



# THE REVOLT

ISSUE 29

SPRING HAS SPRUNG  
*April Showers Bring May ... Graduation!*

## Congratulations Graduates!

The moment has finally come! You should be feeling immensely proud of yourselves. You have all worked so hard to get exactly where you are, and you deserve many praise and congratulations. The long nights, endless papers, and tedious assignments have come to an end as this chapter closes. When you accept your diploma and thank whomever your support system is and has been, be sure to take a moment and give yourself the credit you deserve for putting in the work to get here. Good luck in all of your future endeavors, and always remember who you are, because WE ARE.



Marin Bandalo  
Austin Banks  
Corey Barber  
Danielle Bowman  
Benjamin Cebula  
Alijah Chamberlain  
Darielis Duarte  
Tyler Edwards  
Gregory Ellsworth  
Robert Formola  
Zachary Humenick  
Brad Killian  
Nicholas Lawler  
Joseph Lesser  
Grant Loose

Robert Mastropole  
Tyler Mitchell  
Jacob Niewinski  
Mark Ostroski  
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# Police Services Moving...

## 2 Still Here to Help YOU in Nonemergencies

Currently, our Police Services are located at Hayfield House 111. In the future, they will move to a modular unit located behind the Science Building, though a date has not been determined yet.

The new location will have a patrol room, evidence room, records room, and interview room. The addition of an interview room is important to Dale Osenbach, district commander for University Police and Public Safety for PSU's eastern district. Osenbach says the interview room is "a designated quiet area to interview victims of sexual assault, knowing that these experiences are traumatizing and require our support and resources."

Officer David Horowitz has served at our campus since 2019. Previously, he was a Utah police

officer for 10 years. Officer Horowitz is excited for the move behind the Science Building because it "allow us to be more in the middle of everything."

Our campus police officers are very experienced and learn about force, firearms, defensive tactics, first aid, CPR, inclusive diversity, mental health, and more. They also hold educational programs for students and faculty "on topics such as active attacker situations, sexual assaults, and an overview of Police Services and its duties."

Our police officers keep us safe by responding to crime or medical emergencies. But did you know our campus police officers are here to help in other ways? They're "community-oriented police officers," which means they want to help everybody, even if it's not an emergency!

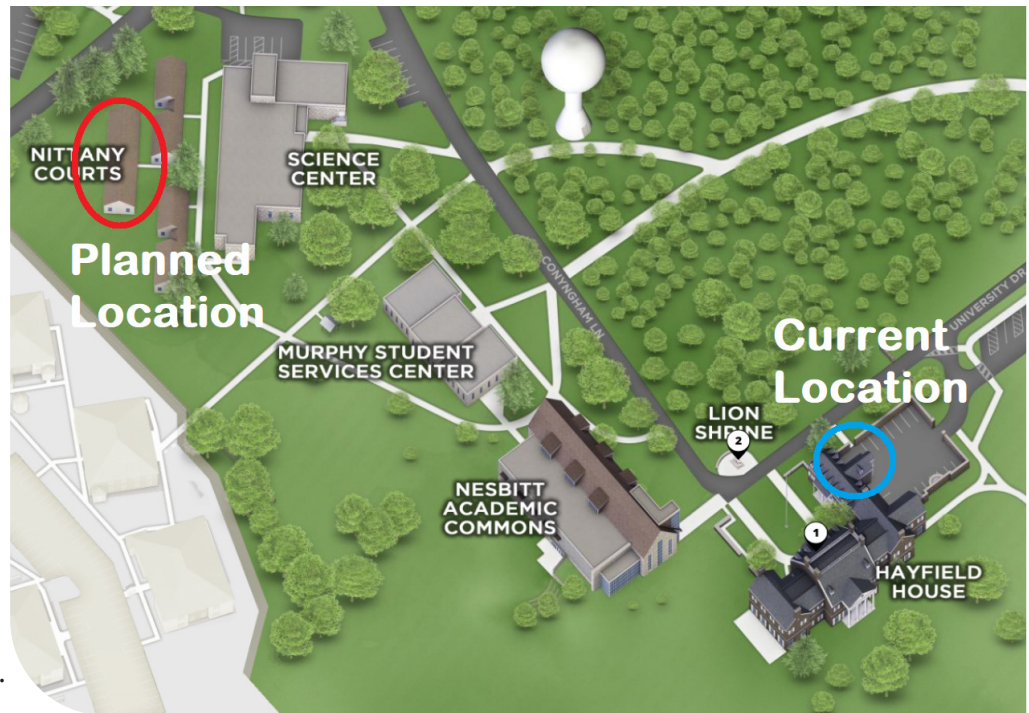
Officer Horowitz says he and Officer Sheaffer are here to help anybody with "jumpstarts, if you get locked out of your car, different things like that" and "if you don't feel safe walking to your car if its late at night and you want us to escort you to your car just to make sure there's no problems."

Officer Horowitz says "we want everybody to know we're approachable and we're here to help in any way we can. If anybody has any questions we would welcome them to come talk to us."

I did not know that our police officers are there to help in non-emergencies until I saw Officer Horowitz giving an injured athlete a ride in the patrol car because he "didn't want him to have to use his crutches" to move so far. To get help from the campus police, you can either stop by Police Services at Hayfield House 111 or call 570-675-9111. Officers are on campus Mon-Fri 7am-11pm and weekends 9am-5pm. In an emergency, call 911.

If you would like to meet our police officers, say hi or come to the "Coffee with a Cop" events which are usually held at the beginning of the semester.

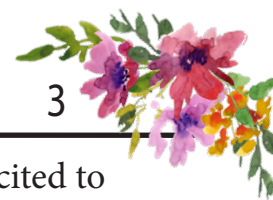
Officer Horowitz says: "If you have any problems or concerns, come talk to us. We're always here to help you."



Credit: Penn State Today, Goldie Van Horn

"Community involvement is key to Wilkes-Barre campus Police & Public Safety"

<https://www.psu.edu/news/university-police-and-public-safety/story/community-involvement-key-wilkes-barre-campus-police>



With the end of the academic year comes a sense of relief for many. Students are excited to have a break from school for a while, and the campus becomes significantly quieter as it moves on to its summer session. However, for some staff members, this academic year is especially noteworthy--it's their final one. For English professor and the program's coordinator, Dr. Chin, and Chemistry professor, Dr. Snyder, this is their final semester before they retire. The two shared with me some of their favorite memories of Penn State Wilkes-Barre and what they enjoyed the most about campus, as well as their plans for the future.

## DR. DAVID CHIN

How long have you been at Penn State Wilkes-Barre?  
Can you share more of your background before arriving at PSUWB?  
Was it always your plan to be at PSUWB for that amount of time?  
What is your favorite memory/experience here?  
What will you miss the most? The least?  
What's next for you?

## DR. DUDLEY SNYDER

My first semester teaching was Fall 1981. I have been with Penn State for 40 years.

I am from a small coal mining town in western PA. I did my Bachelor's degree in Chemistry at the University of Pittsburgh and then my Ph.D. in Organic Chemistry from Purdue University.

I had no specific plan beyond doing the best job I could.

The memory of 40 years of very satisfying work, helping young people prepare for their futures.

I will miss the satisfaction of helping students. I will not miss grading laboratory reports.

I plan to travel extensively and have the time to teach more in the martial arts beyond just one or two classes a week. (I have a fifth degree Black Belt in the World Tang Soo Do Association. The Grandmaster has always stressed that holders of Master Rank have a great responsibility to teach and pass the art down to subsequent generations.)

I joined Penn State in the Fall of 1994 (56 semesters ago---not counting summers taught or subtracting sabbaticals).

Lorna and I moved to Lehman, PA after I completed my M.A. and Ph.D. in English at SUNY Binghamton. Before I started my studies at SUNY Binghamton, I was a staff scientist in the Bone Metabolism Lab of Proctor and Gamble in Norwich, NY working on vitamin D metabolism and mechanism of action studies for the use of diphosphonates to treat post-menopausal osteoporosis (about five years). Prior to P & G, Lorna and I worked for Cetus Corporation in Emeryville, CA. Lorna worked in the RNA lab isolating messenger RNA for use in the recombinant production of interferons, interleukin-2 and tumor necrosis Factor and I worked in the Protein Biochemistry Lab on the isolation and purification of interferons. Prior to that I worked at Sloan-Kettering Institute for Cancer Research (Interferons) in New York City. I picked up my M.F.A. in Creative Writing at Columbia University between stints at Sloan-Kettering. Other labs, hospitals, and pharmaceutical companies I worked at prior to my epiphanic discovery that teaching English was my true calling include: American National Red Cross Research Labs, Washington D.C. blood bank, Columbia Presbyterian Neurological Institute, Bergen Pines Children's Psychiatric Hospital in Paramus, N.J., and United Cerebral Palsy in Denver, CO. Prior to that I was in SUNY College of Optometry in NYC (one semester) and Antioch College in Yellow Springs, OH where I finished my Bachelor's degree in Biology.

After all that moving around, the plan was to raise a family and make Penn State a life-time career.

The memory of each student success from the smallest to the largest will always remain the most important part of my time here. I will miss students, the classroom, my colleagues, and the exchange of ideas. Everyone should feel free to "friend" me on Facebook after June 30th.

I have a very long list of possible retirement projects---writing, reading, music, handicapping horses, learning programming, fitness, more time with family, starting a small poetry chapbook press and/or a writer's group to name a few.



Do you remember the prohibition? Ah, right... that was 100 years ago. Ancient history that occupies only a space in textbooks rather than memory. Imagine a version of the United States where alcohol is illegal. It's hard to do that when over 85% of people in the U.S. over the age of 18 have reported alcohol consumption in their life ([niaaa.nih.gov](http://niaaa.nih.gov)).

With April bringing us National Cannabis Awareness Month and the notorious 4/20, it's equally hard to imagine a United States in the future where marijuana is legal and even celebrated the way alcohol is today. Maybe our children or grandchildren will look back and think of this as another inconceivable prohibition in history.

Let's talk terminology:

Cannabis describes the entire hemp plant and relates to any and all products derived from the plant.

Marijuana refers to certain parts of the plant that contain high amounts of THC.

THC, or tetrahydrocannabinol, is the psychoactive compound found in marijuana that is responsible for altering psychological states, or otherwise known as, getting high.

CBD, cannabidiol, is another chemical found in marijuana that contains no THC.

In 2016, the medical use of cannabis was granted by Pennsylvania governor, Tom Wolf. That means, with a physician's approval and a recorded ailment that falls under one of the seventeen qualifying conditions, the use of cannabis is permitted. Though decriminalized in some of the most densely populated cities, recreational use of marijuana is still illegal here in Pennsylvania. More recently, there has been a push for complete legalization, most often arguing the economic benefits. As of 2021, 18 states and Washington D.C. have legalized personal and recreational use of marijuana (through licensed dispensaries, of course) ([ballotpedia.org](http://ballotpedia.org)). As of 2022, 37 states as well as Washington D.C and four territories have legalized cannabis use for medical conditions ([nclsl.org](http://nclsl.org)).

Cannabis has a rich history, being traced back for more than 10,000 years as human's companion. This month is meant to highlight the opportunity, potential, and proven benefits that derive from cannabis. According to [Norml.org](http://Norml.org), "modern research suggests that cannabis is a valuable aid in the treatment of a wide range of clinical applications. These include pain relief, nausea, spasticity, glaucoma, and movement disorders. Marijuana is also a powerful appetite stimulant and emerging research suggests that marijuana's medicinal properties may protect the body against some types of malignant tumors and are neuroprotective." The month of April is a great time to get educated about this versatile botanical compound. Start by researching the 2018 Farm Bill... scan the QR code to see its impact on producers and consumers!



# Penn State Wilkes-Barre's PAWsi tively PURfect Pals


April 11th is National Pets Day! As if we all needed another reason to spoil our best friends and fur-children, we got one. We asked to see the pets of Penn State Wilkes-Barre... you answered!

My owner is Jackie Warnick-Piatt.



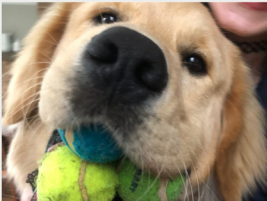
**DR.AMY FARRAH FLOWER**  
"I would like to claim ownership of this chair."

My owner is Grant Loose.



**LAVERNE**  
"Don't even think about it."

My owner is Denali Sharp.



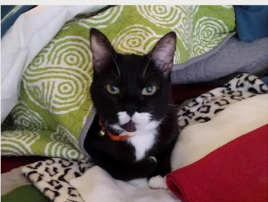
**LEO**  
"I'm so proud of myself right now."

My owner is Jackie Warnick-Piatt.



**GOOD CHARLOTTE**  
"What are you looking at?"

My owner is Jackie Warnick-Piatt.



**DANI CALIFORNIA**  
"This is the life."

My owner is Steven Qarmout.



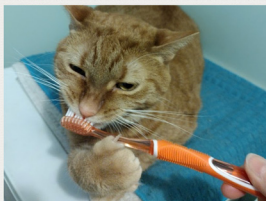
**PETER**  
"No worries, my brother loves me."

My owner is Cristina Orozco.




**NALA**  
"Wait, where's little bro?"

My owner is Jackie Warnick-Piatt.




**GOOD LITTLE BOY CAT**  
"I suppose this is an interesting human ritual."

Our owner is Matt Urban.



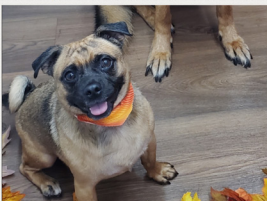
**LILLY & DAISY**  
"What? Picture time?" "Picture time!"

My owner is Patricia Staskiel.




**BUCK**  
"I could cuddle here for centuries!"

My owner is Cristina Orozco.




**OLLIE**  
"Here I am!"

My owner is Jackie Warnick-Piatt.



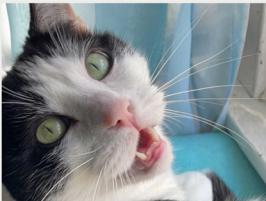
**MISS ELSA MARS**  
"Don't worry. I'm a professional."

My owner is Emma Sands.



**SPIKE**  
"Uh, where is this picture going?"

My owner is Alixsandria Rovinski.



**WHISKEY**  
"Let's Go Penn State!"

My owner is Rob Mastropole.



**MURPHY**  
"More headpats, please."



Article by: Cristina Orozco; Source: Andy Traver

Penn State President, Neeli Bendapudi, visited Penn State Wilkes-Barre on Friday, April 8th for an informal meet and greet before her official start date of May 10th.

Interim chancellor and Chief Academic Officer, Dr. Lynda Goldstein, gave a warm introduction, welcoming our president elect, Dr. Neeli Bendapudi. Previously president of the University of Louisville, Dr. Bendapudi is a value-driven leader who can articulate a vision of success. In her 30 years in academia, she has been known to make diversity and inclusion a priority. In the past, she has helped lead her university to higher rankings as well as strengthened the health system. Dr. Bendapudi makes history at Penn State Wilkes-Barre as both the first woman and the first person of color to be named president.

Dr. Bendapudi says of her goals, she wants to capture what can make a student successful. Success to her means more than just good grades. It includes making the most of the overall college experience. For the students here at PSU, she wants us to challenge ourselves, broaden our studies to more than just our specific interests, and get a good job after graduation. It is important to her that PSU leads students to a good, prosperous life.

Priority number 1 for Dr. Bendapudi is what she considers the ABCs.

A – Academic preparedness.

B – Belonging.

C – Cost.

Some students had the opportunity to ask Dr. Bendapudi some of their own questions, here's a few that they came up with:

**Q: Why did you want to become the president of PSU?**

A: There were two factors that I considered... 1.) Commonwealth campuses. Penn State is a land grant university meant to help our local communities. There is a chance to improve social mobility by giving more people the opportunity to go to college nearby. These commonwealth campuses have an enormous impact at more than just the local level. 2.) Penn State Health. We need to be healthy, and I can see some things we can do to improve.

**Q: What does the president of PSU do?**

A: Penn State is an \$8 billion dollar enterprise, making it a very complex system. The university is meant to do 3 things: Teach, research, service (outreach.)

The citizens of the local community should be the first to benefit from what we do here at Penn State Wilkes-Barre. Athletics makes up a tiny size of our budget, but it's a front porch to out university in the words of another president.

**Q: What do you plan to do to help the Commonwealth campuses?**

A: First, be here. As a leader, I need to show up and be who I say I am. There are many challenges to Commonwealth campuses, one of which is enrollment. Without students, we can't pay faculty, maintain the buildings, etc. Also, retention. It breaks my heart when a student starts then quits.



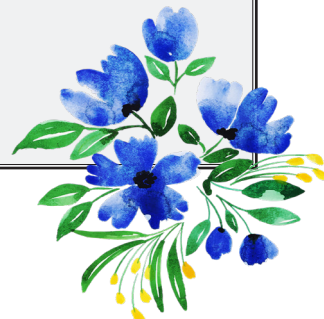


In fall 2019, I made the decision to switch from Penn State University Park to Penn State Wilkes-Barre. Whenever I told people this, they tended to look at me like I had three heads. Honestly, though, I was super pleased with my decision. I went to University Park after taking a gap year due to having some health issues I needed to get resolved—basically, I went from being a shut-in who went out a few times a month with friends to a massive campus full of thousands of people. I was totally overwhelmed, and struggled making friends. I didn't have a roommate, since I had a solo room due to my health issues, and I found my mental health sharply declining. Once I finished my freshman year, I switched to PSUWB, mostly for myself—I wanted to be back with my friends and family, and I wanted a sense of familiarity again. But what I found is that Penn State Wilkes-Barre is simply a very special place.

Penn State Wilkes-Barre is truly a close-knit community, and this really helps you to flourish. It's so nice to walk around campus and feel like you actually have a connection to the staff, faculty, and other students. Despite the fact that a large portion of my time at PSUWB was spent through a global pandemic, I still feel as if I've made friends I can truly depend on here. From people who've graduated that I still talk to, to current students, many of which I've met through this club, and even staff and faculty, I've made a lot of meaningful bonds through this campus.

With this being the last issue of the Revolt with me as president, I knew I wanted to write something. The problem is, I've never been a very sentimental person, and I had no idea how to even approach something like this. I always worry that, by writing something like this, I'll come off as cheesy or insincere. However, I truly enjoyed my time at Penn State Wilkes-Barre, and I feel as if it really taught me to appreciate the college experience in a way I never thought I would. As cliché as it sounds, I really feel as if my time here helped me to find my voice. Through the encouragement of my professors and my involvement in the Revolt, I feel like I've come out of my shell so much since I've come here. I'm truly proud of everyone who is graduating alongside me this May—college isn't easy, but we made it, and we can carry that alongside us as we make our way through life.

- *Grant Loose*





# Spring Word Search

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