

Board of Governors
of the
Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education

Meeting Minutes

133rd Meeting
Thursday, January 11, 2007
Boardroom, First Floor
Administration Building
2986 North Second Street
Harrisburg, PA 17110-1201

9:00 a.m.

ATTENDING:

Board of Governors:

Representative Matthew E. Baker
Ms. Marie Conley Lammando
Ms. Donna Cooper (designee for Secretary Gerald L. Zahorchak)
Mr. Paul S. Dlugolecki
Mr. Daniel P. Elby
Representative Michael K. Hanna
Mr. Kenneth M. Jarin (*Chair*)
Mr. Kim E. Lyttle
Mr. Kyle J. Mullins
Mr. Joshua A. O'Brien
Ms. Allison C. Peitz
Mr. C.R. "Chuck" Pennoni
Mr. Guido M. Pichini
Mr. Aaron A. Walton

Senator Vincent J. Hughes was represented by Ms. Neeka Jones.
Senator James J. Rhoades was represented by Ms. Debra Gentzler.
Mr. John M. Brinjac (designee for Governor Edward G. Rendell)
and Ms. Christine J. Toretti Olson were absent.

Office of the Chancellor:

Dr. Judy G. Hample (*Chancellor*)
Jeffrey Cooper, Esquire
Mr. James S. Dillon
Dr. Peter H. Garland
Mr. Thomas M. Krapsho
Mr. Kenneth D. Marshall
Dr. Khalil Yazdi

Also in attendance for participation or in support of committee/Board activities from the Office of the Chancellor were: Ira Blake, Lou Bohl-Fabian, Charmaine Clowney, Ginger Coleman, Steven Dupes, Audrey Guistwhite, Lois Johnson, Kenn Marshall, Jeff McCloud, Jim Moran, Bonnie Westhafer, and Eric Zeglen.

University Presidents in attendance: Madeleine Wing Adler, Angelo Armenti, Jr., Wallace C. Arnold, Tony Atwater, F. Javier Cevallos, Robert J. Dillman, Joseph P. Grunenwald, G. F. "Jody" Harpster, Jessica S. Kozloff, Maravene S. Loeschke, Keith T. Miller, Francine G. McNairy, Frank G. Pogue, Jr. and Robert M. Smith.

Chairman Jarin called the meeting to order. Attendance taken at the direction of the Chairman established that a quorum of the Board was present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 12, 2006 MEETING

Chairman Jarin noted that the minutes of the October 12, 2006 meeting were distributed prior to the meeting. The Chairman moved **THAT THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 12, 2006 MEETING BE APPROVED**. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Jarin requested ratification of the Standing Committee assignments.

Chairman Jarin moved **THAT THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS APPROVE THE STANDING COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS AS SHOWN IN THE STANDING COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS DOCUMENT EFFECTIVE JANUARY 11, 2007 (Attachment #1)**. The motion passed unanimously.

REMARKS OF THE CHAIR

Chairman Jarin welcomed fellow Board members, Chancellor Hample, University Presidents, staff, and guests to the first meeting of the New Year. He extended a special welcome to Donna Cooper, recently appointed Deputy Secretary for Postsecondary and Higher Education, representing Secretary of Education Zahorchak.

The Chairman stated that perhaps the most important work that the Board does in the State System is to select University Presidents. He noted that the quality of our Presidents is the most critical factor in building and sustaining the effectiveness of our Universities, and particularly, the quality of the educational experiences for our students. Chairman Jarin noted the efforts of the Shippensburg community—particularly the search process organized by Ken Shoemaker, Chair of the Council of Trustees, and spearheaded by Trustee Michael Schaul. Three strong candidates were presented for consideration to the Board. At the end of the process, Dr. William Ruud was selected. Chairman Jarin stated that the Board was certain that Dr. Ruud will be successful and wished him well as he begins his transition to leadership. Dr. Ruud and his wife were introduced to those in attendance.

The Chairman stated that Dr. Ruud inherits a strong institution that has been led with distinction by Interim President Jody Harpster. He noted that we are indebted to Dr. Harpster for agreeing to serve as the Interim President and for the leadership he provided to the University and the State System for the last 18 months.

Chairman Jarin spoke about outstanding achievements and activities taking place on five PASSHE campuses:

- Indiana, Millersville, and Shippensburg Universities are included in *Kiplinger's Personal Finance* magazine's latest listing of the 100 best public college values in the United States. The annual rating lists schools that offer "top-notch academics at affordable prices."
- Bloomsburg University's women's field hockey team won its 13th national championship and finished the season undefeated. It was the school's 10th Division II championship under the direction of head coach Jan Hutchinson.
- California University's football team won their second PSAC West title. It was the team's sixth title in the past 61 years and the first time in California history that the team had consecutive championship seasons. It was also the fifth time in team history that they reached the eight-win plateau, and the first time it happened in back-to-back years.

The Chairman stated that future Board meetings will include three university presentations highlighting accomplishments and areas of excellence on campus.

Chairman Jarin reported that the Board met in Executive Session from 9:00 a.m. to 9:20 a.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel matters.

Chairman Jarin called on Chancellor Judy Hample for her report.

REPORT OF THE CHANCELLOR

Chancellor Hample welcomed those in attendance and provided a special welcome to Dr. William Ruud. Dr. Hample recognized Dr. Jodi Harpster's leadership as Interim President and his service to Shippensburg University and the State System.

Chancellor Hample's oral report to the Board included the following highlights:

- Recent University academic accreditations:
 - West Chester University's undergraduate and graduate business programs have been accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB), the premier global accrediting body for schools that offer undergraduate, master's and doctoral degrees in business and accounting.
 - Teacher education programs at Edinboro, Mansfield, Millersville and West Chester Universities of Pennsylvania have been granted continuing accreditation by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE).

- Edinboro University's baccalaureate social work program has received continuing accreditation from the Council on Social Work Education's Commission on Accreditation. The University's graduate program in social work also is accredited.
- Mansfield University's nutrition and dietetics program received initial accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation/Approval for Dietetics Education. The accreditation is for 10 years.
- Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania's exercise science program is one of six such programs in the nation to receive the maximum five-year accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs. The program was the first in the nation to be accredited by the American Society of Exercise Physiologists and is endorsed by the American College of Sports Medicine and the National Strength and Conditioning Association.
- Lock Haven University of Pennsylvania's nursing program has been granted continuing accreditation for eight years from the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission.
- Lock Haven University's surgical technology program has been granted accreditation for five years from the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Programs.
- University recognitions included:
 - Kutztown University of Pennsylvania's National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) Student Chapter has been named Pennsylvania's Best College Chapter of the Year for 2006-07.
 - Indiana, Millersville, and Shippensburg Universities of Pennsylvania are included in *Kiplinger's Personal Finance* magazine's latest listing of the 100 best public college values in the United States.
 - Indiana University of Pennsylvania's Eberly College of Business and Information Technology has been recognized for the third year in a row with inclusion in *The Princeton Review's Best 282 Business Schools*, 2007 edition.
 - Lock Haven University of Pennsylvania has been named to the 2006 President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll sponsored by the Corporation for National Community Service, the U.S. Departments of Education and Housing and Urban Development, the USA Freedom Corps and the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation.

Chancellor Hample's written report to the Board is attached (Attachment #2). The report includes highlights on University accomplishments, fundraising grants and awards, student and faculty achievements, and university and community partnerships.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dr. Patricia Heilman, president of APSCUF, addressed the Board. Dr. Heilman noted that it has been 11 months since APSCUF submitted proposed negotiation dates for both faculty and coaches contracts. APSCUF had hoped to have early contract settlements. Dr. Heilman called upon PASSHE to move forward with contract negotiations.

Chairman Jarin announced that in the interest of time, committee meetings will run concurrently with the Board meeting. The committee chair will present agenda items for review and comments, make the motion for those items requiring approval, and the Board will vote as a whole.

COMMITTEE REPORTS WITH RELATED ACTIONS

A. Academic and Student Affairs Committee

Mr. Walton presented the report on behalf of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee. The Committee has three new academic programs to recommend to the Board for approval.

Mr. Walton moved **THAT THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS APPROVE THE MASTER OF EDUCATION IN GUIDANCE COUNSELING AND STUDENT AFFAIRS DEGREE PROGRAM AT BLOOMSBURG UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA.** The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Walton moved **THAT THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS APPROVE THE MASTER OF SCIENCE IN HEALTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATION DEGREE PROGRAM AT INDIANA UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA.** The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Walton moved **THAT THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS APPROVE THE MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING DEGREE PROGRAM AT KUTZTOWN UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA.** The motion passed unanimously.

B. Advancement Committee

Mr. Lyttle presented the report on behalf of the Advancement Committee. The Committee received information on The Annual Report of Voluntary Support, Fiscal Year 2005-06 and a Governmental Relations legislative update. There were no action items to report.

C. Finance, Administration, and Facilities Committee

Mr. Pennoni presented the report on behalf of the Finance, Administration, and Facilities Committee. The Committee has seven items to recommend to the Board for approval.

Mr. Pennoni moved **THAT THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS APPROVE BLOOMSBURG UNIVERSITY'S ACCEPTANCE OF A GIFT OF 14.8 ACRES OF LAND FROM THE BLOOMSBURG UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION.** The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Pennoni moved **THAT THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS APPROVE BLOOMSBURG UNIVERSITY'S REQUEST TO CONSTRUCT A NEW HOUSING COMPLEX USING SYSTEM BOND FINANCING.** The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Pennoni moved THAT THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS APPROVE CALIFORNIA UNIVERSITY'S PROPOSED PURCHASE OF 517-519 THIRD STREET, CALIFORNIA, PENNSYLVANIA. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Pennoni moved THAT THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS APPROVE CLARION UNIVERSITY'S PLAN TO REPLACE CHANDLER DINING HALL AND PARTIALLY FUND THE PROJECT WITH SYSTEM BOND FINANCING. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Pennoni moved THAT THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS APPROVE SLIPPERY ROCK UNIVERSITY'S PLAN TO RENOVATE AND CONSTRUCT AN ADDITION TO BOOZEL DINING HALL AND PARTIALLY FUND THE PROJECT WITH SYSTEM BOND FINANCING. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Pennoni moved THAT THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS APPROVE SLIPPERY ROCK UNIVERSITY'S PLAN TO CONSTRUCT A NEW LOCKER ROOM FACILITY. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Pennoni moved THAT THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS APPROVE A \$2.1 MILLION WORKING CAPITAL LOAN FOR CHEYNEY UNIVERSITY. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Human Resources Committee

Ms. Marie Conley Lammando presented the report on behalf of the Human Resources Committee.

The Committee received information on planning for the Pandemic Flu Best Practices Summit. The committee has one action item for approval.

Ms. Conley Lammando moved THAT THE BOARD EXTEND THE CONTRACT OF GEORGE F. "JODY" HARPSTER AS INTERIM PRESIDENT OF SHIPPENSBURG UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA FROM JANUARY 1, 2007 TO FEBRUARY 19, 2007. The motion passed unanimously.

E. Information Technology

Mr. Dlugolecki presented the report on behalf of the Information Technology Committee. The Committee received an update on SyTEC Project activities. There were no action items to report.

E. **Executive Committee**

Chairman Jarin presented the report on behalf of the Executive Committee. The Committee received a report on Addressing *A Test of Leadership*, the Report of the Commission on the Future of Higher Education, "Spellings Commission."

Board Action

Chairman Jarin moved THAT THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF PRESIDENTS FOR EDINBORO AND CHEYNEY UNIVERSITIES OF PENNSYLVANIA FROM THOSE CANDIDATES RECOMMENDED TO THE CHANCELLOR AND TO THE BOARD BY THE UNIVERSITY COUNCILS OF TRUSTEES AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE INTERVIEW PROCESS AND FURTHER, THAT THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD AND THE CHANCELLOR BE AUTHORIZED TO NEGOTIATE EMPLOYMENT CONTRACTS FOR THE PRESIDENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH BOARD POLICY. The motion passed unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Chairman Jarin announced that the next quarterly Board of Governors' meeting is scheduled for April 12, 2007.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further items of business to come before the Board, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 12:15 p.m.

ATTEST:



Peter H. Garland
Secretary to the Board

STANDING COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Academic and Student Affairs

Walton, Aaron A. (*Chair*)
Baker, Representative Matthew E.
Peitz, Allison C.
Rhoades, Senator James J.
Zahorchak, Secretary Gerald L.
Jarin, Kenneth M. (*ex officio*)

Advancement

Lyttle, Kim E. (*Chair*)
Conley Lammando, Marie
Hughes, Senator Vincent J.
O'Brien, Joshua A.
Rhoades, Senator James J.
Jarin, Kenneth M. (*ex officio*)

Audit

Pichini, Guido M. (*Chair*)
Dlugolecki, Paul S.
Lyttle, Kim E.
Olson, Christine Toretta
Pennoni, C.R. "Chuck"
Jarin, Kenneth M. (*ex officio*)

Executive

Jarin, Kenneth M. (*Chair*)
Conley Lammando, Marie
Dlugolecki, Paul S.
Lyttle, Kim E.
Pennoni, C.R. "Chuck"
Pichini, Guido M.
Walton, Aaron A.

Finance, Administration, and Facilities

Pennoni, C.R. "Chuck" (*Chair*)
Brinjac, John M. (*Designee for Gov. Edward Rendell*)
Hanna, Representative Michael K.
Hughes, Senator Vincent J.
Pichini, Guido M.
Jarin, Kenneth M. (*ex officio*)

Human Resources

Conley Lammando, Marie (*Chair*)
Elby, Daniel P.
Lyttle, Kim E.
Walton, Aaron A.
Jarin, Kenneth M. (*ex officio*)

Information Technology

Dlugolecki, Paul S. (*Chair*)
Brinjac, John M.
Pennoni, C.R. "Chuck"
Jarin, Kenneth M. (*ex officio*)

Highlights from the
Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education
(PASSHE)
January 11, 2007

*University Accomplishments
and Other Noteworthy Activities*

West Chester University of Pennsylvania's undergraduate and graduate business programs have been accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB), the premier global accrediting body for schools that offer undergraduate, master's and doctoral degrees in business and accounting. To earn AACSB accreditation, a business school must undergo meticulous internal review, evaluation and adjustment to meet the organization's rigorous standards, which require highly qualified faculty and a commitment to continuously improve and to keep the curricula responsive to the needs of business. Five PASSHE Universities are now accredited by AACSB. The others are **Bloomsburg, Clarion, Indiana and Shippensburg Universities of Pennsylvania.**

Teacher education programs at **Edinboro, Mansfield, Millersville and West Chester Universities of Pennsylvania** have been granted continuing accreditation by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE), a coalition of 33 specialty professional associations of teachers, teacher educators, content specialists and local and state policy makers committed to quality teaching and teacher preparation.

West Chester University's Elementary Education Program has received national recognition from the Association of Childhood Education International (ACEI) while the Early Childhood Education program has received national recognition from the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC).

Edinboro University's baccalaureate social work program has received continuing accreditation from the Council on Social Work Education's Commission on Accreditation. The University's graduate program in social work also is accredited.

Mansfield University's nutrition and dietetics program received initial accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation/Approval for Dietetics Education. The accreditation is for 10 years. The program was noted for the opportunities it provides students to participate in the Shape-up Tioga County program, nutrition counseling and research projects and on-campus lunch and learn wellness presentations, and to gain hands-on experience in local institutional food service operations.

Millersville University's Center for Economic Education has been awarded the highest level of affiliation status for its efforts in advancing the national goals of the National Council on Economic Education. The mission of the Center is to ensure that every student understands essential economic concepts, is able to use economic ways of thinking and problem solving and has a solid grasp of the nature and structure of the national and global economy, as producers, consumers and citizens.

Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania's exercise science program is one of six such programs in the nation to receive the maximum five-year accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs. The program was the first in the nation to be accredited by the American Society of Exercise Physiologists and is endorsed by the American College of Sports Medicine and the National Strength and Conditioning Association.

Lock Haven University of Pennsylvania's nursing program has been granted continuing accreditation for eight years from the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission. In order to achieve accreditation, nursing programs must demonstrate they meet or exceed standards and criteria for educational quality through continuous self-assessment and planning. The LHU program offers an Associate of Science degree in nursing at the Clearfield Campus.

Lock Haven University's surgical technology program has been granted accreditation for five years from the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Programs. The program also is housed at the University's Clearfield Campus and offers a one-year certification program and a two-year Associate in Science in surgical technology degree.

Indiana, Millersville and Shippensburg Universities of Pennsylvania are included in *Kiplinger's Personal Finance* magazine's latest listing of the 100 best public college values in the United States. The annual rating, which lists schools that offer "top-notch academics at affordable prices," ranks IUP 40th, Millersville 52nd and Shippensburg 90th for in-state students. IUP ranks 29th for out-of-state students – the highest ranking of any Pennsylvania college or university – Millersville, 38th, and Shippensburg, 70th.

Indiana University of Pennsylvania's Eberly College of Business and Information Technology has been recognized for the third year in a row with inclusion in *The Princeton Review's Best 282 Business Schools, 2007* edition. The Princeton Review's Best guidebooks program uses independent surveys from current students, recent graduates and college officials to determine which colleges and universities merit inclusion.

Lock Haven University of Pennsylvania has been named to the 2006 President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll sponsored by the Corporation for National Community Service, the U.S. Departments of Education and Housing and Urban Development, the USA Freedom Corps and the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation. The Honor Roll recognizes colleges and universities that "encourage and support noteworthy student community service efforts." LHU's recognition comes due to the efforts of students, faculty and staff involved with MountainServe, the University's Center for Rural Community Service and Learning.

Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania's new Small Business Development Center (SBDC) will hold its grand opening next week. The University's SBDC will serve Adams, Cumberland, Franklin and York counties and will provide information services, low-cost

training programs and seminars and free business consulting services to pre-venture entrepreneurs and business owners. The center is funded as a partnership between the university and the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development. Outreach sites will be established in each of the four counties to make the services easily accessible to stakeholders in the region.

The Pennsylvania German Society has relocated to the Pennsylvania German Cultural Heritage Center (PGCHC) at **Kutztown University of Pennsylvania**. Founded in 1891, the organization is a nonprofit educational society with more than 1,000 members and is international in scope. It is recognized as one of the leading authorities in the study, publication and preservation of the Pennsylvania German culture, language and heritage.

Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania's women's field hockey team won its 13th national championship by defeating Bentley College in Pensacola, Florida, as part of the National Collegiate Athletic Association's Division II National Sports Festival. The Huskies finished the season undefeated, with a record of 24-0 to tie a school record for wins in a season. It was the school's 10th Division II championship under the direction of head coach Jan Hutchinson.

Millersville University of Pennsylvania President Francine G. McNairy was honored by Governor Edward G. Rendell and First Lady Marjorie O. Rendell as one of eight Distinguished Daughters of Pennsylvania at the 59th annual presentation luncheon held at the Governor's Residence. To be considered for the award, an individual must be nominated by organizations within the Commonwealth for accomplishments of statewide or national importance.

Fundraising, Grants and Other Awards

East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania alumnus Warren Hoeffner and his wife, Sandra, have pledged \$2 million to the University's new science and technology center, currently under construction. The pledge is the largest alumni gift ever received by ESU and continues the Hoeffner's long-time support for the University. The couple in 2000 established the Hoeffner Scholarship.

East Stroudsburg University's \$15 million Comprehensive Campaign, "Today's Dream, Tomorrow's Reality," which kicked off in April, already is at 72 percent of its goal. ESU's new science and technology center is the campaign's centerpiece. The campaign also is seeking support for the annual fund, athletic facilities renovations, endowed scholarships and the fine and performing arts endowment.

Indiana University of Pennsylvania has received a \$1.9 million gift from the Alan and Roy Fairman families to assist in the renovation of an historic building in downtown Punxsutawney. The building will enable the University to expand its culinary arts program and also to offer additional degree and certificate programs targeted to meet regional needs. Some retail and business space also might be made available on the first floor, as well as student apartments on the third floor.

West Chester University of Pennsylvania has received a \$248,458 grant from the state for the installation of a geothermal heat pump on campus. The new system will provide clean energy, while reducing overall energy costs for the University. The grant was provided through the Department of Environmental Protection's Pennsylvania Energy Harvest program.

West Chester University's Nursing Program received a \$210,000 grant from the Pennsylvania Higher Education Foundation and Independence Blue Cross to support students in the program. The University also received an anonymous gift of \$250,000 to establish an endowment for community health outreach.

California University of Pennsylvania has received a \$199,756 grant from the U.S. Department of Justice's Office on Violence Against Women to fund the second year of its PEACE Project designed to combat violence against women. The continued funding will enable the University to enhance campus-based advocacy, strengthen comprehensive violence prevention training and programming, strengthen effective security and investigation strategies and strengthen programs for special needs groups and diverse populations.

Clarion University of Pennsylvania has received two gifts totaling \$225,000 for its new science and technology building. The Dr. and Mrs. Arthur William Phillips Charitable Trust

of Oil City donated \$125,000 and S&T Bank, \$100,000, toward the facility. The \$31 million project is expected to be one of few LEED certified science buildings in the country and possibly the first certified public university building in Pennsylvania. LEED certification requires meeting national standards and reflects facilities that best meet sustainable environmental energy concerns.

Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania has received a pair of grants totaling \$216,000 to continue providing horseback riding, exercise programs and health education through 2008 to area residents with disabilities through its Center on Disability and Health. SRU received a \$116,000 grant from the FISA Foundation, a Pittsburgh charitable foundation working to improve quality of life for girls, women and people of both genders with disabilities, and \$100,000 from DSF Charitable Foundation in Pittsburgh, which supports health and human-services programs.

Kutztown University of Pennsylvania received \$130,000 in state and county funds to support the operation of the Institute for the Advancement of Children's Environmental Health. The institute, which was created by the KU Foundation in conjunction with the Berks County Environmental Advisory Council, is studying the effects environmental pollutants have on children. It is the fourth institute of its kind in the United States. The state Department of Environmental Protection also is providing technical support to the facility.

Cheyney University of Pennsylvania will receive a \$25,000 grant from the United States Department of Defense as part of the Army's Mentor/Protégé program. The University will work with DRS Technical and Management Services Corporation (TAMSCO) of Calverton, Maryland, and Technica, a woman-owned small business located in North Charleston, South Carolina, as part of the program, which provides a variety of services to companies involved in the defense industry.

Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania's Career Development Center has received a \$2,500 grant from Target to enhance a program to prepare students for their future job search. The grant will fund a portion of "Career Awareness Week" in March 2007, which

will offer mock interviews, résumé and cover letter writing workshops, networking advice, instruction on how to conduct an effective job search and a workshop where recruiters from Target Distribution visit campus and talk with students.

University and Community Partnerships

Cheyney University of Pennsylvania recently dedicated an on-campus, state-of-the-art aquaponics greenhouse developed by Herban Farms. The collaboration with the company will allow the University to use the facility to train biology students and to conduct research on biological methods to increase the efficiency of production for both plants and fish. The objective of the project is to develop programs in urban aquaculture and fish nutrition/physiology and to train individuals in various scientific areas.

California University of Pennsylvania has signed an articulation agreement with Westmoreland County Community College that permits WCCC students who have completed at least 12 credits to have the option of signing a letter of intent, which will entitle them to admission to Cal U upon completion of the associate in arts degree. Their admission to Cal U, which will ensure them approved advanced academic standing credit for programs of study completed at WCCC, will be contingent upon meeting admission and academic program requirements.

Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania has established exchange agreements with five public universities in Ghana. These agreements will allow Bloomsburg faculty and students to interact with those from Ghana through student, faculty and staff exchanges; collaborative research; and conferences.

Student and Faculty Recognition

Kutztown University of Pennsylvania's National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) Student Chapter has been named Pennsylvania's Best College Chapter of the Year for 2006-07. The award was presented by the Governor's Advisory Commission on African American Affairs in conjunction with the NAACP's Pennsylvania State Youth and College Division.

Dr. Susan Criswell, chair of the Special Education and School Psychology Department at **Edinboro University of Pennsylvania** was named "Teacher Educator of the Year" by the Pennsylvania Association of Colleges and Teacher Educators (PAC-TE). PAC-TE is an affiliate of the American Association of Colleges and Teacher Educators (AACTE) and the Association of Teacher Educators (ATE).

Dr. Lynn D. Woodhouse, interim chair and professor of health at **East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania**, received the prestigious 2006 Distinguished Career Award at the American Public Health Association (APHA) annual meeting held in Boston. APHA is the largest organization of public health professionals in the world, with more than 50,000 members.

Three biochemistry majors from **Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania** earned national honors at the Ninth Annual Undergraduate Symposium in the Chemical and Biological Sciences. Amanda Henry of Renfrew and Rebecca Wagner of Sewickley placed first in the biochemical science category for their year-long research into how viruses and cancer affect human cells. Kimberly Negrin of New Castle placed second in the same category for researching the effect of obesity on horses. More than 160 students from across the United States participated in the symposium.

Deirdre Pettipiece-Ray, chair of the Department of Communications and Modern Languages at **Cheyney University of Pennsylvania**, has been named senior managing editor of the *Journal of the Council of Writing Program Administrators*. This national journal is considered to be the most prestigious in the field of English and writing studies.

Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania's student-produced magazine, *Spectrum*, took first place, with special merit, in competition sponsored by the American Scholastic Press Association. In addition, Frank Cunniff's story, "Baghdad to Bloomsburg," was named the outstanding non-fiction story. Cunniff, a Spring 2006 graduate, was a creative writing and journalism major and the magazine's executive editor.

Clarion University of Pennsylvania nursing professor Julie Erb London has earned the credential of Certified Nurse Educator (CNE) through the National League for Nursing (NLN). London is one of only 358 nurse educators in the country and 35 in Pennsylvania to have earned the CNE credential.