SU–FCADC partnership will boost economic development in region

A new partnership between the university and Franklin County Area Development Corp. is designed to bolster economic development in south-central Pennsylvania.

Under an agreement signed late last month, the partnership will take advantage of SU’s and FCADC’s individual resources “to improve economic, entrepreneurial and workforce development.”

“While the university itself has a significant economic impact on south-central Pennsylvania, we can extend that positive influence even further by joining the considerable resources on our campus with those of the Franklin County Area Development Corp.,” said President Jody Harpster. “We look forward to expanding not only our relationship with FCADC, but also our commitment to serve the region that is our home.”

“The relationship between FCADC and Shippensburg University always has been strong, but this agreement formally affirms our support for one another and pledges that we will work collaboratively in support of initiatives that will enhance the educational and economic well-being of our region,” said L. Michael Ross, FCADC president. “Given the transformative development currently taking place in our region, the timing of this could not be better.”

Among the goals outlined in the agreement are:

• Promoting the region to both entrepreneurs and existing businesses, particularly those that would benefit from research conducted at SU.
• Pursuing financial support to foster intellectual property creation and stimulate economic development.
• Engaging alumni to promote educational and business opportunities provided by the university.
• Teaming with local governments, chambers of commerce and businesses to enhance economic and workforce development efforts.

The university’s outreach centers — including the Small Business Development Center, the Center for Land Use and Sustainability and the Center for Entrepreneurial Leadership and Innovation — will be an important component of the partnership, Harpster noted.
Kudos

Dr. LANCE BRYANT, associate professor of mathematics, was selected to participate in the Undergraduate Faculty Program at the Park City Mathematics Institute in Utah during summer 2016. Participants produced guidelines for undergraduate curricula in data science that will be published in the Annual Review of Statistics and Its Applications in 2017. The institute is one of several programs held simultaneously in Park City, bringing together more than 300 undergraduate college faculty, undergraduate students, graduate students, research mathematicians, K-12 teachers and mathematics educators.

Dr. GWEN DURHAM, assistant professor of teacher education, took peer mentors and mentees from the Martin Luther King Academic Retention Program to the Robert D. Lynch Student Leadership Development Institute’s 30th annual conference, held Sept. 30 to Oct. 2 in Harrisburg and sponsored by the Pennsylvania Black Conference on Higher Education (PBCOHE). Members of PBCOHE are committed to improving and ensuring the education of black and other underrepresented students.

Dr. RAYMOND JANIFER SR., professor of English and ethnic studies, was a panelist for the 10th annual Criminal Justice Symposium, “Black Lives Matter,” held Sept. 20 at Shippensburg University.

Dr. ROBERT SHAFFER, professor of history, will have his essay “Religion and International Relations: The Christian Century’s Protestant Critique of the U.S. Embrace of Fascist Spain” published in the Fall 2016 issue of the Journal of Church and State.

Dr. CHERYL ZACCAGNINI, associate professor of special education, co-authored the chapter “Working with Children Who Have Exceptionalities,” which appeared in Career Development Across the Lifespan: Counseling for Community, Schools, Higher Education, and Beyond, and “Home-based early intervention practices,” which appeared in The Sage Encyclopedia of Contemporary Early Childhood Education. She also co-presented “Council for Exceptional Children: Why We Join and Why We Stay: A National Survey of Student and Pioneer Division Members” at the Francis Young International Conference on Special Education, held July 22-29 in Havana, Cuba. She serves as immediate past president in charge of elections for the Pennsylvania Council for Exceptional Children and as a member of the International CEC’s Pioneer Division Advisory Mentor Committee. She will present “Using an innovative method to teach proactive classroom and behavior management approaches in higher education” at the Oct. 19-22 Teacher Educators for Children with Behavior Disorders conference in Tempe, Ariz.

Dr. JOSEPH ZUME, associate professor of geography/earth science, has been selected as a 2017 Diaspora Fellow by the Carnegie African Diaspora Fellowship Program (CADFP). He will spend two months next summer as a visiting fellow in the Department of Geography and Regional Planning at the University of Cape Coast in Ghana. Through a competitive process, CADFP selects qualified African-born faculty from U.S. and Canadian universities to participate in revitalizing the African university educational system.

The Shippensburg Area Math Circle, founded and run by Drs. LANCE and SARAH N. BRYANT of the Department of Mathematics, has been selected to participate in the Math Circle – Mentorship and Partnership (MC-MAP) program for the 2016-17 academic year. The program includes a grant funded by the National Security Agency, the National Science Foundation and the Clowes Foundation via the National Association of Math Circles, a program of the Mathematical Sciences Research Institute. The Shippensburg Area Math Circle is a math enrichment program for fourth- and fifth-graders.

Teacher ed adds state certification to master’s

The university recently enhanced its offerings to individuals with bachelor’s degrees who do not have a Pennsylvania teaching certification but want to move into the education field.

The state Department of Education approved SU’s plan to add certification to teach grades four through eight — called middle-level certification — to its master’s degree in curriculum and instruction, creating a 39-credit graduate program. The university expects the first students to enroll in spring 2017.

SU already offers its master’s degree in curriculum and instruction with state certification to teach at the early childhood, elementary education (pre-kindergarten through fourth grade) and secondary education levels.

“This provides another option for someone who has a content degree — a bachelor’s degree in science or math, for example — but not the teaching certification,” said Dr. Christine Royce, professor and chair of the Department of Teacher Education.

Faculty promotion letters are due Nov. 1

Faculty considering applying for promotion this year are reminded that they must email a letter of intent by Nov. 1 to the UWPC co-chair (ajarmstrong@ship.edu), their department chair, their DPAC and their dean.

All information that was distributed at the promotion application information meeting is available on the S: drive at S/Public/Faculty/University-Wide Promotion Committee.

Sample promotion applications are available for review in Lehman Library 201; request the key at the circulation desk with a faculty ID.

Faculty are encouraged to indicate their intention before Oct. 19.

Fact

Fact is published by the Office of University Communications and Marketing for current and retired employees. The next issue is Oct. 24. The deadline to submit material to SUnews@ship.edu is noon on Monday of the week before publication.

Shippensburg University is an equal-opportunity educational institution.
Grove College earns national honor

The John L. Grove College of Business has been named by The Princeton Review as one of the top business schools in the nation in its 2017 edition of The Best 294 Business Schools.

The publication does not rank schools numerically or name an overall best business school.

The Princeton Review surveyed 25,000 students attending the schools included in the book. The rankings factor in data from surveys conducted during the 2015-16, 2014-15 and 2013-14 academic years.

The 80-question survey asked students to rate their schools on such topics as academics, student body and campus life, as well as about their career goals.

Early warning grades are due Oct. 14

Early warning grades (EWGs) are due Friday, Oct. 14, at 4 p.m.

All grades will be processed online. Faculty will have the ability to submit EWGs for all students.

The Registrar’s Office encourages EWGs for all students, particularly freshmen in 100- and 200-level courses.

Questions should be directed to the Registrar’s Office at ext. 1381.

September crime report

The following crimes were reported to University Police in September:

- Aggravated assault: 0
- Arson: 0
- Burglary: 0
- Criminal homicide: 0
- Disorderly conduct: 4
- Driving under the influence: 0
- Drug violations: 8
- Drunkenness: 6
- Forcible rape: 0
- Forgery and counterfeiting: 0
- Fraud: 0
- Larceny (theft): 4
- Liquor laws: 36
- Motor vehicle theft: 0
- Other assaults (not aggravated): 0
- Robbery: 0
- Sex offenses: 0
- Stolen property (receiving): 0
- Vandalism: 2
- Weapons violations: 0
- All other offenses: 5

SU, HCC expand transfer agreement to include honors program students

The university and Hagerstown Community College recently signed an agreement expanding their transfer and degree completion collaboration to include the two schools’ honors programs. Students in HCC’s honors program who are transferring to Shippensburg to earn their bachelor’s degrees will be guaranteed admission into SU’s honors program if they meet certain criteria. A maximum of five honors courses completed successfully at HCC will count toward students’ honors requirements at SU.

SU, ROTC sign joint partnership plan

Officials from the university and the U.S. Army 2nd ROTC Brigade recently signed a joint partnership plan that reaffirms the Army’s commitment to the university, which has been home to a ROTC battalion for 35 years.

The plan outlines the ROTC and university’s common goals, supplementing the memorandum of understanding that established the Raider Battalion in 1981.

“We are pleased to sign this joint partnership plan that further strengthens the relationship between the university and our Army ROTC program,” said President Jody Harpster. “We are proud to be the home of the Raider Battalion. Our cadets are valued members of our student body and of our alumni family.”

“We are very appreciative of the relationship we have with Shippensburg University. It is central to our success,” said Col. Kenneth Mintz, commander of the 2nd ROTC Brigade, which encompasses 42 battalions and more than 100 affiliate programs from Pennsylvania to Maine.

The Raider Battalion currently has about 100 cadets, along with 11 instructors and staff members, including active-duty and non-commissioned officers and Department of the Army civilian employees.
**Coming soon...**

Oct. 12  Rodgers + Hammerstein's Cinderella, 7:30 p.m.,
         Luhrs Performing Arts Center

Oct. 14  Volleyball hosts West Chester, 7 p.m.
         The Price is Right Live!, 8 p.m., Luhrs Performing Arts Center

Oct. 15  Football hosts Cheyney, 1 p.m.
         Women's soccer hosts Clarion, 1 p.m.
         Volleyball hosts Cheyney, 1 p.m.
         Volleyball hosts Ursuline, 5 p.m.

Oct. 20  Reading by author Susan Perabo, 6:30 p.m., Old Main Chapel

Oct. 21  Volleyball hosts UPJ, 7 p.m.

Oct. 22  Men's soccer hosts California, 1 p.m.
         Volleyball hosts Lock Haven, 1 p.m.
         Volleyball hosts Ohio Valley, 3:30 p.m.
         Diamond Rio, 8 p.m., Luhrs Performing Arts Center

Oct. 25  Men's soccer hosts Chowan, 1 p.m.

Oct. 26  Field hockey hosts Kutztown, 4 p.m.
         Survivor, 8 p.m., Luhrs Performing Arts Center

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