



Education Recap



May 4-10, 2018

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Session Status

At 1:06 p.m. on Wednesday, April 25, 2018 the Senate stands in recess until Monday, May 21, 2018 at 1:00 p.m., unless sooner recalled by the President Pro Tempore.

At 12:04 p.m. on Wednesday, May 2, 2018 the House stands adjourned until Tuesday, May 22, 2018 at 1:00 p.m., unless sooner recalled by the Speaker.

Upcoming Session Days

House

May 22, 23, 24

June 4, 5, 6, 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, 20, 21, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30

Senate

May 21, 22, 23

June 4, 5, 6, 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, 20, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29

Around the Rotunda

DEPARTMENT RECOGNIZES STUDENT WINNERS OF VIDEO/ART COMPETITION

By Jeff Cox, Pennsylvania Legislative Services | May 8, 2018

Representatives from the Pennsylvania Department of Health (DOH) today recognized the winners of the statewide “Get Smart About Antibiotics” video and art competitions at a special ceremony in the Main Capitol Rotunda. This year marked the first time the program hosted a video competition and the sixth year is has hosted the arts competition.

Dr. Rachel Levine, Secretary, Department of Health, explained, “The Get Smart Program focuses on three pillars of public health prevention.” She added, “The first is hand hygiene; the second are vaccinations/immunizations which are absolutely critical in preventing illness; and third is the wise and judicious use of antibiotics.” Sec. Levine commented, “The award winning videos and posters really best convey these healthy habits.”

Dr. Sharon Watkins, director of the Bureau of Epidemiology, observed, “We are here to acknowledge the really hard work and creativity of Pennsylvania youth. She said, “This annual competition allows children of all ages to actively participate in the larger conversation about hand hygiene, antibiotics and disease prevention.” Noting there were over 275 entries this year, Dr. Watkins commented, “This number shows the impact of the program on youth around the state.” She also told participants, “By raising awareness, we all work together to change behavior and that is really what this project and art competition is about.”

Dr. Michael Green, co-recipient of the 2017 Antimicrobial Stewardship Ambassador Award, told the students and their families, “As a pediatrician who is interested in both infectious disease and infection prevention, the areas you all have been working on are very near and dear to my heart.” He stated, “When you use your creativity and your energy to become involved in this it really makes me think there is a lot better hope for the future.”

Raphael Barishansky, Deputy Secretary of Health Planning and Assessment, said, “By combining arts and science together we are creating an effective way to promote safe antibiotic use.” He introduced the three winning videos.

Irena Elizabeth Potochny, an 8th grade student from Hummelstown and the first place award winner for her video entitled *Fight Bac*, discussed the making of her video. She said, “I hope that my video helps bring about awareness to potential hazards and how to prevent illness from everyday activities like safely preparing meals.”

Also receiving recognition at today’s ceremony were Dr. Kristen Sznajder, co-recipient of 2017 Antimicrobial Stewardship Ambassador Award; Angie Bu, 10th grade student from Hummelstown, second place, video competition; and Alex Filer, Alyssa Grossi and Marissa Aloiso, 11th grade students from Grove City, third place, video competition.

The art competition winners included:

Ages 4 and under:

- Avery Williams, Zelenople
- Gianna Hua, Jenkintown
- Zeke Williams, Zelenople



Ages 5 to 6:

- Lilly Anderson, Allentown
- Wyatt Lentz, Camp Hill
- Sharanya Randimala, Mechanicsburg

Ages 7 to 8:

- Carlee Fine, Mountain Top
- Evan Dardeshi, Horsham
- Abigail Collins, Hummelstown

Ages 9 to 10:

- Krystiana Sabieray, New Cumberland
- Ian Lentz, Camp Hill
- Makenzie Thompson, Woodland

Ages 11 to 12:

- Allison Gay, Dresher
- Sofia Vinogradoy, Ambler
- Elijah Smith, Dresher

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Bullet.in.Points

EXECUTIVE BOARD: REORGANIZATION OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

The Executive Board approved a reorganization of the Public School Employees' Retirement System effective April 26, 2018. The organization chart can be found at www.pabulletin.com.

Co-Sponsor Memos

HCO3357	Quigley, Thomas(R)	Allows school districts to adopt textbooks at any regular school board meeting.
HCO3365	Masser, Kurt(R)	Requires a school district to notice and host two public meetings prior to increasing the school districts property tax rate without holding a public referendum.
HCO3368	Wheatley, Jake(D)	Provides a tax credit to teachers for the purchase of classroom supplies.
SCO1442	Baker, Lisa(R)	Requires the Department of Human Services to replicate the Community/School Based Behavioral Team Program as an option for school districts statewide.

Basic Education Bill Actions

HB 2329	Hahn, Marcia(R)	(PN 3505) Amends the Taxpayer Relief Act imposing an additional tax upon personal income at the rate of 1.72 percent for the purpose of funding 100 percent homestead and farmstead exclusions to provide property tax relief. Establishes the 100% Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion Account as a restricted account within the General Fund for the Department of Education to make disbursements to school districts to implement the 100 percent exclusion. Effective in 60 days.
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Bill History:	05-03-18 H Filed 05-07-18 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Finance
HB 2414 Stephens, Todd(R)	(PN 3518) Amends the Sterling Act providing for municipal tax reimbursement by adding that any tax imposed by a city of the first class on salaries, wages, commissions, other compensation or on net profits of business professions or other activities of a taxpayer that is resident of another political subdivision shall be reimbursed to the taxpayer's resident political subdivision at a rate equivalent to that which would have been collected by that political subdivision. Effective in 60 days.
Bill History:	05-07-18 H Filed 05-09-18 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Finance
HB 2415 DeLuca, Anthony(D)	(PN 3509) Amends the Public School Code, in school districts, providing for terms of agreements and settlements adding that no school district shall enter into an agreement or settlement which prohibits the public disclosure of the terms of separation of a school employe, unless ordered by a court. Effective in 60 days.
Bill History:	05-07-18 H Filed 05-07-18 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Education
SB 1159 Aument, Ryan(R)	(PN 1737) Amends the Private Licensed Schools Act providing that the board may enter into an agreement with a third party to establish a centralized repository of student records for all private licensed schools. It also states the board or a third party authorized by the board may use current information technology systems and other means to provide the necessary security and privacy for the centralized repository of student records; and the board or a third party authorized by the board may impose reasonable fees to establish and maintain the centralized repository of student records. Effective in 60 days.
Bill History:	05-07-18 S Filed 05-07-18 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Education
SB 1165 Martin, Scott (F)(R)	(PN 1746) Amends Titles 18 (Crimes & Offenses)& 42 (Judiciary), in assault, further providing for terroristic threats; and, in juvenile matters, further providing for detention of child and for investigation and report. The bill establishes that a child who is charged with the crime of terroristic threats shall be placed in a secure detention facility. The child shall be detained and may not be released until completion of a mental health examination and a home risk assessment, which shall include a visit to the primary residence of the child. Effective in 60 days.
Bill History:	05-10-18 S Filed 05-10-18 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Judiciary

Higher Education Bill Actions

HB 1756 Frankel, Dan(D)	(PN 3517) The Postsecondary Institution Online Reporting System Act requires postsecondary institutions to establish and maintain sexual harassment and sexual violence online reporting systems and to investigate complaints; and prescribes a penalty. Effective in one year.
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Bill History:		05-07-18 H Filed 05-09-18 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Education
HB 2421	Wheatley, Jake(D)	Amends the Public School Code, in preliminary provisions, providing for historically black colleges and universities coordination; and making an appropriation.
Bill History:		05-09-18 H Filed
SB 1158	Hughes, Vincent(D)	(PN 1743) The Center for Gun Violence Research Act provides for the establishment and funding of a center to conduct research on gun violence in this Commonwealth administered by a university selected by the governor. The center shall conduct independent academic research on gun violence to provide policymakers with scientific evidence to develop sound gun violence prevention policies and programs. Establishes a request for proposal process for a location, an evaluation committee, and funding requirements. Effective in 60 days.
Bill History:		05-10-18 S Filed 05-10-18 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Government
SB 1159	Aument, Ryan(R)	(PN 1737) Amends the Private Licensed Schools Act providing that the board may enter into an agreement with a third party to establish a centralized repository of student records for all private licensed schools. It also states the board or a third party authorized by the board may use current information technology systems and other means to provide the necessary security and privacy for the centralized repository of student records; and the board or a third party authorized by the board may impose reasonable fees to establish and maintain the centralized repository of student records. Effective in 60 days.
Bill History:		05-07-18 S Filed 05-07-18 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Education
SB 1161	Corman, Jake(R)	(PN 1738) Amends the Tax Reform Code, in personal income tax, further providing for classes of income. The bill establishes that an amount paid as a contribution to a qualified tuition program under the Tuition Account Programs and College Savings Bond Act shall be deductible from taxable income on the annual personal income tax return. Effective immediately.
Bill History:		05-07-18 S Filed 05-07-18 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Finance

Upcoming Events

Department of Education

May 14, 2018 - 9:30 a.m. Heritage Room A, 333 Market Street, Harrisburg

Professional Standards & Practices Commission Meeting. For additional information: (717) 787-4417

Department of Education

May 14, 2018 - 8:30 a.m. 14th Floor Conference Room, 333 Market Street, Harrisburg

Professional Standards & Practices Commission - Standards Commission Meeting. For additional information: (717) 787-4417



Department of Education

May 14, 2018 - 8:30 a.m. Heritage Room A, 333 Market Street, Harrisburg

Professional Standards & Practices Commission - Practices Committee Meeting. For additional information: (717) 787-4417

State Charter School Appeal Board

May 15, 2018 - 1:00 p.m. 1st Floor Honors Suite, 333 Market Street, Harrisburg

Board Meeting. For additional information: (717) 787-5500

Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency

May 16, 2018 - 1:00 p.m. Judicial Center Building, Conference Room A, 601 Commonwealth Avenue, Harrisburg

Tuition Account Program (TAP) Advisory Board Meeting. For additional information: (717) 772-5000

Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency

May 23, 2018 - 3:00 p.m. PHEAA Board Room, 1200 North 7th Street, Harrisburg

Audit Review Committee Meeting. For additional information: (717) 720-2509

Press Conference

May 21, 2018 – 10:45 a.m. Main Capitol Rotunda, Harrisburg

Annual Public Charter School Day

Senate Education

May 22, 2018 - 10:30 a.m., Room 8E-A, East Wing

To consider: [SB 1032](#) Dinniman, Andrew Amends Public School Code re Keystone Exams [SR 322](#) Aument, Ryan Resolution re LBFC study on standardized tests

Press Conference

May 22, 2018 – 11:00 a.m. Main Capitol Rotunda, Harrisburg

Teacher Education Day on the Hill

Press Conference

May 22, 2018 – 11:00 a.m. Capitol Fountain, Commonwealth Avenue (behind Capitol), Harrisburg

Students and Survivors for Better Gun Laws

Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency

May 23, 2018 - 4:30 p.m. PHEAA Board Room, 1200 North 7th Street, Harrisburg

Executive Committee Meeting. For additional information: (717) 720-2509

Public School Employees' Retirement Board

May 23, 2018 – TBA PSERS Headquarters, 4th Floor Board Room, 5 North 5th Street, Harrisburg

Board Meeting. For additional information: (717) 720-4617

Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency

May 24, 2018 - 10:00 a.m. PHEAA Board Room, 1200 North 7th Street, Harrisburg

Board Meeting. For additional information: (717) 720-2509

Public School Employees' Retirement Board

May 24, 2018 – TBA PSERS Headquarters, 4th Floor Board Room, 5 North 5th Street, Harrisburg

Board Meeting. For additional information: (717) 720-4617



Basic Education in the News

- 05-10-2018 [Sen. Gordner: Safe Schools Grant Period to Open Soon](#)
(Press Release)
- 05-10-2018 [Gov. Wolf Announces \\$2 Million in Business Education Partnership Grants for...](#)
(Press Release)
- 05-10-2018 [Council asks Hite: Why do we need a tax increase to pay Philly schools' bills now?](#)
Councilwoman Cindy Bass looked at School Superintendent William R. Hite Jr. and cut to the chase: She and her colleagues are being asked to vote for a hefty tax increase to support city schools, and their constituents are wary. "The deficit is a minute away, and people are paying bills to keep... - [*Philadelphia Inquirer*](#)
- 05-10-2018 [Sen. Vincent Hughes: We must act to stop crumbling schools in Philadelphia](#)
Our schools are crumbling. Before the Inquirer reported on the deplorable conditions in Philadelphia schools, I heard that message from parents and students and even viewed it with my own eyes while visiting city schools. Seeing the conditions in which some of our students learn broke my heart but challenged me to act.... - [*Philadelphia Inquirer*](#)
- 05-10-2018 [Auditor general visits Old Forge to talk school safety](#)
OLD FORGE — Local high school students hoped their conversation with state Auditor General Eugene DePasquale on Wednesday helped bridge the generational gap between lawmakers and teenagers when it comes to school safety. "It's better that he knows how we feel," freshman Skyy Peperno... - [*Scranton Times*](#)
- 05-10-2018 [WVW board votes for budget proposal with 4.75 tax increase](#)
KINGSTON — The Wyoming Valley School Board voted Wednesday for a budget proposal with \$80 million in expenses and a 4.75 percent tax increase. But officials say they're still working to cut expenditures and the property tax rate. The board has until June 30 to adopt a final budget for... - [*Wilkes-Barre Citizens' Voice*](#)
- 05-10-2018 [Investigators submit draft of report on Easton wrestling incident](#)
The draft of an independent investigation that came on the heels of community support for Easton Area High School's head wrestling coach has been submitted to the district's solicitor. The draft of the report, which solicitor John Freund said he received Tuesday, is the result of a district-ordered investigation into events that... - [*Allentown Morning Call*](#)
- 05-10-2018 [Boosting reading, graduation rates highlight Erie schools plan](#)
The School Board reviewed a draft strategic plan on Wednesday and is to vote in June. The Erie School District is in the final stage of setting its goals for the next five years. Starting in the 2018-19 school year, the district intends to set in motion a strategic plan that will aim, among other things, to boost reading levels... - [*Erie Times-News*](#)
- 05-10-2018 [State police: Lewisburg teacher dragged student out of classroom](#)
LEWISBURG — State police arrested a Lewisburg Area School District elementary teacher on a child endangerment charge for allegedly dragging a student by the feet out of a classroom. Celina L. Sagan, 36, of Lewisburg, is currently suspended with pay from her job as a pre-kindergarten teacher at Kelly Elementary, according to... - [*Sunbury Daily Item*](#)



- 05-10-2018 [**Northern Lebanon board member resigns in protest of scandal**](#)
A Northern Lebanon school board member resigned from the board Tuesday in protest of a recent sex toy scandal involving three principals in the school district. "As my integrity is very important to me I cannot continue to serve on a board that does not hold themselves or the administration accountable,"... - [*Lebanon Daily News*](#)
- 05-10-2018 [**School superintendents learn collaboration in state program**](#)
Four Beaver County superintendents were among 73 administrators who completed the state's inaugural Superintendent's Academy. The program, launched two years ago by Secretary of Education Pedro Rivera, is part of the state's Poverty and Student Achievement Initiative. The... - [*Beaver County Times*](#)
- 05-10-2018 [**Getting to know the 12th District Democratic candidates**](#)
With the Pennsylvania primaries and the 68th District special election for state representative less than a week away, The Daily Review has reached out to candidates in the competitive House and Congressional races with a standard questionnaire so that our readers can better familiarize... - [*Towanda Daily Review*](#)
- 05-10-2018 [**Thank you, teachers for doing a job we couldn't do**](#)
THE ISSUE Lancaster County is home to 10 of the best public high schools in the nation, according to the latest rankings by U.S. News & World Report. As LNP staff writer Alex Geli reported Wednesday, newspaper records show that's a record-high number of county schools represented on the annual... - [*Lancaster Intelligencer Journal*](#)
- 05-10-2018 [**Attorney who filed lawsuit against Manheim Township School District is in hot water after lying to FBI about bribe**](#)
An attorney who represented a tax collector suing Manheim Township School District will be sentenced in June for lying to the FBI about his knowledge of a bribe. Michael Savona represented Manheim Township tax collector Patricia Kabel, who is suing the school district for collecting its own taxes without her... - [*Lancaster Intelligencer Journal*](#)
- 05-10-2018 [**Do 98 percent of mass public shootings happen in gun-free zones?**](#)
"98 percent of mass public shootings in the United States since 1950 have taken place in gun-free zones." — President Trump, speaking to the National Rifle Association, May 4 President Trump is prone to using bombastic statistics without much regard for the source, particularly when they support his opinions. When he... - [*Washington Post*](#)
- 05-10-2018 [**Absent teachers hurt students - and taxpayers**](#)
A new report on teacher absenteeism in the School District of Philadelphia is enough to make you sick. Every day, more than 500 teachers are marked absent from school. The cost is staggering: Over the course of a year, the District spends more than \$59.8 million on teachers who are not working. That's right,... - [*Philadelphia Inquirer*](#)
- 05-10-2018 [**Dangerous asbestos levels could pose risks to students, teachers in Philadelphia schools**](#)
At aging Philadelphia schools, asbestos is a lurking health threat to children and staff. Tests find alarming levels, even after repair work is done. The beloved teacher in Room 302 at Lewis C. Cassidy elementary school was out on medical leave. Entrusted to a revolving cast of substitute teachers,... - [*Philadelphia Inquirer*](#)



- 05-10-2018 [**Here's where the Republicans running for Pa. governor stand on gun issues**](#)
One plans to put an armed police officer in every school statewide. Another wants to eliminate the state background check system. A third is the only one to say she would turn down money from the NRA. Since the Parkland, Fla. shooting in February, gun control has been hotly... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 05-10-2018 [**Philadelphia City Council hopes to prod city schools into banning elementary suspensions**](#)
urge the School District of Philadelphia to permanently prohibit suspending students from first to fifth grades. City Councilwoman Blondell Reynolds Brown (At-large) is a former teacher and the prime sponsor of the resolution. According to Reynolds Brown, keeping children in the classroom is more... - [Pennsylvania Legislative Services](#)
- 05-10-2018 [**Monroeville Mall just won a \\$27M tax break**](#)
Owners of the Monroeville Mall will receive a \$27 million property tax break next year and refunds from the school district, the municipality and the county topping nearly \$2 million. A special Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas master recently ruled the... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 05-09-2018 [**Education Department Employee Honored with PA Governor's Award for Excellence**](#)
(Press Release)
- 05-09-2018 [**School Districts' Cash Hoard Grows for 12th-Straight Year. Tops \\$4.5 Billion**](#)
(Press Release)
- 05-09-2018 [**Fairness Center: Reading Taxpayers Victorious in Ghost Teacher Battle**](#)
(Press Release)
- 05-09-2018 [**Toxic City: Cleaning up Philly's contaminated schools has a huge price tag**](#)
One common – and infuriating – claim made by critics of public education is that we continue to throw money down a rat hole, with little to show for it but failing students. That's infuriating because it's not true, and it shows an ignorance about the increasing share of education budgets that must go to rising... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 05-09-2018 [**Alternative-school chief with ties to Fattah Jr. guilty of embezzling \\$800K in Philly school funds**](#)
A federal jury on Tuesday convicted the head of a now-shuttered for-profit education firm with ties to Chaka "Chip" Fattah Jr. of bilking the Philadelphia School District out of \$800,000 meant to educate some of its most at-risk teens. While his students were struggling with teen pregnancies, complicated home... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 05-09-2018 [**Greater Latrobe school board eyeing tax hike**](#)
Greater Latrobe School District administrators say a half-mill property tax increase may be needed to bridge an expected \$170,000 shortfall in finances for the 2018-19 school year. The school board Tuesday reviewed a proposed \$56 million budget for the coming school year that includes a \$630,521 increase in expenditures and a... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 05-09-2018 [**Allentown Planners OK revised plans for charter school gym**](#)
The Allentown Planning Commission approved plans for a new gymnasium for a Union Boulevard charter school Tuesday despite objections about the new structure's location. The 1,600-seat gym is planned for the Executive Education Academy Charter School, which occupies a large portion of the 555 Union Boulevard building... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)



- 05-09-2018 [**A primer on the indefatigable Pennsylvania school funding lawsuit**](#)
A Pennsylvania school funding lawsuit on Monday survived another challenge after a state court rejected attempts by Gov. Tom Wolf and state lawmakers to toss it. Here are six historic facts about school funding and what is alleged in the lawsuit that the Commonwealth Court ruled could continue:... - [*Allentown Morning Call*](#)
- 05-09-2018 [**Erie County officials advocate for pre-K funding**](#)
ALBION — Spending \$40 million on pre-K education could save Pennsylvania nearly \$150 million and reduce the number of people incarcerated in the long run, according to a new report. A group of local legislators and law enforcement officials gathered at the State Correctional Institution at Albion with state Corrections Secretary... - [*Erie Times-News*](#)
- 05-09-2018 [**Reaching across history and generations in Reading**](#)
A 15-year-old Wilson High School student hand-delivers a heartfelt letter of appreciation to a 98-year-old World War II veteran. - [*Reading Eagle*](#)
- 05-09-2018 [**Residents concerned with proposed outsourcing in South Middleton School District**](#)
Jenny Louise Cairns-DeNoto was excited for her son Nicholas. The 1992 graduate of Boiling Springs High School looked on as her oldest child boarded the school bus for his first day. A special education teacher and expert on autism, she was lucky to be alive that late August day in 2015. Two months later, Cairns-DeNoto died of... - [*Carlisle Sentinel*](#)
- 05-09-2018 [**Op-ed: Parking authority committed to Philadelphia schools**](#)
When it comes to criticizing the Philadelphia Parking Authority's annual \$50 million payment to the city and School District of Philadelphia, it's important to look for the facts?—?and not at a decade-old myth. The original law "promising \$45 million" to Philadelphia schools... - [*Philadelphia Northeast Times*](#)
- 05-09-2018 [**Dallas teachers plan labor walkout for September**](#)
Dallas School District teachers will not go on strike this school year and are planning a labor walkout next school year on Sept. 5, union President Michael Cherinka Jr. said Tuesday. The union had announced May 18 as the latest strike date. But teachers could only have a one-day strike this month or next month because state... - [*Wilkes-Barre Citizens' Voice*](#)
- 05-09-2018 [**Dallas teachers push strike back until September**](#)
DALLAS — The strike has been pushed back again. A planned one-day walkout by Dallas School District teachers has been changed from May 18 until Sept. 5, the district announced on its website. Members of the Dallas Education Association (DEA), as the union is known,... - [*Wilkes-Barre Times Leader*](#)
- 05-09-2018 [**Two Valley teachers selected to develop STEM curriculum**](#)
Two Valley teachers have been selected to join 24 others from 13 states to attend a summer science, engineering and mathematics (STEM) program in Tennessee. Kristina Rogers, a science teacher at Lewisburg High School, and Adam Steininger Jr., a physics, engineering and astronomy teacher at Mid-West... - [*Sunbury Daily Item*](#)
- 05-09-2018 [**Commonwealth Court denies objections in education funding lawsuit**](#)
A state appellate court has overruled preliminary objections brought in the education funding lawsuit led by the William Penn School District. A memorandum opinion by Commonwealth Court Judge Robert Simpson issued Monday afternoon shot down objections brought by the defendants concerning... - [*Primos Delaware County Daily and Sunday Times*](#)



- 05-09-2018 [**NJ Gov: 77 percent of crime guns from out of state**](#)
HACKENSACK, N.J. (AP) — More than three-quarters of the guns used in crimes in New Jersey over the first quarter of the year came from outside its borders, Democratic Gov. Phil Murphy said Tuesday... - [AP](#)
- 05-09-2018 [**Penn Manor tops 9 other Lancaster County schools ranked in US News & World Report's Best High Schools list**](#)
It was only four years ago when one Lancaster County school made the U.S. News & World Report's annual Best High Schools list. Now, according to the magazine, Lancaster County is home to 10 of the best high schools in the nation — a record high since the publication began... - [Lancaster Intelligencer Journal](#)
- 05-09-2018 [**Longtime Bishop McDevitt principal opts to move on**](#)
Sister Mary Anne Bednar expects to remain an educator, although on Tuesday she couldn't say exactly where that will take place. This much was known: After 15 years, she will step down from her role as principal of Bishop McDevitt High School. In a written message to students... - [Penn Live. Patriot-News](#)
- 05-09-2018 [**Tax hike proposed in Cumberland County school district**](#)
Mechanicsburg Area School Board is proposing a 2.4 percent tax increase for next year. The board approved a proposed final budget of \$70.5 million Tuesday night, which would increase taxes about \$55 for a property assessed at an average of \$176,000. The increase would raise taxes from 13.0560 mills to 13.3693 mills. The... - [Penn Live. Patriot-News](#)
- 05-09-2018 [**Alle-Kiski Valley schools make cut for U.S. News & World Report "Best High Schools" rankings**](#)
Several Alle-Kiski Valley high schools made the cut or were otherwise recognized as being among the best in Pennsylvania and the country, according to new rankings released by U.S. News and World Report. To be included in the "Best High Schools" rankings, schools had to receive... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 05-09-2018 [**Five from Westmoreland County make U.S. News & World Report "Best High Schools" rankings**](#)
Several Westmoreland County high schools made the cut or received recognition for being among the best in Pennsylvania and the country, according to new rankings released by U.S. News and World Report. To be included in the "Best High Schools" rankings, schools had to receive... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 05-09-2018 [**Allegheny County high schools make cut in U.S. News & World Report rankings**](#)
Several Allegheny County high schools are listed among the best in Pennsylvania, according to new rankings released by U.S. News and World Report. To be included in the "Best High Schools" rankings, schools had to receive gold, silver or bronze medal status. Of 20,548 public high schools... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 05-09-2018 [**N. Lebanon board members blast administrators involved in sex toy prank**](#)
FREDERICKSBURG, Pa. (WHTM) - Administrators accused of passing around a sex toy during school hours were back in the spotlight at the Northern Lebanon School District meeting. Last week, the school board voted 5-4 to not go forward with a demotion hearing, and the public comment was overwhelmingly in support of the... - [WHTM](#)



- 05-09-2018 [**In the absence of legislative action on guns, Wolf's new grant program is welcome progress | Editorial**](#)
Nearly four months after the massacre at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida, that left 17 people dead, concrete legislative action on combating gun violence remains frustratingly if unsurprisingly elusive. In March, the Republican-controlled state Senate unanimously passed... - [*Penn Live, Patriot-News*](#)
- 05-09-2018 [**Cops issue all clear after bomb threat at North Allegheny investigated**](#)
McCandless police say the North Allegheny Intermediate high school in McCandless has been "thoroughly checked" after receiving a bomb threat this morning that forced students and staff to be evacuated while police investigated, according to authorities. The intermediate high school building was placed on lock down at about 9:45... - [*Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*](#)
- 05-08-2018 [**PDE: Education Department Recognizes 73 Administrators for Completing the...**](#)
(Press Release)
- 05-08-2018 [**Roebuck, state representatives advocate for second chances**](#)
(Press Release)
- 05-08-2018 [**PDE: Governor Wolf's School Breakfast Initiative Discussed at Child Hunger...**](#)
(Press Release)
- 05-08-2018 [**PDE: Wolf Administration Announces \\$2 Million for Community College...**](#)
(Press Release)
- 05-08-2018 [**PDE: Education Secretary Celebrates Teacher Appreciation Day, Highlights Wolf...**](#)
(Press Release)
- 05-08-2018 [**'We have to stop self-destructing:' Harrisburg school board mulls budget to save kindergarten, cut jobs**](#)
HARRISBURG - Full-day kindergarten in the Harrisburg School District may be safe for now, but that would mean more than 30 jobs could be on the chopping block. And part of the problem is that the school district hired close to 40 teachers over the last two years for whom they did not properly budget.... - [*Penn Live, Patriot-News*](#)
- 05-08-2018 [**Melania Trump gives props to Pennsylvania 'buddy bench' kid**](#)
YORK, Pa. (AP) -- A Pennsylvania boy whose idea for a "buddy bench" helped lonely kids find friends in the schoolyard got a special mention by Melania Trump at the launch of her "BE BEST" initiative. She unveiled her new campaign Monday at the White House Rose Garden. She's... - [*AP*](#)
- 05-08-2018 [**Landmark Pa. school-funding suit clears legal hurdle**](#)
A lawsuit that has the potential to reshape the way schools are funded in Pennsylvania cleared another legal hurdle on Monday. A panel of Commonwealth Court judges swept away some of the state's objections to a suit, brought by plaintiffs including Philadelphia parents... - [*Philadelphia Inquirer*](#)
- 05-08-2018 [**Ross Elementary School students raising autism awareness**](#)
Ross Elementary fifth-graders are on a mission to make their school and their city more sensory-friendly. Students are researching ways in which their favorite places — including museums, stadiums, theme parks and stores — can be more inviting to people with autism and other sensitivity issues.... - [*Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*](#)



- 05-08-2018 [**Teachers address Scranton School Board over layoffs**](#)
SCRANTON — The stress of not knowing whether 98 Scranton School District teachers will have jobs next school year is causing some of them anxiety and depression, their colleagues said Monday. “These 98 teachers have put off making personal, financial and educational decisions because they do not know if they will have a... - [Scranton Times](#)
- 05-08-2018 [**Bethlehem Area looks to increase pay for substitute teachers**](#)
The Bethlehem Area School District is considering raising the pay for substitute teachers and offering a \$250 bonus per semester. At Monday’s school board meeting, Russell Giordano, chief human resources officer, presented a plan that would raise the pay for day-to-day... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)
- 05-08-2018 [**Wake-up Call: Do you know where you vote?**](#)
Good morning! The primary election is a week away. Do you know where your candidates are on issues and personality? Better yet, do you know where your polling place is? You only need to know if you are a Republican or Democrat. Pennsylvania’s closed primary system forbids adults registered as... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)
- 05-08-2018 [**Three Democrats, two Republicans vie for Erie's 2nd District state House seat**](#)
Democrats hope to hold onto a seat that has been held by the party since the 1960s. Republicans see an opportunity to turn the district red. State Rep. Flo Fabrizio’s decision to retire after eight terms in office prompted five candidates to run for the open seat in the 2nd... - [Erie Times-News](#)
- 05-08-2018 [**Ed Palattella: Erie County students spur a talk worth having on guns**](#)
A meeting with U.S. Rep. Mike Kelly brought together different generations dealing with a prominent issue of our time. The six high school students took their seats in a classroom like no other. They sat across from their congressman and asked him questions about what... - [Erie Times-News](#)
- 05-08-2018 [**Our view: Zogby, Erie schools find common ground**](#)
Legitimate concerns stirred when state lawmakers mandated a financial overseer for the Erie School District in exchange for additional funding. Would the district’s recovery be tripped up by the state’s partisan divide? Democratic Gov. Tom Wolf was supposed to have three candidates to choose... - [Erie Times-News](#)
- 05-08-2018 [**AASD board members quibble over inciting fear**](#)
Altoona Area School Board member Rick Hoover looked angrily in the direction of fellow member Sharon Bream at the end of the board’s meeting Monday and said he had to talk a few constituents, including his parents, “off a ledge” after they were led to believe their taxes... - [Altoona Mirror](#)
- 05-08-2018 [**Schools must strategize on e-cigs**](#)
Area school districts should set aside time this summer to deal with the issue of electronic cigarettes. For those districts that already have implemented policies and actions, the summertime task should consist of evaluating what’s been done so far and the success of those efforts, plus ascertaining what further steps... - [Altoona Mirror](#)
- 05-08-2018 [**Cumberland Valley files briefs opposing Natural Lands action on McCormick Farm: public meeting scheduled for May 24**](#)
The Cumberland Valley School District has filed legal briefs opposing Natural Lands’ action to halt the district’s acquisition of the McCormick Farm through eminent domain. On Monday, two legal briefs by district solicitor Michael Cassidy, of Johnson, Duffie, Stewart and Weidner, were filed in the Cumberland County... - [Carlisle Sentinel](#)



- 05-08-2018 [**Special election coinciding with May 15 primary makes 48th District unique**](#)
When state Rep. Brandon Neuman was elected to the Washington County bench last year, he had to resign his seat in the state Legislature before he took an oath as a Common Pleas Court judge. Neuman's resignation triggered a special election so someone could vote... - [Washington Observer-Reporter](#)
- 05-08-2018 [**Post-Parkland: Schools, churches among groups looking to find their place in gun culture**](#)
The spate of mass shootings leading up to and including the tragedy at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida, on Valentine's Day left David Hadley of Crawfordsville, Indiana, "shocked and saddened" and wondering what he could do. His faith told him to "start where you are."... - [Meadville Tribune](#)
- 05-08-2018 [**Flurry of bills would speed up fair school funding**](#)
POTTSTOWN >> As school and state budget deadlines loom, a number of factors are combining to show a glimmer of hope for relief for underfunded school districts like Pottstown. And that glimmer is coming from Harrisburg. Most significant are bills introduced in the House and Senate by... - [West Chester Daily Local News](#)
- 05-08-2018 [**Radnor Township School Board passes resolution opposing state bills to arm teachers**](#)
RADNOR >> At a somewhat contentious meeting Tuesday, Radnor Township School Board members sparred over a resolution regarding a statewide bill that would allow trained educators to carry guns at schools to protect students. Some parents had pressed the board to oppose that legislation.... - [Primos Delaware County Daily and Sunday Times](#)
- 05-08-2018 [**Tri-Valley students learn consequences of cyberbullying**](#)
VALLEY VIEW — In conjunction with Law Day 2018, seventh- and eighth-grade students at Tri-Valley High School learned Monday about the dangers of cyberbullying and how being a cyberbully can affect their lives long past their school days. Presented by Schuylkill County District Attorney Michael A. O'Pake and... - [Pottsville Republican and Evening Herald](#)
- 05-08-2018 [**Dyslexia Reading Center Helps Kids Overcome Challenges**](#)
Elayna Howell has only been receiving tutoring from the Dyslexia Reading Center of Central Pennsylvania since September, but after years of struggling she's improved by about two grades worth of reading and caught up to her fifth grade level. Her mother, Jennifer Howell, said Elayna has always done well in school,... - [State College News](#)
- 05-08-2018 [**Deficit prompts South Williamsport School Board to consider a tax increase**](#)
With a projected deficit rising and falling over just the past few months, South Williamsport Area School District faces the possibility of a 0.5 mill tax increase, school board members learned at the monthly meeting Monday night. District administrators began the budget season with a projected deficit of... - [Williamsport Sun-Gazette](#)
- 05-08-2018 [**CD school officials considering tax increase to balance budget**](#)
Central Dauphin school officials have some tough decisions to make over the next few weeks on whether to increase property taxes to balance a nearly \$200 million budget for next school year. During a board meeting Monday evening, Karen McConnell, the district's top... - [Penn Live, Patriot-News](#)
- 05-08-2018 [**Allegheny County school superintendents' contracts filled with perks and quirks**](#)
School superintendents carry big-time responsibilities. Between decisions on spending, staffing, facilities and curriculum, they carry out the school board's vision for their district. Those duties typically come with a multi-year deal and a six-figure salary,... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)



- 05-08-2018 [**Teachers don't need appreciation weeks or muffins: they need a living wage | Opinion**](#)
This week, parents and students are baking cookies and buying gift cards for teachers around the country. As sweet as these gestures are, Teacher Appreciation Week provides little material comfort to many teachers, including the 59 percent who work a second job to pay the bills. Muffins... - [*Philadelphia Inquirer*](#)
- 05-08-2018 [**Former Friends' Central teachers sue school after firing over Palestinian professor invite**](#)
The two Friends' Central School teachers fired last year after a flap over inviting a Palestinian professor and peace activist to speak to students have sued the Main Line Quaker school and its top officials, claiming they were wrongfully terminated. In a lawsuit filed this week in federal court in Philadelphia, Ariel Eure... - [*Philadelphia Inquirer*](#)
- 05-08-2018 [**Allentown Planners OK revised plans for charter school gym**](#)
The Allentown Planning Commission approved plans for a new gymnasium for a Union Boulevard charter school Tuesday despite objections about the new structure's location. The 1,600-seat gym is planned for the Executive Education Academy Charter School which occupies a large portion of the 555 Union Boulevard building... - [*Allentown Morning Call*](#)
- 05-08-2018 [**A primer on the indefatigable Pennsylvania school funding lawsuit**](#)
A Pennsylvania school funding lawsuit on Monday survived another challenge after a state court rejected attempts by Gov. Tom Wolf and state lawmakers to toss it. Here are six historic facts about school funding and what is alleged in the lawsuit that the Commonwealth Court ruled could continue:... - [*Allentown Morning Call*](#)
- 05-08-2018 [**As vaping gathers steam with students, school districts struggle to keep up**](#)
For some students, dismissal time at Emmaus High School means congregating at a corner known as "Smoker's Island" to do what generations of American high schoolers have done: fire up an after-school cigarette. But the tradition has changed. Acrid clouds of tobacco smoke are... - [*Allentown Morning Call*](#)
- 05-07-2018 [**PDE: Wolf Administration Announces \\$2 Million for Community College...**](#)
(Press Release)
- 05-07-2018 [**Hennessey, Quigley Introduce Legislation in House, Mensch in Senate, to Help...**](#)
(Press Release)
- 05-07-2018 [**PCPCS Celebrates National Charter School Week in Pennsylvania**](#)
(Press Release)
- 05-07-2018 [**Voters Guide: Ellsworth, Mango and Wagner vie for GOP nomination for Pa. governor**](#)
This fall, voters will decide if Gov. Tom Wolf should get another four years or if one of three Republican candidates should replace him in the Governor's Residence. A Democrat from York County, Wolf is seeking a second term as governor (Pennsylvania state law limits governors to two terms). He has no rival for... - [*Reading Eagle*](#)
- 05-07-2018 [**Greencastle-Antrim School District avoids strike after union approves contract**](#)
GREENCASTLE - After more than a year of negotiations, teachers in the Greencastle-Antrim School District now have a new contract. In a letter to parents posted on Facebook, superintendent Dr. Kendra Trail said she was notified around 8 p.m. Saturday night that the teachers' union... - [*Chambersburg Public Opinion*](#)



- 05-07-2018 [**Superintendent turnover hits Franklin County school districts**](#)
All but one of Franklin County's six school districts have different leadership than they did less than three years ago. By the end of next school year, the remaining district will need a new leader, too. Since 2016, four superintendents from across the county's six public school... - [Chambersburg Public Opinion](#)
- 05-07-2018 [**Secure Schools: Emergency services deploy rapidly to school incidents**](#)
Protocols are in place. Plans have been made with the hope they never have to be used. But what happens if they do? First response Before Columbine, police protocol held the first officers on the scene of a school shooting outside until the SWAT team arrived. Post-Columbine, police... - [Carlisle Sentinel](#)
- 05-07-2018 [**Secure Schools: Evaluating solutions to school violence**](#)
Creating solutions to school violence first requires consideration of the cause of the violence itself. The knee-jerk reaction is to look for a single trigger — to blame guns for being too easy to get, the lack of a cohesive mental health system, disengaged parents, the speed of the first responders and violent video... - [Carlisle Sentinel](#)
- 05-07-2018 [**Pa. bill would keep school safety plans out of public eye**](#)
A Pennsylvania bill that would allow local officials to discuss school safety plans in executive session hasn't become law yet. But that isn't stopping Dover Area School District representatives from being tight-lipped about the safety plans enveloped in the new Dover Area... - [York Dispatch](#)
- 05-07-2018 [**Sharon Regional sponsors CPR class at West Hill**](#)
SHARON — There may have not have been a single sixth-grader Friday morning at West Hill Elementary who had heard of the Bee Gees, but “Stayin’ Alive” was the theme of the day, in more ways than one. As a part of the Healthy Kids Program, Sharon Regional’s behavioral... - [Sharon Herald](#)
- 05-07-2018 [**Post-Parkland: Schools and churches among groups looking to find their place in gun culture**](#)
The spate of mass shootings leading up to and including the tragedy at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida on Valentine's Day, left David Hadley of Crawfordsville, Indiana, “shocked and saddened” and wondering what he could do. His faith told him to “start where you are.”... - [Sunbury Daily Item](#)
- 05-07-2018 [**Inequities continue in education funding despite more money**](#)
The school year is drawing to an end, and that means district leaders are compiling their budgets for 2018-19 to scrutinize what their expenses will look like and how they're going to pay for it. Perhaps the most certain thing every year is that real estate taxes will be... - [Primos Delaware County Daily and Sunday Times](#)
- 05-07-2018 [**Hennessey bill would pay for tax loss from hospital sale**](#)
POTTSTOWN >> In addition to co-sponsoring a bill that would speed up the implementation of the fair funding formula and generate more state aid for Pottstown schools, state Rep. Tim Hennessey, R-26th Dist., has proposed another that bill aimed at filling school district budget gaps.... - [Pottstown Mercury](#)
- 05-07-2018 [**What we know, what we hope to learn about the Easton wrestling coach investigation**](#)
Why did Easton Area School District administrators decide not to bring back the high school wrestling coach, then renege on that decision two days later? And if a flawed administrative culture contributed to the decision, what will the district do to change that culture?... - [Easton Express-Times](#)



- 05-07-2018 [**'Father of Ambler' Helping Young Minds Through WAC Cares Homework Club**](#)
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, Pa. (CBS) – An all-volunteer effort in Montgomery County is making sure kids get their homework done and have fun at the same time. The force behind it is a man named Lenny Robinson. Robinson is well-known throughout his town of Ambler for his work with... - [KYW News Radio 1060](#)
- 05-07-2018 [**Eighth-graders taking Advance Placement language classes? Sí.**](#)
Last year, Falls Church students Bruno Del Moral and Marie Roche took Advanced Placement Spanish Language and Culture and got excellent scores on the grueling four-hour final exam. That's not so unusual except that they were eighth-graders — the only middle school students in Virginia... - [Washington Post](#)
- 05-07-2018 [**NRA boycotts Dallas restaurant for supporting 'reasonable and effective gun regulations'**](#)
With about 80,000 people converging in Dallas for the National Rifle Association's annual convention, one local restaurant decided to send a message to the flood of visitors. "Thanks for visiting Ellen's!" the downtown restaurant printed on the bottom of its receipts Friday morning. "A portion of this... - [Washington Post](#)
- 05-07-2018 [**'Jesus loves me and my guns': Faith and firearms touted at the NRA's prayer breakfast**](#)
Midway through his 15-minute testimony at the National Rifle Association's annual prayer breakfast Sunday, retired major league first baseman Adam LaRoche took off his sweater. Underneath, LaRoche — who hit 255 home runs in a 12-year career — sported a black T-shirt with a message that drew cheers from the... - [Washington Post](#)
- 05-07-2018 [**Emma Gonzalez became the target of conspiracy theorists after the Parkland school shooting. She's the wrong Emma.**](#)
The strangers mocked her on social media. They called her old boss, saying she should be arrested. Now she feared one was stalking her. Emma Gonzalez became an Internet obsession after a gunman killed 17 people at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School on Valentine's Day. She no... - [Washington Post](#)
- 05-07-2018 [**Gavin Newsom says he was 'the first' to take on the NRA and win. Not quite**](#)
You've got to wonder what goes through a candidate's head when his first TV ad contains an indisputable, major falsehood. Maybe nothing goes through it. Maybe he doesn't recognize the falsehood and it's not an intentional lie. Maybe he didn't even see the ad — just overly relied on handlers who... - [Los Angeles Times](#)
- 05-07-2018 [**ECOT used for-profit companies to hide source of attack-ad money. Yost says**](#)
Using private companies owned by Electronic Classroom of Tomorrow school founder Bill Lager, plus a media-production company run by his daughter, ECOT tried to hide the source of payment for nearly \$250,000 worth of TV attack ads aimed at the Ohio Department of Education.... - [Columbus Dispatch](#)
- 05-07-2018 [**Letter to the editor: Claims about Saccone misleading**](#)
As the primary election nears, we are inundated with mailers and advertisements. Having received a negative flyer on Rick Saccone, who has always been an honorable man, I researched the facts and realized they were misleading. Saccone spent \$435,000 (\$62,000 per year) as a legitimate expense, not... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 05-07-2018 [**Oliver North Will Be the Next N.R.A. President**](#)
Oliver L. North, who became a household name in the 1980s for his role in the Iran-contra scandal, will become the next president of the National Rifle Association, the gun rights organization said on Monday. "Oliver North is a legendary warrior for American freedom, a gifted... - [New York Times](#)



- 05-07-2018 [**Greg Edwards gets nod from several Allentown school board members in PA-7 race**](#)
Two Allentown School Board Members, Cheryl Johnson-Watts and Ce-Ce Gerlach, have endorsed Democrat Greg Edwards to represent the Lehigh Valley in Congress. Among reasons why they support Edwards, a community organizer, is his priority of universal pre-school and public education.... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)
- 05-07-2018 [**Highlands superintendent says no school closings planned**](#)
Highlands School District is not closing any schools, but there are difficult decisions to make as district leaders consider next year's budget, Superintendent Michael Bjalobok said Monday. He dismissed rumors circulated by parents on social media that there is... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 05-06-2018 [**Banning the AR-15 wouldn't stop tragedies**](#)
Letter writer Charlie Cook describes the damage a tiny "needle-nosed" bullet does to flesh in his April 27 letter, "Why an AR-15?" He is absolutely correct. What he described is called hydrostatic shock. You can think of it like a wake behind a speed boat. With all the destructive power Mr. Cook described, if you were to take... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 05-06-2018 [**Will mock car crash at Bucks high school keep kids from drinking and driving?**](#)
The gruesome images will be tough to erase for the hundreds of kids who poured out of Harry S. Truman High School in Levittown on Thursday. - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 05-06-2018 [**He said he was Alicia Keys' DJ, and given access to 3 Philly schools. A student sniffed out his lies.**](#)
The famous DJ entered the Philadelphia High School for Creative and Performing Arts on Thursday with an entourage and the blessing of the Philadelphia School District. He worked for Alicia Keys, the students were told. He wanted to talk to them about the music business and staying in school. He introduced himself... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 05-06-2018 [**William Hite: The community must come together to fix our aging schools | Opinion**](#)
The Inquirer story on environmental hazards in Philadelphia schools details many of the issues we face in our aging school buildings. How do we fix this? It is not about how we got here or who is to blame. It is about fixing this as quickly as possible for our children and our teachers and... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 05-06-2018 [**Latrobe man wins school business officials group's highest honor**](#)
Noteworthy: Koluder won the Gary E. Reeser Memorial award, the Pennsylvania Association of School Business Officials' highest honor, for his work maintaining the Derry Area School District's sound financial footing, helping districts save money through jointly purchasing supplies... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 05-06-2018 [**Trump salutes NRA, says elect Republicans to save gun rights**](#)
Months after the horror of the Parkland school shootings in Florida, President Donald Trump stood before cheering members of the National Rifle Association on Friday and implored them to elect more Republicans to Congress to defend gun rights... - [AP](#)
- 05-06-2018 [**Letter to the editor: The only property tax fix**](#)
Since the Senate's 2015 tie vote that killed the move to eliminate school property taxes through SB76, legislators have continued to drag their feet. We, the property owners, continue to pay more and more each year, so why does this "regressive" tax burden continue to stay on... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)



- 05-06-2018 [**Gov. Wolf leads charge for reforms to criminal justice system**](#)
Gov. Tom Wolf this week joined legislators and advocacy groups in a call for criminal justice reforms to refocus the system on rehabilitation while providing consistency and uniformity. “The debate about how we can fix our criminal justice system is complicated, and over time that debate has changed to reflect the modern... - [Wilkes-Barre Times Leader](#)
- 05-06-2018 [**New children’s room unveiled at Osterhout library thanks to team project**](#)
After months of planning, fundraising and labor, the work of one group came to fruition — and was quickly put to good use — at the Osterhout Free Library on Saturday. The library and members of “Team Bookworms” from Leadership Wilkes-Barre proudly unveiled a newly renovated children’s activity... - [Wilkes-Barre Times Leader](#)
- 05-06-2018 [**Cheers and Jeers**](#)
CHEERS to four Wyoming Valley Conference high school basketball players named to the Pennsylvania Sports Writers’ All-Star Team: Hazleton Area’s Josh Samec and Jeff Planutis, Greater Nanticoke Area’s Nate Kreitzer and Wyoming Seminary’s Dimitri Gnall. Congratulations to all.... - [Wilkes-Barre Citizens’ Voice](#)
- 05-06-2018 [**Letters to the Editor 5/5/2018**](#)
Editor: For most of us, our first experience in this world occurred in a hospital — when a doctor’s hands gently placed us into our mother’s arms for the first time. Throughout our lives, hospitals and the compassionate people who staff them are available day and night, every day of the year, to care for us during... - [Scranton Times](#)
- 05-06-2018 [**CHRIS KELLY: Lost in the weeds**](#)
Nearly 40 years after “Fast Times at Ridgemont High” became a touchstone of ’80s American pop culture, here’s my pitch for the sequel no one wants. It opens with a vaguely familiar stranger strolling into the offices of the Lackawanna County commissioners - [Scranton Times](#)
- 05-06-2018 [**Fairview student places 2nd in Congressional art contest**](#)
U.S. Rep. Mike Kelly, of Butler, R-3rd Dist., recently announced the winners of the 37th annual Congressional Art Competition from Pennsylvania’s 3rd District. Fairview High School student Carina Miller placed second with a work titled “Garden of the Gods.” Alexia Jack, of Armstrong Junior/Senior High School in Kittanning,... - [Erie Times-News](#)
- 05-06-2018 [**United Way hires Erie teacher as education director**](#)
Jada Best, 45, will lead agency’s community schools initiative. The United Way of Erie County’s first director of education has been tasked with leading two of the agency’s key programs: its community schools initiative and its upcoming participation in the national Campaign... - [Erie Times-News](#)
- 05-06-2018 [**Oley Valley team takes top prize at Envirothon**](#)
Nolde Forest hosts the annual competition focused on the great outdoors. - [Reading Eagle](#)
- 05-06-2018 [**IU1 unveils new fab lab at Waynesburg location**](#)
Alternative education students in Greene County now have a space where they can explore and express their creative interests while building STEM skills sets for their future careers. Students have been working in the new digital fabrication laboratory in the... - [Uniontown Herald-Standard](#)
- 05-06-2018 [**Teacher strikes abound in Pennsylvania**](#)
When Ringgold School District teachers began picketing in front of Ringgold High School in October, they exercised an option that teachers across Pennsylvania have turned to with a higher frequency than anywhere else in the country, according to a study by a Pennsylvania think tank.... - [Uniontown Herald-Standard](#)



- 05-06-2018 [**Gov. Wolf committed to public education**](#)
As a high school student, I can't thank Gov. Wolf enough for everything he's done for students across Pennsylvania. From the moment he took office, education has been his No. 1 priority. He successfully restored the \$1 billion Gov. Corbett cut from public education, and he hasn't stopped... - [*Allentown Morning Call*](#)
- 05-06-2018 [**Flip-flopping shouldn't be regarded as a political sin**](#)
Based on recent political advertisements, one might conclude that the worst offense that a politician can commit is to be inconsistent or compromising on an issue. For example, some elected officials have been criticized for softening their defense of gun rights following the school shooting in Parkland,... - [*Lancaster Intelligencer Journal*](#)
- 05-06-2018 [**Eastern Lancaster County Library to use pedal power to get books into the hands of kids**](#)
A Lancaster County library will soon be pedaling books to children. Eastern Lancaster County Library is joining libraries across the country that are using bicycles to reach children. It is believed to be the first "book bike" to hit the road in the county. Now on display in the library's lobby at 11 Chestnut Drive in New... - [*Lancaster Intelligencer Journal*](#)
- 05-06-2018 [**These students made a sculpture honoring power linemen; They came to Lancaster to watch it come to life \[video\] | Together**](#)
The sculpture started with an idea and was built with what three high school students could find inside the junk room set aside for their art class. Last week, the three young artists got to watch their award-winning statue come to life at a Lancaster County foundry.... - [*Lancaster Intelligencer Journal*](#)
- 05-06-2018 [**Aging buildings dot Ohio school districts that can't afford new construction, leaving state money behind**](#)
As he walked from classroom to classroom examining a 104-year-old school building's faded wooden floors and aging tiled walls, River View Schools Superintendent Dalton Summers talked about what it's like to be left behind. The River View district is about 80 miles east of Columbus, in rural... - [*Columbus Dispatch*](#)
- 05-06-2018 [**Minority athletes are not just for schools' show-and-tell**](#)
I wonder why so many students of color and their parents -- especially those young people whose athletic ability equals their academic accomplishments -- choose to enrich the status and profile of so many private and parochial schools. After the firing of football coach Nick Strom from Camden Catholic High... - [*Trenton Times*](#)
- 05-06-2018 [**Renewing Bond With the N.R.A., Trump Appeals for Help in the Midterms**](#)
President Trump made a passionate appeal to the National Rifle Association on Friday to help him in the midterm elections, renewing his longstanding bond with the controversial gun-rights group just months after criticizing members of Congress for being overly deferential to the gun lobby.... - [*New York Times*](#)
- 05-06-2018 [**He Wrote Disturbing Plans for a School Shooting. But Was That a Crime?**](#)
When people who knew Jack Sawyer saw something, they said something. A mother told the police that Mr. Sawyer, who had seemed troubled in the past, had just bought a gun. A friend of the young man also contacted the police: He was talking admiringly of the school massacre in Parkland, Fla.,... - [*New York Times*](#)



- 05-06-2018 [**Can Weak Unions Get Teachers More Money?**](#)
On Thursday, a weeklong walkout by teachers in Arizona resulted in a major victory, as the state's governor approved a 10 to 20 percent wage increase and a significant investment in public schools. That followed a roughly \$6,000 salary increase that Oklahoma teachers won... - [*New York Times*](#)
- 05-06-2018 [**'Our Rights Are Under Attack': Voices From Inside and Outside the N.R.A. Convention**](#)
In a carpeted sea of guns — and knives and holsters and bullet-splat earrings — Charlie Harwood stopped in his tracks as the president's son brushed past him at the 147th annual meeting of the National Rifle Association. "My hat's off to you," Mr. Harwood, 66, a retired engineer from... - [*New York Times*](#)
- 05-06-2018 [**At NRA event, Trump embraces its agenda in campaign-style speech**](#)
President Trump on Friday addressed the National Rifle Association's annual meeting here in a speech that served as a rallying cry to his base, an attack on his detractors and a signal of his strong support for the gun rights group after suggesting months earlier he was open to some firearm... - [*Washington Post*](#)
- 05-04-2018 [**Warren: Early childhood education is an investment in kids and communities**](#)
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- 05-04-2018 [**Harkins introduces bill to allow more security drills in schools**](#)
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- 05-04-2018 [**Gubernatorial Candidate Paul Mango, and Higher Education Funding, on PA...**](#)
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- 05-04-2018 [**PDE: Governor Wolf's School Breakfast Initiative Discussed at Child Hunger...**](#)
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- 05-04-2018 [**Senators Regan and Langerholc Call for Legislation to Establish School Safety...**](#)
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- 05-04-2018 [**PA Budget and Policy Center: New Statewide Polling on K-12 Public Education**](#)
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- 05-04-2018 [**N.J. superintendent charged with defecating on high school track**](#)
A North Jersey school superintendent has been charged with defecating on another district's high school track and football field, where police said coaches were finding feces on "a daily basis." Thomas Tramaglino, superintendent of Kenilworth Public Schools in Union... - [*Philadelphia Inquirer*](#)



- 05-04-2018 [**Sentence appeal in Franklin Regional stabbing case headed to state Superior Court**](#)
The attorney for a Murrysville man serving a 60-year prison sentence for the knife rampage at Franklin Regional High School four years ago filed another appeal seeking to have the lengthy penalty shortened. In a one-paragraph court document filed Thursday, defense lawyer Pat... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 05-04-2018 [**PNC Foundation makes \\$2.5 million gift to Pittsburgh Promise**](#)
Thursday was a big day for Pittsburgh's high school seniors. They celebrated their upcoming graduation and their commitment to more than 150 colleges and universities, trade schools, the work force and the military. They celebrated the announcement of a large donation from the PNC... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 05-04-2018 [**Pa. health official discusses dangers of e-cigarettes with students**](#)
WILKES-BARRE — State Deputy Secretary for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Dr. Loren Robinson told students Thursday e-cigarettes may be popular, but they are not safe. Robinson addressed students at Pequea Valley Intermediate School in Lancaster County, urging them to consider the dangerous effects... - [Wilkes-Barre Times Leader](#)
- 05-04-2018 [**Pa. students' CD tells story of Mason-Dixon line miners**](#)
When Jason Daryman first made the proposal to his students at South Eastern Middle School, they were skeptical. For the most part, they didn't think anything would come of it. It was just another school research project, digging into the local history of the... - [York Daily](#)
- 05-04-2018 [**School safety task force hears public concerns**](#)
PLAINS TWP. — The Pennsylvania School Safety Task Force listened to officials, educators and students from various Northeast Pennsylvania communities during a gathering Thursday. The meeting's purpose was to get candid feedback and use it to compile a final report. It should be released by late June or early July, and... - [Hazleton Standard-Speaker](#)
- 05-04-2018 [**Manufacturing initiative open for students**](#)
Gov. Tom Wolf announced the opening of a new fellowship program through his Manufacturing PA Initiative designed to partner Pennsylvania's best and brightest undergraduate and graduate students with local manufacturers to develop new technologies and advance innovation statewide.... - [Philadelphia Tribune](#)
- 05-04-2018 [**Tech education has become priority for Rep. Roebuck**](#)
The state House approved legislation that would amend the Workforce Development Act by adding at least one member to each workforce development board. Introduced by state Rep. James Roebuck (D-188), HB2206 is one of a nine-bill package that aligned with House Democrats' Plan4PA, which... - [Philadelphia Tribune](#)
- 05-04-2018 [**WSHS educator seeks to instill importance of local government**](#)
Local students attend State Sen. Don White's annual conference - [Kittanning Leader-Times](#)
- 05-04-2018 [**Tax increase imminent in Upper Adams**](#)
The Upper Adams School Board is three decisions away from a property tax hike. Administrators plan to recommend a 3.3 percent increase, which is the maximum allowed by the state without a referendum, Business Administrator Belinda Wallen said after Tuesday's special board meeting.... - [Gettysburg Times](#)



- 05-04-2018 [**Parents Do What the Mayor Hasn't — Integrate Schools**](#)
It was enough to make you want to cheer. On the Upper West Side last week, a middle school principal stood before a crowd of angry white parents — furious about a plan to help the poorest students gain access to some of the city's most desirable schools — and told them they were wrong.... - [New York Times](#)
- 05-04-2018 [**Arizona Teachers End Walkout as Governor Signs Bill Approving Raises**](#)
A week into a statewide teacher walkout in Arizona, Gov. Doug Ducey signed a budget bill on Thursday that he said would provide teachers with the 20 percent raises they had demanded, in addition to new funds for classrooms. While the organizers of the walkout said the bill might not produce as much... - [New York Times](#)
- 05-04-2018 [**Tired of Gang Violence, Students Walked Out of Class. Even That Was Dangerous.**](#)
MIAMI — The first time that students at Miami Northwestern Senior High School walked out of classes to protest the shooting death of a sophomore named Kimson Lee Green, administrators urged them to stay on campus. The administrators did not disagree with the student's cause or want... - [New York Times](#)
- 05-04-2018 [**St. Paul's School Called 'Haven for Sexual Predators' in New Lawsuit**](#)
BOSTON — A new lawsuit has accused St. Paul's School, an elite boarding school in Concord, N.H., of a decades-long "pattern of negligence" related to sexual misconduct and accused a former teacher who had not previously been publicly named in connection with the abuse.... - [New York Times](#)
- 05-04-2018 [**Kanye West's teachable moment — for everyone**](#)
When McGraw-Hill Education published a textbook that described the transatlantic slave trade as a "pattern of immigration" that brought "millions of workers from Africa to the southern United States to work on agricultural plantations," a Houston mother, Roni... - [Washington Post](#)
- 05-04-2018 [**Arizona teachers end walkout despite falling short of aims**](#)
Thousands of Arizona teachers who walked out of schools a week ago to protest low pay and slumping education funding are slated to head back to class Friday, marking an end to one of the biggest teacher protests in a year that has seen a spate of job actions.... - [Washington Post](#)
- 05-04-2018 [**Across the country, measures to arm teachers in schools stall**](#)
In the two months after the Florida school shooting that left 17 dead, Republican legislators across the country introduced 25 measures to arm teachers and staff members in schools. Despite support and encouragement for such laws from President Trump and the National Rifle Association, just one of those efforts has succeeded,... - [Washington Post](#)
- 05-04-2018 [**Reported rat infestation sparks walkout at Newport Harbor High School**](#)
Officials from the Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District plan to visit Newport Harbor High School next week to investigate the campus for rats, which sparked a student and teacher walkout. Lora Young, a vector control spokeswoman, said a date was not set as of... - [Los Angeles Times](#)
- 05-04-2018 [**As ECOT audit release nears, Yost wants school equipment saved for evidence**](#)
State Auditor Dave Yost wants those overseeing the closure of ECOT to preserve all school equipment in case he or any law enforcement agency needs to retrieve evidence. The request comes as Yost finalizes an audit of the Electronic Classroom of Tomorrow that could include referrals for potential prosecution.... - [Columbus Dispatch](#)



- 05-04-2018 [**Flanagan resigns from WV state school board**](#)
Jeff Flanagan, whom Gov. Jim Justice appointed to the West Virginia Board of Education in late March 2017, resigned Thursday, according to a state Department of Education news release. The resignation ends a year-long stretch during which the nine-member school board had no membership changes.... - [Charleston Gazette-Mail](#)
- 05-04-2018 [**After flirting with gun-control movement, Trump faces NRA**](#)
Back for a return engagement, President Donald Trump 's address to the National Rifle Association on Friday comes after he temporarily strayed from the group's strong opposition to tougher gun controls following the school shooting in Parkland , Florida — only to rapidly return to the... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)
- 05-04-2018 [**Report finds mold, asbestos, lead dust in Philly schools**](#)
PHILADELPHIA (AP) — More than half of the Philadelphia's public elementary schools have serious environmental hazards like lead dust, mold spores and asbestos fibers, a newspaper investigation has found... - [AP](#)
- 05-04-2018 [**Trump addresses NRA members for first time since Parkland**](#)
DALLAS — President Trump on Friday addressed the National Rifle Association's annual meeting, signaling his strong support for the gun rights group after suggesting months earlier that he was open to some firearm restrictions in the wake of a school shooting in South Florida.... - [Washington Post](#)
- 05-04-2018 [**Trump salutes NRA, says group 'loves this country'**](#)
Taking a break from the escalating pressures of the Russia probe and the Stormy Daniels case, President Donald Trump returned to his supporters at the National Rifle Association 's annual convention on Friday... - [AP](#)
- 05-04-2018 [**Trump addresses NRA members for first time since Parkland**](#)
DALLAS — President Trump on Friday reiterated his call to put more armed personnel in schools to deter violence during a speech at the National Rifle Association's annual meeting, signaling his strong support for the gun rights group after suggesting months earlier that he... - [Washington Post](#)

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An embattled dean's office played host to a rotating cast of student protesters on the campus of Swarthmore College for nine consecutive days. From that position, the students, demanding to be heard by a school they say is mishandling investigations of sexual abuse, studied for final exams,... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 05-10-2018 [**Ex Pitt professor pleads guilty to kidnapping daughter**](#)
A former University of Pittsburgh professor who has been in prison for the past two years is being deported to Austria after admitting she kidnapped her daughter and took her to Canada, federal prosecutors said. Marike Vuga, 48, an Austrian citizen, was sentenced to time served after... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 05-10-2018 [**Slippery Rock's troubled presidential search prompts discrimination complaint**](#)
When Clarion University unveiled its short list of presidential candidates a couple weeks back, one name rang familiar to those who had followed a tortured search at another state-owned campus only months before. The fact that Amir Mohammadi once again was a leading presidential... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)



- 05-10-2018 [**Should Easton officials have alerted residents about bomb scare on Lafayette campus?**](#)
Lafayette College sent out at least a dozen messages on its social media accounts and e-mailed its database of students as an investigation into a bomb threat on campus unfolded late Saturday night. Where were the alerts for those living in the surrounding neighborhood who... - [*Allentown Morning Call*](#)
- 05-10-2018 [**Easton Council approves zoning changes to allow Lafayette's off-campus housing**](#)
Easton City Council on Wednesday approved zoning changes that would allow Lafayette College to proceed with an off-campus, mixed-use student housing project on College Hill. The vote comes nearly two years after Lafayette College proposed the plan, which originally included two off-campus residence halls with 220 beds. For... - [*Allentown Morning Call*](#)
- 05-10-2018 [**Grandmother influenced Kutztown University student's passion**](#)
Erika D. Hewston will receive degrees in textiles and business management on Saturday. - [*Reading Eagle*](#)
- 05-10-2018 [**Forum at MBIT addresses disconnect between education and workforce needs**](#)
Educators, business people and others met at the Warwick school to discuss ways of better steering students into the careers they are truly meant for. Educators, business people and government officials from throughout the area met Wednesday to talk about ways to better connect education with the... - [*Levittown Bucks County Courier Times*](#)
- 05-10-2018 [**Mulvaney Downgrades Student Loan Unit in Consumer Bureau Reshuffle**](#)
Mick Mulvaney, the interim director of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, will move the agency's student loan division into the bureau's consumer information unit, a shift that career officials fear will sidetrack a major enforcement case the agency is pursuing against... - [*New York Times*](#)
- 05-10-2018 [**A Black Student at Yale Was Napping in a Common Area, and a White Student Called the Police**](#)
A black graduate student at Yale who fell asleep in her dorm's common room said she had a disturbing awakening this week when a white student flipped on the lights, told her she had no right to sleep there and called the campus police. It was the latest in a string of recent episodes across the country in... - [*New York Times*](#)
- 05-10-2018 [**DeVos Moves to Loosen Restrictions on Federal Aid to Religious Colleges**](#)
Education Secretary Betsy DeVos, a lifelong advocate of Christian education, moved on Wednesday to loosen federal regulations on religious colleges and universities, after a Supreme Court decision that restricted states from denying some kinds of aid to religious institutions.... - [*New York Times*](#)
- 05-10-2018 [**Carnegie Mellon to offer the nation's first bachelor's degree in artificial intelligence**](#)
The words artificial intelligence have gained heightened visibility in society, given rapidly accelerating technological advances and growing ways and demand to apply large amounts of data in varied fields. So perhaps it only makes sense that Carnegie Mellon University, a campus... - [*Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*](#)
- 05-10-2018 [**Kamala D. Harris, flipping the normal commencement boycott script, will skip the UC-Berkeley keynote**](#)
As college graduation season descends upon the nation, so likely will come the boycotts. College students have a history of staging protests of commencement speakers they deem problematic, usually because of their politics, art or business dealings. Given that many of the boycotts come from more-liberal students,... - [*Washington Post*](#)



- 05-10-2018 [**Carnegie Mellon offers new artificial intelligence major**](#)
Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh will offer the nation's first undergraduate degree program in artificial intelligence... - [AP](#)
- 05-10-2018 [**CMU, others launch initiative to make diversity a priority among region's leadership**](#)
Pittsburgh may be in the national spotlight as a growing, trendy market, but the region has been falling behind in one key aspect — diverse leadership that can represent more voices in the area. Now, a new effort is underway to bring more people of color to leadership... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 05-10-2018 [**Facebook's new AI research lab in Pittsburgh taps CMU talent**](#)
Facebook is setting up an artificial intelligence research lab in Pittsburgh with Carnegie Mellon University robotics experts at the helm. It's unclear at the moment how many researchers the Menlo Park, Calif.-based tech giant will hire for the local lab, where it will be... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 05-10-2018 [**Hughes' "Pennsylvania Promise" would offer free, reduced college tuition to state residents**](#)
Sen. Vincent Hughes (D-Philadelphia) plans to introduce a bill that would provide two to four years of tuition for students at community colleges and state-related universities in Pennsylvania. The "Pennsylvania Promise," which is still in the planning stages,... - [Pennsylvania Legislative Services](#)
- 05-09-2018 [**CareerLink Alle-Kiski. Penn State praised for successes**](#)
Things were looking pretty rough for Darrel Diehl after he lost his job. Diehl, 61, an Army veteran from Cheswick, has a college degree and a history working in tech, but he said he was jobless when he went to CareerLink and working against a job market that didn't see him as an... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 05-09-2018 [**Therapy dogs relieve finals stress at Bucks County Community College**](#)
The five canines from the Northampton-based nonprofit Nor'Wester Therapy Dogs visited the college's Newtown Township campus on Tuesday to help students through finals week. Looking for a stress buster after a grueling anatomy final on Tuesday, Bucks County Community College freshman Abby Blank struck gold.... - [Levittown Intelligencer](#)
- 05-09-2018 [**Proposed voucher program for military families expected to feature in defense bill debate**](#)
The bill would allow military families to receive funding from federal impact aid to create education savings accounts that they could use to pay for private school tuition, preschool or even college. There's a political battle brewing on Capitol Hill over a proposal to... - [Levittown Intelligencer](#)
- 05-09-2018 [**World-renowned surgeon got start from LVC's compassion for immigrants**](#)
Si Pham was studying to be a doctor in Saigon, Vietnam when his dreams became a casualty of war. Pham fled his home country on April 30, 1975 – the day Saigon fell into communist hands – on a boat, isolated from his family members and with only the clothes on his back.... - [Lebanon Daily News](#)
- 05-09-2018 [**University of Scranton dedicates new athletic facility**](#)
SCRANTON — A blessing marked the end of renovations and the beginning of a new era for University of Scranton athletics. On Tuesday, the former South Side Sports Complex was rechristened the Kevin P. Quinn, S.J., Athletics Campus. "Today is a culmination of much dreaming," said the Rev. Herbert... - [Scranton Times](#)
- 05-09-2018 [**Wilkes University, Pittston City win million-dollar sidewalk grants**](#)
WILKES-BARRE — Gov. Tom Wolf and PennDOT Secretary Leslie S. Richards on Tuesday announced the approval of funding for 82 projects — including two in Luzerne County — to improve transportation alternatives and enhance mobility and public accessibility. Wilkes University received \$1,156,616 for pedestrian safety enhancements on... - [Wilkes-Barre Times Leader](#)



- 05-09-2018 [**More than 400 celebrate graduate at Waynesburg U. commencement**](#)
Diane Klingensmith, a Aliquippa native who earned her master's of science degree in nursing, hugs fellow graduates following commencement. Waynesburg University celebrated the graduation of more than 400 undergraduate, graduate and doctoral students Sunday. David Barenfeld,... - [Washington Observer-Reporter](#)
- 05-09-2018 [**Amid #MeToo, more colleges host women as graduation speakers**](#)
This graduation season, the podium is all hers... - [AP](#)
- 05-09-2018 [**Middletown wrestles with what it means to be a college town**](#)
MIDDLETOWN - The campus on the edge of town just keeps growing, and now Middletown proper is feeling some of the growing pains that come with being a college town. That's at the heart of a dispute that was aired out before the borough's zoning hearing board Tuesday night.... - [Penn Live, Patriot-News](#)
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My cousin and I frequently joke about the pressures of being the “promise child,” the kid on whom an immigrant family pins all their hopes and dreams of success. They tend to be the top students, involved in all of the activities, and among the first — if not the first —... - [Washington Post](#)
- 05-09-2018 [**James Franklin: Penn State 'way behind' in facilities race**](#)
Fourteen months ago, Sandy Barbour unveiled an ambitious 20-year Facilities Master Plan — one that would result in 12 new venues and the renovation of several structures, including Beaver Stadium and the Lasch Football Building. At the time, the athletic director didn't offer a price tag for... - [State College Centre Daily Times](#)
- 05-09-2018 [**Celebrating a century**](#)
MEXICO—The Penn State Extension celebrated 100 years of service in Juniata County during its anniversary event on Tuesday at the Walker Grange. The Penn State Extension originally expanded in May of 1914 when Congress passed the Smith-Lever Act in an effort to provide education and aid in... - [Lewistown Sentinel](#)
- 05-09-2018 [**LCCC dedicates student union in memory of Lehighon native**](#)
Lehigh Carbon Community College has renamed the Student Union at its main campus to the Byron L. Shoemaker Student Union, in honor of a generous contribution that will provide scholarships to students. The Byron L. Shoemaker Foundation and its trustees, Jim M. Wood, Nancy L.... - [Lehighon Times News](#)
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- 05-08-2018 [**PDE: Wolf Administration Announces \\$2 Million for Community College...**](#)
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- 05-08-2018 [**Math without mystique: A CMU math professor's clever campaign for skills**](#)
It sounds like one of those anxiety-inducing word problems: If the American economy is growing ever more technical but U.S. students continue to lag behind those from other counties in math skills, at one point does progress sputter? Po-Shen Loh, associate professor of math at Carnegie Mellon University, may... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)



- 05-08-2018 [**WVU hires UPMC transplant surgeon to head its research effort**](#)
UPMC transplant surgeon and entrepreneur Paulo Fontes has been hired by West Virginia University in Morgantown as the director of research and innovation. Dr. Fontes, who was also deputy director of the McGowan Institute for Regenerative Medicine, came to the University of Pittsburgh 37 years ago.... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 05-08-2018 [**Carnegie Museums notifies the state it plans to lay off 76 employees**](#)
Carnegie Museums notifies the state it plans to lay off 76 employees The Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh has notified the state Department of Labor and Industry that it intends to lay off 76 employees as of July 8. The notice lists these areas that would be affected: Carnegie Museums of... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 05-08-2018 [**Italian medical students to study at Gannon this summer**](#)
New partnership will offer foreign students human dissection experience. Gannon University will host more than 100 Italian medical students and professors for a summer anatomical conference. Visiting students and professors from about 10 Italian medical schools will... - [Erie Times-News](#)
- 05-08-2018 [**York College students say housing rules unfair, want change**](#)
Some York College students say several recent rule changes make it "nearly impossible" for students to move out of dormitories and into more affordable off-campus housing. More than 1,000 people have signed a Change.org petition regarding seniors not being able to live off campus, which noted, "At most other colleges,..." - [York Dispatch](#)
- 05-08-2018 [**Professor will discuss hydrology and longwall mining**](#)
Dr. Daniel Bain, assistant professor in the geology and environmental science department of the University of Pittsburgh, will discuss his research in a program on hydrologic balance and longwall mining. The presentation, hosted by the Upper Wheeling Creek Watershed Association,... - [Washington Observer-Reporter](#)
- 05-08-2018 [**Beta Theta Pi: Judge issues ruling in third preliminary hearing**](#)
Eleven additional former Beta Theta Pi brothers are scheduled for trial after a Centre County district judge bound 72 charges over for trial on Monday. Five of the 11 former brothers, who were charged in connection with 19-year-old pledge Timothy Piazza's death in February 2017, were charged... - [State College Centre Daily Times](#)
- 05-08-2018 [**Reckless Endangerment Charges Dismissed in Beta Theta Pi Case**](#)
A magisterial district judge has bound over for trial hazing and other charges but dismissed others, including recklessly endangering another person, for the second set of defendants charged in connection with the death of Penn State sophomore and fraternity pledge Timothy Piazza.... - [State College News](#)
- 05-08-2018 [**LCCC recognized nationally for its cyber defense programs**](#)
Lehigh Carbon Community College has joined the ranks of other Pennsylvania higher education institutions that have been recognized by the National Security Agency and Department of Homeland Security for its cyber defense programs. In April, the school was designated as a National Center of Academic... - [Lehighon Times News](#)
- 05-08-2018 [**Why weren't Easton residents immediately told about threats to Lafayette College students?**](#)
Lafayette College students and staff received regular updates after Tweets and a web posting were discovered just before 8:30 p.m. Saturday making violent threats against the Easton college. Neighbors who only share proximity with the College Hill campus and don't... - [Easton Express-Times](#)



- 05-08-2018 [**Free textbooks? Federal government is on track with a pilot program.**](#)
of textbooks remains on track, Sen. Richard J. Durbin (D-Ill.) said Monday in a letter examining a pilot program by the Education Department. Congress designated \$5 million in the fiscal 2018 budget to support the creation or expansion of open-educational resources: peer-reviewed academic... - [Washington Post](#)
- 05-08-2018 [**Massive UC workers' strike disrupts dining, classes and medical services**](#)
A massive labor strike across the University of California on Monday forced medical centers to reschedule more than 12,000 surgeries, cancer treatments and appointments, and campuses to cancel some classes and limit dining services. More than 20,000 members of UC's largest employee union, the American... - [Los Angeles Times](#)
- 05-08-2018 [**Maryland Gov. Hogan to sign bill offering free community college to many, measure targeting serial rapists**](#)
Gov. Larry Hogan is scheduled to sign more than 200 bills Tuesday morning in Annapolis — including legislation to offer tuition-free community college to thousands of Maryland residents. The Republican governor is set to be joined by Senate President Thomas V... - [Baltimore Sun](#)
- 05-08-2018 [**Backed by Bernie Sanders, Ben Jealous calls for free college tuition in Maryland**](#)
Gubernatorial candidate Ben Jealous, joined at a rally by Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders, called on Maryland Monday to provide free community college for state students as part of a broader plan to make higher education more accessible. Jealous, one of seven contenders for the Democratic nomination in the June... - [Baltimore Sun](#)
- 05-08-2018 [**Cooper surgeon helped with world's first genital transplant**](#)
An Afghanistan war veteran who lost his genitals and both legs above the knee due to injuries from a roadside bomb recently received the first full penis-scrotum transplant ever performed. The 11-surgeon team at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore included Steven C. Bonawitz, head of plastic... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 05-08-2018 [**Therapy adds faster thinking skills to the autism toolbox, researchers say**](#)
Faster thinking skills and techniques to understand the perspective of other people, when added together, may give adults with autism more success on the job and in personal relationships, say University of Pittsburgh researchers who are developing interventions to make that happen.... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 05-08-2018 [**Temple professor outed as author of controversial online comments, criticizes 'doxxing'**](#)
A Temple journalism professor has been publicly outed as the author of some conspiracy-theory comments posted on news websites by an anonymous account, and is criticizing the site that identified her as the commenter. Francesca Viola, a journalism professor at Temple and a former reporter for WPHL 17... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
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- 05-07-2018 [**Nine named to Penn State Board of Trustees as results announced**](#)
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A 21-year-old Temple University student from Tatamy was killed in a shooting at his off-campus apartment Saturday, the university president said in a message posted on Twitter Sunday afternoon. Daniel Duignam was a third-year business student, Temple President Richard... - [*Allentown Morning Call*](#)
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East Stroudsburg University is wrapping up its 125th academic year and with that comes annual commencement ceremonies. More than 1,000 students graduated to rounds of thunderous applause, jubilation and the occasional tear in ceremonies held on Friday and Saturday.... - [*Pocono Record*](#)
- 05-07-2018 [**What Charles Koch and Other Donors to George Mason University Got for Their Money**](#)
A group of student activists sat in the library at George Mason University this past week feeling both vindicated and violated. The group, Transparent GMU, had sued the university and its fund-raising foundation last year after it was denied requests for documents that it... - [*New York Times*](#)
- 05-07-2018 [**Eighth-graders taking Advance Placement language classes? Si.**](#)
Last year, Falls Church students Bruno Del Moral and Marie Roche took Advanced Placement Spanish Language and Culture and got excellent scores on the grueling four-hour final exam. That's not so unusual except that they were eighth-graders — the only middle school students in Virginia... - [*Washington Post*](#)
- 05-07-2018 [**Colorado State bias incident: Campus president apologizes to Native American teens**](#)
Two suspicious young men joined a Colorado university's campus tour to which they did not belong, a woman told a 911 dispatcher. They refused to say their names, she said, and one of them started to laugh when she asked what they wanted to study. "They were lying the whole time," the woman, a mother of another... - [*Washington Post*](#)
- 05-07-2018 [**U-Va. changes rules for outside groups wishing to speak on campus**](#)
The University of Virginia has announced rules for people unaffiliated with the school who want to reserve space to give speeches or hand out information — an action that comes nine months after a rally by white nationalists in Charlottesville turned violent.... - [*Washington Post*](#)
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WHEN STUDENTS and faculty at George Mason University first started to ask questions several years ago about the university's relationship with the Charles Koch Foundation, they were turned aside. "Nothing to see here" is how one student characterized the school's response to... - [*Washington Post*](#)
- 05-07-2018 [**HACC moving some programs out of midtown Harrisburg**](#)
HACC is moving out of some of its space in midtown Harrisburg, which the college says will save \$1.9 million a year. The trade and technology programs will move out of Midtown 2 at Third and Reily streets over the next four years to other buildings on the Harrisburg... - [*Penn Live, Patriot-News*](#)
- 05-07-2018 [**Penn State Outing Club wants university to reconsider ban on student-led outings**](#)
Penn State's 98-year-old Outing Club is appealing Penn State University's decision to bar the club from holding student-run outdoor trips. After a risk assessment survey of its 79 student organizations, Penn State decided April 2 that three clubs with "high risk" activities would no... - [*Penn Live, Patriot-News*](#)
- 05-07-2018 [**Cincinnati board to discuss revoking Cosby's honorary degree**](#)
CINCINNATI (AP) — University of Cincinnati trustees will discuss revoking Bill Cosby's honorary degree at a special meeting planned Tuesday... - [*AP*](#)



- 05-07-2018 [**What celebrities have honorary degrees from Lehigh Valley colleges?**](#)
After my column Friday criticizing colleges and universities for kissing the butts of celebrities, politicians and dignitaries by awarding them honorary degrees even though they may have little connection to the campus, I thought it would be interesting to take a look at who has received... - [*Allentown Morning Call*](#)
- 05-07-2018 [**Amazon is hungry for CMU students during recruiting seasons — but so is every other tech firm**](#)
When Amazon comes to town looking hungrily for new hires, recruiting officers take up all eight conference rooms at the career center in Carnegie Mellon University's Tepper School of Business. And then some. The recruiters frequently overflow into staff offices, said Steve Rakas,... - [*Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*](#)
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An eastern Pennsylvania college is rescheduling some finals after a bogus online threat led to room-by-room searches, disrupting students studying for exams... - [*AP*](#)
- 05-07-2018 [**The Latest: Parents urge Penn State frat death ruling appeal**](#)
The parents of a Penn State fraternity pledge who died after a night of heavy drinking at the frat house say they hope prosecutors will appeal a judge's decision to throw out the most serious charges some faced... - [*AP*](#)
- 05-07-2018 [**Police: Temple student called 911 after fatally shot at home**](#)
A Temple University student who was found shot to death in his off-campus apartment called 911, telling emergency dispatchers he couldn't breathe, police said Monday... - [*AP*](#)
- 05-07-2018 [**Judge in Penn State hazing death case tosses most serious charges against second batch of frat brothers**](#)
A magisterial district judge Monday threw out the most serious charges that had been filed against a second group of former Penn State fraternity brothers after the death of a pledge last year. Judge Steven Lachman dismissed all five counts of reckless endangerment, a... - [*Penn Live, Patriot-News*](#)
- 05-07-2018 [**Police: Temple University student from Tatamy died after calling 911, likely knew attacker**](#)
A Temple University student from Tatamy who was shot to death in his Philadelphia apartment Saturday night called 911 and told an operator that he couldn't breathe, police said. By the time medics arrived at Daniel Duignam's home just before 10 p.m. he was unresponsive and suffering from multiple gun shot wounds, according... - [*Allentown Morning Call*](#)
- 05-06-2018 [**Penn State trustees extend president's contract**](#)
Penn State University trustees Friday voted to extend President Eric Barron's contract through June 2022, saying his current \$834,364 salary will be reviewed for possible increase annually and a \$200,000 retention payment earned each June. Mr. Barron's original 2014 contract was due to expire in June 2019.... - [*Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*](#)
- 05-06-2018 [**Dialogues on disability: Let's keep talking until we make disabilities boring**](#)
What are the chances that a blind person, who forgets to turn the bathroom light on, receives an uninvited guest? Pretty good. My 13-year-old nephew barged in on me while I sat in the tub. This detail and others came up recently in a Dialogues on Disability evening at Chatham University. Two other disabled people and I read and... - [*Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*](#)



- 05-06-2018 [**Penn State president Eric Barron gets three-year contract extension**](#)
Pennsylvania State University may still face a restive alumni base in the wake of the Jerry Sandusky child sex-abuse scandal and continuing challenges with its Greek life system. But it has stable leadership. The university's board of trustees Friday voted by a large majority to... - [*Philadelphia Inquirer*](#)
- 05-06-2018 [**Bryn Mawr College panel: Keep ex-president's name on library, but don't call it that**](#)
M. Carey Thomas' block-lettered name should remain etched over the entrance to Bryn Mawr College's library, but the college should no longer call the building by it, a college committee is recommending. That includes in printed materials, on its website, and even in basic... - [*Philadelphia Inquirer*](#)
- 05-06-2018 [**Washington and Jefferson College students unveil baseball exhibit at Flight 93 memorial**](#)
On October 30, 2001, President George W. Bush took the pitcher's mound at Yankee Stadium in the Bronx to throw out the first pitch of Game 3 of the World Series as the Yankees faced off against the Arizona Diamondbacks. He delivered a strike. To many, it was a sign that the country could start to heal from the 9/11... - [*Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*](#)
- 05-06-2018 [**Walter E. Williams: Colleges: Anti-diversity and pro-exclusion**](#)
Just within the past week or so, some shocking professorial behavior has come to light. In the wake of Barbara Bush's death, California State University, Fresno professor Randa Jarrar took to Twitter to call the former first lady an "amazing racist." Jarrar added, "PSA:... - [*Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*](#)
- 05-06-2018 [**Ensure opportunity for college students**](#)
If state lawmakers view the resolution to the crisis facing the state university system only as a matter of balancing the books, a resolution will be easy. They can close campuses, dismiss faculty, eviscerate programs and raise tuition. But if they want to stabilize the system while maintaining its crucial role... - [*Wilkes-Barre Citizens' Voice*](#)
- 05-06-2018 [**Wilkes student wins business plan competition**](#)
Wilkes University senior Michelle Lehman will graduate later this month with more than a diploma. The marketing major in the Jay S. Sidhu School of Business and Leadership has earned \$10,000 to start her own business as well as \$100,000 of in-kind services as the winner of tecBRIDGE's 16th annual business plan... - [*Wilkes-Barre Citizens' Voice*](#)
- 05-06-2018 [**NCAA's air ball**](#)
unfolding national basketball scandal failed by missing the point. It accepted the NCAA's own false premise that Division I college basketball is a purely amateur enterprise that must be shielded from outside interests, rather than a multibillion-dollar business that is... - [*Scranton Times*](#)
- 05-06-2018 [**Penn State Worthington Scranton grads take the next step**](#)
Penn State Worthington Scranton held its 50th commencement ceremony Saturday at the Scranton Cultural Center. The class of 2018 is the last to graduate from Penn State Worthington Scranton. On May 1, the campus officially became Penn State Scranton, a name change approved last year by the university's board of trustees.... - [*Scranton Times*](#)
- 05-06-2018 [**835 degrees awarded at Gannon commencement**](#)
More than 800 graduates received degrees at Gannon University's spring commencement. Dan Hansen, 23, of Pittsburgh, had a lot to celebrate on Saturday. It was his birthday and he was one of 835 graduates at Gannon University's spring commencement ceremony at Erie Insurance Arena.... - [*Erie Times-News*](#)



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Lafayette College is urging students to stay in place and for those off campus to stay away while a "threat" is assessed. A tweet from the college Twitter account sent at 10:43 p.m. Saturday says the college is investigating a "threat." - [*Easton Express-Times*](#)
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By Peter Melan As politicians, we are sometimes faced with difficult decisions. Some are more controversial than others and some are plainly necessary for the normal and ordinary course of business in local government. Much has been discussed lately about recent changes to Easton zoning... - [*Easton Express-Times*](#)
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The FBI is investigating a series of tweets sent from a person claiming to be a Lafayette College student who pledged allegiance to ISIS and threatens to detonate bombs around the campus. Lafayette College Vice President of Marketing and Communications Mark Eyerly confirmed that an investigation in effect late Saturday was prompted... - [*Easton Express-Times*](#)
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No bombs were found on Lafayette College's campus after someone sent Tweets and posted a message on the internet claiming he converted to Islam and would carry out an attack on the campus. The college in Easton sent out a tweet at 4:47 a.m. Sunday saying an extensive search of the grounds yielded no hazardous materials. Police... - [*Easton Express-Times*](#)
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Berks Cardiologists Ltd. announced Thursday that it had reached an agreement to join Penn State Health Medical Group. The agreement between the two organizations — which could take effect as early as Aug. 1 — means that the 112 Berks Cardiologists employees,... - [*Reading Eagle*](#)
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When it comes to the success of a university, there are many measuring sticks to use. The question is: which metrics have significance for how to move the university forward? That's what Penn State President Eric Barron tried to answer Friday as he presented to the board of trustees on some metrics he thinks will be useful... - [*State College Centre Daily Times*](#)
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Penn State alumni elected Brandon Short and Laurie Anne Stanell and re-elected Robert J. Tribeck to represent them on the Board of Trustees. Former Penn State and NFL linebacker Short, who is vice president of Round Hill Capital in London, received 11,783 votes; Tribeck, chief legal officer... - [*State College Centre Daily Times*](#)
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The Penn State Board of Trustees on Friday approved a contract extension for President Eric Barron. His contract has been extended through June 30, 2022. Barron has been Penn State's president since May 2014, with his original five-year contract set to expire next year.... - [*State College Centre Daily Times*](#)
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A Centre County district judge sought to clarify five lingering questions he had before prosecutors and defense attorneys closed out a third day of preliminary hearings for 12 former Beta Theta Pi brothers on Friday. Prosecutors and defense attorneys attempted to address District Judge... - [*State College Centre Daily Times*](#)



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Dominique Oglesby, 23, was shot once in the back outside the Galaxy West Lounge in the 5200 block of Market Street in Philadelphia. Oglesby's father, Fareed Oglesby, was shot in the foot, and her grandfather was shot in the arm. An emotional Fareed shook hands with faculty Saturday after accepting his... - [Penn Live, Patriot-News](#)
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A threat on social media prompted a police response to a Pennsylvania college Saturday night and into early Sunday morning. Someone claiming to be a student posted a message on the website pastebin.com and on Twitter, declaring allegiance to the Islamic State... - [Penn Live, Patriot-News](#)
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Lafayette College officials said the FBI will investigate a social media post that threatened an attack on the Easton campus by a man who claimed loyalty to the Islamic State. Officials asked students on campus to shelter in place Saturday night into Sunday morning while law enforcement agencies searched the entire campus... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)
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An eastern Pennsylvania college says the FBI is investigating an online threat against the campus by someone claiming loyalty to the Islamic State... - [AP](#)
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The Pennsylvania Legislative Budget and Finance Committee, a committee of the state General Assembly, recently released a RAND Corp. report on how to improve the long-term sustainability and viability of the universities that comprise the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education.... - [Lancaster Intelligencer Journal](#)
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Gov. Larry Hogan will sign a bill next week offering a chance for a free community college education to thousands of Marylanders, his spokeswoman said. Under the legislation passed in the final minutes of this year's General Assembly session, the state would spend \$15 million a year on... - [Baltimore Sun](#)
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Beware of student loan consultants offering "forbearances," a fancy word for an option that allows borrowers to temporarily postpone payments. That's the finding from a new report by the Government Accountability Office, which details how some colleges hired "default prevention"... - [New York Times](#)



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When Sarah Zorn applied for admission to the Citadel four years ago, she had not heard the story of Shannon Faulkner, the first woman to gain full admission to the famed Southern military college. Ms. Zorn did not know about the two-and-a-half-year legal battle that had... - [New York Times](#)
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A prominent computer scientist and professor at Carnegie Mellon University who heads its machine learning department has accepted a position with J.P. Morgan Chase, where she will lead artificial intelligence research, the school confirmed Thursday. Manuela Veloso is taking a leave of absence from the university, effective... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
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For two former GE Transportation employees, graduation means something more than an end to their studies. Hundreds of students will collect diplomas and degrees from area colleges and universities over the next two weeks. For at least two of those students, graduation means something more than an... - [Erie Times-News](#)
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If state lawmakers view the resolution to the crisis facing the state university system only as a matter of balancing the books, a resolution will be easy. They can close campuses, dismiss faculty, eviscerate programs and raise tuition. But if they want to stabilize the system while maintaining its crucial role... - [Scranton Times](#)
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HARRISBURG – The University of Pittsburgh Institute for Cyber Law, Policy, and Security launched a Blue Ribbon Commission on Thursday with a goal of helping to ensure the integrity of the state's voting in the 2020 election. The commission will be led by Pitt Cyber's founding director David... - [New Castle News](#)
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Prosecutors played previously deleted video clips from the basement of the Beta Theta Pi fraternity house for a second consecutive day Thursday and a former brother's defense attorney questioned a detective's potential bias. The lights in the basement video are flashing, sporadic and multicolored,... - [State College Centre Daily Times](#)
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A Moravian Book Shop employee has started a petition urging Moravian College to keep America's oldest bookstore independent. The college and Moravian Church Northern Province announced last Friday that the Main Street institution would change hands in mid-June.... - [Easton Express-Times](#)



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A University of North Carolina at Charlotte fraternity chapter has been suspended by its national organization in the aftermath of the death of a student who boarded a party bus on Tuesday night, according to WSOC and WBTV. Polly Rogers, 20, died after falling out of the bus and into the street,... - [Washington Post](#)

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