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## Pathway to Success: Summer Start (PaSSS)

Welcome to the third PaSSS class at Penn State York. Launched in 2015, PaSSS helps new freshman to make the transition to Penn State York in the summer before their first year of study. They focus on establishing connections, getting acquainted with the campus, and earning credits that will assist them in graduating on time. Ann Fetterman, assistant teaching professor, is the coordinator of the program and is dedicated to making the overall experience both educational and enjoyable. Classes have included a Communication Arts and Sciences course (CAS 100B) and an Art History course (ART H 112). A math clinic is provided on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, and that timeslot on Mondays and Thursdays is dedicated to career exploration, time management, campus engagement, and learning new study skills.

Mentors, in many cases previous PaSSS students, are assigned to work with each new student throughout the six-week summer semester. A current mentor shared that their role can be as simple as “showing the students how great Penn State is and giving them a reason to attend PaSSS the next year.”

A testimonial from a past PaSSS student speaks to the value of the program. Our student shares, “Being enrolled in PaSSS was an extraordinary experience. I was nervous with the transition from high school to college, and PaSSS helped me with that. I learned a lot of what I need to do to be successful with my college career. I also met a wide range of people and we all became very close. When the fall semester started I realized that in just about every one of my classes I knew someone from my summer experience. Overall, I was very satisfied with this program because it gave me a head start compared to other incoming freshmen.”



PaSSS mentors from left: Nathan MacKenzie, Jelena Young, Tim Perez and Richard Smeltzer. Not pictured is Lucas Stambaugh.



**Women's Philanthropic Network (WPN)  
 Celebrates Third Year of Success**

The WPN brings women together to unite their financial power in a collective voice – to create, nurture, and transform Penn State York through philanthropy and encourage the development of women as philanthropic leaders. The WPN encourages members to network - to expand their relationships, professionally and personally, while enjoying the diversity incorporated into the event schedule including leadership training, personal discovery and sometimes just having fun together. As a group we accomplish great things and enjoy the process of being together and successful!

We continue to make history in York with the WPN gaining momentum. We are forty members strong and successfully reached this year's goal of \$31,000. This funding will support the Library's Connect ED program, the 2018 STEAM Pathways keynote speaker, seed funding for a golf team for women and men, funding for the Nittany Success Center's renovation and relocation, and the Care Cards Program managed by the Penn State York Student Affairs Office. We will also fund four leadership scholarships

for students. Engagement through networking included activities such as:

aerial yoga (a new definition of hanging out together), leadership training with retired Brigadier General Rebecca Halstead, a back stage tour of the touring Broadway show *Cabaret's* set at The Pullo Center, wine and networking at the County Club of York, and a book signing reception with STEAM Pathways keynote speaker, Christine McKinley. As we begin the grant application process for 2019, we also are beginning the planning process for WPN engagement and networking. Activities in the upcoming year will hopefully include a women's night out sporting clays event with Anne Mauro, the coach of the University of Maryland shooting team; an on-campus yoga retreat including a Beautiful from the Inside Out networking event with Grabbagreen catering, M&C skin care product demonstrations, a pop-up boutique by Athleta and other fun presenters; and what has become an annual favorite – our spring wine and networking event at the County Club of York.

We also are planning to coordinate a junior membership drive on Giving Tuesday in November, where the junior membership (alumni within one to ten years of graduation) gift of \$100 will be matched by the University, and the Penn State York Alumni Society will also match the first ten new memberships established that day (tripling the impact).

I want to express a huge thanks to our members for their dedication and passion to support all the initiatives the campus identified as mission critical this past year. If you are not a member and the WPN sounds like a good fit to your personal, professional and philanthropic goals, I invite you to join us.



Leadership training with retired Brigadier General Rebecca Halstead, front row, center.



Backstage tour of *Cabaret's* set at The Pullo Center



Aerial Yoga at Artemis, the Art of Living.

## Chancellor David W. Chown to Retire

Penn State York Chancellor David W. Chown will retire as chancellor of Penn State York effective August 1. Chown became the chancellor in February 2013, leaving his position as chief academic officer and senior vice president for the residential university of Upper Iowa University (UIU). "My five years at Penn State York have gone by very quickly," said Chown. "New majors were started, new facilities were planned and built, scholarships were increased, and athletic championships were enjoyed. The Graham Center evolved, and The Pullo Center began its second decade with an amazing array of performances," he said. "Most

of all, it was all due to people. I will cherish the people with whom I worked, both on campus and in the community," said Chown.

In addition to accomplishments already mentioned, under his leadership the York campus hired its first full-time athletic director and added new athletic programs; the campus made history with the establishment of the Women's Philanthropic Network (WPN), the first such group at the University; and the campus endowment has increased.

Following his retirement as chancellor, Chown will take on other duties for the University through Sept. 30. He and his wife, Peggy, director of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Penn State York, plan to return to Iowa to live.



## Open Doors Matching Scholarships at Penn State York

Recognizing the financial, academic and personal challenges that our undergraduates face, the University has established programs to help our students succeed. The Open Doors matching scholarship was created to support the Pathways to Success: Summer Start (PaSSS) program. This program helps entering students make the transition to Penn State York in the summer before their first year, learning skills, establishing connections, and earning credits that will assist them in graduating on time. The University is providing a 2:1 match when prospective donors accept a proposal by June 30, 2018. The match continues at a 1:1 level from July 1, 2018, to the conclusion of the *A Greater Penn State for 21st Century Excellence* campaign.

Leading the way in creating these new financial resources at Penn State York are two special couples who chose to create a family legacy at our campus. The James and Elizabeth Troutman Open Doors Scholarship was established when Jim and Liza Troutman decided helping students be successful at their local Penn State campus was the legacy they wanted to create for themselves in York. Gregory Strickler and Marguerite Meisenhelder established the Samuel F. and Zoë S. Meisenhelder Open Doors Scholarship to honor Rita's parents. The Meisenhelders had a



Jim and Liza Troutman

passion for higher education and a strong relationship with the campus through Sam's lifetime commitment to serve on the advisory board that began in 1976. Later this summer, these two families will have the opportunity to meet and have lunch with our PaSSS students and hear how the program has had a profound impact on their college experience as they begin their Penn State careers. We welcome other alumni and friends to join in and support PaSSS with an Open Doors scholarship.



Greg and Rita Meisenhelder





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