

Integration INSIGHT



May 2022

Happy Spring and congratulations to the graduating Class of 2022! We are so proud of their accomplishments and wish them great success in the future. Thank you to our faculty and staff for your continued support of our students as they prepare for continuing education or the first steps in their careers.

Many months of planning will soon come to fruition. This spring, we have reached several key milestones, moving us closer to our integrated state. On July 1, 2022, we look ahead to officially integrating Bloomsburg, Lock Haven, and Mansfield universities creating a student-centered, academic powerhouse that will grow opportunities for our students, while honoring our rich traditions.

Spring 2022 Integration Milestones

Bloomsburg, Lock Haven, and Mansfield Universities to Retain Historic Names Through Integration

On March 2, the PASSHE Board of Governors approved the name Commonwealth University of Pennsylvania to represent the integrated entity for Bloomsburg, Lock Haven, and Mansfield universities. The integrated University name was developed through research and input from students, alumni, faculty, staff, trustees, the community, and prospective students and their families.

Each campus will continue to be branded with its respective location name, logos, colors, mascots, and athletic representations. Utilization of Commonwealth University of PA allows for strategic placement supporting recruitment, workforce development, and other strategic initiatives. Diplomas will prominently display either Bloomsburg, Lock Haven, or Mansfield at the top of the document and will include the new seal for Commonwealth University of Pennsylvania.

Existing alumni associations and foundations will remain separate and continue to support their respective campuses. Donors can continue to designate funds to support programs or a campus of their choosing.

Middle States Announces Initial Approval of Northeast Integration

On March 15, Bloomsburg, Lock Haven, and Mansfield universities received initial approval from the institutional accrediting agency, Middle States Commission on Higher Education (Middle States). Accreditation by Middle States is required by the U.S. Department of Education. It assures students, families, and communities that the university has completed a rigorous review process and provides a high-quality education. Middle States approval provided a clear path forward for our three institutions to officially unite on July 1, 2022.

Together, Bloomsburg, Lock Haven, and Mansfield embody the power of three and create a higher education experience, the likes of which is not possible without integration.

For more information about the Middle States initial approval, please visit:

[www.lockhaven.edu/News/Middle States NE integration initial approval3.15.2022.html](http://www.lockhaven.edu/News/Middle_States_NE_integration_initial_approval3.15.2022.html)

NCAA Approves Plan to Retain Full Complement of Athletic Programs at Bloomsburg, Lock Haven, and Mansfield



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On April 20, the NCAA Membership Committee approved the plans for Bloomsburg, Lock Haven, and Mansfield to retain our full complements of athletic programs on the campuses that currently host them.

Our student-athletes deserve the opportunity to continue their athletic pursuits, and intercollegiate athletics hold a special place as part of the fabric of each of our campus communities and institutional brands. Together we can confidently move forward into the 2022-23 academic year and beyond - to cheer on the Huskies, Bald Eagles, and Mounties.

For more information about the NCAA decision, please visit:

www.lockhaven.edu/News/NCAApproval_4.20.2022.html

More information about the Northeast Integration is available at www.LockHaven.edu/integration.

Thank you to all of our colleagues and supporters from BU, LHU, and MU who have worked tirelessly to get us to this point and continue the efforts to launch one University. You are owed a debt of gratitude for your tireless contributions in service to our campus communities, and most importantly, our students.

Congratulations again to all of our graduating seniors. We look forward to celebrating with them in the coming days!

We wish all of our students a strong finish to the semester and best of luck on their remaining final exams. Thank you to our faculty and staff for your continued commitment to supporting our students and their success.

We hope you have a restful and restorative summer!