CROWN Grant Will Help Educate Students on Barriers

Millersville University recently received a $20,453 grant from the Center for Research on Women and Newborn Health (CROWN), a foundation based in Lancaster, Pa. The grant will be used to conduct a survey of students’ attitudes towards using barriers during sexual activity. The results will be compiled and curriculum, based on the results, will be developed for the classroom. In addition, an interactive website will be created.

“We did an initial survey of students and found that the majority don’t use barriers during sexual activity,” said Jenny Monn, ’03, ’07M, health services nurse and the principal investigator on the grant. “We need to educate our students of the many health risks they face if they don’t use a male condom, a female condom or a dental dam every time they are sexually active.”

The grant is a multi-disciplinary, collaborative effort. In addition to Monn, Anne Pryzbylkowski, ’00, health services; Drs. Kim Mahaffy, sociology; Becky Mowrey and Julie Lombardi, wellness and sport sciences; assisted with the initial survey, applying for the grant and they will also be involved in the ongoing project.

“We were actually dumbfounded from the results at the lack of knowledge of sexually transmitted infections (STIs) among our students,” said Monn.

Reasons listed by students for not using male condoms ranged from “My partner and I are only having sex with each other (25 percent),” to “My partner and I have both been tested and we’re ‘clean’ (12 percent),” and “I don’t like the way they feel (11 percent).”

Monn says they plan to use information from the American Sexual Health Association’s website and reinforce that condoms are the only contraceptive option that can prevent both unintended pregnancies and STIs.

The association discusses “con-dom-ol’-o-gy,” the study of condoms; a collection of fact-based resources in simple, easy-to-understand language. Some facts from their website:

1. There are 65 million people in the U.S. who are living with an incurable STI.

2. There are 3.2 million unintended pregnancies each year in the U.S.
Two in three sex acts among single adults don’t involve a condom.

Monn said the initial grant, “Factors Influencing Barrier Protection Use Among College Students: Implementation of an Education Campaign,” is for 18 months and it is renewable. This is the first time since 1999 that Millersville University received a CROWN grant. The last one was for a project proposed by Dr. Carol Phillips, professor emeritus.

**Student Teachers Get Intruder Training**

In light of recent school shootings around the country, University Police Chief Peter Anders recently held an active shooter training session to provide senior education majors with various emergency response tactics to use in the classroom. The interactive training took place in January to prepare the student teachers prior to their field experience and had more than 200 students in attendance.

Anders’ safety session was based on the school security response program, ALICE, which stands for Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter and Evacuate. Millersville and Clarion Universities are the first Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education schools to offer the ALICE training.

The purpose of the 90-minute program was to advise students on what to do in active shooter and violent intruder situations. “ALICE is exactly what I have told my school age children and wife, an elementary teacher, to do if they are confronted with an active shooter in their school, at a mall or anywhere else,” said Anders.

Participants said the program, which was held in the Student Memorial Center, Multipurpose Room, was beneficial and Anders plans to hold future trainings.

“As a student teacher, the training raised my awareness as to what my plan would be if an intruder was inside the building,” said Kayla Warshefski, a senior education major. “Now that I have sat through this training session, I feel that I could do my best in protecting my students if an incident like this would occur.”

“Law enforcement is starting to realize that we have not done enough to educate our communities and to enhance the protocols in our schools,” said Anders. “Our K-12 schools are in the process of changing their protocols and instructions on how to respond to an active shooter. Penn Manor and the School District of Lancaster are sending officers and staff to the ALICE instructor school this spring.”
Anders also showed the Department of Homeland Security’s “Run, Hide and Fight” video during the program due to the parallels to the instruction. Anders recommends that anyone interested in watching this instruction video can view it on the University Police website: Surviving an Active Shooter Event.

For more information on the active shooter response training at Millersville University or ALICE, contact Anders at Peter.Anders@millersville.edu.

“MFE Scholars” Recipients Announced

Music For Everyone (MFE) announced the scholarship recipients for 2013: Emma Noble, a sophomore from Wernersville, Pa., and Israel Gonzalez, a sophomore from Lancaster, Pa, both distinguished music education majors at Millersville University. In addition to a $2,500 scholarship award to help fund their music education, Noble and Gonzalez are co-teaching this semester alongside Georgia Katsourides'09, a music instructor at Buchanan Elementary School.

“I am looking forward to being able to collaborate with a fellow colleague to effectively and creatively bring out critical thinking and musicianship from the students,” said Gonzalez, clarinet.

Noble, who plays the cello, shares the same excitement for this experience. “I am most looking forward to working with the students, seeing them grow and learning how to better communicate with them.”

The program benefited Katsourides last year when she had two MFE scholarship recipients, Paula Batdorf and David Mengel, placed in her classroom to co-teach. “The two students created an after-school music club for fifth graders. The fifth graders enjoyed working with both MFE recipients and would often share with me what they had been practicing. Overall, it was a valuable and beneficial partnership and a learning experience for everyone involved, including myself,” Katsourides said.

John Gerdy, president of MFE, believes one of the effects of declining funding for school music programs is a larger student-to-teacher ratio. “Placing Millersville music education majors in schools to work alongside teachers and directly with students is helping to improve that ratio,” Gerdy said. “It’s a clear win-win: A scholarship for a future music teacher and an improved music education opportunity for our children.”
MFE, a local non-profit organization dedicated to cultivating the power of music in Lancaster County, has funded scholarships for music students at Millersville University since 2010. The “MFE Scholars” program financially supports two Millersville University music education students in exchange for the time they commit to volunteering in classrooms with music teachers in the School District of Lancaster.

For more information on MFE, contact Gerdy at 717-871-1710 or visit the Music for Everyone website.

**Odyssey of the Mind Competition at Millersville**

After months of dedication, 565 students from Central Pennsylvania will use their creativity and teamwork skills to compete in developing various problem-solving methods at the international education program, Odyssey of the Mind. Millersville University will be hosting the annual competition on March 16 in the Student Memorial Center and Pucillo Gymnasium from 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Odyssey of the Mind empowers teams of as many as seven students to produce solutions for long-term and spontaneous problems. Out of the five long-term problems provided prior to the event, favoring either the arts or sciences, each team chooses one and has eight minutes to present a solution. The spontaneous problems can be either verbal, hands-on or a combination of the two and are kept secret until the day of the competition.

There are four divisions in the competition, which are categorized by grade level: Division I (Grades K-5), Division II (Grades 6-8), Division III (Grades 9-12) and Division IV (Collegiate). The teams are then evaluated based on various aspects of the solutions provided, such as creativity and how well they worked together as a team. This year there will be more than 200 judges volunteering at the event.

“Kids from over 40 regional schools will compete at the Odyssey of the Mind,” said Jill Craven, tournament director. “The tournament encourages students to think outside the box and to develop confidence in their creative processes."

Odyssey of the Mind allows students to learn the creative problem-solving process while having fun working in a competitive environment. If you are interested in volunteering at the event or looking for more information, contact Craven at Jill.Craven@millersville.edu.
The Sixth Annual Science Olympiad

Students in middle school and high school will have the opportunity to use their knowledge and skills of science at the Sixth Annual Science Olympiad. Millersville University will host the Pa. Central Region Science Olympiad competition on Saturday, April 6, 2013. Winners of the regional competition will then compete at state and national levels.

Currently, 44 schools are registered to participate in the competition which consists of 23 team events. The events are separated by two divisions: Division B represents middle school and Division C represents high school. Each school brings 15 students who compete in various events through the day on topics including biology, earth science, chemistry, physics, engineering and technology.

Science Olympiad is a national nonprofit organization devoted to improving the quality of science education, increasing student interest in science and providing recognition for outstanding achievement in science education by both students and teachers.

“We consider this as a very important event that stimulates enthusiasm for science through challenging and motivational competitions,” said Dr. Mehmet Goksu, coordinator for the Olympiad and assistant professor of physics at Millersville. “Science Olympiad encourages a wide cross-section of students to get involved in a day of fun and scientific competition.”

Goksu, along with Dr. Aimee Miller, supervisor and judge director, and Dr. Maria Schiza, logistics director from the Millersville chemistry department, are excited to host this important event that stimulates enthusiasm for science through challenging and motivational competitions.

For more information, contact Goksu at mehmet.goksu@millersville.edu at 717-872-3770, Miller at aimee.miller@millersville.edu or Schiza at maria.schiza@millersville.edu. Visit the Pennsylvania Central Region Science Olympiad for more information.

The Bach Choir at Millersville

On March 9, Millersville students and Dr. Mark A. Boyle, director of choral activities and assistant professor of music, will be performing with the Bach Choir of Bethlehem under the direction of Maestro Greg Funfgeld, in The Winter Visual and Performing Arts Center.

The oldest ensemble of its kind, the Bach Choir of Bethlehem is set to perform Mendelssohn’s “Elijah,” a difficult and rarely performed composition that was composed in 1846. “It’s a challenging work—a stamina test for all musicians,” said Boyle. Primarily a soloist, Boyle expressed great excitement for the Bach Choir’s performance of this piece in which he will be featured as a tenor soloist.

The Keystone Singers, a Millersville University ensemble of 36
students, directed by Boyle will be accompanying the Bach Choir of Bethlehem during their performance. Due to one of Boyle’s predecessors’ previous work with The Bach Choir, also under the direction of Funfgeld on a performance of J.S. Bach's “B Minor Mass”, Millersville was once again invited to collaborate with the more than 100-year-old choir. “Maestro Funfgeld and the musicians of the Bach Choir and Festival Orchestra is top shelf. It's an exciting opportunity for all of us!” said Boyle.

Boyle has worked with the Bach Choir of Bethlehem in the past, but this opportunity is a double-fold accomplishment for him and the students involved. “When the Bach Choir contacted us asking if we could collaborate again on “Elijah,” we of course said yes, as it is a great chance for our students to make music at the highest level.”

There will be three performances – one located in Millersville, in Bethlehem and at Strathmore Hall, just outside of Washington, D.C. The performance selection for this event brings to life the story of the biblical prophet Elijah and his relationship with other figures in the Bible. The Bach Choir of Bethlehem will be performing the English version of the “Elijah” piece.

“Everyone should take this opportunity to hear one of the most incredible choral/orchestral works of the 19th century live,” Boyle said. Boyle is looking forward to the involvement of The Keystone singers, and he is thrilled that the singers will get to take part in what he called an “incredible piece of art.”

The event is open to the public. Tickets cost $35 for general admission, $25 for reserved seating, $30 for seniors reserved seating and $10 for Millersville University students. For more information about this event, visit the Millersville University Calendar.

Parent and Family Weekend

This weekend parents and families of our students will be on campus for the Parents and Family Symposium scheduled for Friday, March 8 through Sunday, March 10. This unique opportunity will provide a glimpse of college life from the perspective of a Millersville student as well as provide helpful information as the students continue their transition to the University. Registration costs: Adults $35, Students $25, Children 2 and under are free. All tickets are available online at MUTICKETSOnLine.com. To view a full schedule of events included with registration, visit Family Symposium website. For more information, contact Kelly Duncan, assistant director at the Center for Student Involvement and Leadership at Kelly.Duncan@millersville.edu.
Physics Teachers Convene at Millersville

Millersville University will host the 2013 Spring Conference of the America Association of Physics Teachers—Central Pennsylvania Section (AAPT-CPS) on March 8-9. AAPT-CPS promotes the advancement of the teaching of physics in secondary schools, colleges and universities throughout Central Pa.

This year at the conference plenary session, keynote speaker Dr. Bulent Atalay, internationally acclaimed scientist, artist and author, will present the lecture “Leonardo and the Intersection of Art and Science” on March 8 at 8 p.m. in Lehr Room, Gordinier Hall, on the University campus.

Atalay, a professor of physics at the University of Mary Washington in Virginia, works to achieve a synthesis of art and science. The keynote lecture is free and open to public. Atalay will conduct a book signing session following the lecture.

For additional information, please contact Dr. Mehmet Goksu at 717-872-3770 or mehmet.goksu@millersville.edu.

The Power of the Purse

The Women's Giving Circle (WGC) of Millersville University will host its third annual "Power of the Purse" fundraising event on April 9 at 5 p.m. This event, which will be held at The Ware Center, Millersville University Lancaster, benefits the WGC annual scholarship award fulfilling their mission to inspire, educate and empower women.

Sarah Young Fisher, who is president of Kuntz Lesher Capital LLC, an investment advisory firm, will speak about the power of women’s philanthropy and how each individual gift makes a difference, regardless of the size of the gift. The event will include a special menu of food and drinks, a silent auction of new purses and themed raffle baskets. The 2013 WGC scholarship recipient will also be announced.
This event is open to the public. Tickets cost $25 and registration for the event is due on April 1. For more information, contact the Office of Special Events at 717-871-5926 or at special.events@millersville.edu.

Donations of “gently loved” purses will be accepted at the event to benefit the Lumina professional clothing bank. Lumina assists women in need by providing clothing that would be appropriate for a job interview. To donate, contact Linda Roush, development, at 717-872-3820 or at linda.roush@millersville.edu.

Arrival of the Spring 2013 Music Newsletter

The spring 2013 edition of Millersville University’s music newsletter has arrived! Featured in this newsletter are articles and events happening in the music department. Read about the Bach Choir of Bethlehem performance at Millersville, find out who the new Music For Everyone scholars are, learn which students represented Millersville in this year’s Rose Parade and view upcoming events, auditions and more.

To view the spring 2013 newsletter, visit Millersville University’s Music Newsletter website.

Need to Know

Successful Retirement
On Thursday, March 14 from noon - 1:30 p.m., Dr. Ed Hanna from United Behavioral Health will discuss the life transition of retirement, including topics such as pre-retirement stress,
readiness for retirement and creating a retirement action plan. This event will be held in the Student Memorial Center, Room 202.

**Deferred Compensation**
On Monday, March 11 from 2:30 – 4 p.m., Brandon Thompson from Great West Retirement Services will give an overview of the Deferred Compensation Program and will discuss the leave payout deferral option for retirees. This event will be held in the Student Memorial Center, Room 118.

We are working with other retirement vendors to schedule additional presentations in the near future. Please stay tuned for further updates.

**Please RSVP by contacting the Office of Human Resources at extension 3017 or human.resources@millersville.edu.**

### 3/7/13 Activities

Here are the faculty and staff activities for March 7, 2013.

**Faculty and Staff Activities**


**Dr. Chris Hardy**, biology, and Lieutenant Carl Steinhart of the Northwest Regional Police Department had their Case Report "Forensic botany in the resolution of an agricultural vandalism case" published in the March-April issue of the *Journal of Forensic Identification*.

**Dr. Rich Mehrenberg**, elementary and early childhood department, had an article titled, “Red Tape and Green Teachers: The Impact of Paperwork on Novice Special Education Teachers” published in the 2013 Winter edition of the *International Journal of Special Education*. An online version of the article can be found at the *International Journal of Special Education website*. 
Who Makes Millersville Special

This edition of Who Makes Millersville Special features Valerie Good, management and marketing instructor.

Q: Where are you from?
A: I’ve lived in Lancaster County since I was five years old.

Q: What college/university did you attend? What did you study?
A: I attended Millersville University for my undergraduate degree, where I received a bachelor’s in speech communications with a public relations option. I later earned my master’s with a marketing and communications emphasis from Alvernia College in Reading, Pa.

Q: When did you begin working at Millersville?

Q: What is one major difference you have noticed since you attended Millersville?
A: One major difference in Millersville is the Student Memorial Center building now covering what used to be the road leading to Harbold Hall. It really looks different when you drive down N. George Street!

Q: What classes do you teach at Millersville?
A: I’ve taught “Personal Selling,” “Advertising,” “Principles of Marketing” and “Retail Marketing.”

Q: What is your favorite part about teaching Advertising?
A: I enjoy seeing students’ creativity sparked and their passion for advertising come alive through real-life application of textbook concepts.

Q: When you are not teaching at Millersville, what do you do?
A: I primarily do freelance copywriting and marketing strategy for clients.

Q: How and when did you start your advertising company?
A: I was working as a marketing manager for a very busy local advertising agency right up until I gave birth to my first son. He had major health issues, which necessitated me being home full-time. I began to work from home for the same company but as a ‘freelance’ writer. And, I
enjoyed it so much that I began taking on additional clients. Later I started my website and built my brand, etc.

Q: What is something you learned at Millersville that you use for your real-life advertising campaigns?

A: There were many classes that I took that helped me in my career. Two that stick out to me now are “Public Relations Writing,” to fine tune my business writing skills, and “Desktop Publishing” (graphic design).

Q: What are the biggest advantages and disadvantages of working for yourself?

A: The biggest advantage of working for yourself is that you get to pick your hours. The biggest disadvantage is that I feel like I’m working around the clock because I have to set boundaries for my time. You don’t get to leave at 5 p.m. like most jobs.

Q: Where else have you worked?

A: In the past, I’ve worked as a marketing manager for a local advertising agency, a product manager for a credit union, a publicist for another local agency and a sales and marketing coordinator for a local hotel.

Q: Who has influenced your career the most?

A: My husband comes to mind because he’s believed in me and has given me the freedom to pursue what I enjoy.

Q: Do you have children?

A: Yes, my husband and I have been blessed with three boys: Joshua (age 6), Caleb (age 4) and Ryan Josiah (age 18 months). They are busy and full of life!

Q: When not working, what is your favorite thing to do?

A: In no particular order, I love to run, play the piano, blog, read Bible studies, play with my kids, spend quality time with my husband and workout at the gym.

Q: Do you have any advice for students entering the world of public relations, advertising or marketing?

A: Look for a calling rather than just a job. Don’t take a career path based on salary alone when you’re just getting started. Instead, do something you love and get experience in it, even if you’re scraping to get by. Eventually, your experience and skills will help you earn what you need and you’ll still be enjoying what you feel you were meant to be doing.