

It's too darn hot – or not! It all depends on your perspective. Our campus meteorologist, Eric Horst, is predicting that temperatures could approach 100 degrees later this week, and the heat index may soar above the century mark. Yes, it is too darn hot at the 'Ville. On the other hand, things are really heating up on campus in so many positive ways. I am excited to share a few developments in this month's newsletter for your midsummer reading pleasure.

One of the universities I visited was Chongqing Normal University, a consortium partner through the AASCU-sponsored [Cooperation on Higher Education and Professional Development \(CHEPD\)](#) program. The title of my presentation at the conference was “Promoting Programs in Music and Fine Arts: A Language Embracing All Languages,” and I participated in the graduation ceremony for three Millersville’s dual degree students through the CHEPD Program. For those of you who follow me on social media, we have some photos posted online.

Some of our newest partners in China are Zhejiang Normal University, Northeast Agricultural University and Guizhou University. For a full list of our international partners, visit the <https://www.millersville.edu/internationalprograms/international-partnerships/international-partners.php>.

Last spring, we signed an MOU with Academic City College located in Ghana. This partnership allows us to work together on a variety of programs. Millersville students and faculty will be able to participate in study abroad programs and it also provides transfer and graduate opportunities for students from Academic City College.

Visiting our partners to make sure students and scholars know they are welcome at Millersville is necessary for building these relationships. It is also important for U.S. universities to continually advocate for our international interests and the importance of global studies. We’re fortunate to have an international service office that helps international students and scholars to get the most from their experience at the ‘Ville.

In a recent Op-Ed for LNP, I wrote about the importance of higher education institutions partnering with businesses and the local community. Similarly, it is important for us to collaborate with other higher education institutions to provide access and opportunities for all students.

During the spring semester, we signed partnerships with Thaddeus Stevens College of Science & Technology and the Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine in Virginia.

By collaborating with Thaddeus Stevens, we created an opportunity for their business administration students pursuing an associate degree to transfer credits easily into our new online business administration bachelor’s degree program. Through our newly established College of Business, they will be able to further their education while balancing a job in the workforce.

And, for graduates of Millersville University looking to enter the field of medicine, we signed an agreement with the Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine for a “Guaranteed Admissions Interview Program.” Qualified MU students will have an advantage for admission into medical school through this agreement. This is a collaboration I am especially proud of, because only 4.5% of applicants are accepted into their program.

Eurofins Scientific is an international life sciences company that provides a unique range of analytical testing services to clients across multiple industries. We are fortunate to have one of their locations, the Eurofins Lancaster Laboratories Environmental, LLC, in Lancaster County. In addition to being a great company and regional partner, they also employ more than 100 Millersville University alums. The MU Alumni Association partnered with Eurofins this spring to hold a mid-week lunch for our Marauder alums.

Our faculty have done a great job partnering with Eurofins to provide our students with internships across several disciplines and several interns transitioned to full-time employees upon their graduation from MU. One of our Council of Trustee members, Holly Trego '98, was introduced to Eurofins as an intern. She worked her way up and now, after 23 years with the company, she is their manager for IT Solutions. She told me that as a computer science student at Millersville she had access to equipment that helped prepare her for the business world.

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