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Submission deadline for inclusion in the TRIAD is **10 a.m. Monday. If you have a Monday or early Tuesday event or deadline, please be sure to submit your information by or before 10 a.m. the previous Monday. **Please put "For TRIAD" in the subject line of your email.***

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Town Hall Meeting

A Town Hall Meeting will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 27, at 2:30 p.m. for all CU faculty and staff. In-person locations for each campus are listed below and also will be available to view on [Zoom](#).

The agenda for the meeting will include updates on space and facilities, CU website development, SIS/Banner, Middle States and the provost search.

In-person locations:

- **Bloomsburg:** Gross Auditorium, Carver Hall
- **Lock Haven:** Sloan Auditorium
- **Mansfield:** Zoom classroom, 110 Retan
- **Clearfield:** Founders' Hall, room 003

Editorial By Council of Trustees Chair John Wetzel

It is no secret that higher education institutions across our state and across the country stand at a crossroads. With costs rising, the number of college-bound students declining, and many students and families questioning the value of a college degree, colleges and universities bear the responsibility of remaining relevant and demonstrating the inherent value in earning a degree.

In my own college experience, it took time and mentorship for me to fully appreciate how a degree would forever alter the trajectory of my life. My professors and coaches at Bloomsburg University saw something in me that, at the time, I did not recognize in myself. Their influence led me to take advantage of the academic opportunities available at Bloomsburg. [Read more.](#)



CU Students Return to Jamaica to Provide Service to the Community of Harmons

A team of Commonwealth University students recently returned to the small community of Harmons, Jamaica, along with faculty members, Jennifer Bell, physician assistant studies and Amy Way, health and exercise science. The 18 undergraduate and five physician assistant graduate students represented the Lock Haven, Bloomsburg and Clearfield campuses. [Read more](#)

Students Invited to Apply for Board of Governors Position

Commonwealth University is a member of Pennsylvania's State System of Higher education, which is overseen by the Board of Governors – a 20-member body that includes the Governor, the Secretary of Education, legislators, trustees, and three students among its members. One current student member will rotate off the Board upon graduation in December, so the search is underway to identify a replacement.

The Office of the President has the honor of nominating one student for the Board to consider when it makes the appointment later this year. If you are interested in serving as a student member of the Board of Governors, you can [learn more HERE](#). If you decide to offer your name for consideration, you will need to provide the following information as part of your application for consideration:

- Letter of intent stating why you want to serve
- Your resume
- A copy of your unofficial transcript

Applications are due to Dan Knorr in the President's Office no later than Thursday, Feb. 29.

Questions and application materials should be submitted to dknorr@commonwealthu.edu. The President's Office will review all applications received and will send the information for my nominee to

the Office of the Chancellor. After that, the Board of Governors will review the nominations received from around the State System and will make the appointment later this year.

CU Succeed Open Office Hours and Brightspace Resources

CU Succeed open office hours are added often to this schedule:

<https://forms.office.com/r/VVmJ8G0Tm7>. All sessions are held through Zoom

(<https://commonwealthu-edu.zoom.us/j/8993933880>) and you do not need to sign up. Feel free to join for a few minutes or the hour with your CU Succeed questions. For assistance at any time, PDF tutorials are available in the Brightspace MyCommonwealthU faculty and staff training modules and in the Starfish Training module (found in Tools-->Discover). Want to set up an individual, small group, office, or department workshop? Contact jheid@commonwealthu.edu or CUSucceed@commonwealthu.edu.

President Hanna Open Office Hours

President Hanna welcomes conversations about ways in which Commonwealth University can enhance its service to its students. He will be available for 10-15-minute conversations during his open office hours below. Appointments are not required. Please contact Christa Lamoreaux at clamoreaux@commonwealthu.edu with any questions.

- **Mansfield:** OFFICE HOURS TODAY HAVE BEEN CANCELED
- **Bloomsburg:** Tuesday, Feb. 20, from 9 to 10 a.m. in the President's Office, Carver Hall
- **Lock Haven:** Tuesday, Feb. 27, from 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. in the President's Office, 311 Ulmer Hall

Retirement Planning Sessions

The HRConnect Benefits team will provide on-campus presentations for retirement planning. The presentation will be followed by a question-and-answer period. In addition, one-on-one meetings with an HRConnect Benefits Representative will be offered via Zoom the following week. Please indicate that you wish to schedule a meeting during the registration process. Spouses and partners are invited to attend.

If you have already made the decision to retire, please open a "Retirement Counseling Request" inquiry through [HRConnect](#) now so that the retirement process may begin. The on-campus presentations will give you an opportunity to review and ask any remaining questions. HRConnect can also be reached during business hours (Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) at 717-720-4040. Leaving a voicemail after-hours will automatically open an inquiry for you. The registration deadline is March 11. **Please register [here](#).**

Presentation Schedule

- **Mansfield:** March 18 (snow date March 25) 11 a.m. – noon, Alumni Hall, room 307. Parking: Use Parking Lot D (adjacent to Alumni Hall), No pass is required for guests.
- **Bloomsburg:** March 20 (snow date March 27), 11 a.m. – noon, Andruss Library, Schweiker Room.
- **Lock Haven:** March 21 (snow date March 28), 11 a.m. – noon, 105 Willis (Greenberg Auditorium).

Career Connection Expos Set for Spring

Please alert your students to the following Career Connections Expos. In addition to being a convenient way to network and find internships and jobs for third- and fourth-year students, expos are also great way for first- and second-year students to explore careers, establish connections, and practice networking with potential employers. Students can register on Handshake under “career fairs” and find toolkits, resume labs, coaching appointments and more ways to prepare under “career center.” Students in need of professional attire can visit the Career Closet on their respective campus.

Public/Government, Health & Human Services

Feb. 20 • Mansfield: Alumni Hall 307 • 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Feb. 21 • Bloomsburg: KUB • 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Feb. 22 • Lock Haven: DACC Ballroom • 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Public Relations, Sales, Marketing & Communication

March 5 • Bloomsburg: KUB • 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

March 6 • Lock Haven: DACC Ballroom • 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

March 7 • Mansfield: Alumni Hall 307 • 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Education

March 15 • Bloomsburg: SRC • 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Belonging (DEIB)

March 26 • Lock Haven: DACC Ballroom • 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

March 27 • Mansfield: Alumni Hall 307 • 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

March 28 • Bloomsburg: KUB • 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

URSCA Applications Open, Student Proposals Due March 1

Applications are open for CU students to join this summer's Undergraduate Research, Scholarly, and Creative Activities (URSCA) Program. URSCA participants are hired as student workers and paid to pursue a substantial research question, contribute to a scholarly endeavor, or produce an artistic work under faculty mentorship. Full- and part-time funding is available. For more information, visit the URSCA competition link on CU's InfoReady portal:

<https://commonwealthu.infoready4.com/#competitionDetail/1927118>. Contact [Dr. Heather Feldhaus](#) or [Dr. Angela Hess](#) for more details.

Center for Teaching and Learning Offers Programs

Friday, March 1, at 12:30 p.m., Dr. Kate Fiegel will host, "Strategies for Providing Effective Feedback and Interactions in Asynchronous Online Courses." You can join in person at J104 East Campus at Lock Haven or [Zoom Link](#). Pizza will be provided for those who attend in person. RSVP to Regan Garey at rwg1981@commonwealthu.edu by Feb. 29 at 5 p.m. if you plan on attending in person to this event.

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Nursing Students to Share Valentines with Seniors

CU-Bloomsburg Nursing Students from the Breiner School of Nursing will share Valentine's cards and fun activities with senior citizens throughout the Susquehanna Valley this week. The students, working in an initiative called Nurses Lead with HEART (Humility, Empathy, Authenticity, Resilience, Tenacity), have created hundreds of Valentine cards to share with senior citizens. Students will be at the following locations: Bloom Towers, Bloomsburg; Lincoln Towers, Shamokin; Grandview Nursing Home, Danville; Maria Joseph Manor Community, Danville. Shown are nursing students making Valentine's cards.



Sofia Philharmonic Orchestra to Perform 'Valentines' Show

The Sofia Philharmonic Orchestra will perform a "Valentines Event" concert at Commonwealth University-Bloomsburg on Friday, Feb. 16, at 7:30 p.m. in Haas Center for the Arts, Mitrani Hall. The performance, part of the Arts in Bloom series, will feature a program of Beethoven's "Coriolan Overture," Fifth Piano Concerto, and Eighth Symphony. [Read more.](#)

EVENTS

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Jan. 22 to Feb. 22

- [Art Exhibit: Kristy Gordon](#), Gallery at Greenly Center, 50 E. Main St. Reception Thursday, Feb. 1, 5 to 7 p.m.

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- [Art Exhibit: "Una Ventana" Anissa Cavazos](#), Haas Gallery of Art. Reception Thursday, Feb. 29.

Wednesday, Feb. 14

- **DEI tabling**, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., Kehr Union Lobby. Highlight contributions of Black women and LGBTQIA+ people.
- **Celebrating Frederick Douglass Day**, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. in the Kehr Union MRC 230. Stop by to learn more about the life and legacy of Frederick Douglass

Friday, Feb. 16

- [Arts in Bloom: A Valentine's Event with the Sofia Philharmonic Orchestra](#): 7:30 p.m., Haas Center for the Arts, Mitrani Hall.

Saturday, Feb. 17

- [Sankofa Conference](#), Kehr Union.

Wednesday, Feb. 21

- [Film Screening, "Rustin,"](#) 4 p.m., Kehr Union, Multicultural Center

Thursday, Feb. 22

- [Green Campus Film, "Thirst for Justice,"](#) 7 p.m., Hartline Science Center, Kuster Auditorium.

Feb. 26 to March 29

- [Art Exhibit: Out of the Margins](#), Gallery at Greenly Center, 50 E. Main St. DEI Juried show. Reception: March 18, 5 to 7 p.m.

Friday, March 1

- [Arts in Bloom: International Guitar Night:](#) 7:30 p.m., Carver Hall, K.S. Gross Auditorium.

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LGBTQA Reception

The Commission for Gender and Sexuality will host our 15th Annual Reception on Friday, April 5, at 5 p.m. at the Barn at Boone's Dam with light refreshments and silent auction. Tickets are \$50 each and include creative appetizers, beer, and wine. [More information.](#)

Items Needed for Annual Book Sale

The Friends of the Bloomsburg University Library Association (FOBULA) will hold its annual book sale for 2024 from Saturday, April 13, to Monday, April 15, in the Andruss Library Schweiker Room. The book sale has brought in \$48,400 since the first one was held 23 years ago. This money has gone

toward several special projects, two of which are the digitization and preservation of local and university historic materials and providing textbook scholarships to deserving students.

There is always a need for more books, CDs, and DVDs. The items can be brought to the Andruss Library Circulation Desk anytime the building is open, and if you have a large number that need to be picked up please contact [Robert Dunkelburger](#). The Friends are looking for all types of books, both fiction and nonfiction, in GOOD condition, that would appeal to a general audience, in addition to movies and music. Items that do not sell well include outdated textbooks (more than ten years old), magazines, journals, encyclopedias, and Reader's Digest condensed books.

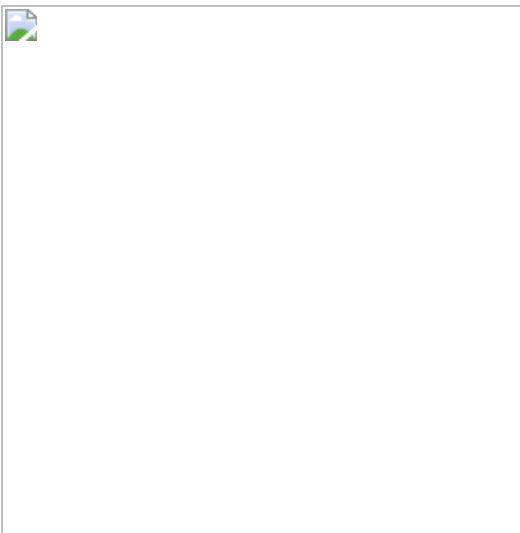
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Securing the future: Couple Endows Wrestling Scholarship

In the heart of Mat-Town, USA, where wrestling pride runs deep, former Lock Haven State College (LHSC) wrestler, George Way '78, stands as a proud testament to the program's rich and storied history. Way, and his wife, Pam, recently endowed the George and Pam Way Wrestling Scholarship through the Lock Haven University Foundation. The scholarship signals a powerful commitment to Lock Haven's nationally-ranked wrestling program; a commitment they hope will inspire fellow alumni to follow suit by investing in the program. [Read more](#)

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Ongoing Events

- **Open Swim:** Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7-8:30 p.m., Zimmerli Pool. **LHU ID required*
- **Pet Therapy:** Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m., Stevenson Library Tutoring Center

Black History Month Events

- **BHM Celebration:** Thursday, Feb. 15, 6 p.m., PUB MPR
 - Students, faculty and staff gather for trivia and soul food
- **Sankofa at Bloomsburg:** Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 17 and 18: Bloomsburg Campus
 - Annual conference designed to help students learn, understand and appreciate the rich cultural heritage of people of African descent. Contact Mia Swales to sign up.
- **BHM Trivia:** Tuesday, Feb. 20, 6 p.m., PUB MPR
 - Students can win cash prizes during BHM trivia with Neon Entertainment.
- **African American History Museum:** Sunday, Feb. 25, depart 6 a.m. from PUB lot and return by 8 p.m.
 - Students will take a day trip to the African American History Museum in Washington, D.C. Contact Mia Swales to sign up.
- **Winter Carnival Networking Social:** Thursday, Feb. 29, noon to 2 p.m., PUB MPR
 - Games, prizes and snacks

Rec Center Events **Rec Center membership required*

- **Morning Raquet sports (Racquetball, Pickleball, Badminton):** M/W/F, 8-10 a.m., Rec Center
- **Core & Pilates with Megan:** M/W, 5-5:45 p.m. and Tues/Thurs, 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 a.m.
- **HIIT with Deana:** Tues/Thurs, 12:30-1:30 p.m.
- **Workout with Cami:** Tues/Thurs, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

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Haven Cupboard Spring 2024 Hours

The Haven Cupboard, located at 340 W. Main St. (formerly NanoBites) will be open Wednesdays from 4-6 p.m. and Thursdays from 12:30-1:30 p.m. and 5:15-6:15 p.m. Donations will be accepted during all operating hours. To receive weekly shopping emails, email havencupboard@lockhaven.edu.

Nominations Wanted for Distinguished Work in the Advancement of Women's Issues

The President's Commission for the Status of Women (PCSW) is sponsoring one student award, one staff award, and one faculty or coach award for the 2023-24 President's Award for Distinguished Work in the Advancement of Women's Issues (DVAWI). Please consider nominating deserving students and employees from both the Lock Haven and Clearfield campuses for this year's DVAWI award. Nomination deadline is Friday, Feb. 16. To complete a nomination form, contact Jackie Borst, awards committee chair, at jrb1043@commonwealthu.edu.

Visit the [TRIAD webpage](#) in the Lock Haven "Announcements and Reminders" section to view more on the items below:

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An Apprenticeship in Leadership

It's 6 p.m. on a cool October Friday, and the light is beginning to fade on the Mounties Band practice field high on the hill overlooking the football stadium. The third band rehearsal of the week wrapped half an hour ago. Kaycee Hulslander is just finishing packing the percussion instruments into the band truck.

The Spirit and The Pride of PA Marching Band has earned a formidable reputation for excellence—underscored by their invitation to perform in the 2024 London New Year's Day Parade Celebrations. As one of the band's drum majors, senior music education major Hulslander helps drive that excellence.

[Read more.](#)

Musical 'Kiss Me, Kate' to be Staged in February

The Department of Music Theatre and Dance will stage the musical "Kiss Me, Kate" in February. Show dates are Thursday through Saturday Feb. 22 to 24, at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Feb. 25, at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$18 for adults, \$12 for seniors and high school students, \$8 for children, and free for Mansfield students. Tickets available at the door or in advance at mansfield.booktix.net.

Mansfield Piano Festival to be held in March

The former Mansfield Piano Competition is expanding its format to become the Mansfield Piano Festival, with the first festival to be held on Saturday, March 2. The Mansfield Piano Festival welcomes pianists of all ages who reside in Pennsylvania and nearby states. Applicants must register before Saturday, Feb. 17. [Read more](#)



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Thursday, Feb. 15

- **[American Horn Quartet Performance](#)**: 7:30 p.m., Butler Music Center's Steadman Theatre.

Black History Month Events

- **"The Color Purple" Movie Night**: Friday, Feb. 16, 7-9 p.m., North Manser
 - Movie and snacks
- **Sankofa at Bloomsburg**: Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 17 and 18: Bloomsburg Campus
 - Annual conference designed to help students learn, understand and appreciate the rich cultural heritage of people of African descent. Contact Nichole Book to sign up.
- **ShySpeaks**: Tuesday, Feb. 20, 8:30 p.m., The HUT
 - Hip hop and spoken word artist
- **Let's Talk About Series**: Wednesday, Feb. 21, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Alumni 307.
 - A race and racism discussion over lunch

- **Silent Disco:** Friday, Feb. 23, The HUT
 - **BHM Craft Night:** Monday, Feb. 26, 7 p.m., Oak MPR
 - **Lunch and Learn:** Thursday, Feb. 29, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Alumni 307
- You Quote It, But Do You Know It – the inside story behind social justice leaders

Ongoing Events

- [Juried Student Exhibition](#): Monday through Friday through Feb. 22, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Loomis Gallery. Awards reception will be Thursday, Feb. 15, from 4-6 p.m.
- [Yoga Basics](#): Thursdays through Feb. 29, 4:30-5:25 p.m., Kelchner Fitness Center.
- [Candlelight Yoga](#): Thursdays in January and February, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Kelchner Fitness Center.

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CU Mansfield Radio Station Conducting Survey

WNTE 89.5, the FM radio station at CU Mansfield, is conducting a survey to improve listenership and to better support the campus and surrounding community. Take the survey [here](#).

TIAA Retirement Meeting

A TIAA Representative will be available to meet on Tuesday, Feb. 20, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Alumni Hall Board Room, 2nd Floor. Space is limited. Register for sessions at www.tiaa.org/schedulenow or by calling 800-732-8353, weekdays, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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