

South Hills

School of Business & Technology

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South Hills Info, News, & Events

State College Spring Picnic A Dual Celebration of the End of the School Year and Mrs. Mazza's 90th Birthday

Every Spring, we celebrate the upcoming end of another successful school year with a big picnic for our students, faculty, and staff. We have good food and, if the weather cooperates, we play fun games.

At the [State College main campus](#), we also take the opportunity to have an early birthday party for South Hills co-founder, Mrs. Mazza, so that she can celebrate with all the students before they leave for the summer.

This year, Mrs. Mazza will be turning 90 years young on Flag Day!

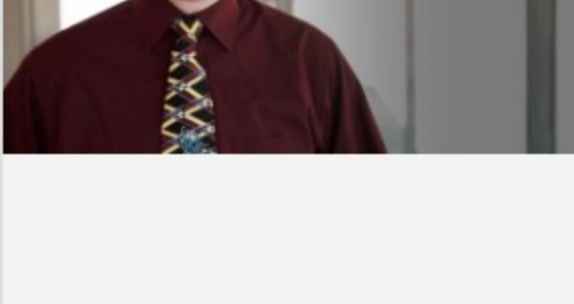
Mrs. Mazza is shown here with her son, S. Paul Mazza III, [President of South Hills School of Business & Technology](#).

Visit our [Facebook page](#) to see more photos from this event.

Birthday Card Shower

You're invited to join us in the celebration of Mrs. Mazza's milestone birthday by sending her a card to:

Mrs. Maralyn Mazza
480 Waupelani Drive
State College, PA 16801



"I Am South Hills" Mark Gentzel

Mark Gentzel is a general education instructor at the main campus of South Hills in State College. In 2015, he was named Outstanding Educator of the Year by the Pennsylvania Association of Private School Administrators (PAPSA). Learn more about his passion for teaching and his unexpected hobbies in our second installment of the "I Am South Hills" video series.

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Miss the first episode? [Watch it here.](#)

28th Annual Music Picnic Series Will Begin with Holderman Tribute

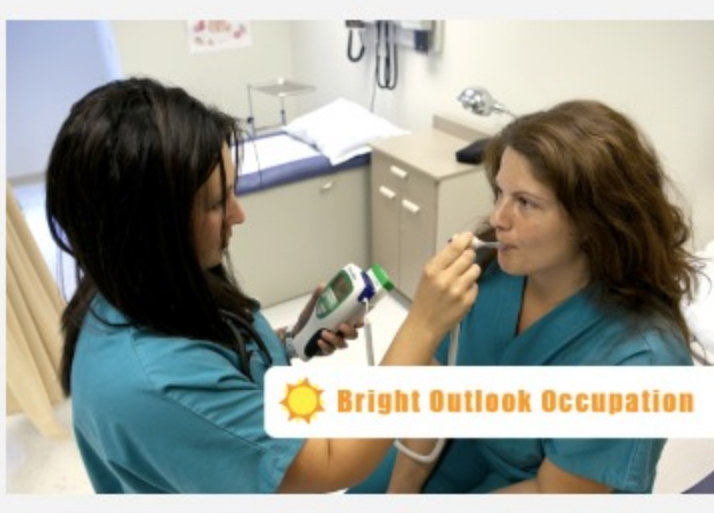
South Hills School of Business & Technology will open the 28th season of its [Summer Music Picnic Series](#) on Sunday, June 4, 2017. This year's opening show will include a memorial tribute to the long and extraordinary life of Mrs. Grace B.

Holderman, a vaudeville performer who continued to sing and dance into her 90s. She was one of the first featured acts in the earliest Music Picnic Series and was often joined onstage by her daughter, Vivienne, and friend, Ray Fornate. Mrs. Holderman passed in 2015 at the age of 102.

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O*NET Bright Outlook Occupations & Hot Technologies



The O*NET program is the nation's primary source of occupational information. The National Center for O*NET Development collects occupation data and provides free applications to the public to use for career exploration. We're shining a spotlight on the Bright Outlook Occupations and Hot Technologies that relate to the programs we offer here at South Hills.

[Bright Outlook Occupations](#) are job fields that are expected to grow rapidly in the next several years, will need large numbers of new job openings, or are new and emerging occupations.

[Hot Technologies](#) are skill requirements frequently included in employer job postings.

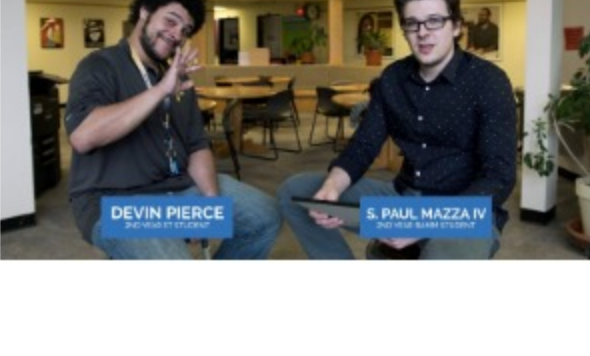
May's featured Bright Outlook Occupation is **Medical Assistants**.

[Learn more about May's Bright Outlook Occupation...](#)

TAKE 10 – Student Spotlight: Devin Pierce of Zach Wade & The Good Grief

A big win in the local music scene prompted one South Hills student to reach out to three classmates from other programs for help getting the word out about his band. Find out more about their collaboration in the first installment of our new "TAKE 10" series.

[Watch the video...](#)



South Hills Altoona



2017 Blood Challenge Winner

Altoona Campus Wins "Blood Wars" Blood Donation Challenge

Once again our Altoona campus has collected more blood donations than our State College main campus. Altoona has been the "Blood Wars" challenge champion for several years running. 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.

In the end, though, everyone who donated is a winner in our eyes. We sincerely thank the donors at both campuses for their participation.

Criminal Justice Students Attend PA Pardon Initiative Seminar

Criminal Justice students from South Hills [Lewistown](#) recently attended a seminar presented by PA Lieutenant Governor Mike Stack to learn more about the state's "Pathway to Pardons" initiative, which aims to streamline the process of obtaining a pardon for citizens in long-term recovery to help them get a second chance at life.

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State College C.O.P.S. Club Holds Raffle Fundraiser

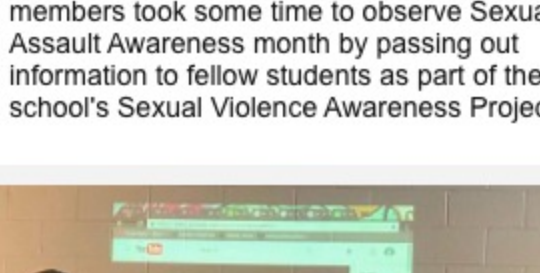
The C.O.P.S. (Community Outreach and Public Service) Club at our [State College main campus](#) held a raffle to benefit the Jodi Warshaw Memorial Scholarship Fund. The day's activities drew quite a crowd in anticipation of winning one of the 30 amazing prizes. The winner of the coveted kayak grand prize was John Hockenberry, one of our longtime employees. Before the prize drawings, C.O.P.S. Club members took some time to observe Sexual Assault Awareness month by passing out information to fellow students as part of the school's Sexual Violence Awareness Project.



Blair County Coroner Ross Visits Altoona Campus

Blair County Coroner, Patricia M. Ross, visited our Altoona campus today to talk to our students about how suspicious deaths in Blair County are investigated with teams of medical, technology, and investigative professionals. Students of our [Administrative Medical Assistant](#), [Criminal Justice](#), [Health Information Technology](#), [Information Technology](#), and [Medical Assistant Specialized Associate Degree](#) programs were in attendance.

There's still time to apply for fall enrollment! Visit us online to learn about the programs we offer at our Altoona campus.



Altoona Staff & Faculty Attend BASICS/Rotary Career Fair

On Wednesday, April 26, The Blair County Chamber of Commerce's BASICS (Businesses And Schools Investing in Cooperative Solutions) Committee and the six Blair County Rotary Clubs welcomed more than 1,000 high school sophomores from nine school districts into the Blair County Convention Center for the 4th annual BASICS/Rotary Career Fair.

Faculty and staff from our Altoona campus presented information about career paths and the programs offered at our school to several small groups of the attendees.

Instructors, Guido Santella and Jeff Joiner, talked about computer programming & networking, while Career Services Coordinator, Hope Ray, spoke about our [Administrative Professional](#) program.



Lewistown Campus Hosts Mifflin County Sixth Graders

It's never too early to start planning your career! Our [Lewistown campus](#) hosted 45 sixth graders from the Mifflin County School District. They were split into three groups. The two groups who were interested in the field of information technology spent time with IT instructor, Chaz Wall, learning about computer hardware, installing RAM, and writing programming code. The group of students interested in careers in criminal justice were given a brief tutorial on crime scene investigation led by CJ instructor, Venus Shade.



AP Program Celebrates Administrative Professionals Day

Some of our [Administrative Professional \(AP\)](#) students from our State College campus celebrated Administrative Professionals Day on April 26th with their instructor, Sharon Riveli (2nd from left).

Did You Know? The AP program was the very first program our school offered when it was founded in 1970. Learn more about it at [www.southhills.edu/AP](#)

Altoona Campus Director Speaks at Blair County Chamber of Commerce's Breakfast Club Meeting

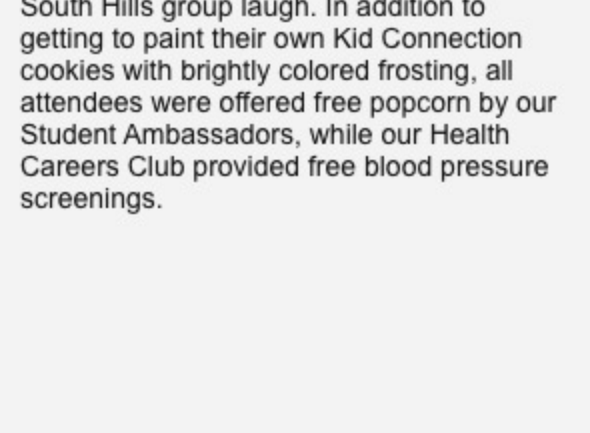
South Hills was the corporate sponsor for The Blair County Chamber of Commerce's Breakfast Club program meeting, held on May 11th at The Casino at Lakemont Park. The theme of the meeting was education. South Hills School of Business & Technology's Altoona campus Director, Jennifer Carney, spoke to the assembly of local business leaders, and the featured presentation was "Workforce Development & Higher Education: The Common Ground" given by Dr. Thomas Foley, President of Mount Aloysius College. Local students were also present to accept awards for perfect attendance and an essay writing competition.



Lewistown Kid Connection

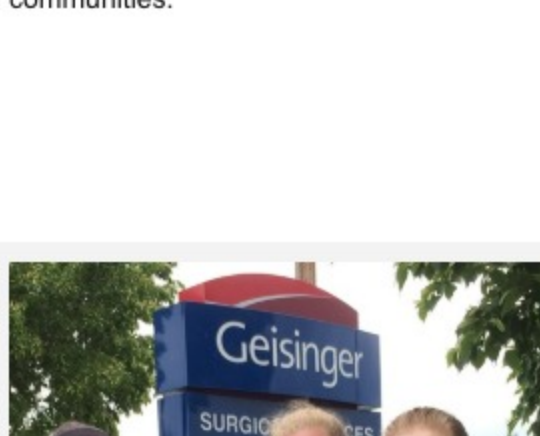
Mifflin County Kid Connection is an annual event that has been made possible for over 3 decades with hard work from dedicated local volunteers and donations from generous local businesses and organizations. Last year, our own Lewistown Criminal Justice instructor and Lewistown native, Venus Shade, stepped forward to volunteer as the Committee Chairman to save this event when the previous chairman moved out of the area.

Kids throughout the Mifflin County region were invited to walk the streets of the downtown Lewistown area on Saturday, April 29, to enjoy all the fun, free activities, games, and crafts. Merl Radjic's Merl Dog attended and spent some time making the South Hills group laugh. In addition to getting to paint their own Kid Connection cookies with brightly colored frosting, all attendees were offered free popcorn by our Student Ambassadors, while our Health Careers Club provided free blood pressure screenings.



Altoona Student Appreciation Luncheon

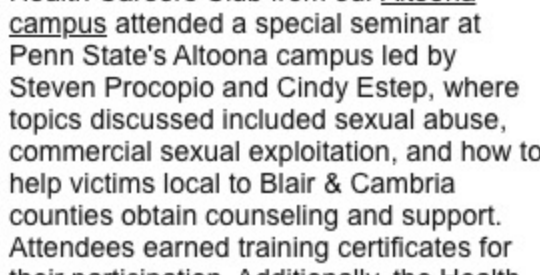
Students of South Hills are generous volunteers. They serve the communities around our three campuses in several ways, most notably with membership in our various student clubs and service organizations. To honor them for their hard work, we host the annual Student Appreciation Luncheon. Our Altoona campus celebrated their luncheon on May 8th. Student club members were given awards and certificates in recognition for their volunteer hours, and then we treated them to a pizza lunch. Our students are the heart of South Hills, and we sincerely appreciate them for giving back to their communities.



Lewistown Medical Assistant Students Attend EKG Seminar

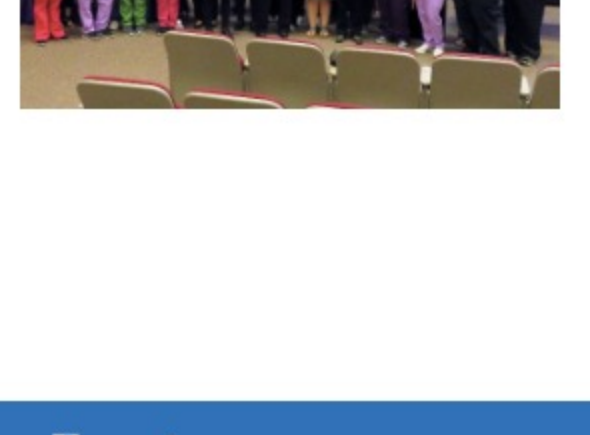
To prepare for their upcoming Electrocardiogram (EKG) Technician certification exams, the first-year Medical Assistant students from our Lewistown campus recently attended an EKG and Dysrhythmia seminar at Geisinger-Lewistown Hospital. They attended class with working professionals and participated in detailed discussions about EKG tracings. They wrapped up the day with a visit to the cardiopulmonary department where they toured the nuclear stress testing lab, the pulmonary function lab, the electroencephalography lab, and the EKG suite.

One student had a Holter monitor - a portable device that measures and records heart activity - applied, and the group reviewed the tracings collected. The department director also talked to the students about pursuing careers as a Non-Invasive Cardiac Laboratory Technicians (NICL Techs.), and the students were invited to shadow the NICL Techs or the cardiac monitor techs. Learn more about our MA program at [www.southhills.edu/MA](#)



Altoona Health Careers Club Attends Sexual Assault Seminar

April was Sexual Assault Awareness month. On April 20th, members of the Health Careers Club from our Altoona campus attended a special seminar at Penn State's Altoona campus led by Steven Procopio and Cindy Estep, where topics discussed included sexual abuse, commercial sexual exploitation, and how to help victims local to Blair & Cambria counties obtain counseling and support. Attendees earned training certificates for their participation. Additionally, the Health Careers Club donated \$100 to Family Services Incorporated of Altoona.



Upcoming Events

Summer Music Picnic Series

This year marks the 28th year that South Hills will be hosting the annual Summer Music Picnic Series. The free music concerts, held on the north lawn at the State College campus at 480 Waupelani Drive, are open to the community. Performances are scheduled every Sunday in June through August. They are sponsored by the Mazza Foundation for Education in conjunction with South Hills School of Business & Technology. Performances will go on rain or shine - the events are always moved inside the school if it rains.

[2017 Music Picnic Series Schedule](#)



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