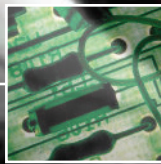


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Greetings from the Chancellor

This is a very special issue of *Currents*: a retrospect of the last decade – for me personally, a memorable decade of our time together. Effective July 1, I begin a new role with Penn State University, serving as the vice president for Commonwealth Campuses.

When I arrived at Penn State Harrisburg in 2000, great possibilities were waiting to be realized. We shared a vision to turn these possibilities into realities. And we have done just that, thanks to a talented and dedicated faculty and staff, and to the generosity and support of alumni, friends, and the broader community. We have come a good distance together.

Our college is highly regarded, held up as a leader among peer institutions. In the pursuit of excellence, we defined our character. We are bold and entrepreneurial; sound in strategy and solution. We leverage our resources with good results; we take risks, yet remain careful never to compromise a commitment to quality. And we have undeniable energy, confidence, and vitality. This is why our students hold their fondest life memories from their time with us, why our alums stay connected, why the community views us as a major resource, and why faculty and staff spend their professional careers at the college.

In the process, we have transformed Penn State Harrisburg. One pivotal change in that transformation was our achieving four-year status as a baccalaureate college, moving us from a campus focused on junior, senior, and graduate instruction to a comprehensive undergraduate and graduate institution. That single decision to expand our mission to include academic programming for freshmen and sophomores has shaped our future.

We also have remained true to our founding mission as a provider of upper division and graduate education. Our portfolio of graduate programs is the largest in the region and in our national peer group, and our contributions to online learning continue to expand. Our graduate students – most of them working adults, sophisticated in their professional and educational standing – tell us time and again that, were it not for Penn State Harrisburg, they could not have pursued advanced study.

Also key to the college's transformation has been the expansion of the campus, both physically and aesthetically. Many of these changes are documented in this issue of *Currents*, as we look back at the years since 2000. From the dedication of the library to the addition of athletic and recreational facilities, and from updated labs and classrooms to the addition of “green” building systems, we have created a vibrant educational environment for our students.

Momentum is great and achievement is on-going. This issue of *Currents* shares examples of several recent distinctions the college has earned. This year the School of Public Affairs celebrates its 20th anniversary. We were pleased to have the Honorable Tom Ridge, former Pennsylvania Governor and the nation's first Homeland Security Secretary, join us in February to kick off a year-long celebration. This issue features timely faculty research in the areas of terrorism studies and transportation safety, as well as the launch of online programming in homeland security and defense.

Currents also features the announcement of our receipt of a Commonwealth grant to develop the Central Pennsylvania Laboratory for Biofuels. This project exemplifies the power of partnerships between the business sector, government, and higher education to allow us to expand research and training in ways that benefit the entire region.

I want to express my heartfelt thanks to those who support the teaching, learning, research, and outreach enterprise, the heart and soul of the college. This includes our alumni and benefactors, our industry partners, the faculty and staff. You are equal partners in our students' triumphs and the college's success. I applaud and appreciate your efforts. I am proud to be part of this community and I am proud to be part of the history and history-making of this wonderful college.

Thank you for the last ten years.



Madlyn L. Hanes
Chancellor

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Madlyn Hanes". The signature is stylized and fluid.

Madlyn L. Hanes, Ph.D.

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Inside information aids understanding **Illicit Actors**

After repeated attempts to connect with the informant, a return call finally came. “Yes, I’ll meet with you. Call me Saturday,” said the mysterious voice on the other end of Mike Kenney’s phone. Another return call on Saturday, this one just as abrupt. “Call me at 12:30.” And at 12:30, “Take the tube (the London subway) downtown and call me when you get there.” When Kenney arrives downtown, more instructions come. “Wait ten minutes.”

A car pulls up, the men inside are clad in traditional Muslim garb. A window rolls down and a man leans out. “Hey Mike, c’mon. Get in the car.” In a split second, Kenney’s mind races nervously. “Should I get in and try to get the interview, or should I turn around and go back?”

Dr. Michael Kenney, Penn State Harrisburg associate professor of political science and public policy, studies how “illicit actors” – militants, terrorists, drug traffickers – learn and hone their trade. And the best way to do that, as he sees it, is to talk to them.

His pursuit of firsthand information – a personal interview with a militant Islamic leader, a veteran drug broker with ties to the Medellín cartel, or Palestinian prisoners in Israel – has led to interesting, fruitful, and sometimes risky encounters.

But this type of research is critical, Kenney says, because there’s not much of it. “What we know today about the operation of terrorists and the like is based mostly on secondary sources such as news reports or Internet searches. Solid field research remains a bit of a rarity in terrorism study,” Kenney said, “although I understand why. Gathering field data can be dangerous, access to informants can be difficult, and overseas travel can be cumbersome and expensive. You also have to wonder if your interviewee is telling the truth,” he said. “Still, insiders can inform our understanding and challenge existing interpretations.”

Despite the hurdles, Kenney has conducted field work in Colombia, Israel, Britain, and Spain, and his research has resulted in

the critically acclaimed book *From Pablo to Osama: Trafficking and Terrorist Networks, Government Bureaucrats, and Competitive Adaptation*. In 2009, he was named the first fellow of Penn State’s International Center for the Study of Terrorism headquartered on the University Park campus. He said his colleagues at the center are among a handful of researchers conducting field work on terrorism like he is. “The Center’s focus on the psychology of terrorism – how terrorists organize and how they think – has implications for homeland security policy,” he said. “Research by the center is resulting in new knowledge that could create recommendations on how to short-circuit terrorist activity and prevent attacks against the U.S.”

Supported by a \$150,000 grant from the U.S. Justice Department, Kenney’s most recent investigations into the learning processes of Islamist networks in Europe “have direct implications for criminal justice policy and practice in the U.S.,” he said.

Key among Kenney’s findings is that illicit actors and their networks are particularly resilient and agile, constantly adapting their plans and practices to get ahead, known as competitive adaptation. Recognition of this is important to U.S. security operations, Kenney said, noting that he has seen growing awareness among government



Dr. Michael C. Kenney

officials, counter-terrorism experts, and law enforcement personnel of our adversaries' adaptability. "I think that's precisely the direction we need to be moving in," he said. "To think that the adversary is static is foolhardy."

Kenney also notes growing similarities between how terrorists and U.S. enforcement agents operate. "Both sides gather and analyze data about each other," he said, "and both sides adapt to new information and experiences, each essentially trying to learn from the other. It's kind of a cat and mouse game. Quite simply, terrorists constantly work to continue attacks while counter-terrorists constantly work to prevent them."

Beyond gathering important data, Kenney's research has led to enlightening personal exchanges. One informant had read Kenney's book and critiqued it during their interview. He recalls another informant, a Guantanamo Bay detainee, as "one of the smartest individuals I've ever met."

"He was very thoughtful in his understanding and we had a very sophisticated conversation in which he explained his view on legitimate jihad versus terrorism," Kenney said.

As part of a small group of researchers studying counter-terrorism in Israel, Kenney had access to classified military facilities and sites that are off limits to most people. Kenney asked a Palestinian prisoner there what he would tell Kenney's students if given the opportunity. The prisoner talked candidly about the struggle he and his counterparts have undertaken in what is, by his view, a legitimate resistance fight.

"It was really an eye-opening experience to be able to talk face to face with these people," Kenney said, "and that's the sort of priceless encounter you can only get in person."

Kenney's pursuit of the "insider's view" enhances learning among his students, too. "I think students appreciate being able to read one characterization (of an event or an issue) and then see with their own eyes that the reality may be very different from what we're led to believe," Kenney said.



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Former Homeland Security chief, governor warns of complacency

No Idle Threats

Tom Ridge understands public concern over last December's thwarted suicide bombing attempt on Northwest Flight 253. Authorities' failure to "connect the dots" of available data allowed the would-be bomber to board the flight to Detroit undetected.



The Honorable Tom Ridge

Former Governor of Pennsylvania, Ridge was keynote speaker at a college event in February celebrating the 20th anniversary of the Public Administration Ph.D. program and the launch of online programming in Homeland Security and Defense.

"I don't blame the public for not understanding how complex homeland security is. It is not just a federal department, but multiple federal, state, and local agencies with many interconnected pieces," Ridge said. "I think the trouble surrounding the 'underwear bomber' was that it just seemed that the dot was so big that it didn't have to be connected."

A federal review showed that the intelligence community knew the bomber had connections to extremists in Yemen and other information – including a warning from the young man's father – that should have sent up red flags.

As the nation's first Secretary of Homeland Security, a position he held from January 2003 until February 2005, Ridge saw firsthand the complexity of the endeavor. Following 9/11, he had the enormous task of forging the new agency from a combination of 22 existing agencies with more than 180,000 employees – all in about 60 days.

Two of the most difficult tasks, Ridge said, were "branding and public messaging." How could the agency develop its identity and distinct role in securing the nation? And then, how could the department best communicate, helping the public to understand the issues being confronted?

Ridge highlighted the "much maligned" color-coded threat advisory system as an example of the communication challenges that had to be overcome.

"We could have used numbers, letters, anything really, but we had to find a simple way to

deliver important information,” he said.

“Imagine if we had done a press conference and said, ‘We think the threat is pretty significant. Be alert. Be aware. And have a good day,’” Ridge said. “We needed a system to do two things. One was to speak to the public,” he said. “The other was to address key groups – governors, mayors, police chiefs – with a message that signaled the specific set of predetermined actions for them to take to ensure safety when a certain threat level was reached.”

As Homeland Security Secretary, Ridge could not unilaterally raise the threat level; a consensus had to be reached among the President’s homeland security group before the department could make a recommendation to raise it.

Still, the color system was subject to “a lot of abuse,” Ridge said, including barbs from late-night show hosts. “I think it was Conan O’Brien who said, ‘Ridge came out with a new color-coded alarm system. Green means everything’s okay. Red means we’re in extreme danger. And champagne fuchsia means we’re under attack by Martha Stewart,’” Ridge said.

“Through it all,” he said, “you had to have a good sense of humor.”

“You don’t ever surrender your right to privacy, your protections under the Fourth Amendment, because you want to be safe.”

Now, as a private citizen, Ridge said he is less concerned with programmatic or priority questions in homeland security as he is about complacency.

“I’m afraid we’re losing a certain level of awareness and urgency that I think all of us as citizens in a post-9/11 world should have,” he said. “The Detroit and the Fort Hood



incidents (the November 2009 shooting in which an Army major – alleged to have ties to Muslim extremists – fatally shot 13 people and injured 32 others) suggested to me a little complacency.

“We should never feel that we will be immune to threats. Let’s not lose our wariness. But let’s not be breathless about it either.

Every day we do get a little bit smarter, a little bit safer.”

In Ridge’s view, keeping America safe means sacrificing some conveniences, but not privacy. “The PATRIOT Act (the 2001 statute that enabled the government to monitor citizens’ activity more closely) is controversial. There was a lot of misinformation in the public about it,” he said. “I’m glad we had it; law enforcement is glad we had it... We just have to be absolutely certain that in the effort to be more secure, we don’t infringe on liberties.

“You don’t ever surrender your right to privacy, your protections under the Fourth Amendment, because you want to be safe,” Ridge said.

Retired Admiral talks security



Admiral James M. Loy

Colleagues at the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) from 2003-05, Admiral James M. Loy and the Honorable Tom Ridge recently made separate appearances before Penn State Harrisburg audiences.

Both men boast distinguished public service careers – Loy as Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard, Transportation Security Administrator, and DHS Deputy Director, and Ridge as a U.S. Congressman, Pennsylvania Governor, and DHS Secretary. Each discussed current issues confronting national security as part of the college’s year-long recognition of public affairs programs.

At DHS, Loy saw firsthand the enormity of the new agency’s task. During his March 22 campus lecture, Loy said that, even today, people don’t fully grasp its magnitude.

“There is a lack of appreciation for the complexity of the issues being undertaken by the hundreds of thousands working in the trenches for homeland security,” he said.

Like Ridge, Loy said America can’t let its guard down. “We can’t relax,” he said. “Security is a dynamic; it will change constantly, forever.”

Loy also talked about the “new normalcy” – life in the U.S. since 9/11. “One of the biggest challenges we face as citizens is adjusting to the restrictions placed upon us in the effort to make the nation secure, whether it is procedures before boarding an airplane or some other restriction,” he said. “This adjustment will take a decade or more, but it is very real and one that we all must be conscious about making.”



Research can aid U.S. security efforts

Several recent events have brought renewed focus on homeland security and terrorism issues. Penn State Harrisburg advisory board members were on campus recently to learn about faculty research in these areas.

Presenter James Powers, director of Pennsylvania's Homeland Security Department, said that protecting critical infrastructure is one of several homeland security priorities. He cited passenger rail as the number one threat worldwide since 1992.

College faculty members Dr. Jeremy Plant, professor of public policy and administration, and Dr. Richard Young, professor of supply chain management, study the safety of U.S. railways. Part of the challenge, according to Young, is the magnitude of the rail network. "There are 170,000 miles of track and more than 100,000 bridges and tunnels," Young said. "The U.S. moves 31 million freight cars annually, and Amtrak carries 25 million passengers each year."

Yet little or no screening of passengers or bags exists, and U.S. railroad police officers number just 2,300, Plant said. Also, rail is the preferred mode of hazardous materials transportation. Young and Plant's research has pinpointed these and other rail system vulnerabilities, findings that Plant said highlight opportunities to shape public policy on rail safety.

Protecting critical infrastructure is one of several homeland security priorities.

Public Affairs school celebrates milestones

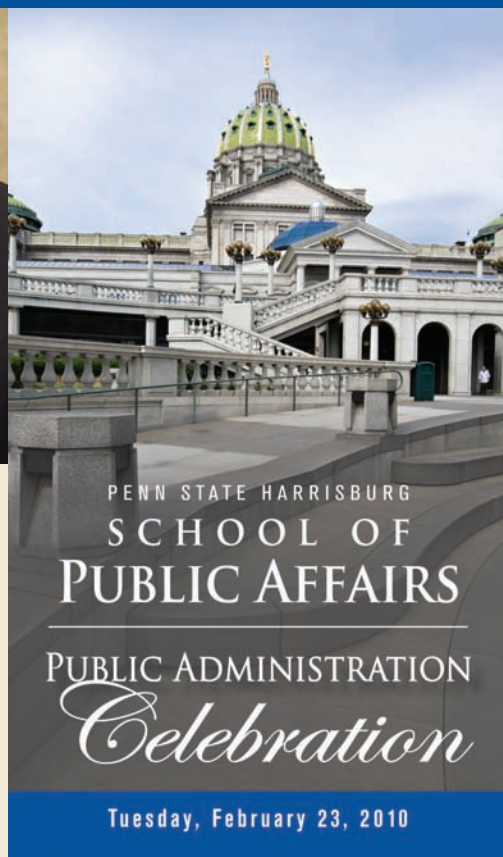
Penn State Harrisburg's School of Public Affairs celebrates three milestones this year: the 20th anniversary of the Public Administration Ph.D. program; the reaccreditation of the Master of Public Administration program; and the launch of online graduate programming in Homeland Security and Defense.

Former Governor of Pennsylvania and Secretary of Homeland Security Tom Ridge delivered the keynote address at a February 23 event kicking off the year-long celebration. Secretary of the Commonwealth Pedro A. Cortes, a graduate of the college's Master of Public Administration program, introduced Ridge. Other speakers included former Acting Governor of the Commonwealth Mark S. Singel, an instructor at the college, and David E. Black, CEO of the Harrisburg Regional Chamber and Capital Region Economic Development Corporation.

The master's and Ph.D. programs currently enroll more than 100 students and have graduated more than 1,000. Alumni of the programs have held such positions as Pennsylvania state senator; lieutenant general, U.S. Army; and Pennsylvania state police commissioner.



Pedro Cortes and Tom Ridge



College is partner in new homeland security degree



Penn State Harrisburg is a collaborating partner on the University's new online master's degree in Homeland Security offered through the World Campus.

The School of Public Affairs has joined with the University's colleges of Medicine, Liberal Arts, Earth and Mineral Sciences, Information Sciences and Technology, and Agricultural Sciences, as well as the Graduate School and the Penn State Milton S. Hershey Medical Center to create the program. In addition to a base program, offered by Penn State Harrisburg, the curriculum offers options in public health preparedness, geospatial intelligence, computer and network security, information security and forensics, and agricultural biosecurity. Penn State Harrisburg also launched a post-baccalaureate certificate in Homeland Security and Defense last fall.

Former Secretary of Homeland Security Tom Ridge, keynote speaker at a recent Penn State Harrisburg event recognizing public administration programming, addressed the importance of graduate study in homeland security. "In any homeland security employment in the 21st century, it is critical that people have the ability to write well, be articulate, and be open-minded to the additional specific training they're going to need," he said. "There are many positions in which an executive degree in homeland security adds a level of understanding that will help, whether you work in the public or private sector."

Program promotes careers in national intelligence

Penn State Harrisburg is a partner in a federally funded University initiative aimed at encouraging Pennsylvania school students to consider college majors that lead to careers in intelligence.

The two-year, \$1 million grant from the Office of the Director of National Intelligence involves Penn State Harrisburg, the University's College of Information Sciences and Technology (IST), and the Penn State Office of Military and Security Programs. Penn State Harrisburg was tapped to play a key role in the program, drawing on its academic and research strengths in areas related to security.

Penn State Harrisburg is home to majors in IST and Security and Risk Analysis and the University's online certificate program in Homeland Security and Defense. Faculty members in the School of Public Affairs hold extensive experience in security, intelligence, anti-terrorism, and law enforcement issues. The School of Business Administration includes faculty nationally recognized for logistics and transportation security expertise. The School of Science, Engineering, and Technology features engineering faculty with focuses on creating safer bridges and buildings and clean air and water.

"We are fortunate to have the depth of faculty with expertise in intelligence and homeland security," said Director of the School of Public Affairs Dr. Steven A. Peterson.

Penn State Harrisburg's role in the initiative includes: a homeland security symposium that includes an intelligence track featuring top-level speakers and presenters; an outreach effort to Pennsylvania high schools; youth summer camps focusing on security and intelligence topics; and a security and intelligence focus during the annual Model United Nations programs for high school students.





Dr. Madlyn L. Hanes

Hanes tapped for University vice president role

For a decade, Dr. Madlyn L. Hanes has served as Penn State Harrisburg chancellor, leading it through a period of unparalleled growth.

Beginning July 1, she will become the academic and administrative leader for 19 Penn State locations as the University's vice president for Commonwealth Campuses.

"Dr. Hanes' many years in leadership roles at three very different Penn State campuses gives her the firsthand perspective and insight into campus relations with each other and with University Park that make her the ideal person for this position," said Penn State President Graham B. Spanier.

Hanes said, "The Commonwealth campuses and colleges advance the University's mission and vision in unique and significant ways and I look forward to serving them in my new role. I have had the good fortune of serving in leadership posts at wonderful campuses for the last 22 years; this new opportunity is a capstone in my tenure with the University."

In addition to Penn State Harrisburg, the campuses under her leadership will be Abington, Altoona, Beaver, Berks, Brandywine, DuBois, Erie, Fayette, Greater Allegheny, Hazleton, Lehigh Valley, Mont Alto, New Kensington, Schuylkill, Shenango, Wilkes-Barre, Worthington Scranton, and York.

Calling the college's growth under Hanes "one of central Pennsylvania's great success stories," a *Harrisburg Patriot-News* March 21 editorial said Hanes brought to the campus "clear vision, steady leadership, a strong academic background.... She also brought indefatigable and infectious enthusiasm to everything Penn State Harrisburg."

The *Patriot* pointed to "...the growth of Penn State Harrisburg from an almost completely commuter school serving juniors and seniors to a four-year college with broad and growing academic offerings, apartment-style residence halls, Division III athletics, modern buildings and state-of-the-art academic facilities, robust graduate offerings for part-time students in the evenings, and increasingly strong ties with Middletown Borough" under Hanes' leadership.

"More important, however, she leaves a robust and growing college that plays an increasingly large role in the life of central Pennsylvania," the editorial said.

Kulkarni named interim chancellor

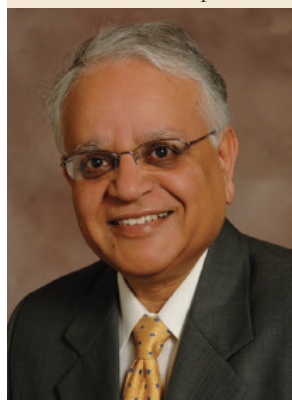
Dr. Mukund Kulkarni, senior associate dean for academic affairs, has been named interim chancellor, effective July 1. He replaces Dr. Madlyn Hanes, who will take over July 1 for the retiring Dr. John Romano as Penn State's vice president for Commonwealth Campuses.

Kulkarni joined Penn State Harrisburg as a faculty member in 1985 and currently holds the rank of professor of finance. From 1996-2006, he directed the college's School of Business Administration. Under his leadership, the school experienced significant growth and received its initial Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) accreditation. Kulkarni also was part of the inter-college leadership team that developed the University's online MBA –

the iMBA.

Kulkarni has served as senior associate dean for academic affairs since 2006. During this time, the student population at Penn State Harrisburg has grown substantially.

"In support of enrollment growth, Dr. Kulkarni has overseen the successful



introduction of new degree programs, expanded teaching and learning support to faculty, and developed and executed plans to upgrade instructional technology and improvements to classroom facilities," said Romano. "His leadership and experience will enable him to continue moving the campus forward."

"Dr. Kulkarni has provided 25 years of outstanding service to Penn State Harrisburg," Hanes said of the appointment. "He is an accomplished academic administrator, a thoughtful and gracious colleague, and an exceptional individual. The college will continue to prosper under his leadership."

Kulkarni has served the University in roles that have included membership on the Administrative Council of Undergraduate Education (ACUE) and on the Graduate Council. Most recently, he co-chaired the committee on India Global Engagement Node of the University Office of Global Programs.

Kulkarni holds bachelor's and master's degrees from his native India, an M.B.A. from Marshall University, and a doctorate from the University of Kentucky.

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Stephanie Olmo, recipient,
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Scholarships

Each year, students like Stephanie Olmo benefit from the generosity of donors who contribute to endowed scholarships at Penn State Harrisburg. For some students, that support helps pay for books and other incidental needs that a university education requires. For others, that support represents the only means for them to be able to attend college at all.

In April, Penn State University kicked off the public phase of “For the Future: The Campaign for Penn State Students,” with a goal that will make it the biggest fundraising effort in the University’s history.

The campaign’s top priority is to increase scholarship support.

The value of Penn State Harrisburg’s endowment today stands at \$16.5 million, with part of this designated for scholarships. This year alone, 264 students received scholarships and awards totaling more than \$400,000, with individual amounts ranging from \$300 to more than \$8,000.

Endowed scholarships, because the funds are available annually, make it possible for today’s students – and those of tomorrow – to realize a Penn State education. Yet, despite what we have accomplished, the number of students in need still surpasses the funds available.

To learn more about how you can help, contact the Development Office, 717-948-6316.

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A Decade of Growth

Ten years ago marked the turn of the millennium. (Remember the Y2K panic?) The year 2000 also saw a controversial presidential election when George W. Bush defeated Al Gore in one of the closest elections in history, with the final outcome not known for more than a month because of disputed ballots in Florida. In other news, Hillary Rodham Clinton became the first First Lady to be elected U.S. Senator, the final original Peanuts comic strip was published following the death of creator Charles Schulz, and AOL Time Warner was created when AOL purchased Time Warner for \$164 billion, one of the largest mergers ever.

That year at Penn State Harrisburg, the new library was dedicated, Dr. Madlyn Hanes took the reins as chancellor, and the college was serving central Pennsylvania as an upper division institution (junior and senior year and graduate students).

A decade later, as Dr. Hanes departs to become Penn State’s vice president for Commonwealth Campuses, the college has grown into a comprehensive undergraduate college and graduate school serving freshmen through doctoral students on an expanding campus with record enrollment.



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A Decade of Growth

Chancellor Hanes and faculty and staff who arrived on campus during the 1999-2000 academic year reflect on the decade.

What has been the most significant change at the college?

"There have been two truly transformational changes, the first being the physical growth of the campus, including indoor and outdoor spaces.

This began with the library and included many additions: new student housing closer to the academic center of campus, the Ziegler Commons, the aquatic center, tennis courts, baseball field, a new front entrance, food court, town square, and board room in the Olmsted Building. The campus has become a source of collective pride as it has been transformed in appearance from the air force base on which it was started to actually look like the enterprise it is: a robust college community. Most important, these changes have enhanced learning opportunities and provided better quality of life for students.

The second very significant change has been expanding our mission to include freshmen and sophomores. With that, we truly became comprehensive, reaching our goal to fully serve the region as an undergraduate college and graduate school. Yet, we remain unique among higher education institutions in that we offer three points of entry because, while we've added freshmen, we remain true to our original mission as a transfer location at the junior level and as a graduate school."

- Madlyn Hanes, Chancellor

"The changing face of the campus demographics. We have moved from a primarily part-time student population to mostly full-time students. Also, with the addition of first-year students, our enrollment is at an all-time high, with more than 4,000 students."

- Rob Coffman, Director of Admissions

"When I interviewed here, the library was still in the Olmsted Building."

-Shaun Gabbidon, Distinguished Professor of Criminal Justice

What changes have occurred in your field in the last ten years?

"One change is in research requirements. Research is more demanding especially in top quality journals due to more data availability, advanced technology and an increasing number of authors. Also, AACSB, the accrediting agency for business schools, now requires schools to maintain a significant proportion of faculty who conduct research. I view the change as positive – more faculty who are up-to-date in the field, improved course instruction, and more recognition for the college. However, it takes time away from teaching and other activities."

- Oranee Tawatnuntachai, Associate Professor of Finance

"Dramatic increases in the cost of higher education and the competition for students would be at the forefront of changes in the admissions field. On the positive side, there are more opportunities for students now than ever before."

- Rob Coffman

"To meet the demand for criminal justice faculty across the country, there has been an appreciable increase in the number of doctoral programs in criminal justice. Unlike in past decades when there were only a select number of such programs, now programs exist in nearly every state with some states having several universities with criminal justice-related doctoral programs. This positive trend has diversified the nature of the training in the field and has led to the increased visibility of the discipline."

- Shaun Gabbidon

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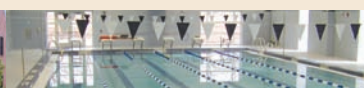
2000 Madlyn L. Hanes becomes chancellor. 115,000-square-foot, three-story, technologically advanced research library is dedicated.

2001 Freshmen admitted for first time into Information Sciences and Technology major.



2002 New student housing units open to 300 resident students.

2003 Five undergraduate majors in science, engineering, and technology begin offering all four years of study.



2004 College becomes full four-year undergraduate institution, offering 26 four-year majors and the first two years of study leading to 160 undergraduate majors within the Penn State system.

Campus becomes one of first in University system to go wireless. A 9,000-square-foot indoor pool facility, the Aquatic Center, opens.



2005 Intercollegiate athletics return to the college after a decade-long absence.

The outdoor plaza Ziegler Commons, a gift to the college from Richard Ziegler, is dedicated.

Merger with Penn State Schuylkill, created in 1997, is ended.

Are any changes unique to Penn State Harrisburg?

"We are really unique because now we have alumni with four distinct experiences – those who began as freshmen and completed their degrees here, those who came as freshmen and transferred to the University Park campus after two years, those who transferred in from elsewhere, and those here for graduate studies. No other Penn State campus has that wide a variety of alumni groups, and I doubt many peer organizations have that degree of variety in their alumni."

- Laurie Dobrosky, Assistant Director of Alumni Relations

Predictions for the next ten years?

"With additions like more classroom space and on-campus housing, enrollment trends would be able to continue."

- Rob Coffman

"I believe we will continue to be exemplary in high-quality academic programming, as gauged by measures such as accreditation, and in responsible stewardship of the Penn State brand. I'd like to see us increase our work internationally, to nurture our growing research agenda, entrepreneurial capabilities, and online offerings, and to continue our role in solving society's problems, whether in education or technology, sustainability or public policy. We must continue to see ourselves tied to the vitality of the region even as we grow a national reputation."

- Madlyn Hanes

No place like home College library turns 10

Most Penn State Harrisburg students know the college library as an advanced research facility. But many see it as a home away from home, with features like a wireless network, large screen televisions, and even digital pianos.

Dr. Gregory Crawford, director, sees the building as a place for study and for leisure, functioning almost as a student union by creating space for students. "Because so many resources of the University Libraries (Penn State's university-wide online collection) are electronic, students actually don't need to enter the library to use many of them," said

Crawford. "Still, they come. They must feel at home in the building."

Celebrating its 10th anniversary this year, the library has grown in assets and attendance. According to Crawford, the University Libraries electronic database has grown to nearly 46,000 online journals, more than 100,000 e-books, and almost 5.5 million volumes. Students can use library software to incorporate video and audio clips into projects, plot data onto maps, and create charts from statistical programs. For leisure, the library provides *New York Times* bestsellers, jigsaw puzzles, board games, and beanbag chairs for students to catch a nap.

More than 2,000 people enter the building on most weekdays, Crawford said.

Crawford said the library has proven an invaluable resource to students, faculty, and community members, but he is proud that the library has become a place where students feel at home, too.

"I hope they find comfort, even fun, in the library," he said.



2006 Additional student housing opens to accommodate 32 students.

The eight-court Hoverter Tennis Complex, a gift from the Lawrence L. and Julia Z. Hoverter Charitable Foundation, opens adjacent to the Capital Union Building.

2007 The baseball field is completed and formally dedicated.

2008 The three-story addition to the Olmsted Building is unveiled. The expansion includes a new atrium lobby, coffee shop expansion, new elevator, and conference room. All academic programs eligible for accreditation are accredited.

2009 Enrollment surpasses 4,000. College receives anonymous \$3 million donation, the largest single gift in college history. Construction begins on environmentally sustainable student housing to accommodate 100 first-year students. Ph.D. program in American Studies begins.

2010 College offerings include two associate, 32 bachelor's, 23 master's, and three doctoral programs.

College to create biofuels research and teaching facility

Penn State Harrisburg has received an \$817,000 grant from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to develop a \$1.6 million Central Pennsylvania Laboratory for Biofuels on campus.

The college received the funds – available through the state Department of Community and Economic Development's (DCED) Alternative and Clean Energy Program – on behalf of the Innovation Transfer Network (ITN), a consortium of 13 colleges and universities in the Harrisburg-Lancaster area.

The laboratory project will consist of a 3,000-square-foot biotechnology development and deployment laboratory and a specialized 3,500-square-foot greenhouse complex. Bolstered by support from several Pennsylvania businesses, Penn State Harrisburg recently began planning the greenhouse, the initial phase of the biofuels facility. Ernst Seeds (Meadville); Keystone Biofuels, Inc. (Shiremanstown); Kunj Associates, LP (Harrisburg); and UGI Utilities, Inc. (Reading) donated \$650,000 toward the greenhouse in 2009. The new grant funding and an additional match from the college provide funds to renovate space to create the lab.

"Industry support of Penn State Harrisburg is extremely important, allowing us to expand our research and teaching capabilities in ways that ultimately benefit the region," said Chancellor Madlyn Hanes. "The college is pleased to have joined with the business sector, state government, and other colleges and universities to create the Central Pennsylvania Laboratory for Biofuels."

Dr. Sairam V. Rudrabhatla is Penn State Harrisburg's lead plant

biotechnology researcher, investigating ways to alter biofuel crops to thrive in Pennsylvania's climate and produce higher yields on land with little other agricultural value. The new facility will aid these efforts and serve as a regional center for research collaboration and training in biofuels with ample space for educational programs for ITN's academic and commercial partners and their students.

"The facility will be a boon to central Pennsylvania, with educational programs targeted to faculty, staff, and students at regional academic institutions."

"The generous donations from the business community combined with matching funds from the college provided the leverage necessary for us to secure Commonwealth funding," said Dr. Mukund Kulkarni, Penn State Harrisburg senior associate dean for academic affairs. "The facility will be a boon to central Pennsylvania, with educational programs targeted to faculty, staff, and students at regional academic institutions."

Ben Franklin Technology Partners of Central and Northern PA, an economic development agency covering a 32-county region, helped facilitate the biofuels laboratory project. "Our organizational goal is to

create synergy among business, industry, and higher education to help stimulate the Commonwealth's economy," said Ben Franklin President and CEO Steve Brawley. "The Central Pennsylvania Laboratory for Biofuels exemplifies the importance – and the potential – of collaboration across sectors in moving the entire region forward."

"A significant amount of plant research is already underway at Penn State Harrisburg. In addition to providing hands-on opportunities for students and better informing our faculty as teachers, this research may provide answers to key environmental concerns and may spur economic development through new products," said Dr. Marian Walters, associate dean for research and graduate studies.

"The new facility will greatly enhance our potential in all of these areas," she said, and will allow significant expansion of regional projects aimed at commercializing faculty research developments, a key goal of the ITN and the related National Science Foundation Partnerships for Innovation project. Funded by DCED, the ITN is a group of regional colleges and universities working jointly with industry to move innovative products and ideas into the marketplace."



on campus

Photos by Annie Griffiths



Annie
Griffiths Belt



Frank
LittleBear

"Don't worry about history; worry only about the truth."

Native American lecturer and performer Frank LittleBear, quoting his grandmother's advice on living in the present.

February 16, 2010



Steve
Buckingham

"A rope was actually put up in the auditorium to separate the black and white audience members. Well, Sam Cooke brought down the house — and the rope. By the end of the night, everybody was dancing."

Music producer Steve Buckingham on the first concert he ever attended.

February 18, 2010

Photographer shares celebrated works

National Geographic photographer Annie Griffiths Belt, on campus February 25, shared stories and pictures of her adventurous quest to capture the world's cultural diversity throughout a celebrated 30-year career.

Believed to be the only photographer to witness the sacred end-of-Ramadan dawn prayer inside Jerusalem's Dome of the Rock, Belt described the experience:

"I made my way to the home of the Palestinian Mufti of Jerusalem, the spiritual leader, to ask permission to photograph the event. His home was crowded with men waiting to speak to him, so I went to the kitchen where his wife and daughters were making dinner. I joined them, chopping lettuce and chatting, and they asked me to stay for dinner. At the end of a very charming meal, I asked the Mufti for permission to join the women at the Dome of the Rock the next morning. He smiled, but shook his head 'no.' I went home disappointed, but I had had a great time. Around 4 a.m. the next morning, a veiled stranger knocked on my door. She told me to dress modestly, hide my camera, and come with her. Apparently the Mufti said no, but his wife said yes. So that morning, in the dark, we walked through the old city to the Dome. Although I was covered, my friend created a diversion for me to get inside and take pictures of this wonderful, wonderful event."

Sometimes that's how life is for all of us. You just do your best, and suddenly a door opens for something that you hadn't planned and you get to see something glorious."



Martin
Lemelman

"Sometimes your memories are not your own."

Author and artist Martin Lemelman on the words from a dream that inspired him to publish his mother's memoir of Holocaust survival.

February 23, 2010

Learn more at hbg.psu.edu





The world has come to Penn State Harrisburg.

The Model United Nations held its 38th annual conference at the college this past February, drawing an estimated 300 students from 20 different high schools to represent 95 member nations.

Since its advent, the event has attracted more than 10,000 students to the campus. And now a large silver globe sculpture rests in the southwest corner of Vartan Plaza – a tribute to the success of Model UN and its founder on campus, Dr. Clemmie Gilpin (*pictured above, standing, left*).

Mimicking the real UN convention, Model UN allows high school students interested in politics and humanitarianism to discuss topics affecting the interests of their assigned countries. The long-time International Affairs Association (IAA) adviser, Gilpin founded the initiative at Penn State Harrisburg and coordinates the two-day conference each year with the help of association members. To commemorate this service, Model UN and IAA alumni donated funds for the sculpture.

An assistant professor of community systems and Afro-American studies, Gilpin recently retired from Penn State Harrisburg after 42 years. Well known for his dedication to promoting diversity and student involvement, he remains active on campus.

Campus rated safest in state

An independent online service has rated Penn State Harrisburg the safest college campus in Pennsylvania and one of the safest in the nation.

StateUniversity.com, which ranks the nation's colleges and universities in topics ranging from academics to overall enrollment, rates the college as having the lowest incidence of serious crime in the Commonwealth. Nationally, the college was rated 31st in the category.

"The number one question we get from prospective students and parents is about campus safety," said Penn State Harrisburg Chief of Police Kevin Stoehr. "It is a valid concern and our vigilance enables us to point to the safe living and learning environment here on campus."

The study, which took federally mandated reports from 2008 and weighted incidents per 1,000 students, covered aggravated assault, arson, burglary, forcible rape, larceny/theft, murder, robbery, and vehicle theft. Penn State Harrisburg had only 12 reported larcenies or thefts for the year with no incidents in the other categories.

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College center assists Census Bureau

As the state's official contact to the U.S. Census Bureau, the State Data Center at Penn State Harrisburg is especially busy this year, providing support to the Census Bureau and helping communities complete and understand the 2010 Census.

Census data has many purposes. Key among them is determining the number of representatives each state receives in the U.S. House of Representatives. "Population data is important for everyone from local government to business and industry," said Sue Copella, director of the center. "For example, a local municipality receives federal funds based on its population. For every person missed, their municipality will lose approximately \$1,400 each year in federal funds." Businesses use census data for site location purposes. Placing a new business, for example, depends on a number of factors including the number of people in the surrounding area who would use the services.

The center offers workshops, data dissemination, and general service to communities and individuals seeking Census help, as well as special Census services, including data requests, mapping, and custom data reports.



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College adds Master of Science in Electrical Engineering

Building on its established Master of Engineering program in Electrical Engineering, the college now also offers a Master of Science in Electrical Engineering.

Associate Professor of Electrical Engineering Dr. Peter B. Idowu, coordinator for both programs, said, "The Master of Engineering degree was designed to support the need for full-time and part-time students in the region to enhance their knowledge of engineering research and product development.

"The new program, which requires a thesis of original research, fits the educational goals of aspiring full-time students seeking a research-intensive curriculum. The program also creates an environment for better serving the technology, research, and human resource concerns in the mid-state."

The new 31-credit program offers concentrations in Electronics-Electromagnetics-Optics (EEO) and Systems.

New minors available

Penn State Harrisburg now offers minors in Sociology and Psychology for undergraduate students.

The 18-credit minors were added in fall 2009. The college has longstanding baccalaureate majors in those two disciplines.

The Sociology minor allows students to explore topics ranging from social inequalities and problems to institutions such as family, school, religion, and government. The Psychology minor, appropriate for students seeking careers in health, business, education, and human services, provides a broad overview of topics and domains.

2010 Faculty and Staff Award Winners



Barbara A. Sims

Professor of Criminal Justice

Excellence in Research and Scholarly Activity Award



Peter B. Idowu

Associate Professor of Electrical Engineering

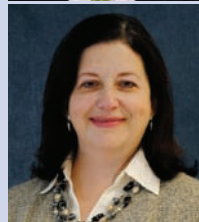
Faculty Service Award



John R. Haddad

Associate Professor of American Studies and Literature

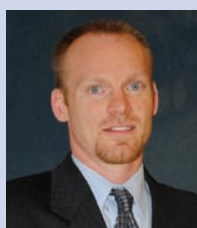
Excellence in Teaching Award



Jane S. Kochanov

Director of Undergraduate Studies; Instructor in Information Systems

Excellence in Advising Award



J. Mitchell Spear

Laboratory Supervisor

Staff Service Award



Senel Poyrazli

Associate Professor of Counseling Psychology

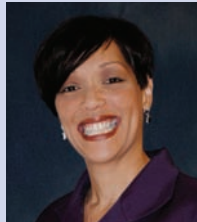
Faculty Diversity Award



Donna Howard

Assistant Director of Campus Life and Intercultural Affairs

Staff Diversity Award



Kimetta R. Hairston

Assistant Professor of Education

Kathryn Towns Women's History Month Award

Student architecture

Using everything from Rice Krispie "blocks" to LEGO bricks, students in Ilene

Rosenberg's Art History class recreated legendary architectural landmarks, from Stonehenge to the Leaning Tower of Pisa, as part of their culminating projects. Here is Germany's Speyer Cathedral by Engineering major Sean O'Neill.



Gabbidon named distinguished professor

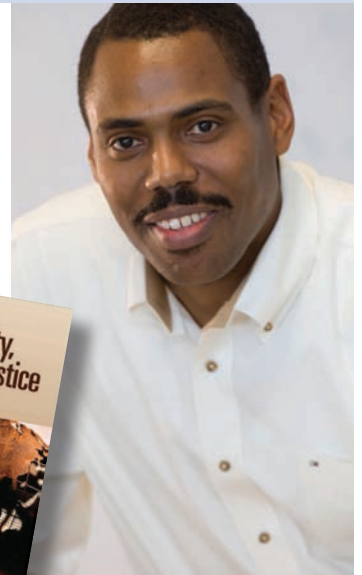
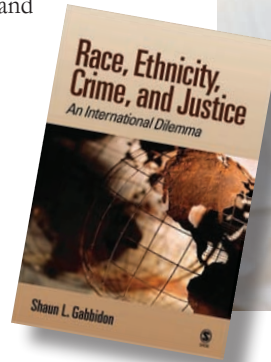
Criminal Justice faculty member **Dr. Shaun L. Gabbidon** has become the second scholar in the college's history to be named a Distinguished Professor by the University's Office of the President.

Since joining the college in 1999, Gabbidon has built a national and international reputation for his research and writing on criminal justice issues, including race and crime, security administration, and pedagogical issues in criminology/criminal justice. He is the author or editor of 10 books and nearly 50 peer-reviewed articles.

The title of distinguished professor recognizes a select group of professors who have achieved exceptional accomplishments in teaching, research, and service. Distinguished professor designees must: be acknowledged leaders in their fields of research or creative activity; have demonstrated significant leadership in raising the University standards with respect to teaching, research or creative activity, and service; and have demonstrated excellent teaching skills and contributed significantly to the education of students who subsequently have achieved recognition of excellence in their fields.

Dr. Simon Bronner, Distinguished Professor of American Studies and Folklore, was the first Penn State Harrisburg faculty member to earn the prestigious title in 1991.

Dr. Steven A. Peterson, director of the college's School of Public Affairs, said "There are a number of strong candidates for this designation at Penn State Harrisburg, but Dr. Gabbidon's record of publications, his recognition as a scholar in his special areas of expertise, and his national visibility make him a worthy recipient."



Students to benefit from faculty member's award

Associate Professor of Finance **Dr. Oranee Tawatnuntachai** is one of three faculty members University-wide to receive the Alumni/Student Award for Excellence in Teaching and be named a 2010 Penn State Teaching Fellow.

True to her commitment to learning, Tawatnuntachai will share with students the funding she received with the award. "The award comes with a \$9,000 grant, thanks to the generosity of Penn State alumni," she said. "The money will be spent on student projects in the next three years."

The Alumni Association honors distinguished teaching and provides encouragement and incentive for excellence in teaching. Recipients are expected to share their expertise throughout the University the year after they receive the award.

"I am very humbled and honored to be the second recipient of the award from our campus," Tawatnuntachai said, acknowledging the support of faculty and administrators at the college. (Associate Professor of Computer Science Dr. Linda Null received the award in 2008.) "I also want to thank my students who see the value of education and work hard to achieve our common goals," she said.

Tawatnuntachai received the Penn State Harrisburg Award for Teaching Excellence in 2008 and was the Beta Gamma Sigma business honor society's professor of the year in 2007.

Ruiz earns national award

The Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences recognized **Associate Professor of Criminal Justice Dr. James Ruiz** with its 2010 Outstanding Mentor Award.

A U.S. Coast Guard veteran and former New Orleans police officer, Ruiz says he is most proud of his students' accomplishments. More than 30 undergraduate and graduate students have presented their research at conferences and 18 have had articles published in peer-reviewed journals. His commitment to students' success has created numerous life-long relationships.

Joongyeup Lee, '08 M CRIMJ, a Ph.D. candidate at Sam Houston State University, refers to Ruiz as his "lifetime mentor." He explains, "As an international student with a mind filled half with hope and half with apprehension, Dr. Ruiz offered me a mentorship after my first week of studies, teaching me how to talk, write, read, and even think in an academic manner."

Kathleen Winters, '06 CRIMJ, an Ohio State University Ph.D. candidate, adds, "As my undergraduate adviser, [Ruiz] urged me to present a paper during my junior year. That same year, I collaborated with him in conducting research regarding drug profiling. He is a big reason I decided to go into academia."

Fall and Winter Sports Roundup

The women's volleyball team kicked off Penn State Harrisburg's 2009-2010 intercollegiate athletic season by placing in its first North Eastern Athletic Conference (NEAC) playoff tournament, hosted on campus. Although the team fell short of a championship, the tournament effort capped the best volleyball season in school history, with a 20-13 conference record.

Three of Penn State Harrisburg's cross country team members – Bekah Nielowski, Michelle Cease, and Imran Hussain – placed high at the NEAC Championship meet to conclude the fall season. Nielowski and Cease earned NEAC all-conference first and second team honors while Hussain was named to the third team.

The college golf team hosted the third annual Fall Invitational at the Dauphin Highlands Golf Course in mid-September. The men's team finished third,

beating the returning NEAC champion, Rutgers-Camden.

At the Moravian College Spring Classic, the squad finished fifth out of 19 teams.

The men's soccer team finished the regular season with a 5-11 record. In NEAC tournament competition, the Lions earned a place in the quarterfinals, where they lost 4-2 to first-seeded Penn State Abington.

The Lady Lion basketball team made it to the NEAC quarterfinals – a first for Penn State Harrisburg women's basketball – before bowing out to top-seeded Keuka College.

Despite an 11-15 regular season record, the team tied for most wins in team history. Sophomore returner Dorothea Dixon was selected to the NEAC all-conference third team.

The men's basketball team advanced to the semifinals in the 2009-10 tournament hosted on campus, capping off the college's most successful men's basketball season yet. Led by repeat NEAC Athlete of the Week honorees sophomore Kenton Alston and freshman Steve Jones, the team set school records for most wins, highest shooting percentage from the field, highest shooting percentage from beyond the arc, average points per game, average assists per game, and average steals per game.



Jones is steals leader

First-year student Steve Jones already has made a name for himself. The six-foot guard from Harrisburg was awarded two Student-Athlete of the Week awards from the North Eastern Athletic Conference during the 2009-10 season, and was selected to the all-conference second team.

Jones led the Nittany Lions this season with 109 steals. He had more steals per game than any other player in the nation and was tied for the top performance with 10 steals in one game. Jones also tallied 497 points (19.9 per game), 79 assists, and 151 rebounds. Within the conference, he finished third in scoring.

Lady Lions are kickin'

The women's soccer team made history this fall, going undefeated (9-0) in regular season conference play and winning the 2009 North Eastern Athletic Conference (NEAC) Championship tournament in overtime against Keuka College. This marks Penn State Harrisburg's first NEAC championship. Mark Brown was named NEAC Coach of the Year for leading the team to its best season – 14-2.

Seven players were named to the all-conference teams: freshman Brittany Adams; sophomore Corinne Mazzotta, who scored the game-winning goal; freshman Lindsay McNeal, who broke the school record for most career goals and points and most in a season; and senior Lindsey Stauffer, one of the league's top defenders, garnered first team honors. The Lady Lions' first four-year player and its all-time leader in assists, senior Amanda Basile; standout defender, sophomore Valerie Calvano; and the team's second leading scorer, sophomore Jessi Manion, came away with all-conference second team spots.

College appoints new school director

Dr. Catherine Surra, director of the School of Human Ecology at the University of Texas at Austin, will join Penn State Harrisburg this July as director of the School of Behavioral Sciences and Education. Surra holds a bachelor's degree and a doctorate in Human Development and Family Studies from Penn State. She earned a master of science in Family and Community Development from the University of Maryland, and has held faculty positions at the University of Arizona, the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and Utah State University.

"Dr. Surra's breadth of experience in administering academic programs encompassing a variety of disciplines makes her well suited to head the School of Behavioral Sciences and Education, itself an interdisciplinary unit featuring a blend of programs in the social and behavioral sciences and in various disciplines within the field of education," said Dr. Mukund Kulkarni, senior associate dean for academic affairs. The school is home to 15 undergraduate and graduate degrees, including a doctorate in adult education.



Dr. Catherine Surra

Sears promoted by Penn National Insurance

Chair of Penn State Harrisburg's Board of Advisers and alum Christine Sears has been promoted to executive vice president and COO of Penn National Insurance.

A 1977 graduate with a degree in business, Sears served as the Harrisburg-based Penn National Insurance executive vice president and CEO since 2007. She joined the company in 1980 and has held various leadership positions with the firm, including controller and CFO. She was elected to the Penn National board in 2002.

A Certified Public Accountant, Sears has served on Penn State Harrisburg's Board of Advisers since 2003, was elected Alumni Fellow in 2009, and is a member of the School of Business Administration Advisory Council.



Christine Sears

Grad's work takes a twist

For worldwide soft pretzel retailer Auntie Anne's, keeping ahead of the competition is driven by a pretty basic view.

"We're competing for a share of stomach," says Chief Marketing Officer Heather Leed Neary, a 2009 MBA graduate. "We see anyone selling a food product as our competition."

Winner of the University's 2010 Alumni Achievement Award for extraordinary professional accomplishment before the age of 35, Neary visited campus in April to present to upper-level marketing and management classes.

Neary, who works at the corporation's Lancaster headquarters, ensures consistent representation of the Auntie Anne's brand –

including overseeing advertisements and product offerings – for more than 1,000 domestic and international store locations from China to Great Britain. During Neary's time in the position, Auntie Anne's sales reached more than \$357 million.

Known for its original pretzel, the company has rolled and sold more than one billion pretzels since opening in 1987. Although direct competition comes from smaller soft pretzel companies, Neary sees an opportunity to expand into the lunch and dinner markets. The recent addition of pretzel dogs, for example, highlights the niche Auntie Anne's fills between "snack food" and "full meal."

To prevent complacency in their market standing – Auntie Anne's biggest threat, in Neary's opinion – the company has begun to emphasize nontraditional marketing, such as the opt-in "Pretzel Perks" e-coupon program and an online "Find Twistee" rewards game.



"We're competing for a share of stomach."

*Heather Neary, '09
Chief Marketing Officer
Auntie Anne's*



Alum leads nuclear engineering program

Curtis Chan, Penn State University



Dr. Jack Brenizer has been around a while. He's seen nuclear energy's heyday, its decline, and its resurgence. He remembers when "distance learning" meant him commuting throughout the state to teach Penn State's nuclear technology courses – and then returning home to Central Pennsylvania many nights to attend graduate classes at Penn State Harrisburg.

Brenizer earned his master's in engineering science at the college in 1977. He later earned a doctorate in nuclear engineering from Penn State and spent almost two decades teaching at another institution. Chair of the University's Nuclear Engineering program since 1999, Brenizer says that having the opportunity to return to Penn State to teach was "one of the greatest joys" of his career.

Brenizer holds many honors, including being named the J. "Lee" Everett Professor for Mechanical and Nuclear Engineering in 2007. Still, he says, he is most proud of being able to teach at his alma mater. "That dwarfs the awards," he said. "Absolutely most satisfying for me is working with students in the class-

room and in research. That has always been my motivation."

The Breazeale Nuclear Reactor located on the University Park campus is one of Brenizer's classrooms. Online since 1955, it is the first licensed and oldest continually working reactor in the U. S. When asked to compare Breazeale with the Three Mile Island reactor just minutes from Penn State Harrisburg, Brenizer laughs. "The difference is we *want* the radiation – to do research and for teaching – but not the heat. They want the opposite."

Brenizer is excited about the renewed dedication to nuclear power. "Nuclear is again being recognized as a part of the energy puzzle and demand is outstripping resources," he says. "All sectors are hiring and our students are in high demand."

Grad's organization aids Haiti

More than one million people remain homeless in Haiti months after an earthquake rocked the nation.

Penn State Harrisburg alum Mark Bush, '81 SO SC, is chief operating officer of the non-profit CURE International. Although not typically a first responder, CURE quickly provided medical aid in Haiti with resources from a hospital the organization operates in the Dominican Republic on the opposite side of the island.

Lemoyne-based CURE International, which specializes in orthopedic surgery for disabled children, transported 500 pounds of equipment and set up a medical team in Port-Au-Prince within 48 hours of the disaster. Bush said that although they performed 600 surgeries and thousands of castings in the first four to six weeks after the quake, their work was merely "a drop in the bucket" compared to the total amount of aid being provided. Although CURE continues to send a medical team to Haiti every two weeks, and will do so through September, Bush minimizes any praise of the effort. "It's what a good neighbor would have done," he said.

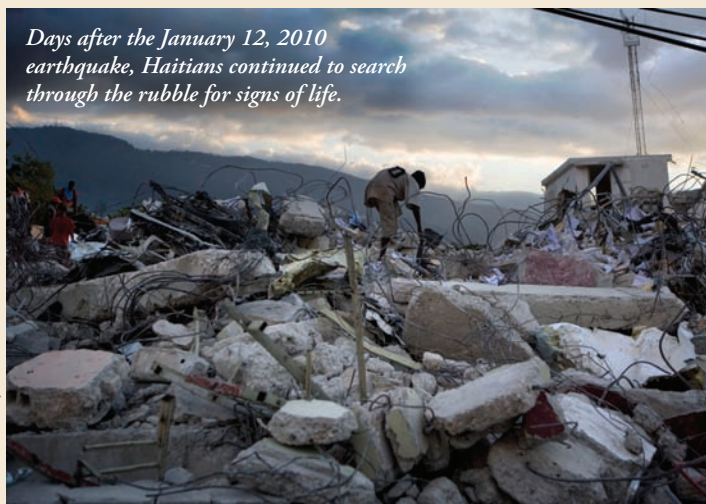
CURE also has taken measures to speed treatment for Haitians, Bush said. "We have worked out patient visas for Haitians to enter the Dominican Republic where facilities and surgeons are currently better equipped to provide care," he said. "We also have established a six-month training program for Haitian physicians so that they can provide higher level care in their own country."

Bush also noted the poor state of Haiti's economy and governance before the earthquake and the lingering effects of the natural disaster on the people. "Everyone living in Port-au-Prince has lost someone close to them," said Bush. "Families are resettling elsewhere and many still live in tent cities."

U.S. Ambassador Charles Shapiro, a leading authority on Latin American affairs, discussed Haiti's future when he spoke on campus this spring. "If you're the person whose home has been destroyed, the response of your government is never quick enough and never sufficient to replace what you've lost," he said. "We want to work with Haiti's government so it does not return to the way it was before the earthquake. We want Haitians to have hope for their own country and that their children will have hope for the future."

Days after the January 12, 2010 earthquake, Haitians continued to search through the rubble for signs of life.

Talia Frenkel, American Red Cross



Alumni Notes

1970s

Michael C. Donato, '71 SO SC, Langhorne, married to wife Geri A., retired as assistant vice president – product management from One Beacon Insurance Company.

Terry Deveney, '71 SO SC, Dalton, Pa., retired from teaching at Abington Heights School District.

Teri Guerrisi, '75 M HUM, director of the performing artists series at Harrisburg Area Community College, is a new member of the School of Humanities Advisory Board.

John C. Archer, '78 MBA, co-authored the paper *The Need to Develop and Maintain Leadership Focus on Significant Project Risks and Their Control Strategies*, which received the 2009 Best Paper Award at the Nuclear Power International Conference.

Chris Gulotta, '79 UR PL, will retire as executive director of the Cumberland/Perry Housing and Community Partnership on November 30. He plans to take a teaching job at the university level.

1980s

Peter Whipple, '85 MPA, Elizabethtown, retired as manager of Elizabethtown Borough and received honorary doctorate from Elizabethtown College.

Patricia Thompson, '86 QBA, '08 Ph.D. ADTED, co-edited the book *Popular Culture and Entertainment Media in Adult Education* (2007, Jossey-Bass) with Professor of Adult Education Elizabeth Tisdell.

Anita M. Wehry, '87 BUS, New Ringgold, married Rodney L. Wehry.

James H. Benson, '87 MPA, Gainesville, Ga., received doctorate from The George Washington

University, May 2009. He left the presidency at Marion Military Institute (Marion, Ala.) to assume presidency of Riverside Military Academy (Gainesville, Ga.), June 2009.

Ken Granger, '88 ACCT, Houston, Tx., received Ph.D. in business organization and management from Capella University.

1990s

James D. McMahon, Jr., '92 M AMSTUD, Lancaster, released second book *Milton Hershey School* (Arcadia Publishing), and is employed as director for school history, Milton Hershey School.

Stacey Simmers Cleary, '93 COMCL, Harrisburg, is program coordinator, Department of Emergency Medicine, Penn State Hershey Medical Center. E-mail: cleary@hmc.psu.edu

Julie Lobur, '96 COMP, '03 M COMP, Harrisburg, wed Marla Cattermole, '98 MNGMT, '05 TRDEV, June 26, 2009.

Monica S. Willett, '98 COMCL, Harrisburg, joined the administrative staff, Pennsylvania Early Learning Keys to Quality (PA Key), in June 2009.

Timothy A. Bond, '99 ELED, '09 T C, eighth grade English teacher and team leader, Good Hope Middle School, married Rebecca Reitz in November, 2002, and welcomed child Beatrice Noelle, born December 25, 2007.

Nadine Brown, '99 PUBPL, recently published a science fiction trilogy *Frequency R*.

2000s

Robin Ames, '00 COMCL, and **John Ames**, '01 COMCL,

welcomed son Andrew "Andy" Benjamin Ames, born December 11, 2009.

Rich Hauck, '02 COMCL, Harrisburg, was featured in a *Central Penn Business Journal* article about his position as creative director at Hauck Interactive, a company he co-founded.

Keith R. Cromwell, '05 T C, Lancaster, and wife Maggie L., welcomed daughter Emma Jane, born October 16, 2009. E-mail: keithcromwell@comcast.net

Daniel T. Donnachie, '06 SDCET, Thorndale, married Kristi Jackson, October 17, 2009. He is staff

engineer at CVM Engineers in Oaks, Pa. E-mail: dtd130@gmail.com

Sgt. Bryan F. Shipp, '07 CRIMJ, has returned to U.S. after being deployed overseas at an Army forward operating base in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

John Noll, '07 I HUM, West Brook, Maine, and wife Jessica D., welcomed son Andrew Miles, born June 25, 2009.

The Chi Gamma Iota Fraternity



The Chi Gamma Iota Fraternity, started at Penn State Harrisburg in 1968, held its annual Legion of Honor Awards Ceremony in Mechanicsburg on behalf of the Chapel of Four Chaplains for deserving individuals. Penn State Harrisburg alums include: Terry Smith '87 BE SC, Mark Konetski '74 BUS, Ken Sahd '73 BUS, Joe Grosso '71 BUS, Tom Holtzman '74 BUS, Rowland Hoke '74 ELED, and Dave Kurtz '72 HUM.



Since 2002, Engineering alums have held an annual reunion at Penn State Harrisburg. In October, 11 alumni gathered on campus, some coming from as far as Chicago. The day's activities included a campus tour and open house. Left to right: Greg Prinkey '77 ED ET, Rick Fein '77 ED ET, Jay Eiser '77 ED ET, Joanna Eiser '78 ED ET, Louis Gaetano '77 ED ET, Leigh Sifford '77 ED ET, Dave Socash '77 BUS, and Ron Osmun '77 ED ET.

Want to get together with your classmates? Contact the Alumni Office at hbgalumni@psu.edu for help and suggestions. Consider a gathering during Penn State Day on campus, Saturday, October 16, 2010.

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Penn State Day

Saturday, October 16, 2010

Penn State Harrisburg

Join us for a day full of activities on campus: homecoming and reunions, athletic events, award celebrations, "For the Future" campaign dinner, faculty and student presentations, library activities, and much more fun for family and friends.

Learn more about Penn State Day online at hbg.psu.edu.

Take me out...

Penn State Harrisburg Night with the Harrisburg Senators: **Friday, June 25**

Penn State Harrisburg Night with the Lancaster Barnstormers: **Saturday, July 10**

Information online at hbg.psu.edu/alumni.



alumni news

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Maiden name		Graduation year		Degree	
Spouse last name		First name		Middle initial	
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Other news (activities, honors, births, promotions, etc.)					

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