



# #Summer4Success

State System universities and their students, faculty, and alumni have had a successful summer, even during these extraordinarily challenging times.

**Bloomsburg University's** College of Education recently recognized its Outstanding Seniors in each of its undergraduate programs for the 2019-20 academic year, with Abigail Potter named as the top student from the Special Education program.

**California University** student Marc Gibson spent the summer at work for SAP Ariba, an international procurement and supply chain management company. Gibson, a business administration major with a concentration in economics and minor in computer science, interned remotely in their critical incident engagement area.

Lauren Ballard-Coleman, senior, pre-med major at **Cheyney University**, received a unique internship opportunity this summer with the Black Doctors COVID-19 Consortium (BDCC). The BDCC's mission is to address the needs of education and advocacy for African Americans to reduce the incidence of disease and death from coronavirus.

**Clarion University** established the Center for Engaged Learning and Student Success to provide Clarion faculty, as well as staff and faculty from across the State System, with the tools they need to teach and deliver all modalities of academic programs. The goal is to be a model for best teaching practices, no matter the type of classroom (traditional to virtual).

**East Stroudsburg University** graduate Leah Bergman was accepted into a prestigious marine science doctoral program in Japan. Bergman will start at Kitasato's Graduate School of Marine Biosciences near Tokyo this fall with a full scholarship.

**Edinboro University** faculty member Sean Patrick Regan, an award-winning professional bagpiper and instructor, has led the digital efforts of Pittsburgh's Balmoral School of Piping & Drumming to transition to online learning through Zoom sessions and virtual performances.

Forty-seven students and faculty mentors in **Indiana University of Pennsylvania's** Undergraduate Summer Opportunities for Applying Research program (U-SOAR) continue to do their work virtually. U-SOAR includes seminars with student presenters, workshops for students, and networking opportunities.

**Kutztown University's** Daniel Johns was presented as the 2020 winner of the Syed R. Ali-Zaidi Award for Academic Excellence. The Ali-Zaidi Award is conferred upon a graduating senior from one of the State System universities.

The Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education announced Dr. Eric Lippincott, **Lock Haven University** associate professor in the Health Science Department, as its new athletic training commissioner. He currently teaches several undergraduate health science and graduate athletic training courses, and works clinically in the on-campus rehabilitation center.

Caitlin Beauduy, a senior cell and molecular biology student at **Mansfield University**, received a \$4,000 research scholarship from the NASA Pennsylvania State Grant Consortium for her proposal on pancreatic cancer. The funding supports Beauduy's continued investigation into the effect of T cells on solid pancreas tumors.

Five members of **Millersville University's** community have come together to create an online hub of educational resources for Pre-K-12 learners on topics like COVID-19, problem-solving, social-emotional learning and STEM subjects (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math). The material is reviewed by educational experts and is available for free at [connectionsspot.org](http://connectionsspot.org).

**Shippensburg University** student Jacob Hitz received a collegiate Emmy® nomination in the category of College/University Student Production – Talent. Hitz served as the lead play-by-play voice for SUTV sporting events in 2019-20 and was also a fixture on weekly newscasts.

Not long after enrolling at **Slippery Rock University**, Candace Corvino, a mathematics major, got involved with an ongoing research project led by researchers at Slippery Rock and James Madison University studying the relationships between different mathematical mindsets of pre-service teachers.

Jeremy Holmes, assistant professor of graphic and interactive design in the Department of Art + Design at **West Chester University**, received a Daytime Emmy Award nomination. He was nominated for Outstanding Special Effects Costume, Make Up and Hairstyling for the design and build of his two starring puppets in the brand new Helpsters, a TV show developed by Sesame Workshop.