Our mission: To prepare students for lifelong success through excellence in education.

Dear Community member,

As the last day of school is quickly approaching, we are inundated with stories, awards and recognitions — not that we mind. It's a great problem to have. We hope you enjoy the final days of the year and of course, our latest SCASD Scoop!

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Roots of Life Performing Arts Ensemble

For nine years, as part of the SCASD Learning Enrichment Program, Roots of Life has delivered mesmerizing displays of entertainment and enlightenment. Students from elementary to high school come together to embrace West African dance and drumming, broaden horizons and form lasting bonds.
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Teacher of the Year!

Marcie Rockey has been named a State College Magazine Teacher of the Year. In Rockey's Mount Nittany Elementary kindergarten classroom, students sing, dance and build a foundation for a lifetime of learning. Read More

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PDS celebrates 20th anniversary

Penn State's College of Education and the State College Area School District for 20 years running have combined to support the educational needs of the district's K-12 students and the university's teacher candidates through its Professional Development School (PDS). Read More

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Keeping students safe

Amid marches and mourning for those lost to gun violence, here's some of what the State College Area School District is doing to help keep our students safe. Read More

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Checkmate

Emily Hu, a 10th grade student at State High, became the high school champion during the Pennsylvania State Chess Federation's scholastic championships in Gettysburg. Read More

Director of Diversity and Inclusivity

The SCASD Board of Directors has approved hiring Dr. Seria Chatters as the district's Director of Diversity and Inclusivity, a new position. Chatters will be responsible for overseeing the district's ongoing efforts to meet the goals of its School Climate/Inclusive Excellence Policy. She'll begin in August. [Read More](#)

Friberg named to All-State Team

State College's Drew Friberg joined elite company recently when he was named one of the best high school basketball players in Pennsylvania.The Princeton-bound senior was selected to the Pennsylvania Sports Writers All-State Team for the second year. [Read More via the Centre Daily Times](#)

Foreign language awards

Paulina Tabachnikova recorded a perfect score on the 2018 National Latin Exam, a rare feat, and Spanish students received gold "Oro" awards for scoring in the 95th percentile or above nationally at their respective levels. [Read More](#)

Healthy debate

Recently, MNMS teacher Brenda Stout's Academic Literacy classes debated a variety of questions, settling nothing — but that was the point. They were putting their argumentative skills to the test. [Read More](#)

From the *Lion's Digest*, the student voice of State High — By Josh Miller

Are AP exams worth it?

AP courses are generally rigorous classes featuring college-level curriculum. There are a wide variety of these classes. From art history to physics, AP courses and exams cover areas of study in the sciences, humanities, mathematics, arts, and other fields. [Read More](#)

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