



## UPDATE ON ACADEMIC ADVISING

Dr. Margaret Mbindyo, an assistant professor at Millersville, serves as advisement coordinator, Center for Advisement and Student Support for the College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences and the Lombardo College of Business. She recently shared her thoughts on the role of academic resilience in promoting student success.

### **What makes Millersville an exceptional learning environment for students?**

It is the hard work of our faculty and staff to teach and support our students. They are willing to go the extra mile to help our students. The Marauder family feel gives a sense of belonging to the students and makes the university a very special place to be.

### **How did the idea for the Academic Resilience Series come about?**

I am very passionate about academic resilience. It was the topic of my dissertation for my Ph.D. many years ago. As a result of that, I researched what academic resilience is and how it





Millersville University became the first predominantly white institution in the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education to construct 12 plots on campus representing the traditional Black Greek-lettered organizations and other Latinx fraternities and sororities this fall semester. Millersville joins Cheyney University, which was not only the first in PASSHE, but also one of the first in the nation to dedicate such plots.

This project was funded from private gifts and donations totaling about \$170,000 by almost 200 alumni, friends and students. Signage for each of the organizations and a plaque describing the purpose of the walkway are being added as the final steps in the project. The signage will also honor the 75 leadership gifts from donors. When completed, the walkway will serve as another step towards connecting our students to our alumni in a meaningful way. It will symbolize leadership, service and social justice.

This project honors our EPPIIC value of inclusion. We are proud to add the plots as a permanent fixture to our campus. The plots will serve as both a walkway and gathering place for members of the organizations represented. Construction is projected to conclude during the spring 2021 semester. It will be a testament to these organizations' long-established history and service, many of which are represented with active chapters at Millersville. Pending COVID-19 restrictions, a formal dedication will take place around the Millersville Founders Day in April.

## MILLERSVILLE FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS PROVIDE SUPPORT

The COVID-19 pandemic has brought hardships to so many across our campus and community. We are thankful for Millersville University's spiritual groups and leaders who bring assurance and faith to our students, faculty, staff and community.

Our [campus ministry leaders](#) demonstrate a commitment to spiritual development and work in fellowship with our campus community to promote the health and well-being of our students.

Our University is fortunate to have a campus that welcomes people from different religious backgrounds. Our faith-based organizations include Catholic Campus Ministries, College Bible Fellowship, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Reformed University Fellowship, United Campus Ministry, Young Life and Navigators. On top of that, we have even more [campus clubs](#), including Bible Campus Ministries, College Bible Fellowship/Athletes Bible Fellowship, Gospel Choir, Hillel and the John Newman Association.

Many of our faith-based organizations and leaders can be reached via email. Many of their emails can be found here: <https://www.millersville.edu/campusministries/campus-ministries.php>.