times of the late 1960s and the effect those events had on the average Marine fighting in Vietnam. He will include personal insights not only for today’s student-veteran, but for veterans and their families across all generations.

Hughes has been helping to heal the wounds of Vietnam for more than 40 years beginning with his Shoeshine Boys Project in Saigon and Da Nang that provided assistance to some 2,500
homeless Vietnamese street-children by helping them find food and shelter. More recently, Hughes is leading the nonprofit organization Loose Cannons, Inc., a group dedicated to bringing awareness to the health effects of Agent Orange. Hughes will explain ways that people can make a difference in the world and provide current information about the lingering effects of chemical warfare.

During the spring of 1968, both McLean and Hughes were at Con Thien, located just south of Khe Sahn, near the Vietnam border with Laos; McLean as a Marine with Charlie Company and Hughes as a reporter covering Delta Company, both units of the 1st Battalion, 4th Marines, 3rd Marine Division. Both men bear witness to the atrocities associated with war and today continue their work to bring healing and understanding to all those whom have endured war.

Joining them will be Keitha R. Beamer, clinical nurse specialist from the Addiction Recovery Unit at Philadelphia Veterans Affairs Medical Center. Beamer will discuss ways U.S. military personnel and their families can obtain mental health services and discuss her work in the addiction recovery unit.

For more information, contact Dr. Jeffrey Wimer, associate professor at Millersville University, at jwimer@millersville.edu.

**Millersville’s 2012 Computer Science Symposium Lecture to feature Dr. Bruce McLaren**

How can learning sciences help? This question will be answered during Millersville’s fall 2012 computer science symposium lecture, which will feature Dr. Bruce M. McLaren ‘81, a senior systems scientist at Carnegie Mellon University and adjunct principal researcher at Saarland University, Germany, on November 26. McLaren will discuss how science is being used to provide a firm foundation for the "educational software gold rush." This event, which is free and open to the public, will be held at 6:30 p.m. in room 149 in Roddy Hall.

McLaren is passionate about how technology can support education and has dedicated his work and research to projects that explore how students can learn with Internet-based educational software. He is particularly interested in intelligent tutoring systems and e-learning principles. McLaren also has a keen interest in collaborative learning and technology for supporting and analyzing collaborative argumentation. In addition to his research background, McLaren worked for more than 20 years in the commercial sector, applying research ideas to practical problems using artificial intelligence techniques. He has more than 100 publications spanning peer-reviewed journals, conferences, workshops, symposiums and book chapters. McLaren received his bachelor’s in computer science from Millersville University. He also holds a doctorate and master’s degree in intelligent systems and a master’s in computer science from the University of Pittsburgh.

For more information, visit cs.millersville.edu/activities/symposium/fall2012.
10/18/2012 Activities

Here are the faculty and staff activities for October 18, 2012.

Anttonen Recognized as “Community Champion” at Service Summit

Dr. Ralph Anttonen, also known as “Doc Roc,” received the Dr. Tom Baker Community Leader Award as part of the Second Annual South Central Pennsylvania Service Summit, which is sponsored by Get Involved!, Inc. This award is presented in honor of the memory of Dr. Thomas A. Baker, an educator within the Pittsburgh Public Schools, who passed away in 1991. The Dr. Tom Baker Community Leader Award is awarded to a passionate, energetic and positive community champion that makes an impact and helps others in a myriad of ways.

Anttonen was also honored by the National Academic Advising Association (NACADA) for his leadership as chair of the National Commission on Faculty Advising. NACADA promotes and supports quality academic advising in institutions of higher education to enhance the educational development of students.

He has been director of the Exploratory Program at Millersville University since 1986. This program helps to guide undecided students at the University, such as selecting a major course of study, course selection in general education, campus involvement and campus services. Additionally, he serves as the advisor to WIXQ, Millersville University’s student-run radio station.

The event, which was held on October 17 at the Harrisburg Capitol Rotunda, provided an opportunity for young professionals to network and listen to presenters that are known for their professional and community contributions. Presenters included Ryan Aument, republican state
representative serving Lancaster County; Matthew Dowling, small business owner and rising executive with the Boy Scouts of America; Kevin Ditzler, major gifts officer and host for public broadcasting company, WITF and Kristeen Waters, assistant registrar at University of Maryland, Baltimore County.

For more information on the South Central Pennsylvania Service Summit, visit www1.bakerleadership.com/events/southcentral-pa-service-summit.

Janet Kaeskos, APR, University Communications & Marketing, presented at the International Public Relations Society of America (PRSA) conference in San Francisco. Her presentation was “Accreditation Readiness Review: The Path to Success” and the conference was held October 13-16.


Mr. Barry Kornhauser, family arts collaborative initiative, presented several brief excerpts from PIECES, an original play about youth violence and “Engaging the Community through the Arts” at the Fifth Annual Lancaster Education Forum on October 6. Kornhauser provided an interactive exploration of the power and prospects of community engagement with an emphasis of the arts.

Other Millersville University faculty who presented at this forum included:

Dr. Elba Rohena, special education, presented on “A Conversation: School Reform and Becoming a Teacher in Pa.” Originally from Puerto Rico, Rohena’s research interests include school reform and working with Latino families that have children with disabilities.

Ms. Miriam Witmer, educational foundations, facilitated a workshop entitled, “Does Mentoring Make a Difference?” Participants learned about the “Color of Teaching Mentoring Program” at Millersville University and how this program supports efforts to make a positive difference in the lives of students.

Mr. Daniel Mercado, coordinator of the Lancaster Partnership Program, discussed “Supporting College Bound Students” by focusing on the skills and opportunities parents can use to support their students’ paths towards a college education.

Mr. Damaso Albino, director of the migrant education program, presented a workshop, entitled “Empowering Our Youth- Adding Value to Our School and Environment by Sharing Who We Are.” Albino’s workshop attempted to motivate students to become involved in their schools and communities by embracing who they are through song, culture, dance, food and traditions.
This forum was presented by the Adelante Lancaster Latino Education Committee, which supports the work of the School District of Lancaster and other educational entities in the region with their efforts to have a strong and vibrant community of leaders.

Congratulations to:

Andy Welaish ’02, Office of the Dean for Humanities & Social Sciences, and his wife Mia, on the birth of a son Graham Abbott, born on September 17.

Obituary

Charles E. Franz, Jr., age 72, died on September 29 in Ohio. He was the director of computer services at Millersville, retiring 1997 after 35 years’ service.

Need to Know: Current Guidelines for Email Announcement Requests

The Provost’s office receives numerous requests for announcements to be sent to faculty, staff and students. These must be approved by the Provost in advance. Please help us respond to your requests by following the guidelines below:

1. Events or information should be related to academic affairs.
   - The event should directly involve Millersville faculty, students and/or staff.
   - Other types of announcements must be sent from the appropriate Vice President.
   - Do not send requests for faculty to make announcements in class.
   - Charitable or external vendor solicitations cannot be sent.

2. Send announcement requests to Gloria.Dao@millersville.edu and copy your dean, vice president or director as appropriate.
   - For announcements to students, send to Gloria Dao as above and also copy Jodie.Richardson@millersville.edu in the Office of Student Affairs.

3. Messages may not exceed 400 KB in size. Format the announcement to appear on-screen, not as an attachment, and include the following:
   - Audience (University faculty, community or students)
   - Subject line
   - If you include links, verify that they go directly to the desired web page
   - Contact person’s name and phone number

4. Submit your request at least one week before the date you would like the announcement to be made.
   - For announcements to students, please submit at least 10 days before.

5. For announcements to students, please note the following:
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- Only official University business (class related, delays/closings, bills, etc.) and critical/emergency announcements will be sent to student email accounts.
- Announcements for events sponsored by offices/departments will be posted to the Millersville Announcements blog at http://blogs.millersville.edu/announcements/ and on the my ‘VILLE student portal home page.
- Offices/departments may also post announcements on Get Involved at involved.millersville.edu/. For additional information about posting on Get Involved, please contact Katherine Kealey, assistant director for the center for student involvement and leadership at Katherine.Kealey@millersville.edu or 717-872-3506.
- Announcements for events sponsored by student clubs/organizations should be posted to Get Involved by the student group.

Need to Know: 2012 SECA Contributions

The State Employee Combined Appeal (SECA) is the commonwealth's annual combined charitable giving campaign for employees. Millersville University is joining the state-wide effort to provide crucial services to those in need by raising $24,000. The deadline is November 2.

Each donation to SECA provides support to local, national and international human service agencies. You may designate your gift to a specific participating agency (or agencies) of your choice.

SECA provides two ways, payroll deduction or check/money order, to make a tax deductible contribution to the charity of your choice. Pledge today by visiting Millersville’s SECA page at millersville.edu/hr/seca.php. View the 2012 SECA Resource Guide for a complete list of organizations under the “Employee” tab.

Who Makes Millersville Special
This edition of the Exchange features Larry Eshleman, a high voltage electrician in maintenance operations.

Q. Where are you from?  
A. Willow Street, Pa.

Q. What made you choose Millersville University?  
A. I chose Millersville University because they provided good benefits for my family.

Q. How long have you worked here at Millersville?  
A. About 32 years.

Q. What are your responsibilities as a high voltage electrician?  
A. I am responsible for maintenance of the 2,000/1,200 amp breakers and the 69 kVA sub yard. I perform switches of the 69,000 volts hot to different lines for PPL. I also perform maintenance on pad-mounted transformers all over campus.

Q. It sounds like your job is very dangerous.  
A. Yes. You need to be very safe when dealing with this much electricity. Lots of thinking is required.

Q. What is the most rewarding aspect of your job?  
A. The ability to keep the University’s electricity flowing with zero down time.

Q. What is your professional background/training?  
A. I have worked in the electrical field for about 40 years and high voltage for about 21 years. Most of my experience comes from on the job training, but I have had some schooling during these years.

Q. What would happen if the University did not have a high voltage electrician?  
A. Important maintenance would not get done and there would be a chance of voltage outages.

Q. Did you always want to have a career dealing with high voltage electricity?  
A. It was not a career goal, but I started working as Millersville’s high voltage electrician when they installed their own high voltage system.

Q. How has new technology impacted your job?  
A. There is constantly new technology to keep up with. The college will be putting a new high voltage system in called the “loop system” in 1-2 years.

Q. Do you have children?  
A. I have two children, Jean and Jason.
Q. We understand they are alumni. Why did they choose Millersville?
A. They liked what they saw of the campus and know people who went to Millersville.

Q. What do you enjoy doing in your free time?
A. Home improvement and woodwork projects.

Q. If you could travel to any place in the world, where would it be and why?
A. Aruba. I was there before and loved it.

Q. What are three things you can’t live without?
A. Family, working out in the gym and traveling.