



learners to grow both intellectually and personally to enable them to contribute positively to local and global communities. Their private support and advocacy for the university ensures that Millersville remains accessible and affordable to all deserving students.

As we prepared for Thanksgiving last week, business leader, philanthropist and former New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg announced that he was donating \$1.8 billion to his alma

be used as financial aid for qualified low- and middle- Is of  
this gift is to increase the percentage of Pell Grant recipients at Johns Hopkins from 12 percent to at least 20 percent by 2023.

With about 34 percent of current Millersville students being Pell Grant recipients, I wondered what 1 percent of this historic gift would do for our students. I have no doubt that such a gift would provide scholarships to a greater number of students at our university and hence create a greater impact on the community. As it is, the gift likely will contribute toward widening the gap between an elite institution and all other universities.

But in taking an inventory of our connections with numerous business and nonprofit partnerships that are making an impact in our community, I realized how blessed we are to be in Lancaster

Lancaster-Lebanon, more than 55 Millersville students are being mentored through a grant

Watershed Education Training Institute partnered with the Lancaster Conservancy and Stroud Water Research Center to prepare students for watershed research, advocacy and conservation.

Millersville students are caring and compassionate. From training service animals to

service hours to various nonprofits and organizations. Additionally, our faculty and students opened doors and hearts to children of migrant workers; our Migrant Education Program has the largest enrollment of the five service regions in Pennsylvania. This initiative provides support for K-12 students, extended day programs and summer school.

