

SouthHills

School of Business & Technology

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South Hills Info, News, & Events

South Hills Celebrates 17 Years of Partnership with Penn State

Learn more about the nearly two-decade partnership between South Hills and Penn State that benefits our students and graduates as they pursue internships and careers at the largest employer in Central Pennsylvania.

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Humphrey Fellowship Program Members Visit South Hills

International representatives from The Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program at Penn State gave presentations about their home countries to students in the English II classes at our main campus in State College on February 16. Our guests shared many interesting cultural and historical facts about Moldova, Armenia, Cameroon, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Russia, and Mauritius.

South Hills Graduate Returns to Alma Mater to Hire Employees

Altoona campus graduate Scott Cunningham is living his dream as the owner of Visual Element Media, a media content company that specializes in video production, graphics, photography, website design, and maintenance. All three campuses of South Hills are now adding to the success of this growing enterprise, as Cunningham hired two employees, one each from our Lewistown and State College campuses.

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Student Appreciation Luncheon

With community service being an ongoing part of life at South Hills, we make sure to take a day to honor the student members of our various clubs and service organizations with our annual Student Appreciation Luncheon. We treat them to lunch and present them with awards and certificates of recognition for the volunteer hours they've given throughout the school year.

We are very proud of our students and wouldn't be who we are without them, and this is our way of thanking them for a job well done.

State College and Lewistown held their 2017 luncheons on February 21. Lewistown's event featured special guest speaker, Deborah Bargo, Mayor of the Lewistown Borough (top photo). Altoona's luncheon will be held after the start of the Spring Term.



Lewistown MA Students Pass CET Certification Tests

On March 9th, all of the Medical Assistant students at our Lewistown campus passed their Certified EKG Technician (CET) tests. It is a wonderful achievement for the students and a proud moment for the faculty. Lewistown Campus Director, Barb Hager, gave a special recognition to the EKG class instructor, Holly Ippock. This was Holly's first term teaching at South Hills, and it's obvious she did a great job.

Pictured are (l-r) Angela Henry, Brooke Kinsey, Barry Gibson (shown on phone screen), Tessa Miner, Instructor Holly Ippock, & Janel Shirk.



Entrepreneur Club Welcomes Dunkin' Donuts COO For Visit

Members of the Entrepreneur Club at our State College main campus were treated to a visit from local Dunkin' Donuts Director of Operations, Tom Schultz, yesterday. With the experience of being director of 10 Dunkin' Donuts locations, Tom served up some "sweet advice" to our students who are most interested in Business Leadership and/or Business Ownership.

Student Clubs Hold Fundraisers



C.O.P.S. Valentine's Day Fundraiser

Members of the Community Outreach & Public Service (C.O.P.S.) Club at our State College main campus didn't want anyone to forget that tomorrow is Valentine's Day, so today they provided a convenient "one-stop shop" selling flowers, balloons, and Valentine-design leggings in the Common Area.



Entrepreneur Club End-of-Term Fundraiser

In the week before the last week of Winter Term, as students prepared for final exams and work on final projects, the Entrepreneur Club at our main campus capitalized on the opportunity by turning the Common Area into a hub for a Dunkin' Donuts coffee and doughnuts fundraiser, giving fellow classmates easy access to a much needed a caffeine boost and sugar fix.



Altoona Students Get Hands-on Learning in Hardware Class

So what exactly does "hands-on learning" mean at South Hills? Well, for 1st-year Information Technology students at our Altoona campus, this month it meant repairing desktop computer towers under the watchful eye of their instructor, Guido Santella, in Hardware class. If you are interested in a career in computer repair and/or technical support, visit our website to learn more about this specialized associate degree program offered at all three of our campuses.

Community Outreach Director Jeff Stachowski Wins Award

On February 16, 2017, Jeff Stachowski was named "Volunteer of the Year" by the Chamber of Business & Industry of Centre County (CBICC) at its 3rd annual Membership Recognition Night. Jeff was selected for this award because of the hard work he does throughout the year to enrich the entire business community in Centre County.

[Watch the video...](#)



DMS Student Awarded Prestigious Scholarship

Erika Mall, a student enrolled in the Diagnostic Medical Sonography Professional Plus program at South Hills in State College, has been awarded a prestigious scholarship by the American Society of Echocardiography.

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Available Scholarships



Beth Kalenak Scholarship

The Beth Kalenak Scholarship Fund provides two \$2,500 scholarships for graduating seniors and past graduates of Bald Eagle Area High School. Students must be enrolled full-time in classes at South Hills School for fall 2017. (Students currently taking classes at South Hills are also eligible to apply for this scholarship.) Scholarship money is awarded through the Mazza Foundation for Education and is applied toward 2017-2018 school year tuition & books fees. Application Deadline: May 31

[Click here for more information and application details.](#)



Rudy J. and Annamae Labor Memorial Scholarship Fund

Ten \$7,000 scholarships are available for newly enrolled, full-time students of South Hills School. Students at all three campuses are encouraged to apply. Funds will be awarded through the Centre Foundation and applied directly toward the cost of tuition and books over a 6-academic term period. Must have a minimum 3.0 high school GPA. May not have already earned an Associate Degree or higher. Application Deadline: May 15

[Click here for application and scholarship details.](#)

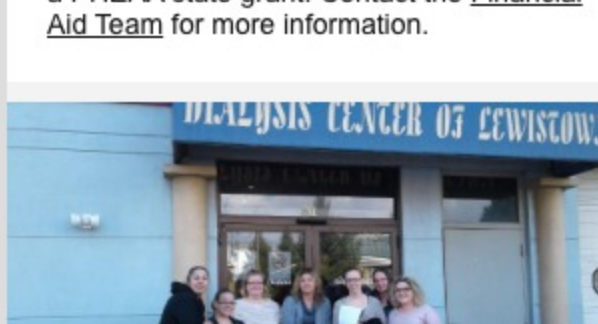


ET Program Showcased by Students at STEM Event for Kids

Exploration-U Bald Eagle Family Science Night, a free event with the goal of promoting community and family support of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education for local school children, was held on February 27th at the Bald Eagle Area high school. South Hills was represented by Engineering Technology Club members, Connor Mann and Alyssia Lucas, as part of their efforts to focus on community outreach on behalf of our Engineering Technology program. They shared drawings of civil and architectural designs with the kids and showed them a small air engine with design templates.

Important FAFSA Renewal Reminder

The deadline for the FAFSA renewal is May 1, 2017; students missing this deadline will forfeit any opportunity for a PHEAA state grant. Current South Hills students who plan to return next fall to continue their studies (including students interning this summer) will need to complete a FAFSA renewal by May 1, 2017. Students missing this deadline will forfeit any opportunity for a PHEAA state grant. Contact the Financial Aid Team for more information.



Lewistown MA Students Visit DaVita Dialysis Center

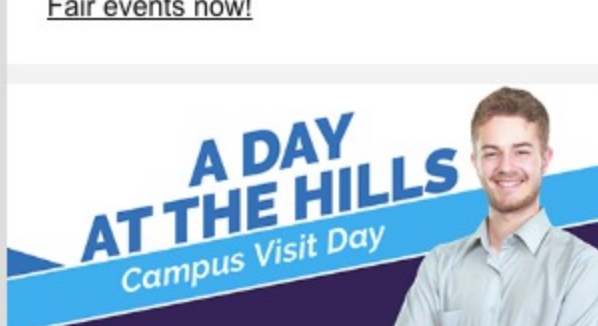
Recently, our first-year Medical Assistant students took a field trip to the DaVita Dialysis Center of Lewistown during which the DaVita staff presented a kidney disease education class. The students toured through the facility, met staff, and were introduced to the actual dialysis process while interacting with clients. As an affiliated internship site for our MA program, we appreciate DaVita Dialysis and all they do for our students.

Upcoming Events

Network Career Fair 2017

South Hills holds two Network Career Fairs every spring to give students the chance to connect with dozens of local employers as they seek the internships they need to graduate. As the students distribute their resumes, they get a unique opportunity to network with the South Hills alumni who represent several of the local businesses in attendance. Employers, particularly those offering internships related to Information Technology, Graphic Arts/Design, and Business, are invited to participate in our annual Network Career Fair in State College on March 30, 2017, and in Altoona on April 24, 2017.

[Register for one or both Network Career Fair events now!](#)



A Day At The Hills

You're invited to join us for A Day at the Hills Campus Visit Day on Wednesday, April 5, 2017, at all 3 campus locations. Sit in on classes, meet faculty, and learn how South Hills students prepare for success. Check out our blog for 30 Questions to Ask on a Campus Visit.

[Register now to attend A Day at the Hills!](#)

Sonographers' Symposium

Join us on April 8, 2017 for the 6th Annual Sonographers' Symposium. This event was designed for sonographers and medical professionals, as well as students in sonography or radiology programs.

This conference has been approved to award 6.5 CME credits.

To view registration details and the full agenda, [visit our website.](#)



Blood Wars Blood Drive

Everyone is invited and encouraged to join us on Thursday, May 11 for the 2017 South Hills Blood Wars. The Health Careers Club sponsors the annual blood drive during which our State College and Altoona campuses compete to help the American Red Cross collect donations. NOTE: If you plan to participate, please refrain from giving blood in the 60 days before our event.

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