

Dear Campus Community,

This summer appears to have flown by so quickly that we will soon welcome our new and returning students back to campus to begin a new academic year. I have enjoyed watching the energy and excitement of the new summer orientation program, which has kept our campus brimming with activity. The large 3-D "Ville" letters (of course in gold) have appeared weekly outside of Biemesderfer, and I enjoyed seeing our new students and taking a few pictures with them. Another significant change on campus this summer was the lake/pond restoration project, which was partially historic because it is the first time it is happening in this century. While Miller and S'Ville had to relocate for the project to proceed, the ducks and mallards hung around for most of the two months that the pond/lake was dredged and refilled. I am glad to say our two heroes are back in their renovated environs.

As we prepare for the beginning of the fall semester, the health and safety of our community remain our top priority. Despite the appearance of new variants of the COVID-19 virus, experts believe we are moving into the endemic phase of this pandemic. With cases on the rise throughout Europe and even in some parts of Pennsylvania, the [CDC](#) recommends that everyone stay up-to-date with COVID vaccinations.

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In mid-July, when many of our students were still in vacation or work mode, 38 first-year students arrived on campus for the Pre-Scholars Summer Institute. The students are preparing for the fall semester by participating in a five-week, six-credit extensive program focused on academic, community and interpersonal skill development. Students learn to embrace a positive attitude towards their education and gain the skills necessary for success in higher education.

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MU STUDENTS CELEBRATE DUAL GRADUATION WITH CEREMONY IN CHINA

Seventeen students who spent two years studying at Millersville University recently graduated from their home university in China. It's part of a program that Millersville has been involved with since 2016.

The American Association of State Colleges and Universities and the China Center for International Educational Exchange offer the Sino-American Cooperation on Higher Education and Professional Development program – or CHEPD. Through this partnership, students complete two degrees, one from their home university in China and a degree from Millersville University. Undergraduate students from any Chinese member institution transfer to MU for 2 to 2.5 years and graduate students for 1 to 1.5 years.

This past May, 17 students graduated with degrees from MU and NEAU and they celebrated with a virtual ceremony. Dr. Daniel A. Wubah, president of Millersville University, offered his remarks and congratulations virtually.

Northeast Agricultural University has been Millersville's primary partner university in China since 2018. Students in this program earn a bachelor's degree in biology. "The past few years, students in the program have worked hard to complete the program remotely," says Dr. Christina Kinney, associate director of education abroad and partnerships at Millersville. "As this partnership begins to venture into post-pandemic international collaboration, the Office of International Programs and Services looks forward to planning for the relaunch of international mobility for students, faculty and administrators in the CHEPD program." 589.92cm BT 50 0 0 50 662.0351 -1215 Tm 00 0 0 50 25131 Tf c

Hardy says the job market for computer science majors is fantastic and this program will equip counselors to arm teachers and students with important marketable skills.

The grant is from the Pennsylvania Department of Education to improve access to science, technology, engineering, math and computer science education. The PAsmartAdvancing Grants will help a total of 42 institutions across the state.

School counselors, through role and training, are uniquely positioned to align programs and coordinate services between education and the workforce. Hardy says the grant will provide training and professional development to school counselors so they can advocate for computer science.

And Millersville University students will get hands-on learning by helping to develop coding and security modules.