Happy Holidays!

We have made substantial progress as a campus community over the past few months.

It is during this time of year that we celebrate and give thanks. It is a time for reflection, introspection, and appreciation for the events of the past year. I humbly offer a special thanks to the entire Penn State Schuylkill family – our faculty, staff, students, alumni, advisory board members, and friends; we are grateful for your unwavering commitment to the advancement of our campus. It is through your collective support that we are known as a leading institution of higher education in the state of Pennsylvania and beyond.

Our campus traces its beginning back to the strong leadership of local community and business leaders, as well as local legislators who were committed to making affordable high quality higher education available to the citizens of Schuylkill County and beyond. As part of one of the best research institutions in the world, this quality experience has now been provided at Penn State Schuylkill for nearly 80 years. In fact, Penn State was recently recognized as the 49th best research institution in the world, one of only two universities in the state of Pennsylvania with such a distinction.
I would like to share some exciting news that will impact our future students so that the best and brightest can attend Penn State Schuylkill. There will be a substantial investment in new scholarships beginning next year. Specifically, there are two new academic scholarships, one is for students who are enrolled in our Honors program and the other will be widely available for students who demonstrate academic excellence.

We are proud of our distinction as a high quality academic institution. According to a survey by The Wall Street Journal, we were recently recognized as the No. 1 School in the country among recruiters from leading companies, non-profits, and government agencies. This is extremely relevant, as the number of jobs in this increasingly globalized world that is driven by technological advances that requires a college degree, continues to rise each year.

The Classroom Building underwent a major renovation to the science laboratories. With the assistance of a $590,000 grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF), we have completed a significant transformation of the biology research laboratory. The research lab contains an updated greenhouse and an animal room where the science faculty will be able to conduct their research in a modern facility with updated equipment. Furthermore, a new teaching laboratory has been constructed adjacent to the research lab. This new state of the art laboratory includes the latest technology, furniture, and equipment. These efforts are consistent with our focus to advance in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) and were made possible through a very generous contribution by Steve and Marjorie Cotler. A dedication of the new Cotler Life Science Lab and reception is scheduled for January 17, 2013.

The Chancellor’s office made available to our faculty $20,000 for research and development, which is $16,000 higher than previous years. Below are the faculty members that received funding for their research.

**Research Development Grant Funding - FALL 2012**

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Our distinguished faculty continues to provide exceptional teaching, scholarship, and service to Penn State Schuylkill. Ronald Kelly sponsored his undergraduate student Erin Witmer's original research titled “Effects of Sexual Assault Crimes on College Campuses” at this year’s Northeastern Association of Criminal Justice Sciences 36th annual conference, “Intellectuals or Entrepreneurs? Criminal Justice Education and Practice in the 21st Century,” in Portsmouth, RI. Erin presented her research along with students from eighteen other states and she earned first place in the
undergraduate paper contest, which included a year’s free membership in the Northeastern Association of Criminal Justice Sciences and a sizeable monetary reward.

Dr. Elinor Madigan, assistant professor of information sciences and technology at Penn State Schuylkill, was selected for The Faces of Penn State campaign that showcases the personal accomplishments, public contributions, and pioneering spirit resulting from the Penn State experience, education, and community. Far beyond Pennsylvania, our Penn State family makes a difference across every American state and territory — as well as more than 164 countries on six continents across the globe. With an alumni base of more than half a million, an outstanding and impressive cadre of faculty and staff, and a student base fueled with intense passion and dreams for the future, our community works every day to improve the world around us.

The people of the campaign embody Penn State’s values of teaching, research, and service; are recognizable members of our campus communities; and have achieved significant personal or professional achievements. They are students, faculty, staff, administrators, alumni, and local community members whose collective accomplishments and achievements leave their communities and the world at large better than we found it. We are proud that the University has recognized and celebrated Dr. Madigan’s work.

I want to offer a brief update on our campus’ fundraising efforts. For the Future: the Campaign for Penn State Students is a University-wide effort directed toward a shared vision of Penn State as the most comprehensive, student-centered research university in America. The campaign is engaging alumni and friends as partners in achieving a number of key objectives. For the Future is the most ambitious effort of its kind in Penn State’s history, with the goal of securing $2 billion by 2014. Penn State Schuylkill’s progress in the campaign was significant. Through November 30, 2012, the campus has raised $4,116,128. This amount represents an extremely important milestone for our campus, as we are now at 102.95% of our total goal, nearly eighteen months ahead of the campaign schedule. Much work still remains to be done as we advance forward the needs of the campus, particularly related to the goal of making higher education more affordable.

A great illustration of the generosity we are so thankful for is a recent gift made possible through the John E. Morgan Foundation. The $250,000 gift will enable us to make significant improvements to the John E. Morgan Auditorium at Penn State Schuylkill. A series of renovations and technical upgrades will enhance the much-used facility that serves our student body and nearby communities.

The Penn State Schuylkill Alumni Society and the Schuylkill County Chapter were recognized at the Annual Volunteer Awards Dinner hosted by the Penn State Alumni Association for the Penn State Day at Knoebels Grove Amusement Resort event.

We are extremely humbled and honored to have been selected to The 2013 Military Friendly Schools® list, which honors the top 15 percent of colleges, universities, and trade schools that are doing the most to embrace America’s military service members, veterans and their spouses, as students to ensure their success on campus.

For the first time in the school’s history, the Penn State Schuylkill women’s cross country team
qualified to participate at the United States Collegiate Athletic Association National Cross Country Champions, held November 9, 2012 at Paul Smith’s College, in Lake Placid, N.Y. The Penn State Schuylkill women competed on the challenging Mount Van Hoevenberg 6-kilometer course, which serves as a venue for the Winter Olympics Biathlon Trials. It is with great pride that I share that Penn State Schuylkill freshman Haylee Burnhauser placed ninth in the nation covering the six kilometer course in only 25:35 minutes, earning second-team All-American status.

Penn State Schuylkill partnered with local community organizations in support of community service events as part of a Week of Service during the month of October. These events coincided with the campus’ first Homecoming Week, a successful celebration of our campus’ heritage.

I am continuously inspired by the incredible support for our campus, as we strengthen the common purpose that so strongly connects us. That common purpose is Penn State, and our commitment to its continued success.

Sincerely,

Kelly Austin

Dr. Kelly M. Austin
Chancellor, Penn State Schuylkill
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS
Faculty Accomplishments:

Dr. Nicole Andel, assistant professor of English, presented a talk entitled "Self-Editing" at The Tamaqua Library to the Black Diamond Writers’ Network in September. Dr. Andel also spoke to students at "Looking for Love in All the Wrong Majors," which was an advising event held at Penn State Schuylkill. In November, Dr. Andel spoke about how the ethos of hunting prepares characters in YA novels to grapple with war at the APACA Regional Conference in Pittsburgh PA. Her presentation was entitled, "Learning to Hunt and Hunting to Learn in White’s The Sword in the Stone and Collins’ The Hunger Games."

Dr. Pamela Black, associate professor of administration of justice, reviewed an article, “Psychometric properties and concurrent validity of the CRAFFT among Norwegian adolescents. Ung@hordaland, a population-based study," for the journal, Addictive Behaviors.


THE CAMPUS ADDED TWO NEW SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS WITH AWARD FUNDS TOTALING AN ADDITIONAL $400,000

The Penn State Schuylkill Honors Award and the Penn State Schuylkill Academic Excellence Award reward prospective students’ academic records without any family need consideration. The new annual amount of scholarship dollars that are available to be awarded to Penn State Schuylkill students is over $600,000.

Tammie Durham, director of Enrollment Services, met with superintendents and guidance counselors from the following schools to tell them about this opportunity for local students: Blue Mountain, Mahanoy Area, Minersville, North Schuylkill, Pine Grove, Pottsville, Schuylkill Haven, Shenandoah, Tri-Valley, and Williams Valley. Dr. Austin accompanied Tammie on some of these visits to personally inform the schools of our new scholarship opportunities at Penn State Schuylkill.
Dr. Stephen R. Couch, director of Academic Affairs, taught SOC 011 for fourteen Summer Bridge Academy students for three weeks in July and August. Dr. Couch also provided a review for FWO Vlaanderen (Research Foundation of Flanders) of a research project proposal.

Dr. Hartmut Heep, associate professor of German and comparative literature, completed an online course on web design with Lehigh-Carbon Community College. Dr. Heep designed, programmed, and launched a website for MAMSA (Men’s Studies/Masculinities at PCA/ACA). He also organized and co-hosted a campus guest lecture by Professor William Luis.

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Advised by Mr. Kelly, Penn State Schuylkill’s Criminal Justice Club worked with the Schuylkill Haven Police Department for this year’s Safe Trick-or-Treat. Club members dressed as crazy inmates and were in a prison in front of the station that the club members built. All involved had an amazing time and next year’s plans are already underway. The club also raised money for the Schuylkill County Women in Crisis shelter, donating over $200 in supplies.

Dr. Charles Law (Psychology), Dr. S. Hakan Can (Administration of Justice), and Dr. Helen Hendy (Psychology) have received grants totaling $6,550 from the Faculty-Student Research endowment to launch a new study on "Sources of military stress, associated negative outcomes, and coping mechanisms that may reduce them."
Dr. Elinor Madigan, assistant professor of information sciences and technology, was selected for the Faces of Penn State campaign and includes the following write-up:

“Translating Expertise into Community Solutions: A professor of Information Sciences and Technology (IST) at Penn State Schuylkill for a decade, Dr. Elinor Madigan has served as IST program coordinator for the past six years and is well-known for translating her IT acumen into practical solutions that benefit communities across Pennsylvania.

A recipient of the University-wide IST Outstanding Faculty Award, Elinor’s research has focused on diversity in the field and applications of technology, including how gender impacts confidence vis-à-vis information technology, how family income and parent education impacts first-year university students’ use of technology, and the effectiveness of technology use in emergency management training and operations.

But perhaps her most important work has been helping her students develop an appreciation for the practical applications of the technologies they study—providing a real-world, problem-solving experience while helping local small businesses and organizations enhance their services. To name just a few, she and her students have developed a web-based agricultural map for the Schuylkill County Extension, an inventory database system for Schuylkill Women in Crisis, an online professional development tracking system for the Schuylkill County Technology Center, an inventory monitoring system for a local caterer, and advertising websites for local small businesses. She has also provided continuing education training to local professionals.

Elinor’s commitment to the Schuylkill County community extends far beyond her professional work. She is the vice chair of the Local Emergency Planning Committee, and she serves on the Executive Committee of Service Corps of Retired Executives and the Occupational Advisory Committee of the Schuylkill County Technology Center. She also has developed a computer-based training program for the Schuylkill County Emergency Management team, and has worked with the area YWCA to foster interest in technology skills and careers among teenage girls.

According to one of Elinor’s colleagues, she “embodies the Penn State values of unwavering integrity, respect for diversity, a strong work ethic, and a love of learning that she enthusiastically shares with our campus and larger community … In all her efforts to share her technology skills with our students and
our local community, Dr. Madigan is a fine representative of the integrity and generosity that is the best of Penn State.”

David Norris, M.B.A., instructor in business administration, constructed a template designed to lay the groundwork for the scheduled fall 2013 launch of an accelerated associate degree in Business, targeting primarily adult learners, with expected completion in sixteen months (versus eighteen months at competitor locations). The template was approved by the director of Academic Affairs in October. Implementation specifics were addressed during a strategy session in November with the director of Continuing Education, Dr. Mary Sacavage. Discussions with Dr. Sacavage regarding the accelerated two-year Business degree and business certificate programs will continue.

At the request of the Office of the Vice President for the Commonwealth Campuses and the Bachelor of Science in Business Executive Committee, Dr. Lonnie Golden, associate professor of economics and labor studies-industrial relations at Penn State Abington College, and Mr. Norris have prepared a proposal for a significantly revised Business minor. The latter is interdisciplinary and provides students with a business-oriented supplement to their academic major.

As co-adviser for the Business Society during the fall 2012 semester, Mr. Norris assisted society's officers and members in support of two events, the Etiquette Dinner which was held November 8th (with several campus organizations represented) and an Italian buffet fundraiser at the Oak Hill Restaurant on November 11th. The proceeds of $300 helped defray the costs of an end-of-the-semester field trip on December 14th. This will benefit the Business Society members and, at the request of the Student Affairs Office, interested students from the general campus.

The Community Assessment Survey was the subject of a photo-enhanced feature story that appeared in the November 2012 edition of Haven Highlights, Schuylkill Haven Borough’s community newsletter. Quoting the article: “Our Haven Foundation, the downtown Economic Development Office, and Penn State Schuylkill have together entered into a partnership involving students who have volunteered to assist in administering a Community Assessment Survey.”
**Dr. Valerie Lynn Schrader**, assistant professor of communication arts and sciences, is the recipient of the National States Advisory Council's Scholar of the Year Award for her article, “‘They call me wonderful, so I am wonderful:’ Social Constructionism in the Song ‘Wonderful’ in the Musical Wicked,” which was published in the Pennsylvania Communication Annual in 2011. Dr. Schrader is currently planning the program for the Interpretation and Performance Studies Interest Group of the Eastern Communication Association for their annual convention in Pittsburgh this year. She completed the College Course on Teaching with the Schreyer Institute at University Park this semester, and continues to organize the Penn State Schuylkill speech contest each semester.

**Dr. Lee Silverberg**, assistant professor of chemistry, has had two papers accepted for presentation at the American Chemical Society’s Annual Meeting, to be held April 7-11, 2013 in New Orleans: "Cyclopropylaziridines: Solvolytic reactions of the tosylaziridine of (+)-2-carene," and "Improved synthesis and solid-state NMR of useful iodoimines."


**Dr. Jeffrey Stone**, instructor in information sciences and technology, presented a paper entitled "Implementing Local-Level Educational Policy: A Multi-Year Case Study of a One-to-One Program in a Rural School District" at the Northeastern Political Science Association 2012 Annual Meeting in Boston, MA. Dr. Stone, along with Tricia Clark, submitted a poster proposal entitled “Rewriting Computer Science: Review, Revise, Reflect” to the 44th SIGCSE Technical Symposium on Computer Science Education, which will be held in Denver, CO March 2013.
Dr. Anita Vickers, associate professor of English, successfully completed the Penn State World Campus course, OL 2700: Online Presence, in November 2012. OL 2700 was a three week online course for faculty who had already successfully completed OL 2000. The focus of the course was how instructor presence cultivates a dynamic and enriching learning experience for students.

Denise Whalen, M.A., adjunct instructor, graduated from the Association of Play Therapy Leadership Academy in October while attending the association’s national conference.

**Faculty Manuscripts Published**


Schrader, V. “Rose Blossom Speaks: Reflections of Playing a Heroine in the Old-Fashioned Western Melodrama Deadwood Dick” in Cultural Studies & Critical Methodologies.

**Faculty Manuscripts Accepted**


Black, P. "Conflict Theories of Crime." Encyclopedia of Criminology and Criminal Justice; Wiley Blackwell (editor: Jay Albanese); Acceptance Date August 30, 2012.


Black, P. “Nudism.” Encyclopedia of Social Deviance; Sage (editors: Craig Forsyth and Heith Copps); Acceptance Date October 4, 2012

Black, P. “Pornography.” Encyclopedia of Social Deviance; Sage (editors: Craig Forsyth and Heith Copps); Acceptance Date October 4, 2012

Cantalupo, C. “Hearing the Horn,” Warscapes, forthcoming
CILETTI MEMORIAL LIBRARY

This year, the Ciletti Memorial Library is part of Phase 2 of University Libraries’ new Floating Collection program. This program began last year with four campuses involved in the pilot.

Phase 2 expands the Floating Collection to nine campuses. The Floating Collection involves all circulating books in the permanent collection at a campus library, with the ability to add exceptions where necessary. When checked out by someone at another campus that participates in the Floating Collection, books returned will remain at that location rather than be shipped back to the home library. This program ties into the philosophy that all Penn State Libraries are considered to have one collection, geographically dispersed. You can always request books from any other campus using the "I Want It" button in the CAT, and available books generally arrive here within two to three business days.

DIVISION OF UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES (DUS)

During the fall semester, DUS has been busy settling into their new home located in the Ciletti Memorial Library. Since it has proven to be a high traffic area, we have instituted walk-in availability to all students from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, and those hours saw high usage. New this semester to the department are expanded evening hours and walk-in advising days during each week. We have met with three to four students each evening, so we will continue with this successful change in our availability to students.

The department has greatly increased student contacts during the semester through numerous emails, letters, phone calls, and one-on-one appointments. Our electronic communication with students has increased by over 300 e-mails. Additionally, we produced two mass mailings in October and December for early progress reports and scheduling assistance, respectively. Finally, 69% of the current student body is specifically assigned to the center’s staff but we continue to be available to the entire student population. DUS has also offered workshops to students and participated in the First-Year Seminar program. Academic advisers have been actively involved in the campus Retention Action Team and the Advising Taskforce. Lastly, DUS has begun sending out a weekly newsletter made up of educational tips, advising information, and important deadlines. It is our hope that by using a wide variety of methods to reach our students, we will continue to support them on their academic journeys.

EDUCATIONAL EQUITY

On October 2, 2012, eighty students and several faculty and staff members attended an Evening with Dr. Maya Angelou at The Forum Theatre in Harrisburg, PA, sponsored by Penn State Harrisburg. To a sold out audience, Dr. Angelou’s words offered reflections from our past, gratitude for our present, and inspiration for our future. Dr. Angelou is one of the most renowned and
influential voices of our time. She is a celebrated poet, novelist, educator, actress, historian, and civil rights activist. Her work has been celebrated by legendary figures such as Dr. Martin Luther King and President Clinton. Dr. Angelou’s words continue to stir our souls, energize our bodies, liberate our minds, and heal our hearts.

Debra Simpson-Buchanan attended a five-day training session at the National Coalition Building Institute (NCBI). The National Coalition Building Institute is an international non-profit leadership development network dedicated to the elimination of racism and other forms of oppression throughout the world. Rooted in an understanding of individual, community, and systemic change, NCBI leaders work to further cultural competence, collaboration and partnerships, and effective relationships within and across group identities. There is discussion about piloting a NCBI leadership coalition program at Penn State Schuylkill.

Dr. William Luis, Diversity Speaker Series

In October, the Diversity Speaker Series hosted Dr. William Luis. Dr. Luis is the Gertrude Conaway Vanderbilt University Chair and professor in Spanish, nineteenth-and twentieth-century Latin American literature, contemporary Spanish American narrative, politics of identity, and race in the Caribbean; Afro-Hispanic and Latino literatures.

LEARNING CENTER

Penn State Schuylkill’s Learning Center has been second only to University Park in student contacts, and a model on which many other campuses developed their own programs. The Learning Center strives to maintain this status. We ask students to visit the center to sign up for at least one of its many services. Faculty members are encouraged to inform us of any potential tutors that they may have in class or know outside the classroom. The Learning Center is always open to suggestions and requests for workshops, classroom visits, and programming.

Teresa Burkhart, academic support specialist, is now with us on a full-time basis, which allows us to produce and deliver more skills-related programming. Special thanks to Dr. Anita Vickers, Dr. John Urenko, Mrs. Nancy Schorschinsky, Mr. John Williams, and other faculty for the work they have done with students within the Learning Center. Michael Verhagen, director of Academic Advising, has assumed the role of interim director of the Learning Center.
BURSAR/FINANCE OFFICE

The month of October brought several changes to the Bursar/Finance office. In an effort to better serve the needs of our students, the office was relocated to the ground level of the Business & Academic Services Building. Combining the services of the Bursar/Finance Office, Registrar, and Student Aid Office into a central area creates a “One-Stop-Shop” and a more customer service friendly environment for our students by enabling students and staff members to easily interact with the three related offices.

During the month of November, final budget allotments were determined and budget amounts were placed. Approximately 47% of the total campus budget has been expended to date. Fiscally, we strive to utilize our resources in a manner that is most beneficial to our students. We are working to develop changes to a variety of University policies that will result in additional savings across the campus.

BUSINESS SERVICES & PHYSICAL PLANT

Fall 2012 has been very busy for Physical Plant at Penn State Schuylkill. As Dr. Austin mentioned in his introduction, the Classroom Building underwent a major renovation to the science laboratories.

We continue to make improvements to the Student Community Center. In addition to the new Hidden Stream Cafe upgrades made this past summer, new accent lighting and new lobby booths are scheduled to arrive early in spring 2013. We are also in the process of conducting a feasibility study for the expansion of our dining center and kitchen area in an effort to improve the food service operation for the campus community. The exterior of the center will also be receiving a facelift. The campus was recently awarded an $80,000 grant from the University Campus Beautification Fund in order to upgrade the west entrance to the building. A new patio, brick pavers, and landscaping improvements will be part of the upgrade that will begin in May 2013.
In an effort to improve the overall safety and security of the campus for our faculty, staff, and students, additional video cameras have been installed in the Ciletti Library, Learning Center, and Student Community Center. We have also begun the installation of “card-access” systems on the campus with the fitness center being the first area to receive the new system. Expansion of card-access security systems will be expanded to include the Nittany Apartments and the Health and Wellness Building beginning in summer 2013.

General improvements and painting projects are ongoing. Some of the notable improvements this fall have included the creation of an activity space in the Health & Wellness Building to accommodate a pool table for the students and painting projects that included the lower level of the Business and Academic Services Building, Health & Wellness Building, and Administration Building.

Our Health and Wellness Center was utilized for the annual United Way Campaign Kick-Off and Goal Announcement breakfasts with many people from the local community in attendance.

Finally, the campus was recently informed that the Penn State University Board of Trustees will be holding their July 2014 meeting at Penn State Schuylkill. We will be working with the Office of the President and the Office of Physical Plant to prepare the campus for this special visit.

Bookstore/Barnes & Noble

Barnes & Noble has finalized the strategic partnership with Microsoft through the unveiling of Nook Media, LLC. This will allow the bookstore to leverage a range of success and expertise to raise the digital education bar.

The Penn State Schuylkill Bookstore is expanding access to affordable textbook solutions. Our dedicated http://www.bnctextbookrental.com site provides students with an easy way to quickly search competitors and purchase directly from our bookstore. Our rental sales have increased from 19% last year to 26% this year.

Look for special bookstore sales and promotions coming in January and be sure to check for updates on our website: http://www.psusl.bncollege.com. The Penn State Schuylkill Bookstore hours are Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., and Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Food Service/ID+ Office

When Penn State Schuylkill was closed from October 29 to October 31 due to Hurricane Sandy and without power for much of that time period, Food Services at Penn State Schuylkill rose to the occasion and served hot meals to 220-240 students and essential personnel.

Some of the food prepared during the power outage included more than 200 toasted cheese sandwiches made individually in a frying pan on a butane warming unit, 300 hamburgers and hot dogs prepared on an outside grill and five gallons of tomato soup prepared using a pot and butane warming unit. Penn State Hazleton Housing and Food Services staff helped by preparing and delivering assorted deli sandwiches and salads to Penn State Schuylkill for one of the meals. A refrigerated truck was delivered from Wegman’s Distribution Center with the assistance of Bob Carl, executive director of the Schuylkill Chamber of Commerce.
Chef Penny K. Shade commented that the most challenging aspect was, "Setting up prep stations during daylight hours since there would be no lighting when the meal was served." Shade went on to say, "Keeping the staff motivated was easy with the common goal they all had, which was making sure our students were well fed."

Jonathan Kukta, director of Housing and Food Services for northeastern campuses (Hazleton, Schuylkill, Wilkes-Barre, and Worthington-Scranton) stated, "I am so proud of our food services team at Penn State Schuylkill, which was able, under the leadership of Chef Shade, to provide meals without power for almost 48 hours to 220 students. The team used various resources and creative thinking to go above and beyond exceptional customer service. We also received tremendous support from Wegman’s Distribution Center and the Schuylkill Chamber of Commerce. This is such a great example of our campus' student centeredness and the community support that Penn State Schuylkill enjoys."

Chancellor Austin cited, "Food service has been terrific feeding our students. I had requested that they prepare meals for the students during this crisis and they met the challenge head on. The students and I were grateful for their dedication and service. Kudos to their entire staff."

Congratulations to Chef Penny K. Shade who was awarded by Penn College the Chef Leah Chase Excellence in Hospitality Award. She will be presented with this prestigious award on December 22, 2012 by Vice-President and Provost of Penn College, Dr. Paul Starkey.

Don’t forget to stop by the Hidden Stream Cafe to stock up on your favorite half gallon of Creamery Ice Cream. December’s discounted flavor is Peanut Butter Swirl.

PERSONNEL UPDATES

We are excited to have new full-time staff join the Penn State Schuylkill campus community and current staff members assume new responsibilities.

NEW HIRES:
David Chavira, Admissions Counselor
Kaitlyn O’Neill, Admissions Counselor

ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES:
Theresa Burkhart, Academic Support Specialist
Lisa Cecchini, Interim Student Aid Advisor
Patty Shoener, Assistant Director of Alumni Relations

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES

The Information Technology department completed an upgrade of all network switches to increase speed, performance, and reliability of the network. A print release station in the Cotler Computer Center was established to allow printing from student laptops in the wireless network. Finally, the help desk software has been redesigned to allow for better reporting of issues.
University Park Information Technology Services (ITS) has been invited to Penn State Schuylkill to complete an Information Technology Analysis. The analysis began in early December and will assess the current programs and services offered by the department in an effort to improve the overall service to the campus community.

Beginning in January 2013, Information Technology will begin offering professional development sessions to faculty and staff on campus to address training needs.

POLICE SERVICES


Required faculty, staff, and student workers have completed Campus Security Authorities (CSA) training. This training is necessary to ensure that Penn State Schuylkill is a safe environment for our entire campus community.

Police Services has conducted programs in conjunction with department of Student Affairs and the Schuylkill Haven Police Department in an effort to foster positive relationships between the Penn State Schuylkill Community and the local police. Programs like Get the 411 on 911 have been open to the entire campus community and provide a focus to our residential students. This affords an opportunity for students and police to interact in a positive and productive environment while developing an understanding that the police officers are resources for students as well as law enforcement officials. These efforts will be continuing throughout the spring and in future semesters, not only to help nurture the relationship between students and our local officers, but also to improve our campus and community relationship and climate.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Penn State Schuylkill Hosted 265 Students for S.T.E.M. Saturdays on September 29 and November 3

This was a collaborative effort between the Schuylkill Intermediate Unit and Penn State Schuylkill. Students who participated are enrolled in 21st Century Community Learning Center (CCLC) after school programs at Mahanoy Area, Minersville, North Schuylkill, Pine Grove, Pottsville, Saint Clair, Schuylkill Haven, Shenandoah Valley, Tamaqua, and Williams Valley School Districts. The goal for each of the S.T.E.M. days was to give students the opportunity to explore the sciences, technology, engineering, and math and gain inspiration to build their own dreams for S.T.E.M. careers in the future. These events were a huge success in introducing local youth to our campus!

The Continuing Education department assisted in coordinating the 17th District Congressional Debate that was held at Penn State Schuylkill on November 1, 2012. The Republican Herald and the Schuylkill Chamber of Commerce partnered with Penn State Schuylkill for the event.
Candidates Matthew Cartwright and Laureen Cummings answered questions posed by the moderators: Jeff Buchanan, Schuylkill County Chamber of Commerce, and Peter Banko, Republican Herald. The event was also broadcast by PCN TV.

Upcoming continuing education events for spring include: Real Estate courses beginning on February 5, 2013, and SAT Prep and Yoga classes both beginning on March 13, 2013. Additionally, plans are underway for Kid’s College 2013. Updates will be available on the continuing education website at http://www.sl.psu.edu/ce.

DEVELOPMENT

Penn State Schuylkill’s progress in the For the Future: the Campaign for Penn State Students is at $4,116,128.79, which is 102.90% of the $4,000,000 goal. Last year at this time, the campaign total was $3,409,713.00.

We received two new endowed scholarships in 2012 – The SEDCO Scholarship for Workplace and Adult Education and the Wylonis Scholarship. The SEDCO Scholarship was funded by the Schuylkill Economic Development Corporation and first consideration is given to all full-time undergraduate students enrolled or planning to enroll at Penn State Schuylkill, who have achieved superior academic record and whose home address is in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania. First preference is given to an adult learner.

The Wylonis Scholarship was established to provide recognition and financial assistance to incoming freshman undergraduate students at Penn State Schuylkill who are planning to major in a STEM-related (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) degree and who have demonstrated financial need. The student must have a high school GPA of at least 3.2 (on a scale of 4.0). First preference will be given to students who graduated from North Schuylkill High School in Ashland, Pennsylvania, and who have demonstrated leadership or entrepreneurship. If no students meet the first preference, second preference would be given to a student who graduated from a high school in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania, who has demonstrated leadership or entrepreneurship. This scholarship award is equivalent to approximately one-half of the cost of in-state tuition. This scholarship will be awarded for one academic year and shall be renewed for subsequent years, providing the recipient continues to meet the conditions of eligibility and funds are available. This scholarship is intended to be awarded to a student for up to four academic years and the recipient may continue to receive this scholarship if the recipient transfers to Penn State University Park to complete their four-year degree. While at University Park, the student would also receive an award to cover one-half of the cost of standard double occupancy housing expense in addition to the one-half of the cost of in-state tuition.

The John E. Morgan Auditorium will receive a $250,000 face lift thanks to the John E. Morgan Foundation. A series of renovations and technical upgrades will enhance the much-used facility that serves the Schuylkill student body and nearby communities. The Morgan Foundation made a $250,000 gift to The Pennsylvania State University Philanthropic Fund, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, which then directed the funds to Penn State Schuylkill.
The Morgan Auditorium is Penn State Schuylkill’s principal performance venue. Constructed in 1982, the 260-seat facility hosts student and professional theatre productions, musical acts, community meetings, public information sessions, local grade school programs, theatre and musical classes, motion picture showings, and public lectures. Thousands of students and visitors are entertained and/or educated in the auditorium each year.

The upcoming renovations will likely include refinishing the stage floor, reupholstering or replacing seats, replacing acoustic wall panels, upgrading backstage equipment and furnishings, and purchasing new spotlights and microphones.

Morgan, who died in 2001 at age 89, amassed a fortune with his late-1950s invention of the waffle stitch used in long underwear and blankets. He sold his J.E. Morgan Knitting Mills in 1984 and retired to a second career as a philanthropist, with Penn State Schuylkill and Hershey Medical Center among the beneficiaries. Morgan provided much of the funding to construct the facility that bears his name at Penn State Schuylkill. The Tamaqua-based John E. Morgan Foundation carries on his philanthropic work.

"By enabling this renovation project at Penn State Schuylkill, the Morgan Foundation has once again shown its deep commitment to the people of eastern Pennsylvania," said Rodney Kirsch, president of the Philanthropic Fund and senior vice president for development and alumni relations at Penn State. "We are very pleased to help facilitate the foundation’s most recent investment in the Schuylkill Haven region."

"Enhancing the cultural life of the people in eastern Pennsylvania was an important priority for John E. Morgan," said Jim Zigmant, president of the Morgan Foundation. "We’re very pleased to contribute to that effort by ensuring that the Morgan Auditorium can continue serving the Schuylkill campus and community in a manner befitting his memory."

The gift will also help Penn State Schuylkill to reach the goals of For the Future: The Campaign for Penn State Students, a University-wide effort directed toward a shared vision of Penn State as the most comprehensive, student-centered research university in America. The campaign is engaging alumni and friends as partners in achieving six key objectives: ensuring student access and opportunity, enhancing honors education, enriching the student experience, building faculty strength and capacity, fostering discovery and creativity, and sustaining the University’s tradition of quality. For the Future is the most ambitious effort of its kind in Penn State’s history, with the goal of securing $2 billion by 2014.
ALUMNI RELATIONS

The Penn State Schuylkill Alumni Society Board hosted several events this semester including: THON Preview Party – “Why We Dance”, The Story of THON, fall sports rally, tailgate parties, mentor luncheons, the Business Etiquette Dinner and the first-ever Homecoming.

The Blue and White Society and the Office of Student Affairs co-sponsored a bus trip to the Homecoming Parade at University Park. Fifty-five students, including the Penn State Schuylkill Cheerleaders, marched with pride in this annual event.

The Penn State Schuylkill Alumni Society and the Schuylkill County Chapter were recognized at the Annual Volunteer Awards Dinner hosted by the Penn State Alumni Association for the “Penn State Day at Knoebels Grove Amusement Resort” event. This was the largest joint event held and included nine different affiliate groups: the Anthracite Area Chapter, the Hazleton Chapter; the Penn State Hazleton Alumni Society; the Schuylkill Chapter; the Penn State Schuylkill Alumni Society; the Greater Scranton Chapter; the Susquehanna Valley Chapter; the Penn State Wilkes-Barre Alumni Society; and the Penn State Worthington Alumni Society. With special touches from a catered lunch, to Penn State banners, to a celebration with the Alumni Blue Band, the Penn State Day at Knoebels brought together four commonwealth campuses and five area chapters. A total of 632 members of the Penn State community and their families in attendance created what has become an annual event.

On Saturday, October 13, 2012, the Penn State Nittany Lion hockey team made history by playing their first game at the intercollegiate level against American International at Wilkes-Barre’s Mohegan Sun Arena at Casey Plaza. The Penn State Schuylkill Alumni Society and the Schuylkill Chapter of the Penn State Alumni Association co-sponsored this event along with the over 6,000 Penn State alumni from the Penn State Hazleton, Wilkes-Barre and Worthington Scranton campuses. In 2012-13, the Nittany Lions will compete as an independent and play 23 games against NCAA Division I opponents from five conferences -- Atlantic Hockey, CCHA, ECAC Hockey, Hockey East and WCHA – and fellow independent Alabama Huntsville. Penn State also will face off against three NCAA Division III foes, while playing eight exhibition games.

ENROLLMENT SERVICES

This quarter the admissions office has been very busy recruiting for our fall 2013 class. It has been marked by travel, both out-of-state and locally, and we have visited all of our service area high schools. Visits included lunch table presentations, small group presentations, classroom presentations, and college fairs. We also have done extensive travel out-of-state to California, Florida, Georgia, Oregon, New York, New Jersey, Virginia, Maryland, and the District of Columbia.

In October, we welcomed two new admissions counselors to the staff: David Chavira and Kaitlyn O’Neill. We are looking forward to their help with our recruitment!

We have held many events on campus in the last few months; on October 20th our Penn State Day Open House hosted 91 guests; the “Lion for a
Day” programs, which are extended visit programs where prospective students sit in on a real class, eat lunch and take a tour; and approximately thirty-two prospective students came to campus for a daily visit. This semester, we also offered two new types of visit experiences for prospective students: evening hours from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. every Tuesday and Wednesday; and small group visits once a month on a Saturday.

In the month of November we began application sessions for the campus at our service area high schools. Throughout the quarter we have hosted approximately 107 prospective students on campus for tours/talks.

Student Aid organized the campus Veteran’s Day program where campus and community members honored our veterans. Lisa Cecchini, has assumed the role of our campus Student Aid/Veteran Coordinator and her first assignment was to assist in coordinating the Veteran’s day program. We are happy to have Lisa in her new role.

The campus added two new scholarship programs totaling an additional $400,000. The Penn State Schuylkill Honors Award and the Penn State Schuylkill Academic Excellence Award are two new scholarships that reward prospective students’ academic records without any family need consideration. The total amount of scholarship dollars awarded to Penn State Schuylkill students is over $600,000.

Tammie Durham, director of Enrollment Services, met with superintendents and guidance counselors from the following schools to tell them about this opportunity for local students: Blue Mountain, Mahanoy Area, Minersville, North Schuylkill, Pine Grove, Pottsville, Schuylkill Haven, Shenandoah, Tri-Valley, and Williams Valley. Dr. Austin accompanied Tammie during some of these visits to personally tell them about the new scholarships available at Penn State Schuylkill. In addition, financial aid workshops are being held throughout this quarter in our service area schools.

**STUDENT AFFAIRS**

Penn State Schuylkill’s Student Affairs department has been very busy this semester!

We kicked off the fall semester with one goal in mind; to create a campus climate that cultivates community among students. It was our goal through activities to educate and intrigue the minds of our students as well as foster an environment that encouraged students to remain on campus. This would not only give them the opportunity to create lasting experiences with one another, but a greater chance to solidify commitment to community involvement.

September began with an activities fair in an effort to garner involvement from all students towards their personal interest. More than thirty groups participated ranging from athletic, performance based, and academic clubs to campus organizations. September also began a Friday night series in Residence Life entitled *Up All Night*. Each week, students have a chance to participate in activities and local trips, from bowling, skating, and the movies to karaoke and game night tournaments. The evening programs were all created to just have fun! We have already seen an increase in weekend engagement by seeing more than half of the student body staying on campus.
We have also worked to produce new Penn State Schuylkill traditions. October was our first effort at a Penn State Schuylkill Homecoming that included nine days of activities. Students, faculty and staff were encouraged to participate in a hefty dose of Penn State spirit! The kickoff event was participation in Penn State’s first hockey game at the Mohegan Sun Arena in which Penn State won 4-3! Homecoming also contained pumpkin picking and decorating for the upcoming holiday, karaoke, and the Penn State Pageant. The week also contained numerous volunteer and community service initiatives. The culmination of the week took place starting on Friday with a new addition to the campus, theBlockHouse, a spoken word, open mic environment. This event showcases student talent alongside a nationally known poet and will give the students a chance once a month to express themselves in a creative background.

On Saturday of Homecoming Weekend, Student Affairs and the Office of Enrollment Services co-sponsored a Parents’ and Families’ Weekend with Penn State Day Open House that included a large picnic and activities. This was the perfect venue for prospective students to engage with current students and their families. The evening showcased a co-sponsorship with Penn State Alumni Relations in a football game tailgate party with over one hundred students and family in attendance. The weekend concluded with the first Penn State Schuylkill Church without Walls performance co-sponsored by Residence Life. This was a perfect way for students to say farewell to their parents.

With no time to slow down, students geared up for Safe Trick-or-Treat and the opportunity to engage with the children and families from the local community. With over 200 local children dressed in costumes, our students passed out candy, danced, and created and implemented small activities for the children to do.

Although containing less days for students on campus, November has not seen any fewer chances to be involved. Flag football has begun to wind down with playoffs starting soon; team Landsharks has currently remained undefeated.

Residence Life started a Sunday night program entitled R U Ready for Some Football which gives the residents a chance to be physically active during hours of flag football tournaments and an opportunity for fellowship during the Sunday night televised football game.

Student Affairs and Residence Life co-sponsored We Are….Thankful For. Over a holiday inspired meal, students, faculty, and staff were encouraged to bring a nonperishable item and a picture of what they are thankful for. After the meal, guests were invited to create baskets for a local crisis center. The event was a success and we created four very large baskets just in time for community families and the upcoming holidays.
In an effort for leadership opportunity, Residence Life has geared up a series of workshops spanning November through January that encourages Residence Advisers (RA) participation. The goal is to foster occasions of learning, support, and student development among themselves and their peers. RA’s have adopted community social mapping techniques this semester in order to encourage meaningful relationships with their residents.

Penn State Schuylkill was excited to have the talented and educational performance of the Piscataway Nation Singers and Dancers during Native American Heritage Month. From Tayac Territory in Maryland, the show boasted an interactive audience driven performance that included American Indian dance, drum, and song. At many points throughout the show, the audience was invited on stage to learn the history and choreography of traditional American Indian Dance. Students, staff, and community in attendance left not only in awe but also with an extensive knowledge of the ancestry and heritage of American Indians.

Performance based clubs have worked hard all semester to culminate in an end of the year showcase. This year’s show, entitled Out With the Old, In With the New, featured performances from The Next Level Glee Club, Quiet Storm Step Team, and Fatal Attraction Modeling Troupe. In front of a full auditorium, students performed old school songs like N’Sync’s hit “Girlfriend” and then some new school favorites like Katy Perry’s “Wide Awake”. With family and friends in attendance, Penn State Schuylkill not only showcased the talented and broadly diverse array of our performing student body, but also their hard work and creativity.

This semester we have had the fantastic opportunity to begin a new chapter of the National Society of Leadership and Success at Penn State Schuylkill. The mission of our chapter is to foster the growth and development of student leaders on our campus and within our community while helping those leaders to develop and achieve attainable goals in their academic, personal, and professional development. Invitations were sent to a number of students at the beginning of the semester, for which we received an amazing amount of interest. Throughout orientation sessions and our weekend Leadership Training Day, the executive board leadership has assembled creative ideas and goals for the development and implementation of future campus programs and community service initiatives designed to begin in the spring and subsequent semesters. In addition to our new chapter, we are hoping to provide our students with opportunities.
to attend leadership conferences and trainings on and off campus during the upcoming months.

Student Affairs has only just begun! We look forward to starting off the next semester with a few surprises!

ATHLETICS

Penn State Schuylkill's fall intramural teams were co-ed sand volleyball and flag football. Over eighty-five students participated in these two programs. Since it was so well-received, Penn State Schuylkill has decided to offer co-ed indoor soccer in January 2013. In addition, sixty-eight students participated in our fall intercollegiate sports teams.

At a special dedication during our basketball home opener game on November 28, 2012, a banner was placed on the gymnasium wall in honor of Katie Fehr. Katie played softball for four years and was named USCAA 1st team All-American at 3rd base last spring. Cory Houser, men’s basketball, was also recognized at this event. Cory is the all-time leading scorer in basketball at Penn State Schuylkill finishing with 1154 points. His No. 2 jersey has been retired.

This past fall, Ashley Innocent received 1st team Academic All-American participating in Men's Soccer. Men's Golf finished 7th out of ten teams at the USCAA Championship at University Park. Members were: Bryan Dimon, Jordan Blankenhorn, Adam Bear and Winn Allen. Freshman Haylee Burnhauser finished 9th at the USCAA National Cross Country Championship at Lake Placid that earned her 2nd team All-American.

Penn State Schuylkill will be offering baseball as a club sport in spring 2013 and then as an intercollegiate sport in spring 2014. Grant Yoder, Pottsville, was recently hired as the first Baseball coach at Penn State Schuylkill. We hosted a Meet the Coach Night on Wednesday, December 12th.

CAREER SERVICES

MyPlan is an online assessment tool that is offered free to students to help them plan their career paths. It is being utilized by students throughout the semester to help them in their career and major choices.

The Business Etiquette Dinner held on November 8th, was a huge success. It was attended by sixty faculty, staff, students, and business leaders who were able to network in a low stress and fun atmosphere in addition to learning appropriate etiquette during a cocktail and dinner situation. Mike True, Messiah College, was the presenter during the dinner.

After the holiday break, a variety of workshops will be held to assist students in their soft skills. These workshops will lead up to two career fairs that are being held at University Park, the People to People Fair (Social/Human Services, Camps, Parks, Hotels, Clinics/Hospitals, Law Enforcement, Non-Profits, and more) on February 26, 2013, and the Spring Career Fair (Business/Finance, Communications/Design, Liberal Arts, Human Services, Sales/Marketing) on March 20, 2013. Transportation will be provided for our students to both fairs.
COMMUNITY SERVICE

During this fall semester, our students have volunteered in the local community. We have been setting a great example in showing Schuylkill County that Penn State students can make a difference throughout our community.

This past semester, our students completed over 3,500 hours of collective service. This number reflects the activities that have been planned for the campus to take part in as a whole. There are many additional hours that have also been completed by individual campus clubs and organizations.

THON has already exceeded last year’s grand total of funds raised and there are still two months to go until THON Weekend which is February 15-17, 2013. If you are interested in donating to THON, please be sure to write #168 on your check so that our campus continues to receive credit for the donation. Students are doing an outstanding job and should be commended for their efforts and sheer motivation.

Calls are frequently being received asking for our students to help out at a variety of local non-profit organization events. They love having our students! These agencies include Diakon, Rest Haven, The Hillside SPCA, and The Special Olympics. We have been receiving many positive comments throughout the community about our students. By being visible in the community, we are creating wonderful opportunities for our students.
COUNSELING & HEALTH SERVICES

Nineteen programs were offered at Penn State Schuylkill in conjunction with Health Services, including; No Gobblers Club, Yoga, Body Sculpting, Personal Nutrition Counseling Loss, 10 in 10, and a flu clinic.

The Health Center and Counseling Services co-hosted a Health Fair in September. This event was well attended by faculty, staff, students and the community. With participation of over forty vendors, the event exceeded the expectations aimed towards educating participants on the available health and wellness resources of the community.

The American Red Cross Blood drive was held on October 17th and over 120 members of the campus community came in an attempt to give blood. Continuing with the effort of health wellness and prevention, Health Services offered a free flu clinic for students in the months of October and November. Working with a grant obtained from VISION, the clinic resulted in an all-time high in participation.

Courses such as body sculpting and yoga were offered through Health Services as a service to campus employees. In an effort to maintain continued health of our campus community, employees were also immunized at the annual flu clinic.

In conjunction with the Schuylkill County Suicide Prevention Task Force, Penn State was able to secure a grant providing a suicide screening assessment tool on our campus. The tool is located in the Student Affairs Suite and available to use with a trained supervisor. The technology allows for the screening of students who we believe have risk factors for suicide or depression. Screening results are viewed by the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia and flagged for assessments that show risk for suicide. There are only two other locations in Schuylkill County that have this tool available.

UNIVERSITY RELATIONS

Duties are being reassigned as needed between Jodi Staller, marketing communications specialist, and Julie Meyer, campus instructional designer. Jodi has assumed responsibility for web services and social media and also continues to provide marketing services to the campus. Julie has provided much needed support in the area of blue screen technology.

Our efforts in University Relations over the fall semester have centered on making our programs, services, faculty, staff, and student accomplishments more visible to the nearby community. To this fact, the department has utilized campus Facebook pages to broadcast the good developments emanating from campus. All editors of campus Facebook pages are working in tandem with Jodi Staller to ensure that our Facebook pages are showing consistent
messages. The Penn State Schuylkill Facebook page currently has 1,228 followers. We have linked our Twitter and Instagram accounts to our Facebook page. There are several departments on campus who have agreed to post their events, photos, and interesting news on these social media outlets. The individual department Facebook pages will be phased out and the internal and external community will be directed to the main campus Facebook page.

The blue screen technology, coordinated through Julie Meyer, is reaching out to faculty, staff, and students to present up-to-date information in an eye-catching format. There have been many new large screens installed all over campus in an effort to keep the campus informed of current events, campus emergencies, and class cancellations.

The campus newswire has benefited through our close collaboration because we have been submitting more stories (many accompanied by photos), to let the larger community aware of the positive developments occurring on campus. Penn State Schuylkill has received positive media coverage for our opening convocation, orientation service events, Military Friendly Schools® designation, the introduction of Starbucks coffee in The Hidden Stream Café, student participation in the Week of Service, the voter registration rally that was organized by students and held on campus, THON activities which raised nearly $15,000, alumni activities honoring Dr. Richard Spontak and Mr. Andrew Tellep, the 17th Congressional Debate, STEM programs introducing local middle school students to science, technology and math programs, and the many activities during alumni/parents weekend.

Advertising has seen some new initiatives as well this year. One of the newest and brightest has been the development of the Spotlight on Faculty ad. This particular initiative was conceived with the idea of informing potential students and the local community of the quality of instruction and research that they will receive at Penn State Schuylkill. Other advertising initiatives this quarter included; placing billboards in strategic county locations, social media advertising, production of full-color cards highlighting recent campus scholarship initiatives, ads in local print media, television ads, and local digital billboard advertising.

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**Faculty Spotlight**

*Mr. Ronald Kelly, M.A., instructor in administration of justice, received his master’s degree in Criminal Justice in 2005 and began teaching at Penn State Schuylkill in 2006. He has several areas of interest in research including victimology, criminology, juvenile delinquency, and corrections.*

Mr. Kelly has extensive work experience in the juvenile justice system, mental health of juveniles, and the Federal Bureau of Prisons. He brings his frontline experience into every course he teaches and he encourages the students to think about the many facets of the criminal justice system.

As the adviser to the campus’ Criminal Justice Club, one of the largest and most active clubs at Penn State Schuylkill, Mr. Kelly engages students outside of the classroom through seminars, trips, community service projects, and workshops.

*Penn State Schuylkill is proud to spotlight our faculty and their accomplishments.*

*A World Class Education Right in Your Own Backyard*
New program brochures were developed and professionally printed for all five bachelor degrees. Photos of our students are featured in the new brochures.

NEW CAMPUS INITIATIVES

The campus has initiated five new task forces in order to help our campus thrive and to organize a collective vision which will establish a framework in our efforts to move forward.

Task Force on Service: Maximizing the Penn State Schuylkill Experience

Chaired by: Tina Rose & Jerry Bowman

This team is charged with assessing the level of service currently available on campus. The team will measure the level of student expectations and satisfaction of the services rendered. As part of this comprehensive assessment of institutional service, this team will examine how Penn State Schuylkill compares in relation to competitor institutions, and then offer a plan to ensure accountability. Recommendations on how to improve the student experience, increase satisfaction, and consistently exceed expectations will be offered.

Faculty: Dr. Mark Abel, Cathy Fiorillo, Dr. Michael Gallis, Ron Kelly, Dr. Elinor Madigan, Dr. Cory Scherer, and Dr. Valerie Schrader

Administration/Staff: Deadra Brown, Lisa Cecchini, Valerie Clay, John Cooper, Shannon Del Conte, Jonathan Kukta, Elyce Lykins, John Roberts, Patty Shoener, Debra Simpson-Buchanan, and Stephanie Wood

Student Government Association Representatives: Davon Gaskins and Yanique Thomas

Penn State Schuylkill Task Force on Inclusivity

Chaired by Dr. Charlie Law, Dr. Harmut Heep, and Debra Simpson-Buchanan

This team will complete an extensive review of matters pertaining to inclusivity. The task force will draft a plan of how to assess diversity on our campus community, and offer recommendations for additional steps needed to achieve a culture that values inclusivity that will guide our efforts as we hire faculty and staff, and as we recruit international students and students from historically underrepresented groups. They plan to create a more inclusive culture and shall offer a framework on how we enrich the appreciation of other cultures and peoples, while instilling a climate that values and appreciates inclusivity.

Faculty: Dr. Peter Grahame

Administration/Staff: Christopher King, Dr. Mary Sacavage, and Jane Zintak

Student Government Association Representatives: Jesselyn Heaps and Danielle Olson

Student Government Association Representatives: Davon Gaskins and Yanique Thomas
Penn State Schuylkill Task Force on Facilities and Infrastructure

Chaired by: Cheryl Holland

This team will conduct a comprehensive review of our facilities, technology, and infrastructure. Upon completing a detailed review of our strengths, challenges, opportunities and threats in relation to competitor institutions, the team will provide a detailed report on steps required to better our learning environment.

Faculty: Dr. Mark Abel, Dr. Pamela Black, Dr. Michael Cardamone, Cathy Fiorillo, Dr. Rod Heisey, Dr. Lauren Joseph, Dr. Jeffrey Stone, Dr. Anita Vickers, and Matthew Wayman

Administration/Staff: Jerry Bowman, Evan Cassanova, John Cooper, Jerry Cresswell, Jonathan Kukta, Elyce Lykins, Kim Quinn, John Roberts, and Stephanie Wood

Student Government Association Representatives: Jeffrey Fritz and Edward Kell

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Penn State Schuylkill Task Force on Global Programs and Education

Chaired by: Dr. S. Hakan Can

This team will conduct a comprehensive assessment of international education and offer a strategic plan to internationalize the campus. The group is to make recommendations on studying abroad; strategies to enhance international enrollment, engagement, and satisfaction; foreign languages; and development of faculty, related to international activities in teaching, research, and service.

Faculty: Dr. Toghara Azizi-Babane, Dr. Helen Hendy, Dr. Hartmut Heep, Dr. Cory Scherer, Stephanie Unger, Dr. Ping Wang, and Dr. Charles Cantalupo

Administration: Jane Zintak

Student Government Association Representatives: Yusheng Wang and Jin Yu

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