



2025–2026 Impact Report

ADVANCING INNOVATION, STRENGTHENING
PENNSYLVANIA, TRANSFORMING LIVES



BREAKDOWN OF AY2025–26

10,151

Learners



49

States represented



127

Countries represented



DEAR HU COMMUNITY AND FRIENDS,

Harrisburg University of Science and Technology was founded on a bold premise: that a world-class STEM education, rooted in a mid-sized Pennsylvania city, could change lives, transform a regional economy, and position the Commonwealth as a leader in the fields defining the 21st Century. Twenty-five years into our mission, that premise has become a reality we are proud to document in this Impact Report.



The pages that follow tell the story of our university in numbers and in human terms. They document the career trajectories of first-generation students, the partnerships we have forged with industry leaders, the research breakthroughs emerging from our labs, and the measurable contributions we make to the economic vitality of the greater Harrisburg region and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

We do not measure our success only in enrollment figures or revenue. We measure it in the professionals we graduate who return to serve Pennsylvania communities. We measure it in the cybersecurity tools protecting public infrastructure, the analytics platforms improving healthcare outcomes, and the entrepreneurs whose startups are creating jobs. We measure it in the story of every student who walked through our doors without a clear path forward and left with a career, a purpose, and a future.

This report is addressed to all who invest in that mission: our students and their families, our industry and civic partners, the donors and philanthropists who sustain us, the legislators and policymakers who shape the environment in which we operate, and the communities across Pennsylvania and beyond who look to HU as a beacon of what applied, technology-focused higher education can accomplish.

Harrisburg University exists not only to educate students but to serve as a catalyst for careers, economic growth, and a more competitive and equitable Pennsylvania.

With respect and gratitude,

Michael Fiaschetti

Chair, Harrisburg University Board of Trustees

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HARRISBURG UNIVERSITY

AN OVERVIEW

PA's Independent, Nonprofit STEM University

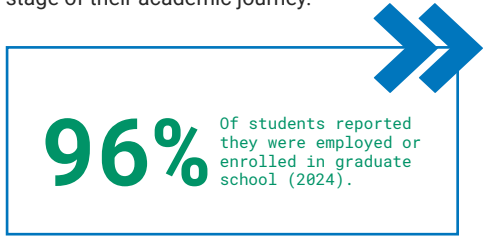
Before HU, Harrisburg was the largest state capital in the nation without a four-year university. In 2001, a coalition of community and business leaders changed that by founding the first independent, nonprofit, STEM-focused university established in Pennsylvania in more than a century.

HU offers 17 bachelor's, 12 master's, and five doctoral programs and serves nearly 4,200 full-time, degree-seeking students.

Since 2001, it has welcomed students from almost every U.S. state and 172 countries. Every undergraduate completes a hands-on internship or applied research with an innovator in their field, and our faculty bring corporate and industry experience.

Harrisburg University is the only nonprofit STEM-focused university between Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, directly preparing graduates for high-demand

careers in cybersecurity, healthcare, data analytics, advanced manufacturing, artificial intelligence, and more. HU empowers explorers, inventors, and pioneers at every stage of their academic journey.



Keeping the Midstate Economy Strong

Harrisburg University is proud to be the third-largest employer in the city of Harrisburg. In 2026, the University employed 81 full-time faculty, 275 part-time faculty, 159 staff members, and 96 student workers.

Harrisburg University is one of Central Pennsylvania's most significant STEM-focused economic engines: a role independently validated by an economic impact study published by the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities

of Pennsylvania (AICUP) and conducted by Parker Strategy Group, a nationally recognized research firm.

The study estimates that Harrisburg University generates an annual economic impact of **\$274.5 million** and supports **2,242 jobs** across the Commonwealth – a footprint that confirms HU's outsized role for an institution of its size and age.



Above: Catherine T. Santai, Ph.D., dean of the School of Health and Science, gives an overview of HU's state-of-the-art chemistry lab.

A Statewide Economic Engine



Left: Students taking a quick break on the steps of the Pennsylvania Capitol.

In short: every dollar Harrisburg University invests in its mission returns exceptionally well beyond its own walls. With your support, HU is strengthening local suppliers, supporting working families, and reinforcing the broader ecosystem of innovation, talent, and opportunity in Central Pennsylvania.

A Growing Footprint and a Focused Mission

HU continues to grow its regional and national footprint through high-demand academic programs and an unwavering commitment to access, affordability, and workforce development. HU's evolving program catalog reflects the ever-changing needs of Pennsylvania's economy: an online Bachelor's in Cybersecurity Operations and Management, a hybrid Doctor of Physical Therapy degree, and a master's degree in Business Administration and Artificial Intelligence are just some of the new experiences that stand alongside established offerings in advanced manufacturing, biotechnology, data analytics, health science, and more.

Each program is designed with a clear purpose: to prepare graduates for the jobs Pennsylvania needs filled, in the industries driving the Commonwealth's future.

Measuring What Matters

Using industry-standard methodologies and IMPLAN modeling software, Parker Strategy Group measured HU's operational, wage, capital, student, and visitor spending, along with the ripple effects those expenditures create throughout the regional and state economies. The analysis captures not only the university's direct employment and purchasing activities, but also the indirect and induced economic activity those investments generate across Pennsylvania.

The Bigger Picture

AICUP's more than 90 member institutions collectively support nearly 200,000 jobs and generate tens of billions of dollars in annual economic activity for Pennsylvania: a reminder that independent, nonprofit higher education is not a cost the state bears, but rather an asset it depends on.

Within that network, Harrisburg University plays a distinct role: a young, mission-driven STEM university, rooted in the capital city, serving students who might otherwise never have had access to a four-year degree, and returning their investment — and the Commonwealth's — many times over.



"There's no question that Pennsylvania's independent, nonprofit colleges and universities serve as vital economic drivers for their communities and help fuel the economic vitality of the Commonwealth."

NICHOLE PARKER
Managing Principal
Parker Strategy Group



GENDER EQUITY IN STEM

At a moment when women remain underrepresented in many science and engineering fields nationally, Harrisburg University's classrooms tell a different story.

Women make up 51% of HU's undergraduate population and 47% of its graduate enrollment. Nationally, in contrast, women earn just 24% of bachelor's degrees in engineering and 21% of those in computer science, according to the National Science Foundation.

That balance reflects HU's belief that the next generation of scientists, engineers, analysts, and technologists should look like the communities they serve.



PARTNERSHIPS FOR IMPACT AND INNOVATION

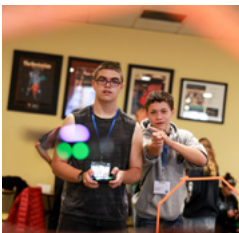
HU's impact extends well beyond the classroom through community, industry, and national partnerships:



Select Medical

In 2024, HU and Select Medical together launched the Select Medical

Institute of Physical Therapy and Movement to fund scholarships, clinical residencies, and research. In FY26, the Institute welcomed its inaugural class of 53 Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) candidates.



Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)

In 2024, HU's Geospatial

Technology program was selected for inclusion in the FAA's Unmanned Aircraft Systems Collegiate Training Initiative (UAS-CTI). The interdisciplinary application of UAS technology has contributed to several different academic programs at HU, including Environmental Science and Forensics.



National Security Agency (NSA)

The NSA has designated

Harrisburg University a National Center of Academic Excellence in Cyber Defense.



M&T Bank

The M&T Bank Small Business Accelerator Program, hosted

by Harrisburg University and now in its fifth year, provides free entrepreneurship training in the Capital Region.

Additional Partners

HU also partners with Capital Blue Cross, GFT(formerly Gannett Fleming) , Geisinger, Members 1st Federal Credit Union, Millennium Circuits Limited, The Hershey Company, PSECU, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and among others.

Thank You to our Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) Funders

- Burke & Herbert(Formerly LINKBANK)
- Capital Advantage Insurance Company
- Capital Blue Cross
- Central Pennsylvania Scholarship Fund
- Cleveland Brothers Equipment Co.,Inc.
- First National Bank
- Fulton Bank
- Juniata Valley Bank(JVB)
- Maher Duessel
- Penn National Insurance
- Select Medical Corporation
- Wilsbach Distributors,Inc.



Photo grid: the HU community helps move in new and returning students before the Fall semester.



ACCESS AND AFFORDABILITY

An affordable path to a STEM degree and career.

Harrisburg University is committed to making a high-quality STEM education accessible to students from every economic background. For first-time, full-time, first-year students, 99% received financial aid, with an average total aid package of **\$20,739**.

For the 2025–26 academic year, Harrisburg University awarded **\$5.7 million** in institutional grants and scholarships.

The average annual net tuition for undergraduates to attend Harrisburg University for the 2025–26 academic year, after scholarships and grants, was **\$3,407**.

HU invests directly in its students so that the cost of a STEM degree is never the reason a qualified student walks away from one.



\$5.7M

in institutional grants and scholarships, with the average institutional award totaling \$13,249 per student.

In 2025-26:

60%

of HU undergraduates received a Federal Pell Grant, the federal government's primary need-based aid program for low- and moderate-income students.

99%

of accepted full-time traditional undergraduate students receive a scholarship from HU.

\$12K

average student debt upon graduation for HU undergraduates, less than half the national average of \$29,560.



Photo: High school students getting hands-on experience in our Advanced Manufacturing labs.

Program Event Days: Bringing the Campus to Life

In 2025–26, the Department of Secondary Schools introduced a consistent programming model for campus visit events. The results were immediate. Seventeen Program Event Days brought 503 high school students to campus, accompanied by 81 teachers and counselors who now know

exactly what to expect from an HU visit and bring the students genuinely interested in each program. Each event includes an admissions touchpoint tracked in Slate and a lunchtime introduction to the University, converting inspiration into a measurable recruitment pathway.



**SPOTLIGHT:
SECONDARY SCHOOLS**

Building STEM Pathways That Start in High School

Harrisburg University’s commitment to the learner doesn’t begin at college enrollment. It begins years earlier, in high school classrooms across Pennsylvania and beyond. Through HU’s College in High School (CiHS) and On-Campus Dual Enrollment (OCDE) programs, thousands of high school students earn college credit, experience real university coursework, and discover that a STEM future is within their reach long before they submit a college application. It’s one of the most powerful expressions of HU’s mission to serve the learner across their entire lifespan.

Reach Beyond Pennsylvania

HU’s early-college network extends past state lines: partner agreements also serve students in Carroll County, Maryland; Cape May and Essex Counties, New Jersey; and Washington, D.C., where Friendship Public Charter School students earn HU credit in the nation’s capital.

A Statewide Footprint

From Warren County in the northwest to Philadelphia in the southeast, HU’s College in High School network spans the Commonwealth. The map below shows HU’s partner school districts by county.



**College in High School:
Growth That Tells a Story**

Since its founding in the 2018–19 school year with 297 students, the College in High School (CiHS) program has experienced significant growth, now serving approximately 1,530 students as current-year enrollment data is finalized. Behind that growth is a simple, powerful model: HU approves experienced high school teachers to deliver university courses in their own classrooms, making college credit accessible without leaving the school building — and at a fraction of traditional tuition cost. The results are as strong as the growth. In 2025–26, students earned 5,951 CiHS credits across 35 approved courses, completing 99 percent of credits attempted — with 83 percent of grades at B-minus or higher.

**On-Campus Dual Enrollment:
The University Experience, Early**

For students within traveling distance of Harrisburg — plus partners like Commonwealth Charter Academy and Linden Hall, whose programs are designed for online achievement — On-Campus Dual Enrollment brings high schoolers directly into HU classrooms, taught by HU instructors alongside the University’s undergraduate offerings. OCDE has grown from 24 students in 2018–19 to 77 in 2025-26 — including a robust Philadelphia cohort that emerged after a scheduling redesign in 2022–23. Enrollment has held near 100 students, the program’s current capacity. In 2025–26, OCDE students earned 368 credits with an 89 percent attainment rate.

Why Early Pathways Matter

Every CiHS credit earned is a head start: academically, financially, and psychologically. Students who succeed in university coursework while still in high school arrive at college with momentum and confidence. Research shows they are more likely to complete their degree than students without early-college experiences. For Pennsylvania, that means a deeper, better-prepared STEM pipeline. For families, it means tuition savings. And for the students themselves, the discovery that a future in science and technology is not a distant dream but a path already underway.

97

School districts with active CiHS agreements.

340

High school teachers credentialed to teach HU courses (all time, with 166 for 2025-26).

1,602

CiHS and OCDE students served in 2025-26 school year.

cie

Center for Innovation & Entrepreneurship

The Center for Entrepreneurship & Innovation (CIE) was built to give Central Pennsylvania something new: a robust, STEM-aligned business incubation ecosystem that opens doors for underserved founders, inventors, and changemakers.



Underserved Founders

CIE was built to flip the script on what an innovator “looks like.” launchU Military Accelerator, the M&T Bank Multicultural Small Business Innovation Lab, and Side Hustle School open entrepreneurship to veterans, families, and multicultural founders.



Since 2019, the CIE at Harrisburg University has received 250+ startup applications, delivered 27+ programs, and helped nine companies raise over \$3.5 million in investment capital.

Founders to watch:

NAQI Logix with Founder Dave Segal is building hands-free, touchless control of devices and has reached a \$100 million valuation.

Arcana Recovery led by founder Sharina Johnson connects veterans to local recovery resources and helps flag relapse risk early.

Macro Pivot led by founder Daniel Starr is bringing AI to the notoriously difficult world of regulatory compliance for investment advisers.

For Students

CIE turns coursework into résumé-ready experience: 100-plus internships and 40-plus students embedded in paid corporate projects beside 20-plus faculty mentors. Even high schoolers have chances to build real ventures while earning college credits.

For the Regional Economy

CIE is a connective engine linking founders, investors, and corporate partners. Its incubated startups have raised more than \$11 million, while the CEO Forum and Corporate Innovation Labs extend its reach to hundreds of business leaders.

CIE BY THE NUMBERS

\$12M+

Capital raised by CIE ventures

22

Startups incubated since 2019

750+

Students engaged

180+

Founders supported

STORMWERX Research Center

complements HU's advanced manufacturing program by uniting academic and defense-industry priorities into a single technological proving ground.

Operational Impact

STORMWERX has collaborated with the Defense Logistics Agency, Honeywell, and America Makes to accelerate advanced manufacturing, reverse engineering, and technology transition. More than 400 mission-critical parts are currently supporting the U.S. Warfighter, and STORMWERX capabilities have been demonstrated during the RIMPAC and Trident Warrior military exercises — placing HU-affiliated innovation inside two of the U.S. military's premier operational grounds.

Through J-DAMMIT (HU's annual Joint Defense Advanced Manufacturing Meeting for Innovation and Transition) and STORMWERX, HU connects government, industry, academia, and emerging talent to accelerate defense innovation and strengthen America's industrial base. Rapid prototyping, supply chain innovations, 3D printing, digital twins, smart factories, and



KEY PARTNERS

- America Makes
- Defense Logistics Agency (DLA)
- KVG
- NAVSUP
- NextFlex
- Phillips Corp
- U.S. Army
- U.S. Marine Corp
- U.S. Navy

additive hybrid manufacturing are changing how manufacturers and the U.S. military alike carry out their missions. Together, these programs demonstrate how a STEM

university in Pennsylvania can strengthen both national security and the state's manufacturing economy while creating opportunities for its students.



\$1.5M

Value of research portfolio (FY 2025-26)

450

J-DAMMIT attendees and vendors

\$60K+

Raised by J-DAMMIT to support student scholarships

400+

Manufactured and reverse-engineered parts delivered to support the U.S. Warfighter

Developing the Future Defense Workforce

Four HU student interns are actively contributing to a live DLA project — gaining hands-on experience alongside government and industry professionals in a set of disciplines rarely accessible to undergraduate students:

- Reverse engineering
- Computer-aided design (CAD)
- Additive manufacturing
- Quality assurance
- Defense logistics
- Project management

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“A lot of the industrial base in central Pennsylvania is becoming excited about new and advanced manufacturing technologies and want to grow their businesses, so they partner with us and our research environment to help grow those things.”

LJ HOLMES
Executive Director, STORMWERX

INTERNSHIPS AND CAREER OUTCOMES

Since its founding, Harrisburg University has remained committed to hands-on, experiential learning.

At Harrisburg University, 100% of our undergraduates complete an internship or applied research in their field. The result? Career-ready graduates who already have the connections to land a strong first job and make an impact in their chosen field. In the 2025–26 academic year, Harrisburg University recorded 86 undergraduate student internship outcomes.

Nearly three-quarters of those positions were based in Pennsylvania, and close to half were in Harrisburg itself. HU students filled roles within Commonwealth agencies, anchor regional healthcare

systems, the financial institutions that underpin the Capital Region economy, and the technology and cybersecurity firms reshaping how that economy works.



Below: Students meet potential employers at HU's twice-yearly career fair.

86

Reported internship for 2025–26

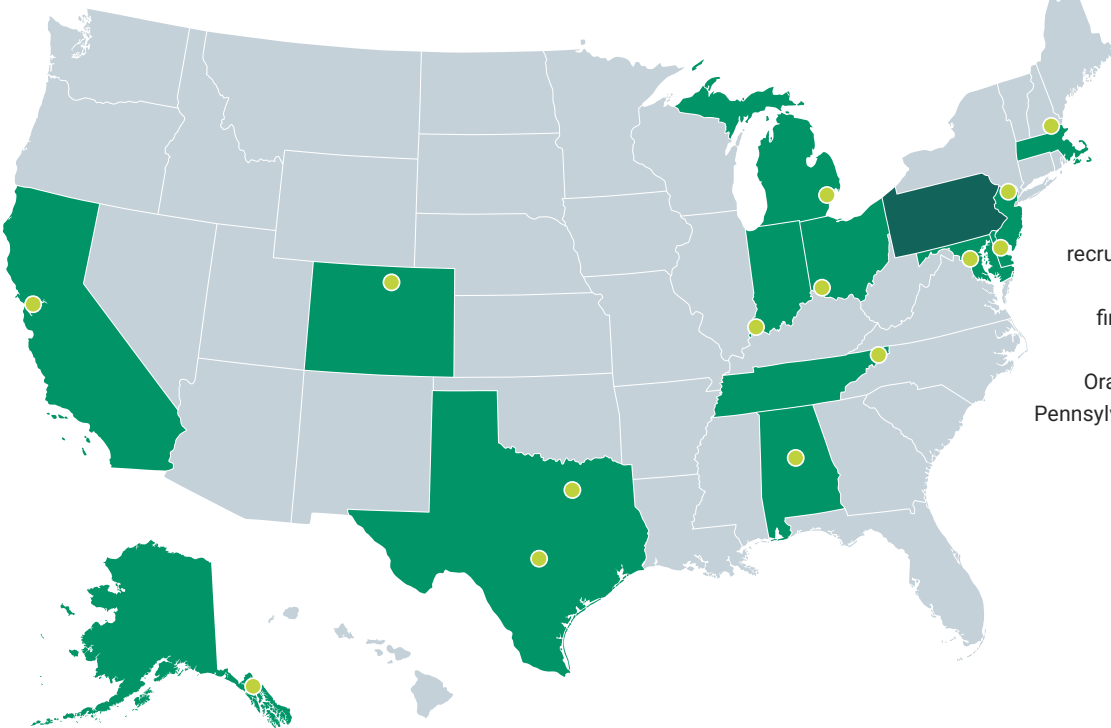
National Reach: HU Student Interns

HU Talent Across Industries

From a single talent pipeline in the Midstate, HU students fanned out across diverse sectors that are growing rapidly or lack reliable access to talent. Regional healthcare anchors — UPMC, Penn State Health Hershey — recruited HU students alongside private-sector technology firms ranging from Advanced Conversion Technology to Oracle. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania was the largest single employer of HU interns.

~74%

Internships based in PA



79

Represented countries

54%

of undergraduates are from historically underrepresented backgrounds.

76%

of undergraduates are from Pennsylvania, 56% are from Central PA.



45

Represented US States



1,183

graduate students

118

undergraduate students



CLASS OF 2026

CLASS OF 2025 OUTCOMES

Post-graduation outcomes (based on 118 graduates and an 86% knowledge rate) for the undergraduate Class of 2025 point to a strong employment picture, a roster of recognizable regional and national employers, and a field mix that reflects HU's STEM identity. Harrisburg University graduates took roles at nationally recognized organizations including:

NATIONAL EMPLOYERS

- Amazon
- Analog Devices
- Cigna
- Deloitte
- Disney
- Johns Hopkins

CENTRAL PA

- Dauphin County
- Exelon
- Geisinger
- Hershey Company
- Members 1st FCU
- Penn State Health

- PSECU
- and more

2,215

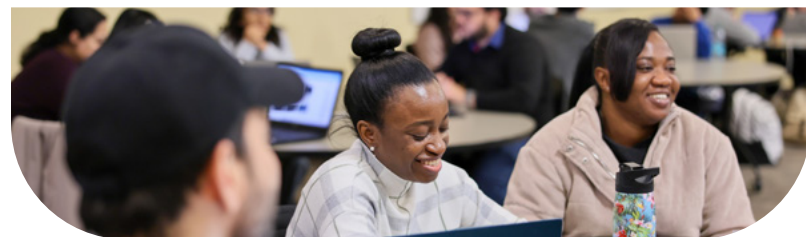
employment records

1,700

employers

~1,767

distinct students



GRADUATE LEARNING: A GLOBAL FOOTPRINT

Harrisburg University is more than a school; it's a global launchpad.

Throughout the 2025–26 academic year, Harrisburg University's master's- and doctoral-level students have been busy making names for themselves at employers spanning the country. The records below capture the national reach and the caliber of the organizations putting HU's graduate talent to work.

Leading employers of HU graduate students include Amazon, Barclays, Capital One, Citi, Deloitte, Goldman Sachs, Google, Intuit, JPMorgan Chase, Meta, Morgan Stanley, Oracle, Susquehanna International Group, and Walmart.



"From a very small village in Tamil Nadu to Harrisburg University – the first college graduate in my family. HU gave me a platform and a sense of community. From workshops and volunteering to landing my first job at the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission, it's been a journey of growth, resilience, and discovery."

PRIYADARSHINI RAJMOHAN '25
MS in Analytics
IT Analyst, Pennsylvania
Turnpike Commission

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AT HARRISBURG UNIVERSITY

Harrisburg University's commitment to lifelong learning extends far beyond our degree programs.

Through the Office of Professional Development, HU delivers conferences, certificate programs, contracted training, and free community education that keep Pennsylvania's workforce current in the technologies and leadership practices shaping the economy.

In fiscal year 2026, these offerings reached more than 4,100 professionals – from state agency auditors learning to apply artificial intelligence, to U.S. Navy personnel sharpening project management skills, to community members exploring a career in cybersecurity for the first time.

Educational Programs and Certificates

HU's certificate and training portfolio served 342 professionals in FY26, spanning open-enrollment certificates, targeted trainings, and contracted programs delivered for the U.S. Navy and two Commonwealth of Pennsylvania agencies. Examples include:

- IT Leaders Certificate Program
- Information Security Officer Certificate Program
- Leadership Development Program
- Cybersecurity Blueprint 101 Training
- Project Management Fundamentals + CAPM Exam Prep Training
- Project Management Training for U.S. Navy – NAVSUP Contracted
- Generative AI for Real-World Use (three sessions) Training
- Encourage the Heart – Commonwealth of PA, LDI Program Contracted
- AI in Practice: A Practical Guide for Audit Professionals – Commonwealth of PA, DHS Contracted
- Leadership Essentials for Emerging Leaders in Healthcare Program

Free Community Forums

Fourteen free, one-hour Community Forums welcomed 828 attendees during FY26 – no tuition, no registration fee, no barrier to entry. The series leaned into the questions professionals and community members are asking most urgently about artificial intelligence, with sessions ranging from "AI Demystified" to "Cognitive Architectures" to "AI Horizons: What's Next for Humans and Machines."

FY26 BY THE NUMBERS

4,134

Total Participants

12

Programs and Certificates

7

Major Conferences, 2,964 attendees, from PA TechCon to OneHR

14

Free Community Forums



Where Professional Learners Engage

Professional Development at HU meets learners at every level of commitment. Conference attendance represents the largest share of total reach, while certificate and training enrollments reflect deeper, sustained engagements.

Conferences and Summits

Seven major events brought nearly 3,000 professionals to HU-hosted convenings during FY26, establishing the University as a marquee gathering place in Central Pennsylvania for the technology, security, data, and human resources communities.

Sponsors and Partners

Professional development at HU is strengthened by the corporate sponsors who invest in the University's centers and institutes. Their support underwrites conferences, forums, and programming that would be out of reach for many attendees.

THANK YOU

Government Technology Institute (GTI)

Amazon Web Services, Cisco, Comcast, CrowdStrike, Deloitte, Ensono, ePlus Technology, KPMG, Microsoft, Momentum, RolkaLoube, Unisys

Security Center of Excellence (SCE)

Cisco, CrowdStrike, Deloitte, ePlus Technology, KPMG, Zscaler

Center for Project Management Innovation

KPMG

Data Analytics Institute

Deloitte, KPMG

HARRISBURG UNIVERSITY LAUNCHES FOUR NEW SCHOOLS

A realignment of talent, resources, and student potential.

In 2025, Harrisburg University announced the formation of four new academic schools. This is a major step for the University in its mission to prepare students for the rapidly evolving STEM-focused economy. Each school represents a major market cluster in Pennsylvania and the United States, and each serves as a hub for organizing and expanding HU's academic and administrative strengths.



"The founding of the School of Analytics and Computational Sciences both recognizes where the world is today and takes a bold step toward where the future is headed."

Roozbeh Sadeghian, Ph.D.
Dean, School of Analytics and Computational Sciences

The School of Analytics and Computational Sciences is organized into four departments:

The Department of Analytics and Data Science trains students in statistical analysis, predictive modeling, machine learning, and the computational foundations of working with data.

The Department of Computer Science spans fundamentals in software, algorithms, and systems engineering.

The Department of Cybersecurity prepares students at the bachelor's and master's levels for the operational and managerial work of defending networks, systems, and the data they hold.

The Department of Intelligent Systems Engineering and Management centers on the design, integration, and management of enterprise information systems. Its BS covers systems and infrastructure, while its MS, Ph.D., and D.Eng. extend that into advanced practice.



"This new school gives them even more ways to put ideas into action: launching a business, creating playful experiences, designing digital interactions, or experimenting with emerging tools like generative AI."

Charles Palmer, Ph.D.
Dean, School of Applied Media and Innovation

The School of Applied Media and Innovation bridges creative practice and STEM through four departments:

The Department of Applied Media and Design moves students from undergraduate work in interactive media through graduate study in learning technologies, media systems, and the design of human-computer interaction.

The Department of Business and Innovation pairs an undergraduate grounding in business administration with graduate work in technology-driven entrepreneurship.

The Department of Ludic Design and Creative Leadership covers game design and entertainment technology at both certificate and undergraduate levels.

The Department of Undergraduate Pathways anchors general education and experiential learning components, giving every student a common base before specialization.

The School of Engineering and Management prepares leaders for clean energy, infrastructure modernization, and digital transformation through three departments:

The Department of Manufacturing Systems houses a single, tightly focused offering: undergraduate study in robotics, automation, additive manufacturing, and the smart-factory systems reshaping modern production.

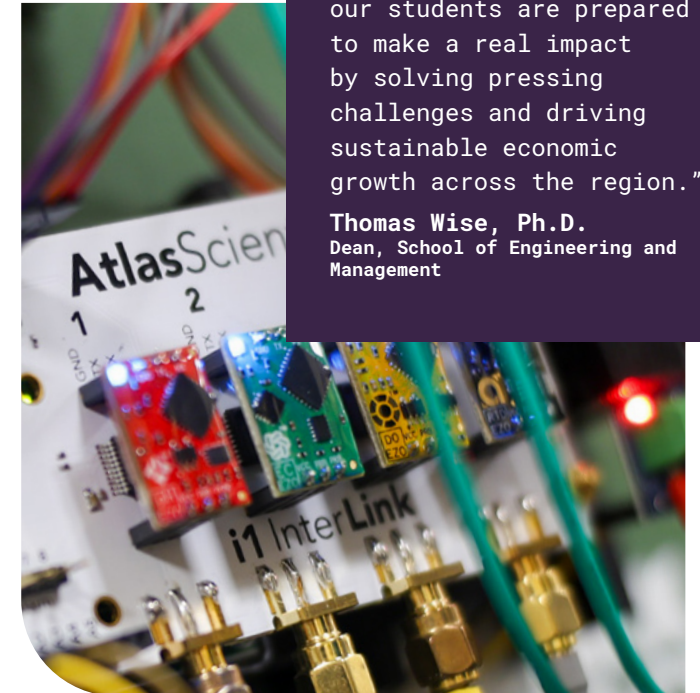
The Department of Digital Enterprise and Project Leadership works entirely at the graduate level: master's study in project leadership, and doctoral work in guiding organizations through digital transformation.

The Department of Management, Esports, Mathematics and Engineering houses a distinctive mix: undergraduate study in the production and business of competitive gaming, an interdisciplinary undergraduate track combining engineering with mathematical foundations, and graduate work in project leadership.



"This new school ensures our students are prepared to make a real impact by solving pressing challenges and driving sustainable economic growth across the region."

Thomas Wise, Ph.D.
Dean, School of Engineering and Management



The School of Health and Science addresses Pennsylvania's critical healthcare workforce shortages — including a projected statewide deficit of 8,890 registered nurses annually through 2032 — through three departments.

The Department of Forensics offers undergraduate study in the scientific analysis of physical evidence, with paths through laboratory chemistry, biological and DNA evidence, and crime scene documentation and reconstruction.

The Department of Graduate Health Sciences offers master's- and doctoral-level study in nursing, physical therapy, biotechnology, pharmaceutical sciences, and healthcare informatics, training advanced practitioners for the clinical, scientific, and technical roles the region's hospitals and life sciences employers are working hardest to fill.

The Department of Integrated Sciences anchors the school's undergraduate program with study spanning the life sciences, the physical sciences, and applied health and environmental disciplines: a foundation that supports both immediate workforce entry and progression to graduate and professional programs at HU and beyond.



"Launch the next generation of driven, ethical, and compassionate caregivers, scientists, technicians, forensic investigators, and other highly specialized, STEM-focused professionals."

Catherine T. Santai, Ph.D.
Dean, School of Health and Science



CELEBRATING 25 YEARS WITH HU'S FIRST ALUMNUS

In HU's earliest days, Michael Wright '06 took a chance on a new kind of nimble, industry-focused university. The gamble paid off.



When it was incorporated on Dec. 12, 2001, Harrisburg University became the first new STEM-focused university established in Pennsylvania in more than a century. Before HU existed in its current form, students met for classes on the second floor of the local train station or in Strawberry Square.

Could you tell us what you've been up to since graduating from HU?

After graduation I went to work with the federal government for an organization called Defense Information Systems Agency, helping to define policies that were incorporated into cybersecurity initiatives. After that, I worked at IBM for a couple of years, followed by professional consulting for a software company. Currently, I'm working for a company called Owens & Minor out of Virginia. And for a short stint, I was a full-

time faculty member here at HU.

When you first enrolled at HU, the institution was still untested and very new. What made you take that leap of faith?

I was very impressed with the faculty I met. Their credentials and their personalities. I thought

hard about it and realized I could finish my degree here. It was probably the best decision I made, because the faculty were tremendous. They were very supportive and did everything they could to support their students. Even as an adult learner, they made sure we were fully supported.

Can you paint a picture of what campus atmosphere was like when you studied here?

It was a time when the university was growing. This academic center was still more of a concept than a finished building, and construction was ongoing while I was attending. That didn't delay any of the courses I took. I remember taking courses that were outside my comfort zone. The faculty were incredibly challenging. Even in the early days, it wasn't a situation where the university

was new and therefore grading lightly. Every student had to work for their grades. Nothing was handed out; students were challenged from the very beginning.

Were there any assignments, projects, or moments that felt especially innovative?

The two that stood out most were the junior project and the senior capstone. For my junior project, I proposed writing a book on cybersecurity based on the field I was working in. That proposal ultimately led to me getting published in 2009. It was extremely gratifying to see a classroom project turn into published work tied to my federal government work. The senior capstone was similar: I tied my work defining cybersecurity policies for the government directly into the project. Both were fulfilling and challenging. Professors like Joe Cannon pushed me to ask why I wanted to pursue these ideas and to challenge myself to aim higher.



CHECK OUT HU'S ALUMNI NETWORK AROUND THE WORLD

At that time, HU only had a couple of physical locations. What was that like?

We taught and learned wherever space was available. I taught classes in Strawberry Square and took classes at the train station. This building was still being developed, so everything was spread out. It was a challenge, but it was also fun. We got to see the university being built literally from the ground up. And despite the scrappy environment, the learning didn't suffer at all.

Is there anything about the HU community that you think has stayed remarkably consistent since your time here?

It's the faculty. From the very beginning to today, the faculty have always put students first. Their love for the university and for the success of their students has never changed. They support students, see them succeed, and celebrate that success with them.

STAY ENGAGED WITH YOUR HU FAMILY

With a quickly growing network of more than 9,300 alumni, HU students are finding ways to give back to the university that helped launch their careers.



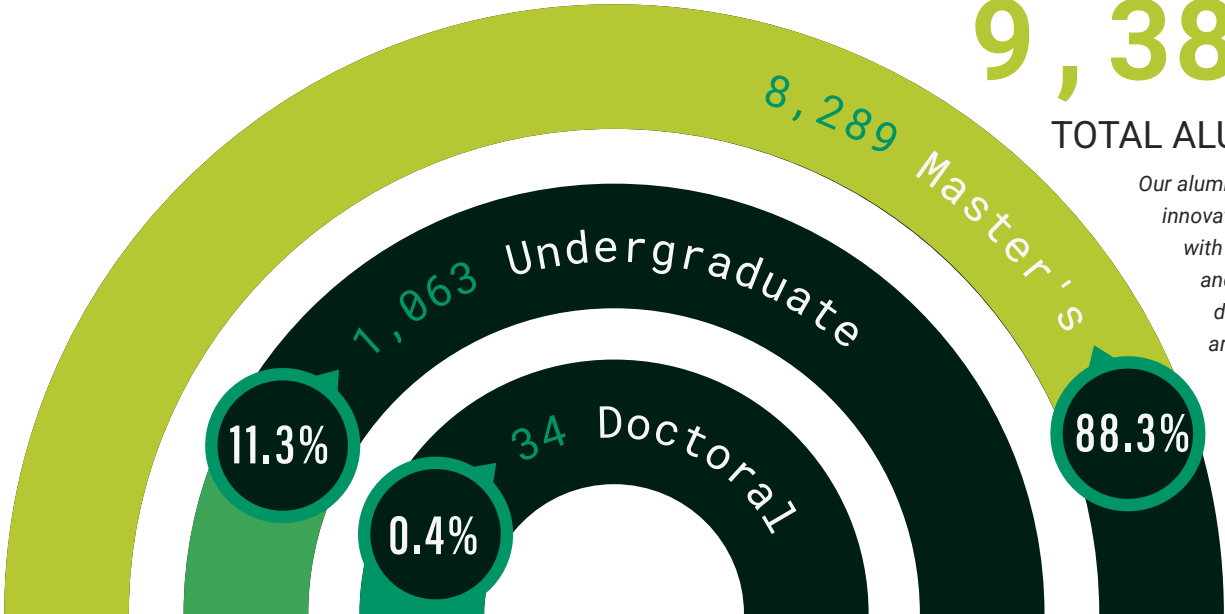
Bharadwaj Popuri, a 2020 graduate of HU's MS in Analytics program who returned to pursue his Ph.D. in Data Sciences, recently pledged \$10,000 to the Harrisburg University Scholarship Fund. Now leading HyperAutomation for R&D at Takeda Pharmaceuticals while completing his doctorate, Popuri directed his gift specifically toward students from underserved South-Central Pennsylvania: a region he has come to call home. Popuri's own path is exactly the kind of outcome scholarship support is meant to produce.

His pledge ensures that future HU students, particularly those who might not otherwise consider a STEM career within reach, will benefit from the same hands-on learning, faculty mentorship, and industry-connected education that launched his own path from a mechanical engineering background to leading data science work in pharmaceutical R&D.

9,386

TOTAL ALUMNI

Our alumni inspire innovation, lead with purpose, and make a difference around the world.



HU ALUMNI COUNCIL

The mission of the HU Alumni Council is to engage and enrich both alumni and current students and to represent and support the mission of Harrisburg University — including but not limited to raising funds for scholarships and other collaborative endeavors.

Our council is currently made up of three committees:

- Alumni Engagement
- Alumni and Student Relations
- Fundraising and Giving Culture

ALUMNI COUNCIL MEMBERS

Abd' Malik Hakeem-Olowu	Johnathan Jackson
Angel Brown	Matthew Dang
Benjamin Newton	Mia Ray
Bharadwaj Popuri	Michael Slenker
Brian Simmons	Priyadarshini Rajmohan
Hannah Wishon	Tyler Ross

ALUMNI WEEKEND
APRIL 9–11, 2027

Save the date for HU's first Alumni Weekend.





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Program Support (17%)

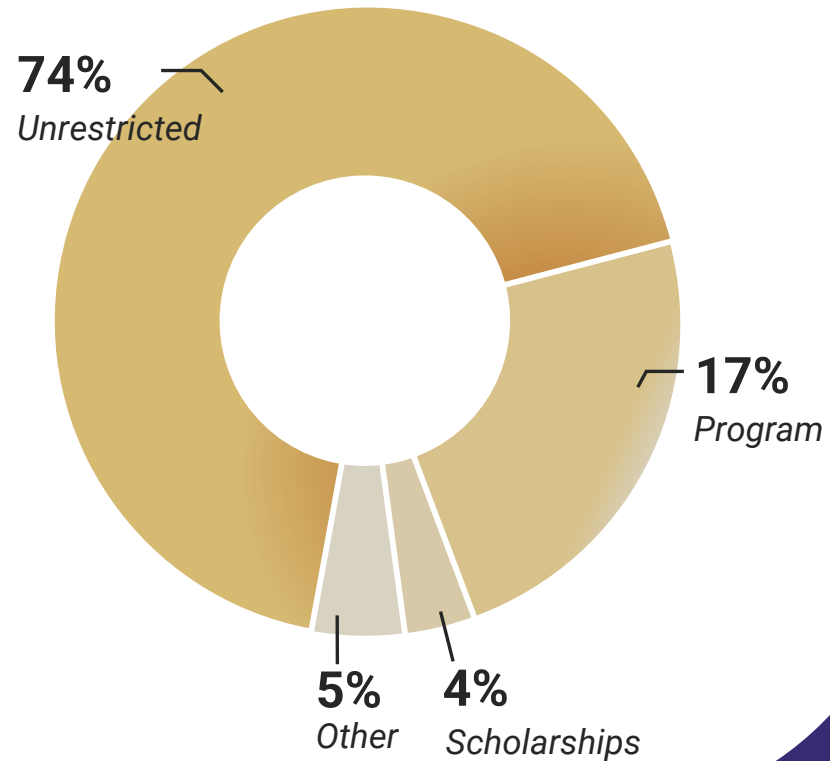


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Unrestricted Support (74%)



1,017 Donors by Designation



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Other Designation (5%)

\$6,178,091

RAISED THIS YEAR



41

Scholarship Support (4%)



SPOTLIGHT ON PHILANTHROPY

Most universities add science and technology. Harrisburg University was built on them.

Founded as an independent, nonprofit institution dedicated to STEM, HU is one of a small number of universities in the country designed around science and technology from day one — and a distinct presence in Central Pennsylvania.

But we didn't do this alone. HU is the product of deliberate collaboration among academic, government, and business leaders: stakeholders across critical industries who shared a belief that Central Pennsylvania needed a university built expressly for science

and technology. And then they put their time, talent, resources, and reputations behind that powerful idea.

Twenty-five years later, that belief endures. The University thrives because donors, patrons, and alumni continue to invest their talents, resources, and reach in HU, renewing the founding bet each year with gifts that strengthen academic programs, expand scholarship opportunities, and meet the University's greatest needs.



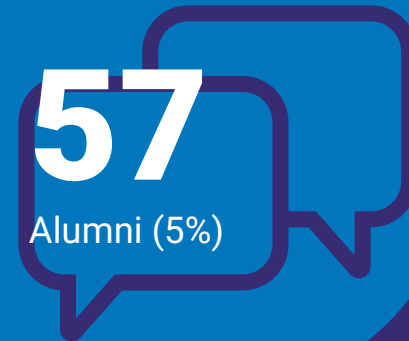
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Corporate/ Foundations (15%)

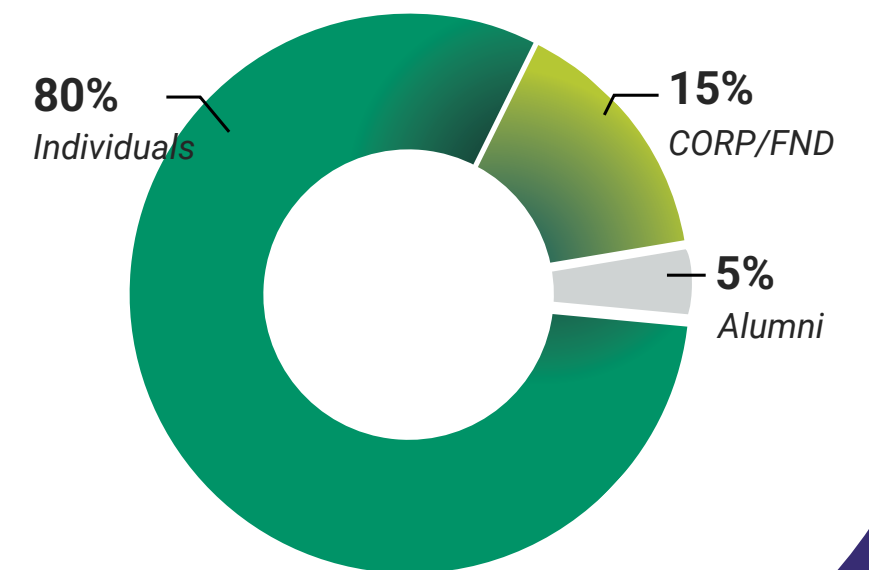


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Alumni (5%)



1,017 Total Donors by Type



811

Individuals (80%)



Because HU is independent, the opportunities it creates are not sustained by a large endowment or guaranteed state appropriations. They are made possible by the belief and generosity of donors, sponsors, and patrons who see what a STEM education can do for a student, a family, and a Commonwealth. Nowhere is that belief more visible than at the HU Annual Gala.

On April 25, 2026, more than 400 guests from the private sector, government, academia, and beyond gathered at Hilton Harrisburg for the University's premier fundraising event. Together they raised **\$113,000** in direct support of the Harrisburg University Scholarship Fund and the undergraduate students it serves: a tangible expression of a community that continues to believe in HU. Gifts like these help make possible the **\$5.7 million** in institutional aid HU awarded in 2025-26.

The evening also honored two recipients of the Impact Award, HU's highest distinction. Acclaimed writer and producer Carmen Finestra, a member of HU's Board of Trustees, received the Individual Impact Award, and integrated marketing agency JPL received the Corporate Impact Award — recognizing partners whose work has made a lasting difference for the University and the region. But, as it does every year, the night ultimately belonged to the students.

Student Spotlight: Four Stories That Stole the Show

Over the course of the evening, four HU undergraduates took the stage to share where they've come from, what they're building, and the people who made the journey possible.



"I am still here, and I am still pushing forward. College means so much to me ... it's about honoring my parents, my journey, and everything my family sacrificed so I could have a better future."

ALVIN EBOW SMITH '27
ADVANCED MANUFACTURING



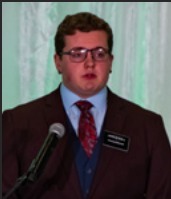
"If you've helped support Harrisburg University — this evening or at any point in the past — I hope you understand what a difference you're making in people's lives."

SAVANNA GREEN '27
ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE



"Every person in this room has their own story about how you've supported Harrisburg University ... and, in doing so, helped write stories like mine. Your generosity is what makes life-changing opportunities possible."

PRASHILA KAFLEY '27
BIOTECHNOLOGY



"I can trace a straight line from my teacher recommending Hour of Code in 6th grade to where I am tonight. That journey only happened because the right people invested in it at every step."

THOMAS O'DONNELL '27
ENGINEERING AND MATHEMATICAL SCIENCES

Save the Date
April 10, 2027

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SCHOLARSHIPS



MILLENNIUM CIRCUITS LIMITED Harrisburg-based Millennium Circuits Limited (MCL), a leader in printed circuit board (PCB) design and procurement, presented Harrisburg University with a \$30,000 gift in April 2026 — the company's second consecutive annual scholarship gift in support of HU's Advanced

Manufacturing and Robotics (ADMA) program. The impact for ADMA students is direct and personal. Scholarship recipients David Cruz '29 and Naiquaan Fahie '29 — a traditional first-year student and an adult learner returning to college, respectively — both pointed to

the MCL scholarship as the reason they could pursue a long-held interest in robotics and manufacturing without financial strain in their first year at HU. MCL's investment helps ensure that students from every background have the chance to build careers in one of the Commonwealth's most consequential industries.

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JPL Harrisburg University is deeply grateful to JPL for its continued generosity and commitment to our students. Through funding for two annual scholarships, JPL is helping make a Harrisburg University education more accessible for students

pursuing their passions in Interactive Media. This support provides meaningful financial assistance while encouraging talented students to develop the creativity, technical skills, and innovative thinking needed to succeed in a rapidly evolving field.

We are proud to partner with JPL in investing in the next generation of Interactive Media professionals and are grateful for the lasting impact of this partnership on our students and their futures.

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SE&M SOLUTIONS Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Harrisburg firm SE&M Solutions has established the Quantum Endowed Scholarship Fund as the cornerstone of a multiyear workforce and innovation collaboration. The fund will become a permanent source

of scholarship support for undergraduate students pursuing careers in quantum-adjacent fields. Through this partnership, SE&M Solutions has pledged \$50,000 over five years to build the Fund's permanent endowment. Because an endowment's principal is invested and

preserved in perpetuity — with only a portion of its annual earnings awarded each year — the company has also committed an additional \$10,000 to activate the scholarship immediately and bring online new quantum-focused academic programs and industry events.

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2025–26 EVENTS, COMMUNITY AND MILESTONES



HU Welcomes Inaugural Doctor of Physical Therapy Cohort. Harrisburg University and the Select Medical Institute for Physical Therapy and Movement welcomed 53 students from 12 states into the university's first-ever Doctor of Physical Therapy program — a hybrid model designed to expand access to PT education and address critical workforce shortages. Over half the cohort are practicing physical therapist assistants, and the average age is 33, reflecting HU's commitment to serving working professionals.

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HU Hosts Pennsylvania Academy of Science (PAS) 100th Annual Meeting. Harrisburg University welcomed more than 300 students and faculty from 41 universities, companies, high schools, and other institutions across the Commonwealth. Established in 1924, PAS is a nonprofit dedicated to advancing scientific research and education. The event drew proclamations from Harrisburg Mayor Wanda Williams and Governor Josh Shapiro, and featured oral presentations, poster sessions, professional development panels, and a science trivia competition in which HU's team took second place.

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Pennsylvania DEP Awards HU \$1.6 Million Contract Extension. Harrisburg University secured a \$1.6 million, 3.5-year extension on its second Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) contract, continuing the critical work led by HU's Center for Applied Environmental and Geospatial Technology (CAEGT). Funds for this contract were made available through

the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), better known as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL).



Master of Science in Nursing Earns Full Reaccreditation for 10-Year Term. Harrisburg University earned full reaccreditation for its Master of Science in Nursing program from the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) for 10 years. Ten years is the maximum term CCNE awards for continuing accreditation; it is reserved for established programs that demonstrate sustained quality across the accreditor's standards. HU's master's program in nursing prepares advanced practice professionals through a leadership track and an educator track to meet the demand for nurse leaders and the shortage of nurse educators.

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HU Hosts Environmental Teen Corp for Transformative STEM Summer. Harrisburg University introduced over 100 high school students to pathways in environmental science, sustainability, and technology. A group of students also completed a three-week, "Shark Tank"-style pitch competition with HU's Center for Innovation & Entrepreneurship (CIE), culminating in a grand finale where students presented their product or business ideas for the chance to win seed money to get their ventures off the ground.

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CIE Startups Recognized Among Central PA's Top Emerging Businesses. Seven startups supported by Harrisburg University's Center for Innovation & Entrepreneurship (CIE) were named to the

Central Penn Business Journal's "In the Lead 2025: Start Up Businesses" list, a regional recognition of Central Pennsylvania's most promising young companies. The honored ventures span industries from AI-driven financial analytics and Deaf-hearing communication tools to youth fitness technology and quality assurance for small and mid-sized manufacturers.

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PA TechCon 2025: Inspiring Innovation, Driving Digital Transformation in Pennsylvania. Harrisburg University and the Technology Council of Central Pennsylvania (TCCP) united to deliver the largest governmental tech conference in PA, featuring cutting-edge learning tracks, AI-powered insights, and robust cross-sector collaboration. The event attracted over 700 government leaders, industry professionals, and technology enthusiasts.

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2025 Cybersecurity Summit Brings Together 300+ Leaders. Harrisburg University hosted its annual Cybersecurity Summit, convening more than 300 leaders from state and local government, federal agencies, K-12 school districts, higher education, and the private sector to address emerging threats and collaborative solutions. The 2026 summit is expected to draw over 600 attendees.

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THE YEAR IN RESEARCH

Research doesn't just happen; it is intentional from the classroom to the lab and beyond. Harrisburg University is a small, STEM-focused university with a big research footprint.

STUDENT SUCCESS AND BELONGING: \$3.07M

Backed by a five-year, \$614.9K annual commitment from the U.S. Department of Education's Strengthening Institutions Program (SIP), HU's SIP Pathways initiative is building the support systems that help students stay — and finish. New library facilities, expanded staffing, broader access to resources, and specialized student-success software work together to deepen belonging and lift retention, with particular attention to students whose studies were interrupted during the COVID-19 pandemic.

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE AND SUSTAINABILITY: \$2.81M

Five anchor projects have established HU as a regional leader in applied environmental science. Among them, the Pennsylvania DEP Undocumented Well project and Mine Mapping grants are advancing ecological impact assessment and informing state policy. Continued momentum in geospatial and mapping research points to a growing pipeline of future grant opportunities.

ADVANCED MANUFACTURING AND DEFENSE: \$1.96M

Partnerships with the Defense Logistics Agency and the Air Force Research Laboratory connect HU directly to the national defense supply chain and advanced manufacturing networks — placing students and faculty alongside the work that shapes national security.

AI, ANALYTICS AND CYBERSECURITY: \$664K+

National Science Foundation grants for AI and language research link HU's scholars to the international research community — including a collaboration in which Dr. Erin Buchanan hosts Marie Curie Global Fellow Maria Montefinese of the University of Padua. an NSF-funded Science DMZ, a high-speed research network, is laying the groundwork for expanded research collaboration, while the Cyber-Defenders Apprenticeship Program partners with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and industry to turn hands-on learning into a steady talent pipeline.

RESEARCH THIS YEAR

DETECTING ALZHEIMER'S EARLIER | An HU faculty team published new work on AI-based Alzheimer's disease detection. — Aug. 28, 2025

HOW BRAINS CONNECT WORDS | Research on semantic priming found surprising consistency in how people link meaning. — Nov. 13

A PRESIDENTIAL GRANT PAYS OFF | HU Presidential Grant research earned Dr. Sa Liu publication in a top-tier consumer studies journal. — Dec. 4

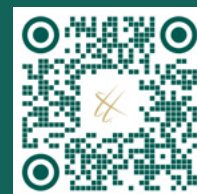
PHYSICAL THERAPY FOR ESPORTS | Dr. Caitlin McGee co-authored a textbook on physical therapy for competitive gamers. — Dec. 15

RESEARCH AT THE CAPITOL | Jamal Ghazi '26 presented his undergraduate research at the Pennsylvania State Capitol. — April 14, 2026

THE SYMPOSIUM TURNS EIGHT | Winners announced at the 2026 Student Research Symposium, HU's annual showcase of student-led inquiry. — April 30

A STUDENT'S NAME ON THE CHAPTER | Dr. Leena Pattarkine invited a master's student to co-author a cancer hypoxia textbook chapter. — May 12

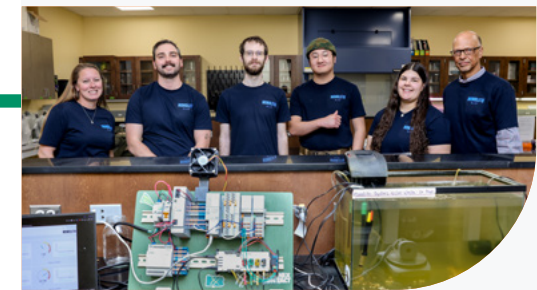
A DEGREE AND A PUBLICATION | Sidney Jose Joaquim Andre '26 co-authored AI breast cancer detection research the month he graduated. — June 17



KEEP READING

It was a great year for research at HU. Faculty, students, and alumni published, presented, and discovered throughout FY26 — from Harrisburg to Corinth to the wind farms of southern Vietnam.

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OYSTERS IN ORBIT

Monolith LLC won a Keystone Space Collaborative Innovation Challenge grant to prototype a space aquaculture facility, then selected an HU student team to build it. Environmental Science students worked on the oyster biology and water chemistry; Advanced Manufacturing students modeled the automated habitat in Fusion 360, engineered to keep oysters alive from the larval stage to adulthood.



ONE OF THE LAST OF ITS KIND

Long before cats and dogs, hyaenodonts were the dominant mammalian predators — and some reached extraordinary size. Working with researchers from Pakistan and the Chinese Academy of Sciences, HU Professor Steven Jasinski, Ph.D., described fossils from Pakistan's Siwalik formations dating from 14 million to 9.5 million years ago. Among them: Metapterodon anari, a species new to science, roughly coyote-sized, and one of the youngest hyaenodonts documented to date.



THE HIDDEN COST OF MAKING AI BEHAVE

An AI agent can finish the job and still take an action it was never authorized to take. HU doctoral student Tanmay Sah led a study quantifying what the team calls the "Verifier Tax" — the persistent drop in task success that comes with enforcing safety at runtime in tool-using LLM agents. The work identifies the interaction horizons beyond which safety enforcement begins to dominate.

HU WELCOMES NEW BOARD MEMBERS

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Justin Bloom, President, Millennium Circuits Limited

Justin Bloom is president of Millennium Circuits Limited, a Harrisburg-based supplier of custom printed circuit boards recognized by the Central Penn Business Journal as one of the region's 50 fastest-growing companies in 2021, 2022, and 2023. He previously held accounting, finance, and sales roles at several companies, including HydroWorx International, where he played a role in the company's 2016 sale to private equity. Bloom serves on the board of directors of Aurelius, a nonprofit clinic based at Harrisburg University focused on accelerating healing for traumatic brain injuries, post-traumatic stress, depression, and anxiety.

Katie Clarke, President and CEO, LeTort Trust

Katie Clarke is president and CEO of LeTort Trust, a privately owned trust company providing 401(k) retirement plan design and management, along with wealth management and trust services for multigenerational families. She is a co-founder of the LeTort Trust Foundation and a 2007 graduate of the Leadership Harrisburg Area program. Clarke currently serves on the boards of the United Way Foundation, where she is chair; the Foundation for Free Enterprise Education; the YWCA of Greater Harrisburg; and CREDC, where she is immediate past chair.

Patricia Higgins, Senior Vice President, Healthcare Delivery, Capital Blue Cross

Patricia Higgins is senior vice president of healthcare delivery for Capital Blue Cross, where she oversees clinical management services, pharmacy, and network management. A registered nurse, she began her career in acute and critical care settings and taught nursing at the collegiate level before joining Capital Blue Cross in 2002. Across more than 23 years with the company, she has worked in project management, operations, commercial group sales, strategy, planning, audit, and compliance.

Kelly Hollinger, Chief of Staff, Vibra Healthcare

Kelly Hollinger is chief of staff at Vibra Healthcare, where he oversees enterprise information systems, market analysis, and business intelligence across the company's national hospital network. Since joining Vibra in 2004, he has led digital transformation and operational improvement initiatives through a period of substantial growth. Hollinger is also a co-founder of T2, a telemetry telemonitoring company that uses artificial intelligence to improve real-time clinical alerting and event recognition in critical care settings. He is a graduate of the Advanced Management Program at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Anand S. Jagannath, MD, Diagnostic and Interventional Radiologist, Quantum Imaging and Therapeutic Associates

Dr. Anand Jagannath is a board-certified diagnostic and interventional radiologist who has served the Central Pennsylvania community for more than 35 years. A graduate of SUNY Stony Brook and Weill Cornell Medical College, he has practiced with Quantum Imaging and Therapeutic Associates since 1989. His leadership roles have included chairman of radiology at Holy Spirit Hospital, president of the medical staff, and medical director of the diagnostic medical sonography program at Harrisburg Area Community College.

Tommy Kirchhoff, Rental Growth Manager, Cleveland Brothers Equipment Company

Tommy Kirchhoff is rental growth manager for Cleveland Brothers Equipment Company, where he has held four positions across the construction equipment sales and rental divisions since joining the company in 2022. He graduated from the Smeal College of Business at Penn State University with a degree in business management. Kirchhoff is an active member of the Transportation Construction Industries PAC board and the Pennsylvania Asphalt and Concrete Association board, and he serves as chair of Sageworth's external Segue committee.

Jessica E. Meyers, Founder and CEO, JEM Group

Jessica E. Meyers is the founder and CEO of JEM Group, a Pennsylvania-based commercial construction firm serving the corporate, healthcare, education, government, affordable housing, and retail markets. She is an advocate for collaboration and innovation in construction, with a particular interest in advancing opportunities for women in the industry. Meyers has served on the boards of AAA Central Penn, Metro Bank, and Centric Bank, and she currently serves with the YWCA of Greater Harrisburg and Penn State Health, West Shore Region.

Bryan Ortenzio, Private Investment Consultant, Select Capital Corporation

Bryan Ortenzio is a private investment consultant serving family office clients at Select Capital Corporation in Mechanicsburg. Raised on the West Shore, he completed his undergraduate degree at the University of Pennsylvania, where he captained the wrestling team during his senior season. He later launched his own craft beverage business while earning an MBA with a concentration in entrepreneurial finance from the Johns Hopkins Carey Business School. Ortenzio is a volunteer wrestling coach and administrator at Bishop McDevitt High School and serves on the Board of Fellows for HU's Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship.

Lindsey Surace, MD, Medical Director, Gastrointestinal Immunology, Johnson & Johnson

Dr. Lindsey Surace is a board-certified gastroenterologist and medical director whose career spans clinical practice, academic medicine, and pharmaceutical research. She serves as medical director in gastrointestinal immunology at Johnson & Johnson and provides per diem clinical care at WellSpan Good Samaritan Hospital. Previously a practicing gastroenterologist and partner at Jackson Siegelbaum Gastroenterology in Harrisburg, she led more than a dozen clinical trials as a principal investigator. She has published and presented internationally on artificial intelligence applications in gastrointestinal endoscopy.

Robert Whalen, CEO, HB Global, LLC

Robert Whalen is CEO of HB Global, LLC, an employee-owned holding company of commercial and residential mechanical service and contracting businesses with operations across eight markets nationwide. He joined the organization in 2008 as the first CEO from outside the family of its legacy company, HB McClure, established in Harrisburg in 1914. Whalen founded his own employee benefits consulting business in 1997 and sold it to Mercer in 2002, subsequently holding several positions with Mercer over a five-year period.

The following trustees continue their service on the Harrisburg University Board of Trustees for the 2026–2027 term.

Bennett Chotiner, MD, Founder and Medical Director, Memorial Eye Institute
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Dear Harrisburg University Community,

It is a profound honor to address you in this inaugural impact report from Harrisburg University of Science and Technology.

I returned home to Central Pennsylvania this summer to lead an institution unlike any other. As I explore these stories of student success and community enrichment, I am more certain than ever that it was a sound decision. This is an extraordinary university with a distinctive mission and almost endless potential. Being selected as HU's fourth president was an honor. Doing the work will be a joy.

I was drawn here because the work being done to erase boundaries between learners and meaningful careers is truly inspiring. Walking this amazing campus and getting to know these dedicated individuals have already been defining moments in my career. The time I've spent getting to know you ... our students, our staff and faculty, and our Board of Trustees ... has been genuinely enjoyable. The work ahead of us excites and energizes me. I hope you feel the same!

I was born and raised in York, Pennsylvania. I have roots here and a deep love for the region. And what an honor it is to lead this University at this particular moment. This year, we mark **25 years of turning STEM ambition into opportunity**. For 25 years, Harrisburg University has been a nimble, entrepreneurial, future-focused university devoted to delighting and enlightening our students, their families, and our community. With your support, whether it's a contribution to our Scholarship Fund, a workforce partnership that delivers opportunity to our students, or a new idea for an event or collaboration, HU is your proving ground. We were founded to bring bold new ideas to life at one of America's key crossroads of governance, commerce, and innovation.

These pages tell the story of a university founded on a bold idea. We've not been immune to pressures from beyond our walls, whether it's the lingering shadow of the pandemic, changes to federal immigration policy, or headwinds in higher education generally. We have our work cut out for us. But there is so much to celebrate and much to look forward to.

This is a profoundly exciting time for our University, and for me personally. I'm coming home to Pennsylvania at a critical moment in its history, and I'm deeply honored to lead this institution at a time when it is positioned to capitalize on its vast potential. I hope you enjoy reading these stories as much as I have. And I hope they inspire you to support our students, collaborate with us, or simply learn more about HU's distinctive blending of research university scope with trade school practicality.

We do things differently. That's what we've been doing for 25 years, and it's our mission for the next 25. If you've supported the HU mission already ... thank you!

If not ... let's build something amazing together.

With heartfelt gratitude,

Chris

Christopher M. Reber, Ph.D.

President, Harrisburg University of Science and Technology

Financial Stewardship Letter from the CFO



Harrisburg University has navigated a period of significant financial challenge and change with a continued focus on strengthening

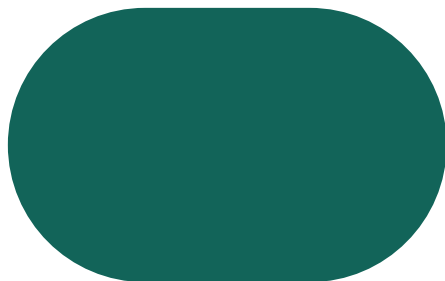
the institution for the future. In fiscal year 2024, the University reported a \$16.6 million decrease in net assets. Through focused expense management, increased financial discipline, and efforts to strengthen and diversify revenue, HU made substantial progress in fiscal year 2025, ending the year with a \$1.4 million increase in net assets. Preliminary results for fiscal year 2026 reflect an approximately \$2.5 million decrease in net assets, underscoring that our work toward long-term financial sustainability continues.

While challenges remain, the significant improvement from fiscal year 2024 demonstrates the University's ability to adapt and respond. We remain focused on aligning resources with our mission, strengthening and diversifying enrollment and revenue opportunities, carefully managing expenses and liquidity, and building a more sustainable financial foundation for the future. The continued support of our donors, partners, and community is an important part of that work, enabling Harrisburg University to continue investing in our students, academic programs, and the economic vitality of the region.

Duane Maun, CPA

Duane F. Maun

Chief Operating Officer and Chief Financial Officer





THE HU MISSION CONTINUES

25 years of empowering society through science, technology, and innovation.

For 25 years, Harrisburg University of Science and Technology has opened doors to careers, powered economic growth, and helped build a more competitive and equitable Pennsylvania. What began as a bold experiment – a private, nonprofit STEM university in Pennsylvania’s capital city – has grown into an institution that touches thousands of lives each year.

As we enter our next quarter century, our commitment to our founding mission has never been stronger. We will continue to develop the scientists, engineers, entrepreneurs, clinicians, and innovators that Pennsylvania and the nation need. We will continue to partner with industry, government, and community organizations to solve the problems that matter. And we will continue to open doors for students from every background who are ready to **build a future in STEM.**

Thank you for reading. Thank you for supporting us in our mission. Thank you for your commitment to higher education in Pennsylvania. Keep up to date with all things Harrisburg University by following us on LinkedIn, Instagram, X, YouTube, and Facebook.

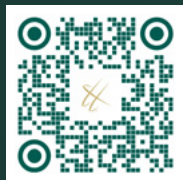
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