



All events are free and open to the public unless otherwise noted.

Calendar of Events

8/21-22		University Days
8/21-24		New Student Orientation Activities
8/22	1 p.m.	Field Hockey Scrimmage vs. Houghton, Spaulding
8/24	3 p.m.	Women's Soccer Scrimmage vs. Wilkes, Soccer Field
8/25	8 a.m.	Fall Semester Classes Begin
	4 p.m.	Convocation, Straughn
	5:15 p.m.	Campus Picnic
8/26	1 p.m.	Department Academic Orientation Meetings (as scheduled by individual departments)
	4 p.m.	Field Hockey Scrimmage vs. Elmira, Spaulding

University Days Set for August 21-22

University Days, a Mansfield tradition for nearly two decades, will continue on August 21-22.

Each semester at MU begins with a two-day schedule of events for staff and faculty. University Days promotes both a sense of community and learning.

The two-day event will start with the President's Breakfast in Manser Hall at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, August 21. The breakfast will be followed by a series of workshops and meetings on a variety of topics.

On Friday the workshops, presentations and meetings will continue, all geared toward getting the new academic year off to a positive start.

New students arrive on campus on Thursday, August 21. Returning students arrive on Saturday, August 23.

Fall semester classes begin on Monday, August 25 at 8 a.m. Convocation will be held at 4 p.m. in Straughn Hall. Professor Emeritus J. Richard Walker will be the guest speaker.

South Hall Open and Ready for Students

Students and faculty returning to Mansfield University for the start of the new academic year will find the new South Hall fully open and operational.

They'll also discover the walkway on the Student Mall, leading to South Hall and other places on campus has a new look and feel.

South Hall is now home to all student-related services, eliminating the need for students and prospective students to travel across campus for answers and assistance.

Admissions, Financial Aid, the Registrar and Student Accounts are now all under one roof. The Academic and Human Development and Psychology Departments, as well as the Center for Counseling Services, are also housed in the new building.

"With the new Enrollment Services 'One Stop Shop' in South Hall--combining Student Accounts, Financial Aid and the Registrar's Office, we have streamlined processes and service for our students," Brian Barden, executive director of Enrollment services, said.

Outside on the Student Mall, workers have put down a new asphalt walkway that doesn't look like an asphalt walkway.

Using a process that involves reheating the asphalt, the new surface was stamped and then painted to give it the appearance of bricks. The new surface extends from the Student Mall to the walkway past Grant Science Center.

This is phase one of a project that will see the construction of a retaining wall along the backside of North Hall in phase two. The retaining wall will allow pedestrians to walk through this section of campus without having to ever use the area behind the Manser Hall loading dock.

“This project is exciting to see come together,” Vice President for Finance & Administration Mike Reid said. “When completed, it will greatly enhance the feel of the campus and it really helps tie the campus together instead of having a fragmented feel to it. Additionally, I have found myself stopping to take in the scenic view in front of Grant Science that I never really noticed before.”

MU Senior named Killam Fellow

Mansfield University senior Luisa Lucero has been named a 2008-09 Killam Fellow.

The Killam Fellowships Program is a scholarship program which allows undergraduate students from accredited degree granting colleges and universities to participate in a bi-national residential exchange program between Canada and the U.S.

According to Dr. Michael Hawes, executive director of the Killam Fellowships Program, “It is a signal honor, and a testament to both Luisa’s capabilities and the excellent education she receives at Mansfield. We are proud to welcome Luisa to the Killam Family.”

Scholarship recipients spend either one semester or a full academic year as an exchange student in the other country.

Lucero, a dual major in Philosophy and Political Science from Mansfield, PA just completed a summer internship at the Canadian Parliament in Ottawa and is anxious to return.

“I completely fell in love with Canada,” Lucero said. “I love learning about their culture and their history. This is a great honor and I can’t wait to get started.”

“Mansfield University is proud to have students such as Luisa represent us in the international arena,” Robert Timko, interim dean of Arts & Sciences and director of the Canadian Studies program, said. “Her achievements in her studies and participation in international cooperative endeavors bring honor both to her and Mansfield University.”

Administered by the Foundation for Educational Exchange between Canada and the United States of America, whose graduate and professional scholarship is the prestigious Canada-U.S. Fulbright Program, the Killam Fellowships Program seeks to enhance mutual understanding between the two countries.

For more information on the Killam Fellowship program, check online at killamfellowships.com

For more information on the MU Canadian Studies program, check online at www.mansfield.edu~canadian

MU Students Excel at Leadership Conference

Four Mansfield University students; Sarah Gilbert, Mozart Guerrier, Jarrell Hill and Kevin Smith, participated in the Monster Diversity Leadership Programs (DLP) held at Villanova University on July 25-27.

Monster DLP is a summer leadership weekend where selected student-leaders connected with top-industry companies to develop critical life and career skills while embracing corporate diversity. The Philadelphia event attracted more than 400 students.

“We got to network with some of the top companies in America and the opportunity to network with students all across the country,” Guerrier, a senior psychology major from King of Prussia, PA said. “We went toe-to-toe with the nation’s best. I’m extremely proud of my peers and their accomplishments.” Guerrier received a \$500 scholarship from Vanguard.

“My experience at DLP was amazing,” Hill, a senior nursing major from Philadelphia, said. “It gave me a sense confidence that strengthens my ability as a leader. Networking and engaging in activities with other students that attend other colleges and universities indicates that my education that I receive from MU is as valuable as any other institution.” Hill was awarded a \$500 dollar scholarship from Pittsburgh Memorial Hospital.

Smith, a sophomore math education major from Philadelphia who plays on the MU men's basketball team, said he was frequently asked where Mansfield was. "They asked where it was, what kind of school it is, and he by the end of the conference I think we showed everyone what Mansfield was," he said. Smith was commended by the U.S. Navy and Target and received a number of prizes.

"The Monster DLP is a great opportunity for any college student looking to better their leadership skills and network with some of the top corporations in the U.S.," Gilbert, a sophomore business and accounting major from Buffalo, NY, said. "Not only do we network with companies, but also other students. I think that is an excellent experience because our fellow students now are our future coworkers. so it really gives you a jump start on your career."

For more information on the Monster DLP program, check online at monsterdlp.com

For more on leadership opportunities at Mansfield University, check online at leadership.mansfield.edu

SCHOLARS SPOTLIGHT

Scott DiMarco, Library & Information Resource Administration, had his review of the audio version of Tom Brokaw's *Boom! Voices of the Sixties; Personal Reflections on the 60s and Today* published in the February 15 issue of Library Journal. DiMarco's review of the audio version of *The Shooters* by W.E.B. Griffin was in the April 1 issue.

James Lohrey, Communication & Theatre, presented a paper entitled "Gay Characters in Prime-Time Television Revisited" at the annual Broadcast Education Conference (BEA) in Las Vegas, NV, April 16-19. Lohrey was also voted to a second term as chair of the Gender Issues Division for BEA.

Scott Thornsley, Criminal Justice Administration, Scott Thornsley, was interviewed for a story entitled "How to Compensate for 26 Years," which aired on the NPR program "Day to Day" on August 11. The story dealt with the issue of why so few states provide compensation for individuals who have been wrongfully convicted of crimes. During the interview Thornsley cited work done by Sociology Professors Tim Madigan and Janice Purk, who co-direct the annual Mansfield University State Survey. In 2006 and 2007 the survey revealed that nearly 75% of Pennsylvanians favor compensating wrongfully convicted individuals. The story is archived at npr.org

Nancy Sidell, Social Work, Anthropology & Sociology, is the recipient of the 2008 Distinguished Recent Alumni Award, presented by the College of Social Work at the Ohio State University. The honor is awarded to an alumnus or alumna who graduated from the College of Social Work within the past 10 years whose accomplishments exemplify outstanding professional achievements, initiatives, or leadership in one or more of the following areas: practice/clinical excellence, community development, advocacy, education, or administration. Sidell, who earned her PhD from Ohio State in 1998, is director of the MU Social Work program and chair of the Social Work, Anthropology & Sociology Department. The Ohio State Social Work Alumni Hall of Fame induction ceremonies will be held on September 5.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Class cancellation information is on the University website. Click on the "Class and Events Cancellation Notices" button on the main page for each days class and event cancellations. In addition to calling the class cancellation hotline, faculty are to leave messages about cancellations on their office voicemail.
- To make Updater submissions, submit event information, story ideas and everything that is Mansfield, us the online PR Request Form. It's on the My.mansfield page of the MU website, in the center column under "Featured Locations."

SPORTS UPDATE

The MU field hockey squad will scrimmage Houghton on Friday, 1 p.m. at Spaulding Field. The Mountaineers will also scrimmage Elmira at home on Tuesday at 4 p.m. before beginning their season at Southern Connecticut next Friday.

Women's soccer will have a home scrimmage against Wilkes on Sunday at 3 p.m. before opening their season at Goldey Beacom on Thursday.

The cross county teams will open their season on September 6 at the Seagull Opener in Salisbury, MD.

The sprint football team will scrimmage Princeton on September 20, 1 p.m. at Karl Van Norman Field.

The Mountaineers will play the first game in program history when Cornell comes to Mansfield for a 12:30 p.m. kick-off on September 27.

For all the latest Mountaineer information and scores, check online at gomounties.com

THE BOTTOM LINE

"Knowledge exists to be imparted."

--Emerson

WELCOME BACK!!!

HAVE A GREAT YEAR!!!