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South Hills Announces Winter 2018-19 Dean's List



We're proud to announce our Winter 2018-19 Dean's List! To be eligible for this honor, South Hills students must be enrolled in one of our specialized associate degree programs of study and earn a grade-point average of

3.5 (or higher) while completing at least 6.0 credits in the term. Achieving this is no easy feat, so we want to wish these students a hearty congratulations on a job well done!

[View Dean's List Recipients](#)

IT Students Partner with Link Computer Corporation to Assist AMBUCS AmTryke Therapeutic Tricycle Program



Information Technology students from our Altoona Campus have partnered with Link Computer Corporation to develop a web application to help the AMBUCS Altoona Chapter organize about 20 years' worth of data related to the local AmTryke Therapeutic Tricycle Program.



AMBUCS Grant Coordinator David Aikens said, "This system will make a big difference in how we maintain our records and will allow us to provide better service to our recipients. If someone needs a replacement part for a tryke we awarded, we can access the model information quickly and easily with this system and get the part ordered in a more timely manner. I can see the potential for other AMBUCS Chapters to have an interest in using it, too."



[Learn About the Project and the Team of Students Involved](#)

South Hills: Taking Careers to New Heights

The 2019 Network Career Fair was held on March 26

at Mountain View Country Club in Boalsburg. This annual event allows students to showcase their skills to potential employers.

Students from all three campuses were on a mission to find an internship or employment opportunity best suited for them. They had the opportunity to speak one-on-one with over 80 employers from a variety of industries such as healthcare, engineering, marketing, and law enforcement.



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PA State Representative Hershey Visits South Hills



Pennsylvania State Representative, John Hershey, recently visited South Hills' Lewistown Campus.

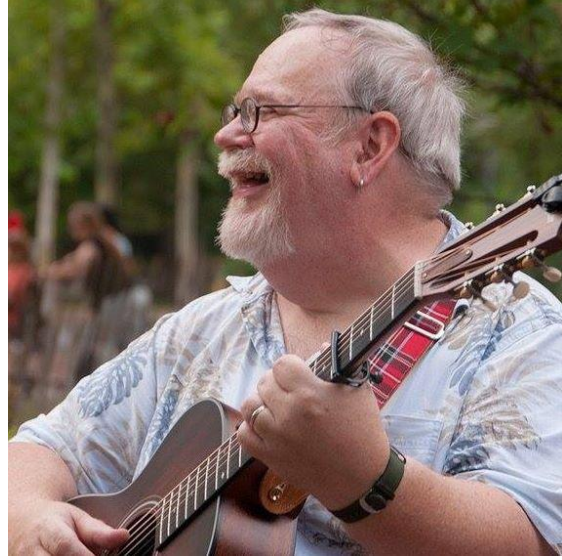
Representative Hershey toured the school with South Hills' president, S. Paul Mazza III, and Lewistown Campus Director, Barbara Harer, and was able to discuss the current educational climate in Central PA as well as the importance of career education while learning about the different Specialized Associate Degree programs offered at South Hills. He also had the opportunity to hear about student clubs and the many volunteer hours the students give back to the community.

*PA State Representative, John Hershey speaking
with South Hills' President, S. Paul Mazza III*

Faculty Spotlight - Jim Colbert

We spend a lot of time helping you learn more about our school, mainly about what we teach and how we teach it. Now we want you to get to know us as individuals beyond the South Hills campus, so we're

introducing a new series that SHINES a spotlight on our staff and faculty. This first installment features Graphic Arts Instructor, Jim Colbert, who is just as passionate about music as he is about art and design



[Learn More About Jim](#)

South Hills & PAECT Jointly Host Drone Workshop



South Hills and Pennsylvania Association for Educational Communications and Technology (PAECT) jointly hosted an all-day workshop on the use of drones in Technical Education for PAECT Educators.

Presentation topics included:

- "Use of Drones in the Classroom," by Alexandra Konsur-Grushinski and Stephanie Williams
- "The *Discover Drones* Curriculum," by State College Area School District (SCASD) Robotics Instructor and South Hills *Discover Drones* Instructor, Chris Avvampato, and PCS Edventures' Ben Moore
- "Preparing for the FAA Part 107 Remote Pilot Certification Examination", by professional drone pilot, photographer, and South Hills Instructor, Chuck Ferrell
- "Drone Photography and Videography," also by Chuck Ferrell.

[Read Full Story](#)



MacKenzie Huntsman graduated from the Administrative Professional (AP) program at our Altoona Campus in 2013.

She's currently employed as Program Director at the Huntingdon County Chamber of Commerce. To read her full interview in which she details why she chose to

attend South Hills, shares her on-the-job experiences, and reveals the secret to her success, [click here](#).

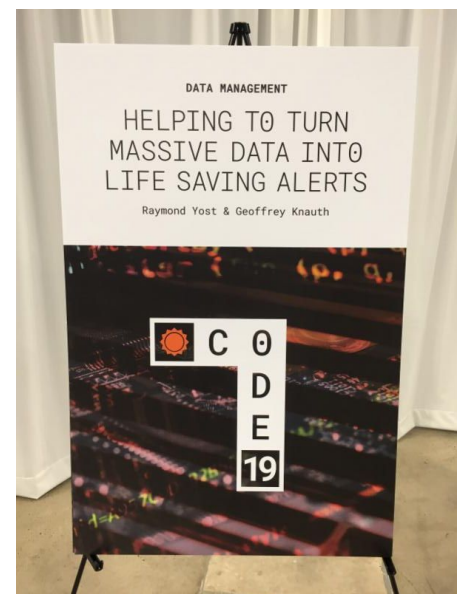
South Hills Attends CCCTC's Signing Day

Clearfield County Career & Technology Center (CCCTC) held a Career and Technical Education Signing Day as a way of acknowledging its students' hard work and recognizing the value of the career-preparation training CCCTC provides its students.



Congratulations to Bailee Hazel who be starting at South Hills this fall in the Administrative Medical Assistant (AMA) program, and to Jonathan Paladina and Justin Clark who are enrolled in the Information Technology (IT) program.

IT Students Attend AccuWeather's First Annual Code 2019 Tech Conference



Information Technology (IT) students from all three campuses attended AccuWeather's CODE 2019 Tech Conference at the Bryce Jordan Center, University Park, PA.

The students had opportunities to learn about software development and software engineering, as well as best practices, strategies, and ideas to develop technical skills.

The conference included discussions on API's, DevOps, Data Sciences, Data Management, Web and Mobile Web, AI, Security, and Business Information Systems.

AccuWeather's Human Resources (HR) Team was available to review resumes and provided valuable feedback to help the students prepare to enter the workforce as an IT professional.

South Hills' 30th Annual Summer Music Picnic Series

We recently announced the lineup for the 30th annual Summer Music Picnic Series. This summer-long series of concerts is sponsored by The Mazza Foundation for Education, and will feature artists such as Nittany Knights, Callanish, Sweet Adelines, and more!



The community is invited to join the fun and free concert performances held Sunday evenings June through August on the lawn at South Hills' Main Campus, 480 Waupelani Drive, in State College. Each picnic will begin at 5 p.m., and music will kick off at 6 p.m. lasting until 7:30 p.m. Lemonade is still 1¢ a glass, and the snack bar will sell hot dogs and other picnic fare for attendees.

[View Full Lineup of Performances](#)

South Hills' Lewistown Campus Thanks Local Employers for Helping to Prepare Students for the Workforce



Business Administration-



Medical Assistant

Each program at South Hills has a Program Advisory Committee (PAC) that is made up of practitioners from their respective fields. South Hills selects a diverse representation of employers, internship site supervisors, and graduates to serve as PAC members. The meetings are held twice per year to obtain feedback and ideas for improvement to the program curriculum, learning resources, equipment and facilities, and program objectives.

Barbara Harer, Lewistown Campus Director, said, "Not only do the PAC members provide us with timely industry information, but they also serve an active part of the school. Important decisions about our Specialized Associate Degree programs are based on recommendations from our PAC members, making them a valuable part of the Lewistown campus."

South Hills strives to involve the PAC members in the school as much as possible by inviting them to capstone project presentations, asking them to serve as guest speakers in our classes and also inviting them to conduct mock interviews with our students.

BAMM Students Tour Lewistown Paper Company



First- and second-year students of the Business Administration – Management & Marketing (BAMM) program at our Lewistown Campus had the opportunity to visit the Lewistown Paper Company in Burnham, PA

Todd Elsesser of Lewistown Paper Co. discussed the logistics of operating a

business and described how they work with the manufacturers who make and supply products for the company. He also provided an overview of how they distribute and sell their products to restaurants, stores, and other businesses across the state of Pennsylvania. The students were given a tour of the facility, allowing them to have a "behind-the-scenes" look at how they run the business.

PSU Day II - 19 Years of Partnership and Success

Nineteen years ago, South Hills School of Business & Technology and Penn State University (PSU) formed a partnership in order to provide South Hills

students with the opportunity to explore internship opportunities at PSU.

Year after year, the Career Services Department at South Hills works diligently to prepare for internship season knowing that each specialized associate degree program at South Hills

requires students to complete an internship prior to graduation. Hundreds of South Hills students have completed internships and/or have been hired as employees at Penn State since the establishment of the SHSBT/PSU partnership.



PSU Day Part II took place on April 17, and employees from Penn State come to South Hills to meet with all second year students to give further information about the internship opportunities that are available to them. This event provides South Hills students with opportunities to meet one-on-one with potential employers from different departments at PSU.

South Hills Students Attend 28th Annual Code Camp



Left to Right - Guido Santella, Marceal Moultrie,
Brandon Hazenstab, Jason Schopp, Shedaisy King,
Omar Brown, Cameron Buynack

Information Technology (IT) students from the Altoona Campus recently traveled to the Microsoft® Technology Center in Malvern, PA to attend PHILLY.NET Code Camp 2019. This two day event provided free learning & networking and was run by Philly.NET (Philadelphia Area .NET User Group), a user group focusing on Microsoft technologies.

The students were exposed to some of the newest technologies available from professional developers and had a chance to meet with representatives from companies that hire entry-level IT graduates.

In addition, the students were able to choose from more than 45 training sessions including:

- Build an Augmented Reality App with Unity and C#



- Let's Take a Tour of .NET Core CLI
- Zero to DevOps (with Azure DevOps)
- Intro to Azure
- C# 8.0
- My IOT Journey
- Press the Kubernetes Easy Button with Rancher
- 13 Strategies for an Effective Job Search
- Serverless-is-more: An Introduction to Azure Functions
- Machine Learning made Easy - An Introduction to ML.NET
- How to Quickly Fake Powershell If You Know C#

[Read Full Story](#)

Faculty Spotlight - Jenny Charney

For our second installment of the new series that SHINES a spotlight on our staff and faculty, meet Jenny Charney, Administrative Professional (AP) Instructor and Advisor at our State College Main Campus.

[Learn More About Jenny](#)



South Hills Announces 2019 Bruce Ta Memorial Award Recipients

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has proudly presented second-year Information Technology (IT) students, Roman Nekrasov of State College and Brennan Doherty of Port Matilda, with the 2019 Bruce Ta Memorial Award.

This honorary award has been established to acknowledge the outstanding talent and

abilities of a graduating IT student. The faculty members of the IT program were tasked with choosing a current student who is a positive influence at South Hills and exhibits the following qualities:

- Demonstrates exceptional ability in the IT field
- Assists fellow IT students in their classes
- Goes above and beyond the class requirements

South Hills Students Tour Cambria County Prison

Criminal Justice (CJ) and Medical Assistant (MA) students had the opportunity to tour the Cambria County Prison in Ebensburg, PA.

Counselor Smick led the students throughout the facility where they were able to see the different parts of the prison and explained how each section of the facility is used. The students also had the opportunity to see the different types of security measures used throughout the prison. Smick also explained the different prisoner classification procedures and explained how they deal with disciplinary matters.



Back Row Left to Right –Cassandra Michelone, Taylor Matley, Stephanie Anderson, Alan Albright, Kaylee Weatherwalk

Front Row - South Hills Instructor, Patty Helbig, Sandra Edgerton, Kaisha Singer, Sierra Korinchak Clarice Gattrell

AP Students Visit Beaver Stadium to Learn About Event Planning

As part of their Communication & Event Planning class, second-year Administrative Professional (AP) students had the opportunity to visit Beaver Stadium to hear from Amy Pollock, Associate Director of



the Office of Donor Relations and Special Events at [Penn State University](#) (PSU).

Amy has been with Penn State since 2008 and plans over 25 events per year for many different departments at PSU. She spoke to the students about the different types of events she is responsible for and described in detail specifically the Presidential Tailgates during football season. She shared not only the rewards that come along with event planning; but, also some of the challenges she has faced, and stressed the importance of being flexible when plans change and take a new direction. Amy also discussed the value of building relationships to help you become successful in your career. She talked about the strong partnerships she's developed over the years with offices throughout the University and the community.



Criminal Justice Students Recognize Denim Day

To acknowledge April's designation as [Sexual Violence Awareness Month](#), members of the C.O.P.S. Club recognized "[Denim Day](#)" on April 24, 2019.

The Denim Day campaign has been held annually for the last 20 years to help raise awareness and increase community commitment to end sexual violence. Students, faculty, and staff purchased ribbons that permitted them to wear jeans. Additionally, the club members held a bake sale, and all proceeds will be donated to [Centre Safe](#), previously known as the Centre County Women's Resource Center .



IT Students Attend Bside's Flood City 2019 Information Security Conference



Left to Right: Guido Santella, Marceal Moultrie, Jason Schopp, Rachel Hock, John Hinkledire, Brandon Hazenstab, Jonathan Svitana, & Phillip Washington

Information Technology (IT) students from our Altoona Campus recently attended Bsides Flood City 2019 (Bsides FC) in Johnstown, PA. The event provided students with an opportunity to learn about a variety of information security platforms and to network with security experts and industry professionals.

The students were exposed to some of the newest technologies available and we able to choose from several workshop sessions including topics such as: Cyber security, security automation, cyber-crime, the "Dark Web," risk management, scripting with Python and Bash, as well as open source cyber tools for defence, and Docker containerization technology.

Club IT Raises Money for Mountain Lion Backpack Program



As part of South Hills' long-standing tradition of community service, Club IT members at the Altoona Campus recently hosted a spring cookout, and all proceeds were donated to the Altoona Mountain Lion Backpack Program.

The Mountain Lion Backpack Program provides children within the Altoona School District with food for the weekends when

there aren't other resources available to them. To learn more about the Mountain Lion Backpack Program or to find out how to donate, click [here](#).

Vidmar Appointed Director of Education

Susan Vidmar has recently been

appointed Director of Education of South Hills School of Business & Technology.

Susan has worked in education and academics at South Hills since 1990. She was a Program Coordinator, Internship Coordinator, and Instructor in the Business Administration—Management & Marketing program until she transitioned into her role in administration at South Hills in 2011.



Upcoming Events

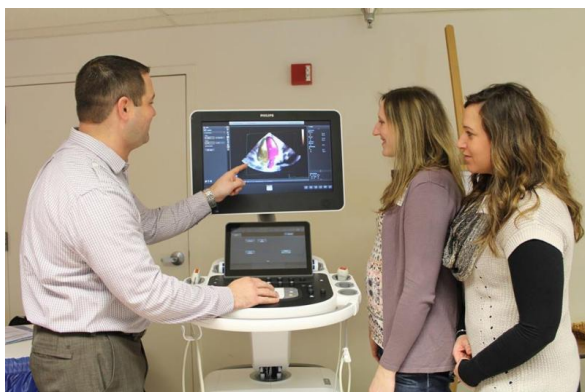
National Day of Prayer

Please join us at our Main Campus in State College on **May 2, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.** as we gather together to observe the National Day of Prayer.

The National Day of Prayer is an annual observance that invites people of all faiths to pray for our nation.



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 Now](#)

Summer Shout: Band Stand Jam

You're invited to join us on **May 17** from **4:00 p.m. to 8:00**

p.m. at South Hills' main campus for a night of free, live entertainment from local bands:

Zach Wade and the Good Grief

Culdesac Kids

Paraformer

C.Leo Bloomfield

Date: Friday, May 17, 2019

Time: 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Location: The Bandshell at South Hills School of Business & Technology
(480 Waupelani Drive, State College)



Professional Development Microsoft Office Series



Brush up on the latest software, or develop new marketable skills that will make you a more versatile employee or entrepreneur starting **May 15, 2019** from **6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.** at the State College Main Campus.

[Click Here to View Course Schedule and Class Outlines](#)

Drone Classes

Drone Flying for Fun

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

05/04/19

Drone Aerial Photography

5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

05/14/19



[View Other Drone Classes](#)

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