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The articles in this month’s newsletter include information on Homecoming and ‘Ville Spirit
Week, the cumulative money that our faculty have saved students by using Open Educational
Resources, and an Employee Wellness Fair coming up on Oct. 26. We also take a look at our
athletic teams.
I look forward to seeing you on campus during this beautiful month.

HOMECOMING AND 'VILLE SPIRIT WEEK
Homecoming is the largest and most exciting event to bring alumni back to campus each
year. This year, Millersville's campus will once again be buzzing with special events and
programs to welcome you back as you revisit the past among friends and classmates.
Spectators will once again line the two-mile stretch of George Street to celebrate the 25th
anniversary of the Millersville Community Parade. This year’s theme is “Animal Kingdom” and
will feature entries that range from the local Shriners and their mini cars, our local groundhog
“Poppy,” to handmade floats by Millersville students and local youth groups. The parade, a
joint venture of Millersville University and the community, will begin at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday,
Oct. 22. I am pleased to be joined by members of the Council of Trustees at the front of the
parade lineup.
The parade is just one of the many events taking place during Homecoming. There are
activities all week as part of 'Ville Spirit Week. These events are free with an MU ID. The MU
field hockey team will also host a Pride Game on Friday, Oct. 21, at 3 p.m. against Slippery
Rock. In addition, there will be Alumni Golf, the Athletics Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony &
Banquet, an Alumni and Friends Block Party and more.
The Marauders football team will take on Shippensburg at 2 p.m. in the homecoming football
game.
2022 Ville Spirit Week includes programming to celebrate Coming Out Week and
Homecoming 2022.
For a complete list of homecoming events, visit Campus Life and the Alumni page.

OPEN EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES SAVE STUDENT MONEY

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Millersville University is continuing to support the use of Open Educational Resources to
lower the cost of attendance for our students. Since the Fall of 2019, the University and its
faculty have saved students a grand total of $1,547,820 by eliminating textbook costs.
OER is a movement in education that promotes free and open educational materials that
students can access in their coursework. Among OER's benefits are expanding access to
learning for students, enhancing and allowing customization of course materials and
providing more cutting-edge content and pedagogy. By eliminating the cost of textbooks,
OER can help lower the overall costs for students pursuing higher education. Over two years,
OER has helped over 17,000 students at the University save money. 
OER and Zero Textbook Cost resources include free textbooks and encourage students to
engage with more library resources, like journal databases and other publicly published
materials.  
For more information about OER, visit https://www.millersville.edu/cae/open-education/index.php.  

EMPLOYEE WELLNESS FAIR
MU faculty and staff are invited to the Employee Wellness Fair, held on Oct. 26 from 8 a.m. to
1 p.m. in the Reighard multipurpose room in the SMC. Organized by the Employee Wellness
Committee, the fair's theme is "Don't let your health scare you!" in the spirit of the Halloween
season. 
The fair includes internal and external organizations that will share information and
experience based on the eight dimensions of wellness: emotional, environmental, financial,
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