First of Its Kind

Thanks to a new program at Millersville University, students will now have the opportunity to work directly with business leaders in the area. On April 16 Millersville University held a ceremony in Biemesderfer Center confirming the official naming of the Entrepreneurial Academic Minor Program in recognition of Paul H. (Pete) Slaugh, Jr. At their meeting in March, the Council of Trustees (COT) approved the new program. Slaugh is the managing director of Homesale Services Group for Prudential Real Estate in Lancaster, Pa.

“I’m pleased to be part of this new program which will support students and encourage them to work in Lancaster County where my business career started and grew,” said Slaugh. “The University is an important economic force for our region, and this program will have long lasting benefits to the community. I particularly look forward to the interaction I and other business leaders will have with the students through internships.”

By honoring Slaugh, the COT recognized him as a corporate leader in the Lancaster region who personifies the entrepreneurial spirit and is committed to supporting an academic program that will act as a bridge between the University and the business world. Slaugh was recognized for not only his business success, but also his financial contribution to the University.

“I’m delighted that one of my first official duties as president is to be involved in such an important milestone for the University,” said Dr. John Anderson, president of Millersville University. “With Pete’s assistance, this program will certainly promote life-long benefits to students, faculty and business leaders through interactions with one another as it brings together the business and academic worlds.”

“This is an historic occasion for the University,” said Dr. Vilas Prabhu, provost. “This is the University’s first academic minor in entrepreneurship, the first such program in the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE) and also the first named academic program of the University.”

The Slaugh Entrepreneurial Program will be directed by Dr. Stephanie Schwartz, associate professor of computer science. “An essential part of this initiative is the involvement of profit and nonprofit business and community leaders as advisors to curriculum and program development,” said Schwartz. “Outside leaders will also serve as mentors to students working on projects and papers, give career advice and interact with the students.”

Students have the ability to select courses based on their interests. You can see a description of the courses for fall at: Entrepreneurship Classes Fall 2013.
Baseball Facility Becomes Cooper Park

Thanks to his generous gifts, professional achievement and volunteer involvement with Millersville University, Bennett J. Cooper ’67, ‘12H, will be honored by having the baseball facility named after him.

During a special dedication ceremony set for Saturday, April 20, the facility’s name will officially be changed from Marauder Park to Bennett J. Cooper Park and referred to as Cooper Park. Cooper played baseball and football at Millersville from 1964-67 and graduated with a bachelor’s degree in history.

Cooper has had a very distinguished career since graduating from Millersville and is currently the senior distribution consultant and in-house counsel for Branca-Rampart Financial Services, Inc. He is a long-time supporter of the University, serving as the vice-chair of the $88 million Soar to Greatness Capital Campaign, where he focused on scholarships and global opportunities. He has also been a supporter of the Honors College and student mentoring programs. His wife, Joann (Wargo) Cooper ’67, was chair of the global opportunities portion of the Soar to Greatness Capital Campaign.

“This is an excellent recognition of Mr. and Mrs. Cooper’s involvement and commitment to the recently completed $88 million Soar to Greatness Capital Campaign from 2006-2012, in which Health and Wellness was one of its objectives. Mr. Cooper gave his commitment of time, talents and resources to this University, and it is fitting that we dedicate this park to a man who played baseball at Millersville University and who loves this sport,” said Dr. John Anderson, president of Millersville University.

"The gift, provided to our program from Mr. and Mrs. Cooper, was an act of tremendous kindness and philanthropy that will leave an everlasting impact on Millersville University and its baseball program,” said Millersville baseball head coach Jon Shehan ’06, ‘12M. “Our program has a storied past, rich in tradition. Bennett Cooper's generosity will help to ensure that the tradition of success is continued well into the future.

“Recruiting intelligent, talented prospects is the key to running a successful athletic program, and this gift will momentously further our ability to do so,” said Shehan. “Mr. Cooper is a fantastic example of the type of person that Millersville University is capable of producing. He is incredibly successful and more importantly, as an alumnus, a role model for our current and future students. I speak for Marauder baseball, its coaches and former coaches, alumni, players and supporters when I say that we are very proud to have his name on our beautiful ballpark."

The ballpark was originally constructed in 2007 and includes a press box, a grandstand with 250 seats, a clubhouse and batting cages. The park served as home to the 2008 and 2011 PSAC Eastern Division Championship teams.
Millersville University Wins 2013 National CyberWatch Center Mid-Atlantic Collegiate Cyber Defense Competition

Congratulations to the team from Millersville University, winners of the 8th National CyberWatch Center Mid-Atlantic Collegiate Cyber Defense Competition (2013).

Anne Arundel Community College (Md.), Craven Community College (N.C.), Millersville University (Pa.), North Carolina State University (N.C.), Radford University (Va.), University of Maryland College Park (Md.), and University of Maryland University College (Md.) competed April 12-13, 2013 at the Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Lab in Laurel, Md. with the winner earning a berth in the National CCDC April 19-21, 2013 in San Antonio, Texas.

Final standings:
1. Millersville University
2. North Carolina State University
3. Radford University
4. University of Maryland University College
5. Capitol College
6. Anne Arundel Community College (tie)
6. University of Maryland College Park (tie)
8. Craven Community College

Distinguished Leaders Announced

The Civic & Community Engagement & Research Project (CCERP) at Millersville University announced this year’s distinguished leaders award winners during the 2013 Distinguished Civic Leadership Awards banquet, held April 11.

In addition to honoring the winners, CCERP announced and officially signed the charter creating the Order of the Swans, which will work to promote various Harry Potter Alliance campaigns throughout the year and work to bring these campaigns and initiatives to the Millersville community.

Those honored at the ceremony included:

Millersville University Student: Hannah Weicheld – Sophomore majoring in communication studies and minoring in graphic communication. Volunteer experience at Historic Yellow
Springs and Camphill Village Kimberton Hills. Secretary of the newly-formed Harry Potter Alliance Millersville University chapter.

**Non-Profit Organization: Susquehanna Sustainable Business Network (SSBN)** – SSBN educates and engages the community to increase support for local, sustainable businesses and provides leadership on economic equity to help create and maintain a sustainable economy. Creates and publishes the local Green Pages each year. Plans and executes monthly events promoting sustainable entrepreneurship and social networking.

**Non-Profit Organization: Homefields Farms** – Has supported over 160 adults with intellectual disabilities through agriculture jobs dedicated to providing people with freshly grown organic food. Provides residential and vocational opportunities while creating a culture of inclusion and nurturing bodies, minds and souls.

**Local/Regional Figure: Bob Shoemaker** – President of the Lancaster Alliance, which serves as a focused intermediary and catalyst to improvement through direct programs and collaboration with economic development peers. His commitment to community is infections and inspires many along the way.

**Local/Regional Figure: Tom Strickler** – President of the Columbia Borough School District Board and Executive Director of Community Life Network of Columbia. His innovative ideas and dedication to Columbia have helped hundreds of families in a challenging economic climate.

**Local/Regional Figure: Dr. Cathy Hoshauer** – Joined Roseville Pediatrics in 1987 and provides medical care to sexually abused child victims in Lancaster County at Lancaster General Hospital. Along with local partners, championed and opened the Lancaster County Children’s Alliance, an advocacy center, in 2006.

**Millersville University Faculty/Staff: Dr. Kerrie Farkas** – Associate professor of English at the University, with specializations in civic discourse and service learning. Also co-chairs the English Department’s Writing Studies Committee and is founder of the Reflect and Connect Series.

**Alumnus: Lt. Todd Umstead** – Currently assigned as the administrative division lieutenant and also serves as public information officer. Has been with the Lancaster City Police Department for 21 years. Forges relations between the public, community safety services and the media.

**Alumnus: Justin Rule** – Currently serves as the education director at Prospect Grove High School in Manos House. Serves as executive director of Heads Up Lancaster, which is a non-profit network dedicated to unleash potential release vision in youth through urban arts.

For more information on CCERP, visit [www.millersville.edu/ccerp/](http://www.millersville.edu/ccerp/).
Social Work Advocacy Day

More than 150 students had the opportunity to meet with their local legislators and advocate on behalf of bills that affect social workers thanks to the social work department at Millersville University. April 16 was the National Association of Social Workers PA Chapter (NASW-PA) Legislative Advocacy Day. The NASW-PA held a conference at the capital in Harrisburg at 7:30 a.m.

This event was an interactive way for students to witness macro (community) social work first-hand,” said Brittany Parsons, social work graduate assistant. “Many students that attended the conference are in policy or macro social work classes, and the event complimented what they were learning in the classroom.”

“I went to advocate for practice protection in Pennsylvania,” said Ana Sackett, a junior majoring in social work. “It’s important to fight for this because it states that only licensed social workers can deliver clinical social work services. Social workers receive a bad name when unqualified individuals are taking the jobs of competent professionals.”

Pennsylvania does not currently have a practice protection program in place for social workers. According to the NASW-PA, practice protection is important for social workers. “Creation of practice protection for licensed social workers, clinical social workers, marriage and family therapists and professional counselors would ensure that providers meet competency standards and adhere to ethical practice.”

The social work department at Millersville University paid the registration fee for 156 students, as well as provided transportation to 101 students. The Social Work Organization helped to facilitate and cover costs of the event.

For more information, contact Parsons at sowkgrad@millersville.edu or visit the NASW-PA website at www.nasw-pa.org/.

Millersville Students Lead Advocacy Effort in Harrisburg

Six Millersville University students traveled to the Capitol along with President Dr. John Anderson for Advocacy Day on April 16. Millersville was one of several Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE) universities represented.

Students, accompanied by presidents, administrators, trustees and alumni, met with more than 70 legislators to express one unified message - support for higher education is essential to the future of the Commonwealth. Students expressed their personal educational experiences and the
value of the education they are receiving at their PASSHE university to the legislators.

“I chose to come to Millersville in part for its value,” said Rich Kantner, a senior majoring in economics and philosophy at Millersville University. “I like to compare shopping for education to shopping for any other good or service. I could shop at a Wal-Mart and get the lowest price and likely quality to match, or I can shop at a department store and get top quality goods and services for consumer friendly pricing. That is how I view Millersville and the PASSHE system: a place where I get top quality education for a rate I can afford.”

Kantner was joined by Allison Casola, senior; David Loconsole, senior; Patricia Garner, senior; Abigail Weaver, senior; and Gina Masciantonio, junior. They were accompanied by President Dr. Anderson, Michael Warfel, trustee and Lisa Flemming, alumna.

**New Student Member Appointed to COT**

Governor Tom Corbett recently announced that Olayinka Osibodu of Harrisburg, Pa. has been appointed as the new student member of the Millersville University Council of Trustees (COT). Osibodu is a junior majoring in sociology, with a minor in government. Her role as student trustee for Millersville University will be to act as a liaison between the student body and the COT when it comes to addressing issues or concerns about their experience at Millersville University. She will hold this position until she graduates from Millersville University.

“Getting this position helped build my confidence and presented a sense of urgency for me to be more responsible,” Osibodu said.

Osibodu has a strong interest in government and political affairs and plans to become a lawyer after completing her college education. “Through this experience I hope to gain exposure to a new professional world, better leadership skills, humility from serving people and more knowledge about Millersville protocol,” said Osibodu. “I want to leave the position knowing I made Millersville University a better place.”

She assumes her duties as student trustee on May 19, after current student member Shane McGrady graduates. Osibodu’s first COT meeting will be in June.

The trustee’s responsibilities include making recommendations to the chancellor for the appointment and dismissal of the president and approving the university budget, new academic programs, contracts and fees other than tuition.
Student Veterans Association Has New Location

Millersville University’s Student Veterans Association has a new home—the Mercer House.

“The Mercer House provides a one-stop shop for veteran benefits and any questions they may have,” said Matt Shade, president of the Student Veterans Association. “It provides a place for veterans to share past experiences in service with other veterans and a quiet study place. The Student Veterans Association is thankful that there is finally a dedicated place to hold meetings.”

The goal of the Student Veterans Association is to provide a place for students and veterans to receive support and assistance in attending and successfully graduating from college. The house will also serve as a way of supporting families of soldiers who are already deployed or preparing for deployment in military service.

Mercer House is located on 28 West Cottage Ave. For more information about the Student Veterans Association, contact Matt Shade at mjshade@millersville.edu or call 484-225-6977.

Marburg Study Abroad 50th Anniversary Reunion

The 50th Anniversary Celebration of the Marburg Study Abroad Program is being held this weekend, April 19 and 20. The first event will be a 5 p.m. reception on Friday, featuring German Fare ($15 per person), and held in the University and Kline Rooms, Gordinier Hall. German Fare is the introduction and history of German cuisine. Display tables will be available for memorabilia.

On April 20 the events start at 2 p.m., with the traditional Kaffee and Kuchen ($5 per person) in the Ford Atrium, McComsey Hall. At this event, guests will be able to enjoy conversation with their Marburg classmates. Light refreshments will be served and a tour of the foreign languages department will be provided. That evening there will be a reception and celebration dinner scheduled for Lehr Room, Gordinier Hall ($35 per person) beginning at 5:30 p.m. The program will honor past directors of the Marburg Study Abroad Program since its inception in 1963.
Get Up and Glow

To celebrate the end of the semester and send off the senior class of 2013, “Get up and Glow,” a glow-in-the-dark 5K race, will be held at Millersville University. The event will take place on April 25 and begin at 9:15 p.m. at the Student Memorial Center Promenade by the clock tower.

Glow bracelets will be distributed during the race for each kilometer completed and there will be awards for the best glow outfit. Also, there will be a $50 cash prize awarded to the top male and female finishers.

Race-day registration will be held from 8-8:15 p.m. on the day of the event and is $20. T-shirts are not guaranteed and will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis for race day registration.

Get up and Glow is sponsored by the 2013 Senior Class Gift Committee and the Elsie S. Shenk Wellness and Women’s Program. All proceeds will benefit the 2013 Senior Class gift.

For more information, contact Jayme Trogus, wellness and women’s program director, at Jayme.Trogus@millersville.edu or visit Wellness and Women’s Program.

Superfest goes Hollywood

With the arrival of spring, sunshine and warm weather, Millersville University will host its annual Superfest on May 2 and 3. The theme of this year’s Superfest is Hollywood and Millersville University’s Student Activities Board has planned a variety of activities for students to take part in.

At 6 p.m. on May 2, there will be a Murder Mystery Dinner in Lenhardt. Later, at 9 p.m. on the Quad, there will be a showing of the film “The Perks of Being a Wallflower,” starring Emma Watson.

A Lip Sync and Karaoke Contest will take place on May 3 at 6 p.m. on the Quad. At 9 p.m. in the SMC Multipurpose Room, there will be a Think Fast Trivia Game Show that will feature a $200 cash prize.
Superfest on the Quad plans to go from noon – 4 p.m. on both days. “Superfest on the Quad will feature inflatables such as a Titanic slide and an iceberg obstacle course,” says Courtney Hunsberger, special events co-chair of the UAB. “There will also be student organization tables with various games and activities, cotton candy, popcorn, a dunk tank and red carpet photos, as well as a bunch of giveaways.”

These events are free and open to all Millersville students.

For more information, contact Hunsberger at cvhunsbe@millersville.edu.

**Silence the Hate**

Millersville University is holding a variety of activities this week for Silencing the Hate Week 2013. As part of Sexual Assault Awareness Month and Silencing the Hate Week, the Empower Peer Educators and the Elsie S. Shenk Wellness and Women’s Center will host their second annual S.L.U.T. (Strong Ladies United Together) Walk on April 18 at 6 p.m. at the Student Memorial Center Promenade.

S.L.U.T. Walk is part of a nationwide educational initiative to raise awareness about violence against women and blaming victims of sexual assault.

On Thursday, April 18 at 7 p.m. the Biology Club will be showing the film "Temple Grandin," with a brief opening discussion about autism. "Temple Grandin" is a biopic of Temple Grandin, an autistic woman who has become one of the top scientists in the humane livestock handling industry. This event will be held in Club deVille.

At 9:15 p.m. the Black Student Union will hold an open discussion on self hate as part of Silencing the Hate Week. This event will be held in the Reighard Multipurpose Room in the Student Memorial Center.

On Friday, April 19 at 4 p.m. students are asked to wear white Silencing the Hate T-shirts (or any other clothing you don't mind staining) and come break the silence with a color fight hosted by the Graduate Social Work Organization at Millersville University. This event will be held at the Student Memorial Center patio.

At 4:05 p.m. write the hate on your balloon and let go of the hate by releasing the balloon into the air. All materials are biodegradable. This event will be held on George Street.

At 5 p.m. the Silencing the Hate Planning Committee will feature African American transgender athlete Kye Allums as the closing speaker. Allums is a former Trans D-I collegiate basketball player and a current LGBTQXYZ advocate. This event will be held in the Reighard Multipurpose Room in the Student Memorial Center.
Harlow Shapley Lecture

Millersville’s physics department will present the 2013 Harlow Shapley Visiting Lectureship on April 25. Dr. Eric M. Schlegel, physics and astronomy professor at the University of Texas, San Antonio, will be the keynote speaker. The lecture, which will be held at 7:15 p.m. in Room 210, Caputo Hall, is titled “Face-on Spiral Galaxies, from Radio to X-ray.”

In the presentation, Schlegel will discuss the current understanding of galaxies using X-rays and radio wavelengths. “Nearby face-on spirals provide the best views of the population of objects that comprise any galaxy,” said Schlegel. “These views differ depending upon the instrument or telescope used to study galaxies.”

The lecture is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Dr. Sean Hendrick, physics, at mailto:Sean.Hendrick@millersville.edu or at 717-872-3412.

Need to Know

Diabetes Education Program
Taking Charge of Your Health
Wednesday, May 1, 2013
Noon - 12:45 p.m.
Stayer Multi-Purpose Room

Registration is appreciated at human.resources@millersville.edu
Need to Know

**4/18/13 Activities**

Here are the faculty and staff activities for April 18, 2013.
Faculty and Staff Activities

Dr. Lesley Colabucci, elementary and early childhood education, was recently appointed to serve as a member of the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE) Award for Excellence in Poetry for Children Selection Committee for the NCTE. Her three-year term will begin now and end in 2015. The task of this group is to recommend on a regular basis every two years a living American poet to the NCTE executive committee for the NCTE Award for Excellence in Poetry for Children. The National Council of Teachers of English, with 35,000 individual and institutional members worldwide, is dedicated to improving the teaching and learning of English and the language arts at all levels of education.

Dr. Dennis B. Downey, history and Honors College, was a principal speaker at a March 2013 scholarly symposium on “Race and Mob Violence in America,” hosted by John Jay College and City University of New York. The symposium marked the publication of the new book “Lynch Beyond Dixie,” to which Downey wrote the chapter titled "The Delaware Horror: Two Ministers, A Lynching and the Crisis of Democracy." Downey also published the article "A Benediction to the Skies: New Works on American Lynching" in the March issue of Reviews in American History. He also published the essay "Pennhurst State School and Hospital" in The Encyclopedia of Greater Philadelphia.

Retired

Dr. Paul Ross, professor emeritus of computer science, was recently published in the latest issue of Radio ZS, a magazine for amateur radio enthusiast. From his observations of amateur radio over the last 50 years, Ross concluded that he needed to build a satellite radio with a sensitive receiver and several antennas. In the latest published article “Satellite Communications: How to ‘Work the Birds’ for the Rest of Us,” Ross explains step-by-step the process of building a satellite radio system. The article originally appeared in the South African Amateur Radio Journal and was published in the K9YA Telegraph, an online amateur radio journal.

Congratulations to:

Walter “Chipp” Beasley, housing and residential programs, and Heidi M. Csallner were married on March 28 in Landisville, Pa.

Obituary

Dr. Joseph A. Meier, professor emeritus of mathematics, died April 7, at age 82. He joined Millersville University in 1963, where he was a professor of mathematics until his retirement in
Who Makes Millersville Special

Lydia Yeager

This issue of the Exchange features Lydia Yeager, ticket sales manager for Student Services, Inc.

Q: Describe yourself in three words?

Q: How did attending Millersville for your undergraduate college career make you want to come back and work for the University?
A: Fun fact! I worked all of the student jobs that I now supervise while I was a student at Millersville. I stayed in touch with my old boss after graduating and about a year later, I took over as Ticket Sales Manager. Working for Student Services, Inc., has been a great professional experience because I get to work with several offices across campus to plan and coordinate events. MU is a special place, and I credit my time here as a student and now as a manager for shaping my life, both personally and professionally.

Q: There are a lot of events that happen at Millersville. You and your student staff seem to work all of them. What are some of your favorite events to manage?
A: I love working athletic events because of the fan atmosphere and the people I work with in the athletic department. Major concert events are always a lot of fun because of the backstage access component and working with the artist’s tour managers. Celebrity speakers always create an extra level of importance and excitement to the event. I’ve been very lucky to have been a part of events such as Hillary Clinton during the 2008 Presidential election, Jesse Jackson, Bill Ayers, Temple Grandin and many others. The Ware Center and Winter Centers do great programming, as well, and it allows us to network with the community on a different level.

Q: When did you graduate from Millersville?

Q: What is the most memorable experience you’ve had as a student at Millersville University?

A: The friendships. I was lucky enough to have the same roommate for two and a half of my four years at Millersville. I was in her wedding, and her kids call me “Aunt Lyd” when I visit them. We stay in touch on a regular basis and try to get together as often as possible.

Q: What do you like to do in your spare time?

A: I recently became an aunt so when I can, I try to spend as much time with my nephew and family as my schedule permits. I love anything and everything entertainment – movies, television, books and Twitter! I like to know what is going on at all times…I think I get that from my job!

Q: You have managed outdoor and indoor events. What was the worst weather you have had to work in?

A: You name it, we have worked in it! I can remember standing knee-deep in rain while working a football game, and it poured the whole game. Rain games actually end up being pretty fun because there is nowhere to go, so you just make the best of it! We’ve also worked in snow and 19 degree temps, thunder and lightning, and heat. My staff are troopers!

Q: Working the ticket window has to be intriguing and exciting due to all the events you sell tickets for at Millersville. If you could go to one event (as just a spectator), which one would it be?

A: One great perk about my job is that I get to see all of the events, so I don’t miss too many. The bus trips for students are a great deal! Student organizations plan really fun and cheap trips. I am always very envious of the New York City bus trip.

Q: What is your biggest pet peeve?

A: Inefficiency. I struggle when people try to make things harder than they need to be. I think my ticket office student workers would say when people walk up to the ticket window and say, “I want to buy a ticket.” We have to prompt them and ask “for what?” On average we have about 5-8 ticketed events a week (sometimes that many in one weekend) and 100+ events during a semester. We appreciate customers who know what they want to buy, but we are certainly there to answer questions too.

Q: What do you enjoy most about working for Millersville?

A: Working with my student staff. I value the commitment that they make to working evenings and weekends with me, and I cannot do this job without them. They are so loyal! My favorite
thing (and also least favorite) is watching them graduate, because I know they are going to leave MU and do great things, and to know that I was a small part of that is so gratifying.

With that said, I also work with some truly wonderful people at SSI and on-campus. It is team effort to put on most of our events.

**Q: Where are you from originally?**

A: I grew up in Carlisle, Pa., which is about an hour from Millersville.

**Q: What do you consider your greatest accomplishment in life so far?**

A: My education. My mom says that education is something that no one can take from you, which is a great way to look at it. I completed my master’s degree in 20 months, while working full-time here at MU and commuting to Shippensburg for class once a week. It was a little crazy at times, but I’m proud of myself for getting it done.

**Q: What is the most difficult thing about being Ticket Sales Manager?**

A: My job has evolved over the last eight years as the University changes and grows, and with that so has the event schedule. This can mean working evenings and weekends to make sure events go smoothly, but every day is different, and that is what I appreciate most about my job.

**Q: Who is one person who has been an inspiration in your life and why?**

A: Definitely my mom. My family has gone through some challenging times over the last few years, but she stays so positive, resilient and supportive of everyone around her. I try to emulate that as much as possible in my own life.

**Q: Besides all of the renovations and construction on campus, how has Millersville changed since you were a student here?**

A: There is certainly more to do now than when I went here. The campus itself was the major attraction for me when I visited the first time. It’s a gorgeous campus, and the renovation projects are great to keep the campus moving forward. I think technology has changed so much from when I was a student here. Everyone is so mobile now, myself included. I think MU has done a great job trying to keep the students, staff and alumni all connected and aware of what is happening on campus.

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