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September Commencement Ceremony

We proudly awarded hard-earned specialized associate degrees to over 90 graduates at our September Commencement Ceremony held at [The Penn State Hotel & Conference Center](#).

Our newest group of alumni were students of our [Administrative Professional](#), [Business Administration](#), [Accounting](#), [Business Administration - Management & Marketing](#), [Engineering Technology](#), [Graphic Arts](#), [Information Technology](#), and [Medical Assistant](#) programs.

David Whitmarsh, longtime, recently retired IT instructor from our [State College Main Campus](#), was the keynote speaker.

The following academic awards were presented:

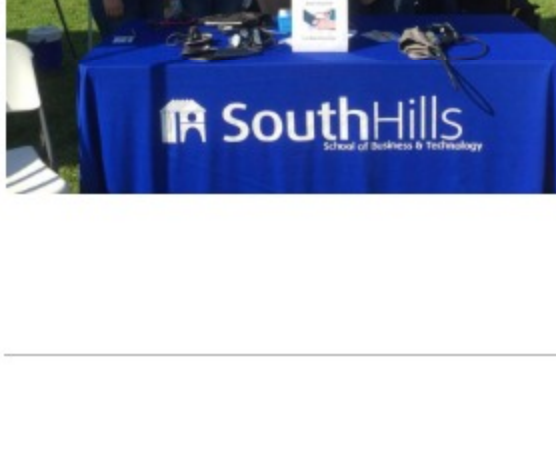
- Kristi Joann Taylor Memorial Award → Mary Bunge
- Edith R. Strong Memorial Award → Keith Irwin-Hickey
- Terry J. French Memorial Award → Edward Flaherty, Dylan Greesick, and Ryan Rowles
- South Hills School of Business & Technology Award - Engineering Technology → Brian Schreiber
- South Hills School of Business & Technology Award - Graphic Arts → Hayley Butcher
- Ray Houseman Memorial Award → Joseph Steinbug
- Juniata River Valley Chamber of Commerce Community Award → Victoria Pecht
- JOANN M. Bonlatto Memorial Award → Mary Bunge
- Founders Award → Curtis Worreander, Edward Flaherty, and Katarina Covatt

CONGRATULATIONS to the award winners and to **ALL** of the graduates!

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5th Annual Goose Day Fun Fest



Lewistown held its 5th Annual Goose Day Fun Fest at Rec Park on Saturday, September 29. Attendees of this free event got to eat some good food, listen to the music of Steel Horse and Ron Stewart & County Thunder, and participate in a variety of activities such as the free blood pressure screenings offered by our [Medical Assistant](#) students.

Thank you to all who came out to celebrate Goose Day with us!

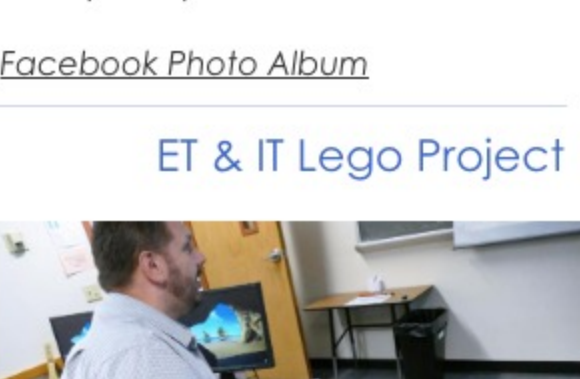
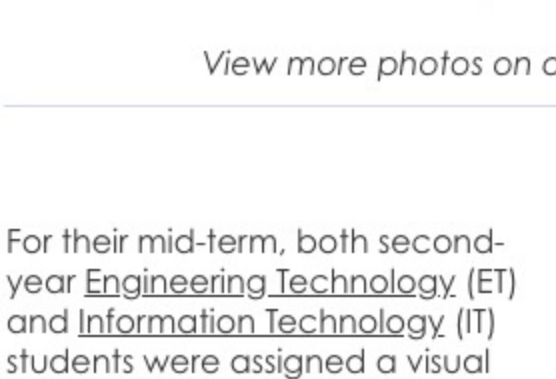
Educator of the Year Award

Congratulations to Barb Seegar, [Administrative Professional](#) Program Coordinator/Instructor at our Altoona campus, who was recognized at the [Huntingdon County Chamber of Commerce's](#) Annual Awards Gala on October 4. Barb was presented with the [Educator of the Year Award](#). The purpose of this award is to recognize an active educator who has demonstrated "above and beyond" commitment and service in the field of education.



Hackensack Locks, South Hills Alumna & Program Director of the Huntingdon County Chamber, Barb Seegar, Educator of the Year Award Winner, and S. Paul Mazza II, President of South Hills School of Business & Technology

State College Campus Fall Picnic



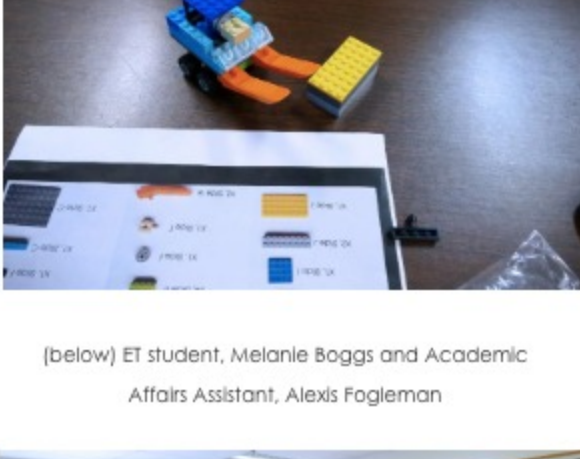
Students, faculty, and staff gathered at our [State College campus](#) for our annual Fall Picnic. Everyone got to enjoy some great food and, in some cases, some friendly competition!

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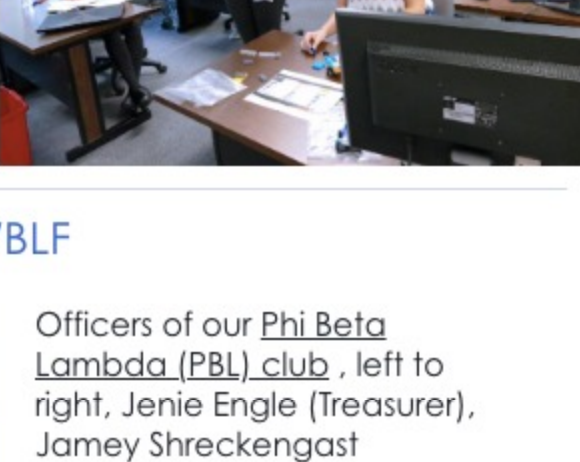
ET & IT Lego Project

For their mid-term, both second-year [Engineering Technology \(ET\)](#) and [Information Technology \(IT\)](#) students were assigned a visual technical writing project that required them to create a set of assembly instructions for a LEGO® Block project. The purpose of this assignment was to help students to improve their communication skills and to present concise instructions their audience in a clear, and easily understandable way.

Their writing skills were tested when upon completion of the assignment, the students had to make presentations to South Hills faculty, staff, and fellow students. LEGO's and instructions were provided to audience members, and they were asked to assemble their object based on the electronic slideshow. Feedback was provided to the students regarding the ease of following their instructions from beginning to end. Through audience comments and observation of the challenges they faced putting together the items, students learned how they could improve their instructions for the future.



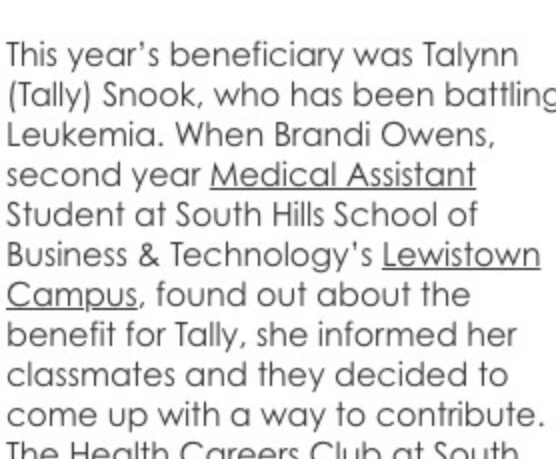
(above) Matt Penning, IT Program Coordinator/Instructor



(below) ET student, Alesha Rogga and Academic Affairs Assistant, Alessa Fogelman



PBL Members Interview at WBLF



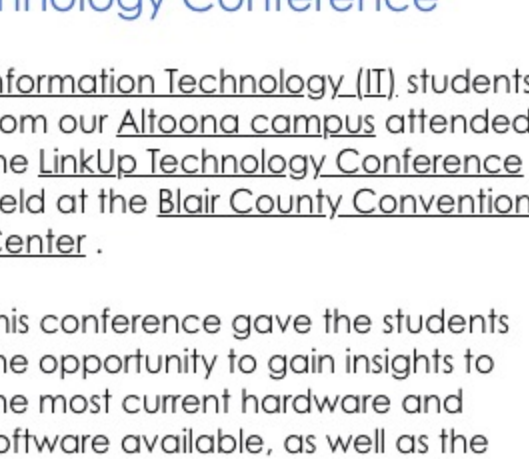
[Listen to Interview](#)

Officers of our [Phi Beta Lambda \(PBL\)](#) club, left to right, Jenie Engle (Treasurer), Jamey Shreckengost (President), Bryant Moses (Vice President), and Lidiya Kolonina (Secretary) did a bang-up job when they were interviewed for [Newstalk WBLF 106.3 FM 970 AM](#) radio by talkshow host Michelle McConnell. You have to listen to the interview for yourself!

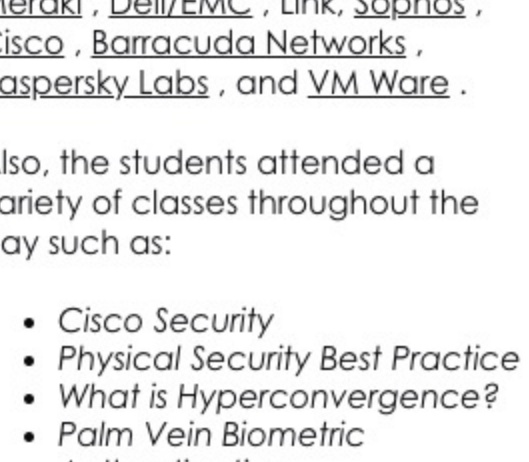
South Hills Students Give Back at Harper's Annual Benefit Tournament

Harpers 4th Annual Benefit Tournament was held last month. This annual softball tournament is held to help a child within the Lewistown community who has medical necessities to benefit.

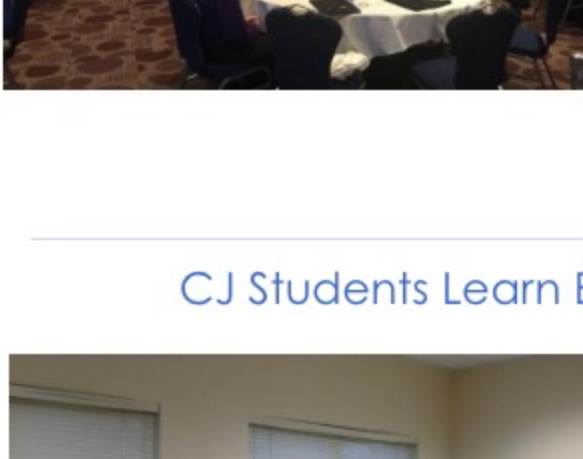
This year's beneficiary was Talynn (Tally) Snook, who has been battling Leukemia. When Brandi Owens, second year [Medical Assistant](#) Student at South Hills School of Business & Technology's [Lewistown Campus](#), found out about the benefit for Tally, she informed her classmates and they decided to come up with a way to contribute. The [Health Careers Club](#) at South Hills tries to donate to local events/causes once a month. The club members worked collaboratively to put together a care package for Tally that was full of items that she adores to present to her at the tournament.



MA Student, Brandi Owens and Talynn (Tally) Snook



IT Students Attend LinkUp Technology Conference



Left to Right: Nathan Brown, Matthew Duman, Tyler Davis, Daniel Morgan, Cameron Buynick, and Joshua Allison



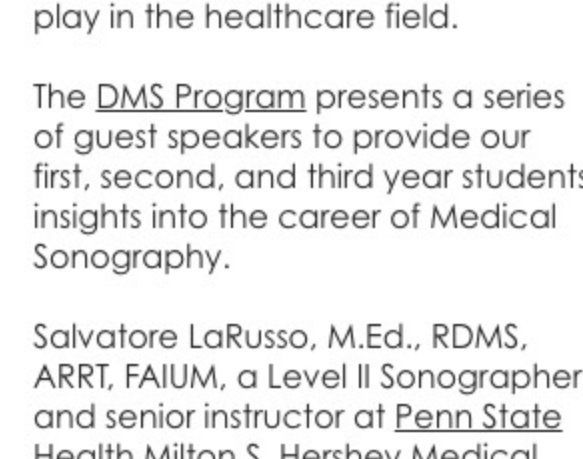
Information Technology (IT) students from our [Altoona campus](#) attended the [LinkUp Technology Conference](#) held at the [Blair County Convention Center](#).

This conference gave the students the opportunity to gain insights to the most current hardware and software available, as well as the chance to network with industry experts from companies such as [Meraki](#), [Dell/EMC](#), [Link](#), [Sophos](#), [Cisco](#), [Barracuda Networks](#), [Kaspersky Labs](#), and [VM Ware](#).

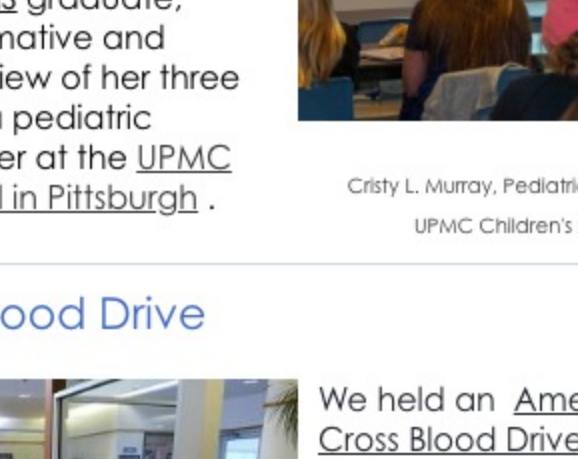
Also, the students attended a variety of classes throughout the day such as:

- Cisco Security
- Physical Security Best Practice
- What is Hyperconvergence?
- Palm Vein Biometric Authentication
- Dell EMC Server & HyperConverged
- VMware's Latest Solution Offerings
- Protecting Your Backups in a Ransomware World
- Data Center and Cloud Panel Discussion

CJ Students Learn Blood Spatter Analysis



[Criminal Justice](#) students at our [State College campus](#) learned about Blood Spatter Analysis in their Forensic Science class. During the experiment, they dropped simulated blood onto paper from different heights and angles. The activity helped them to identify patterns that indicate angle, velocity, height/distance from the surface, and other factors they could encounter while doing a crime scene investigation.



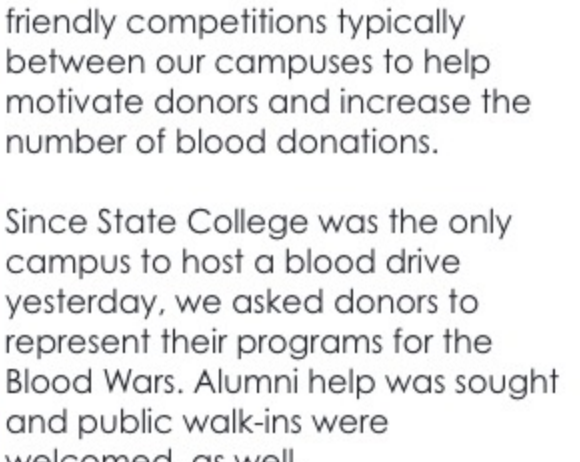
Medical Ultrasound Awareness Month Guest Speakers

Medical Ultrasound Awareness Month is held annually in October to create awareness of the role of diagnostic medical sonographers play in the healthcare field.

The DMS Program presents a series of guest speakers to provide our first, second, and third year students insights into the career of Medical Sonography.

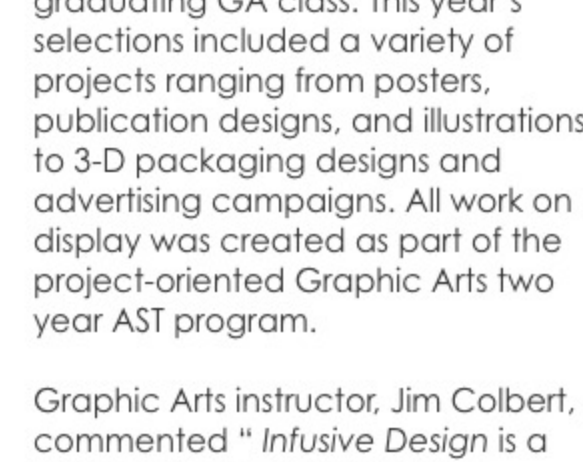
Salvatore LaRusso, M.Ed., RDMS, ARRT, FAIIM, a Level II Sonographer and senior instructor at [Penn State Health Milton S. Hershey Medical Center](#), spoke to the students about his 30+ years' experience in the field.

Cristy L. Murray, BS, RDCS (AE, PE) and South Hills RDCS graduate, provided an informative and inspired overview of her three years working as a pediatric echocardiographer at the [UPMC Children's Hospital in Pittsburgh](#).



Cristy L. Murray, Pediatric Echocardiographer at the UPMC Children's Hospital in Pittsburgh.

Blood Wars Blood Drive



We held an [American Red Cross Blood Drive](#) at our [State College campus](#), which was turned into a blood wars event.

South Hills Blood Wars are annual friendly competitions typically between our campuses to help motivate donors and increase the number of blood donations.

Since State College was the only campus to host a blood drive yesterday, we asked donors to represent their programs for the Blood Wars. Alumni help was sought and public walk-ins were welcomed, as well.

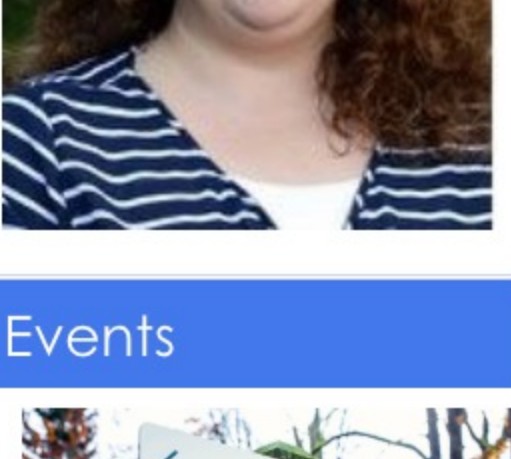
Turnout was amazing, and the Red Cross staff said we exceeded our collection goal! Our [Administrative Professional I & Business Administration-Management & Marketing](#) programs tied for most donations.

Our [Graphic Arts \(GA\) Program](#) recently held their 11th annual gallery show, "Infusive Design," at the [Art Alliance of Central PA](#). This event was started in 2006 by GA Program Coordinator, Ray Lidsick, and is designed to showcase work created by members of the graduating GA class. This year's selections included a variety of projects ranging from posters, publication designs, and illustrations to 3-D packaging designs and advertising campaigns. All work on display was created as part of the project-oriented Graphic Arts two year AST program.

Graphic Arts instructor, Jim Colbert, commented "Infusive Design is a wonderful opportunity for the students to select and display the "best of the best" of their work. It's truly a delight from the faculty perspective to watch the growth these students over the course of two years, and it's very rewarding to see their enthusiasm and watch them shine during this special evening."



The poster for Infusive Design was designed by 2018 graduate Nichole Yatta, currently employed as a graphic designer for Chamber of Business and Industry of Centre County (CBIC).



Larissa Bailey Visits Lewistown Campus

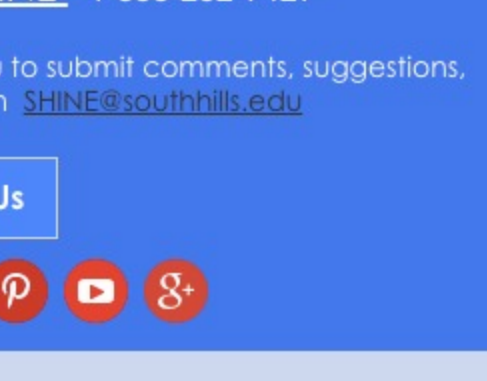


Thank you to Larissa Bailey, representative for [Senator Pat Toomey](#), for taking some time to visit our [Lewistown Campus](#). She is shown here on the left left pictured with our [Lewistown Campus Director, Barbara Harer](#).

[Learn more about our Lewistown Campus here.](#)

South Hills Alumni Named 2018 Ella Reagle Staff Assistant

Congratulations to Terra Ingram, who is a 2006 graduate of our [Business Administration-Management & Marketing](#) program! She was recently named recipient of the 2018 [Ella Reagle Staff Assistant Award](#) in the [Penn State College of Agricultural Sciences](#). She completed her Master's Degree this summer and is currently an Administrative Support Coordinator in the Department of Agricultural Economics, Sociology, and Education.



Upcoming Events

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Career Exploration Day

This annual event provides an opportunity to sit in on classes, get a glimpse into student life, and learn about career opportunities from local employers and South Hills alumni.

All 3 Campus Locations
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