commencement and hope that it serves as a moment of inspiration for returning to campus in the fall.

Be kind, be safe and stay healthy.

Daniel A. Wubah University President

NEW PROGRAMS IN AEST

The past year has brought significant changes to our world, our local community and to Millersville University. A positive change at MU has been the addition of three new distinct and vital programs in engineering technology. These programs are housed in our Department of Applied Engineering, Safety & Technology (AEST).

Our new program in Packaging Engineering Technology focuses on the application of scientific, technological, industrial design and business principles to the development of packages and packaging materials. Graduates of this program will be prepared for a variety of jobs in the engineering field.

Our new Manufacturing Engineering Technology program provides in-depth technical content in advanced manufacturing with an emphasis on automated manufacturing and computer integrated manufacturing. MU students who enroll in the program can become production managers, manufacturing engineers and much more.

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Q/A WITH RITA MILLER

Rita Miller is a success coach in the department of Academic Advisement & Student Development. She is in her 45th year with Millersville University and we recently asked her

Q. How many titles have you held at MU?

A. At least five over the years.

Q. How many departments have you worked in?

A. It would probably be easier to measure by Divisions. I have worked in both Student Affairs and Academic Affairs.

Q. What are some keys to your longevity at Millersville?

work with students in the college/university environment, to assist them to grow and develop as individuals who will have a positive impact on the world. At the start of each year, I take time to assess my progress on this goal. Each year I have confirmed that this goal is still my focus and that I can use my experience and knowledge to move toward that goal.

Q. What is it about MU that makes you want to stay here?

A. I have always believed that Millersville University, as an institution of higher learning, has the potential and perhaps even the obligation to be a key influence in changing the world to improve the human condition. That motivates me.

Q. What are your goals for your position as a success coach?

A. My goal remains the same, however, my objectives for the goal are directed and influenced by the needs of the students and the challenges they and the University confront on the pathway to success.

Q. What was your most memorable moment at MU so far?

A. I could choose from many over the years, but I think the most significant was being a part of the search committees that were successful in bringing to campus the first woman president; a person of color, and now a second president; a person of color who is also of international background. These hallmarks ar

has a destiny to be a beacon of light to the world and a motivator for positive change in the

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with the values of research, creativity and scholarship. The University Research Newsletter is headed by two student co-editors are sophomore Jackson
Fogel and junior Leah Freeman, who are under the supervision of associate professor and h Thyrum.

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THRIVE TO FIVE

In 2019, we held a grand-

-KSTEM

Partnership (CAP), was the first in the region to offer STEM instruction to students ages 3-5, giving these children the opportunity to engage with STEM concepts from the very start of their learning journeys.

Then the pandemic hit and the program had to pivot to operating remotely with options for students to join a morning or afternoon group session as a way to remain connected to their teachers and classmates. This shift allowed them to listen to a story, dance, play games and learn in a variety of creative ways. The students were also sent learning kits and materials to ensure their learning continued even while at home.

The pre-

culture of exploration by creating a dynamic learning environment for children. Additionally,

SPRING SPORTS

After nearly an entire year, our Millersville athletics teams have returned to intercollegiate excited about the prospects of success this spring. Our baseball team recently rose to No. 10 in all of Division II and was picked to win the PSAC East

feat of hitting for the cycle. It was an amazing performance!

its first six games! The lineup is led by our all-time home run leader Faith Willenbrock, who was also recently named PSAC East Athlete of the Week.

March, and I am happy that our swimmers and cross country runners will have the opportunity to compete in PSAC Championships this spring as well. The process of returning our student-athletes to competition during an onampionsh