

Council of Trustees

Quarterly Meeting

May 5, 2023



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Call to Order

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Roll Call

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Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes

Public Comment Period

By Phone: *9 Raise Hand

Emeritus Recipients

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Faculty Emeritus

Bloomsburg

Dr. George Salvaterra

**Head Athletic
Trainer/Assistant Professor**

Bloomsburg | Lock Haven | Mansfield



Faculty Emeritus

Mansfield

Dr. Janice Purk

Department of Anthropology,
Sociology and Criminal Justice

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President's Report

Dr. Bashar W. Hanna
President



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University Highlights

Big Event Held

- Students from Bloomsburg and Lock Haven both participated in the Big Event in April. The students took part in cleanup and beautifying projects.
- More than 1,000 Bloomsburg students worked at 170 sites; while nearly 75 Lock Haven students handled more than a dozen projects.



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University Highlights

Commonwealth University Wins 2023 Ellucian Impact Award

- Commonwealth University was named a 2023 Ellucian Impact Award winner in the Institutional Resilience category. Ellucian is the leading higher education technology solutions provider.
- The Ellucian Impact Award celebrates the higher education visionaries who are inspiring others to push the boundaries of technology and innovation. The annual award recognizes institutions using technology to solve challenges, operate more efficiently, and offer a better student experience.



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University Highlights

Lock Haven Clearfield Holds Lifelong Learning Events

- The Lock Haven Clearfield campus and the Mature Resources Area Agency on Aging kicked off the spring Lifelong Learning Institute with three programming events.
- The events were “An Evening Serenade” with members of the Pennsylvania Chamber Orchestra; the second program gave participants the opportunity to create an 8- by 10-inch acrylic painting of a flower; and the third was an informative session on Aging and faculty member Physical Mobility presented by Dr. Jamie Foor, psychology .



University Highlights

Mansfield Public Safety Training Institute Hosts State Officials to Discuss Law Enforcement Training Needs

- The Mansfield Public Safety Training Institute hosted state government officials for a presentation on establishing a consistent and adaptable training model for law enforcement, designed to be proactive, addressing crises before they happen.
- Among those attending the sessions were Auditor General Tim DeFoor, PA Commission on Crime and Delinquency Executive Director Michael Pennington, and the Pennsylvania State Treasurer Stacy Garrity, as well as members of the PA Inspector General's Law Enforcement Commission, and members of the PA State Police.



University Highlights

McDowell Institute Part of Group Receiving Grant To Support Mental Health

- Student mental health programs in central Pennsylvania are getting a boost from the collaborative efforts amongst the Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit (CSIU), Geisinger, Susquehanna Valley United Way and the McDowell Institute.
- These partners have been awarded three grants totaling almost \$4 million to fund programs to support student mental health across schools and communities in Columbia, Montour, Northumberland, Snyder and Union counties.

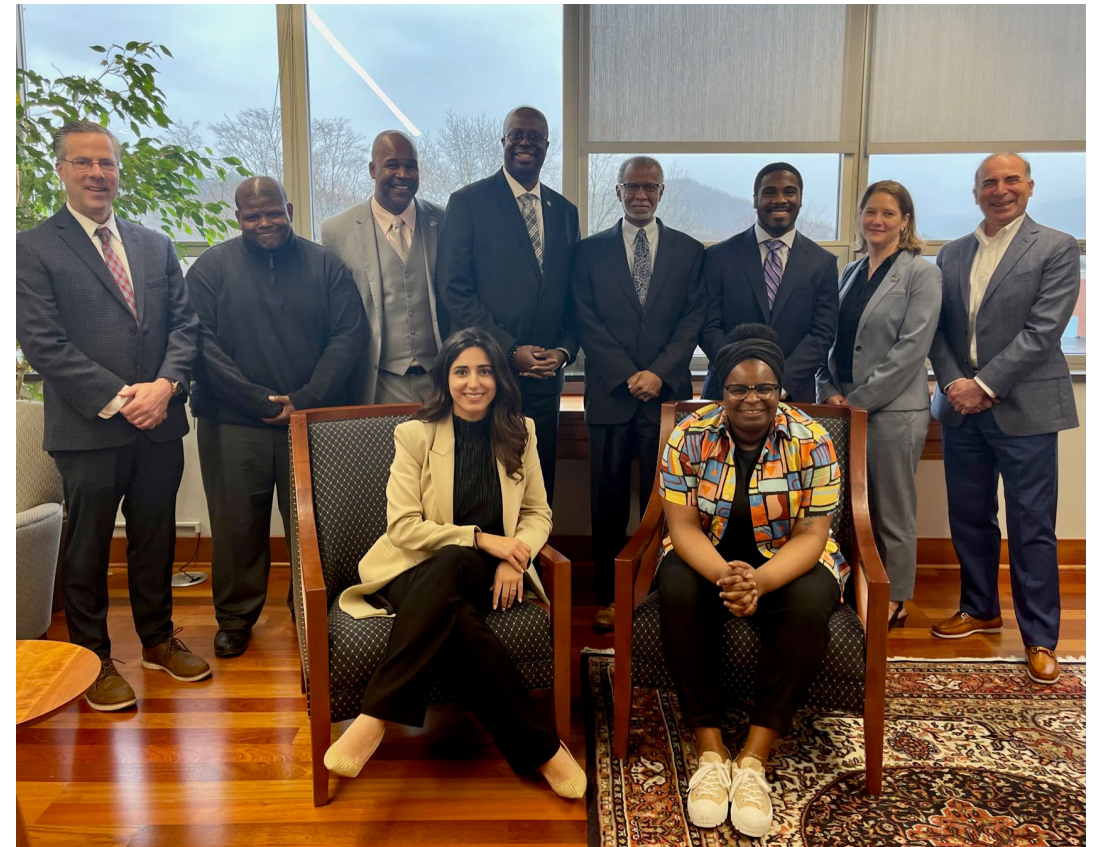


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University Highlights

Senator Haywood Visits Lock Haven

- In April, we welcomed State Senator Art Haywood and PA Human Relations Commission Executive Director Chad Dion Lassiter to the Lock Haven campus for discussions on diversity, equity, and inclusion progress with university leadership and students.

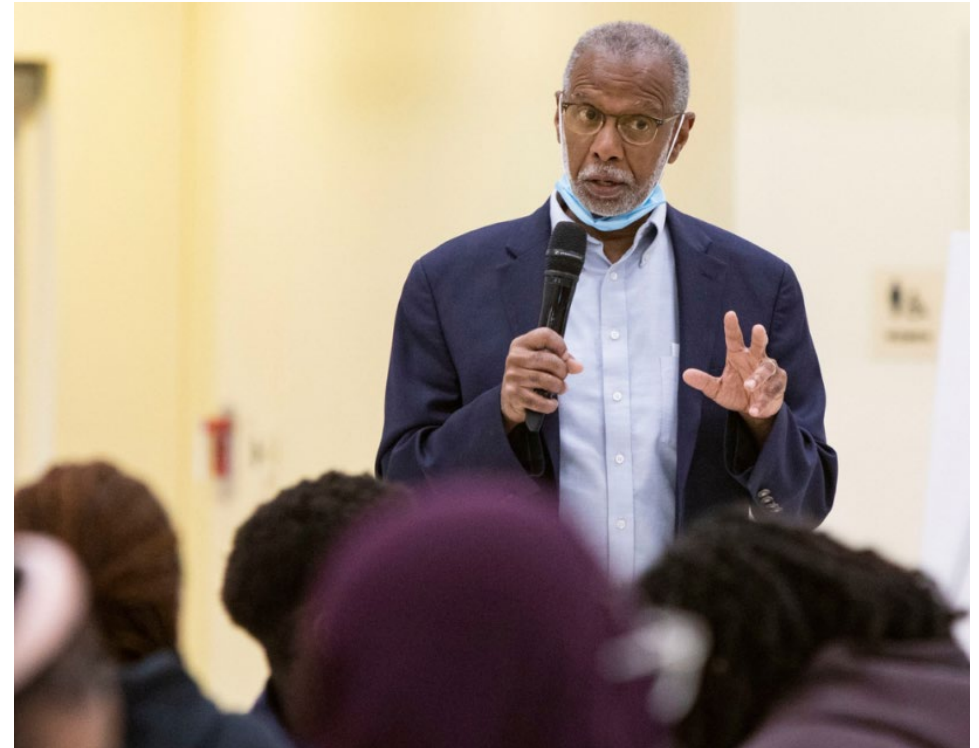


University Highlights

Senator Haywood & CommonwealthU

Co-host College Expo

- On Wednesday, April 19, Commonwealth University co-hosted a college expo in partnership with Sen. Art Haywood at Enon Tabernacle Church in Philadelphia. During the expo, high school students from Sen. Haywood's district gathered to learn about the college application process and college life.
- Students in attendance had access to resource tables and college administrative staff from CU to learn and ask questions. The expo covered topics such as the benefits of higher education, how to choose the right major, how to navigate scholarships and financial aid, and what life as a college student looks like.



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University Highlights

First Citizens Community Bank Donates to Early College Program

- Thanks to First Citizens Community Bank (FCCB), the Early College program (formerly known as the Early Start Program) at Mansfield has remained tuition-free for Pennsylvania public high school students this academic year.
- The donation is the third year that First Citizens has supported the Early College Program, contributing \$55,000 this year to the program.



University Highlights

Professor Force from Zeigler College of Business Named Teacher of the Year

- Christina Force was selected as the 2023 Teacher of the Year Award for Senior College/University Business Teachers by the National Business Education Association (NBEA). She received her award at the 2023 NBEA Annual Convention in Kansas City.



University Highlights

Marketing and Communications Staff Win Awards

- The Marketing and Communications Department took home two gold and one bronze awards at the recent 2023 CUPPIE Awards competition sponsored by College and University Public Relations and Associated Professionals).
- A gold was awarded in the Long Form Story Writing category for the piece on Steph Pettit, "Pulling Back the Curtain on the Uncommon Man," written by Tom McGuire.
- The second gold was awarded in the Wild Card category to the MarComm staff for their collective effort for community scholars and scholarship strategy (scholarship materials, media relations, social media and webpage).
- The bronze was awarded to Elizabeth Arnold in the Executive Communications Speech Writing/Remarks category for the "Clinton County Economic Partnership Keynote."



University Highlights

Commonwealth University Receives \$60K Hunger-Free Campus Grant

- Commonwealth University received the Pennsylvania Hunger-Free Campus+ designation from the PA Department of Education. This designation also qualified CU to apply for grant opportunities, resulting in a \$60K grant awarded to the university to address food insecurity.
- Many thanks to Dr. Tiffany Welch, associate professor of social work at Mansfield, who authored the grant. She was assisted by Dr. Amy Downes, associate vice president for student success and campus life.



University Highlights

College of Education and Human Studies Department of Exceptionality Programs Receives \$100,000 Grant

- Thanks to Drs. Walsh, Drogan, Lylo, and Dean Feldhaus, has received a \$100,000 grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Education's Accelerated Program for PK-12 Special Education Teacher Certification.



Student Success

American Fisheries Society's 2023 annual meeting

- Lock Haven alumna Sierra Rider, a 2019 Lock Haven graduate and current graduate student at Bucknell University, was named the Cooper Award winner for her research related to water temperature in streams flowing through agricultural fields, forested land or planted riparian buffers.
- Katarina Frantz, a senior in the fisheries program at Mansfield, took third place for her poster presentation, "Significant Differences in Average pH and Alkalinity Found Among Streams with Differing Bedrock."



Student Success

Students Take Part in Undergraduate Research Day

- Students from the Bloomsburg, Lock Haven, and Mansfield represented Commonwealth University at this year's PA Undergraduate Research at the Capitol Day.
- It was a chance for the students to share some of the original research work they and their faculty advisors have been doing in the classroom.



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Thank you!

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Student Spotlight

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Student Spotlight



Luna Alexander

Senior

Major in Communication Studies:
Organizational Communication Track

Who?

- Hometown: Wellsboro, PA
- Wellsboro High School

- Daughter, Sibling, Friend, Partner, Leader, Athlete, Photographer, Mentor, LGBTQA+

- Brother: BU Alumni (Fall 2019)



What?

Organizations:

- Office of FYE & Student Transition Program Coordinator and Peer Mentor (Student Advisory Council Rep.)
- Honors College
- Presidential Leadership Program (Intern)
- Student Advisory Council to the President
- Army ROTC (Color Guard Commander, Cadet Council, Battalion XO)
- Student Veterans Association (Communications)
- NCASC (Vice-President)
- Women's Club Rugby (Communications)
- Equality Alliance (SpeakOut Panelist)
- Lambda Pi Eta
- Volunteer Work

Awards & Honors:

- Deans List
- USAA Spirit Award: Army ROTC
- Cadet of the Month (SEPT 2019, APR 2020, MAR 2022)
- SGT York Award (2): Army ROTC
- Student Employee of the Year 2021-22
- 2023 Outstanding Communication Studies Student of the Year
- BU Foundation Guest Speaker: Scholarship Banquet 2022
- NODA Region 8 Presenter 2022
- BU Diversity Conference Speaker 2022
- BU Leadership Conference Panelist 2020



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When?

- High School: When choosing Bloomsburg...
- Freshman: Fall 2019 (August 19th, 2019)
- Covid
- Graduation: May 13th

Where?

Then: Bloomsburg University

Now: Commonwealth University, Bloomsburg Campus

Next: Active Duty United States Army Officer

Future: Wherever I can impact and change lives

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Why?

- “If we want to feel an undying passion for our work, if we want to feel we are contributing to something bigger than ourselves, we all need to know our WHY.” -Simon Sinek
- Change the world one smile and interaction at a time
- Wouldn't be possible without the home I have found here at Bloomsburg and the people that have become family.

Order of Succession Planning

Council of Trustees Meeting Calendar 2023-2024

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Other Business

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Recognition of Student Trustees

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Ms. Julia Burcin
Student Trustee
Bloomsburg Campus



Mr. Justin White
Student Trustee
Lock Haven Campus



Trustee Comments

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Adjournment

Thank you!