

Campus News

Brandywine Hosts Community Day Festival

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On Saturday, May 11, 2013, Middletown Township is to host a Community Day Festival from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Penn State Brandywine. This will be Middletown Township's 19th annual Community Day. The outdoor event is fun-filled to bring together the people of the community to celebrate the hometown pride of Middletown Township.

Middletown Township Parks and Recreation along with Middle Township Business and Professional Association will be organizing the event. The Community Day festival's main purpose is to offer a means for the community to come together and enjoy Middletown Township.

During the event, there will be a presentation of Riddle Hospital's 50th Birthday, as well as activities including local entertainment, games, pony rides, an appearance by "The Berenstain Bears," a teen music festival that involves student bands and performers hosted by Penncrest Junior Optimist Club.

Local restaurants and vendors will provide food, games, prizes, and more. A non-profit organization called Cradles to Crayons will also be featured at the Community Day Festival and will be collecting new and gently used toys, clothing, shoes, and other basic items for children. The event is sponsored by The Shirley Booth Team and The Franklin Mint Federal Credit Union.

For more information regarding Middletown Township Community Day Festival, call 610-565-2700 or visit www.middletowncommunityday.com. The public is also encouraged to "Like" the Facebook page by searching for "Middletown Twp. Community Day 2013."

BW Chancellor Wisniewska Embarks On New Journey

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Effective July 1st, Brandywine chancellor Sophia Wisniewska will take on a new position as regional chancellor of the University of South Florida, St. Petersburg. Wisniewska attended Penn State University where she received her bachelor's degree in Russian. She then earned her masters and doctoral degree in Russian at Bryn Mawr College. Wisniewska has worked at five different Penn State campuses as well as a dean at Temple University's Ambler College. In 2005, she began working as a secretary at Penn State Brandywine.

During her time as chancellor, Wisniewska has significantly impacted the Brandywine campus. She has helped expand academic offerings to include new programs and established an academic partnership with one of the largest medical schools in the region which has enhanced medical school opportunities for students.

Wisniewska has also benefitted the campus through her involvement in several partnerships. These include the Delaware County Workforce Investment Board, the Middletown Business Association and Rotary of America and Chamber of Commerce. These partnerships have provided many more opportunities.

Wisniewska has played a very important role in the campus' involvement of civic engagement by creating an externally funded center for it at Brandywine. This has provided students with internship opportunities as well as becoming involved in the community through civic service.

Brandywine will begin its search for possible candidates to fill the chancellor position.

Instructor Kathy Meehan Receives George W. Atherton Award

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On March 25th Penn State Brandywine instructor in Human Development and Family Studies, Kathy Meehan, was awarded with the George W. Atherton Award for excellence in teaching at the University Park ceremony. The award is a huge honor as each year it is presented to only six faculty members in the entire University. This makes Meehan the twelfth Brandywine faculty member to receive the prestigious award since 1978.

Meehan began teaching at Brandywine in 1999, contributing to the campus immensely during her time there. When asked about being awarded, Meehan said, "It feels motivating to win the award. Receiving it just makes

you want to do more."

Meehan is extremely passionate and dedicated to teaching. She said, "When I see the students' success, that's my paycheck," she said. "When you're teaching a really difficult thing and all of a sudden you see them understand it, it's a deep joy. Teaching is a passion that we have here. The privilege of helping people achieve their fullest potential, that's huge to me. It's all about the students."

As the internship coordinator for the Human Development and Family Studies (HDFS) program, Meehan is very devoted to preparing her students for their journey

beyond graduation. "I want students to graduate from Penn State Brandywine as competent entry-level professionals," she said. "The only way you can do that is to have a solid foundation of theory paired with actual experience in the field."

Her hard work is easily recognized by her colleagues. Director of Academic Affairs Paul deGategno said, "I'm honored that she's a part of our faculty. She's extremely hard working and I think it's a mark not only on her accomplishments but the accomplishments of our faculty as a whole."

An Hour Without Shoes

Penn State Brandywine's
Common Read Event

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On Tuesday, April 16th from 11:30 AM-12:45 PM Penn State Brandywine is encouraging students, faculty and staff to go "an hour without shoes" to bring awareness to the health and education of individuals who cannot afford them.

Held in the Vairo courtyard, "an hour without shoes" will be part of Brandywine's annual Common Read event. The campus "common read" is an active discussion and year of entertaining activities about a campus shared text. This year's text was Start Something That Matters by Blake Mycoskie, founder of TOMS Shoes.

The event was inspired by TOMS Shoes annual "one day without shoes" event to bring global awareness to children's health and educa-

tion by going without shoes.

Also at the event, attendees are encouraged to participate in a "path without shoes," which will be a walk on a path of gravel and sand on the campus lawn to experience what it's like for those who unfortunately live like this on a daily basis.

To close the event, certified Hatha Yoga instructor Lisa Dombroski will guide participants through a free, relaxing yoga session on the lawn from 12:00-12:30 PM. If interested, it is recommended that participants bring their own yoga mats as they are in short supply.

So, grab your friends and celebrate the beginning of the spring season by attending this outdoor event! In the case of inclement weather, the event will be held in Brandywine's Tomeszk Lounge.



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