Commencement Program
The One Hundred and Sixty-Second Annual Commencement

Sunday, the Sixteenth of December
Two Thousand Eighteen
Two o’clock p.m.

Millersville University of Pennsylvania
Millersville, Pennsylvania
Order of Exercises

Daniel A. Wubah, Ph.D., President
Presiding

Prelude
“Gloria”
Franz Josef Haydn

‘Academic Procession
“Pomp and Circumstance”
Sir Edward Elgar

Introduction

Welcome

Moment of Reflection

‘The National Anthem
Words by Francis Scott Key
Arranged by John Philip Sousa

Introduction of Platform Guests

Introduction of the Chair,
State System of Higher Education
Board of Governors
Cynthia Shapiro

Presentation of Honorary Degree Recipients

Conferring of Honorary Degrees
John Anderson, Ph.D.
Vivien Anderson

Introduction of Commencement Speaker
Daniel Greenstein, Ph.D., Chancellor
Pennsylvania’s State System of Higher Education

Commencement Address

Presentation of Associate and Baccalaureate Degree Candidates
Conferring Degrees
College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

Kindly silence all electronic devices and cell phones during the ceremony.
For extra programs, lost and found, and special needs resources, go to the Anttonen Lobby concession area where the information and special services are located in Pucillo Gymnasium.
HONORS GRADUATES

Millersville University students are awarded honors in three categories: Departmental Honors, Honors College and University Honors. To qualify for Departmental Honors, a student must complete a thesis written under supervision of a faculty member. In order to graduate from the Honors College, a student must not only complete designated honors courses and a thesis, but also maintain an overall grade point average of at least 3.2. Students graduate with University Honors by virtue of their grade point average. Those who earn averages between 3.50 and 3.74 graduate *cum laude*, those who earn averages between 3.75 and 3.94 graduate *magna cum laude*, while those who earn averages between 3.95 and 4.0 graduate *summa cum laude*, the highest earned academic honor the University can bestow.

**The Reverend Lewis Merwin Hobbs Medallion/Dr. Dominick ’53 and Mrs. Helen DiNunzio Award**

Seniors who are graduating *summa cum laude* receive this special medallion. The award has been made possible by a gift from Dr. Dominick ’53 and Mrs. Helen DiNunzio.
CANDIDATES FOR BACCALAUREATE DEGREES WITH HONORS

DEPARTMENTAL HONORS

TAYLOR BRANDT – Psychology
Thesis Title: “Retaining Compassion: Resisting Motivated Emotion Regulation Through Trust in Intuition”
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Shaun P. Cook

WESTON BRYCE CHAMBERS – Applied Engineering, Safety & Technology
Thesis Advisor: Dr. John R. Wright

DIETRICH GEHRON – Applied Engineering, Safety & Technology
Thesis Title: “Machine Vision Techniques for Object and Line Tracking”
Thesis Advisor: Dr. John R. Wright

ERIN ASHLEY JONES – Earth Sciences
Thesis Title: “Assimilation of Local Observations into the WRF Model”
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Alex DeCaria

MICHAEL BANKS LOCKWOOD JR. – Government
Thesis Title: “Defunding of Higher Education by State Governments”
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Nivedita Bagchi

ANDREW J. MILLER – Applied Engineering, Safety & Technology
Thesis Title: “Osburn Hall Promotional Music Video Project”
Thesis Advisor: Dr. John R. Wright

BRYANNE A. MINNELLA – Music
Thesis Title: “Die schöne Müllerin - Performance, Application and Analysis of a Major Biedermeier Era Song Cycle”
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Micheal B. Houlanhan
GRADUATES OF THE HONORS COLLEGE

Kelly Ann Brieva
  Business Administration

Erin Ashley Jones
  Meteorology, summa cum laude

Michael Banks Lockwood Jr.
  Government & Political Affairs, cum laude

Bryanne A. Minnella
  Music, cum laude
  Music Education, cum laude

UNIVERSITY HONORS

SUMMA CUM LAUDE - HIGHEST HONORS

Kilash J. Anthraper

Rachel Bye

Jesse J. Greider

Alexis Ann Guignet

Mikayla Grace Horst

Erin Ashley Jones

Brooke Catherine Keefer

Amanda Carolyn Sample

Ashley W. Tien

Esther E. Verkouw

MAGNA CUM LAUDE - HIGH HONORS

Nina Rose Andreucci

Jolene R. Bechtel

Danielle Elizabeth Bentzel

Lucas M. Betterton

Alyssa S. Bomberger

Madeleine Bourgeois

Tessa Jo Brandsema

Alicia D. Denmark

Amy Kathleen Diamond

Megan Dougherty

Elizabeth Avery Ebert

Sophia Emmi

Siloe B. Garcia Elizalde

Vincent Guidos

Andria L. Harpold

Kristin Nicole Hellman

Raven R. Hinton

Kelly Jacob

Kelsey G. Kennedy

Emily Landis

Francesca Marie Licata

Veronica Elizabeth Luce

Zachary A. Mansfield

Alexa Michele Mohler

Meagan Anne Newmister

Nicole Lee Rinier

Owen R. Sechrist

Molly Frances Tomlinson

Alison Elizabeth Wycherley

Timothy K. Zettlemoyer
CUM LAUDE - HONORS

Alyssa N. Agricoli
Keirstyn Noel Allulis
Jean Berno Elie
Connor Lloyd Blevins
Rachel Lynn Campbell
Stephanie Carpenter
Amy Elizabeth Casassa
Leah Elizabeth Comiskey
Jessie Nicole Cucciarre
Hayden Edward Delia
Molly M. Eckman
Erin E. Estep
Trisha Lynn Faust
Marvin R. Goins
Tyler Gross
Stacie Marie Hallinan
Rebecca Lynn Hart
Jennifer Renee Hinson
Kristen Leigh Hricko
Theresa Hazel Kusy
Marie Herstine Leatherman
Erin Margaret Lee
Luke Thomas Leonard
Maria Rose Letra
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Victoria Nicole Lorenski
Anthony M. Malacari
Rachel Manieri
Dejya Jenay Mason
Haylie Christine McQuillen
Justin Messersmith
Bryanne A. Minnella
Eden Maris Montalvo
Tyler T. Morris
Evelyn Ortiz Ayllon
Victoria Ann Pardun
Emily Anne Pearse
Niomi Anitra Ramirez
Christopher Alexander Rice
Jessica Caryn Rubin
Grace Amaranth Scavicchio
Joseph Charles Semken
Samantha A. Shiner
Matthew T. Shirk
Thomas A. Snyder
Kelly A. Sweinhart
Alexis Ann Thomas
Elizabeth M. Thompson
Jennifer Lynn Werkheiser
Hannah L. Whitmire
Jenae E. Yoder

HONORS AT THE ASSOCIATE DEGREE LEVEL

Weston Bryce Chambers

2Spring 2019 Graduate
CANDIDATES FOR
BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

COLLEGE OF ARTS, HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Caleb M. Albert
BS Business Administration

Keirstyn Noel Allulis
BA History

Sabra Baker
BS Speech Communication

Jolene R. Bechtel
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Lungelo M. Bechtel
BA Government & Political Affairs

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Dalton Arthur Bideau
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Yomyra O. Burgos
BA Government & Political Affairs Geography

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BA History

Kody Eberly
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BDES Interactive & Graphic Design BFA Art

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BA Music

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Amber L. Kuhns
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Abigail T. Budnyk
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Loukes Cherelus
BS Biology
Matthew Coleman
BS Applied Engineering & Technology Mgmt
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Kyle M. Copenhaver
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Rachel Nicole Crawford
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Jonathan Joseph Czarnecki
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**BS**  Applied Engineering & Technology Mgmt  

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**COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**  

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**AT**  Applied Engineering & Technology  

Analeesa Maria Marvel  
**AT**  Applied Engineering & Technology  

Robert M. Rushemeza  
**AT**  Applied Engineering & Technology  

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2Winter 2019 Graduate
ACADEMIC SYMBOLISM

Academic ceremonies are steeped in centuries-old ritual. The elaborate trappings contribute to the pageantry and dignity of the occasion and convey the continuity of academic tradition from medieval times to the present. Incorporating those traditions here today unites Millersville University with the community of scholars and institutions of higher learning at all times and in all places.

The Academic Procession
The academic procession that begins and ends most academic ceremonies is a descendant of the clerical procession. Millersville's processions, formed in ranks of two, are led by one of the most senior faculty members carrying the University mace, followed by the candidates for degrees, the University faculty, the Council of Trustees and platform party, and the University president and guest speaker. The recession is reversed with the president and the guest speaker leading the trustees and platform party off the stage. The marshals carry staves that were designed by the late Dr. Dominick Fanani, professor of art emeritus, and cast in brass by Mr. Ralph Miller of the Department of Industry and Technology, now known as the Department of Applied Engineering, Safety and Technology. The hollow rods are topped with a mortarboard, representing higher education, and a stylized M for Millersville.

The Mace
The staff carried at the front of the academic procession is called a mace and represents the authority of the University Council of Trustees. Millersville's handsome mace was designed by the late Mr. Henry J. Kauffman, who was a professor of industrial arts emeritus. The long, heavy club is made of wood surmounted by a replica of the Old Main tower in brass.

The University Seal
Most colleges and universities use institutional seals on important documents such as college diplomas. Imprinting the seal in wax to authenticate official documents is no longer done, but the display of the seal at official ceremonies represents that authority. Millersville University's seal, a gift of the class of 1916, is worn on a gold chain by the University president. It was designed by the late Mr. Robert Hostetter, associate professor of industrial arts emeritus.

Academic Attire
The academic costume has always consisted of three parts: the gown, the hood and the cap. It has traditionally been worn at commencement exercises as a record of the academic achievement of the participants. Its use originated in the Middle Ages, when all undergraduates were required to wear clerical robes similar in style to those of the regular clergy. This type of dress was appropriate since all students were expected to enter the ranks of the clergy. The colors on the robe, the hood and the tassel represent the status and discipline of the wearer. The color of the velvet bands on each hood and robe represents the scholar's field of learning, while the colors of the school awarding the degree are shown in the lining of the hood. Some schools, such as Harvard, use a distinctive color for the entire gown. In this country a color system was adopted in 1893 to identify the academic discipline in which the degree was earned. Some of the most frequently seen hood colors, and the field of learning represented by each, are white, arts and letters; drab, business administration; copper, economics; light blue, education; orange, engineering; lemon, library science; pink, music; apricot, nursing; dark blue, philosophy; sage green, physical education; golden yellow, science; citron, social work; and scarlet, theology.

Cords distinguish those students who have earned Departmental Honors, University Honors, and/or who have graduated from the University's Honors College. Graduates may wear as many cords as they qualify for. The colors, and the academic achievement they represent, are as follows: white, cum laude; silver, magna cum laude; gold, summa cum laude; purple, University Honors College; red, Departmental Honors; and green and blue, study abroad.

The tassels for bachelor's and master's degrees are usually black, while the tassels of the doctorate caps are usually gold. Traditionally, tassels are worn on the right side of the degree candidate's cap; after the degree is granted, the tassel is worn on the left side of the cap.
SENIOR CLASS GIFT REMARKS –
Casey Craven ’18

There is a tradition of giving at Millersville University. Since 1866, each graduating class has had an opportunity to leave their legacy at the University they call home. For the past few years, a committee of students from this graduating class has met to decide how the Class of 2018 could continue this tradition and leave their mark at Millersville University. It is with great pride and honor that I make this statement on behalf of the Class of 2018:

In appreciation and recognition of our educational experience at Millersville University, the Class of 2018 hereby presents our senior gift.

The Class of 2018 resolves to contribute to the Senior Class Gift Endowment so that the fund will reach threshold. At a fully endowed state, the fund will exist in perpetuity and be used for scholarship support in addition to helping future annual class projects.

Graduates, you can be proud that the Class of 2018 will be remembered for their pride and generosity.

Dr. Wubah, please accept this gift as a token of our sincere gratitude to Millersville University for providing us with a strong educational experience that has prepared us well for our future.
COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

Dr. Daniel Greenstein

Dr. Daniel Greenstein became the fifth chancellor of Pennsylvania’s State System of Higher Education on September 4, 2018. In that role, he serves as chief executive officer of the State System, which operates Pennsylvania’s 14 public universities, including Millersville University, serving more than 100,000 students. The chancellor works with the Board of Governors to recommend and develop overall policies for the System.

Greenstein previously led the Postsecondary Success strategy at the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, where he worked with other higher education leaders across the country on initiatives designed to raise educational-attainment levels and to promote economic mobility, especially among low-income and minority students. He developed and implemented a national strategy for increasing the number of degrees awarded and for reducing the attainment gaps among majority and non-majority students at U.S. colleges and universities.

Before joining the foundation, Greenstein was Vice Provost for Academic Planning and Programs for the University of California (UC) system. In that role, he oversaw system-wide academic planning and programs, including the University of California Press; the California Digital Library; the UC system’s Education Abroad Program; internship programs in Washington, D.C., and Sacramento; and UC Online Education.

Greenstein has created and led several internet-based academic information services in the United States and the United Kingdom, and served on boards and acted in strategic consulting roles for educational, cultural heritage, and information organizations. He began his academic career as a senior lecturer in Modern History at Glasgow University in Scotland.

He holds both bachelor’s and master’s degrees from the University of Pennsylvania and a Ph.D. from the University of Oxford. An enthusiastic cyclist, Dan and his wife, Melissa, have two children.
HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENTS

Dr. John M. Anderson

Dr. John M. Anderson served as the 14th president of Millersville University from April 2013 through June 2018. Prior to his appointment at Millersville, Anderson was the 11th president of Alfred State College, in Alfred, New York. He also served as executive vice president and provost at Hartwick College in Oneonta, New York.

In addition, Anderson has a distinguished career as a professor and academic leader including as a faculty senate chair and convener of the State University of New York – SUNY’s governance leaders; supplemented by more than 20 years in a variety of senior-level administrative posts including as president, executive vice president and provost at a variety of institutions.

Community involvement has been an important part of his life. One of his most rewarding experiences has been serving as a board member, and at times an officer, of Springbrook, Inc., a not-for-profit organization with approximately 1,200 employees that supports children and adults with developmental disabilities, located near Cooperstown, New York. In the Lancaster community, Anderson served as a trustee on the board of Lancaster General Health, on the Lancaster Partnership Program Committee, the Lancaster SCORE Advisory Council, the Board of Directors for the Economic Development Company of Lancaster County. He also chaired the Sustainable Development Committee of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities. On the state level, Anderson served on the governor’s Tuition Account Programs Advisory Board.

Since his retirement, Anderson has been retained by LeChase Construction, New York, as their higher education market leader where he offers insight on emerging trends in higher education construction and identifies critical needs facing today’s higher education leaders.

Anderson has a Ph.D. in education from Cornell University, a M.A. in physics from SUNY Geneseo, a B.A. in physics from SUNY Brockport, and an A.S. in math and science from Westchester Community College. He also received post-graduate education at Harvard University.

Vivien Gerber Anderson

Vivien Gerber Anderson is the former First Lady of Millersville University and wife of John M. Anderson, the 14th president of the University. Anderson grew up in Brockport, New York, where she attended State University College at Brockport. She met her husband at the State University and they have been married for 34 years.

She was previously an elementary school teacher, teaching fourth grade and a variety of computer courses, for 18 years. Academia runs in her family; her father was a college English professor, and her oldest brother is a member of the faculty at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago.

She was involved in various committees on and off Millersville University’s campus, including the Arts Advisory Council at the Ware & Winter Centers and the board of directors at the Fulton Theatre. Each semester she graciously hosted numerous student groups in Tanger House, the president’s residence.

Anderson is the mother of two grown daughters. Katie works in public administration in New York, and Shelly is a photographer in California.
ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY

Millersville University is one of the most highly regarded public universities in its region of the United States. Millersville is home to a faculty of dedicated educators considered among the very best in their disciplines. The University is distinguished by intelligent, hardworking students who embrace the life of the Lancaster area and contribute substantially to its betterment. Graduates are much sought after by employers, and many earn their way into the most rigorous programs offered by the finest graduate schools. Each Millersville class sends well-trained professionals and caring citizens into the communities of the Commonwealth.

Millersville's faculty and staff recognize that every student arrives with energy, intelligence and promise. With access to world-class educational resources, a solid liberal arts foundation and a closely collaborative learning environment, students are taught, mentored and inspired by professors who pay attention to the context of their students' lives beyond the classroom. Millersville professors work with their students' individual talents and skills, encouraging in each a passion to know more and a hunger to achieve.

From opening day in 1855, Millersville has demanded the best from its students. At the same time, the faculty, staff and administrators have always found a way to give each and every student a helping hand or the extra push they need to excel. In addition to academic opportunities, Millersville provides a broad-based support system to nourish body and spirit. Experiential learning programs, athletic teams, and diverse clubs and organizations help the community, as well as the students, to strengthen and flourish.

Millersville's four colleges offer innovative programs taught by leading professors in their fields who produce learning opportunities that are both comprehensive and deep, often beyond the depth available in larger universities or private colleges. The quality of academic programs is directly related to the qualifications of the faculty. Millersville's faculty is the most highly credentialed faculty in the State System; 98 percent possess the highest degree available in their field. Students are taught by these professors, never by teaching assistants. As a result, students work with intensity and passion, excited by the possibilities of study in a wide range of sub-disciplines. Many dig deeper, joining their professors in collaborative undergraduate research projects. Given these rich educational opportunities, Millersville students are inspired not only to earn a degree, but to make a continuing contribution as scholars in their chosen fields of study.

A Brief History of Millersville

Millersville has the distinction of being Pennsylvania's first state-owned university, founded in 1855 as a normal school. In the mid-19th century, normal schools were developed throughout the East as a way to train teachers for the country's fast-growing new public schools. In Lancaster County, James P. Wickersham was in charge of the public schools and was convinced of the need for training programs for teachers. He held his own program, a teacher's institute, in the little borough of Millersville in a brand-new building that had been constructed as a private academy for children of the area. After its success, he then convinced the town fathers who had built the school to permit it to be used instead as a permanent normal school.

For the next 100 years, Millersville's purpose was to prepare teachers, and it did so with great success. Its reputation as an institution of excellence was established during the period when it was operating two-year and later four-year programs to prepare the individuals who taught the children of this Commonwealth. It became famous not only for its elementary and secondary teaching programs, but also for its special programs to prepare industrial arts teachers and school librarians.

Over the years, the school's name changed several times. Wickersham called it the Lancaster County Normal School. In 1859, when it was four years old, the school was officially recognized by the state legislature, and its name became The First Pennsylvania State Normal School. That lengthy title was gradually changed by usage to Millersville State Normal School. It was purchased in 1917 from the original stockholders by the Commonwealth and became a state-owned normal school. Eventually all of the normal schools across the state were purchased and became the State Normal Schools. Their names were changed to the State Teachers Colleges as they were granted college status and allowed to award four-year baccalaureate degrees. Millersville achieved college status in 1927.

In 1959, the name was changed to Millersville State College and soon to follow were a great many new four-year baccalaureate programs in the arts and sciences. Also added were master's-degree programs,
at first in teacher education and later in many other fields. On July 1, 1983, the college became Millersville University of Pennsylvania, and the 14 state-owned colleges became the State System of Higher Education.

Millersville University Today

During Millersville's evolution from a normal school to a university, its reputation as a good training ground for teachers has not diminished. Teacher certification programs are available across all schools in Special Education, Elementary and Early Childhood Education, a wide selection of Secondary Education programs, Technology and Engineering Education, Art Education and Music Education.

The College of Education and Human Services is home to the following departments: Educational Foundations; Early, Middle and Exceptional Education; Psychology; Wellness and Sport Sciences; and the School of Social Work.

The College of Science and Technology is comprised of the following departments: Applied Engineering, Safety and Technology; Biology; Chemistry; Computer Science; Earth Sciences; Geography; Mathematics, Nursing and Physics. Offerings in the health fields include Respiratory Therapy; Medical Technology; Nuclear Medicine Technology; Pre-Athletic Training; Pre-Med; Pre-Optometry; Pre-Pharmacy and Pre-Podiatry.

The College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences is the home of the liberal arts disciplines in humanities and social sciences, including the departments of Art and Design, Business Administration, Communication and Theatre, Economics, English, Government and Political Affairs, History, Language and Culture Studies, Music, Philosophy and Sociology/Anthropology. The College also offers interdisciplinary programs in African-American Studies, Entrepreneurship, International Studies, Latino Studies and Women and Gender Studies.

The College of Graduate Studies and Adult Learning was established in fall 2009 following 50 years of graduate program offerings. Today, Millersville offers more than 50 graduate-degree and certification programs that serve the needs of adult learners in our community and beyond.

Integrated Studies is a high-quality, individualized post secondary education course of study for individuals with intellectual disability that leads to social and professional networks, careers and bright futures. Each student receives person-centered planning through the creation of a PATH (Planning Alternative Tomorrows with Hope) to identify their vocational goal and establish an individual plan for employment. Students receive support from trained personnel, including coaches, mentors, faculty and staff. This inclusive initiative is intended to strengthen our academic community and the broader community as well.

The University's curriculum is continuously studied and adjusted to allow for the development of programs to meet the needs of students. Millersville University's new major, Multidisciplinary Studies (MDST), is an innovative and flexible program of study that builds on the University's existing strengths in the liberal arts and sciences. With careful advisement, students are provided an opportunity to tailor studies to better meet their academic strengths and career goals.

In 2015 as part of Millersville University's strategic plan, three doctoral programs were launched. The programs are Doctorate of Education in Educational Leadership (Ed.D.), Doctor of Social Work (D.S.W.) and Doctor of Nursing Practice (D.N.P.).

This fine selection of curriculum offerings, together with the dedicated faculty, comprise the heart of the University. But Millersville's excellent reputation is also based on its efforts in other areas. It has outstanding athletic, intramural and recreational programs. It offers a wide range of cultural activities both for educational and entertainment purposes. The Winter Visual and Performing Arts Center opened in fall 2012 and houses the Department of Music, state-of-the-art facilities, including performance and recital halls, recording suites, Yamaha Disklavier and the Yamaha Clavinova piano labs. The Ware Center, in downtown Lancaster, is dedicated to innovation, engagement and creativity, and the facility offers space for academic studies as well as elegant performance areas and cultural events programs.

The 250-acre main campus is well-tended, and the park-like area around the campus pond is regarded as a special place by students, where they can sit and enjoy the outdoors and watch the swans Miller and S'Ville. The McNairy Library and Learning Forum, science labs and other classroom facilities are excellent.

All of these factors, together with an attitude of concern for students and their welfare and a commitment to teaching and learning, comprise what is Millersville. There is a good deal of pride at Millersville University—pride that parents and friends of graduates rightfully share.
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GREETINGS FROM THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

Dear Graduate,

Today is a milestone moment that will forever resonate as a major life achievement. On behalf of the Millersville University Alumni Association, I congratulate you for your dedication and perseverance that advanced you to this day. As you cross the stage and receive your diploma, you will join the ranks of more than 67,000 Millersville University alumni worldwide. Your class will become the newest members of the Millersville University Alumni Association (MUAA). I’m honored to be the first to welcome you into this prestigious group of Marauders for life.

MUAA was founded in 1861 and strives to keep alumni connected and engaged with their alma mater through communications, events and services. Our website, villealumni.com, and our social media accounts serve as popular community networking platforms for alumni across the globe. Moving forward, you will receive communications from the University and the Alumni Association and have access to benefits and services for MU alumni, including special rates and programs for a variety of insurance and banking products.

In addition to these benefits, we host a variety of engaging events and programs throughout the year including Homecoming weekend, MU After Work receptions, reunions and networking opportunities. We encourage you to come home to Millersville for University-sponsored activities and to connect at regional events.

We are honored to have our graduates representing Millersville University as proud alumni. Please stay in touch and keep us updated with your contact details and informed about personal and professional developments, including career changes. We often feature these updates in our University magazine, the Millersville Review.

We wish you, and your family and friends celebrating with you, sincere congratulations on your accomplishments. May your future endeavors yield much success!

Best regards,

MIKE HENRY ’83
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DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD

This is the most prestigious award bestowed upon a living alumnus of Millersville University who has been distinguished in such a way as to bring honor to the individual for his/her professional achievements, contributions to society, to the University and/or the MU Alumni Association. (Est. 1971)

David Hoffa ’01, Ph.D.

Dr. David Hoffa graduated from Millersville University’s Industrial Technology program in 2001 and went on to earn both his master’s and doctoral degrees. Following his graduate work, Hoffa made many significant contributions in both industry and academia. He developed a “people first” management style and became focused on continual improvement of himself and others. Hoffa applied his advanced training in teaching, statistics and manufacturing technologies to his career path, advancing him from technical roles in quality and research & development to a Regional Master Black Belt at Cameron International Corporation in 2012. His focus on development allowed Hoffa to not only excel in corporate management, but also become a conduit of growth for the people with whom he has worked. Investing in others is his deepest passion.

Nathan Wich, Operations Lead at Johnson & Johnson, said, “I grew more as a professional and a leader in the year that David Hoffa led me than in the nine preceding years. David’s goal was obvious – to ensure everyone on the team had a chance to develop their skills. He constantly drove me, and others, to be better. My Green Belt Certification was made possible because of his direct influence.”

In his current role as a Process Engineering Manager at Johnson & Johnson, Hoffa leans on his education in process improvement, quality and operations management every day. To date, he has helped companies save more than $31 million using Lean and Six Sigma, and has supported the careers of dozens of his coworkers by helping them to close improvement projects, earn certifications and secure promotions.

In addition to the many awards, honors, published works, grants, and certifications that he has amassed since his graduation from Millersville, Hoffa was recognized in 2017 with the Association of Technology, Management and Applied Engineering’s second highest service distinction, the Dr. Alvin Rudisill Exemplary Service Award. Hoffa was the 26th recipient in the 52-year old professional association.
HONORARY ALUMNI AWARD

This award, established in 1993, is presented to a living individual (non-MU alumnus) who has performed continuous exemplary service to the University or made significant contributions of time, talent or wealth to the university.

Susan P. Luek, Ph.D.

Dr. Susan Luek contributed a great deal to Millersville during her 40-year career as a professor, and continues to give even in retirement. From 1972 until 2012, Luek taught psychology and oversaw the operation of Millersville’s experimental rat laboratory. Byerly Hall, which houses Millersville’s psychology department, was renamed Luek Hall in her honor in fall 2017.

Luek valued her time at Millersville greatly and said that she “never considered going anywhere else.” Her favorite class to teach was general psychology. “I enjoy seeing the students get turned on to psychology, and that happens in the introductory course,” she said. In 2010-11 she was named Millersville’s first Educator of the Year, an award given to one faculty member annually in recognition of sustained outstanding teaching, counseling and mentoring.

Her contributions have been financial, as well. The Susan P. Luek High Impact Practices Endowment was established using a $360,000 gift given by her personally. The endowment supports student and faculty research needs, including costs associated with research, instructional technology and conferences. “Millersville was always very good to me,” she said. “It makes sense to give back.”

In addition to teaching at Millersville, Luek served as advisor for the MU Psychology Club and brought the honors society in psychology, Psi Chi, to campus in 1989. Along with Dr. Ruth Benns-Suter, she started the Women’s Center, and helped to initiate Millersville’s honors program, which is now known as the Honors College. She served on Faculty Senate and judged the Lancaster County Science and Engineering Fair for more than 30 years. Additionally she holds honor society membership with Phi Beta Kappa, Phi Kappa Phi, Sigma Xi, Psi Chi, and Pi Lambda Theta.

Luek continues to visit Millersville frequently to meet with friends and colleagues and to advise students. “Advising is so important for students; it’s something I really enjoy.” She also volunteers with the American Red Cross and American Heart Association.
OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD

This award recognizes a living alumni member who is an active volunteer and has demonstrated outstanding service by devoting significant time and effort to the Millersville University Alumni Association or to Millersville University on behalf of the Alumni Association. (Est. 2010, previously The Outstanding Service Award)

Jerri Anne Johnson ’76, ’87M

Jerri Anne Johnson’s passion for teaching has been a hallmark of her career and service to Millersville University. Johnson stayed close to home following her undergraduate work, teaching in the School District of Lancaster for 10 years. She then returned to MU to earn her Master of Education degree. While studying psychology during her master’s training, Johnson authored a research paper entitled, “The Effects of Stimulant Drugs on Hyperactive Children.” This sparked an interest in medical research, which later led her to Abbott Laboratories.

While at Abbott, Johnson’s positions varied as she earned increasing responsibility over her 26-year career. She joined the company in territory sales, advanced to research and development and even directed a global program to improve the diagnosis and treatment of women with heart disease. Regardless of the role, Johnson used her education training to adapt her presentation style to the personality of the health care provider. She said, “As a result, I came across as more of a true educator instead of a used-car salesman. Millersville gave me the tools and confidence I needed to exceed my wildest expectations in my professional life. To think I could be teaching sixth grade for almost 10 years and then have the opportunity to manage more than 50 M.D.s, Ph.D.s and Pharm.D.s during my career. I never really stopped teaching—it was the students that changed.”

Johnson was the first in her family to attend college and recognized the value of giving back to the University. Her passion for students shines through as she serves as a student mentor, research proposal reviewer, and MU Commencement volunteer. Johnson has been volunteering with the Millersville University Alumni Association since 2005, first as a board member, then as President-Elect, President, and Immediate Past President – a six year commitment. But her work didn’t end there. Johnson also sits on the Nominations and Awards Committee and has faithfully volunteered at numerous events.

Her fellow MUAA past president, Lori Dierolf ’91, said of Johnson, “She has a lifelong dedication to education and has been a generous donor to Millersville University, devoting many years and countless hours to her alma mater.”

Johnson received the Star Mentor of the Year Award for her work with underserved students, and she has served on Millersville University search committees. Additionally, Johnson regularly volunteers during senior send-off, homecoming, the Community-University Parade, and the Women’s Giving Circle. Her philanthropy includes proudly endowing two scholarships in memory of her parents and her beloved son, Chad.

In addition to her support at Millersville, Johnson has served as an elder on the board at her church, as a member of the board of the J.P. McCaskey Alumni Association, as well as the national boards of directors for the Preeclampsia Foundation and The National Coalition of Women with Heart Disease (WomenHeart).

Asked why she serves, Johnson thoughtfully replied, “Getting to know students from across the spectrum of our MU population has really taught me so much. Hearing the challenges so many of today’s students face, and the obstacles they have overcome, inspires me to help where I can to make that load just a bit lighter.”
YOUNG ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Created in 2012, this award recognizes Millersville University baccalaureate graduates identified as being outstanding in their professions and who serve as an example of exemplary achievement to current MU students. All baccalaureate graduates of MU, within the past 5-20 years at time of nomination, who have recorded notable accomplishments in their chosen professions are eligible for this award.

T. Joseph Dennes III ’04, Ph.D.

Dr. Joseph Dennes graduated with departmental honors from Millersville University in 2004 with a bachelor’s degree in chemistry. While at Millersville, he received many impressive awards including the American Chemical Society Southeastern PA Section Award, a National Science Foundation Undergraduate Research Fellowship and the Millersville University Search for Excellence Scholarship.

Dennes earned his Ph.D. in materials chemistry from Princeton University in 2008, where he was recognized with the Hubert Alyea Teaching Award and Miles Pickering Teaching Award for outstanding service as a teaching assistant. He also received the Princeton University Wyeth Seminar Series Award—a fellowship given to the graduate student whose seminar was deemed best in teaching attendees about his or her research.

Dr. Ed Rajaseelan, professor and chair of chemistry at Millersville University, said of Dennes, “I always appreciated his exemplary character.

He has participated in events organized by the MU Career Services, and I am confident he will be a great asset to the MU Alumni Association.”

Dennes is in his 10th year of service at DuPont Central Research & Development. In 2017, Dennes was appointed to lead the Kevlar® and Nomex® Mass Transportation and Composites businesses for DuPont where he is responsible for developing and executing the growth strategy and is responsible for the overall financial performance of the business. He has authored more than 30 patents.

T. Joseph Dennes III ’04, Ph.D.
Leslie Gates ’03, Ph.D.

Dr. Leslie Gates earned a Bachelor of Science in Education degree in art education from Millersville University in 2003. She earned her master's in curriculum and instruction from Shepherd University in West Virginia and her Ph.D. in curriculum and instruction from the University of Maryland, College Park.

In 2012, Gates returned to Millersville as a faculty member in the Department of Art & Design, where she currently serves as an associate professor of art education.

Kelly Davis ’95 nominated Gates for this award because “Dr. Gates is a wonderful example of what makes Millersville University an outstanding learning institution. She is a much-respected voice on campus and a well-known collaborator whose work benefits her students, colleagues, department, the community and University as a whole.”

Gates was named Pennsylvania Art Education Association's (PAEA) Art Educator of the Year in 2017-18. Last year, she relaunched “Saturday Art School,” in which local students take art courses from undergraduate art education majors. That work earned Gates the Mary McMullan Grant in 2018.

Gates has served on PAEA's Board of Directors from 2009-2017 and has been involved in planning their annual conference since 2010. Gates initiated the Legacy Breakfast series, and she was honored by PAEA as the Elementary Art Educator of the Year in 2007. She has presented at the National Art Education Association's annual conference.

Michelle Kaufman ’03, Ph.D.

Dr. Michelle R. Kaufman is an assistant professor in the Department of Health, Behavior & Society at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. Kaufman graduated from Millersville in 2003. As a social psychologist, she studies how interpersonal relationships and social factors contribute to health disparities, and how behavior-change interventions can mitigate these factors. Her work focuses primarily on how gender roles, sexuality and social status put individuals at risk for poor health outcomes.

Millersville University professor emeritus Dr. G. Alfred Forsyth and his wife, Peggy, who is also a retired MU professor, nominated Kaufman for this award. “She applied her outstanding critical thinking abilities to multiple research problems and carried each project through to conference presentations. She has blended together perfectly her scholarly research interests and her caring human behavior social action interests into a single powerhouse career,” remarked Alfred Forsyth.

Kaufman has authored more than 30 peer-reviewed publications. She has four manuscripts under review focusing on sexual violence and has presented at more than 60 scientific meetings. Kaufman sits on an advisory panel for the National Mentoring Research Board and is an executive board member of the My Brother’s Keeper Initiative. She has also invested her time and talent supporting New Choices and New Beginnings programs for at-risk females in Lancaster.

Kaufman has current and past projects in the U.S., Nepal, South Africa, Tanzania, Ethiopia, Malawi, Zimbabwe, Côte d’Ivoire and Indonesia. Her most recent work focuses on how mentoring can contribute to better health outcomes for urban adolescents, a project that was granted nearly $900,000.
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O say, can you see, by the dawn’s early light,
What so proudly we hail’d at the twilight’s last gleaming?
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, thro’ the perilous fight,
O’er the ramparts we watch’d, were so gallantly streaming?
And the rockets’ red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof thro’ the night that our flag was still there.
O say does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O’er the land of the free and the home of the brave?