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Dear Millersville University friends and family,

Summer is an excellent opportunity for the University community to catch our breath, relax and rejuvenate so that we are ready for move-in day in August and the start of the fall semester.

It seems like just yesterday that we welcomed students back from winter break. Yet here we are, already preparing for the 2023-24 academic year. What a great spring we had, culminating in four commencement

ceremonies in May. Our graduates continue to amaze me with their incredible work ethic. Our 2023 graduates persevered during the pandemic and made it through with grit and determination. One of our grads is continuing her work at Yale University for her Ph.D. in chemical biology, while another continues her efforts to eradicate food insecurity.

While the students have been hard at work, my administration and I are forging international partnerships to ensure that we stay relevant and viable in the 21st century. Millersville, not unlike colleges and universities across the U.S., faces lower enrollments, as more high school students choose to enter the workforce without getting a degree and the number of high school graduates shrinks.

We have three distinct ways we are working on enrollment. First, we are targeting more adult students by offering flexible class schedules, more online options and additional support such as childcare. Second, we are partnering with local and regional businesses like Lampire Biological Laboratories to meet their workforce needs. A third approach is to build stronger partnerships with foreign universities and colleges.

We are exploring partnerships with colleges in both Ghana and India. My wife and I earned our undergraduate degrees from the University of Cape Coast in Ghana, the highest-ranked university in Ghana and West Africa. Millersville hosted a UCC delegation on our campus in February. And, over winter break, the Karnataka State Higher Education Council invited a delegation from four universities in the State System to meet with representatives from many colleges. While in India, I signed a letter of intent to explore academic partnerships with several universities, including the highest-ranked engineering university in the country, with an enrollment of about 400,000 students.

This summer, we welcome a new Vice President of Finance and Administration, Dr. Nafez Alyan, who joins us from Lake Superior State University in Michigan. The Ware Center will also be buzzing during the summer with Arts Smarts camps.

In this issue, we meet alums who have become prominent lawyers and judges, discuss partnerships that will benefit our students and alumni, and give an update on our "Imagine the Possible" campaign and outstanding One Day Give. You can also see photos from our four wonderful commencement ceremonies in May and find out what's coming up for Homecoming 2023.

I hope you enjoy this edition,

With warm regards,

Daniel A. Wubah

Daniel A. Wubah President, Millersville University

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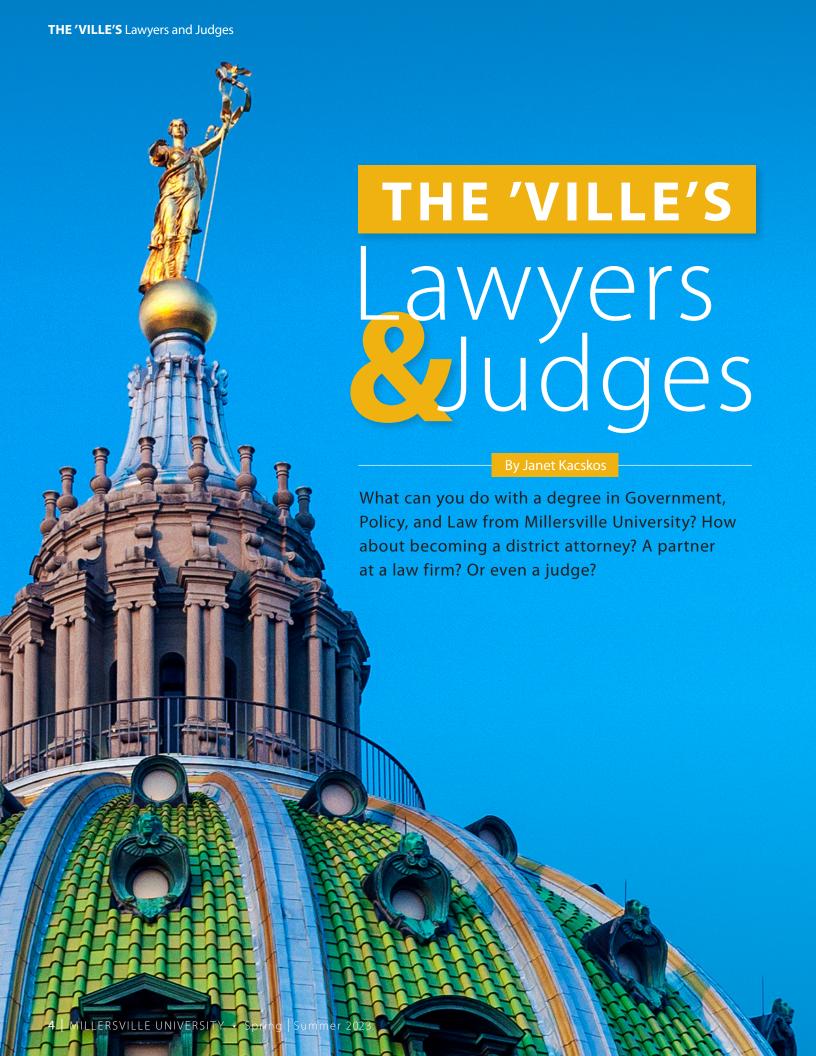
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Graduates of Millersville University's department have gone on to receive J.D.s and graduate degrees from top-ranked law schools, including Cornell University, Georgetown University, Harvard University and the London School of Economics. Others have used their research and analytical skills from the program for careers in education, politics and public service.

"While there is no single path to prepare students for a legal education or career in law or a law-related field, the bachelor's in government with a concentration in pre-law firmly positions students to do so," says Dr. Richard A. Glenn, professor and chair of Government, Policy, and Law. "The prelaw option is intended for students who are interested in the formal study of law. attending law school and pursuing a career in law."

Here we meet some of the alums who have become or will become lawyers and judges.



HEATHER ADAMS '94

HEATHER ADAMS'94, DISTRICT **ATTORNEY OF** LANCASTER COUNTY

Heather Adams received her bachelor's in political science from Millersville and

went on to receive her J.D. from Widener University School of Law. One of her favorite memories is classes with Dr. Bookmiller, "whose love of teaching was evident in every class."

WHAT'S THE MOST CHALLENGING AND **REWARDING PART OF YOUR JOB?**

As an elected official and chief law enforcement officer for the county of Lancaster, it is rewarding to impact the broader goals of the criminal justice system and the administration of criminal justice here in Lancaster County. Implementing and supporting programs that impact public safety from many different angles is essential to addressing problems that lead to or result from criminal activity. It can be challenging to handle the varied responsibilities of this position: legal decisions, media inquiries and, as a trained lawyer, managing an 80-person office with different skill sets and responsibilities. However, I have a great team behind me!

WHAT INSPIRED YOU TO WORK IN THIS FIELD, AND WHY DO YOU STAY?

I knew that to be able to argue a case before a jury, I would need to have conviction in

my position, and when starting my career, I identified strongly with the role of the prosecutor – that is, "to seek justice within the bounds of the law and not merely to convict." I have always had great pride in this career and feel privileged to say, "I represent the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania."

ADVICE FOR CURRENT STUDENTS? Make the most of your education, and challenge yourself while at MU. My class selection at MU thoroughly prepared me for the rigors of law school, and for that, I am very grateful.



ALYSON CROSE '23

ALYSON CROSE '23, RECENT ALUM

Alyson Crose graduated in May as a Government, Policy, and Law major, with a pre-law concentration and a minor in English.

WHAT'S NEXT? I plan on taking the

next year to study for the LSAT and prepare my application materials to apply for law school for fall 2024. I recently accepted a job as a part-time bookseller at Bethany Beach Books, an independently owned bookstore in Bethany Beach, Delaware.

FAVORITE PROFESSOR?

My favorite was Dr. Glenn. If I hadn't taken his GOVT 412 class on a whim and discovered how much I enjoyed constitutional law, I'm not sure I would have met the friends I have today or realized my potential as a future law student. Dr. Glenn has supported me throughout the past three semesters and has pushed me to be a better student than I thought I could be.

In studying Government, Policy, and Law, one of the most challenging aspects has been learning to put aside my personal political beliefs to understand the perspectives of others.

I was inspired to switch my English major to Government, Policy, and Law after taking Dr. Glenn's GOVT 412 class and learning about the Supreme Court cases shaping the fundamental rights and liberties we enjoy today. Particularly, I was inspired to learn more about women's rights, which led to me doing an independent study on the evolution of women's reproductive rights from Roe v. Wade (1973) to Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization (2022).

ADVICE FOR CURRENT STUDENTS?

For students considering a major in Government, Policy, and Law, I would advise them to get to know all the amazing professors in the department at Millersville University. They are all there to help you in the best ways they can and have a genuine passion for what they do.



DANIEL T. **DESMOND'06**

DANIEL T. DESMOND'06, **PARTNER AT BARLEY SNYDER IN LANCASTER**

Daniel Desmond, a Lancaster native who went to J. P. McCaskey, received his bachelor's in government and

political affairs from Millersville and his J.D. from Temple. He's married to Amy Desmond '07, and they have two daughters. As a partner at Barley Snyder, Desmond specializes in business and municipal law.

FAVORITE MEMORY AND/OR PROFESSOR AT MILLERSVILLE?

Dr. Glenn was my favorite professor. One memory that sticks with me is that I came to Millersville as a transfer student from a much different school and major, and I wasn't sure what to do after college, but his classes made me want to go to law school and pursue the career I am in today. Something clicked with me there, and I am glad I followed my intuition.

WHAT'S THE MOST CHALLENGING AND **REWARDING PART OF YOUR JOB?**

I find that in most things I do, the challenge is the reward. As an attorney, you're a problem solver first and foremost. It's a rewarding feeling when you've helped solve a complicated situation or helped put together a deal with many obstacles.

WHAT INSPIRED YOU TO WORK IN THIS FIELD, AND WHY DO YOU STAY?

Dr. Glenn and the government department certainly get credit for getting me to law school, but the Barley Snyder attorneys I worked with when I graduated from law school are what made me decide to be a business attorney and focus on that area of law. They do great work and are people with meaningful lives outside of work. I stay because I get to work on matters that contribute to my community and hometown positively, and I'm able to provide a good life for my family.

ADVICE FOR CURRENT STUDENTS?

Take the time to make lasting relationships with your friends and professors in college. They are your future coworkers, clients, neighbors, groomsmen, bridesmaids and, in my case, one turned out to be my wife.





Academics should come first, but don't forget to have a social life. Your social skills will often take you as far in life as your professional ones.



TASHA R. STOLTZFIIS NANKERVILLE'14

TASHA R. **STOLTZFUS** NANKERVILLE'14. **CIVIL LITIGATION** ATTORNEY, **BARLEY SNYDER**

Tasha Stoltzfus Nankerville graduated magna cum laude from Millersville, majoring in government and

political affairs with a minor in theater. She received her law degree from Villanova University.

FAVORITE MEMORY AND/OR PROFESSOR AT MILLERSVILLE?

My favorite professor is easy: Dr. Richard Glenn. I took all the courses he offered. His classes challenged me more than any others, and I thrived on that challenge. I felt my brain growing and connecting concepts in a way it never had before. My favorite memory was being a part of the All Campus Musical Organization stage production of "Legally Blonde – The Musical." I relished working tirelessly with other students to stage the production (completely student-run) and having a nonacademic creative outlet!"

WHAT'S THE MOST CHALLENGING AND **REWARDING PART OF YOUR JOB?**

I've been working as an attorney for less than a year, so I don't yet know all the challenges or rewards of this profession. Nevertheless, currently, the most challenging part of the job is that every day I am forced to learn something new. For certain legal matters, there is a clear path for moving forward. For many other legal matters, there is no such path. I've also had the opportunity to do pro bono (volunteer) legal work for individuals who are undocumented victims of domestic violence, local nonprofits and incarcerated individuals. Providing legal services to individuals with barriers to access justice is the most rewarding part of being a lawyer.

WHAT INSPIRED YOU TO WORK IN THIS FIELD, AND WHY DO YOU STAY?

At a practical level, Dr. Glenn inspired me to be a lawyer. I had attended NYU as a theater major before transferring to Millersville and intended to pursue a career in the performing arts. Dr. Glenn never discouraged that dream but pulled me

aside one day and indicated he thought I had the makings to be a really good lawyer. As a first-generation college student, I had never contemplated law school. I am so grateful Dr. Glenn planted that seed. It led to my working in my dream profession, a dream I didn't even know I had, when he offered those words of encouragement. I stay because the work of equity and justice is never done, and I want to be a part of creating a world that continually seeks more equity and more justice.

ADVICE FOR CURRENT STUDENTS?

Take the opportunities given to you, and be intentional with how you spend your time. You never know where an opportunity will lead. Take the opportunity to work and get practical experience. Apply yourself. Volunteer at an organization you're passionate about. Your dream job probably won't be the first one you get out of college, but search for an organization that aligns with your beliefs and goals. Give yourself time to figure out what you like and don't like, what you're good at and not good at. and what the world needs and doesn't need. If you do so intentionally, your next steps will find you.



PONESSA '08

JENNIFER PONESSA '08, ASSISTANT DISTRICT **ATTORNEY FOR LANCASTER**

Jennifer Ponessa graduated from Millersville with a double major in political science and psychology and a

criminology minor. Her law degree is from Widener University.

FAVORITE MEMORY AND/OR PROFESSOR AT MILLERSVILLE?

Dr. Richard Glenn was by far my favorite professor. Anyone with hopes to go to law school should take his classes. He uses the Socratic method, which prepared me, above everyone else, for law school. My favorite memory is when I got a 100% on one of his exams, and he said I was his only student ever to achieve that - and I believe that is still true to this day.

WHAT'S THE MOST CHALLENGING AND **REWARDING PART OF YOUR JOB?**

The most challenging is the constant work and attention needed for every case. You're in trial so much, there really isn't much time for anything else, but you must also keep up with other work. It turns into a 24/7 job at times. However, the most rewarding part is

making such a huge difference in the lives of victims seeking justice. What your hard work does and brings to these victims is priceless.

WHAT INSPIRED YOU TO WORK IN THIS FIELD, AND WHY DO YOU STAY?

I always wanted to be a trial attorney and thrive in the courtroom. I also did not want to be a defense attorney because of my morals. I love what I do for the victims of Lancaster County and bringing them the justice that some have waited years for.

ADVICE FOR CURRENT STUDENTS?

Nothing can replace hard work. To achieve your goals, you have to be willing to put in the work and make it happen.



IODIE **RICHARDSON'16**

JODIE RICHARDSON '16, MAGISTERIAL **DISTRICT JUDGE**, **THE UNIFIED** JUDICIAL SYSTEM **OF PENNSYLVANIA**

Jodie Richardson graduated from Millersville with a bachelor's in sociology/ criminology. She

went on to receive her Minor Judiciary Education Board – Magisterial District Judge Training and Certification and Continuing Legal Education.

FAVORITE MEMORY AND/OR PROFESSOR AT MILLERSVILLE?

I am thankful for my amazing relationships with students, staff, faculty and outside constituents over the years. I am also grateful for those who encouraged and supported me through my dual roles as an employee and college student. The interactions, experiences and opportunities gained at Millersville greatly impacted my life and successes. My graduation day at Millersville still resonates with surreal emotions for me. Spending 23 years at Millersville has been a life blessing.

WHAT'S THE MOST CHALLENGING AND **REWARDING PART OF YOUR JOB?**

Serving as a Magisterial District Judge is both vigorous and rewarding. Judges must uphold and apply the law and perform all duties of the judicial office fairly and impartially. We make important and difficult decisions on a daily basis that impact the lives of individuals before us, as well as their loved ones. I do not take this position lightly. I uphold the duties of the judiciary with dignity, respect, integrity, and impartiality to all who come before me.

I eagerly seek to educate residents on the judicial process, policies, laws, and local ordinances to ensure understanding and gain cooperation and compliance. When necessary and appropriate, I offer specialized programs and services to individuals needing assistance in making better decisions and healthier choices. Through my employment and community involvement, I diligently work to contribute to a safe, strong and vibrant neighborhood for my district and city, one where residents feel a sense of belonging and acceptance.

WHAT INSPIRED YOU TO WORK IN THIS FIELD, AND WHY DO YOU STAY?

I did not aspire to become a judge. I landed in this career due to the community leaders and residents asking that I consider running for the then-vacant magisterial district judge seat in my district.

ADVICE FOR CURRENT STUDENTS?

Whatever you aspire to do or become, give it your all and do so wholeheartedly. If you find yourself on a path other than what may appear to be the norm, that is okay; never give up. Seek mentors and other sources of help and guidance. Despite any obstacles or hardships, persevere in reaching

your dreams/goals. The most treasured reward will come from being resilient and persevering through your struggles.



CODY WADE '13

Always allow yourself gratitude in life.

CODY WADE '13, **FIRST DEPUTY** DISTRICT **ATTORNEY FOR** LANCASTER COUNTY

Cody Wade majored in government and political affairs and

philosophy at Millersville and received his law degree from Villanova University.

FAVORITE MEMORY AND/OR PROFESSOR AT MILLERSVILLE?

My favorite professor was Ralph "Doc Roc" Anttonen, who sadly passed away last year. I was a radio DJ at WIXO 91.7, and he was the faculty advisor for the station. He inspired countless students to question everything and fight for what you believe in.

WHAT'S THE MOST CHALLENGING AND **REWARDING PART OF YOUR JOB?**

Jury trials will always be my favorite part

of the job. They are a roller coaster of emotions and put all of your advocacy skills and legal training on display. However, as first deputy, I take great pride in seeing the other attorneys in my office develop their litigation skills and achieve justice.

WHAT INSPIRED YOU TO WORK IN THIS FIELD, AND WHY DO YOU STAY?

I always wanted to help people – so when the stacks of files look like skyscrapers and the to-do list stretches to infinity - I remember that I work for over half a million Lancastrians, and they deserve someone who puts their whole heart into this job. Justice is its own reward.

ADVICE FOR CURRENT STUDENTS?

Joining WIXQ was transformative for me, even though it had nothing to do with my major. Chase your passion, find others who share it, and you'll learn more than you ever could in a classroom.

Millersville's Department of Government, Policy, and Law offers three majors: a bachelor's in Government, Policy, and Law: a bachelor's in Government, Policy. and Law with a concentration in Pre-Law: and a bachelor's in Secondary Education.







CAMPUS NEWS | Spring/Summer

Dr. Nafez Alyan Named VP of Finance and Administration



Dr. Nafez Alyan will join Millersville University on July 1, 2023, as Vice President of Finance and Administration. Alyan is an accomplished strategist with over 25 years of senior

executive leadership, planning and advisory experience in higher education and finance at public and private universities.

In his position at Millersville, Alyan will oversee accounting and budgeting, capital construction, contracting and design, housekeeping, human resources, maintenance operations, student accounts, visual and performing arts, purchasing, University police and University services.

Since 2021 Alyan has served as the Vice President of Finance, Operations, IT and CFO at Lake Superior State University in Michigan. From 2012-2021 he was managing partner with Novus International Consultants. He also served as CFO of United Arab Emirates University from 2008-2012.

In addition to several leadership roles, Nafez previously taught at universities worldwide, developed and delivered executive training seminars, and served as a keynote speaker at prestigious venues in his fields of expertise.

Alyan earned his Ph.D. in economics from the University of Oklahoma and his master's in accounting and financial management from the University of Sheffield. In addition, he holds a Bachelor of Science degree in economics from Kuwait University.

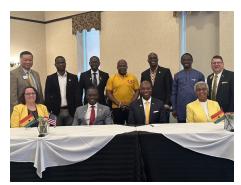
Debbie Newsom, the interim vice president of finance and administration for the past year, will retire at the end of June.

International Partnerships

Millersville University, like colleges and universities across the U.S., seeks international partnerships to foster a diverse campus environment and provide enrollment.

President Wubah represented Millersville University on two international trips to India and Ghana last winter. Both trips provided opportunities to build strong relationships with higher education institutions seeking to partner with our university.

In India, the trip resulted in three signed letters of intent to work with universities there.



UNIVERSITY OF CAPE COAST

In Ghana, President Wubah met with leaders at the University of Cape Coast, and then in February, Millersville hosted a delegation from UCC. While on campus, the delegation met with various Millersville faculty and administrators to collaborate and discuss how each institution could benefit from a continued partnership.

What's next? At Millersville, we're talking to our international partners and figuring out which programs will work best for both institutions.

'Ville Robotics Updates A.Li.E.N. for **Next Competition**

The 'Ville Robotics team is spending part of their summer break at the annual Intelligent Ground Vehicle Competition, held at Oakland University in Michigan. The team took their auto-navigating robot, A.Li.E.N. 4.0, to compete for up to \$25,000.

'Ville Robotics placed 4th overall in the autonavigation class at last year's competition with A.Li.E.N. 2.0, with the team bringing home three other additional awards. A.Li.E.N. is an acronym for Autonomous LiDAR-Based Environment Navigator, and the robot uses LiDAR and other smart sensors for its navigation.

The team was also recently selected as just



one of 13 teams in the nation to compete in the TiM\$10K challenge, a competition organized by SICK, one of the most prominent companies for sensor-based applications and sensor intelligence. Their participation in this competition allowed the team to secure a third LiDAR sensor, helping them update and improve A.Li.E.N. for upcoming competitions.

Providing Seamless Access to Millersville Music

Thanks to recent agreements, students at three community colleges can seamlessly gain admission to Millersville University's Music Industry program. Millersville signed agreements with the Community College of Philadelphia, Lehigh Carbon Community College and Montgomery County Community College.

The agreement between Millersville and Lehigh Carbon Community College



MILLERSVILLE'S MUSIC INDUSTRY PROGRAM **COMBINES RECORDING, LIVE AUDIO AND MUSIC BUSINESS CLASSES.**

was signed on Aug. 15, 2022. Millersville and Community College of Philadelphia finalized their agreement on Nov. 22, 2022. Montgomery County Community College's agreement was finalized on Jan. 20, 2023.

Millersville's Music Industry program combines recording, live audio and music business classes into one major. Students in the program at Millersville University participate in the "Creative Campus" program as performers, entrepreneurs and educators, interact with visiting professionals and participate in real-world projects.

These agreements are just one of the ways in which Millersville University supports Pennsylvania's State System of Higher Education's dedication to workforce development in the state. \diamond

Dr. Frank Named Social Work Educator of the Year

Dr. Jennifer Frank is joining a highly select



DR. JENNIFER FRANK

group of educators in Pennsylvania. The Millersville University associate professor of social work has been named the PA Social Work Educator of the Year by NAWS-PA.

Her teaching philosophy is always to connect real-world issues to

the classroom. Through field trips, Frank brings her students out of the classroom and immerses them in the issues currently confronting the world.

Frank has many accomplishments outside of the classroom as well. She is a research fellow with the Millersville University Center for Public Scholarship and Social Change. She was awarded the PASSHE Faculty Development Grant for her Stepping Stones research project. She is also a founding member and board vice president of the Loft Community Partnership, a local nonprofit that addresses poverty and food insecurity and develops resource connections and collaborations.

Saving Students Money

To reduce costs for Millersville University students and their families, the Council of Trustees voted on March 22, 2023, to eliminate the per-credit tuition model. Starting with the fall 2024 semester, all in-state undergraduate students will pay flat-rate tuition. The cost will be the same for students taking between 12 and 18 credits.

The current cost for tuition is \$319 per credit hour, equating to \$9,570 per year if a student takes 15 credit hours. The Board of Governors sets tuition, which is currently

at the flat rate of \$7,716 per year for 12 credits or more for in-state undergraduate students.

Tuition for undergraduate non-Pennsylvania residents at Millersville will continue to be charged on a flat-rate basis. Some out-ofstate students may qualify for reduced tuition depending on their academic major and qualifications.

The University expects this move to help increase enrollment for both undergraduate and graduate-level students, thus helping to meet the needs of the local workforce. •

SSI/SLI Projects

MEDICAL BUILDING

Student Services, Inc. and Student Lodging, Inc., both affiliates of Millersville University, are working on various projects around campus.

SLI and Penn State Health Medical Group are partnering on a medical office building now under construction near the Millersville University campus. The 11,000-square-foot medical office building on SLI property will be located just off Shenks Lane. The facility will open to the public in January 2024.

Geoffrey Beers, the CEO of SSI and SLI, says the project will allow Penn State Health Medical Group to move its current practice on Manor Avenue in Millersville to a new and more modern facility.

GARMAN BUILDERS

Garman Builders, SLI and Millersville University are partnering on a unique project to create a 55+ community close to campus. The community is located adjacent to the campus near Cooper Park, Millersville's baseball complex. The community will be made up of 67 units.

Faculty, staff and alumni who have an affinity for the University can continue that relationship with the people and events on campus. Residents can act as mentors for students, advisors for clubs or volunteers for University events and will be within walking distance of all the Millersville University community has to offer.



THADDEUS STEVENS COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY

SLI has signed an agreement with Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology to house students in Reighard Hall. The lease begins

August 1, 2023, and students will move in shortly afterward.

From Snails To Friday Night Funkin'

"Internet Famous: Using Social Media as a Tool for Music Education Advocacy," "Friday Night Funkin'" and "Physiological Effects of Ocean Acidification on Two Species of Intertidal Snails" were just a few of the research topics students presented at the annual Made in Millersville conference. The conference, held on April 11 showcased the work of over 200 students.

Dr. René Muñoz, director of sponsored projects and research administration, talks about the event, "Made in Millersville is a university-wide celebration and exposition of student work. All departments and disciplines are represented at the event, and students are invited to show their work in the way that best meets the needs of



SAMANTHA REYNOLDS

their field, whether that is a poster, an oral presentation, a demonstration, exhibition or performance."

This year, there were over 160 posters, presentations, exhibits and demos. "For students who are new to Millersville, it

gives them a chance to attend and see the work being done by students. Students can see what kind of work can be done with professors in their major – who they are and who they should talk to. The peer-to-peer interaction also gives attending students a chance to ask presenters how they got started in their project, who they worked with, where they found the funds, etc. All of these elements are important to building student engagement and making sure that students become active participants in their education and get the most out of their professor's passion for teaching and expertise," Muñoz says.

In addition, "The Made in Millersville Journal" encompasses the research and creativity demonstrated at the annual Made in Millersville Conference. You can see the journal here **www.mimjournal.com**.





COMMENCEMENT

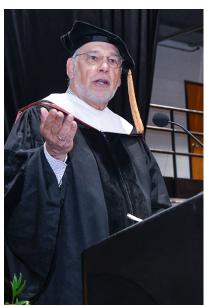
More than 1,200 students graduated from Millersville University this spring during four ceremonies. There were 336 graduate students eligible to walk at the May 5 ceremony and 874 for the three undergraduate ceremonies on May 6. All four ceremonies were held in Pucillo Gymnasium.

The College of Graduate Studies and Adult Learning ceremony featured DR. RICHARD CLARK, professor of meteorology, emeritus, as the keynote speaker. PATRICK LEAHY '97, the advisor for Government Affairs and Public Policy, U.S. Election Assistance

Commission, spoke at the College of Education and Human Services ceremony. The commencement of the College of Science and Technology featured **ARMENTA WASHINGTON '85**, Senior Research Coordinator of Penn Medicine. And JOSEPH GARNER'90, Director of Research, Emerald Asset Management, spoke at the College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences & Lombardo College of Business ceremony.

Want to watch a recap of this year's commencement ceremonies? Go to millersville.edu/commencement.



























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JOLENE WEAVER '03

DID YOU KNOW THERE ARE OVER 73,000 LIVING MILLERSVILLE UNIVERSITY ALUMNI? WITH AT LEAST ONE MARAUDER IN NEARLY EVERY STATE AND EVEN MORE SPREAD ACROSS THE GLOBE, THE MILLERSVILLE UNIVERSITY ALUMNI COMMUNITY IS EVERYWHERE.

Are you social media savvy? Would you like to use your social influence to make an impact on the Millersville University community? Join 'Ville Nation and become an MU Social Media Ambassador! MU Social Media Ambassadors will utilize MU fans as advocates to boost social content visibility, engagement and social sharing.

'Ville Nation launched in fall 2022.

- 50 active ambassadors include alumni, students, faculty/staff and friends of the University.
- MU Social Media Ambassadors help spread the word about campus news and events on their social media networks, including Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and LinkedIn.
- Overall statistics: Through 'Ville Nation, ambassadors have extended our reach to an audience of over 39,000 and created over 8,000 impressions since the launch of the program.
- 'Ville for Life means your connection to Millersville is lifelong. Now, you get to decide how to keep that connection strong.

Follow Millersville University on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and LinkedIn to stay up to date with MU news and connect with fellow alumni. Learn about other opportunities to get involved, and choose your own alumni adventure.

Visit millersville.socialtoaster.com to get started and become a 'Ville Nation Social Media Ambassador!



October 13 – 15, 2023

Experience Homecoming Weekend with exciting events and activities for Millersville University alumni to celebrate on campus! This is a special weekend to return to the 'Ville and reconnect with friends, create lasting memories and enjoy treasured Homecoming traditions!

THE MILLERSVILLE PARADE – TRAVEL THE WORLD | SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14 | 8:30 A.M.

'VILLE BLOCK PARTY | SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14

The popular block party celebration returns with food, tents and fun-filled activities for all ages!

CLASS OF 1973 50TH REUNION

The Class of 1973 is welcomed back to campus to celebrate their 50th reunion and become members of the Ad Astra Society during this special reunion celebration.

For a full schedule of Homecoming 2023 events and the latest event updates, please visit Millersville.edu/homecoming for details and registration information.



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Marvelous Marauders Program Recipients ANNOUNCED!

The 40 Millersville University alumni recipients of the Marvelous Marauders program have been selected, and the Office of Alumni Engagement is proud to recognize the winners! The 40 Marvelous Marauders represent outstanding alumni success stories that will inspire current and future alumni for years to come.

The Millersville University Marvelous Marauders program was created in honor of the 40th anniversary of the year when Millersville State College officially became Millersville University of Pennsylvania in 1983.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 40 MARVELOUS MARAUDERS!



Learn more about the 40 Marvelous Marauders in the online website gallery by visiting millersville.edu/alumni/marvelous-marauders.







IMAGINE the POSSIBLE

Campaign Ends on June 30, 2023

Throughout the historic "Imagine the Possible" campaign, which began in July of 2017 and ends on June 30, 2023, the generosity of the Millersville University community has been truly incredible, leading the "Imagine the Possible" campaign to become the largest fundraising campaign in Millersville University history.

As demonstrated by the outstanding success stories of thousands of Millersville University students, the monumental impact of the "Imagine the Possible" campaign has changed the lives of students who are fulfilling their dreams and exceeding the imagination!

To learn more, please visit **Imagine. Millersville.edu** for additional information and updates.

Thank you for generously supporting student success!



A group of Hobbs-Wickersham Society donors recently gathered on campus at Millersville University. (Left to Right) Kemah E. P. Washington, Ed.D.'03, Sylvia Shellenberger, Ph.D. '71, '74M, Dennis Denenberg, Ed.D., Janet E. Kacskos, Charles K. Scharnberger, Ph.D., Victor S. DeSantis, Ph.D., Conor G. Gilbert '15

CREATING A LASTING LEGACY

Millersville University's Hobbs-Wickersham Society

Millersville University's Hobbs-Wickersham Society has been nurturing the success of Millersville University students through planned giving since the Society was inaugurated in 1998. With over 400 members, the Hobbs-Wickersham Society recognizes individuals who ensure the long-term stability and growth of Millersville University through their estate plans and build a legacy that provides transformative opportunities for generations of students. •

SUPPORTING STUDENT SUCCESS FOR GENERATIONS Professor Emeritus Makes a Valuable Difference Through Giving

The following story of Hobbs-Wickersham Society member and Millersville University professor emeritus Dr. Charles K. Scharnberger reflects the positive impact of generous donors of the Hobbs-Wickersham Society in making a meaningful difference in the lives of Millersville University students.

DR. CHARLES K. SCHARNBERGER has a long history of supporting the success of students at Millersville University. He joined the faculty in 1973 and served as professor of geology for 30 years, nine of them as chair of the Department of Earth Sciences, before retiring in 2003. Originally from St. Louis, Scharnberger earned a bachelor's degree from Amherst College in Massachusetts and master's and doctoral degrees from Washington University in St. Louis. Recently

he served on the Millersville University Foundation board of directors, where he previously served two terms in the 1990s.

Reflecting on his career at Millersville, Scharnberger says that he appreciates having had the opportunity to teach geology to undergraduate students. His favorite part of geology was being outdoors, what geologists call "fieldwork." His favorite classes were structural geology and exploration geophysics, both of which involved extensive fieldwork for students, as well as the

senior-level course in geological field mapping. In graduate school, Scharnberger's concentration was geophysics, and when he came to Millersville, he established the University seismograph station. He became known as an expert on local earthquakes and was often interviewed on that subject by news media.

The gratification that Scharnberger found through his experience at Millersville led him to give back to the University to make a difference in the lives of students. He began to make small financial contributions to the University as a faculty member. In the 1980s, he donated to the earth sciences department a series of books describing the geology of North America published by the Geological Society of America. This valuable series is available for students to consult in the department library.

As a further effort to make a positive impact for students, he established the DR. CHARLES K. SCHARNBERGER GEOLOGY **SCHOLARSHIP**, to be awarded to a junior or senior majoring in geology and in good academic standing. Scharnberger says, "I really enjoyed my time here. I liked my colleagues; I liked the campus; I liked the area; I liked the students. I thought I had gotten a lot out of my experience at Millersville so I should give something back." In addition to the scholarship fund, Scharnberger has established an estate gift through his IRA. "The most gratifying part of giving back," he says, "is seeing the success of students." \diamond

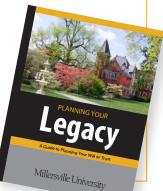
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MILLERSVILLE UNIVERSITY **ESTATE PLANNING GUIDE**

Your generosity can make a meaningful difference at Millersville University for generations to come. We encourage you to learn more by receiving a **FREE** Millersville University Estate Planning Guide.

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Celebration of **10[™] ANNUAL ONE DAY GIVE** Event Raises \$582,465 in 24 Hours



A historic event celebration took place on Thursday, February 23, 2023, during the 24-hour online fundraising event for the 10th Annual One Day Give, which raised an impressive final total of \$582,465 from 2,026 GIFTS! Through this year's One Day Give event, 15 new scholarships were established, and exciting giving challenges and matching gifts from generous donors generated valuable support for students.

Across campus at Millersville University, the One Day Give Celebration Stations provided opportunities for students to write thank you notes to donors and enjoy snacks and swag items to celebrate giving! To spread the word about the One Day Give event, a group of 77 alumni members participated as One Day Give Social Media Ambassadors from six states and Washington, D.C., by sharing social media posts and updates throughout the day.

Thank you to everyone who made a gift and participated in this extraordinary giving celebration!

For more information and details, please visit millersville.edu/onedaygive and save the date for next year's event. •

ONE DAY GIVE Alumni Couples Challenge

To celebrate the more than 4,000 married Millersville University alumni couples, a special giving challenge of the One Day Give Alumni Couples Challenge from JOHN '02 and LAURA HELD '04 unlocked a \$2,000 challenge gift if 40 Millersville University alumni couples made a gift during the One Day Give event. With great participation from alumni couples, the challenge was successfully met with 83 married alumni couples making a gift to support student success.



to the Millersville University alumni couples for giving to what you love!



JOHN '02 AND LAURA HELD '04

orporate **NERSHIPS**

By Janet Kacskos

MILLERSVILLE UNIVERSITY RECENTLY ANNOUNCED TWO SIGNIFICANT PARTNERSHIPS TO HELP MEET THE WORKFORCE NEEDS OF THE LOCAL AND REGIONAL **BUSINESS COMMUNITY. THE PARTNERSHIPS WILL** BENEFIT OUR STUDENTS, FACULTY AND ALUMS THROUGH RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES, INTERNSHIPS AND JOBS.

CLIMAVISION

Students in Millersville's meteorology department will soon have access to data from an X-band weather surveillance radar, thanks to a partnership with Climavision, a climate-tech data pioneer.

"We're excited about the opportunities the Climavision radar will bring to our faculty and students," says Dr. Marc Harris, dean of the College of Science and Technology. "Faculty will be able to leverage the data for teaching, research and scholarship activities. Faculty and students will be able to use it for projects, grants,

Climavision

THE CLIMAVISION RADAR WILL BE PLACED ON THE WATER TOWER

manuscript publications and conference publications."

Professor emeritus Dr. Richard Clark was the impetus behind the partnership and made the introductions to Dean Harris and the facilities department.

Climavision will provide the radar and will handle installation and maintenance. Through the partnership, Climavision will install an X-band weather surveillance radar on the Millersville University

water tower. The new radar will cover the area between the three closest National Weather Service radars: State College, Pennsylvania; Mt. Holly, New Jersey; and Sterling, Virginia. MU alum Dr. Jim Kurdzo, a radar scientist at MIT's Lincoln Laboratory, helped design the algorithm that determined that the Lower Susquehanna Valley is one of the top-three locations in the contiguous U.S. to experience a significant gap in X-band radar coverage.

"We're excited about our collaboration with MU for lots of reasons," said Climavision cofounder and CEO Chris Goode. "We're not only closing a critical gap in weather surveillance; we get to support the future of weather science by providing students with an invaluable learning tool."

The partnership allows Climavision to lease the site for 20 years. The radar installation will take place this summer, and by the time classes start in the fall, it will be fully operational for research, teaching and weather-detection services. •

LAMPIRE BIOLOGICAL LABS

Millersville University and Lampire Biological Laboratories have signed an agreement for a Life Science incubator on Millersville's campus to give students hands-on industry experience in the laboratory and access to jobs and internships.

Lampire is a privately held international biotech life science company that produces biological reagents used in the diagnostic and pharmaceutical industries. In addition, the company is active in the community, supporting life science education programs and workforce development at both the local and state level.

"Millersville is pleased to partner with Lampire Biological Laboratories on this first-of-its-kind partnership that will give our students fabulous opportunities to assist with real-life projects in the lab and also lead to jobs for our students and alumni," says Dr. Daniel A. Wubah, president of Millersville University.

Dr. Donna Cartledge-Wolf and her lab technicians are already working in a dedicated lab on campus. Two students have been selected as interns to assist with Lampire's work.



A RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY TO MARK THE PARTNERSHIP WAS HELD ON **MARCH 31 ON MILLERSVILLE'S CAMPUS.**

"At Lampire, we believe collaboration is key in the life sciences industry, and our partnership with Millersville University is a prime example," says Gregory F. Krug, president of Lampire Biological Laboratories. "We are excited to work with the talented faculty, staff and students at Millersville to foster the next generation of scientists and advance the industry as a whole."

Lampire's Vice President of Operations and Quality, Gary Klinger, is a '96 alumnus of the biology department at Millersville.

The Economic Development Company of Lancaster County and Lisa Riggs were instrumental in bringing Millersville University and Lampire together. The University was chosen because of its location and access to the student and alum workforce.





MILLERSVILLE UNIVERSITY IS PROUD TO CELEBRATE THE MORE THAN 4,000 MARRIED ALUMNI COUPLES IN THE ALUMNI COMMUNITY. SOME **FOUND LOVE AS STUDENTS** ON CAMPUS, AND SOME MET OR DISCOVERED THEIR LOVE LATER IN LIFE. BUT EACH COUPLE SHARES A COMMON EXPERIENCE OF BEING A MARAUDER. A SELECTION OF HEARTWARMING **'VILLE LOVE STORIES ARE** FEATURED HERE TO CELEBRATE THESE SPECIAL JOURNEYS OF Love.

DANIELLE (FREED) HOWEY '17 AND BRET HOWEY '18

"My husband and I met at Crossgates Golf Club on the range because we were both on the Millersville golf team. He was a freshman, and I was a sophomore. During the second semester, I took

Calculus II, and he took Calculus III. It turned out that we had the same professor that taught in the same classroom, and we both sat in the same seat; we were just in different sections. It was meant to be! That semester I made the 'excuse' to visit him in Harbold Hall to help me with my calculus homework. Ever since then, we've been inseparable! My husband proposed to me in 2020, and

we got married on August 6, 2022. I'm so happy I met him at Millersville!"♥

KRISTINA (WELLS) **OWENS '04 AND QUINTIN OWENS '05**

"Ouintin and I attended Millersville University in the early 2000s. Although we never officially met during our undergraduate years, we knew many of the same people, worked the same job, and lived across the street from each other. After graduation, we both remained in Lancaster and took positions in the School District of Lancaster, where

we met in 2018. Quintin and I got married on September 25, 2022. Our wedding party consisted of nine Millersville alumni!"♥

MADISON (MAZZA) TAYLOR '20 **AND AARON TAYLOR '18**

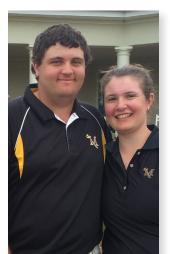
"Aaron and I met during our time at MU. He played on the baseball team, and I was on the cheer team. We would casually run into each other around

> campus, but it wasn't until we both attended the club FCA that our friendship really started to grow. My time at MU was nothing short of amazing, and

meeting Aaron was the cherry on top that I'll forever be grateful for."♥ Editor's note: The couple married on March 10, 2023.

TERRI (HOFFMAN) ANDERSON '80 AND CLAUDE ANDERSON '79

"Claude and I met in Diehm Hall in 1976 and were married by 1980. Diehm was a coed dorm, and we lived on separate



HOWEY



OWENS



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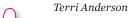
floors. We also had a Spanish class together. Since then, we've lived in New Mexico, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Rhode Island and Massachusetts. We have four grown sons. We haven't visited MU very often, but I'd like to go back and see how it all looks now, decades later."♥

LUCY DAVIES '20 AND BRIAN KRAFT '20

"We both were in Greek Life on campus. We had become really good friends and remained friends for two years.... We started dating in March 2019 during our junior year. After our senior year, I decided to make a crazy move to Sweden to teach at an international school, and he decided to follow. He came six months after me, and we have been living in a 24-square-meter tiny

home ever since January 2021! We have loved traveling together and had our most recent summer travels to seven countries in five

"Claude and I met in Diehm Hall in 1976 and were married by 1980. Diehm was a coed dorm, and we lived on separate floors."



weeks. Sweden has helped us to connect back with nature, and we intend to stay for at least our Swedish citizenship! Thank you, MU!"♥

ROWAN LABAR '21 AND ALYX MATCHETT '21

"We met in ENGL 242 Storybuilding in spring 2018, our freshman year. It was a three-hour night class with only 12

students, so we all grew rather close that term. Alyx and I became inseparable best friends for years, always having lunch dates at Saxbys or taking walks around the pond to look at the swans (from a safe distance ... we learned our lesson from Miller). We actually didn't start dating until early 2021, spring of our senior year. We graduated together and the rest was history.... We're engaged and plan to marry in 2024, and we'll be sure to invite our lifelong MU friends to attend. Millersville gave us amazing memories and experiences as individuals, and together as a couple."♥

NICOLE (GEORGE) BREWER '96 **AND BILL BREWER '96**

"Some people say that nothing good happens after 2 a.m. Usually, that's true,

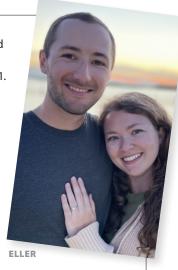
> but my husband and I met at 3 a.m. at a TKE party in February of our senior year, and it was love at first sight. It may have been the trip to Denny's at 4 a.m.

that sealed the deal. We've been married for 23 years and share two wonderful daughters. And yes, we're still blissfully in love."♥

WENDI (WOLFE) MILLER '91 **AND SHAWN MILLER '92**

"Shawn and I met during our sophomore year at Millersville while we both were participating in the bowling club. We

began dating and got engaged in the spring of 1991. We were married in the summer of 1992 and had our reception in Gordinier Hall. This year we will be celebrating our 31st anniversary."♥



LEA (OWRUTSKY) ELLER '17 AND CAMERON ELLER '17

"My husband, Cameron, and I met at the 2013 MU Orientation. We were in the same orientation group, classes, and both computer science majors. We became fast friends, and over the next few months, that blossomed into the foundation our now 10-year relationship stands on. We were married on campus at Millersville in November 2018 and just celebrated four wonderful years of marriage together. Millersville has given so much to us, from education to our love story, and we continue to give back."♥





DAVIES & KRAFT



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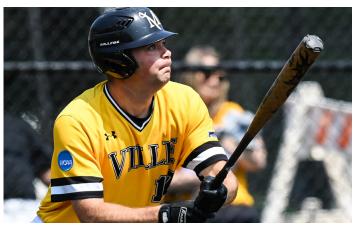
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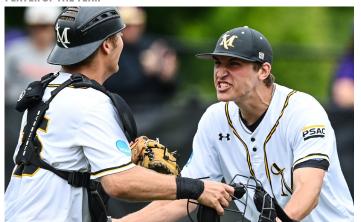








BREN TAYLOR, THE PSAC EAST AND CONSENSUS ATLANTIC REGION PLAYER OF THE YEAR



COLE HOUSER AND EVAN RISHELL CELEBRATE MILLERSVILLE'S WIN IN THE ATLANTIC REGIONAL



JIMMY LOSH IS ONE OF THE MOST PRODUCTIVE PLAYERS IN PROGRAM HISTORY

The machine that is Millersville University baseball just keeps chugging along. With alums TIM MAYZA '18 and CHAS MCCORMICK '17 making headlines in the majors, the current Marauders are carrying on the tradition of excellence in 2023, winning the PSAC East Championship— Millersville's 10th in the last 15 seasons.

Despite Millersville's long history of success, the 2023 Marauders did something no other team has: celebrate an NCAA Atlantic Regional on its home field at Cooper Park. Millersville won 40 regular-season games against the 19th most challenging schedule in the NCAA, earning the No. 1 seed. Over three days, Millersville defeated Mountain East Conference champion Charleston and archrival West Chester twice to advance to the NCAA Super Regional, which was also hosted at Cooper Park. There, the Marauders swept Seton Hill to advance to the NCAA Division II Championship for the fourth time in program history.

Millersville clinched its PSAC East title by running away from the field. In a division with seven teams boasting winning records, the Marauders went 21-3 and finished five games up in the standings. The clinching moment came a week before the end of the regular season with a sweep at West Chester—a feat not accomplished since 2013.

"Each student-athlete that comes through our program is here for a short time, and many of them come here to win," said Shehan. "It's a big accomplishment to win the regular season in such a tough division in a tough league. I'm really proud of the manner in which it was done against a good team in a tough place to play."

Outstanding individual accomplishments that sparked the team's success include head coach JON SHEHAN winning his sixth PSAC East Coach of the Year award and earning the NCBWA Atlantic Region Coach of the Year award for the second time. Outfielder BREN TAYLOR set himself apart in the Millersville record books, becoming the first Marauder to win the PSAC East Athlete of the Year award two times. He was also named the NCBWA and D2CCA Atlantic Region Athlete of the Year. His teammate and fellow all-region honoree, THOMAS CAUFIELD, won those awards in 2022.

Taylor also became the first Marauder of the modern era to hit over .400 twice, and his .405 career batting average is the best by any Marauder with more than two seasons played.

"It's special to watch him play," said Shehan of Taylor. "He's one step ahead of the other team. He'll hit for power when he needs to drive the ball, and then he turns around and is the toughest two-strike out in the league."

Senior second baseman JIMMY LOSH entered the postseason ranked among the all-time Millersville leaders in runs, hits and doubles, and was tied with Taylor for the school record in triples. Despite playing just two seasons in Black & Gold, Caufield moved up to No. 2 in career home runs and became the first player in program history to record 20 doubles in back-to-back seasons.

At press time Marauder Baseball was playing in the NCAA II Championships in Cary, NC.

Millersville thrower HANNAH WOELFLING solidified her status as one of the most decorated athletes in Millersville's history by becoming an NCAA Champion with her season-best discus throw of 167-0. Her performance at the Division II Championships in Pueblo, Colorado, was a fitting end to Woelfling's career as a Marauder. She graduated in May as a four-time All-American, national runner-up in the hammer throw, national champion in the discus and seven-time PSAC champ.

Also at the NCAA Outdoor Championships, Millersville University sophomore Darian Hauf made history, becoming the first Marauder pole vault to score an All-America finish in the event. Hauf placed in a tie for 12th, which earned her All-America Second Team status.

By the time of the national championships, Woelfing had already won the hammer throw and discus at the 2023 PSAC



HANNAH WOELFLING

Outdoor Championships. She was voted the PSAC Championships Field Athlete of the Meet for the second year. Woelfing's win continued a remarkable legacy of successful Marauder throwers as the program has produced eight-straight PSAC champs in the hammer.

"She always wants more; it's kind of what we instill in them here-keep being hungry," said Millersville throws coach Brittany Hartman. "She'll work hard to do what she needs to do to get it done."

Also finding a place at the top of the PSAC podium were sophomores Aubrey Sydnor and Darian Hauf. Sydnor, who finished as the runner-up in the 400-meter dash in 2022, sprinted to a school record time of 55.76

and won her first PSAC title. Hauf entered as the favorite in the pole vault and delivered her second-straight PSAC title in the event, clearing a height of 12-6. Millersville finished in third place as a team at the PSAC championships. \diamond

Men's Golf Run Ends in Super Regional After Stellar Season

The men's golf team had a stellar season, qualifying for the Super Regional for the first time since 2019. The Marauders also placed third at the PSAC Championships in the fall.

At the Super Regional, MU climbed five spots up the leaderboard on the last day, with 296, a score only bested by three other teams in the field, two of which were Fayetteville State and IUP, which, along with Davis & Elkins, finished in the top three for berths to the NCAA Division II Championships. MU's seventh-place finish was its best at a Super Regional since 2013.

BOBBY LUGIANO entered the last day of the Super Regional with a 3-over-par, but a challenging 11th hole put him at a 79 for the round and in a tie for 23rd for the tournament. NOAH KEENER finished in a tie for 33rd, but he

shot Millersville's best round of the tournament on Saturday, posting an even-par 72. CARL ERNST also turned in a solid 74 on the last day, finishing at 17-over for the tournament and in a tie for 53rd. CHRISTOPHER KNOX posted a 77 Saturday for his best round of the tournament. He tied for 92nd overall.

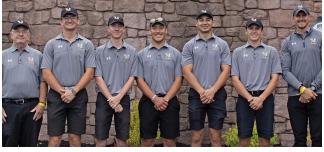
Before the recent spell of not qualifying, the Marauders, under Coach Scott Vandegrift, played in seven consecutive Super Regional events. MU's best finish in the 20-team format was a fifth-place finish in 2013. Before the shift to the Super Regional, Vandegrift's 2003 club won the East Region Championships in 2003 and advanced to the NCAA Division II Championships as a team for the only time in program history.

The MU men's golf team played its way into the NCAA Atlantic/East Super Regional with a strong finish to the season. The team opened the spring season with a third-place finish at the Dr. Edwin B. Cottrell Invitational, a fourth-place finish in the Mike Bello Invitational, a seventhplace finish at the Spadafora Invitational. finished runner-up at the Husky Invitational, and seventh place at the Super Region Preview before being selected as the number-six seed in the Atlantic Region.

This marks the tenth consecutive season that Millersville has appeared in the NCAA Atlantic Regional and the 18th regional appearance for head coach Vandegrift, who has led the program for the past 38 seasons.



BOBBY LUGIANO



HEAD GOLF COACH SCOTT VANDEGRIFT WITH THE MEN'S GOLF TEAM. NOAH KEENER













MARAUDERS

THE MILLERSVILLE UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS' STUDENT ATHLETE ADVISORY COMMITTEE HOSTED A MAKE-A-WISH REVEAL FOR 8-YEAR-OLD OLIVIA NEUPAUER DURING THE MILLERSVILLE METRICS TRACK AND FIELD EVENT ON APRIL 1.





MILLERS VILLE UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS HELPED A LOCAL GIRL'S DREAM COME TRUE AS PART OF A MAKE-A-WISH REVEAL DURING THE APRIL 1 MILLERS VILLE METRICS TRACK AND FIELD EVENT AT BIEMESDERFER STADIUM.

Standing behind Biemesderfer Stadium and holding the hand of her father, Millersville alum and former football standout ANDY NEUPAUER '05, 8-year-old Olivia had no idea what she was about to experience. Olivia had spent her childhood battling focal segmental glomerulosclerosis, a rare kidney disease. She was on Millersville University's campus for her Make-A-Wish® reveal, which was to be unveiled by Millersville student-athletes at the April 1 Millersville Metrics track and field event.

As Olivia and her family turned the corner and began their climb up the stairs to Chryst Field, they were greeted by a tunnel of 400 cheering and clapping Millersville student-athletes, a site that brought tears to the eyes of not just family members, but student-athletes as well. Once on the field, student-athletes presented Olivia with gifts that she could use on her upcoming, oncein-a-lifetime trip. In unison, the Marauders shouted, "You are going to Disney World," making Olivia's wish a reality.

Millersville Athletics had earned the opportunity to host the Make-A-Wish® reveal after the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) raised \$5,000 for the organization in 2022. Olivia's big day marked



OLIVIA NEUPAUER

the fifth time that Millersville Athletics has partnered with Make-A-Wish® for a wish reveal as part of an athletic event on campus.

"Being a part of a wish reveal is a privilege for our department," said Millersville director of athletics Miles Gallagher. "To see how children like Olivia and the families have persevered through hardships is a great lesson for our student-athletes, and we are thankful that we can play a small part in the fulfillment of a wish. These are truly magical events."

"I think about myself at that age and [the student-athletes] could have been anywhere on a Saturday afternoon, but they did that for us, and that was just so special," said

Olivia's mother, Eftihia Neupauer, to Fox 43's Andrew Kalista in an interview following the event.

Among those most touched during the wish reveal was baseball player John Seibert, who was a Make-A-Wish® child himself after defeating leukemia as a child. His granted wish was also a trip to Disney World, and seeing Olivia's smile reminded him of cherished childhood memories and overcoming a life-threatening disease.

"It took me back to that moment with my family, having an experience to look forward to after all that they had been through from diagnosis and through the chemotherapy. Having that wish really does make a difference for kids battling serious illnesses."

Olivia's passions include games, arts and crafts, so Millersville Athletics partnered with the University's Interactive Design Club to provide Olivia, her three sisters and brother with special activities prior to the wish reveal. Several Millersville athletes also played games with the children.

"I couldn't be prouder of my alma mater," said Andy. "It was incredible just to see how selfless they were with their time." \diamond



MILLERSVILLE ATHLETICS 2022-23 AWARD WINNERS

EACH YEAR, MILLERSVILLE UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS RECOGNIZES ITS BEST AND **BRIGHTEST STUDENT-ATHLETES AS** WELL AS MEMBERS OF THE UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY WHO HAVE EXHIBITED THE DEPARTMENT'S CORE VALUES AND AIDED IN ITS MISSION TO SERVE STUDENT-ATHLETES.



HANNAH WOELFLING

CAREER ACHIEVEMENT AWARD HANNAH WOELFLING (TRACK AND FIELD)

The Career Achievement Award is presented to seniors who have excelled at the highest level in competition,

making a significant impact for the team. She is a national champion in discus and a seven-time PSAC champion, winning the indoor weight throw twice and the hammer and discus in both 2022 and 2023.

She won MVP after leading Millersville to its first PSAC Outdoor Championship in 17 years.

Woelfling set the all-time PSAC and championship records in the discus and in the hammer throw.



SPENCER SHORTT

CAREER ACHIEVEMENT **AWARD** SPENCER SHORTT (MEN'S SOCCER)

Spencer Shortt broke the 21-year-old program record for career assists in 2022, setting a new

bar with 33. Shortt, a two-time All-PSAC East selection, led the Marauders in assists and points in 2021 and 2022 and also tied for the team lead in goals in 2021. Shortt played in 80 games, with 62 starts in his career, and directly impacted winning, helping the program to three straight PSAC Championships from 2018 to 2021 (there was no season in 2020 due to Covid). Additionally, Shortt is an outstanding student, earning PSAC Scholar-Athlete status four times, and he was named United Soccer Coaches Scholar All-American in 2022. •



MORGAN WINCHOCK

DISTINGUISHED SCHOLAR-ATHLETE **MORGAN WINCHOCK** (WOMEN'S SOCCER)

The Distinguished Scholar-Athlete Award is presented to the senior student-athlete who has achieved a high cumulative GPA

while also excelling in all aspects of being a student-athlete. Winchock posted a 3.76 cumulative GPA as a business major while also starring on the pitch. Winchock earned All-PSAC East First Team and D2CCA Atlantic Region Second Team honors in 2021 while leading the team in points, goals and gamewinning goals. She followed that with an All-PSAC East Second Team honor in 2022, leading the team in minutes played. In 2019, Winchock helped the Marauders to their first-ever NCAA Tournament win, and in 2021, she scored the game-winning goal in the PSAC Semifinals.



GARRETT LOWE

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD GARRETT LOWE (BASEBALL)

The Community Service Award is presented to the student-athlete or team who goes above and beyond in their efforts to serve.

Garrett Lowe is a graduating member of the baseball program who has balanced life as a student-athlete with a role as a volunteer firefighter. Lowe is an active member of York County Station 54 when at home in Stewartstown, Pa., and a member of Blue Rock Fire and Rescue while on campus. As a volunteer, Lowe is always on call when not in class or at games and has responded to numerous structure fires, public service calls, fire alarms and emergencies such as car accidents and cardiac arrests. Lowe follows in the footsteps of his father, who was a fireman, EMT and paramedic. While serving the community, Lowe has also been a three-time PSAC Scholar-Athlete. •

FACULTY MENTOR AWARD DR. JULIE LOMBARDI

They serve as teachers, advisors and mentors, and their cooperation is essential to the success of Millersville Athletics. The 2023 award winner is Dr. Julie Lombardi. associate professor of wellness and sport sciences and graduate program coordinator. Dr. Lombardi was referred to as a "great



LOMBARDI

advocate for studentathletes" by Millersville associate athletic director Larry Earnesty. To help student-athletes, Lombardi annually presents to all first-year students about the importance of nutrition and effective ways to

eat healthy/balanced meals to support athletic performance. She was instrumental in helping change the full-time credit requirements for graduate students on campus, which directly impacts studentathletes and helps them to better balance academic and athletic demands while achieving success.



CORE VALUES AWARD JOSH HARTRANFT AND MILLERSVILLE UNIVERSITY INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

The Core Values Award is presented to those who exemplify the core JOSH HARTRANFTI values of the Millersville

University athletic department through everyday actions. With the leadership of Josh Hartranft, the interim chief technology officer, Millersville University IT provided outstanding support to the athletic department during its transition from Jefferson Hall to a new home at Lehigh Hall. Hartranft ensured that all coaches and staff received technology upgrades in their offices while also establishing top-notch film rooms and technology for the Morgan Academic Center. With Millersville IT's help, Lehigh Hall is a recruiting showcase and a true home for student-athletes to study, meet and watch film. The Millersville IT staff also provides year-round support for coaches and staff. They have aided in the installation of cameras at athletic facilities and supported the broadcast of over 130 home events. •











SPORTS UPDATES

NEW Home for Athletics

MILLERSVILLE ATHLETICS has a new home. In January, the department moved into Lehigh Hall, previously known as Gilbert Hall. The former dormitory underwent major renovations to convert it into office spaces, and the result was a significant success. Lehigh Hall is now a showcase facility for recruiting and a home for the studentathletes to meet, study and watch films of games. One wing of the first floor was converted into the Morgan Academic Center with multiple computer labs, quiet spaces and group study rooms. Walls on each of the three floors were demolished to create film study and meeting rooms where more than a dozen student-athletes can meet with coaches at once. All coaches received new offices and branded furniture. Millersville University IT also provided smart TVs in each office, study space and conference room. There was an emphasis on the building's branding. Among the features are banners throughout the hallways commemorating every PSAC Championship team in Millersville's history.





THE MORGAN ACADEMIC CENTER IN LEHIGH HALL **OFFERS STUDENT-ATHLETES GROUP STUDY AND OUIET STUDY OPPORTUNITIES.**





DEVIN FLANNERY Becomes a TWO-TIME All-American

Wrestler **DEVIN FLANNERY** joined elite company at Millersville when he finished fifth in the 133-pound weight class at the NCAA Division II Championships. Flannery defeated West Liberty's Vincent Scollo 4-1 in the fifth-place match to become the sixth wrestler in program history and just the second at the Division II level to earn two top-eight finishes at the NCAA Championships. His performance concluded one of the great individual seasons by a Marauder, as he spent a month at No. 1 in his weight class in the NWCA rankings. He posted a 32-6 record, tying for the 10th most wins while tallying the sixth-best winning percentage in a season. BRANDON CONNOR, wrestling at 165 pounds, joined Flannery at the NCAA Championships, becoming a two-time national qualifier. Flannery, Connor and CRAIG COOK (149) were named All-PSAC. Connor and Cook were among seven Marauders to earn NWCA Scholar All-America status. Millersville wrestling also climbed as high as No. 8 in the NWCA team rankings, which stands as the highest Division II ranking in program history.

SOFTBALL'S ALEESE ANGELO

has record-setting season

Junior catcher ALEESE ANGELO spent the 2023 season smashing offensive records for the Marauders. She set a new PSAC record for doubles with 26, coming within six of the all-time Division II record. Angelo also set program records in extra-base hits, RBIs and total bases while finishing one shy of the hits record. Angelo's .423 batting average ranked sixth in the PSAC, and she ranked second in slugging percentage RBIs and on-base plus slugging percentage (OPS).



Tennis Programs CONTINUE TO BE MODELS OF CONSISTENCY



The Millersville men's and women's tennis programs have become fixtures in the PSAC **Tournament** under head coach MATT HELSEL. Millersville

was the only PSAC school to have both the men's and women's teams qualify for the PSAC Semifinals in 2023, and it is a feat that the programs have accomplished three years running. Freshman SOPHIE LANIUS gave Millersville its third straight PSAC East Women's Tennis Freshman of the Year award. HUI JEN SOO, CHLOE ABRAMOWITZ and MARIA OJEDA all earned All-PSAC East singles recognition, and Soo and Noelle Htwar were named All-PSAC East Doubles First Team. On the men's side, DYLAN TULL and ZACH PERNIA went undefeated in doubles and were named the top doubles team in the PSAC. Tull, Pernia and Shaurya Piplani all landed All-PSAC Singles honors.



FOOTBALL BUILDING MOMENTUM

An 88-yard touchdown pass from ROBERT FOOTMAN JR. to MEKHI ALEXANDER and 263 rushing yards gave Millersville its first win of the season in week five, but it was a winning formula that would lead Millersville to five wins over the final seven weeks of the season, its most wins since 2006 and its best PSAC East finish since 2000. During that stretch, Millersville beat Shippensburg for the first time in 22 years and beat Bloomsburg for the first time since 1999. Millersville somehow managed to string together the five wins despite using three different starting quarterbacks.

"I think the momentum into the offseason is big for us," said head coach J.C. Morgan after the season finale win at Seton Hill. "It puts us in line with our mission to getting Millersville football back to where we want it to be, at the top of the conference. I told them in the locker room to enjoy these next few hours because there will be some guys who won't be with us again, and it won't be the same. But when you analyze what has taken place over the last several weeks, I think we'll look back and say it was the st art of something special with Millersville football."



EM Grads Find Success at EUROFINS

By Kelsey Madas

IF YOU'RE A STEM GRADUATE FROM MILLERSVILLE, CHANCES ARE YOU'VE **HEARD OF, WORKED FOR OR HAVE FRIENDS** WHO WORK AT EUROFINS SCIENTIFIC, **FORMERLY KNOWN AS LANCASTER LABS.** THE COMPANY WAS ACQUIRED BY FRENCH-**OWNED EUROFINS IN 2011. THE TESTING** LABORATORY LOCATED IN LANCASTER HAS **EXPANDED RAPIDLY OVER THE YEARS AND** IT'S STILL GROWING TODAY. THE LANCASTER **CAMPUS HAS OVER 2,000 EMPLOYEES** AND HAS PLANS TO EXPAND BY ADDING A 52.952-SOUARE FOOT BUILDING TO ITS **CAMPUS, AND POSSIBLY DOUBLING THE NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES.**

Millersville and Eurofins have a long, unofficial history together. "It goes back to Dr. Earl Hess who founded Lancaster Laboratories in 1961," explains Patrick Weidinger, director of environmental health and safety emeritus at the University. "As Lancaster Labs grew in the 80s and 90s, MU was perfectly positioned to supply him with high quality, well educated, and wellprepared STEM graduates." This included even Weidinger himself who worked at the laboratory as an industrial hygienist and safety professional after graduating from Millersville in 1986.

Here are just a few of the many alumni who work at Eurofins today who share what they do and why they love it.

MELISSA MCDERMOTT '92

Melissa McDermott has worked at Eurofins for over 30 years now. "I started working there just six months after graduating with my bachelor's degree in biology," she says. Her first role with the company was as a chemist in the lab, working on fuel contamination testing. During her tenure, she's changed roles several times, heading into project management and then back to fuel contamination testing after a certain large chemical spill took place. Ultimately, McDermott has found herself in the lab less and less and working with clients more.



MCDERMOTT '92

It suits her, she says. "I have a well-rounded view of the lab's testing capabilities. My experiences from working as a chemist and project manager help me to effectively support our

clients in my current position." In her position, McDermott works with external salespeople to create quotes or bids to show clients why they should choose their lab. "Some clients tend to choose the lowest priced lab, but quality is more important. We pride ourselves on providing quality testing, defensible data, and good customer service."

Having a growing career at the same company is a real accomplishment, and it's the work environment that keeps McDermott at Eurofins. I appreciate the flexibility and the fact that I can move into different roles while staying at the same company," she says. "I also respect the people I work with." Like her, many have been at the lab 20 or more years.

One of the most rewarding parts of McDermott's job is knowing that she is contributing to making the world a safer place. "Our clients – whether they be a federal entity, consultant, chemical company or oil company – depend on us for accurate data in order to make informed decisions," she shares. For example, companies discharge pollutants into waterways. That discharge is regulated by permits and must be tested and proven to be clean before it can go out into the public. "I like doing things that are ultimately benefiting our environment," she shares. "I do research on the sites we are supporting to understand why they need to be

remediated. I like knowing that what we're doing is ultimately helping to clean our environment."

Still, the job has its challenges. "There's a lot to juggle and a lot to know. Having so many years of experience in the lab is helpful, but sometimes my clients will throw something at me that I just don't know the answer to." Luckily, there's a team of experts at Eurofins McDermott can turn to.

When McDermott reflects back on her time at Millersville, she describes a feeling. "There was a lot of comradery," she says. "The professors were helpful and understanding. You could tell they cared for their students." And even when she had particularly tough professors, she eventually learned to appreciate their high standards in the classroom. "I had a botany teacher who was very challenging, but I realized later how much I learned from them," she explains. "There was a reason for it. It ended up being a benefit."

HOLLY TREGO '98, TRUSTEE

"When I started out as a freshman computer science major, I didn't even have a computer," shares Holly Trego, a 1998 graduate of Millersville. That didn't stop her from pursuing her studies. She says she spent long hours in the computer lab working on assignments. "I worked a lot with computer science faculty member Dr. Roger Webster."

Webster made sure she had ample opportunities to do hands-on projects outside of the classroom, including work on a then cutting-edge virtual reality project. "I started working with Dr. Webster as a freshman, and he included me on interesting projects, including one that allowed me to present and attend a large conference in Orlando." Those experiences as a student would be foundational to the next steps in Trego's professional life.

She began work as a computer science intern at Eurofins in 1996 when she was just a sophomore. "They had just implemented a new software system for the entire company, so I worked all summer and stayed around for the rest of my time at college," says Trego. Like many other Millersville alumni, she ended up establishing a career at Eurofins that now spans two decades.

There were approximately 250 employees at the company during Trego's college years. Over the course of her tenure at Eurofins, the company has grown exponentially, and she's grown right along with it. Trego



TREGO '98

worked her way up from an intern to her current role as an IT manager, where she oversees a team of developers that work on the system used by the environmental division. "There are so many

opportunities here," says Trego, explaining why she loves working at Eurofins. "I've had three or four different jobs here, and it's very high growth. It's given me the opportunity to switch roles without changing companies."

In her latest role, which she's held since 2007, she manages a group of developers who maintain a laboratory inventory management system that is used across the country at Eurofins' various testing facilities. "The system handles everything from samples and testing to invoicing and reports. Everyone at the company, and even our clients, uses it," Trego explains. "A challenging part of my job is taking all the requests that we get for enhancements to the system and trying to figure out which ones are going to help the most and have the biggest impact on the business." The best part of her job? "When I can take a request from a user and implement it and it makes their job easier," she says.

The environmental team at Eurofins works on some important projects. "The way I see it is that we provide testing so that people can make good decisions about what they're doing with the environment," says Trego. "We've done some interesting testing. We had done testing after 9/11 when they hit the towers and tested air quality for the Pentagon. And during the Gulf oil spill, we did a lot of water testing. It feels good to just be able to support the efforts that make sure that everybody has safe drinking water." That testing, she explains, makes sure a cleanup is effective and that residents can safely return to the affected areas.

Following her graduation from Millersville in 1998, Trego remained strongly connected to her alma mater. Not only does she find herself surrounded by fellow alumni at Eurofins, but she also serves an important role as a member of the University's council of trustees and sits on a committee for the Millersville University Foundation. "I feel like it's been a good opportunity just to see how Millersville has changed and how they haven't changed," shares Trego. "Having the opportunity to help make some decisions for Millersville and to help give back in that role has been nice."

JON KAUFFMAN '85

For Jon Kauffman, Millersville is home to many fond memories. "I loved eating stromboli at the Sugar Bowl, studying in the library, seeing the band Yes open their North American tour at Pucillo Gym and, of course, meeting some incredible people." One of those incredible people just happened to be his future wife, Donna (Field) Kauffman. The pair met during his junior year. "I burnt myself in a chemistry lab," he shares. "I went across the street to her apartment to get a Band-Aid,

and we have been

together since."

This year, the pair celebrated 36 years of marriage.

The couple graduated from Millersville in 1985, and Jon crossed the stage to get his bachelor's degree in chemistry. He says he's grateful for the connections he made with his professors. "Drs. Richard Sasin, Jan Shepherd, Tom Greco, Sandi Turchi, Don Weiman and Robert Wismer each taught me how to study effectively and convinced me to pursue a graduate degree," shares



KAUFFMAN '85

Kauffman. "I was very lucky to be a student of theirs."

After Millersville, Kauffman went directly into a fouryear doctoral program in chemistry at the University

of Delaware. "As I approached the time to defend my doctoral dissertation in 1989, a friend and Millersville alum who worked at Lancaster Labs helped me get an interview," he explains. "I have been there ever since." In his time at the company, he's personally hired over 100 Millersville graduates, some of whom are now in senior management roles.

Kauffman himself is now the vice president of biopharma biologics at Eurofins. "It's a great place to work, with great people. I learn something new every day," he shares. "I work with some of the smartest people in the world." According to Kauffman, his role is complex but rewarding, and most of his time is spent working with his staff and with clients. "I am responsible for over 400 scientists and professionals

that provide biochemistry, cell and molecular biology services to our biopharmaceutical clients. This allows them to develop and commercialize life-changing and lifesaving treatments for patients that need them."

Kauffman says that he's grateful for his time at both Millersville and Eurofins. "I was extremely fortunate to attend Millersville University and also to be able to contribute to such a world-class organization throughout my career." 🔸





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Alumni Ever **AND** Highlights

During the spring semester, the Millersville University alumni community gathered together to connect and enjoy a variety of special events and programs.

Here is a collection of photos from recent alumni events on campus and from 'Ville on the Road. •



Millersville University Experiential Learning and Career Management hosted a Job and Internship Fair, welcoming alumni members and students to explore career opportunities.



The Coffee and Connection event, held in the Francine G. McNairy Library and Learning Forum's Archives and Special Collections, provided the Millersville University community with coffee, conversation, tours and a trip down memory lane through Millersville's history.





'Ville on the Road visited Washington, D.C., bringing Millersville University alumni together during a great evening of connection and fellowship.

AL USE AND ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

By Mary Miller '22

WITH AI TECHNOLOGY ON THE RISE AND IN THE NEWS, MANY OUESTIONS HAVE ARISEN REGARDING ITS PLACE IN THE HUMANITIES AND EDUCATION. IN RESPONSE, MILLERSVILLE UNIVERSITY CREATED AN AI ACADEMIC INTEGRITY TASK FORCE TO HELP ANSWER THESE **OUESTIONS AND SEE HOW AI CAN HELP** OR HINDER LEARNING AND EDUCATION.

DR. CHAD HOGG, assistant professor of computer science, explains AI, or artificial intelligence, as "computer programs that solve problems that reasonable people might have claimed cannot be solved without intelligence." Hogg notes that people interact with AI daily, whether they give verbal commands to Siri, use Google Maps to get to a new destination, or allow Outlook to organize their emails in certain ways.

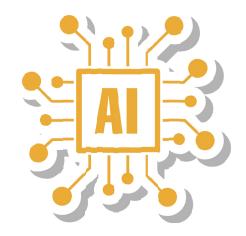
"The big advantage is that problems that would have required teams of many humans days to solve can now be solved instantaneously by computers, and small tasks that would not have been worth spending human time on can be accomplished automatically," Hogg continues.

As AI becomes more accessible, potential problems with this technology depend on how and why it is used.

"One common problem is that AI systems are 'trained' by providing data, and they can misinterpret unintentional biases in that data as natural and meaningful," explains Hogg. "For example, a system trained to decide bail amounts based on historical examples will perpetuate the same systemic prejudices that influenced the original examples."

Additionally, Al programs like ChatGPT are now more available to students. This creates questions about how generated text based on short prompts interferes with Millersville University's Academic Integrity policies.

"The most significant reason large language models such as ChatGPT have been mentioned in the context of education is that they are very good at generating



documents that look like a knowledgeable and competent human wrote them," Hogg says. "If the purpose of an assignment is to practice writing and to assess how well students can write, the ability to bypass that work allows the student to easily submit a document that appears to satisfy its requirements without having done any of the practicing or allowing any of the assessment that was the entire point of the assignment."

While there are ways in which this broadlydefined technology can assist with assignments - using spell check and citation generators, for example - problems can arise in terms of what is or is not defined as plagiarism.

"It is certainly possible for students to use this technology to complete assignments," Hogg says. "Doing so in the most straightforward way of prompting the system with a version of the assignment instructions and submitting its output as



DR. CHAD HOGG

the student's own writing would violate the University's Academic Honesty Policy."

Using Al-generated art could also pose problems for students in the artistic fields. Similarly, generating art using AI removes the learning and creative process and raises similar plagiarism questions.

"Artmaking is a very special experience, and using AI to generate art images takes this away from humans," says Heidi Leitzke, associate professor of art and design. "The act of making is a creative and enriching experience that is more about the process, and not always the end result."

"Additionally, I understand that AIgenerated images are essentially a multitude of images pulled from the internet that humans made. The artists that made the original images are not credited, which is very problematic," she adds.

Overall, Al is by no means a new technology. and it can provide students with certain basic tools to help them succeed. Teachers may be able to incorporate AI as a learning tool or design assignments centered around its use.

However, as it becomes more accessible, using Al technology for assignments can detract from the learning process and the critical and creative thinking that higher education encourages. "These are exactly the issues that the task force is discussing," promises Hogg. \diamond

THE MEMBERS OF THE AI ACADEMIC **INTEGRITY TASK FORCE ARE:**

Barry Atticks (Associate Professor, Music)

Eric Blazer (Associate Professor, Accounting and Finance)

Oliver Dreon (Professor, Educational Foundations)

Kerrie Farkas (Professor, English & World Languages)

Rachel Finley-Bowman (Associate Professor of Student Success and Dean of University College)

Chad Hogg (Assistant Professor, Computer Science)

Rob Spicer (Associate Professor, Communication & Theatre)

Greg Szczyrbak (Associate Professor, Library)

Marc Tomljanovich (Dean, Lombardo College of Business)





Class (Notes 2023

1960s

▶ JOANNE ARCANGELO '64, Phoenix, AZ, was inducted into the 2020 Maine Women's Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame is dedicated to women whose achievements have had a significant statewide impact, have significantly improved the lives of women, and whose contributions provided enduring value for women. Arcangelo is a feminist, activist, political strategist, policy advocate, lobbyist, State House staffer and nonprofit leader.

1970s

► ROBERT HAYWOOD '72, Huntingdon



HAYWOOD'72

Valley, was the 2023 selectee for induction into the Philadelphia String **Band Association** Hall of Fame. He ioined the Uptown String Band (formerly Harrowgate) from Langhorne, PA, in 1972, the week after

graduating from Millersville as a tenor sax player. During Haywood's last semester at Millersville, Dr. Paul Fisher, the band director, nominated him to be in the 1972 PA Collegiate Band. (He was a tuba player through his four years at Millersville.) He was an assistant music director in 1976-77 when Harrowgate took top honors in the Philadelphia Mummers Parade. As a director or advisor, he was a key player in Harrowgate purchasing the charter of the Uptown String Band in 1990 and then incorporating as a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization.



LARRY MCKENNA '73

73, Wayne, premiered his newest musical comedy, "Strictly Platonic," at

► LARRY MCKENNA

the Tabernacle in Mt. Gretna on Memorial Day weekend.

1980s

► MARY STUBBS '81, Flagler Beach, FL, is a consultant for the New Jersey Association of School Librarians. She helped to get the New Jersey legislative bill S588 passed and signed by Governor Phil Murphy, P.L.2022, c.138. New Jersey is the first state in the nation to require information literacy instruction for students in grades K-12.

► WILLIAM MCGRORTY '82, Lancaster, celebrated his Gamma Tau chapter being an active chapter for 50 continuous years.



WILLIAM MCGRORTY '82 AND HIS GAMMA TAU CHAPTER

► STEVEN HOLLENBACH '85, Reading, retired from teaching on October 1, 2018. He is currently a trumpeter for Dutch Apple (since August 2019).

1990s

► GREGORY BIERLY '91, Mountville, retired from Hempfield High School after 25 years as Performing Arts Center coordinator. The position entailed technical operations of the 1,300-seat arts center and, for the past 15 years, oversight of the performance spaces and systems in 11 buildings in the district.



CLOUSER'91

▶ JEFFREY CLOUSER'91,

Mount Joy, assumed the role as music ministry coordinator for St. Mark's UCC. In this role, he will coordinate and lead the various music ministries of the

church, including choir, handbells and special music. Prior to St. Mark's, he served six years as director of music ministries at Palmyra Church of the Brethen and recently earned a Master of Arts degree in Church Music from Trinity Lutheran Seminary at Capital University.

► THOMAS RENKEVENS '92, Laurel, MD, has been named the acting deputy director of satellite operations for NOAA NESDIS (National Environmental Satellite Data and Information Service). This office is responsible for the command and control of NOAA's weather satellites and the creation and delivery of images and



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STEPHEN AVERY '94

► STEPHEN AVERY

'94, Philadelphia, was promoted to professor of radiation oncology at the University of Pennsylvania. He is the first black faculty member to be promoted to

professor in the history of the Department of Radiation Oncology. As a medical physicist and MU alum, he has stayed in contact with the MU physics department to advocate for student opportunities. During his tenure as director of the medical physics graduate program, MU students have graduated from UPenn to be sucessful in the field.

► STACY STATHOPOULOS '95.

Cockeysville, MD, earned her Ph.D. from Notre Dame of Maryland University in Baltimore, MD.

► JENNIFER WALBERT '95, Carlisle, wrote a children's book titled "Shelby's Ocean Adventure."



KRISTIN JOIVELL '97

► KRISTIN JOIVELL

'97, Huntingdon, received the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. This is the highest honor bestowed by the United States

government specifically for K-12, science, technology, engineering and mathematics teaching. She has been a teacher for more than 20 years at Juniata Valley Elementary School.

► CARLENE WATERS-HOLLINGSWORTH

'98, Saint Cloud, FL, earned her Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies from King's College.

► AMANDA SIMS '98, Stillwater, OK, in January 2023 joined the team at the YouVersion Bible app, having accepted the position of global content partnership manager. In this role, she will build and nurture relationships with global representatives and content partners who provide content for the app in hundreds of languages.

► GENEVIEVE RITCHIE-EWING '99,

Kettering, OH, graduated in 2019 with a Ph.D. in anthropology from the Ohio State University. She is currently working at Central State University in the Department of Social and Behavorial Sciences. She is up for tenure and promotion next year.



BENJAMIN CULBERT '99

▶ BENJAMIN CULBERT '99, Ronks, and two other MU alums recently traveled to Switzerland to reconnect with an alum living there. The group skied together in the Swiss Alps. From left to right: Tom Toland '99, Pete Kaithan '01, Ben Culbert '99 and Aaron Shenck.

▶ JEFF RATCLIFFE '01, Landsdale, was awarded the Best Radio Show of 2022 from the Fantasy Sports Writers Association for his work on the Jeff Ratcliffe Show, which airs daily on SiriusXM.



TOM BAKER '02

► TOM BAKER

'02, Pittsburgh, recently received the 2022 Community Service Award and the Duracho-**Gottfried Ross** Township Citizen of the Year Award. The North Hills

Community Service Award was established to recognize a current resident who has made a significant contribution to the community through their time, talents and dedication. The Citizen Award is presented annually to a Ross Township individual, or a group of individuals, who made a meaningful and significant impact on the community. Recipients have demonstrated a commitment to having made considerable, noteworthy and long-lasting contributions to the lives of residents and their families through the same selfless and caring manner displayed by the remarkable citizens for whom this award is named.

- ► LYDIA YEAGER '04, Mountville, was promoted to director of university events for Millersville University. She previously served as assistant director of conference services at Millersville University since 2020.
- ► STEPHEN DOLSKI '07, Fairfax, VA, was appointed chief financial officer at SilverEdge Government Solutions.
- ► GREG TESTA '07, Downingtown, was welcomed to Tucker Company Worldwide as vice president of business development after 12 successful years in the manufacturing industry. In his role as VP of business development, Greg will lead Tucker's sales organization and oversee the national and inside sales teams.

- ► CHESTER HOLLAND '10, Washington, D.C., earned his Ph.D. from the University of Delaware's Joseph R. Biden, Jr. School of Public Policy & Administration. His dissertation explored the influence of parent perception of barriers to afterschool program participation on parent decisions on after-school program participation in urban school districts. Currently, he has begun a new role as research manager for the council of the Great City Schools in Washington, D.C. In his role, he will conduct research on urban K12 education policy and programs affecting districts across the United States.
- ► ELIZABETH MOTA '11, Red Lion, accepted a position as an analytical chemist in the engineered products department at Pixelle Specialty Solutions in Spring Grove, PA.



TYLOR WALDEN '13

► TYLOR WALDEN

'13, West Chester, earned a degree from Western **Governors University** in elementary and special education.

► MIKE CORTESE

'16, Downingtown,

was promoted to enterprise support manager for Amazon Web Services. He will be managing a team of technical account managers focused on large financial service customers.







ALLYSSA EMBERY ZIMMARO '16

► ALLYSSA **EMBERY-ZIMMARO**

'16, Rockledge, changed law firms and is now an associate attorney in the taxation and wealth planning department at Fox Rothschild LLP.

She counsels individuals and families with regard to wealth preservation and estate planning, in addition to providing guidance through the estate administration process.

► JOSEPH SEBOROWSKI '16, Pasadena, MD, earned his Certified Emergency Manager from the International Association of Emergency Managers.



ASHTYN KOEHN '18

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'18, Hamburg, earned her Doctor of Physical Therapy from DeSales University in August 2022.

2020s

► ETHAN POETIC '20, Lancaster,



ETHAN POETIC '20

published his autobiography titled "The Inspirational Story of Ethan A. Poetic: Chronicles of Adversities, Education, Sports, Relationships & Resiliency."

► ABIGAIL HAYNIE '20, Lancaster, accepted a position as admissions counselor at Franklin & Marshall College.

► Katherin Torbio Jimenez '22.

Richmond, TX, assumed the role of assistant program director for VisionQuest. He is working with a contractor for the Office of Refugee Resettlement in Texas to assist unaccompanied adolescent youths. The purpose of the program is to provide youths with education, medical services, counseling, meals, clothing, recreational acitvities and reunification/legal support.

WEDDINGS & ANNIVERSARIES

► RYAN RIMBY '15, Lancaster, married Grace Griffaton on 8/19/22 at the Poconos at the Shawnee Inn and Golf Resort. They met while working together at the FOX43 WPMT York TV station.

► STEVEN HOLLENBACH '85, Reading, celebrated his 30th wedding anniversary on May 30, 2022. He and his wife celebrated with a six-day trip to Scotland/Ireland.



DANIFILE **HOLMES** '96

► DANIELLE HOLMES '96,

Abington, married Russell Holmes on 8/5/22. The bride and groom met in junior high and went on to attend the same high school,

and both attended Millersville University in the '90s. After more than 30 years of friendship, the two started dating in 2019 after a suggestion from another MU grad (Majuana Sutton '97). Love developed and the rest is history.

► CARLENE WATERS-HOLLINGSWORTH

'98, Saint Cloud, FL, celebrated 18 years of marriage with her husband, Danard Hollingsworth Sr.

▶ JACQUELYN STRUNK '02 and JEREMY STRUNK '01, Bethlehem.



OWENS

► KRISTINA OWENS '04, Lancaster. married **QUINTON** OWENS '05 on 9/25/22.

► LAUREN VANDERVEER '10 and BRIAN VANDERVEER '11.

► ELIZABETH MOTA

'11. Red Lion, and

Elvis Mota married

on 9/2/17.

Carlisle, got married in 2012.



ELIZABETH MOTA '11

PEIRSON

► ZACHARY PEIRSON '12 and **CORRIE PEIRSON**

'13, Lancaster. After seven years of dating, Zach popped the question, and the two were married in sunny Riviera Maya with many fellow Marauders witnessing the two

▶ DANIELLE

HOWEY '17,

promising each other forever.





► ASHLEY ROSSI **'16,** Glasgow, KY, married **ANTHONY** ROSSI'16 in August

► WILLOW PELUSO

'18, Lancaster,

married Kiefer

Luckenbill in June 2021.

▶ ROBERT

2022.

Lancaster, married

BRET HOWEY '18

proposed in 2020.

on 8/6/2022. He



ACCHIONE '18 AND GINA ACCHIONE '18, Folsom,

got married on 12/3/2022.



PELUSO

► TREJON DINKINS '19, and GABRIELLA LICATA '19 Enola. were wed on 10/28/22.



LICATA AND DINKINS

► MADISON REBMAN'20, Millersville, and MIKE NITROY '16 recently got engaged and are getting married in May 2024.



TAYLOR AND MAZZA

- **► MADISON** MAZZA '20 and **AARON TAYLOR** '18 were married on 3/10/2023.
- **▶** DENVER **CLAPSADLE '20**

and ALEXANDRIA GREGSON '22, York, in June 2022 bought their first house and got engaged on the day they moved in.

BIRTHS

► CHRISTY KLEMICK '02 and husband, Mechanicsburg, welcomed a girl, Harper Elle, on 11/11/21. Harper joins her brother Everett, who is 4 years old.

► CHESTER HOLLAND '10 and TUERA HOLLAND '06, Washington, D.C., welcomed their son, Ellis Reid Holland, to their family on 12/23/22.

► ELIZABETH MOTA '11, Red Lion, and husband Elvis, a son, Eli A. Mota, on 4/19/17. They also had a son, Kai E. Mota, on 5/10/15.



► DANNY

SAMANTHA

POLAND '12.

New York, NY,

got married

in 2015 and

welcomed a

January 2023.

► MARY KATE

SEBOROWSKI

husband JOE

SEBOROWSKI

'16, Pasadena, MD, welcomed

Kelsey Ann, on

a baby girl,

9/8/2022.

'16, and

baby girl in

POLAND

'12 and

ELIZABETH MOTA '11



DANNY POLAND '12 AND SAMANTHA POLAND '12



MARY KATE SEBOROWSKI'16. AND JOE SEBOROWSKI'16



BAILEY KOEHN '18 AND ASHTYN KOEHN '18

► BAILEY KOEHN '18 and ASHTYN **KOEHN '18,** Hamburg, welcomed a daughter, Ivy Laine, on 1/3/2023.

DEATHS

▶ DONALD SWOPE '60, Lancaster, died on 1/3/2023 at the age of 84.

▶ BERNARD STEIN '60, Springfield, died on 10/16/22 at age 86. He was a science teacher for 50 years in Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

► KAY FISER '62, Indialantic, FL, died on 9/15/22 at the age of 82. She taught elementary school in Lancaster and Lower Merion school districts.

► BARBARA GRANDSTAFF '70,

Oreland, died on 2/6/2023. She received a master's degree from Princeton and a Ph.D. in geology from the University of Pennsylvania. She taught at the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine for more than 20 years.



BARBARA GRANDSTAFF '70



EDWARD GIANNATTASIO '80

► EDWARD GIANNATTASIO '80,

Catawissa, died on 11/7/2022 at the age of 64. After graduating with an education degree with an emphasis on arts, his career as an artist and educator spanned over 40 years. He was the Democrat candidate for the 109 PA House District at the time of his death. He is survived by his wife of 30 years.

► ERIC JACKSON '83, Yeadon, died on 1/9/2023. He was a spiritual care chaplain for Bayada hospice and was an ordained pastor. He is survived by his wife Renee and his two daughters, Kiana and Kayla.



LESLIE BUSTARD '90

► LESLIE BUSTARD '90, Lancaster, died on 4/14/2023.

► TARA RAU '96, Beavertown, died on 11/29/2022.

▶ JEFFREY BUTCH '97, Lancaster, died on 2/5/2023.

He is survived by his two children and six grandchildren.

FACULTY DEATHS

► DR. WILFREDO VALENTÍN-MÁRQUEZ,

61, assistant professor of Spanish at Millersville, died on May 7, 2023. Valentín-Márquez was a long-time faculty member of the English & World Languages Department.

▶ DR. DAVID JOHNSON, 66, an associate professor of social work at Millersville, died after a lengthy illness on May 15, 2023. A celebration of life will be held at Millersville in the fall



THERE'S MORE

Want to know what they named the baby? Want more details on the big wedding? The new job? The award? Pictures too? Check out millersville.edu/classnotes.





MENTORSHIP Matte

BY KELSEY MADAS

THERE ARE MANY WAYS FOR MILLERSVILLE STUDENTS TO BECOME INVOLVED IN MENTORSHIP ON CAMPUS - THERE ARE MAJOR-SPECIFIC OPPORTUNITIES, OPTIONS FOR THE CHILDREN OF SEASONAL/ MIGRANT FARMWORKERS, PROGRAMS AIMED AT RECRUITING AND RETAINING STUDENTS OF COLOR IN EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND MORE. THE OFFICE OF ALUMNI ENGAGEMENT'S ALUMNI-STUDENT CAREER MENTORING PROGRAM CONNECTS ALUMNI WITH STUDENTS TO HELP THEM NAVIGATE LIFE AFTER GRADUATION.

That's how 2008 graduate **DOMINICK RAIMATO** and early childhood education major ALYSSA KELLER first met. Raimato was a music education major himself, and while he never found a job in teaching, he instead found his place in IT. Today, he works for SHI, Inc. as a corp solutions architect working with Microsoft's Power Platform. His interest in mentoring was first piqued at his old job, where they worked with an organization called One Refugee that helps student refugees get through school and provided mentorship to college students by pairing them with business professionals. "I just showed up," shares Raimato. "I experienced some imposter syndrome, but I showed up anyway and had an incredible experience."

So, when Raimato heard about his alma mater's alumni mentoring program through an email, he jumped at the chance. "We connected over a lot of things," he says of his time with Keller. "Our first conversation had nothing to do with Millersville. We talked about finances. From there, we've had wide-ranging conversations from family relationships, challenges with advisors to dealing with the profession itself."

For Keller, the mentorship opportunity couldn't have come at a more crucial time. In 2021, she suffered a grand mal seizure. Eventually, doctors discovered a tumor in her brain that caused her to have multiple



DOMINICK RAIMATO '08 AND ALYSSSA KELLER

petite/absence seizures every day, even with seizure medication.

On June 22, 2021, just weeks after her 20th birthday, Keller underwent brain surgery. "Because of the tumor's location in the temporal lobe, the tumor greatly impacted my memory of the recovery process and essentially the year following my surgery," she explains. It was a tough time for Keller. "And on top of it all, I was failing a few classes."

Keller wasn't sure what to expect from her mentor. "When I was first paired with Dominick, I remember feeling like he wouldn't understand what I went through or be able to help me cope with the new challenges I needed to face after my surgery," she explains. "But I was very, very wrong. Though it was true that Dominick did not go through brain surgery, he did have a way of shifting my perspective on everything. What once were huge, foreboding mountains became simple, little bumps in the road that I just needed to take a gentle step over."

The pair talks at least once a week, and it's been a learning experience for both. Keller reports an increase in confidence. "I have learned that I am much more capable than I originally thought," she explains. "It is very easy in this major to feel like someone is more accomplished or more fit when it comes to teaching, but Dominick has helped me see everything I'm able to accomplish and given consistent support. His support and outside perspective have helped me feel more confident in myself and my identity!" That confidence has shaped how Keller views herself. "I went from failing courses and feeling insecure about my future as a teacher to being a straight-A student with a very promising career," she

says. "Dominick's mentoring didn't suddenly give me those abilities and intelligence, but he did help me take a step back and see how capable I truly am."

Raimato shares that he feels like he's affecting change in a student's life. "For me, the most rewarding part is knowing that I'm making a difference with Alyssa. I went through a lot of challenges on my own - like making \$20 for food stretch for a week," he shares. Being able to talk to the next generation, he shares, is inspiring. "I'm not advising her; I'm just encouraging her because she knows what to do. I'm more of a coach or cheerleader."

The experience has been so positive for both Raimato and Keller that they both gave it ringing endorsements. "I wholeheartedly encourage my fellow alumni to sign up for this program," shares Raimato. "Everyone has something to share and some way they can help. You have that experience. Your mentees know where their challenges are. Just be curious and start asking them questions, and the rest is easy from there. It's a fantastic experience." It also offers a way for alumni to stay connected to their alma mater. "So much has changed over the years, and it's been neat to keep a pulse on what's happening on campus to see the transformation," he adds.

Keller is already recommending the program to her friends. "This program has been such an amazing experience that I tell my peers about it whenever they're struggling," she shares. "Mentorship is much more than having someone to only help with college. Dominick has become a close friend and someone I know I can count on."

As Keller works toward her dream of becoming a first- or second-grade teacher, she's happy to report that her health is improving. "While there will always be lingering issues with my memory, the seizures completely went away after the tumor was removed."

It's clear that this mentoring experience means a lot to the pair, but Keller says it best: "Without the mentorship program and Dominick, I would have never become the person I am today. And for that point alone, I am thankful."

Sign up to be an alumni mentor here: millersville.edu/mentoring-programs.



'Ville Alumnus Establishes a Home Run **SCHOLARSHIP**

By Mary Miller '22 -

AS A FRESHMAN, ALUMNUS **JASON LONG WAS UNSURE** OF JUST HOW MEMORABLE HIS BASEBALL CAREER AT MILLERSVILLE UNIVERSITY WAS ABOUT TO BE. WHEN HE WAS ASKED TO JOIN AS A PART OF COACH JON SHEHAN'S EARLY RECRUITING CLASSES, THE TEAM HAD A WIN/LOSS RECORD OF 9-37. BY HIS JUNIOR YEAR - WHILE ESTABLISHING HIMSELF AS AN IMPORTANT

RELIEF PITCHER - LONG AND THE REST OF HIS TEAMMATES WENT ON TO WIN THE 2011 NCAA REGIONAL TOURNAMENT.

"The biggest thing about the program at Millersville University is that it's more than just baseball," says Long. "The friendships that were built are so strong, because you're waking up early together to work out, doing tarp pulls at 2 a.m. and supporting each other during the ups and downs of a season. I still text some of my teammates all the time. I always wanted to give back to the program and the culture that Jon created."

Long recently had the opportunity to do just that. He established the Anna Long Baseball Scholarship during the 10th annual One Day Give. This monetary award is for a men's baseball student-athlete with a GPA of 3.0 or higher who is also originally from Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

As a Lancaster native, Long felt strongly about including this as a requirement for the scholarship. Long said that attending Millersville University and being close to home allowed his parents, Steve and Anna Long, to come to watch every game they could. He named the award after his mother.

Long greatly appreciates the time he spent playing baseball, and most of his fondest memories at Millersville University are on the field and with his teammates.

"As a student-athlete, you have to put in 40 hours a week toward school while another 40 hours are focused toward baseball,"



JASON LONG '12

he says, explaining how much work it was to balance athletics with academics and how much of his college career was centered around the sport. "I had to wake up at 5 a.m. to work out, and I wouldn't get back to my apartment until 10 p.m. because of a night class after a three-hour practice. But I'd absolutely do it all over again without hesitation.

"Baseball is a difficult sport in the sense that unless you go into professional baseball, you're done by age 28 or so," he continues. "This scholarship felt like a way for me to still be able to contribute to a program that meant a lot to me."

Long graduated in 2012 with a bachelor's degree in business administration. His work took him to Maryland, but he and

his family were recently able to move back to the Lancaster area. Long is CFO for the One Hour Heating & Air Conditioning®, Benjamin Franklin Plumbing® and Mister Sparky® Electric franchises of Southeast Pennsylvania.

Long and his wife Annie have a 4½-year-old daughter and three dogs. In his spare time, Long's an avid golfer and has been since high school before he decided to commit to Millersville to play baseball. He also enjoys archery hunting every fall, something he still shares with Shehan. The two will text each other during the season to see if either of them have been successful out in the woods.

Overall, Long's goal for the scholarship is to help provide another student-athlete with the same memorable experiences he had during his time as a Marauder.

"When I began, Millersville baseball was nowhere near being nationally recognized like it is today," Long says. "Being a part of Jon's early career, even when he was just a part-time head coach, there's a sense of pride in seeing where the program was when my class came in to where the program is now, and seeing them have the best facilities in the PSAC.

"Again, Jon teaches more than just baseball. He really wants you to develop into a young man, but to take it further and become a great husband and father later in life. It all starts with the structure and culture Jon instills in the program. He wants to get you started on a good path in life.

"The person I am today is because of Millersville baseball," he concludes.



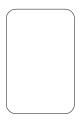


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