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NEW GRADUATE PROGRAM GIVES PROFESSIONALS ANOTHER
OPTION

For more than 160 years, Millersville University has had an outstanding teaching program – and it just
keeps getting better. We started with undergraduate degrees, then master’s degrees and in 2015 we
enrolled our first doctoral student in the Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership (Ed.D.)
program.

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Mentoring is a partnership that will pay dividends for our students who are mentored, as well as for
those who do the mentoring. How wonderful for our experienced alumni to provide guidance and
feedback to our students for the purpose of facilitating skill development and enhancing academic,
professional and personal growth.
The mentorship office is in the process of matching alums to our students right now through a pilot
partnership with Mentor Collective, an online mentoring community. Students register through
Mentor Collective for the opportunity to be linked with a Millersville University alumni mentor for one-on-one guidance and career advice.
The office also serves as a centralized resource center for the Millersville University community,
providing mentoring opportunities, guidance, funding support, and recognition for all of the
University’s mentoring relationships and programs.
The Mentorship Office is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. and is located in
Experiential Learning and Career Management at the Bedford House.
For additional information please email mentorship@millersville.edu or visit their webpage.

HONORS SOCIETIES AT MILLERSVILLE

Student academic excellence is an indicator of quality at universities; and this work is often recognized
by honors societies through a merit-based and rigorous process. When I learned that our University
did not have an active chapter of an honors society on campus, I tasked some of our leaders to
change that. I’m happy to say that after a lot of hard work and dedication from faculty and staff
including Dr. Elizabeth Thyrum, director of the Honors College; Renardo Hall, associate vice president
for Student Affairs & Enrollment Management; and Dr. Lisa Shibley, assistant vice president for
Institutional Assessment and Planning, Millersville will soon have two illustrious honors societies
represented on campus.
Under the direction of Dr. Thyrum, Millersville revitalized our chapter of Phi Kappa Phi (PKP) in April
after a few years of hiatus. PKP is the oldest, most selective multidisciplinary academic honors society

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New members will be inducted into the chapter at the ceremony. Outstanding alumni, faculty and
staff who were members of ODK at their alma maters will also be honored through Millersville’s
chapter.

ENHANCING TRANSPARENCY OF OUR FINANCIAL SYSTEM
On October 30, the University’s Budget Advisory Committee held its inaugural meeting in the Ford
Atrium of McComsey Hall. Co-chaired by Drs. Nazli Hardy and Victor DeSantis, the committee is an
advisory body to my office and its membership represents the breadth of our community. Because
the University’s budget should reflect our institutional priorities, the committee will play a key role in
linking our resources to the key issues in our strategic plan. Specifically, members will review overall
budget targets and make recommendations regarding institutional one-time requests. With
representatives from AFSCME, SCUPA, management, cabinet and the student body, the committee
will also promote greater transparency regarding the budget process by facilitating conversations with
all constituents.
As the year progresses, I look forward to the Budget Advisory Committee’s recommendations on the
budget itself along with how we can make our process more user-friendly and understood by the
campus community. In the meantime, I want to thank the volunteers for their commitment to this very
important initiative.

THE HUB: ADDRESSING FOOD INSECURITY

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