

Council of Trustees

Quarterly Meeting

May 2, 2025



COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

Call to Order

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Roll Call

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Pledge of Allegiance

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Approval of Minutes

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Public Comment Period

By Phone: *9 Raise Hand

APSCUF Remarks

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Emeritus Recipients

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Bloomsburg

Dr. Carolyn LaMacchia

Professor, Business Innovation and Technology



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Ms. Charlotte Droll

Assistant Director of Library Services



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Ms. Elizabeth Walters
Executive Associate
Title IX Office

Ms. Marcella Woods

Coordinator of Cultural Affairs and Student Support Services

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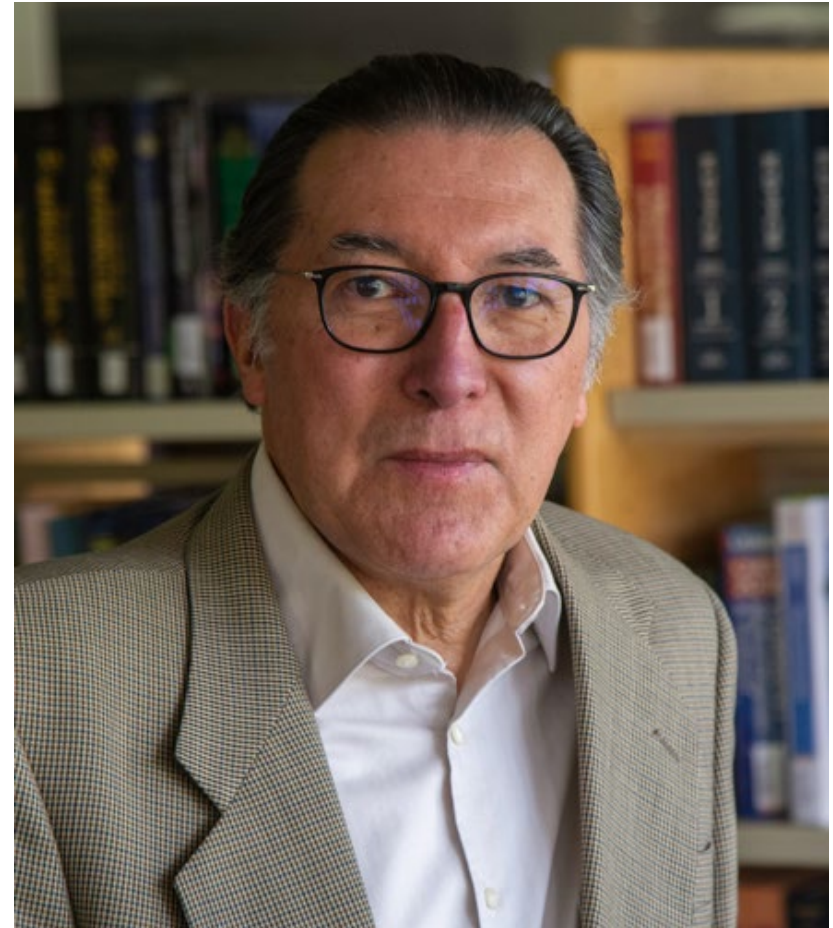


Lock Haven

Dr. Ruben Berrios

Professor, Business Innovation and Technology

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Mansfield

Ms. Jamey Harris

Faculty Librarian and Coordinator of Technical Services

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Ms. Judi Brayer
Associate Director of
Student Success/Director of
Orientation



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President's Report

Dr. Bashar W. Hanna
President

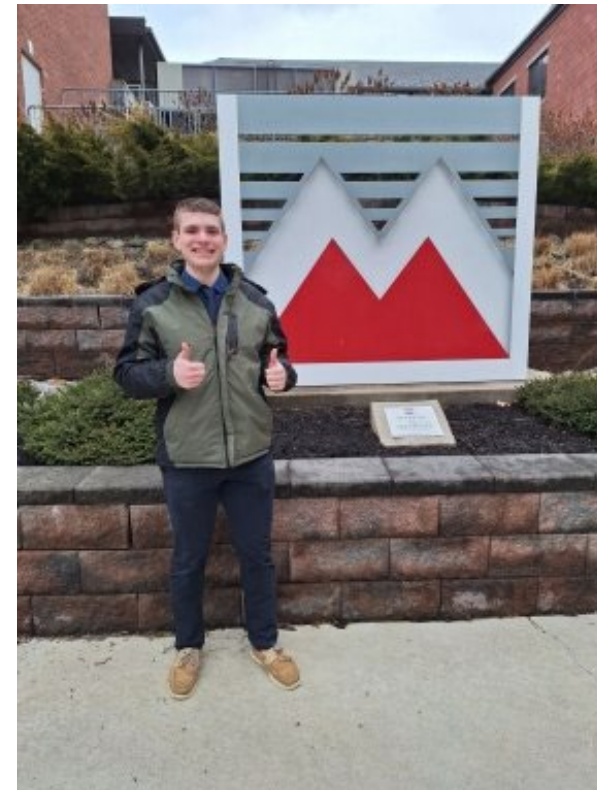


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University Highlights

A remarkable journey through the CU Early College Program

- Nathan "Nate" Wales, a homeschool student from Athens, took advantage of the CU Early College Program and began earning college credits while in high school.
- As a high school senior, he will graduate in June with **72 college credits** — making him both a high school senior and a college junior at the same time.



University Highlights

Student biologists leave winning mark at annual PASSHE conference

- CU-Mansfield biology majors presented research at the recent Commonwealth of Pennsylvania University Biologists (CPUB) 56th Annual Meeting, including two taking home first place awards: Emma Wonsick for her completed work poster and Kristen Fulford for her oral presentation and also winning the Outstanding Student Award.



Psychology majors shine at Eastern Psychological Association conference

- Psychology students attended and presented research at the Eastern Psychological Association (EPA) conference in New York City. EPA members present the latest advances in professional and scientific work in psychology.



University Highlights

Theatre arts major makes history attending national Kennedy Center festival

- Emily Shaffer, a senior theatre arts major at CU-Bloomsburg, will soon spend a week in Washington, D.C. at the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Arts Festival's (KCACTF) National Festival.
- Shaffer earned this opportunity by winning the ASPIRE Arts Leadership Finalist award to represent KCACTF's Region 2, becoming the first CU-Bloomsburg student ever to do so.



University Highlights

Master's in Instructional Design and Technology program sets the standard at DevLearn Expo

- In 20 years of DemoFest competition at DevLearn, the largest technologies event in the country, there's been one constant — Commonwealth University bringing home an academic award.
- It's happened **10 times** in the span, each year CU's Master's in Instructional Design and Technology program has entered.

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CU winner, Annie Schmitt

University Highlights

Council for Exceptional Children's Annual Convention

- Several students, faculty, and alumni from the Special Education Program in the Department of Early Childhood Education and Exceptionality Programs attended the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC)'s Annual Convention.



CEC is the largest international professional organization dedicated to improving the success of children and youth with disabilities and/or gifts and talents.

Model EU simulation

- Several student delegations from CU-Bloomsburg and CU-Mansfield participated in the annual University of Pittsburgh Model European Union simulation hosted by Susquehanna University. The Spanish delegation, Amelia Alfiero and Hughie Curran, won Best Position Paper.



University Highlights

Service-learning program

- CU students once again traveled to Jamaica to serve in the small community of Harmons through a service-learning program offered by professor Jennifer Bell and Dr. Amy Way.
- The focus of the week was on cooperative programs with the schools and mission in Harmons and collaborating with the Jamaican Ministry of Health.
- CU students from Bloomsburg, Clearfield and Lock Haven participated in the program.



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University Highlights

The Big Event '25

- More than **800** students tackled nearly 175 job sites across the Town of Bloomsburg, volunteering to perform spring cleaning tasks for our neighbors.
- The single-day community service event, now in its 16th year, is sponsored by the Community Government Association.



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University Highlights

National History Day at CU-Lock Haven

- CU-Lock Haven hosted the National History Day (NHD) contest for Region 5 for students in grades 6 through 12.
- 58 students participated in this year's contest from 11 middle and high schools.
- Region 5 National History Day is part of the National History Day program for middle and high school students and is a yearlong academic program proven to enhance student achievement and college and career readiness.



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University Highlights

21st annual Kent's Fest

- CU-Lock Haven's Council of Exceptional Children student group hosted the 21st annual Kent's Fest Celebration on April 11.
- This musical talent show for children and adults with disabilities brought together area schools in a heartwarming celebration of creativity, unity and inclusion.
- Approximately 500 students in grades kindergarten through 12 participated, with more than 550 attendees coming to watch the performances throughout the day.



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University Highlights

All In Day of Giving – April 10-11, 2025

Bloomsburg

- 4th year at Bloomsburg
- **2,813** donors
- **\$314,770** raised



Lock Haven

- 10th anniversary
- **1,356** donors
- **\$273,290** raised
- [WNEP-TV](#) covered the event.



Mansfield

- 3rd year at Mansfield
- **473** donors
- **\$84,204** raised



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University Highlights

Alum commits \$500,000 estate gift to Mansfield University Mountaineer Foundation

- “My years at Mansfield were some of the happiest of my life,” Horton explained. “Mansfield gave me what I needed at the time. I want to help recreate that experience for future students.”
- Unrestricted gifts provide the university with the flexibility to allocate funds where they are needed most, ensuring the greatest benefit for Mansfield students.



University Highlights

Alum makes \$195,000 gift to support women's basketball scholarships and provide Nelson upgrades

- Bloomsburg alumnus Tom Stiner '76 has deepened his commitment to student success with a \$195,000 gift to establish a new women's basketball scholarship and fund the resurfacing of the Nelson Field House basketball court.
- This marks the third scholarship Stiner has established at Bloomsburg.
- Stiner's total support for Bloomsburg students is over \$525,000



University Highlights

Alum Couple commit \$100,000 to increase support for CU-Bloomsburg students

- Joel '96 and Kelly '96 Showalter have expanded their support for CU-Bloomsburg students with a \$50,000 gift to the Bloomsburg University Foundation (BUF)
- Through a dollar-for-dollar match from JD Fields & Company Inc., where Joel serves as Vice President and CFO—doubling their gift to an impressive \$100,000.



University Highlights

Alum Couple Deepen Their Support for Students

- Greg '01 and Jennifer '02 Bowden are making a lasting impact for CU-Bloomsburg students with a generous \$30,000 gift, elevating their existing scholarship established through the Bloomsburg University Foundation (BUF) to the \$50,000 endowment level.
- Their support will create new opportunities for future leaders and help students thrive for years to come.



University Highlights

Alumna empowers sorority sisters at CU-Lock Haven

- Through a transformative major planned gift, Marsha Kaiser '76, and her husband, Bob, are ensuring that future first-generation CU-Lock Haven students and Zeta Tau Alpha sisters will have the same lifechanging opportunities that helped shape her life.
- With this gift, Kaiser joins the Legacy Society, the LHUF's planned giving society



University Highlights

CU honors Three with Keepers of the Flame awards

- Pennsylvania's State System of Higher Education (PASSHE) has named an individual at three Commonwealth University locations as a recipient of the third Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Keepers of the Flame Award.



Timothy Rooney '88
CU-Mansfield



Dr. Lisette Schillig
CU-Lock Haven



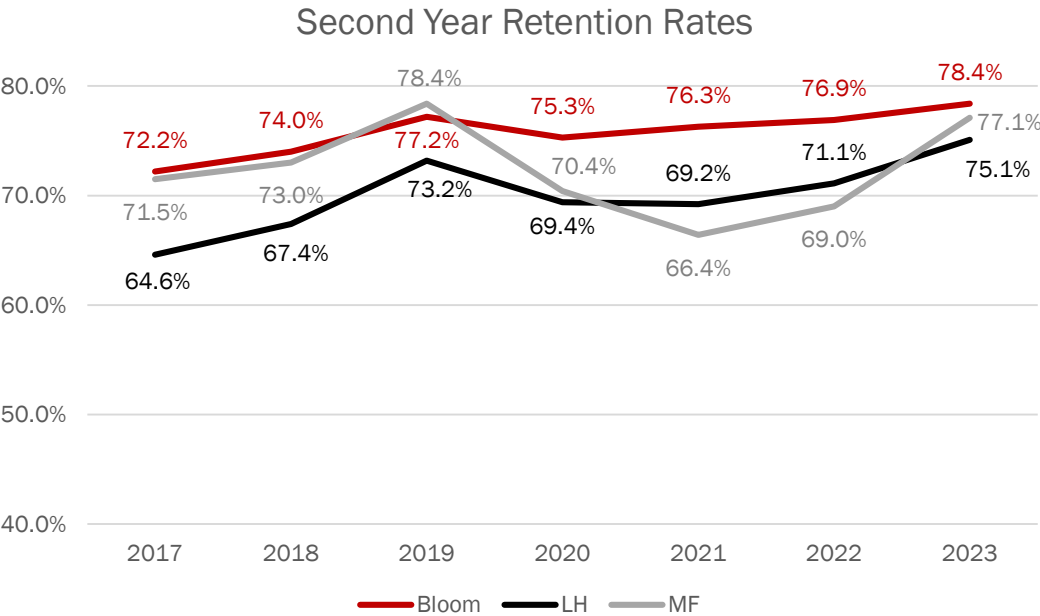
Marcella Woods
CU-Bloomsburg

University Highlights

Commonwealth University Faculty Recognition

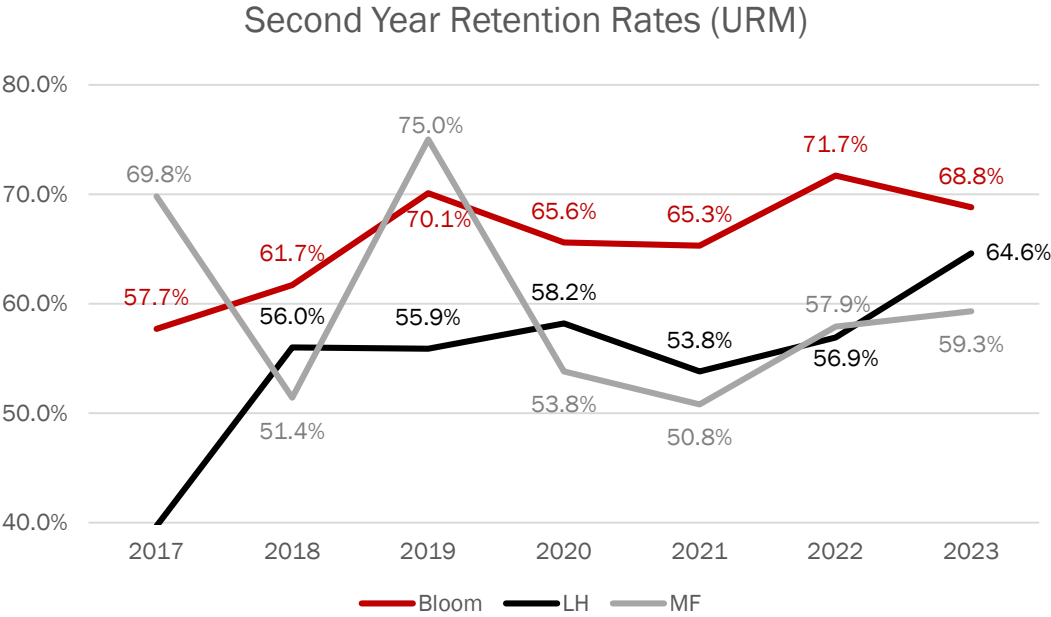
- **Dr. Jonathan Rothermel**, has been selected as the next Eileen G. Jones Honors College program director at Mansfield. Rothermel will begin his appointment in May, succeeding Dr. Leslie Clifford's eighth and final year as Honors program director.
- **Jerry Wemple**, professor of English (Bloomsburg), and **Anne Dyer Stuart**, professor of English (Bloomsburg), co-edited the recently published *Rivers, Ridges, and Valleys: Essays on Rural Pennsylvania*. The 192-page book includes work by Commonwealth University faculty **Charisse Baldoria** (Bloomsburg), **Claire Lawrence** (Bloomsburg), **Jimmy Guignard** (Mansfield), and **Marjorie Maddox** (Lock Haven, emeritus).
- **Dr. Justin Crowl**, associate professor of criminal justice (Mansfield), recently presented two research papers at the Pennsylvania Criminal Justice Educators (PACJE) Conference. Dr. Crowl's work highlights the transformative role of AI in teaching and academic support services.

Second Year Retention Rates



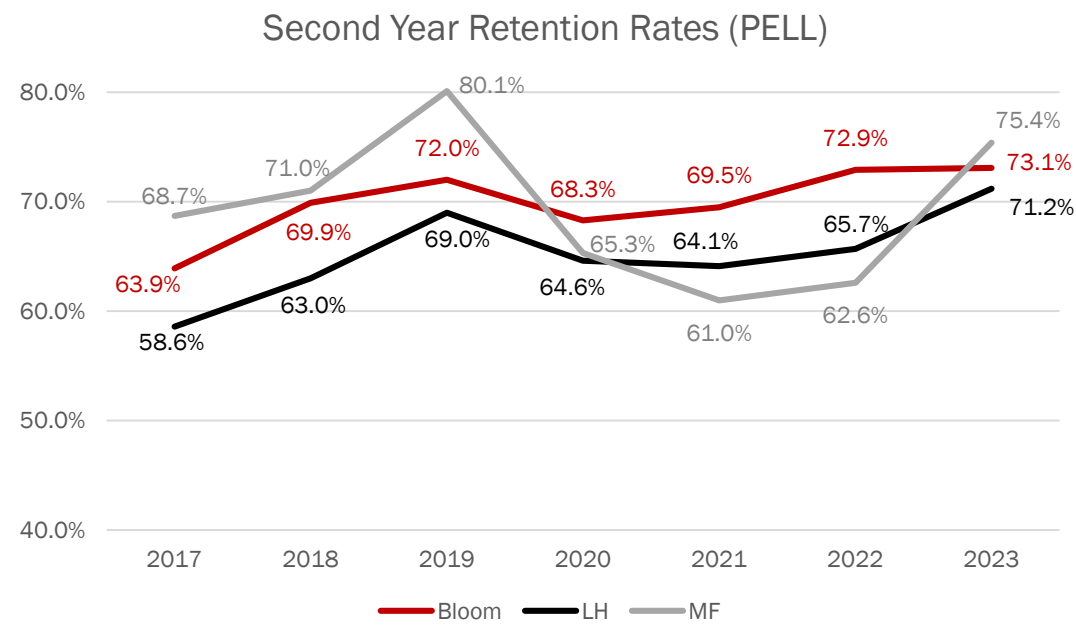
Year	Bloomsburg	Lock Haven	Mansfield
2017	72.2%	64.6%	71.5%
2018	74.0%	67.4%	73.0%
2019	77.2%	73.2%	78.4%
2020	75.3%	69.4%	70.4%
2021	76.3%	69.2%	66.4%
2022	76.9%	71.1%	69.0%
2023	78.4%	75.1%	77.1%
Change Since '17	6.2%	10.5%	5.6%
Change Since Integration	2.1%	5.9%	10.7%

Second Year Retention Rates (URM)



Year	Bloomsburg	Lock Haven	Mansfield
2017	57.7%	39.7%	69.8%
2018	61.7%	56.0%	51.4%
2019	70.1%	55.9%	75.0%
2020	65.6%	58.2%	53.8%
2021	65.3%	53.8%	50.8%
2022	71.7%	56.9%	57.9%
2023	68.8%	64.6%	59.3%
Change Since '17	11.1%	24.9%	-10.5%
Change Since Integration	3.5%	10.8%	8.5%

Second Year Retention Rates (PELL)



Year	Bloomsburg	Lock Haven	Mansfield
2017	63.9%	58.6%	68.7%
2018	69.9%	63.0%	71.0%
2019	72.0%	69.0%	80.1%
2020	68.3%	64.6%	65.3%
2021	69.5%	64.1%	61.0%
2022	72.9%	65.7%	62.6%
2023	73.1%	71.2%	75.4%
Change Since '17	9.2%	12.6%	6.7%
Change Since Integration	3.6%	7.1%	14.4%

Thank you!

Student Spotlight

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Braedon Campbell



- Senior
- Enola, PA (near Harrisburg)
 - East Pennsboro Area High School
- Health Science major on accelerated 3+2 PA track
- Historical European Martial Arts Club President
- Honors College Member
- Student Ambassador

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Why did I choose Lock Haven?



- Beautiful Scenery
- Amazing Professors
 - Professor to Student ratio
- Accelerated PA program
- Affordable
- Perfect distance from home

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Study Abroad in Glasgow, Scotland



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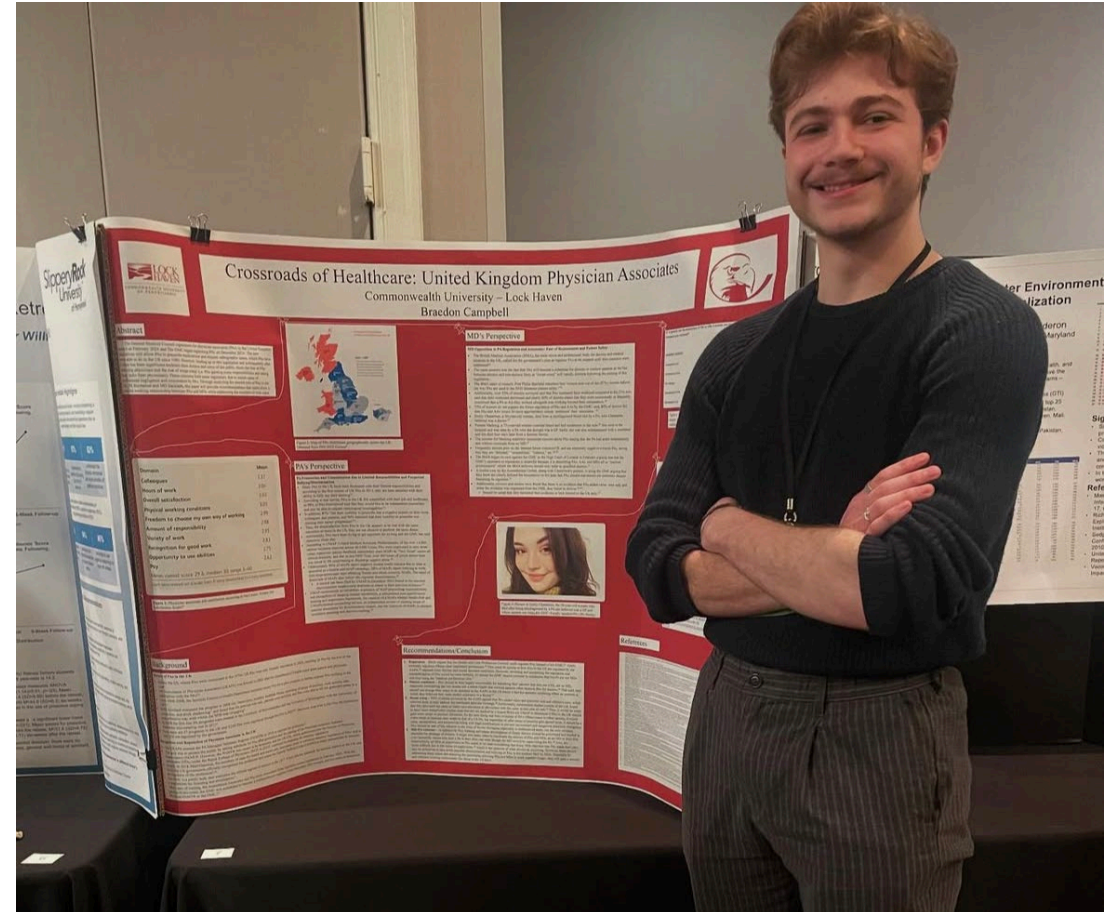
Study Abroad in Glasgow, Scotland



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Undergraduate Research/Honors

- Wanted to learn more about PAs in the UK
- Lack of governmental regulation until recently
- Current clashing between MDs and PAs
- Presented at the Northeast Regional Honors Council Conference



Historical European Martial Arts Club



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Because I'm sure you are interested



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Student Ambassador



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Career Path/What now?

- Begin PA Master's program this summer
- Currently most interested in becoming an Orthopedic PA
 - When I had a shoulder injury, a PA helped me, and I want to be that person for another kid someday
- However, one of the great things about being a PA is the flexibility, so I'm looking forward to where the future takes me!



What matters the most



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Order of Succession Planning

Non-Resident Graduate Technology Fee

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Proposed Student Fee Increases – Graduate Technology

		<i>Approved</i>	<i>Requested</i>	
	<i>Per Credit Fee</i>	<i>Per Credit Fee</i>	<i>Per Credit Fee</i>	<i>Per Credit Fee</i>
<i>GRADUATE: Per Credit</i>	2024-2025	2025-2026	2025-2026	<i>\$ Increase</i>
Technology Fee (no flat rate)				
Resident - Graduate	28	60	60	32
Non-Resident - Graduate	40	60	72	32

Per BOG Policy Procedure/Standard Number 2011-02-A:

A technology tuition fee will be approved by the councils of trustees for all students; the fee must be structured in a manner that is **differentiated by domicile status (in-state/out-of-state)**.

Capital Project Request FY 2026-2031

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Recommended Prioritization for Funding/Authorization

Priority	Project	Anticipated Funding
1	Lock Haven – Raub Hall Renovation \$13M approved - Need additional \$5M	FY 2025-26
2	Bloomsburg – Andruss Library Renovation Expected cost \$30M	FY 2027-28
3	Lock Haven – Stevenson Library Renovation \$20M approved – Need additional \$13M	FY 2029-30
4	Mansfield – Initial Right-Sizing Request for \$20M funding	FY 2028-29
5	Mansfield – Utility Infrastructure Phase 2 \$20M approved – Need additional \$20M	FY 2029-30
6	Mansfield – Butler Renovation Expected cost \$30M	FY 2029-30
7	Bloomsburg - Centennial Renovation Expected cost \$22M	FY 2030-31

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Council of Trustees Meeting Calendar for 2025-26

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Option 1

Tuesday, October 7, 2025

Bloomsburg Campus

Tuesday, December 2, 2025

Lock Haven Campus

Friday, March 6, 2026

Lock Haven Campus

Friday, May 8, 2026

Mansfield Campus

Option 2

Friday, October 10, 2025

Bloomsburg Campus

Friday, December 5, 2025

Lock Haven Campus

Friday, March 6, 2026

Lock Haven Campus

Friday, May 8, 2026

Mansfield Campus

Recognition of Student Trustee

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Janeyda Ortiz

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Adjournment

Thank you!