**When You Need Delivery, You Need DeliveryCrowd**

The Software Productization Center (SPC) at Millersville University and two local entrepreneurs, Fran Gillott and Ryan Keener, are launching a new application called DeliveryCrowd.

DeliveryCrowd, a Central Pennsylvania startup, uses crowd-sourced delivery, where smart phone-enabled drivers are connected, real-time, with businesses. The innovative cell phone app matches restaurant owners looking for delivery options, with delivery drivers.

“The DeliveryCrowd process is smooth. The consumer places an order with their local restaurant; the restaurant will then enter the order, along with desired pickup time and customer information into the DeliveryCrowd website. We’ll see the order and use our algorithm to locate the best available driver to deliver the order. Drivers are referred to as ‘crowdies.’ In short, we are crowd-sourcing delivery. Each crowdie appears as a blip on our map and we track them real-time using their GPS-enabled smart phone,” said Gillot. “And while DeliveryCrowd is optimized as a scalable delivery solution for businesses, as a consumer, you too can hire a crowdie. Simply enter the location and pickup time, and the crowdie is on his way.”

Millersville University students and professors from the Departments of Computer Science, Art & Design, Management & Marketing and Communication and Theatre have worked together with the two professionals to develop and launch DeliveryCrowd. The app was showcased at a November 1 launch party held at the Ware Center, Millersville University Lancaster.

“The launch showcased the functionality of the app, though the product is currently going through a private beta test. Our plan is to increasingly expand the private beta as we gain traction. The fully released app will be coming soon; we encourage you to sign up on the website to learn more and to be notified as news happens,” said Dr. Stephanie Schwartz, Millersville University associate professor and DeliveryCrowd faculty committee member.

Millersville’s students and faculty have assisted in multiple capacities. Students were involved in every aspect of the project including research and development, brand design, software infrastructure creation and case use studies. This year’s student team includes Bob Hennessey, Adam Bitner, Logan Peck, Dan Lipson and Bri Piccari. The students have agreed to continue working with DeliveryCrowd after the launch.

The SPC at Millersville University was initially formed with a three-year infrastructure grant from the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education and received a fifth year of funding to continue the program in 2012.

Commission Releases Higher Ed Recommendations

On November 14, the Governor’s Commission on Postsecondary Education unanimously approved a series of recommendations to further strengthen Pennsylvania’s higher education system. Jerry Eckert, vice president of advancement at Millersville, served on the 31-member panel comprised of leaders in postsecondary education and business.

“We were asked to identify key issues and review current policies, procedures, regulations and legislation that impact postsecondary education in Pennsylvania and develop long range strategies,” explained Eckert. “We also evaluated trends in education including the role of technology and how education can increase collaborations with the private sector and government.”

The panel was chaired by Rob Wonderling, chief executive officer and president of the Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce. The commission met throughout the Commonwealth over the course of several months to complete its charge.

Commission recommendations included providing students with a passport for learning – an education app store to help students, parents and adult learners make informed choices about postsecondary education and training programs; implementing targeted, flexible work-ready dual enrollment programs; helping students become college/career ready by supporting competency-based programs and improving access to remediation programs for K-16 schools including Career and Technical Education programs and GED preparation programs; and higher and more predictable funding to post secondary education institutions with a meaningful percentage tied to a Performance Scorecard that holds these institutions accountable to targeted performance levels such as tuition and cost containments.

The recommendations also call for providers to examine opportunities for consolidation and collaboration, improve innovation and become more transparent to prepare students, parents and adult learners to make informed financial choices.

To obtain a full copy of the commission report, visit www.pahigheredcommission.com.

A Commitment to Diversity

Millersville University has received the annual “2012 INSIGHT Into Diversity” Higher Education Excellence in Diversity (HEED) Award. The HEED award is given to colleges that showcase outstanding commitment to diversity and inclusion in their faculty, staff, suppliers and students.
In selecting a winner, Potomac Publishing, Inc., publisher of “INSIGHT Into Diversity magazine,” evaluates applications from colleges and universities throughout the United States in order to measure their level of success in regards to diversity efforts and programs. They use these results to discover where schools may need improvement and highlight where they currently excel.

Millersville’s efforts will be recognized in the December issue of “INSIGHT Into Diversity” magazine. The cover story will include a feature article about the awards and list the 48 recipients. Each winner receives an award certificate and a high-resolution logo of the award, with their own school logo placed at the bottom. This logo is an excellent way to display the University’s success and commitment to diversity.

“INSIGHT Into Diversity” has provided compelling and timely content related to all issues of diversity and inclusion for more than 35 years. They partner with many professional organizations who support minorities and underrepresented groups. “INSIGHT Into Diversity” does not target only one specific group but they are committed to ensuring the broadest definition of diversity possible.

Lancaster Partnership Program Still Growing Strong

The Lancaster Partnership Program (LPP) is celebrating its 24th year. Millersville University formed a partnership with three area companies in 1988 to enhance the educational future of Lancaster’s socioeconomically disadvantaged high school students. This program offers resources and support for students who graduate from high school, pursue a postsecondary education, and receive financial support if they attend Millersville University.

Students are required to complete the academic curriculum of the LPP, which includes between 90 and 100 percent participation in college readiness and mentoring workshops, taking the PSAT and SAT exams, attending J.P. McCaskey High School for at least 11th and 12th grade and graduating with a 2.50 grade-point average or better. Additionally, students must meet the University’s admission requirements to be enrolled. Reviews of the student’s academic progress are completed on a semester-by-semester basis once they receive acceptance.

According to Dr. M. William Redmond, Jr., assistant vice president for academic services and pre-collegiate programs, the program’s top accomplishments include that 73 percent of the LPP students have pursued a postsecondary education at a variety of institutions, a participation increase of 65 percent in the African-American and Latino population and more than $2.2 million of financial aid has been awarded to LPP students.
“I wanted to go to college, but as a first-generation college student I had no idea how I was going to get there. I heard about the LPP through a teacher who encouraged me to join. I heard great things about the program and knew that the program could and would help me get into college,” said Christina Pantoja, assistant director of admissions at Millersville and former LPP student.

Inspiring, influential and enlightening are the words that Pantoja used to describe the program. She graduated from Millersville with a bachelor’s degree in sociology and also worked as a teacher’s assistant for Dr. Kimberly Mahaffy, associate professor of sociology and director of Latino studies on campus.

“All of my unanswered questions, doubts and concerns were answered or put at ease by the individuals I worked with in the Lancaster Partnership Program. It was truly a blessing in my life, and once I completed my degree I felt so grateful to the program and just want to help out in any way that I can,” shared Pantoja.

In the coming years the LPP plans to strengthen its relationships with the staff and administration at J.P. McCaskey High School in addition to corporate mentors. “It is our goal to retain the students that are involved in the LPP, and we envision that more LPP students will decide to attend Millersville University after they graduate,” explained Redmond.

The corporate partners of LPP include Alcoa Foundation, Armstrong Foundation, Fulton Bank, The Hershey Foods Company, Securus, Lancaster Newspapers, Inc. (Steinman Foundation), Pepperidge Farms (Campbell’s Soup Foundation), Tyco TE Connectivity, Wells Fargo Foundation and William Randolph Hearst Foundation.

For more information on the LPP, visit millersville.edu/lpp.

Ware Center and Director Recognized by Lancaster County Magazine

The Ware Center, Millersville University Lancaster, and Director Harvey Owen received two honors in the 2012 “Best of Lancaster” reader’s survey in Lancaster County Magazine. The Ware Center ranked third in the category of performing art venues, while Owen ranked fifth as the Most Civic-Minded Lancastrian. The results of this 23rd survey were decided upon by readers of the magazine.

The Ware Center, which opened in July 2010, is comprised of classrooms, performances spaces, meeting rooms, art galleries and a recital hall that can double as a recording studio. The Ware Center is now halfway through its second season.

“I was surprised and pleased. After only one year presenting a full season of performances for the public, we came in right behind two venues that have been in business for decades. It was a pretty impressive showing, indicating we have had a very quick and large impact on the community around us,” shared Owen.
Campus Cupboard: Making A Difference On Campus

Statistics from several groups in the U.S. say that approximately one in seven households are food insecure, a growing trend, and the highest number ever recorded in the United States. To help head off this trend and ensure that Millersville University students don’t go hungry and are able to achieve their goals, the University and Campus Ministerium came together to create the Campus Cupboard. It is a campus food bank developed to address concerns for hunger and nutrition among Millersville University students.

“The Campus Cupboard is holding a ‘soft opening,’ which began on November 2 and will run through the rest of the semester,” said Kirstin Shrom-Rhoads, director and pastor of United Campus Ministry and founder of Campus Cupboard. “We will then provide food by request only during winter session, while assessing and preparing for the grand opening scheduled for the spring semester.”

At the end of the 2011-2012 school year, staff in student affairs began sharing stories with United Campus Ministry of students who reported not eating for days at a time. The two groups, including the financial aid department, continued to seek and receive both personal stories from students and national statistics and information indicating that this is a concern on many campuses.

With the knowledge of this campus-wide problem, planning stages for the food bank began. Throughout the summer of 2012, many students, church members and University staff came together and established the food bank. Food was collected and distributed to students as they were referred by the ministry. Prior to November 2, more than 300 food items have been collected and so far one-third of the items have been distributed.

“The ‘Campus Cupboard’ is located in the back of the A-frame Church located at 121 N. George St., Millersville. It will be open on Fridays from 2-4:30 p.m.,” said Shrom-Rhoads. “In an emergency, a student or staff member can receive food by contacting me during the week as well.” The Campus Cupboard hopes to create a support system for students so that they aren’t going without food while not creating an alternative to students for using their meal plans.
Students will receive food for two to three meals and can come back each week, noted Shrom-Rhoads.

Anyone can donate food on Fridays between 10 a.m. to noon beginning November 9 or can contact Shrom-Rhoads to arrange a drop-off time. Monetary donations are also accepted and will be given to the Central PA (CPA) Food Bank account. Cash donations are significant because, used at the CPA Food Bank, one dollar purchases approximately $15 in food. Checks can be made out to the United Campus Ministry with the memo “Campus Cupboard.”

Volunteers are needed to help collect food, help with inventory or help with Friday distribution. The Campus Cupboard hopes to involve campus ministries, fraternities, sororities, academic departments, athletics, concerned men and women and many more. They will also offer one in-person volunteer training per semester and are developing an alternative online training. The Campus Cupboard would like to see this as a wonderful partnership between the community and University, as well as a great way for students to serve together as peers, noted Shrom-Rhoads.

“I want to be someone who helps to create a sense of community where we all care for each other; being involved in giving to help another, both in resources, as well as with quality time or a listening ear,” said Shrom-Rhoads. “Society teaches us to look out for ourselves first. I believe that we can live more full lives when we live looking out for and reaching out to one another.”

For more information on the Campus Cupboard, contact Shrom-Rhoads at 872-6840 or Kirstin.Shrom-Rhoads@millersville.edu.

**PRSSA Honored On the West Coast**

Two students from Millersville’s chapter of the Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA) accepted the “Star Chapter Award” at this year’s national conference, entitled “Bridging the Gap,” which was held in San Francisco from October 12-16. The “Star Chapter Award” is a distinction that chapters of any size can be recognized with by meeting specific chapter and professional development goals.

Meredith Noll, Millersville PRSSA chapter president; Gina Masicantonio, Millersville PRSSA chapter vice president; and Dr. Thomas Boyle, communication and theatre department chair and Millersville PRSSA advisor, made the 3,000-mile journey to network with industry professionals, meet fellow PRSSA chapters from around the country, listen to speakers involved in the field and attend workshops.

“Almost every guest speaker at the conference expressed the importance of being a part of PRSSA, and how most employers now don’t even look at a public relations students’ resume it doesn’t have PRSSA on it,” stated Noll.
The chapter was among a couple dozen recipients of the “Star Chapter Award.” Millersville’s PRSSA qualified for the award by completing a Compass Mark community service event last spring, strengthening the chapter’s relationship with the Public Relations Society of America sponsor chapter in Central Pennsylania, emphasizing the importance of ethics at chapter meetings and receiving positive publicity in campus or community publications. In order to qualify for the award, a chapter must meet eight of the 10 requirements. Additional requirements for this award can be found at [www.prssa.org/scholarships_competitions/chapter/star/](http://www.prssa.org/scholarships_competitions/chapter/star/).

“It is such an honor to have our chapter’s hard work this past year nationally recognized. We hope to accomplish even more by next year’s conference, and I hope our entire chapter joins us in attending regional and national conference in 2013 for this incredible experience,” said Masciantonio

Speakers at this conference included Timothy Jordan, senior developer advocate at Google; Matt Prince, social media manager at Disneyland Resort; Biz Stone, co-founder of Twitter; Tim Westergren, founder and chief strategy officer of Pandora; and Michael Steele, political analyst at MSNBC.

“This conference met and exceeded my expectations. From awesome guest speakers, to potential job opportunities, and just having the chance to connect with students from across the nation, made it a once in a lifetime experience,” explained Noll. She also commented that the most beneficial factor of the conference was the ability to relate to other PRSSA chapters and find out how they operate.

Next year’s conference will take place in Philadelphia, Pa., and hosted by Drexel University’s PRSSA chapter. “We had the opportunity to meet Drexel University’s PRSSA representatives and offered them help for next year’s event. Planning for this event will start to pick up this winter. This coming spring and summer will hopefully be busy for us, as we help Drexel make this event happen,” shared Noll.

You can follow PRSSA on Twitter [twitter.com/MVillePRSSA](http://twitter.com/MVillePRSSA) for the latest updates.

**Weather Watch**

Weather Watch, Millersville University’s exclusive weather entertainment program, has a new episode you can watch at [youtube.com/user/TheMUWeatherWatch](http://youtube.com/user/TheMUWeatherWatch). The show provides the latest local, national and global weather news and is produced by student meteorologists in collaboration with Eric Horst, director of Millersville’s Weather Information Center. Weather Watch was co-created in 2012 by students Matthew Moore and Shane Brown and currently has more than 30 members.
On the most recent episode of Weather Watch (season two, episode two): The team visits Pennsylvania’s largest solar farm to find out how solar energy works and how local residents can take advantage of this new clean energy source. Then, they continue their countdown to the number one Northeast snowstorm on Weather Watch Top 5. Finally, they chat with the experts to get to the bottom of one of the most hotly debated topics in weather, climate change.

In addition to watching the latest episode on YouTube, you can also follow the Weather Watch team on Twitter and Facebook at twitter.com/MUWeatherWatch and www.facebook.com/MUWeatherWatch.

A Successful, Collaborative Effort: Pirates Brings the Campus Together

“The Pirates of Penzance” set the bar high as the first musical theater production in the Winter Visual and Performing Arts Center, which ran from November 1-4. Millersville University students enrolled in courses “Stagecraft” and “Topics: Scene Painting” contributed to the design and execution of the set, which featured a 12-foot pirate ship. The production showcased the talents of students in music, theater and a variety of majors across campus. For the first time, the Winter Center provided the space for theater and music faculty and students to work together under one roof.

“I am thrilled to hear the campus community’s reaction to the debut of this joint theater and music production at the Winter Center. The creative energy of our students and faculty is a spectacular example of our vision to foster collaboration among the arts,” stated Dr. Diane Umble, interim dean of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences.

A behind the scenes look at the production can be viewed at youtube.com/watch?v=aJajsuCfNcE&feature=youtu.be.

Multicultural Affairs to Hold Multicultural Showcase

Do you like food, dance, music and poetry? Then come on out to the Multicultural Showcase presented by the Millersville University Office of Multicultural Affairs!

The Multicultural Showcase, themed “A Mosaic of Rich Cultures,” will be held Wednesday, November 28 from 6-9 p.m. in Marauder Court, located in the Student Memorial Center.

The event will feature foods from around the globe, music, dance, poetry and tables depicting country cultures. In addition, the Eastern Woodland Pathways Dance Troupe is set to perform.

Sponsors of the event include the Office of Equity and Diversity, Office of Student Affairs, Office of Multicultural Affairs, Housing and Residential Programs, University Activities Board, Millersville University Alumni Association and the President’s Commission on Cultural Diversity and Inclusion. Admission is free and open to the public. For more information, contact the Office of Alumni Engagement at 717-872-3352.
Need to Know: WXPN Kids Corner Music Festival

On Saturday, November 17, the WXPN Kids Corner Music Festival, a family friendly event, will be held at the Winter Center, and free tickets are available for Millersville University faculty/staff and their families.

This event will feature performances by Steven Courtney + the Suitcase Musicians at 11 a.m., the Diggity Dudes at noon and a Musical Petting Zoo. Be sure to come early – fun activities for kids will begin at 10 a.m. in the lobby!

This event is being held as part of Millersville University’s Family Fun Fest series program for kids 5-10 years old and their parents, grandparents or guardians.

Reserve your FREE tickets online, at MUTicketsOnline.com, at the SMC Ticket Office (Room 103), by calling the Ticket Office at 717-872-3811 or at the Ware Center Box Office (42 N. Prince St., Lancaster). Ticket offices are open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. The Winter Center ticket office will open one hour prior to show time.

To learn more about this event, the artists or the Kids Corner Music Festival series, visit kidscorner.org/html/kcmf.php. For questions, contact Barry Kornhauser at 717-871-7812 or Barry.Kornhauser@millersville.edu.

Need to Know: Deadline for Flexible Spending Account Open Enrollment

Summary Information

- **Friday, November 16** is the deadline to enroll in a Flexible Spending Account for 2013. Enrollment can be completed via Employee Self Service (ESS).
- The FSA allows you to set aside money on a tax-free basis for qualified medical and dependent care out-of-pocket expenses.
- Change for 2013: The **maximum annual election for the Medical Reimbursement FSA** has been reduced from $3,500 to **$2,500** due to healthcare reform.
- If you are currently enrolled in an FSA, you must re-enroll during the open enrollment period in order to continue your plan in 2013.

Details

Enrolling in a medical reimbursement FSA will allow you to pay for certain out-of-pocket medical expenses (such as office visit and prescription drug co-pays) for you and your dependents on a pre-tax basis. A dependent care FSA will provide a pre-tax payment method for certain dependent care expenses (such as daycare, after-school care, and elder care services) that are necessary so that you and your spouse (if you are married) can work.

WageWorks continues to be the administrator of the program. Tools offered by WageWorks include the ability to submit claims for reimbursement via mail, fax, online or smartphone.
Participants in the medical reimbursement FSA also have the use of a debit card, which provides electronic access to funds for eligible expenses. After enrollment, participants will have the ability to manage their account online, as well as access a wealth of information, at the participant website www.wageworks.com.

Please read the “2013 FSA Reference Guide” (refer to attachment in campus-wide email, Re: Deadline for Flexible Spending Account Open Enrollment, sent November 12). This guide contains many important details regarding the FSA plan. After you have made your decision, follow the attached instructions to enroll in the FSA via ESS before the enrollment deadline of November 16, 2012.

For questions, contact WageWorks Customer Service at 1-877-924-3967, or the Office of Human Resources at human.resources@millersville.edu or 872-3017.

11/15/2012 Activities

Here are the faculty and staff activities for November 15, 2012.

UC&M Receives Keystone Award

University Communications & Marketing (UC&M) recently received a Keystone Award from the Central Pennsylvania Chapter of Public Relations Society of America (PRSA) for its work on the “Millersville: Students and the Community” newsletter, which is published for residents of the Millersville Borough and highlights University-student activities including all of the ways they give back to the local community.

Judging was done by the Florida Public Relations Association. UC&M’s entry, entitled “Newsletter Improves Town Gown Relations,” was in the External Communications category. The newsletter is produced and edited by Alexandra Wachman ’10,’12M.
Freedland Appointed Corporate Relations Officer

Millersville University recently welcomed Gregory Freedland as the new corporate relations officer. Freedland joined the University this year with 15 years of marketing and communications experience. His most recent position was serving as the marketing director for the Lancaster Chamber of Commerce since 2009. He also served as the communications director for the United Way of Lancaster County.

Freedland, originally from Manchester, N.H., currently resides in Lancaster County with his wife and family. “During my first few weeks, I was impressed by the energy, enthusiasm and friendliness on campus. Every student, faculty and staff member I’ve met has been very welcoming. That says a lot about Millersville’s sense of community,” said Freedland. “I look forward to continuing the University’s tradition of connecting higher learning to the business community.”

Freedland received his bachelor’s degree in communications from Virginia Wesleyan College.

Mariacher Appointed Budget Director for 2013

Jennifer Mariacher has been appointed budget director at Millersville University effective January 1, 2013. Mariacher, who has been serving as Millersville’s assistant budget director since 2003, will take over for Dawn Reese, who is retiring after more than 30 years on January 11, 2013.

Mariacher was instrumental in implementing Millersville’s new budget planning software, Table Manager 1 (TM1). In addition, she assisted with the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education in implementing such software as the Situational Analysis Program (SAP) and the Business Intelligence (BI), as well as conducting training sessions for these modules to the University community.

Mariacher is currently a participating member of the “Consider the Middle College Model” transformation committee at Millersville. She served as a facilitator for the One Book, One Campus program and conducted diversity training for fall freshman and transfer student orientations. She is a graduate of the first class of the Leadership MU program, a development program for faculty and staff at Millersville University. Mariacher is also a past member of the Millersville University Business Associates.

Her activities outside of the University include serving as a parent volunteer for the Girl Scouts of America and staying active in the Central York Communities that Care organization. Mariacher received her bachelor’s degree in business administration with an emphasis in accounting from Slippery Rock University.
Faculty and Staff Activities

Dr. Stacey Irwin, communication & theatre, presented “A Multistability Analysis of Data Mining in Journalism” at the Society for the Social Study of Science (4S) conference at Copenhagen Business School, Denmark, in October. She also participated in a scholar’s symposia at Aarhus University, Denmark, on “Mediating Technologies.”

Dr. M. P. A. Sheaffer, English, gave an invited onsite lectures about Otto Wagner and the development of Vienna following the destruction of the old city walls to groups from the American Women’s Association of Vienna and Christ Church, Vienna, during fall break.

Dr. Yuan Zhong, biology, presented two posters (co-first authored by Millersville University undergraduates Michael Parker and Jonathan Kettering, respectively) in an international conference The 2012 Interdisciplinary Plant Group (IPG) Symposium in Era, Missouri, May 23-25. These posters were also presented by Parker (now earning his Ph. D. at Yale University) and Kettering at two state conferences in 2012. Parker competed with the graduate student participants and won Third Place (one of the three poster awards) at the 88th Annual Meeting of Pennsylvania Academy of Science in April 2012, which is the first award won by a Millersville student at this professional conference. Kettering won Second Place in the poster presentation category at the 41th Annual Meeting of Commonwealth of Pennsylvania University Biologists.

Congratulations to:

Gemma LaSpada, University library, on her marriage to Nicholas Sandhaus, October 20 in Lancaster.

Who Makes Millersville Special

This edition of Who Makes Millersville Special features Dr. Donna Topping, professor of elementary and early childhood education. She has been at Millersville for 15 years.

Q: What has been your favorite memory thus far?
A: My favorite memory, and it’s one that happens again and again, is seeing the “Aha” moment when learning clicks for students.

Q: How would you describe your teaching technique?
A: I’m very high energy when I teach and I’ll do whatever it takes to get the point across. I incorporate music, drama, art, storytelling, cartoons, physical movement, pair and small group work into my lessons. Additionally, I will use more traditional techniques like lecture and PowerPoint.

Q: Students generally take the PRAXIS exams during the semester they have your courses. How do you prepare them for this exam and help to ease their anxiety?
A: I create multiple-choice “PRAXIS-like” exams so they are studying not only for my class, but also for that very high stakes test that will determine their certification. We study for tests differently, depending upon the type of test we will take, so I make sure that their study investment will yield bigger results in this way. Of course, the best preparation is to know the subject well, so I teach for that. There is a great deal of comfort knowing that Millersville University students traditionally have done very well on the PRAXIS.

Q: What is the best piece of advice you’ve received in regards to education?
A: “Be the kind of teacher you would want to have.”

Q: What’s one thing that most people on campus don’t know about you?
A: I’m a church organist.

Q: Do you take it as a compliment that Millersville University is sometimes stereotyped as a “teacher’s college”?
A: That’s a fond tribute to our roots, but everyone knows we have grown to encompass so many more fields.

Q: What qualities make up a successful educator?
A: There are so many attributes that come together in a successful teacher! If I had to settle on just two, I’d say passion and compassion – passion for your subject, and compassion for those who are learning it.

Q: How many teaching positions have you held?
A: I was a first grade teacher, reading specialist, supervisor of reading and language arts for a school district before moving to higher education, where I taught at another university before coming to Millersville.

Q: Have you been involved in any on-campus organizations or committees during your time at Millersville?
A: I have served on a number of committees in my department, school and across the University. One of my favorites was the President’s Advisory Leadership Council, where I got such a broad overview of the University as a whole.

Q: What has been your greatest accomplishment in the education field?
A: I’m proud of my three books published by Heinemann, a leading publisher in my field. But when former students come back and tell you that you made a difference in their teaching, there is very little that can top that.

Q: How important was education in the recent election?
A: It is time for politics and big business to get out of education. I would actively campaign for any candidate whose platform stated, “I’m staying out of education. I don’t know enough about it. I’m going to leave it to the educators who know what they’re doing and what needs to be done.”
Q: If you could switch lives with anybody in the entire world for one day, who would you pick?
A: Probably Ina Garten, the Barefoot Contessa, from the Food Network. She gets to spend her life interacting with such interesting people while traveling, shopping, cooking and entertaining!

Q: What has been the most challenging experience you’ve encountered while teaching?
A: Time is every teacher’s arch-enemy. We know our subjects so well and so thoroughly that it’s hard to wrestle that subject to the ground so that it fits into time allotted for a course, and still make sure the course has integrity.

Q: How did you grow from this?
A: It forces a constant revisiting of knowledge, and the discipline of distilling the essence of what’s most important.

Q: What is your idea of a relaxing day?
A: A chilly, rainy day where I have nothing planned; a fire in the fireplace, a stack of books and crossword puzzles at the ready.

Q: What is one thing you just cannot live without?
A: The love of my family and friends.