Millersville receives national recognition for civic engagement

Millersville University is now classified as a university with an institutional focus on community engagement, according to the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. The work spearheaded by the University’s Civic and Community Engagement & Research Project (CCERP) has made a real difference furthering the mission of community service among Millersville students.

“Community engagement is a critical agenda for us,” noted Millersville University President Francine G. McNairy.

Millersville also was named to the 2010 President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll, a national designation announced by the Corporation for National and Community Service. In 2010, Millersville students provided almost 200,000 service hours to the community, shared among more than 4,600 students.

Connecting the arts and the community

Millersville University’s Latino Community Mural Project explored the stories of the Latino community in Lancaster, Pa. Led by artist-in-residence Michelle Angela Ortiz, Millersville students in enrolled in the spring semester Contemporary Art and African American and Latino educational experiences courses participated in the community arts project.

Through audio and video interviews, students documented stories about the Latino experience in the community.

“The goal was to have the students take a step out of the classroom and studio and interact with the community,” said Ortiz, who is a professional artist, arts educator and muralist. “I wanted the students to examine any stereotypes they might have of the Latino community and see themselves as the common thread to the community members they were interviewing.”

The murals are a culmination of “stories of survival, struggle, triumph and hope.” Two digitally produced murals were created and installed in May: one in the Student Memorial Center at Millersville University and the other at Lancaster’s Clipper Magazine Stadium, home of the Lancaster Barnstormers baseball team.

For more information about the project, visit www.millersville.edu/~latinomural/

One of the murals is on display at Lancaster’s Clipper Magazine Stadium.
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“The photograph was taken in Lesotho, a landlocked country [surrounded by] South Africa. Before taking a hike through the Drakensberg Mountains, we stopped at a local school. The children were there even though it was a Saturday. I had a pen behind my ear and the children kept saying ‘pen, pen!’ to me. So I retrieved my sketchbook and a pack of pencils I had in my backpack, tore off a piece of paper for each child, passed out the pencils and I drew with them.”

Melissa Heilner is an art education major and studied at the University of KwaZulu-Natal in South Africa. She will be student teaching in the fall and graduating December 2011.

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Dr. Hugh Herr ’90 (left) chats with his former professor Dr. Michael Nolan, chair of Millersville’s physics department.

To view a video of Dr. Herr’s speech, go to the Review’s online version at www.millersville.edu/ucm.

During Millersville University’s baccalaureate and graduate studies commencement ceremonies in May, more than 1,100 undergraduate students received bachelor’s degrees and 291 graduate students received their master’s degrees as friends, family, faculty and staff proudly filled every seat.

On the morning of May 7, echoing the excited hum of the undergraduates that gathered on Chryst Field at Biemesderfer Stadium to receive their diplomas, keynote speaker Dr. Hugh Herr ’90 added to the buzz.

He spoke of losing both legs in a mountain climbing accident, then entering Millersville where he had “an intellectual awakening.” This helped him to realize that “[his] was not a story of courage, but a story of passion.”

Herr directs the Biomechatronics Group at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) Media Lab. He also serves as an associate professor at both MIT and Harvard University.

Herr has dedicated his life to the research and development of leg, foot and ankle prostheses, becoming one of the top biomechatronics researchers in the world. His innovative work with prostheses over the past ten years earned him the University’s prestigious President’s Medallion, an honor awarded to an individual committed to higher education in recognition of his or her contributions to the citizens of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Herr encouraged the graduating class of 2011 to “[live] an unrivaled life through a healthy intolerance for passionless living,” as he has been able to through the help of Millersville’s “fertile learning grounds.”
At the undergraduate commencement ceremony, Dr. Susan Luek received the inaugural Educator of the Year Award. Teaching psychology for more than 39 years at Millersville University has not been Luek’s only venture. Aside from her excellence as an educator, Luek has excelled as the advisor to both the Psychology Club and the Psi Chi International Psychology Honors Society and co-founded Millersville’s Women’s Center. She has also been active in the betterment of her community and championing diversity issues.

The Educator of the Year Award is given to a recipient who exemplifies engagement in education to a landmark degree. Involving students actively in the learning process, fostering an environment of personal and professional concern and serving as a role model, not only to students, but to fellow faculty members, are just some of the dynamic characteristics the Educator of the Year Award Committee seeks when choosing the recipient.

Dr. Susan Luek, winner of the 2011 Educator of the Year Award, sets the standard high for excellence in education.

Graduate students gathered in Pucillo Gymnasium to welcome Dr. Thomas P. Bell ’83, ’85M as the keynote speaker on May 6. Bell is an associate professor in Millersville’s Department of Industry and Technology. He joined the faculty at his alma mater in 1995, and also functions as president of the International Technology and Engineering Educators Association, and currently serves on the board of directors for Epsilon Pi Tau. Bell’s long-term relationship with Millersville has made him proud to be connected to his audience as one of the “people here on campus who graduated with their master’s degree from Millersville.”
Digging Bermuda

Each summer two Honors College students from each of the 14 Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education universities participate in a study and travel abroad program. This year Millersville University was the host of a program titled “The Atlantic World in the Age of Revolution,” which culminated in a field experience and visit to Bermuda.

The students first spent a week on Millersville’s campus taking a course studying historical documents from the British Colonial government. The class was led by Dr. Clarence Maxwell (see next page). In the archaeology class, they learned proper techniques for excavating a dig site and assisted Dr. Timothy Trussell in conducting a site survey for locating the 1719 Hans Herr House.

“We focused on understanding the history of the Atlantic World in the 18th century, combining history and archaeology to explore the social, political, cultural and economic dimensions of the Atlantic,” explained Dr. Dennis Downey, professor of history and director of Millersville’s Honors College.

“Having an incredible opportunity such as this enabled me to become an active participant in uncovering and better understanding the historic past for the purpose of connecting it to the present,” said Justin Neideigh, senior social studies education major at Millersville.

While the students were in Bermuda, they continued the project, began filling in the missing pieces of the historical narrative and gained hands-on experience with local culture, history and artifacts. They retraced the steps in the transcribed documents and went to the location of the shipwreck detailed in the British Colonial files. They then visited the Bermuda Maritime Museum and saw artifacts that were uncovered and preserved from the shipwreck.

“It was an amazing experience, and being able to see many of the historical sights in Bermuda and tying them to locations in Lancaster County was a once in a lifetime experience,” said Jenny Matrangelo. “I am so thankful that I was chosen for this study experience. The work at times was difficult but it was well worth it.”

“My experience on this trip proved that history is so interrelated that it encompasses more than just what is located within the proverbial box of study. One cannot simply just study Bermuda itself, but must study all of the Atlantic World to understand Bermuda’s history,” said Neideigh. “On a deeper level, everything is so interconnected that one aspect of Bermuda’s history cannot be studied without examining the rest of it: Bermuda was a hub of interaction with all corners of the Atlantic World.”
For some people, what they do is who they are. In the case of Dr. Clarence Maxwell, assistant professor of history at Millersville University, his work is the centerpiece of his life.

His journey in education—from Bermuda to Florida to England to Millersville—was paved by his mother, Florenz Maxwell ’72. A native of Bermuda, she studied at Millersville in the 1950s, left to have a family and then returned in the 1970s to finish her education.

In 2005, nearly three decades later, Clarence Maxwell, joined the history faculty at his mother’s alma mater. With his own heritage as a native Bermudian, he goes home often to enjoy the cultural heritage, pink sand beaches and Caribbean architecture. Not surprisingly, he has made Caribbean and Bermudian studies his niche as a historian.

His other areas of expertise are Latin American, African-Atlantic Diaspora history, Atlantic World slavery and slave trade. He is the associate editor of the Bermuda Journal of Archaeology and Maritime History. He also works in a multi-disciplinary program with the archeology department at Millersville.

“There is an obvious connection between history and archeology,” reports Maxwell. “This project explores that connection in regard to smuggling iron and sugar during the 18th century.”

Working with Maxwell and Dr. Timothy Trussell, associate professor of archeology, Millersville students have spent summers at the Bermuda Maritime Museum to research the connection between smuggling iron from Pennsylvania and sugar from the Caribbean. It is a fascinating mystery that began when stove plates from Elizabeth Furnace in northern Lancaster County were found at a shipwreck off Bermuda.

As it turned out, iron was a commodity that was needed by sugar plantations in refining sugar. Since the islands didn't have their own resource for iron, finished iron from Pennsylvania was used for sugar production, while bar iron was traded as currency to buy slaves in Africa. It is a complex web of smuggling that students are gradually unraveling.

“The slave trade is integral to maritime history,” explains Maxwell. In the 18th century, the slave trade was a way of obtaining the cheapest form of labor to work plantations in the Caribbean and the South. “Workers were needed and few people would willingly journey across the ocean to a faraway land to work in such difficult conditions.”

To his students, Maxwell is highly regarded for his intelligence, knowledge, fairness and willingness to help his students reach an understanding of history and its relevance in today’s world. They also appreciate his quiet demeanor and understated sense of humor.

“No one lives without a historical narrative that lays the groundwork for today,” says Maxwell, adding that much of history is based on economic needs.

“The very nature of an island nation means that acquiring raw materials is a necessity,” says Maxwell.

Just beneath the surface of the sea, a shipwreck off the coast of his homeland of Bermuda can reveal secrets about the complexities of maritime commerce that eventually led to war and power struggles between England, Spain, France and other countries that managed to master the sea.
Some analysts expect shale gas to supply as much as half the natural gas production in North America by 2020.

“The Marcellus landscape and the information on drilling seem to change almost weekly,” said Dr. John Wallace, professor of biology at Millersville. “We need to be concerned about what is happening to the environment, rather than sitting back to see what comes downstream. It is easy to point fingers and make ‘cease and desist’ type demands, but the situation is very complex.”

“We’ve known about the Marcellus Shale formation for a long time but companies didn’t know how to get the gas out in a cost-effective way,” said Dr. Lynn Marquez, geology professor at Millersville. “As technology has improved, it has become economically viable to drill it. Unfortunately, huge amounts of water, approximately five million gallons per well, will be used and contaminated to extract the natural gas from the shale. The environmental consequences will be severe in some areas.”

“Fracing is short for hydraulic fracturing,” said Dr. Sam Earman, Millersville geology professor. “In fracing, fluid is injected into a well at very high pressures, and the fluid flows out from the well and creates fractures in the rocks it moves through. Fracing is used in ‘tight’ rocks. A tight rock is one in which the open spaces that oil or gas can move through are very small. An analogy for trying to pump oil or gas from a tight rock would be trying to get a stadium full of people out through a few large ‘dog doors’—even assuming people could wriggle through the dog doors, it would be difficult and take a long time. If we blasted several large openings in the stadium walls (analogous to what is done in fracing), we will be able to get the stadium emptied out much more quickly.”

There are environmental concerns according to Earman. “Fracing fluids are almost always water-based, but they contain many additives. ‘Proppants’ (material such as sand that’s injected with the fluid to keep the fractures created during fracing open) are one common type of additive, but various chemicals are added for other reasons (e.g., to increase the viscosity of the fracing fluid or to help eat away at the rock). These additives can often be health hazards if consumed. In addition, many companies consider their blend of chemicals proprietary information, and don’t want to list everything that’s being used to prevent competitors from using their recipe.”

Wallace is concerned about the impacts on human health and the environment as well as the socio-economic impacts on the affected communities and the well-being for future generations of Pennsylvanians. He says one local grassroots organization, Community Action Forum on Marcellus Shale Gas (www.communityactionlancaster.com/) is attempting to provide an outlet of information with the mission of educating, informing and engaging the community.

Wallace is also working with professionals from Tioga County, the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and a prominent watershed group in Tioga County, the Pine Creek Headwaters Protection Group, aptly
named, “the Waterdogs.” Along with two of his students, Wallace’s research team recently returned from examining seven sites next to current or future drill pad sites to gather baseline “before” data, i.e., prior to any known accident from existing wells, thus, initiating an intensive monitoring program designed to evaluate biological, physical and chemical aspects in these streams to more fully understand the impacts of shale gas drilling or water withdrawal on ecosystem functioning and overall water quality. This research will involve sampling macroinvertebrates and collecting water chemistry data as well as assessing the habitat associated with drill site streams and control streams.

Much political discourse has focused on the strong, publicly urged proposal of a severance tax. Because most states that actively mine natural gas have severance taxes and these taxes are charged to the companies doing the mining to offset environmental, infrastructural and human impacts, many gas companies have built these taxes into their business plans. The fact that Pennsylvania may be the only natural gas producing state without a severance tax has been a major “bone of contention” among environmentalists and now what seems to be the public in general. It appears that the political tide may be turning towards charging the gas companies some kind of fee.

“As more people become aware and educated about the pros and cons of Marcellus Shale gas mining and communicate their concerns to their local legislators, it is my hope that those responsible for regulating the industry, enforcing penalties on violators as well as monitoring environmental and human health impacts will do so with the good of the Commonwealth in mind,” said Wallace.

Retirees: WHAT ARE THEY DOING NOW?

Gary Reighard ’96H
AT MILLERSVILLE 1967-1997
Professor of Counseling & Psychology; Vice President for Student Affairs
FONDEST MEMORIES:
Working with all the students and seeing them mature and succeed, and keeping in touch with them after their graduation.
HIGHLIGHTS SINCE RETIREMENT:
Traveling the world since retiring and moving into a retirement community.

Richard Doutt
AT MILLERSVILLE 1966-1986
Professor of Industrial Arts
FONDEST MEMORIES:
Too many to mention.
HIGHLIGHTS SINCE RETIREMENT:
Moving to Colorado, traveling the western part of the U.S., meeting new friends, and walking the mountain trails in the Rocky Mountains.

Margarite “Bunky” Frey ’67
AT MILLERSVILLE 1989-2005
Benefit manager in Human Resources
FONDEST MEMORIES:
Friendships and interaction with many of the faculty and staff.
HIGHLIGHTS SINCE RETIREMENT:
We have traveled extensively across the U.S. by car, visiting all the lower 48 states. Our sons are in California and Texas, so there have been lots of visits to those states in particular. This is a beautiful country we live in!

John Horst
AT MILLERSVILLE 1965-1988
Associate Professor of Educational Foundations
FONDEST MEMORIES:
The beginning of each new semester.
HIGHLIGHTS SINCE RETIREMENT:
Genealogical studies, a number of trips to Europe, winters in Florida.

Irene Funk
AT MILLERSVILLE 1972-1994
Supervisor, Housekeeping
FONDEST MEMORIES: Working with my co-workers on night shift.
HIGHLIGHTS SINCE RETIREMENT:
Serves on the board at the North Museum of Natural History and Science and traveling the world.

William Jordan
AT MILLERSVILLE 1966-2000
Professor of Earth Sciences
FONDEST MEMORIES:
Working with Bill McIlwaine and Alex Henderson to establish the Department of Earth Sciences. Serving on the search committee that brought Francine McNairy to our campus.
HIGHLIGHTS SINCE RETIREMENT:
Served on the Board of Directors of Millersville Credit Union; worked with Millersville Business Association; involved with his church; bought his first home.

Rodger Laudenberger
AT MILLERSVILLE 1968-1999
Printer, Administrative Services
FONDEST MEMORIES:
All the people I made contact with, both faculty and staff.
HIGHLIGHTS SINCE RETIREMENT:
Served on the Board of Directors of Millersville Credit Union; worked with Millersville Business Association; involved with his church; bought his first home.
The Soar to Greatness campaign will raise $85 million by 2013 to help provide students an educational opportunity that is second to none.

Through this campaign, Millersville University can deliver on the promise of academic and cultural leadership to its students, graduates and the communities the University serves. It represents an unparalleled opportunity to transform Millersville University’s future.

As of June 30, contributions and pledges to the campaign reached a new height of $73.7 million.

Aspects of three of the campaign’s eight priorities are highlighted in this issue:

- Student-Faculty Research - Increase the transformational experience for students through faculty-student learning opportunities and provide greater opportunity for faculty professional development.
  Goal: $7 million; pledged $7.5 million (as of 6/30/11)

- Scholarships - Provide access to excellence for students and faculty through a robust scholarship/fellowship program.
  Goal: $16 million; pledged $14.7 million (as of 6/30/11)

- Global Opportunities - Bring the world to Millersville students and students to the world through a global opportunities program.
  Goal: $2 million; pledged $1.6 million (as of 6/30/11)
To those opposing the cameras, it seems that “Big Brother” is watching them and they are concerned about privacy and freedom. The issue even made the national news, with the Los Angeles Times declaring that Lancaster was among the “most watched cities” in the United States.

Since installation in 2005, however, there have been countless crimes observed and solved, thanks to the system of video cameras that allows LCSC staff people to keep an eye on crime. Cameras captured violent crimes such as the stabbing death of a Lancaster man, and the attack of a woman near her home by a stranger. The cameras have also caught drug deals and vandalism, armed robberies and vehicle break-ins, hit-and-run accidents and domestic violence attacks.

In case after case, video from the cameras is used to prosecute crimes. Witnesses often get confused, but video offers an undisputable record of events. Few tools work as well as cameras to prove the guilt or innocence of a person. The cameras have also been used to show that a crime was not committed. In one case, it appeared that a Lancaster man had been severely beaten and left on the sidewalk to die. A video camera showed that the man had fallen and hit his head on the pavement, leading to his death—a tragic accident, not a crime. A video camera captured what really happened.

“We don’t hear as many opposed as there were in the beginning,” says Joseph Morales, executive director of the coalition. “When we can show that the cameras are working, law-abiding people are grateful for them.”

In fact, there are very few places where we are not being watched by cameras, and most people appreciate the extra security when they pull up to the bank drive-up window, go inside the bank to make a deposit or stop at a convenience store.

“I don’t think many people will argue that the video cameras aren’t working,” says Peter Anders ’02, retired Lancaster City police captain and now chief of police at Millersville University. “They have proven themselves.”

The program has been a joint effort between the LCSC, the Lancaster Alliance, the Lancaster City Bureau of Police and numerous local residents.
and businesses. Students at Millersville University were asked to be involved in a detailed study to examine the location of cameras and determine if different or more locations would be beneficial to the system. The results from the study showed the project’s benefits and served as a basis to obtain a grant to expand the system and add more cameras.

The task of conducting this research went to Millersville University’s Department of Geography professor and chairperson Dr. Angela Cuthbert. It was the ideal opportunity for Cuthbert and her students to show the benefits of geographic information system (GIS) mapping technology while serving the community.

Students in Cuthbert’s geography class in fall 2007 participated in the study and gained great experience. The class was an introductory class and included students who had little background or working knowledge of GIS, so the opportunity for learning was immense.

It was determined that a before-and-after study was necessary. Students mapped crime locations from 1998 to 2007, and then compared the locations to the view sheds [specific areas being monitored] of the cameras to determine if the number of crimes in the view sheds decreased after the installation of the cameras.

As Cuthbert notes, geo-spatial technologies and applications represent a growing field. With skills in GIS, students have a world of opportunity in both the private and public sectors.

“We have graduates employed at the county level, but also the state and federal level in a variety of departments. In the private sector, we have grads working for engineering firms, planning firms and environmental consulting firms,” says Cuthbert.

When you use your vehicle’s GPS system to find a place on the map, you are using GIS technology to avoid getting lost. Not only does it help people find places, but it can also be used to study everything from crime to historic preservation.

Cuthbert explains that the crime data is a very rich data set but difficult to interpret in tabular format. Using a GIS software called ArcGIS, the crime data can be mapped through a process called geocoding.
Geocoding matches the address of individual crimes to the street network and places a point at the location of the crime. Using this process, all of the selected crimes are geocoded for each year. Once the crimes are geocoded, a technique called point-in-polygon analysis is used to compare the number of crimes inside the camera view shed versus outside the view shed.

“By completing the point-in-polygon analysis for each year, it could be determined if the number of crimes decreased once a camera was installed,” said Cuthbert.

Since the cameras were installed at various times, several individual view sheds were created in ArcGIS to allow for more accurate before-and-after analysis.

The crime data included more than 40 different crime types. In an attempt to determine if there were any patterns inherent in specific crime types, the point-in-polygon analyses were completed for Theft, Vandalism and VCSDD&CA (drug-related crimes).

“As a city resident, I personally had no problem with the cameras. In fact, my block actually requested that a camera be installed,” says Cuthbert. “The one question I did have was whether the cameras would prevent crime or just move it to another area of the city where cameras are not installed.”

“Students at Millersville University were involved in a detailed study to examine the location of cameras and determine if different or more locations would be beneficial to the system.

Not only have the video cameras proven to be valuable “eyes” on the city, but Millersville’s GIS students have been called upon to work on many other valuable projects.

The Lancaster Alliance-Pedestrian Wayfinding project allowed students to map sign locations, the quickest walkable route between signs, the distance between each sign and events such as Art Walk on Prince Street, the Historical Walk and the Museum/Gallery Walk.

Millersville GIS students were involved in Lancaster’s Cabbage Hill neighborhood revitalization project that promoted community development by improving the quality of the local environment, enhancing the livability of the neighborhood and inspiring community pride.

For this study, students developed a geodatabase of socioeconomic data and mapped the location of assets and socioeconomic and demographic characteristics.

Students have also worked in areas besides downtown Lancaster, such as Main Street Mount Joy, a project to stimulate economic development in its business district. Students created a color-coded map identifying the utility company responsible for each pole and
collected parking information including the number and location of street parking spaces and those in private lots.

“In other semesters, students worked on a neighborhood economic health project for the city of Lancaster where they mapped building permit values, sale price versus assessed value, tax exempt properties, sales by land use,” says Cuthbert.

Video from the cameras is used to prosecute crimes. Witnesses often get confused, but video offers an undisputed record of events.

More recently, students were involved in a project with the Lancaster Bureau of Police. In 2008, the bureau initiated a task force whose mandate was to implement a new program based on an initiative developed in High Point, N.C. The goal of the High Point program was to eliminate overt drug markets in the city. The program has been such a success that it received national recognition.

“Due to its success, the Lancaster Bureau of Police decided to implement it in Lancaster. The High Point initiative is a data-driven approach,” says Cuthbert.

The initiative depends on crime density analysis to target the most appropriate neighborhood to implement the program, she adds. Without the GIS analysis, the program could not be implemented. At the time, the Lancaster Bureau of Police did not have the capability to do the GIS analysis.

GIS studies can answer questions such as: Where are the watersheds that affect the water supply of Lancaster County? Which places are designated as historic areas in the county? What are the urban growth areas where development is encouraged? Where are the county’s preserved farms located? What is a pattern of crime, such as car vandalism? How do emergency services locate and respond to emergency calls as quickly as possible?

Matt Hedge ’07 majored in geography with an emphasis in environmental hazards and emergency management. He got into the GIS field after pursuing an earlier career in printing. What got him interested in making a career switch to GIS?

“I love maps,” he explains. “This may be oversimplified, but if you want to find something, move something or build something you need a map. GIS helps answer the associated questions. Where do I put my business? What’s the most efficient way to ship my product? Where are my potential customers?”

With his degree in applied geography, Sean Snyder ’07 gained experience in GIS through several internships with Lancaster County GIS while he was a student. After graduation, he worked for York County 911, creating maps used for emergency response. He is now a GIS analyst for Lancaster County using the data provided by technicians to produce maps for specific purposes.

“Millersville gave me good background in GIS, especially in being able to learn new technology,” says Snyder.

That is the key to GIS education, according to Dr. Charles Geiger, professor of geography at Millersville. With technology progressing at a breakneck pace, the key to educating students is to teach them how to adapt and learn the latest programs. No matter what software programs are taught at Millersville this month, there will be new programs being developed in the ever-changing real world of GIS.

“When you see the difference between maps of the past and maps of today, it is incredible,” says Geiger. “Today’s maps are so much more sophisticated and detailed.”
Oh, the places you will go

by Madelyn Pennino

Whether Millersville University alumni have traveled abroad as part of the school’s global opportunities program forty years ago or last year, memories of their vast experience remain vivid.

This is true for Terry Long, who traveled to Marburg, Germany, in 1971 as a part of Millersville’s Junior Year in Marburg program. Long, who now lives in Vancouver, British Columbia, said studying a language in a foreign country is a completely different experience than sitting in a classroom and is one that changed him as a young adult.

“Even though the Internet has dramatically shrunk the world, I think it is so important for young people to travel and study and even work abroad,” Long said. “Until you walk in their shoes you really can’t truly understand what other cultures are like.”

Each year, about 200 Millersville University students participate in the global opportunities programs and that number continues to grow. The University now partners with 17 institutions around the world to provide global opportunities.
for students and staff to travel. It is not only for foreign language students and instructors, but also to participate in business programs such as the Chinese Executive Training Program, internships and even job opportunities.

As a student, Dale McPherson ‘65 was financially unable to travel to Moscow as part of his studies while at Millersville. However, he had the opportunity in 1970 when he was a Russian teacher in Baltimore through a program sponsored by the University of Northern Iowa.

He said while he did not study abroad through Millersville University’s program, his classes as an undergraduate inspired him to travel.

It was Michael Kovach, who had been a professor of Russian at Millersville, that brought out McPherson’s love of the language and helped him earn a scholarship for graduate school at Indiana University at Bloomington.

“Professor Kovach realized I had the ability to do it,” McPherson said. “Someone really has to have a love and a passion for the language to do this. They have to have a craving.”

Dr. Kirsten Bookmiller, director of Millersville’s Education & Global Partnership program, said she hopes the global opportunities campaign will spread that craving and curiosity among students.

“There are now a number of [global] opportunities at a cost-effective price,” Bookmiller said.

“We really hit cruising altitude this past year.”

Memories of overseas experiences remain keen for older alumni, and for those who have traveled abroad more recently.

Chris Bourland ’04 traveled to Sydney, Australia, in 2003. While Bourland was considering a study abroad program in England, he chose Australia because of its warm climate and educational opportunities at the University of Sydney, an institution that is recognized as one of the top 50 research institutions in the world.

“I didn’t want to take a leap and learn a new language,” Bourland, who graduated with a degree in economics, said. “I thought I would make a nicer transition culturally that way.”

Bourland said that the staff at Office
How to give the opportunity of a lifetime.

Bring the world to Millersville students

Provide a student with his or her first passport. Help defray the cost of passports and visas for students to participate in a study or intern abroad experience. ($250)

Spread the word. Provide a stipend to returning students to share what they have learned from their international experience with their peers and the local community through the Global Ambassador program. ($500)

Welcome an exchange student. Assist an incoming exchange student from a lesser-developed country to cover the cost of books and other living expenses while studying at Millersville for a semester. ($1,200)

Help a student take flight. Cover the international airfare of a Millersville student going abroad for an internship or study abroad experience. ($2,000)

Bring the world to Millersville. Bring an international faculty member from one of our partner institutions to offer a course featuring issues from their home country for students who are unable to go abroad. It will also strengthen our partnerships with the partner institutions. ($7,500)

Help the team that makes international education a reality for Millersville students. Establish a Global Education & Partnerships Endowment and provide essential support to global education as it fulfills its mission to bring the world to MU and MU to the world through international student and faculty exchanges. ($25,000)

Jeremy Rupp, who will graduate in 2012, is now an alumni of the Marburg Program.

of Global Education & Partnerships was very helpful in addressing his questions and concerns as he prepared for his trip during the first semester of his junior year.

“I had concerns about setting up flights and exchange rates,” Bourland said. “This was also shortly after 9-11 and so I also had safety concerns.”

Bourland said he felt lucky to be studying at the University of Sydney with such a diverse group of instructors and students.

“Especially as an economics major it gave me a global perspective,” said Bourland, who is now a real estate attorney in King of Prussia. “It benefited me as a student.”

However, Bourland said he missed Millersville’s academic community. While he was at the University of Sydney, he was often among hundreds of students in a class.

“I missed the class sizes at Millersville,” Bourland said. “It helps a student to learn when they have face-to-face interaction and not hesitate to ask a professor a question. The quality of Millersville as institution certainly stands up to Sydney.”

Joanne Wargo Cooper ’67, who chairs the Global Opportunities Priority Committee, is pleased that Millersville has put so much energy into global programs.

“It’s something that Millersville has really embraced and it’s something that is near and dear to my heart,” Cooper said.

She recognizes that traveling abroad is about so much...
more than learning a language.

“It’s also about the social mores,” Cooper said. “It’s about what’s intangible like a facial expression or a smile.”

Cooper’s husband, Bennett Cooper ’67, is the vice-chair of the Capital Campaign. He believes it is imperative for students to have global experiences to be competitive in the job market.

“I think students think of traveling abroad as something that is nice to do instead of something they have to do,” Bennett Cooper said. “It is now critical and essential in the job force to be differentiated.”

Philip Vonada ’11, who graduated with a communications and theater degree, studied at London Metropolitan University in fall 2009. He believes his experience has given him an edge simply because it opened him up to so many possibilities—possibilities he didn’t even know were out there.

“Living in London gave me a better appreciation of what opportunities we have and how people can get out of their comfort zone and take a chance,” Vonada said. “MU provides plenty of those chances.”

Travelling also changed Vonada.

“It kind of made me grow up a little,” Vonada said. “It made me a lot more self-confident and motivated to do more things.”

Vonada said that he was so reshaped by his experience in London that when he returned he became a Global Education Ambassador, and spoke to students about the Global Education and Partnership program and encouraged them to look into studying abroad.

As part of his presentation, Vonada produced a video called “What I wish I knew before I left for London” to show students interested in global programs.

“It has kept the whole experience alive for me,” Vonada said.

Ken Weaver ’73, who studied in Marburg, said that experience broadened his thinking.

Even more than 40 years later after his time in Marburg, Weaver said that he still recalls conversations he had while abroad, food he ate and day trips to nearby cities.

“It was the grandest of times,” Weaver said.

Expanding global opportunities is one of eight priorities that are part of Millersville University’s Soar to Greatness capital campaign. So far, $1.6 million has been raised for this initiative. The goal is $2 million.
Financing a college education can be a difficult task. Scholarships at Millersville University help students access an education second to none. They are awarded by academic merit, field of study, co-curricular involvement and financial necessity.

Although Millersville has almost 300 endowed scholarships, only three provide full tuition to the students. At the annual Honors and Awards ceremony, students are recognized for their achievements. It is an opportunity for donors to meet and get to know the recipient of their scholarships or awards.

Just a few examples of endowed scholarships are:

- Elizabeth H. Aston and Barbara A. Donan Scholarship: awarded to an education student from Lancaster County to help finance the initial year of education.
- Rettew Associates Scholarship in Geology: awarded to a geology student with a GPA of at least 3.0.
- Richard C. Keller Award in American History: awarded to a senior history major with strong interest and scholarship in American history.

How do endowments work?

A donor makes a gift to the Foundation, typically in the form of cash, securities or other assets, to support the students and programs at the University. The original gift is never spent, but rather invested in perpetuity as part of the total endowment. Fund values are calculated on an annual basis and a specified percentage is set by the Foundation Board for spending purposes.

The Millersville University Foundation is a separate tax-exempt entity, which manages and invests endowed gifts for the University.

Many Millersville University
$12.8 million
Scholarship endowments - Market value as of 4/30/11
$873,730
Total spending earned on endowments or awards
282
Number of scholarship endowments

3%
Percent of Millersville students benefit from one of our scholarships, yet more than 75 percent of Millersville students require financial aid.

Three
Existing scholarships offer full tuition to students.

scholarships come in the form of endowments: a gift is made to the University and each year the interest earned funds the award. An endowment can be created by investing or pledging a minimum of $25,000 with the Millersville University Foundation. It is possible to fund this over a period of time, with a group or through an estate agreement.

Once a fund reaches the minimum threshold, it must earn interest for one year before funds are available to award to a student or for the designated use. Until that time, some donors choose to make regular annual gifts, restricted for the same purpose of the endowment so an award begins to support Millersville students immediately.

Faculty member and donor, Dr. Sepi Yalda spoke at the Honors and Awards ceremony. She and her husband, Dr. Rich Clark, chair of the earth sciences department, have endowed the Clark - Yalda Scholarship in Atmospheric Science.

Left: Sabrina Hensel received the Elizabeth H. Aston and Barbara A. Donan Scholarship. She is pictured with Patrick Donan '85 and his mother, Barbara Donan '53. Below: Ashley Edmondson received the Dr. Clyde S. and Pauline F. Stine Scholarship. She's pictured here with Dr. Helen Stine '64 and Dr. George Stine. Mrs. Darlene Ford met three scholarship recipients: Daniel Gochnauer, who received the Robert N. and Darlene I. Ford Scholarship; Patience Buckwalter, who received the Campus Club - Helen Corbett Memorial Scholarship; and Jessica Summy, recipient of the Campus Club Scholarship.
The 2011 Millersville baseball season was never about a NCAA Atlantic Region title, trip to the NCAA Division II Championship or a PSAC East crown. The team's day-to-day goals never included the most successful season in school history (.786 winning percentage), and the season was certainly never about the piles of individual accolades that players and head coach Jon Shehan built up by the end of the season.

No, the season was all about one pitch at a time.

To turn the Marauders from a 22-win team to a national title contender, they needed to become more consistent and mentally tough.

“After playing so inconsistently the last two years, my goal was to improve the mental side of the game for the guys,” said Shehan. “We knew through 56 games. Players would struggle at times. We read Heads Up Baseball in the fall and that talks about the one-pitch mentality. The team started to believe at that point. We just continued to hammer it home.

“Thinking one pitch keeps you level headed more than anything,” continued Shehan. “The guys didn’t get too high or too low all year. Those guys were able to bounce back every single day.”

As the Marauders won, the words “so what, one pitch” began to appear on Twitter accounts and Facebook statuses. They were shouted at practice and during games.

After senior Derek Kline broke the Millersville career hits record on April 15 against Shippensburg (he finished with 247 hits), one teammate yelled “so what!” from the sideline. The shout wasn’t disrespect for the first baseman, who will most certainly go down as one of the most productive players in school history. It was a reminder to return focus to the team goal, and that the very next pitch could be the difference between a win and a loss. The Marauders won that game 13-5.

The idea seeped into the players’ conscience. Starting pitcher Brooks Rothschild tied a school record for wins in a season (10) and broke the innings pitched record. He didn’t accomplish it all because of an electrifying fastball but with a fight of a title-winning boxer. Give up a home run? So what. Keep pounding the zone. He did.

After one of the best freshman seasons in school history, third baseman Zach Stone was ignored on the All-PSAC East teams. With the one-pitch concept tucked in his back pocket, he ignored the snub and hit .375 with seven RBIs in the postseason.

Zach Eckley embodied the philosophy when he converted 11 of 12 saves, and it helped him bounce back from a heart-breaking loss in the PSAC Tournament to record the final three outs of the NCAA Atlantic Regional championship game against the very same team.

It rang true when the 5-8 Jason Long struck out Ethan Santora of Mercyhurst and Mike Knox of Mount Olive—two of the most feared power hitters in the nation; and when Jeff Heisey struggled in the opening games of the PSAC Tournament only to hit two massive home runs over the Point Park “Screen Monster,” pushing the team deeper into the postseason.

The Marauders were only worried about one pitch when they were picked fifth in the PSAC East Preseason Poll.

Shortstop Mike August transferred to the Marauders from Anne Arundel Community College and made an immediate impact. He was the program’s first All-American in 11 years.
They ran away with the division crown by seven games. They easily bounced back after losing two of the first three games of the year. They didn’t lose consecutive games the rest of the season. The Marauders had the focus when Kline beat the nation’s ERA leader Jeremy Gigliotti 1-0 to clinch the division crown, and when Mike August, Millersville’s first All-American in 11 years, came through in the clutch time after time. All of this happened because the team not only adopted a motto, it personified it. The team proved that not only did every game matter but every pitch mattered more.

The ultra-fine focus and stress of every pitch of every game can take a toll throughout a 56-game schedule. It was all worthwhile when Corey Phelan crashed into the right field wall of Clipper Magazine Stadium with the final out of the NCAA Atlantic Regional secured in his glove. That started a rush from the dugout and a dogpile so exuberant that relief pitcher Walter Bishop, who was unluckily caught on bottom, momentarily blacked out.

“It was special,” said Shehan. “You kind of get flashbacks of all the work you put in for the last four years and for two of the seniors, five years. It’s special for the alumni and for the players on the team now, the assistant coaches that have come and gone; they all know they had a hand in it too. It’s a culmination of a couple years of hard work. It doesn’t happen overnight.”

Truer words have never been spoken. The celebration was especially sweet for fifth-year seniors Phelan and Scott Stevens who endured a 9-37 campaign as freshmen. At the NCAA Championship, when the Marauders defeated Central Missouri—a team so steeped in Division II baseball tradition that the inside cover of its media guide reads “we play for rings”—it showed how far the program had come. Shehan, Phelan and Stevens went from Stump Field in Lancaster, Pa., to the USA Baseball Complex in Cary, N.C.

The challenging of the nation’s best also showed how much further the program could go. Maybe the historical significance of the achievements—only the second NCAA Championship appearance ever—had yet to settle in on the head coach, but he and his team are already hungry for more.

“We aren’t quite there yet,” said Shehan. “We had a few weaknesses with this club. We hung with Mount Olive but we didn’t beat them. That rubs me the wrong way. It gives us motivation.”

2011 was a season that no one around the program will soon forget, but for the Marauders that return in 2012, they are already on to the next pitch.

Left: Catcher Ryan Chesler and pitcher Zach Eckley celebrate closing out the 1-0 win over Central Missouri at the NCAA Championship. Below: Coach Jon Shehan presents the NCAA Atlantic Region trophy to his team after defeating Mercyhurst at Clipper Magazine Stadium in Lancaster. Bottom: The team captures its first NCAA Atlantic Region title since 1998 and just the second in school history.
When Barb Waltman ‘73 picked up a lacrosse stick for the first time in 1967 she had never seen the sport before. What she did not realize, is that lacrosse would eventually become a part of her life in more ways that she could have ever expected.

Waltman came to Millersville in 1969 as an undergraduate student. As a two-sport athlete in basketball and lacrosse, Waltman and her teammates wore the same uniform for both clubs and played simply for the love of the game.

“Back then there were no scholarships for women,” Waltman said. “You came to school to get an education, and you participated in a sport because you truly wanted to play.”

Waltman’s love for the game took a unique turn one year after she graduated, when she was asked to return to her alma mater as an assistant coach for both of the athletic programs she graduated from.

After serving as an assistant to then associate athletic director Marjorie Trout for a few seasons, Waltman took over the helm of the Millersville lacrosse team in 1979 and never looked back.

“I never thought this would turn into a fulltime position,” said Waltman. “But it all fell into place.”

Over the course of 33 seasons with the program, Waltman guided the Marauders to three PSAC Championships, an AIAW Division III National Title and closed out her career as the winningest coach in Division II.

It isn’t the championships and the titles that meant the most to her, however. Waltman’s true sense of accomplishment came from the personal relationships she developed with her young athletes, and how she could help them to succeed in the future.

“To see these girls come in as freshmen and leave as confident young women who contribute to society is incredible,” said Waltman. “It’s neat to watch them grow and develop. That is what is important.”

Waltman truly had a gift for showing her players that working as a team and building personal bonds was what really matters. Because of her encouragement, many of Waltman’s former players are still heavily involved in the lacrosse world—coaching, refereeing and playing.

“As a player Coach Waltman was always my most trusted confidant, my best academic advisor and the person that I could without a doubt could go to if I needed anything,” said former Millersville player Mia Hall, who went on to coach women’s lacrosse at Shippensburg University.

Waltman encouraged her players to trust and have confidence in one another. Her goal was to promote sportsmanship and team camaraderie. She was successful.

“So much of the coaching profession is not about Xs and Os, but about helping to guide student-athletes as they become young adults,” Hall said.

“I was just the facilitator, it was the players who stepped up and did everything,” Waltman said. “They had the talent and I got them to fit together. It was coaching, but it was still teaching.”
Memorable season for men’s tennis

Drew Slocum was named All-PSAC singles and won the PSAC doubles title with Preetham Moras.

The Millersville men’s tennis program has a long history of success, and the 2011 season continued the tradition. Drew Slocum and Preetham Moras started the banner year with a PSAC Doubles Championship in the fall. The momentum continued into the spring and the Marauders closed the regular season with a 12-5 record. They went on to finish third at the PSAC Team Championships—the best finish since the 2007 season. The Marauders were also picked to play in the NCAA Atlantic Regional for the second time in the last three years.

Following the outstanding season, head coach Shari Bucklin-Webber became the first woman to win the PSAC Men’s Tennis Coach of the Year. Drew Slocum was also recognized by the league’s coaches, landing a spot on the All-PSAC Singles Team.

Softball lands five on all-PSAC East team

The Millersville softball team landed five players on the All-PSAC East team—the most selections received by the program in school history. The team had never seen more than one first team selection until this season. Senior first baseman Casey Coker, freshman shortstop Davina Kachnovitz, sophomore outfielder Allison Chew and junior catcher Kelly Fitzgerald were selected to the All-PSAC East First Team. Senior Sarah Signore was selected to the second team as a utility player. Fitzgerald is a two-time first team selection.

Softball lands five on all-PSAC East team

Drew Slocum and Preetham Moras

Shari Bucklin-Webber, Head Tennis Coach

Breaking new ground

The Millersville women’s golf program is still in its infancy, but freshman Amber Rohrer paved the way to future success. She finished a strong 16th place in the PSAC Championship and continued to improve in the spring. Rohrer placed in the top 10 of all three spring tournaments and led the team in scoring average.

Amber Rohrer

Plowman joins select company

Sophomore women’s tennis standout Melissa Plowman joined an elite group at the conclusion of the season when she earned All-PSAC East Singles recognition. Plowman became Millersville’s first all-conference pick since 2007. She finished the season 8-7 overall but was nearly unbeatable against the PSAC East. She went 5-1 against league opponents, and three of the matches she won in straight sets.

Melissa Plowman
PSECU and MUAA

The Millersville University Alumni Association (MUAA) announced its new affinity relationship with PSECU (Pennsylvania State Employees Credit Union). PSECU is one of the largest credit unions in Pa.—serving more than 370,000 members with more than $3.5 billion in assets. Member-owned, PSECU provides superior financial products, online tools and top-notch service.

All Millersville alumni are eligible for membership. Services include checking and savings accounts, certificates, IRAs, loans (vehicle, personal, equity), mortgages and more. Check out their competitive rates, low/no fees, convenience and great service. For more information, visit www.psecu.com.

PSECU will also be co-sponsoring several alumni-related events and programs with the alumni association over the next two years.

Alumni board election

Millersville University Alumni Association (MUAA) Board of Directors elected new officers and board members, which became effective on July 1.

The 2011-12 Board Executive Committee members includes:

- Jerri Anne Johnson ’76, ’87M, president
- Lori Dierolf ’91, president-elect
- William Martin ’81, immediate past-president
- Stephen Focht ’70, treasurer
- Kristin Waters ’05, secretary
- Dr. Joseph Choi ’96
- Dr. Carl Ernst ’60
- Catherine Glass ’53
- John Held ’02
- Claire Eleanor Heller ’71 **
- Michael Henry ’83 **
- David Hernandez ’71 **
- Amy Hoffman ’94
- Cassandra Pettis Karamanos ’94 **
- Patrick Leahy ’97 **
- Richard Moriarty ’72
- Scott Muenz ’06
- Dr. Dan Sidelnick ’75
- Leigh Walter ’88
- Patrick Witmer ’81 **

** indicates new board member this year.

2011-12 Board officers are (left to right):
Bill Martin, past-president; Jerri Anne Johnson, president; Kristin Waters, secretary; Lori Dierolf, president-elect; and Stephen Focht, treasurer.

Leo Shelley ’64 (above left) flashes a quick smile with the Friends of Ganser Library annual dinner speaker, author Marilyn Johnson, who gave a presentation on her most recent book, This Book is Overdue! How Libraries & Librarians Can Save Us All. Shelley is an associate professor emeritus of librarianship at Millersville.

Soar to Greatness - Library event

For more details, including volunteer opportunities, visit www.parade.millersville.edu.

Millersville Community Parade

The 15th annual Millersville Community Parade will be held on Saturday, October 29, beginning at 9 a.m., rain or shine. It is the single largest community event—with more than 2,300 participants.

Entertainment includes 15 varied music groups, floats, impersonators, mascots, fire and emergency groups, twirlers, antique vehicles and more.

The parade will be dedicated to US Marine Corporal Eric Torbert, Jr., 25, a Penn Manor High School alumnus (Millersville Pa.), who was killed in Afghanistan in December 2010, while serving in his first combat deployment.

The parade committee is also working with the U.S. Marines and the Toys for Tots Program to collect toys during and after the parade.

For more details, including volunteer opportunities, visit www.parade.millersville.edu.
Soar to Greatness in Allentown

Alumni and friends gather on May 10 at Lehigh Country Club

Above: Debra ’74 and Gerald ’74 Nau.

Above: Alisa ’80 and Jan ’80 Graybill.
Left: Patrick ’80 and Susan Witmer.

Travel with us

The Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education Alumni and Friends Travel Program is open to the public. For reservations or details, call Christie or Craig at Cruisin’ Inc./Main Line Vacations at 800-506-7447 or go to www.alumnivacations.com. Prices are for double occupancy.

››October 19 - 28: London and Continental Gems. Three nights in London plus a five-night cruise aboard Cunard Line’s newest ship, the Queen Elizabeth. Ports include Amsterdam, Zeebrugge, Belgium, Paris, France. Prices start at $2,685. It includes round-trip airfare from Philadelphia.

››November 25 - December 4: Kenya, Africa. is sold out.

Upcoming Events

Information about events will be sent out via broadcast emails, e-newsletter and Facebook (‘Official Millersville University Alumni’). Make sure your email is registered with the alumni services office so you don’t miss any events: mualumni@millersville.edu.

Phillies vs. Marlins
August 26: Tickets to a Phillies game are a hot commodity. Seats are on Citizens Bank Park’s Club Level (past first base line/right field 206-208). Game time: 7:05 p.m. Motorcoach leaves campus at 3:30 p.m. Price per person is $60.

Big Apple - Gourmet Shopping or Do As You Please
Saturday, December 3: Shopping stops include Zabar’s Gourmet Store, Little Italy, Chinatown and the Chelsea Market. Gourmet Shopping: $85/per person; Do As You Please: $75/per person.
Millersville University Alumni Association (MUAA) announced its two top award recipients at the annual Honors and Awards Convocation on April 30.

**Dr. R. William Field ’77, ’85M** was named the MUAA Distinguished Alumni Award recipient, the highest accolade an alumnus can receive from the association.

Field is a professor at the University of Iowa’s (UI) College of Public Health with joint appointments in the Department of Occupational and Environmental Health and Epidemiology. He also directs the National Institutes of Occupational Safety and Health’s (NIOSH) funded occupational epidemiology training program at UI and the Pulmonary Outcomes Center, NIEHS-Environmental Health Services Research Center.

Field is an internationally recognized expert on the health effects of radon and serves on numerous national and international committees and boards including the World Health Organization’s International Radon Project and the United States Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) Science Advisory Board, Radiation Protection Committee. After researching the aftermath of the Three Mile Island (TMI) accident in Pennsylvania in 1979, Field’s experience in chemical exposure led to an interest in environmental and occupational health.

Field is also the recipient of more than a dozen honors and awards on the local, regional, state and national level and has served as an editor of national journals and has authored numerous articles and abstracts for publication. Most notably, Field has been honored with the US EPA’s National Environmental Health Association’s Individual Achievement Award for Excellence in Radon Risk Reduction, the EPA’s Children’s Environmental Health Recognition Award.

He received his Ph.D. in preventive medicine and environmental health from the University of Iowa’s College of Medicine.

Field’s spouse, Dr. Elizabeth Field ’74, also received the MUAA’s Distinguished Alumni Award in 1984. They are only the third married couple to be honored with this high accolade of the association.

**Stephen E. Focht ’70** was named as the recipient of MUAA’s Outstanding Volunteer Service Award. This award, established in 2009, is given to one volunteer annually who devoted significant time and effort and outstanding service to the Millersville University Alumni Association.

Focht is the MUAA treasurer and has held this position since 2008. He is also the chairman of the association’s Financial Planning committee. He is a key contributor to the success of the association, particularly its financial growth with offering increased benefits and services to alumni worldwide. He helped the association prepare for several fiscal challenges during these tough economic times and been a financial watchdog of expenses and good steward of the association’s multiple assets (which total more than $1.36 million). Focht is a former president of the MUAA, with more than 15 years of active association service. He is employed by Fairfax Compliance Group, Inc. as an environmental, health and safety consultant and a trainer/instructor with the American Red Cross. He resides in Willow Street with his wife, Kathy ’70, and their children. His community service includes the Willow Street Lions Club, the Quarryville Masonic Lodge, the American Society of Safety Engineers National Organization and the Pa. Chapter of the American Society of Safety Engineers.
1950s

**Herbert Schmidt ’51, ’64M, York,** was inducted into the York Area Sports Hall of Fame in May for his accomplishments as a wrestler, football player and coach. He was a wrestler for Millersville State Teacher’s College.

**Phyllis (Keeley) Fyfe ’54, Oakhurst, N.J.,** was honored at the Mayor’s Charity Ball as the “Public Employee of the Year.” She worked in the local school district for 40 years as a librarian and is an active volunteer in several community organizations. She retired in June 2010 after a 48-year career in education.

Bruce Couillard ’55, Bangor, and his wife, Gini, celebrated their 60th anniversary in November. He is a retired teacher.

1960s

**1961 Class Reunion**

 Preview of 50 year reunion
Friday 10/28: 5 p.m. - Campus Tours; 6 p.m. Mix and Mingle: Campus Grill, Gordinier Hall
Saturday 10/29: 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. - Lancaster Tour of Central Market, Millersville Lancaster and Convention Center, 5:30 p.m. - Cocktails, 6:30 p.m. - Reunion Dinner and program: Gordinier Hall.

**Keith Gentzler ’62, Marana, Ariz.,** published three volumes of his poetry, “A Dark Radiance,” “A Gentle Rain” and “Narrowing.”

**Richard Rissmiller ’63, Middletown,** is retired as a teacher, employee of the Commonwealth of Pa. and the Lutheran ministry. He continues to substitute teach at his alma mater, Hershey High School, and assists with services at his church.

**A. Martha (Denlinger) Nissley ’65M, Lititz,** had her book, Amanda’s Father, published by Masthof Press in November.

**Carol (Pike) Reisinger ’65, Palm Harbor, Fla.,** received the “Women Who Care” and “Champion of Diversity” award.

**Pearl W. (Martin) Brazier ’66, Edinburg, Texas,** was promoted to professor in computer science at the University of Texas-Pan American. She received her Ph.D. in computer science from University of Texas, El Paso, in August of 2010.

**Aleks H. (Gasowski) Sargent ’68, Cathedral City, Calif.,** retired in June 2010 after 31 years as a French teacher, 25 years at Meade High School in Anne Arundel County, Md.

**M.P. (Michael Procanin) Bernosky ’69, Boalsburg,** known as “Ivan,” is co-producer and lead actor in “My Name is Pablo Picasso,” which will be presented at the Washington, D.C., Fringe Festival in July.

1970s

**Janette (Wilson) Godin ’71, Morton, Ill.,** retired from the Morton Public Library after 39 years of service.

**J. Paul Lynahan ’71, West Chester,** joined WSFS Financial
Corporation as vice president and relationship manager, serving the personal and business markets in Southeastern Pa. Susan (Hostetter) Reeves ’75, Nottingham, joined MidCoast Community Bank as vice president and controller. She has been in the banking industry for more than 30 years, 20 with Peoples Bank of Oxford.

Janice (Besecker) Young ’76, Effort, retired in 2010 after teaching German for 32 years at Pleasant Valley High School in Broadheadsiville, Pa. One of her former students and current Millersville University student, Nathan Strohl, will be studying in Marburg in 2011, where she studied in 1974-1975. Barry E. Miller ’77, Littitz, serves as an assistant branch manager for Pennstar Bank.

Elaine Skiles ’78, Exton, retired in February after 32 years from Chester County Library in Exton as an audiovisual librarian. She earned her master of science degree in library and information science.

1980s

Keith R. Ebner ’80, Greer, N.C., earned his doctor of chiropractic degree in December from Sherman College of Chiropractic in South Carolina. Patricia (DeGrandis) Doll ’82, Narvon, was named one of Central Pennsylvania’s most influential women in the Central Penn Business Journal’s “Women of Influence” awards program. She owns an award-winning marketing-public relations firm, Publicity Works, in Bowmansville.

Cynthia (Bodish) Ebner ’82, Greer, N.C., was honored for completing 25 years of service with Sealed Air Corporation, Cryovac Food Packaging Division, where she is a research scientist. In February, she was granted her 25th U.S. patent.

Stephen P. Winterstein ’82, Feasterville-Trevose, joined Wilmington Trust as managing director and head of strategy in the municipal fixed income group of the company’s wealth advisory services business.

Lois Kubinak ’83, Reading, serves as the director of conferences at Albright College. She is the 2011 recipient of the regional scholarship for national conference and 2011 Certified Conference and Event Professional award through the Association of College Conference and Events Directors-International.

Donna (Landis) Parcell ’83, Franconia, spent two and a half weeks in Sudan with her teenaged daughter as part of the New Community Project through their church.

John Vozzella ’85, Lancaster, was appointed treasurer of the Lancaster Habitat for Humanity.

1990s

Robert Davis ’91, Clifford, serves as project engineer at Sandvik Materials Technology in Scranton. Jamie (Beaver) Warner ’91, Philadelphia, was selected as Marshall University’s Charles E. Hedrick Outstanding Faculty winner for 2010-2011. She is a professor of political science at Marshall.

Melissa (Yelagotes) Vulopas ’92, ’99M, Littitz, was named principal of Kissel Hill Elementary School in Warwick School District.

Thomas DeAngelo ’97, Shoemakersville, was appointed director of technology for Governor Mifflin School District in Shillington.

Kristin Joinell ’97, Huntingdon, received the Shippenburg University School Study Council Outstanding Teacher Award for the 2010-2011 school year.

Laura Lee ’97, Morehead City, N.C., accepted a position at North Carolina’s Division of Marine Fisheries as senior stock assessment scientist.

Christy M. (Faulkner) Rehm ’97, Dover, earned her Ed.D. from Immaculata University.

Joseph Wowk Jr. ’97, Lehighton, was named Internet marketing manager for Energy Equipment and Control Inc. of Allentown, managing and growing their HVAC controls sales and systems design business.

Sally (Below) Stern ’99, Gouldsboro, was promoted to quality control technician 2 at Sanofi Pasteur.

2000s

James Coyle Jr. ’03, Hatboro, graduated from Touro College of Osteopathic Medicine in N.Y. in June 2011 and began his internal medicine residency at Eisenhower Army Medicine Center in Fort Gordon, Ga.

Ryan Peiffer ’03, Lancaster, was promoted from graphic artist to art director at WGAL-TV.

Rebecca Boylan ’04, Reading,
Music teacher makes it to Carnegie Hall

Eric Troop ’99 was honored at Carnegie Hall in New York City on March 11 by the Mr. Holland’s Opus Foundation as one of five outstanding music teachers from across the country. The award recognizes music teachers who best exemplify the personal characteristics and dedication of Mr. Holland, based on the 1995 movie “Mr. Holland’s Opus,” portrayed by Richard Dreyfuss. Troop was “an excellent performer on the timpani drum, as well as other percussion instruments,” according to associate professor of music Dr. Daniel M. Heslink. “As his four years here progressed, I saw him apply his energy to mastering his craft and teaching music, while his playfulness matured into an infectious love of music-making.”

Graduating with a degree in music education, Troop began his career at Lancaster’s Wheatland Middle School, as a long-term substitute music teacher. He then was hired as the middle school music teacher and band director at the Bellalago Academy in Kissimmee, Fla., where he still teaches.

“I’m going to continue teaching at Bellalago Academy and continue to build the music program. Four years ago when I started, my band had around 30 students, today we have more than 130,” said Troop.

“The dedication and passion that you find from Troop is unparalleled,” said Wendy Honeycutt, principal of Bellalago Academy. “He clearly has a heart for his students and a love for music. What he does on a daily basis for his students comes straight from his heart and is not for any type of recognition.”

As a Mr. Holland’s Opus Foundation award recipient, Troop has shown that he instills a love of music in his students; has the passion, dedication and leadership skills to persevere; generously gives his time, energy and talent; demonstrates creativity regardless of limitations and inspires students, while challenging them to reach the highest level of musicianship. The Mr. Holland’s Opus Foundation is a nonprofit organization that supports music education in public schools across the country and donates new and refurbished musical instruments to underserved schools, community music programs and individual students nationwide.

Sigma Tau Gamma

Attention all alumni members of Sigma Tau Gamma. Millersville’s Gamma Tau chapter is celebrating its 40th anniversary this year. An alumni chapter of Sigma Tau Gamma has been organized and will host a welcoming reception and brief business meeting after the Homecoming football game on Saturday, October 29.

Please plan to attend the gathering at homecoming. Details and registration information will be included in the fall edition of the Review. For more information about the new alumni chapter at Millersville, email questions to: homecoming@sigtau4life.org.

Music teacher makes it to Carnegie Hall

Eric Troop was honored as an outstanding music teacher.

teaches kindergarten at Andrew Maier Elementary in the Fleetwood School District.
Nicole (Fossler) Harding ’05, Lancaster, joined Alvernia University as director of advancement services. She previously served as director of advancement services at Immaculata University.
Keondra Brown ’06, Philadelphia, earned her master’s degree in human services from Lincoln University in May 2010.
Joshua Sandman ’06, York, was hired as a patrol officer for East Hempfield Township in May 2010.
Brittney C. Nichols ’07, Bala Cynwyd, received her master’s certification in communication management in September 2010 and her master’s degree in professional and business communication in December 2010 from La Salle University.
Melissa Clampffer ’08, Philadelphia, released her first album, Going Places, in October 2010. She performs her pop/indie music in the Philadelphia area.
La Trice Coulbourn ’08, Philadelphia, earned her master’s degree in human services from Lincoln University in May 2010.
Marci McCall ’08, Lititz, was accepted at the University of Oregon’s Lundquist College of Business, focusing on finance in the Securities Analysis Center.
Joshua Rickard ’08, Lancaster, was awarded the Marie Curie Research Fellowship for study and research at Utrecht University in the Netherlands.
He is the son of Millersville University professor, Dr. Lyman Rickard.

Matthew Van Wyen ’08, New Providence, was accepted at the University of Oregon’s Lundquist College of Business, studying sports business in the Warsaw Sports Marketing Center.

Jonathan Sanders ’09, Philadelphia, is the founder, CEO and chairman of Jonny Black Marketing Co., an event marketing and talent management firm in Philadelphia.

2010s

Andrew Dunn ’10, Cheyney, joined Cheyney University as assistant athletic director. At Millersville, he was a student trainer for football, men’s soccer and women’s lacrosse.

La Trice Coulbourn ’08 and Franklin Hollins, 9/25/10.

Tekia Campbell ’09 and David Lampkin, 3/4/11.

Timothy Remaley ’09 and Megan Sanders ’09, 10/9/10.

Marriages

Debbie Bertzfield Radesky ’75 and Dean Alan Desormeaux, 11/03.

Sharon Eshleman ’78, ’82M and Joseph Hersh, 7/24/10.

Jillian Carpenter ’01 and Cory Daws, 5/1/10.

Sara Jenkins ’03 and Jeffrey Stiles, 11/19/10.

Rachel Swick ’04 and Ryan Thomas Mavity, 2/12/11.

Paul Borst ’07 and Phyllicia Shoemaker ’09, 7/31/10.

Emily Popchock ’09 and Gregory Ziegler ’08 were married in 6/26/10.

Jeremy Low ’08 and Karen Weaver ’08 were married on 5/28/11. Jeremy is an application engineer for Thorlabs and Karen teaches special education. Millersville alumni were well represented at the wedding (from left to right): Patricia Weaver ’74, Sally Perry ’72, Pamela Drake ’08, Steve Perry ’08, the bride and groom, Amanda Diehl ’08, Drew Pulsifer ’08, Holly McCready ’08, Trisha Yanek ’08.

Christine (Ferreira) Olsen ’04 and Jakob Olsen were married on 10/16/10 in Wellsboro, Pa. (L to R) James Mantell ’05, Jaclyn (Walls) Mantell ’04, Dale Unruh ’04, Lisa (Wieser) Beightol ’03, Maureen Maiuri ’05, Cassie Behofst ’05, Allison Cardona ’06, the groom and bride, Bill Burkey ’03, Wayne MacKenzie ’04, Alana Atterbury ’03, Christine (Crabtree) Fitzgerald ’02, and David Fitzgerald ’87. Not pictured is Tom Knier ’08.
Class Notes

Correction

In the spring 2011 issue of the Review, it was incorrectly reported that Anne M. Guerra '72 passed away. It was her mother, Anne M. Guerra '43, Lancaster, who died on 11/8/10. The Class Note entry has been reprinted in this issue with the correct information. Our apologies to the family.

Births

Amy (Longenecker) McGough '91 and husband Matthew, a daughter, Lauren Elizabeth, on 2/11/11.
Diana (Boodey) Bowen '96 and husband Jason, a daughter, Lucy Arlin, on 5/5/10.
Rebecca L. (Pederson) McAlonis '96 and husband Michael, a daughter, Clara Alta, on 10/8/10.
Xann (Berzanski) Pray '96 and husband Matthew, a daughter, on 6/4/10.
Karen (Baylor) Atherton '97 and husband Christopher '98, twins, Adelaide Grace and Alexander Scott, on 4/7/10.
Kara (Gilliam) Bechtold '97 and husband Scott '97, a son, William Jeffrey, on 10/29/10.
James Sottek '97 and wife Laura, a son, Tyler, on 8/3/10.
Benjamin Stiles '97, '04M and wife Lynn (Barr) '98, a daughter, Emma Lynn, on 3/15/11.
Karen Divver '98 and husband Ben Rush, a son, Weston, on 9/11/10.
Jeremy Wright '00 and wife Melissa (Zschunke) '01, a son, Caleb Winston, on 1/21/11.
Renee (Konopka) Marshall '04 and husband Aaron '05, a son, Dylan Aaron, on 1/19/11.
Sarah (Ballie) DeMaria '05 and husband Carmen '05, a daughter, Bailie Siena, on 4/10/11.
Amy (Rudy) Ebersole '05 and husband Cody '05, a son, Finn, on 11/18/10.
Daniel Dochtermann '08, a son, Emmett, on 1/25/11.

Deaths

Elise (Breckbill) Hollinger '36, Lancaster, died on 3/19/11, at the age of 96. She was a teacher at Conestoga Valley Elementary until retiring in 1978.
Ruth (Eck) Schumacher '36, Lebanon, died on 12/10/10, at the age of 96. She retired in 1976 after teaching for many years at Manheim Boro and Lebanon City schools.
Doris (Garner) Chruney '39, Wernersville, died on 2/4/11, at the age of 93. She was a librarian in the Twin Valley, Governor Mifflin and Reading school districts. She also established libraries at Atonement Lutheran Church and Phoebe Berks.
Ruth K. (Dunlap) Weatherby '39, New Holland, died on 3/18/11, at the age of 92. She was a teacher at the Eastern Lancaster County School District.
Louis Sachwald '40, Pikesville, Md., died on 2/28/11. He taught school before enlisting in the U.S. Army. He was taken prisoner by the Japanese Imperial Army from 1942 through 1945.
James Sellers '40, Pikesville, Md., died on 3/8/11, at the age of 95. He operated his own plumbing and heating business and held positions of leadership in Rotary International and Ducks Unlimited locally.

Remembrances

Olga Hubiak Kovach, Millersville, died on 3/8/11, at the age of 87. Born in the former Czechoslovakia, she was the daughter of missionaries. She worked as an executive secretary at Hamilton Watch Company. She was a member of the Millersville University Book Club, the University Campus Club and a member of the Ciosophic Society. She attended Millersville State University as an arts major.

Charles W. Hash Sr. '42, '02H, York, died on 3/11/11, at the age of 91. Growing up in poverty, he worked two jobs while attending Millersville where he earned a double major in history and literature. He was a member and former chair of Millersville University's Council of Trustees. In 2002, he received an honorary doctorate degree from Millersville. The Charles and Mary Hash Hall, part of the McCollough Communications Complex, is named in his and his wife's honor. The building was originally the Model School. He retired as Lt. Colonel from the Air Force Reserves after nearly 29 years of service including air raid missions during World War II on the B-17 Flying Fortress “Lady Satan.” After retiring from a career in public education, he became involved in a publishing company, and later retired as chairman of Walshire Assurance Company. Along the way, he also helped various small businesses as an angel investor and mentor. He also served as the chairman of the board of the Margaret E. Moul Home for Cerebral Palsy, an organization he helped to establish.

Melvin Luborsky '42, Voorhees, N.J., died on 12/3/10.
Anne M. Guerra '43, Lancaster, died on 11/8/10, at the age of 89. She retired as a teacher in 1972 after years as an educator in Brickerville, Columbia and Lancaster schools.
Robert A. Wray '47, Altoona, died on 10/6/10, at the age of 90. He retired as a woodshop and mechanical drawing teacher from the Altoona Area School District in 1980.

Nancy (Miller) Clements '49, Quarryville, died on 3/21/11, at the age of 84. She worked for more than 15 years as an elementary school teacher in Lancaster City, Marticville and New Providence.
Louis Kukoda ’49, West Chester, died on 1/26/11, at the age of 84. He served as director of vocational rehabilitation for the Devereux Foundation until his retirement in 1985.

Kenneth B. McLaughlin ’52, Millersville, died on 2/24/11, at the age of 81. He taught social studies at his alma mater, Penn Manor School District, for more than 30 years. He was passionate about United States history, particularly Pennsylvania history.

Richard C. Harclerode ’58, ’67M, Lancaster, died on 4/3/09, at the age of 75. He served as an industrial arts teacher, assistant principal and high school principal at Hempfield School District until his retirement. He established Olde Towne Interiors in 1984.

James R. Clark ’60, Lancaster, died on 1/21/11, at the age of 78. He taught in the Octorara School District for 33 years, including seven years as the director of district activities.

David B. Elmore ’63, Davenport, N.Y., died on 1/14/11, at the age of 69. He taught industrial arts and technology at Charlotte Valley Central School until his retirement in 1989.

Linda (Hutchinson) Roberts ’64, Bethany Beach, Del., died on 1/14/11, at the age of 68. She retired after 30 years of teaching in the Brandywine School District in Delaware. Recognized as a master teacher, she worked for much of her career as an intervention specialist, providing help for teachers in meeting the needs of exceptional children.

William H. Stein ’66, Hallam, died on 1/25/11, at the age of 66. He was a retired teacher, spending his career at Garden Spot and York Suburban high schools.

Donna C. Ross ’70, New Cumberland, died on 2/8/11, at the age of 62. She was a former teacher for Hempfield and Manheim Township school districts as well as an adjunct professor with Franklin & Marshall College and Harrisburg Area Community College. She later worked as an environmental scientist specializing in wetland delineation and mitigation.


Randall C. Miller ’73, Kutztown, died on 3/4/11, at the age of 59. He was a system analyst in the accounting department of Air Products and Chemicals, Inc., in Allentown for 29 years until retiring in 2009.

Linda M. Phillips-Gibson ’75, Camp Hill, died on 3/18/11, at the age of 59. She retired from the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare, Bureau of Facilities Management.

Gunther Bienes ’79M, Havre de Grace, Md., died at the age of 84. He was a German-born linguist who served in the U.S. Army and later taught German, French and English at the high school level.

Alison (Snow) Jones ’79, Philadelphia, died on 1/17/11, at the age of 61. She served Drexel University as an associate professor and directed research concerning alcohol use and health. She led joint programs between the Schools of Business and Public Health.

John C. Homsher ’85, Lancaster, died on 7/31/10, at the age of 71. He owned and operated his own business, Klebsch Printing & Lithography from 1986 until his retirement.

Mary E. (Vizzi) Swarm ’85M, Lancaster, died on 12/7/10, at the age of 76.

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The late Woody Hayes, Ohio State University’s legendary football coach, was known for saying, “You can never pay back. So you should always try to pay forward.”

For Dr. James E. Harf ’61, the desire to pay it forward led him to establish a scholarship fund for a Millersville student to study abroad. As associate vice president and director of the Center for Global Education at Maryville University in St. Louis, Mo., Harf has a unique understanding of the value of overseas travel in relating to the world.

He spent much of his career in places like Great Britain, Russia, China, Costa Rica, Egypt, Italy, Morocco and France. Yet, as a college student at Millersville in the late 1950s, he was not able to afford overseas travel. His opportunity would come later in life.

“The reason I wanted to establish this scholarship was to give a student the opportunity to study overseas, because I believe that every person should have that experience,” says Harf.

The son of a Pennsylvania Railroad worker in Altoona, Harf chose Millersville intending to become a teacher and coach. He worked in the dining hall to pay his way. World travel was a luxury he could not afford.

Now he wants to make it possible for a Millersville student who would not otherwise have that chance.

It doesn’t matter what year the student is, what his or her major is, what country he or she wants to visit. It is only the desire to learn and experience the global nature of the world that matters. To see buildings that are thousands of years old, to live among people who live a different lifestyle or practice another culture. This is how studying abroad expands a student’s horizon.

As a single parent, Harf took his daughter, Marie, everywhere. Together they explored the world. By nine, she had visited the Middle East, and was fascinated with that part of the world. Today, Marie is a media spokesperson for the Central Intelligence Agency, speaking to the press about issues that have gripped the world, from the war on terror to the death of Bin Laden to an analysis of world leaders.

“If it wasn’t for her upbringing, I doubt she would be in the position she is in now. I was able to do that for Marie and now I can do it for a Millersville student,” he says.

Harf’s career took on an international perspective after he graduated from Millersville with a degree in education. He began as a math and social studies teacher, and head football and basketball coach at Bridgeville High School in Delaware. After four years he left to pursue graduate studies full-time.

For more than three decades at the Ohio State University, Harf served as professor of political science and senior researcher with the university’s think tank on international security and peace. He has been on the faculty at Maryville University since 2008.

Over the years, Harf has authored 37 academic books, and his most recent book addresses 20 contemporary global issues. He has also written a novel, Memories of Ivy, and is working on his second novel, plus a nonfiction book about one of his favorite topics—golf.

“I have studied and worked at many academic institutions all over the world, but for me, Millersville will always be my first love. And this is my gift to my first love,” says Harf.

It is only through exploring the world that a student can begin to understand the complexities of our global existence.

“Overseas travel enriches your life, and teaches valuable skills and understanding,” says Harf. “If I can make the difference for one student and many more, it is my way of saying thank you to Millersville, of paying it forward.”
Reunions:
Class of 1956 – 55th Anniversary
Class of 1961 – 50th Anniversary
Class of 1971 – 40th Anniversary
Class Celebrations
Sigma Tau Gamma
Wrestling
Alumni Association – 150th Anniversary
Planning meeting for Marburg German Study Abroad Reunion – 50th Anniversary in 2013

Events:
Millersville Community Parade
Fall Fling
Golf Outing
Cultural Showcase
Tours of the new Student Memorial Center
Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Dinner
Athletics Chicken BBQ
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