

Dean has high hopes for new semester

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She has made countless trips to University Park in pursuit of support for the campus and its growth.

Hanes has high hopes and aspirations for PSH and its students. "Capital College will be recognized across the University, region, state, and, yes, the nation for our outstanding undergraduate and graduate programming and the success of our collaborative ventures and innovation with the broader community" Hanes said.

Hanes has many goals for the improvement of the campus. Increasing student enrollment, and student achievement is very important

to Hanes. "We continue to attract students who come to us as their first choice, who come to us with healthy appetites for learning, who leave us as lifelong learners ready for their next venture" Hanes said. She is involved in strategic planning for Capital Campus. Through interdisciplinary programs and timely response to students' education needs she hopes PSH will become an intergraded dual-campus college of Penn State.

Maintaining a student-centered atmosphere, where students are encouraged to get involved in their education is a way for Hanes to improve

PSH and the quality of education students receive from this institution.

The influx of freshmen and four-year programming is something Hanes has been working towards. "We have been introducing academic opportunities for lower-division, first-year students over several years." PSH offers 26 baccalaureate majors, as well as programs of study leading to the 160 undergraduate majors across the university, which are now available to interested students. Hanes is proud of the accomplishments of the campus and of the resources available for all students. She has had a great hand in giving this opportunity to the students.

Hanes is also involved in student-life improvements being made here. First-year seminars, increased co-curricular activities, recreational and intramural programs, a wide variety of clubs, and academic support programs are just some of the resources Hanes has been working towards to advance the quality of student life for freshmen and upper-classmen on campus. "I hope all students will engage in campus activities to maximize their time with us. Four years can fly by very quickly. Make use of every moment" Hanes said.

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Hanes puts in 60 plus hours a week working toward her goals. She is often found working from 7 a.m. to at least 7 p.m. each day and many weekends. "I do it gladly. As Provost and Dean, I need to be visible within the college and University and the broader community" Hanes said. She is a loyal PSU football fan; attending every home game in support of the University.

The dean does all this while managing a full personal life as well. She must keep track of her two daughters and son, while making time to spend with her husband, Michael, President of Georgia Southwestern State University. Hanes also likes

the teaching and learning atmosphere on campus. "I am a student at heart- a lifelong learner. Being involved in others' education is personally gratifying" Hanes said. This aspect of the dean makes her easily accessible and approachable for students. Rodney Horton, SGA president defines Hanes as "very personable." Horton said the first thing Hanes did when meeting him was give him a hug; not caring that he was wearing a big sweaty lions costume.

Hanes said her most disliked part of the job is having to wear 2-3 inch heels for some 10 hours a day. Other than her choice in footwear Hanes has had a positive

Hanes. "We are now a comprehensive college, serving first-year undergraduate students to graduate students, and I believe that we are poised to better serve our region, more now than ever."

Students interested in meeting the dean are encouraged to attend Meet the Dean night. SGA has information on this event.

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to travel in her "not so spare" time. During a recent trip to Costa Rica she attended a performance by an ensemble group called Miriam Jayquin and Blues Latino. She like the group so much, that she regularly listens to their CD. She also enjoys eating out; citing Italian cuisine as a personal favorite.

Hanes' favorite part of being the dean is staying close to

experience as Dean and Provost of PSH.

Hanes' educational background includes speech and language pathology and language and literacy acquisition.

"We remain good stewards of Penn State University's world-class reputation as we continue to provide access to a quality Penn State University degree" said

Look for continued coverage of all PSH developments and growth in upcoming issues of The Capital Times

Letter from Dean Hanes

Greetings from the Provost and Dean

Dear Students:

It is a pleasure to welcome you to Penn State Capital College on behalf of the faculty, staff, and students. Whether you are enrolling for the first time with us or returning to campus for another year of study, I hope that you will find the 2004-2005 academic year filled with special opportunities for learning and personal growth to achieve your goals and to realize your expectations.

Penn State Harrisburg is a dynamic and inviting learning community with rich traditions, excellent faculty, dedicated staff, and excellent academic programs. The strength of any community naturally depends on the involvement and contributions of each of its members. I encourage you to participate fully in the life of the college, to get involved, and to be an active and responsible learner.

There is perhaps no more profound measure of our success as a college than the achievements of our students and alumni. Therefore, I encourage you to make a personal commitment to learning and to pursue the ample resources we offer to assist you along the way.

Knowing that many of you face the often-competing demands of school, family, and work, I want to offer some heartfelt advice. Aim high, be ambitious, seek out your professors and student colleagues to extend your learning outside the classroom, learn from your mistakes, take pleasure in your accomplishments, and never, never hesitate to ask questions. This is your chance, your challenge. Treasure your time here and use it wisely.

I hope you will share my pride in being a part of the Capital College community. I wish you an enjoyable and fulfilling year.

Madlyn Hanes, Ph.D.
Provost and Dean

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