Coming Together

Our 14 State System universities have come together in support of our students and communities in amazing ways in response to the global health crisis.

Supporting Student Success

Software engineering students learn to work together, alone

Turning problems into opportunities is what engineers do, so it made perfect sense that Dr. Carol Wellington's software engineering students at Shippensburg University seamlessly pivoted online while working with Deloitte to develop software features.

LHU Cupboard remains open for students in need

Lock Haven University's Haven Cupboard is staying open to serve current LHU students in need who remain in the area while face-to-face classes and activities on campus have been canceled.

Nursing students complete clinicals online

Bloomsburg University recently bought computer simulation software for the nursing department. This software allows the students to finish their courses and will allow seniors to graduate on time.

Cheyney University working with employers to reformat internships

In response to the coronavirus impacting southeastern Pennsylvania, Cheyney University’s Career Development Center quickly pivoted and started working with its employer partners to convert student interviews from in-person to virtual.

Virtual interns available for summer

West Chester University is developing an internship program to match student interns with small businesses that can provide virtual internship opportunities. Students would receive a stipend from the university so that businesses will not have to incur the salary cost.

Helping our Communities

IUP, IRMC collaborate to provide COVID-19 testing

Narayanaswamy Bharathan, chair of the IUP Department of Biology, is working at Indiana Regional Medical Center to conduct testing to identify the presence of COVID-19. Bharathan is using equipment from his IUP laboratory for the testing, which will allow same-day results.

SRU combines 3D printing resources to create face shields for local health care workers

Earlier this month, Slippery Rock University provided surplus personal protection equipment to local hospitals and first responders in the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic. Now, the University is taking those efforts one step further by making its own supplies from scratch through the use of 3D printers.

ESU's fieldhouse medical care site

East Stroudsburg University has been called upon by PEMA and the PA Department of Health to begin turning Koehler Fieldhouse into an emergency overflow facility, a backup for local hospitals.

Millersville University donates gloves, masks, other supplies to protect first responders during COVID-19 crisis

Departments across campus contributed items that have been in high demand during the coronavirus pandemic, including gloves, N95 masks and hand sanitizer. The supplies were given to people working on the front lines of the crisis.

Making an Impact

Edinboro University grad on the frontline of COVID-19 vaccine

Dr. David Montefiori’s work is mostly aimed at testing serum from vaccines to see if they have the right kind of antibodies that are needed for protection. Montefiori is working with a colleague at Los Alamos National Laboratory who is tracking how the virus is mutating.

Mansfield University and UPMC Wellboro collaborate

In order to assist the preparation for the potential response to COVID-19, Mansfield University loaned seven hospital beds from its Nursing Lab to UPMC Wellboro as reserve beds in case the hospital should experience a patient surge due to the epidemic.

Kutztown University donates thousands of masks and gloves to Berks emergency agencies

Kutztown University recently donated more than 2,100 masks and 3,300 gloves to Berks County’s emergency management agencies. The masks and gloves were distributed to locations throughout the county that are in need.

Clarion University donates protective supplies to local medical facilities

Clarion University is supporting local healthcare professionals on the front lines of fighting Coronavirus by donating protective equipment.

Student ships face shields to hospital

Luke Melcher, a junior mechatronics engineering technology and robotics engineering major at California University, uses his 3D printing skills to produce protective gear for health care workers amid the COVID-19 pandemic. He shipped the box of 16 face shields to the UPMC Pinnacle Health Community General Osteopathic Hospital in Harrisburg, Pa.