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Health Information Technology Students Tour Geisinger Gray's Woods

Health Information Technology students had a unique opportunity to tour Geisinger Gray's Woods facility.

Geisinger Health Systems Business Supervisor & South Hills alumna, Lori Eckley, gave the students a behind-the-scenes look at their medical records system.

Abby Menna, Clinic Supervisor, and Ryan Ketner, Clinical Team Leader, taught students about Geisinger's history and discussed the organization's mission to be a leader in the ever-changing field of



Abby Menna & Ryan Ketner talking to students about the history & mission of Geisinger

healthcare.

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*South Hills alumna, Lori Eckley, giving students a glimpse
at the medical records system*

Altoona Campus Club Members Hold Food Drive



(L to R) Brianna Detwiler, Cartina Stevens, Courtney Winters, Macy Burke, Charles Diehl, Taylor Matley, Clarica Gattrell

The Phi Beta Lambda (PBL) and Health Careers Clubs at our Altoona Campus recently organized a food drive to support the food pantries of The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Altoona-Johnstown as we approach the holiday season. Its five food pantries serve over 2,300 people per month in Blair and Cambria Counties.

Those interested in donating to The Society may find more information on online [here](#).

Health Careers Club Donates to Susan G. Komen Fund

Members of the Health Careers Club from the Lewistown campus raised money throughout the month of October to recognize Breast Cancer Awareness month.

The club held a taco lunch sale at the campus which allowed them to raise \$60, and the members had also decided to donate \$40 from their club account. In total, the students came up with \$100 which was then donated to the Susan G. Komen® fund.



(Back Row L to R): Riley Bishop, Marita Eggert, Gabrielle Manbeck, Karissa Zagurskie, Kati Stine, Alexis Mendez, (Front Row L to R) Michael Allen, Alexis Inzerillo, Stacey Shew, and Brandi Owens

South Hills Hosts 2018 Local Hack Day Event



IT students show off some of the official swag/stickers from the Local Hack Day event.

Each year, Major League Hacking (MLH), an official student hacking league, organizes “Local Hack Day” a 12-hour global hackathon event that involves thousands of participants gathered in cities and towns around the world. The 2018 events were sponsored by Microsoft and GitHub and included educational presentations and opportunities for students to network with Information Technology (IT) professionals.

Faculty and students from the Altoona Campus recently organized a Local Hack Day for the Altoona area. Participants included students from South Hills, local high schools, and other post-secondary schools. Members from the community and working IT professionals were also invited to attend.

In addition, educational sessions were held on JavaScript, 3-D Printing, Linux Installation, and Laptop Repair.

South Hills Utilizes Local Experts to Prepare Students for the Workplace

Each of the eleven programs at South Hills have a Program Advisory Committee (PAC) that is made up of practitioners from their respective fields.

These members meet twice a year to obtain feedback and ideas for improvement to

program curriculum, learning resources, equipment and facilities, and program objectives.

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Criminal Justice Program Advisory Committee, State College

Thank You!

South Hills would like to express our sincere appreciation to the Program Advisory Committee members for their leadership and support of our students and programs. Pictured left to right: Kelley Gillette-Walker, Steven Godfrey, Zach Sayers, Brittany Lewis, Jennifer Stover – Criminal Justice Program Coordinator, State College.

Kari Lynn Schlegel Memorial Gallery

We've just added several new pieces to the Kari Lynn Schlegel Memorial Gallery! Each of the pieces displayed in our online gallery were designed by our students and alumni, as well as students of our Lifelong Learning courses.

[View Artwork Here](#)



BRIO Energy Water - Alex Stauffer, GA Class of 2019

C.O.P.S Club Spaghetti Dinner



The C.O.P.S (Community Outreach and Public Service) Club at our State College Campus held a spaghetti dinner to raise funds for an event they are planning to celebrate National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day (also known as L.E.A.D.), which will next be observed on Wednesday, January 9, 2019.

L.E.A.D. has been observed annually on January 9th since 2015. More information on the details of the L.E.A.D. event will be announced as it becomes available.



[View Facebook Photo Album](#)

Phi Beta Lambda Club Holiday Donations



Student Services Coordinator/PBL Club Advisor, Brandy Kovach & Club Members: Jordan Causer, Alisha Williamson, Lidiya Kolonina, Bryant Moses, Jennifer Engle, Makyla Henry, Michael Fitt, Jamey Shreckengast, Kyle McClintic, & Tess Bechdel

This holiday season, Phi Beta Lambda (PBL) members at our State College Main Campus collected 65 holiday items for Centre County Toys for Tots, and donated 288 pounds of food to the State College Food Bank.

Alumna Named to Pennsylvania Business Central's 2018 "Foremost Under 40" List

Congratulations to MacKenzie (Locke) Huntsman for being named to Pennsylvania Business Central's 2018 "Foremost Under 40" list!

She is a 2013 alumna of our Administrative Professional program and is currently employed as Program Director at the Huntingdon County Chamber of Commerce.

PA Business Central proudly honors 50 young professionals and forward thinkers for its annual "Foremost Under 40" list. Those featured are entrepreneurs striking out on their first startups, industry professionals rising through the ranks, and community caregivers who put everything into their work.



MacKenzie (Locke) Huntsman, 2013 alumna of the Administrative Professional Program at the Altoona Campus

Kiwanis Christmas Parade



L to R: Frank Stevens, baby Jaxsen Sulouff, Rylie Ream, Tyler Stein, Bryanna Metz, Alan Aumiller, Ava Sulouff, Nick Winkles, and Career/Student Services Coordinator, Christine Sulouff

Student Ambassadors from our Lewistown campus took home first place in the Kiwanis Christmas Parade held in Lewistown on December 1.

This year's parade theme was "Toy Land" so the South Hills walkers dressed up as Misfit Toys from the 1964 television special "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer."

Information Technology Students Attend FBI Cyber Crime Presentation

Information Technology (IT) students from the Altoona Campus attended a presentation by FBI Special Agent, Michelle Pirtle. Agent Pirtle discussed the latest trends in Cyber Attacks as well as the Infragard Partnership for Protection program, a partnership

between the FBI and members of the private sector which focuses on national security and the protection of the nation's critical infrastructure.

The event was organized by the Penn Highlands Chapter of the International Information Systems Security Certifications Consortium (ISC)², a global non-profit for cybersecurity and IT security professionals, and was held at the Sheetz Headquarters in Claysburg. While visiting the facility, South Hills students had an opportunity to interact with members of the Sheetz Technology Department and took a tour.



*(L to R:) IT Instructor, Guido Santella, and students:
Jonathan Svitana, Jason Schopp, Philip
Washington, John Hinkledire, Omar Brown, Cameron
Buynack*

Lewistown C.O.P.S Club Toy Donations



*L to R: Noah Myers, Frank Stevens, Levi Bender,
Nicholas Loudenslager, Bryanna Metz, Greg
O'Donnell, Tyler Stein, and Blake Spennati*

As part of South Hills' tradition of community service, members of the C.O.P.S (Community Outreach & Public Service) Club at the Lewistown Campus collected Christmas toys to donate to The Salvation Army.

PA Cyber Charter School Graduates First Class of Dronologists

PA Cyber Charter School students completed their final two classes (classes 7 and 8) of their South Hills'

Discover Drones Program.

Working with instructor, Brandon McGee, and technical assistants, Jack Erickson and Liam Jones, the students were able to take off, fly, and land the RubiQ drone that they had spent the previous six weeks building.

The RubiQ is a racing drone designed by PCS Edventures requires active control at all stages of flight operations. To better facilitate safe flying of the quadcopter, the students fly in "buddy-box" mode. That means that an instructor retains backup control of the aircraft via a cable link between the two controllers. All eight students piloted the aircraft successfully without a single mishap.

In preparation for flying the RubiQ quadcopter, the students were able to develop and hone their flying skills by using computer simulation software and by piloting indoor mini-drones. The mini-drones, called *Tiny Whoops*, use the same controllers and first-person-view goggles that are used to fly the RubiQ racers.

At graduation, each student received a *Certified Dronologist* certificate and a T-shirt.



PA Cyber Charter class at the completion of the South Hills Discover Drones Program



Students from PA Cyber Charter class take turns flying the RubiQ racing drone



A PA Cyber Charter School student receives her Certified Dronologist certificate from South Hills' Discover Drones Program Coordinator, Jeff Stachowski

Health Careers Club Members Help Local Families

Members of the Health Careers Club at our Altoona Campus partnered with Professionals Auto Body and the Logan Township



Police Department to provide Christmas to selected local families. In addition to helping to raise money for the project, our students did all of the shopping and wrapped all of the presents.

The gifts were delivered to the families by Santa Claus himself, who was accompanied by representatives from Professionals Auto Body and Logan Township Police.



2018 Holiday Activities



The State College Campus held an Ugly Christmas Sweater contest, and the students had the opportunity to participate in a fun gift unwrapping game!



At our Lewistown Campus, the Student Ambassadors Club along with club advisor, Christine Sulouff, hosted an Ugly Christmas Sweater party. Individuals who wore an ugly Christmas sweater donated \$5 to United Way of Mifflin-Juniata.



Students, faculty, and staff from the Altoona Campus got together and enjoyed a great holiday meal organized by Student Forum, Student Ambassadors, and the Health Careers Club.

Upcoming Events

February Campus Visit Day



02/06/19

8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Join us for Campus Visit Day at any of our three campuses! Take a tour, learn about our Specialized Associate Degree programs, sit in on classes, meet faculty, and learn how South Hills students prepare for success.

**Inclement Weather Make-up Day: February 13, 2019*

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