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South Hills Announces New Software Development and Programming Associate in Specialized Technology

Beginning this fall, South Hills will offer a new Specialized Associate Degree program at the Main Campus in State College – an Associate in Specialized Technology (AST) in Software Development and Programming.

The new program will offer students interested in preparing for careers such as software development, programming, applications development, and web development with an opportunity to graduate within 2 years.

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Diagnostic Medical Sonography Students Prepare for Clinical Internships



South Hills Third-year DMS Students practice their scanning skills in preparation for the first day of clinical internship

December is a busy time for the third-year Diagnostic Medical Sonography (DMS) students as they prepare to begin their clinical internships in January.

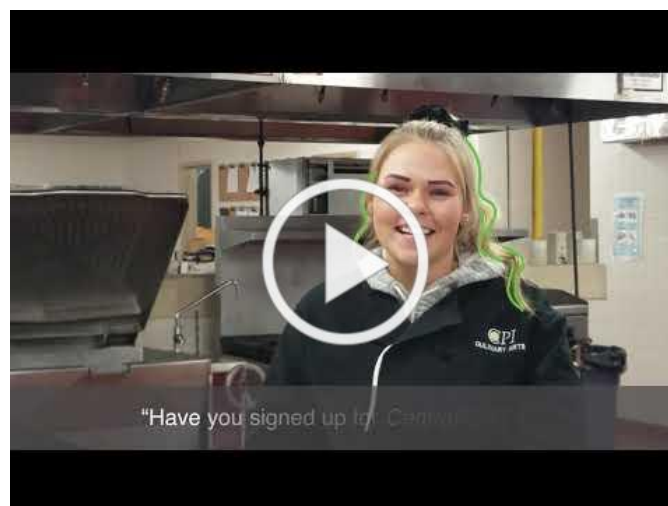
"This is what the students have been working toward since their first day in the program," said Tricia Turner, Program Director. "They have passed all their written exams and scanning competency assessments, and will now have the opportunity to use their knowledge and skills in a real patient care setting".

The last two terms of the program include 870 hours of clinical internship. These internships typically start at the beginning of January and continue through the second week of June.

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CentreREADY Workforce Initiative



"Have you signed up for CentreREADY?"

Our students are getting CentreREADY! South Hills and other schools and training institutions in Centre County have partnered with the Chamber of Business & Industry of Centre County (CBICC) to create the CentreREADY designation as a workforce preparedness initiative.

This voluntary collaborative worker certification program is designed to better match local employers with a quality workforce. Students who earn the CentreREADY "seal of approval" designation from the CBICC and its educational and community partners will have learned about and demonstrated an understanding of the 21st century workforce skills that local employers find most essential.

[Learn More Here](#)

C.O.P.S Club Recognizes National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day

On January 9, the C.O.P.S (Community Outreach and Public Service) Club at our State College Main Campus helped local police departments mark national Law Enforcement Appreciation Day (L.E.A.D.) with special deliveries to the law enforcement officers of:

- *State College Police*
- *Spring Township Police*
- *Ferguson Township Police*
- *Patton Township Police*
- *Bellefonte Borough Police*
- *Centre County Sheriff's Office*

L.E.A.D. is a national day of observance which was established to recognize how challenging a career in law enforcement can be.

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Alumni Stories - Kara Ballenger

Kara Ballenger graduated from the Graphic Arts program at our Main Campus in State



South Hills alumna Kara Ballenger (left) and Mads Cherluck have co-authored and co-illustrated a graphic novel. Fire Sphere Volume I – The Fire Starter debuted in 2018. Volume II is set to come out in 2019.

College in 2010.

In this Alumni Stories interview, she shares how her South Hills education is helping her to realize her lifelong dream of writing and illustrating a graphic novel series called "Fire Sphere" along with her Fire Sphere Designs collaborator, Mads Cherluck.

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Criminal Justice Students Visit PA State Capitol

Criminal Justice (CJ) students from our Lewistown Campus recently took a trip to Harrisburg to visit the Pennsylvania State Capitol.

During their time there, the students had the opportunity to sit in on pardon hearings, which are held in the Supreme Court Courtroom.



Front Row: Noah Myers, Second Row: Tyler Stein, Nicholas Loudenslager, Rylie Ream, Bryanna Metz, Third Row: Greg O'Donnell, Blake Spennati, Frank Stevens, Levi Bender

Career Services Hosts Brown Bag Speaker Series



The Career Services department hosted multiple Brown Bag Speaker Series presentations that gave students the opportunity to learn more from local employers who can provide valuable information, tips, and pointers to help the students start thinking about what comes after graduation.

Special thanks to the featured alumni who participated this year:

- Paula Colletti (Administrative Professional)
- Sean McGrath (Information Technology)
- George Dick (Engineering Technology)
- Alyssia Lucas-Hill (Engineering Technology)
- Tanner Hutchison (Engineering Technology)
- Morgan Donley (Business Administration–Management & Marketing)

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U.S. Air Force Lt. Colonel Karen Kramer Visits South Hills



After facing adversity as a teen, United States Air Force Lieutenant Colonel Karen P. Kramer enrolled at South Hills School of Business & Technology and graduated in 1983 – a decision she credits with helping her to turn her life around, ultimately leading her down a path of long-term success. Read on to find out her keys to success which she shared with our students.

L to R: South Hills Campus Director, Mark Maggs, Kristi Kramer, Lieutenant Colonel Karen P. Kramer, Marilyn Kramer, and South Hills President, S. Paul Mazza III

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Accounting Students Visit Metzler Forest Products

Second year Business Administration – Accounting students are preparing to head out on their internships beginning in March. In preparation for that, the students had the opportunity to visit Metzler Forest Products of Reedsville, where they heard from Metzler's Chief Financial Officer

(CFO), Luke Healy, and Accounting Manager, Megan Banks.

Healy went over the different types of financial statements, and accounting software used at Metzler's. He also discussed how they have recently implemented drone technology to assist in managing their inventory. To help better understand what exactly Metzler's does, Healy gave a products overview; went over the company history, and took the students on a tour of the wood yard where they were able to see the manufacturing process first-hand.



*L to R: Wade Gonsman, Katelyn Fink, Emily Jozefik,
Accounting Program Coordinator/Instructor - Brenna
Shutika, Lindsey Cook, Hannah Watchey, &
Lilian Vovchenko*



South Hills Students Collect Donations for The Jared Box Project



*Health Careers Club Members and Health Information Technology Students
Jordan Kratzer and Valerie Steininger*

The Health Careers Club at South Hills School of Business & Technology have been collecting donations for the Jared Box Project. This nonprofit organization was started in 2001 by the students at Our Lady of Victory

School in State College to honor a fellow classmate and friend who endured many hospital visits while battling cancer.

The club members recently held a bake sale to raise money to assist in purchasing items that will be used to assemble the boxes. The gift boxes are filled with toys, games, and activities based on age and gender.

They provide healthy diversions as medical treatment is being administered, helping to lift the spirits of young children who are in the hospital or emergency room.

*For more information or how to donate to this foundation visit:
www.thejaredbox.com*

Graphic Arts Students Use Recycled Materials to Create Portraits

First-year Graphic Arts students created portraits in their Analysis of Form & Space class using recycled corrugated cardboard, markers, and paint. The project is designed to be a bridge between the two-dimensional perspective drawing renderings covered at the beginning of the term and the purely 3D work such as mobiles, dioramas, and shadowboxes created in the second half of the term.

This assignment was inspired by the work of former Harrisburg resident and visual artist, Liz Larabee, who would create similar portraits of literary figures on recycled shipping boxes at the bookstore where she used to work.



[View Facebook Album](#)

South Hills Students Explore Internship Opportunities at Penn State

For the last nineteen years, second-year students from all three South Hills campuses have participated in "PSU Day" events hosted by the Career Services department. The alliance between South Hills and the Pennsylvania State University was formed to give South Hills students the



opportunity to explore internship opportunities at PSU, which in turn helps the university find well-trained employees for its administrative offices.

Nearly 90 South Hills students marked the beginning of the "Internship Season" by participating in PSU Day Part I. The students were able to hear from two 2018 South Hills graduates who have recently been through the PSU internship process and are now employed at the University. They also had the opportunity to hear from Michael Keller, PSU-Human Resources Multimedia Specialist, and Media Manager for PSU-Huck Institutes-Life Sciences, Cole Hons.



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*Michael Keller, 2008 Business Administration-
Management & Marketing grad and PSU-Human
Resources Multimedia Specialist*

Altoona C.O.P.S. Club Donates to Local Community

Students of the Criminal Justice (CJ) program and members of the C.O.P.S Club recently held a fundraiser to benefit Family Services Inc.'s efforts in getting a new building for their homeless shelter in Altoona. The students recently presented Lisa Hann, Director of Family Services Inc., with a donation for \$250.

Over the past four years, the shelter has housed over 800 individuals. The current shelter offers 16 beds, and they are looking to double the size with a 35-unit building and six apartments. The goal of the new location will remain the same as it always has been – to assist residents in getting back to a place in society where they will be productive.



*Director of Family Services Inc., Lisa Hann, accepts
donation from students, Veronica Houpp, Derek Frye,
Alan Albright, Kaylee Weatherwalk, and Louis
Lombardi, C.O.P.S Club Advisor and
Criminal Justice Instructor*

Lewistown Students Speak with Local Business Owners



Back Row L to R: Lexi Wagner, Brooke Hosler, Mackenzie Wagner, Paula Hoffman, Lewistown Printworks Owners—Caleb and Michelle Fetter, Front Row: Madalyn Cisney & Danika Hassett

As part of their management class, first year Business Administration – Management & Marketing (BAMM) students at the Lewistown Campus recently visited Lewistown Printworks.

The owners, Michelle and Caleb Fetter, shared their backgrounds, as well as an overview of their business. Several of the students would like to eventually start their own business, and this gave them the opportunity to ask a wide array of questions from small business owners that they may not find answers to in a textbook.



Michelle created a Choose Optimism design that each of the students had the opportunity to print onto a canvas bag of their own. Emily Wible, BAMM Instructor added, "I truly believe the students had the opportunity to see first-hand how a small business can succeed in our smaller hometown."

FAFSA Renewal Reminder

It is time to complete your FAFSA renewal! If you are planning to attend South Hills School of Business & Technology this summer (internship) or returning next fall to continue your studies, you will need to complete your FAFSA renewal by May 1, 2019. The Financial Aid office will soon be hosting Financial Aid Renewal sessions during common hours at all of our locations where we will assist students with FAFSA renewals. To complete a FAFSA renewal, students must have their:

- FSA ID (username and password),
- 2017 Federal Tax Return and W-2s—*the same information is required of parents of dependent students.*

Stay tuned for FAFSA renewal announcements at your campus. Students that miss the deadline of May 1, do forfeit the opportunity for a PHEAA state grant (if eligible) and other types of financial aid funding.



If you have questions or concerns regarding your FAFSA renewal, stop by or call the [Financial Aid](#) office for assistance.

Upcoming Events

Spring Open Houses



Altoona Campus
Spring Open House

04/03/19
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.



State College Campus
Spring Open House

04/03/19
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.



Lewistown Campus
Spring Open House

04/05/19
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Spring and Summer Drone Class Schedule



The 2019 Spring/Summer drone class schedule is now available! South Hills offers drone classes for pros, those who are interested in learning the safe/responsible way to pilot a drone, and students in grades 7-12.

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8th Annual Sonographers' Symposium

Sonographers, medical professionals, and students of sonography or radiology are invited

to join us at our 8th Annual Sonographers' Symposium to be held at South Hills School of Business & Technology in State College on May 11, 2019.

Register **BEFORE** March 1 to take advantage of early bird savings!



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