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FROM THE DIRECTOR

A lot has happened on campus since the Winter 2021 Penn State Mont Alto *The Bridge*, and it's been an exciting year for Penn State Mont Alto.

In March, we hosted then President-elect Neeli Bendapudi when she kicked off a tour of the Commonwealth Campuses with a visit to the Mont Alto campus.

In April, we had a ribbon cutting for our new Allied Health Building, a \$12 million-dollar state-of-the-art learning hub for our Allied Health and Nursing programs.

In May, we had our first traditional Commencement ceremony since 2019, and it was great to see our graduates and their families celebrating together.

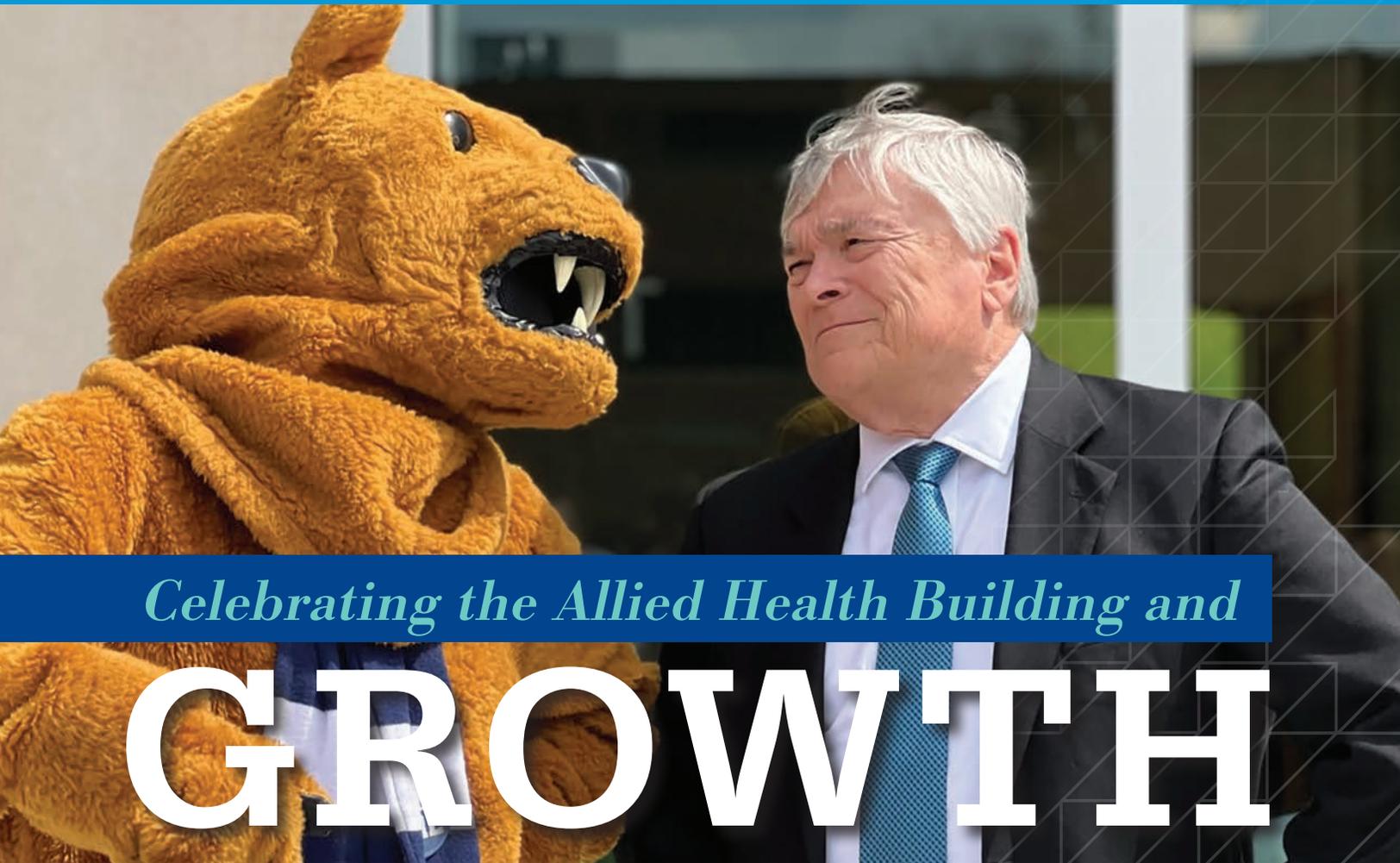
In June, we gathered again to recognize and honor the donors who made the **A Greater Penn State for 21st Century Excellence** campaign a success.

But the big stuff hasn't distracted us from our purpose. Penn Staters continue to push the limits of research, innovation, and endurance, all of which you'll read in this edition of *The Bridge*.

We hope you enjoy reading about what's happening on campus, and the next time you're in the area, we hope you'll stop by to see the excitement for yourself.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Randall Ackerman".

Randall Ackerman
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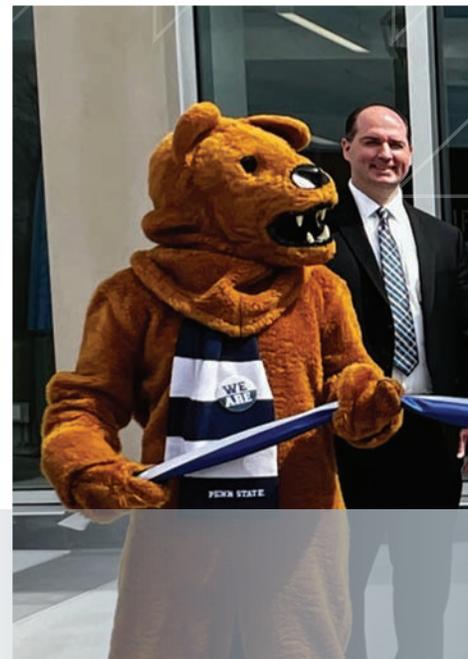
Celebrating the Allied Health Building and

GROWTH

Penn State Mont Alto celebrated its new Allied Health Building—a 22,000 square-foot learning hub for the campus' Nursing, Occupational Therapy Assistant and Physical Therapist Assistant programs—with a ribbon cutting ceremony on Wednesday, April 13, 2022.

The new facility includes simulation laboratories and an ambulance port for the Nursing program, enhanced clinical lab space and equipment for the PTA program and a modern simulated living space for the

OTA program. The public event, held on the campus' quad in front of the building, was attended by Penn State leadership, students, faculty, staff, and local leaders and community members. Formal remarks were offered by Penn State Mont Alto Chancellor Francis Achampong, Penn State President Eric J. Barron, Dean of the Penn State Ross and Carol Nese College of Nursing Laurie Badzek, President and CEO of WellSpan Health Roxanna Gapstur and President of the Franklin County Area Development Corporation Mike Ross.



In his opening remarks, Achampong highlighted one of the building's biggest assets: providing opportunities for inter-professional collaboration across the three disciplines.



"The AHB will promote greater interdisciplinary learning that will prepare our allied health graduates to work on integrated healthcare teams." Achampong also leaned into the campus' reputation for producing highly skilled allied health care graduates by connecting the facility to the campus' strategic identification of allied health as the campus' niche. "This building will position Penn State Mont Alto as a first-choice destination for education in allied health," he said. "With the thousands of OTA, PTA, and Nursing graduates Penn State Mont Alto has already produced,

we look forward to solidifying our position as the premier institution for allied health in this region."

With the nation facing a shortage of qualified and well-trained healthcare professionals, the need for investments in healthcare workers was a common theme among the speakers. Barron underscored Penn State's commitment to supporting healthcare-related initiatives, which he described as vital to our shared future. "The new



Allied Health Building and its state-of-the-art resources, coupled with our incredible faculty, can take our students to the next level," he said.

"They matter in the University's efforts to attract and retain both students and faculty," he said. "And given the historic advances taking place

in the healthcare industry, it is essential to have an educational facility capable of supporting those advances."

The Allied Health Building, the campus' first new building in more than 20 years, was approved by Penn State's Board of Trustees in 2018, and construction began in August 2020. In August 2021, the campus celebrated the building entering the final phase of construction with the placing of a 25-year time capsule under the main stairwell between the first and second floors. Construction was completed in November 2021, with faculty moving into the facility between the end of 2020 through April 2021.

For more information on the Nursing, Occupational Therapy Assistant and Physical Therapist Assistant programs, visit montalto.psu.edu/academics.



L to R: Kelly Austin, vice president for Commonwealth Campuses and executive chancellor; Mike Ross, president of the Franklin County Area Development Corporation; Roxanna Gapstur, president and CEO of WellSpan Health; Penn State President Emeritus Eric J. Barron, who retired in May; Francis K. Achampong, Penn State Mont Alto chancellor; Laurie Badzek, dean of the Penn State Ross and Carol Nese College of Nursing; and Sara Thorndike, Penn State senior vice president for finance and business and treasurer.





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Celebrating the

CLASS OF 2022

On Saturday, May 7, 2022, Penn State Mont Alto celebrated the Class of 2022 during its annual spring commencement held in the campus' Multipurpose Activities Center (MAC).

In his remarks to the graduates, Penn State Mont Alto Chancellor Francis K. Achampong reminded the class of the value of their Penn State education, telling them, "Your Penn State degree has equipped you to succeed both personally and professionally in a fast-changing, knowledge-based global economy,"

and he challenged them to do three things: stay in touch with the campus, be engaged citizens, and give back to whatever community they find themselves in.

Madlyn Hanes, senior vice president for the Commonwealth Campuses and executive chancellor emerita for Penn State, delivered the commencement address. Hanes' remarks focused on two themes: the path to higher education isn't the same for everyone and the importance of having a champion and a hero and of being someone's champion and hero.

She reminded the graduates that each of them had their own unique journey to Penn State, some as traditional age students attending immediately after high school, some as adult learners and veteran-students, and some as first-generation college students, just as Hanes was.

Hanes shared her that path to a college degree started with the immigration of her grandparents

from the city of Minsk in what is now Belarus. Her grandmother, Rose, never learned to read or write in English but was adamant with Hanes throughout her childhood that she would go to college.

When Hanes was 14, she converted the family den into her own bedroom and a quiet place to study with the help of her grandmother. "In retrospect, my grandmother set me on a trajectory that I may not otherwise have known. That room provided me a place to work, to think, to read, to write, and to create without interruption." she recalled. "It was my window into learning, and I seized the opportunity with the greatest of enthusiasm." "She was my hero," Hanes said of her grandmother. "I wish you all champions to sing your praises and heroes to inspire you. And I hope that each of you in time champion others and become heroes in their eyes."





senior at the Mont Alto campus, did research in her field.

“I thought it would be a great starting point,” said Najafzade, who graduated in May 2022 with a degree in psychology. “It was super fun. She was very clear and concise with her instructions,” she said of Lipsey.

The research on which they were building was that of Barrett Scroggs, assistant professor of Human Development and Family Studies at the Mont Alto campus. He was studying substance abuse among young adults who identify as LGBTQ. He reached out to Lipsey after she signed her contract, but before she started

Faculty and Student

COLLABORATION

Using research from a fellow professor, Nikolette Lipsey, assistant professor of psychology at Penn State, and a Penn State Mont Alto student explored rates of health information avoidance among LGBTQ+ individuals to assess whether there is a relationship between resisting such knowledge in the past and trust in health care.

Health information avoidance is preventing or delaying the acquisition of potentially

unwanted data by choosing not to do things such as going to a doctor, getting tested for a medical condition or acquiring test results.

“There was a significant correlation between past health information avoidance and trust in health care, such that LGBTQ+ individuals with lower trust in health care were more likely to report avoiding health information in the past,” Lipsey said.

The project marked the first time that student Kamila Najafzade, a

in her new position, to see if she wanted to add some questions to his survey.

“I wanted to make sure she had as strong a first year as she could have,” Scroggs said. “One of the perks of being on a small campus like ours is connections with our colleagues. We’re a small, but mighty group. I love collaborating.”

Lipsey jumped at the chance. She requested that Scroggs ask study participants to rate their trust in the health care system,

their willingness to put their lives in the hands of the system, and their confidence in the system's ability to care for them. They also were asked if they have ever avoided getting tested for a medical condition or receiving test results.

She has been studying health information avoidance for nearly eight years.

"I've always been interested in how social influences and outside forces affect people's decisions to seek or avoid health information," said Lipsey, the 2022 Mont Alto Faculty Scholar. "I recognize that one of the many reasons people in the LGBTQ+ community may avoid health information is due to having a complicated and difficult relationship with the health care system. There is a long history of oppression — and many present-day laws and proposed legislation — that may rightfully make those within the LGBTQ+ community wary of the health care system and therefore avoid it."

Lipsey and Najafzade worked together on every step of the research, which took most of the spring 2022 semester to complete.

Najafzade reviewed some of the literature and synthesized information, then made predictions about the relationships between variables in the data set. The pair then analyzed the data using a statistical software package, and Lipsey explained how to make sense of and write up the results.

"Finally, we worked on creating an abstract summarizing the work, thinking about future directions and putting together a research poster," Lipsey said. "We covered a lot of ground in a short time, and she never failed to impress."

Najafzade presented their findings at the Penn State

Mont Alto 2022 Academic Festival in April.

"It was a little bit scary at first, but then it was smooth sailing," said Najafzade, who is now working as a research assistant for a forensic psychiatry firm in Towson, Maryland. "I enjoyed every second of it."

LIPSEY NAMED 2022 FACULTY SCHOLAR

Being named the 2022 Mont Alto Faculty Scholar gave Nikolette Lipsey, Ph.D., a sense that her research made an impact.

"It felt like a real moment of validation," said Lipsey, adding that the honor reinforced the sense of belonging she has had since becoming assistant professor of psychology in fall 2021.

When research is published, the authors don't always get to see the effect their work has on others, so being recognized by the faculty and academic affairs leadership at the Penn State Mont Alto campus gave Lipsey a glimpse at how her work matters.

"I was pretty floored, I'll be honest," said Lipsey, who received the award at the May 7 commencement.

Lipsey earned a bachelor's in psychology and Asian studies from Furman University in South Carolina and master's and doctoral degrees in social psychology from the University of Florida, followed by two years of post-graduate work at North Carolina State University.

As a researcher, she has explored how people make decisions about potentially threatening information and how they factor others into those decisions. Among her most recent writings were two collaborative articles published in *The Journal of Sex Research*. One probed the elements of internal consent and affirmative external consent on young adults' feelings of sexual satisfaction, while the other examined the connection between sexual health and making decisions based on preventing negative consequences or achieving pleasure.

An article she co-wrote in *Current Psychology* delved into mind-sets that are closely related to entrepreneurship.



L to R: Jake Grim, Class of 2022; current students Maegan Aleshire and Raylee Gibbons; Christina Green, Class of 2006 and chair of Mont Alto Campaign Committee; Francis Achampong, chancellor; O. Richard Bundy III, Class of 1993 and senior vice president of Penn State Development and Alumni Relations; and Jim Ingram, Classes of 1979, 1983, and University campaign chair for the Commonwealth Campuses.

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Penn State Mont Alto Celebrate Donors During Campaign Open House

Penn State Mont Alto celebrated the success of Penn State's recently concluded fundraising campaign, ***A Greater Penn State for 21st Century Excellence***, on Saturday, June 11, 2022, with a three-hour Campaign Open House.

During the Open House, the campus celebrated its philanthropic success of nearly \$7.4 million in campaign commitments. Over the six-year campaign, 5,500 individual donors

showed their passion for Penn State Mont Alto by making 8,800 gifts to the campus.

A strong focus of the campaign at the Mont Alto campus was the *Open Doors campaign imperative* that focused on scholarships and other support that can reduce the cost of a Penn State degree. Thirty-one new scholarships and endowments totaling just under \$3 million were created during the campaign. An additional \$200,000 was generated for the

campus Student Hardship Fund, and \$40,000 went to the Lion Pantry, which anonymously supports students struggling with food insecurity. Overall student need the last few years has been impacted by many factors, including the pandemic, and these gifts support the campus' efforts around affordability and access.

The Mont Alto campus received two gifts of \$1 million or more during the campaign. WellSpan Health committed \$1.018 million to

“ This campaign sought to transform a great University into an even greater one where doors to a world-class education are opened to those who couldn’t otherwise afford it, where students get transformative experiences and where we impact the world through groundbreaking research, entrepreneurship and economic development. The success of this campaign is a glowing tribute to the unwavering support and amazing generosity of our alumni, friends and campus stakeholders. Thanks to you, Penn State Mont Alto is indeed on the path to becoming even greater.”

—FRANCIS ACHAMPONG, CHANCELLOR
REMARKS DURING HIS OPEN HOUSE WELCOME



Francis Achampong, Penn State Mont Alto chancellor, and Roxanna Gapstur, president and CEO of WellSpan Health. Photo taken during April 2022 Allied Health Building ribbon cutting.

Campaign Open House Student Speakers



RAYLEE GIBBONS '23
Human Development
and Family Studies



MAEGAN ALESHIRE '23
Nursing



JAKE GRIM
Class of 2022
Business

Penn State Mont Alto to support two full-time nursing faculty member positions. The gift establishes the WellSpan Health Instructor of Nursing Support Fund, and the faculty positions will be named WellSpan Health Instructor of Nursing in the Ross and Carol Nese College of Nursing at Penn State.

Penn State alumnus Ricky Brown made a \$1 million estate commitment.

The Campaign Open House featured on-site dedications as

the campus celebrated its philanthropic success:

- » The Clarence Harbaugh Maples of the World Arboretum Grove was named by Clarence’s son Earl Harbaugh, Class of 1961, as part of a \$50,000 gift. Clarence Harbaugh was Mont Alto’s long-time supervisor of maintenance operations from 1965 to 1982.
- » The Jim Ingram Arboretum Amphitheater, located in the Richter Family Oak Grove, was named by Bartlett Tree

Experts as part of a \$60,000 gift. Ingram was honored for his many accomplishments and contributions as company president since 2013.

- » The Mont Alto Veterans memorial was rededicated. Forty individual recognition markers and an arch-shaped knee wall have been added to the memorial. The knee wall is topped with a black granite slab that is engraved with the core values of the six current branches of the United States military.



*Penn State Alumna and World Champion
Lumberjill Win Stihl Timbersports® Series*

LUMBERJILL

Martha King

The woods of Pennsylvania have given Martha King, Class of 2009, a training venue to become a two-time Stihl Timbersports® champion in 2021.

King started her Penn State education at the Mont Alto campus and transitioned to University Park to complete her bachelor's degree in animal sciences with minors in wildlife and fisheries sciences, plus forest science, in 2011.

Now an arborist with her family's business, Chadds Ford Tree Service, in Chadds Ford, Pennsylvania, King was a member of the Penn State Mont Alto Woodsmen team from 2007-09. She credits Beth

Brantley, former associate teaching professor of forest technology, and Craig T. Houghton, former program coordinator and assistant teaching professor in the associate forest technology program, with encouraging her to compete professionally.

"Really, Penn State Mont Alto is where I got my start," King said. "They are so passionate about their students. They give their all when they are teaching, when they are coaching. They have grown to become family to me."

That dedication fits Houghton's approach to teaching, which he said is a practice rather than a philosophy.

“My title is lecturer, but to my students, I am much more than that. I am also a tutor, a role model, an adviser, a disciplinarian, a guide, a coach,” Houghton said. “For the years they are my students, I show them a career pathway, but I never know if I have done my job well until they take their skills and knowledge and develop them into a successful career.”

Stihl Timbersports® competition comprises four disciplines – stock saw, underhand chop, singlebuck and standing block chop – with points awarded for each discipline. The athlete who accumulates the most points wins the series. King placed third in the Stihl U.S. championships in 2017, second in 2018. In 2019, she won the underhand chop and the single buck, earning her an advantage that allowed her to win the series.

On July 24, 2021, she defended her title (competition was suspended in 2020 due to COVID-19) and for the second time, won the Stihl Timbersports® U.S. Women’s Division Championship in Little Rock, Arkansas.

In the first discipline, the stock saw, which King described as a “make or break” event, she finished strong, setting a national record by making two cuts in a 16-inch log in 10.654 seconds and earning 12 points at the start of competition.

“It just felt natural and smooth,” she said. “At that point, I knew



that I could win, but I had to play it smart.”

Next was the standing block, during which competitors race to chop through a 10-inch block of vertical wood. She took first in that event also, setting another national record by finishing in 33.024 seconds. The championship concluded with the single buck and underhand chop, in which she placed third and second respectively.

Her performance in Little Rock landed her an appearance in a 10-minute segment on “Live with Kelly and Ryan,” which aired Aug. 5, 2021.

“I guess that was one of the perks of winning,” King said of appearing on national television.

King demonstrated her ax-wielding skills on the air, hacking at chunks of wood while hard rock music played. She also showed her prowess outside the studio with a chainsaw, then beat the show’s hosts Katie Lowes (Ripa was on vacation during filming) and Ryan Seacrest in a race to see who could cut through a log the fastest.

“It’s quite an honor to represent the sport,” said King, 32, adding that such appearances draw attention to competitive wood cutting, which she hopes will help

the sport grow and entice more women to give it a try.

King likes to pay forward the encouragement she received while on the Mont Alto campus by working with the current woodsmen team members as often as her competition schedule allows. She helped the team in 2015 and 2016, when her brother Robbie was a member.

When she’s not training, King takes lots of hikes, hunts, rides horses and does some woodworking projects. She also likes to get in a chopping workout whenever she can at her parents’ home.

Her work at Chadds Ford Tree Service keeps her in peak condition, too.

“I drag a lot of brush,” which King said is a great full-body workout. She also trains her core with raking and wielding a pitchfork. “I operate chainsaws daily. Whether I’m cutting down trees or bucking up logs, I get in a good upper body workout.”

“You’ve got to work hard, and you’ve got to play hard,” King said.

Watch King on “Live with Kelly and Ryan” at www.youtube.com/watch?v=RPn0tUkAG1w



MONT ALTO LAUNCHBOX NEWS AND UPDATES

LION Tank™ 2022

Penn State student Nathan Bonslaver won first-place during the 2022 LION Tank™ pitch competition for his startup CarToCamp, which manufactures custom sleeping platforms for vehicles to enhance the car-camping experience.

LION Tank™, which is staged by the Mont Alto LaunchBox, an innovation space that provides educational and technical resources to local entrepreneurs, was held on Wednesday, April 6 on the Mont Alto campus and was sponsored by Patriot Federal Credit Union.

Five entrepreneurs competed in this year's event with the top three pitches receiving prize money of \$1,500, \$1,000, and \$500, respectively.

Bonslaver, who is studying Mechanical Engineering at Penn State Berks, conceived the idea for CarToCamp when he embarked on a two-month road trip throughout the United States, opting to sleep in his car at campgrounds instead of using a tent. He quickly discovered that individuals choosing this trendy style of camping needed two things: a sturdy bed that fit their vehicle and organized storage options to help maximize car space.

After returning from his trip, he began working on a solution and landed on a sleeping platform rated for up to 500 pounds, while remaining lightweight at 40 pounds, that is compatible with 17 different vehicle models giving buyers more flexibility when

considering a new car purchase.

Second place was awarded to Chambersburg-based entrepreneur Blake Newbern for his business American Drone Services. In addition to providing aerial photography and cinematography for events and real estate, American Drone Services also can produce multidimensional maps for construction. Newbern also utilizes advanced drones and software to assist farmers with crop analysis for early detection of conditions adversely affecting crops, giving farmers time to prevent a failed harvest.

David Moyer, a Computer Science major at the University Park campus and founder of 42MORO Co L.L.C., won third place for his business Cannapy



Global Entrepreneur Week (GEW)

Penn State Mont Alto students gathered in Wiestling Student Center on November 8, 2021, to celebrate GEW with a student-entrepreneur hybrid panel discussion. Penn State students at University Park and Mont Alto shared how they are leveraging LaunchBox resources to get their business ideas off the ground. Jake Grim, Class of 2022 and winner of the 2021 Mont Alto LaunchBox LION Tank™ pitch competition, participated in the panel.

Idea TestLab

In March 2022, the Harrisburg, Mont Alto and York LaunchBoxes announced the winners of their regional Idea TestLab final pitch competition. The competition concluded a five-week long virtual business idea accelerator during which eight selected startups received coaching and training to identify viable business models through intensive customer discovery.

The Penn State Mont Alto LaunchBox was able to sponsor the Idea TestLab through the generosity of John R. Butler III, Class of 1983.

During the program, startups interviewed customers, built their early-stage business models, and crafted their elevator pitches. The program culminated in a pitch competition during which teams competed for up to \$3,000 in seed funding to continue development of their business models.

Competition winners:

- » **1st place (\$1,500 seed funding):** Lipstick Saver LLC (Lori Rome, founder) – a cosmetic tool that can be used to easily extract the one third of inaccessible lipstick remaining in the lipstick tube and apply it like a standard tube.
- » **2nd place (\$1,000 seed funding):** HER Tech World (Talia East, founder) – Enables VC firms and investors to invest in higher performing companies by matchmaking investors and founders together.
- » **3rd place (\$500 seed funding):** MasterCraft (Richard Prensner, founder) – allows followers of popular YouTubers teaching a creative craft (like photography or videography) to improve quickly at their craft by giving them direct access for personal feedback from the YouTubers that they are learning from.

Tents. The business produces portable, environmentally safe greenhouses for cultivators that help reduce the spread of plant pathogens, especially gray mold, and powdery mildew, by pairing the specially designed greenhouses with smartphone technology that allows growers to monitor for environmental conditions. This helps prevent the development of diseases and cross contamination, potentially boosting crop yields by 20 to 40 percent.

“This is our fifth year of LION Tank™ and each year the competition gets stronger and stronger,” said Helen McGarry, director of the Mont Alto LaunchBox. “It is truly inspiring to hear the innovative ideas and see the passion that finalists share with the judges and the audience.”



PENN STATE PRESIDENT BENDAPUDI VISITED THE MONT ALTO CAMPUS

President Bendapudi met with students, faculty and staff, and community constituents on March 18, 2022. The Mont Alto campus was the first stop on her Commonwealth Campus tour, before she assumed office in May.



READ MORE!

Read the full article on President Bendapudi's Commonwealth Campus tour at www.psu.edu/news/administration/story/new-president-tour-commonwealth-campuses-proves-illuminating-inspiring/

PENN STATE OFFERS NEW IT DEGREE

A new bachelor of science degree in information technology (IT), focused on providing students with the knowledge and critical thinking skills to effectively solve problems in today's interconnected society, will be offered to begin in fall 2022.

"Because the IT field is constantly changing and evolving, this broad-based but specialized degree is designed to provide the next generation of IT professionals with the skillset to meet the technology needs of today while positioning them to take on future challenges," said Alan Peslak, professor of information sciences and

technology at Penn State Scranton and co-chair of the committee that developed the new degree program.

The IT degree will be available to students at the Abington, Altoona, Beaver, Berks, Brandywine, DuBois, Greater Allegheny, Hazleton, Lehigh Valley, Mont Alto, New Kensington, Schuylkill, Scranton, Wilkes-Barre, and York campuses. The degree will replace the existing bachelor of science degree in information sciences and technology (IST), which will be phased out over the next four years.

Opportunities that might be available for graduates of the IT degree program include potential careers in industries spanning business, government, defense, entertainment, consulting, medicine, and more, he added.

Specialization options are offered to allow students to explore the IT field in more depth; students at the Mont Alto campus can specialize in:

- » Networking
- » Business applications
- » Cybersecurity
- » Custom specialization

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ALPHA SIGMA LAMBDA INDUCTION

Eight Penn State Mont Alto adult-learners were inducted into the Zeta Pi Chapter of Alpha Sigma Lambda, the nation's oldest and largest honor society for non-traditional students, on Monday, April 11, 2022.

In his welcome remarks, Penn State Mont Alto Chancellor Francis K. Achampong congratulated the inductees on their accomplishment. "Adult learners have lots of demands on their time, and all of you are juggling those demands and still excelling academically," he said. "I encourage you to keep pressing on 'til the finish line, and congratulations on doing so well."

To qualify for membership, students must have completed 30 Penn State credits, maintain a 3.20 GPA and be at least 23 years old.

This year's inductees are:

- » Sonia Holter
- » Erica A. Paylor
- » Taylor N. Peachey
- » Ashly Perez
- » Megan Shockey
- » Katie Elizabeth Spinder
- » Joshua Souders
- » Amanda Negley