



# DEVELOPING LEADERS

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## Technology, Information Literacy And Communication.



On Friday April 1, 2011 participants, staff and facilitators gathered at Mansfield University in the Technology Outreach Center housed in Memorial Hall for Session 7 of the *Community Leadership Program* highlighting Business Etiquette, Professional Networking & Connecting Our Communities. Lindsey Sikorski, Director of Community Relations at Mansfield University was our host. The day began with a welcome address and introductions by Dr. Peter Keller, Mansfield University Provost, who has been involved with the *Community Leadership Program* since its inception.

The day's first presented was session co-coordinator Al Quimby with PenTeleData. Al is also a Director of the *Tioga County Development Corporation (TCDC)*. His presentation on Networking and Business Etiquette demonstrated some of the more common issues related to business etiquette in the era of smartphones. With all of our information at a moment's glance, professionals need to be attuned to the interpersonal dynamics of face to face conversation and the appearances and impressions left by those who continuously text or review data rather than focusing on the conversation or speaker at hand. Mr. Quimby also focused on the importance of networking and maintaining contacts in the field. His key advice was for professionals to take advantage of networking opportunities such as those offered by local Chambers of Commerce and organizations like *TCDC*.

Jan Scholl, Associate Professor with Penn State University in the College of Agricultural Sciences met with the group to discuss Dining and Table Etiquette. Demonstrations of how to set a formal table as well as common questions were covered. It's safe to say we each learned something new in the wide spectrum of dining etiquette with this interactive presentation. Our next presenter was J. Dennis Murray, Professor and Chair of the Psychology Department at Mansfield University. His presentation on Communication and Interpersonal Skills

Practice allowed participants to focus on their own interpersonal communication and also to develop conflict resolution skills. Within small groups we practices components and theories of the presentation. One of the focal points that one should always remember is that "feelings are to be felt and not acted upon."

After an excellent lunch provided compliments of PenTeleData and with Christie Blackwell's favorite chocolate chip cookies, Lindsey Sikorsky took participants on a tour of the university, highlighting ways in which local businesses can utilize the services and technologies available at Mansfield University. While the tour was cut short by the inclement weather, we could easily see ways in which small and large businesses could partner effectively with the university and develop and implement effective training tools for growth and progress.

In the afternoon session, three presenters offered information on ways that Mansfield University has effectively partnered with the surrounding community in order to provide benefits for both. Dr. Robert Strohecker, as representative of the Mansfield Downtown Development Corporation presented information on the creation and progress of the theater slated for construction. This partnership between the Mansfield University and the greater community will provide resources and entertainment for university students and community members. Additionally operations for the theater will



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be an educational opportunity for students in appropriate majors and course/curriculum areas. Chuck Colby with the Mansfield Auxiliary Corporation and our very own Alex Miller, One Card System Administrator spoke on the growing issues and concerns of security technology for the university.

In the wake of the Virginia Tech shootings in 2007, campuses around the country have stepped up technology and security measures to protect, students, faculty, staff and the community at large in the case of events such as this. Mansfield's system at that time was antiquated and lacked abilities to get messages out in a mass format. The One-Card system allows for student security and privacy as well as convenience. The card systems allow for access to buildings, payments at the campus bookstore and for food in various eating establishments as well as payments at select merchants in town. The tracking involved allows security to know where students are and if security has been breached in the event of an emergency. While the system implementation was a tremendous expense to the university, the benefits have more than outweighed the costs.

The final step in the afternoon presentation was on the new campus housing units that are being constructed to replace old units on campus. The new units will have more of a "suite" feel that a traditional dorms with various options available for students. As many students enter the collegiate atmosphere having never shared a bedroom or bathroom, colleges are forced to limit the traditional dorm room with communal bathroom models in favor of a more individualized approach to living arrangements. Students, however need to reconcile their needs for privacy with the additional costs associated with the newer housing models. The housing plans look great and we will be excited to see the continued construction and expansion in the near future.

The *Community Leadership Program* would like to thank PenTeleData and Mansfield University for their continued support and generous assistance with session 7. Stay tuned as we head to the Northern Appalachian Research Facility in Asaph (more commonly known as the "Fish Lab") in May.



## CLP Spotlight— Alex Miller

Alex Miller is the first featured member of the *Community Leadership Program* Class of 2011 for this month. Alex was born and raised in the “valley” area of Waverly, Sayre and Athens in Bradford County. He graduated from Athens Area High School in 1993. After high school, Alex moved to Las Vegas, NV to attend college. He returned to the Athens area in 1995 and finished his degree at Mansfield University in 1998. He attended Drexel University in 2006 for a Master’s degree in Higher Education Administration. During his senior year at Mansfield, Alex was selected to be one of 16 interns at the state capitol in Harrisburg where he worked under the governor’s policy office. After graduation, this position was extended until July of 1998. He was then offered a technology coordinator position at Mansfield University which he held until 2008. He transitioned to his current position within Finance and Administration to manage the college card office and everything attached to it in September 2008. Alex is married to Stacey and they have two children, A.J. who is three and Abbi who is six. They built a house in Pine City, NY in 2008 and that is where they currently live.

When not at work, Alex is very busy with his young family and most of his time outside of work involves his family and their activities. He and his family enjoy the outdoors and are avid campers, so you won’t find them home much in the

summer time. He also enjoys gardening and is a pretty good home microbrewer!

Alex became involved with the *Community Leadership Program* after talking with previous participants from Mansfield University who all had positive things to say about the experience. He also felt it would be a good networking experience and help him learn more about Tioga County than what he has been exposed to through the university. Alex feels all the sessions have had some kind of beneficial insight to leadership and management styles. What he has most enjoyed is the connection with others in the group.

Since he isn’t very familiar with what Tioga County has to offer in the way of entertainment, he would base his perfect day in Tioga County on the recommendations of his fellow members of the *CLP* which would include breakfast with his family at the Wellsboro Diner, outdoor activity at the canyon, lunch at the Native Bagel, a movie at the Arcadia Theater (another family favorite), then walking around Wellsboro enjoying the shops and gas lights, and finally ending the day with dinner at Timeless Destination.

One of Alex’s favorite quotes is “Don’t go around saying the world owes you a living. The world owes you nothing. It was here first” – Mark Twain.



## CLP Spotlight— William Post

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William Post is the second featured member of the *Community Leadership Program* Class of 2011. William was born in Massachusetts, lived in Connecticut until he was four years old than moved to Pennsylvania and has lived in the area since. He is a graduate of New Covenant Academy in Mansfield. He attended Nyack College on a Division II soccer scholarship working toward a degree in Business Management. He transferred to Mansfield University where he completed his degree. He is newly married to Kristen and they have a yellow lab named Bella (he emphatically denies any connection to the Twilight series). William has been employed with First Citizens National Bank for over two years. He started there under an internship in Trust and Investments at the corporate office in Mansfield then went on to teller positions at the Wal-Mart and Mansfield branches. He then was put in charge of new accounts at the Wal-Mart branch, became a loan officer in the Blossburg branch, and currently is a loan officer at the Mansfield Branch.

William is the head coach for the Mansfield High junior varsity soccer team and is an assistant coach of the varsity

team. He started a county wide soccer program for male high school students, Mansfield University students, and adults. He is an active member of Liberty Bible Church where he plays drums, bass and guitar for the worship team. He fills his free time with soccer, music, debating, food and construction.

William was asked by management at First Citizens to participate in the *CLP* so he could see all Tioga County has to offer and take advantage of networking opportunities. He enjoyed the tour of the HMAc/Wardflex facilities in Lawrenceville as well as hearing about the plans for expansion at Laurel Health and the movie theater in Mansfield.

William says “A perfect day for me is simple and easily measured. If I lay my head to go to sleep and know I did not make a difference in someone’s life, then my day was worthless. I will not leave this world untouched!”

William’s take on leadership is that if you do not lead by example then you are a hypocrite and a fool that is not worth following. One of his favorite quotes is by Gandhi, “Be the change that you want to see in the world”.





## ***Youth Leadership Program Studies the Quality of Life***

The *Tioga County Development Corporation Youth Leadership Program Class of 2011* studied the Quality of Life in Tioga County during Session 7 on April 13, 2011. The Session was held at Ives Run Recreation Area in Tioga.

Students had the opportunity to learn about the Tioga Hammond & Cowanesque Lakes Project, watersheds and how bugs can determine water quality in streams.

The Class of 2011 Graduation Ceremony will be held at 7:00 PM on April 28, 2011 at the W. M. Tokishi Training Center in Wellsboro, Pennsylvania.



*Students in the YLP Class of 2011 study the different species of bugs they found in the stream at Ives Run.*

# May 2011

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**Schedule of Events**

May 14th and 15th - Upper Pine Creek Trout Tournament.  
Pagrandcanyonsnowmobileclub.com

May 21st—Springfest. Hills Creek State Park

May 25th—28th– Blossburg Coal Festival. Blossburg PA

May 30th—Fish for free day PA

## Get Outside in Tioga County!

May! Ah! May! Don't know about you, but this is certainly one of the best times to live and breathe the air in Tioga County. Where do we begin? This is the true beginning to great weather. We all couldn't be happier to see green grass and the lack of frosted ground. Our mowers and trimmers are running and the mulch is being spread about and "trust me" these are all great things to see. There are so many things to do outside in Tioga County in the month of May. The list may take a while. To start, if you got air in your bicycle tires then there certainly is many trails to be ridden, especially the Rails to Trails that starts by Pag O'mar farms in Wellsboro. This trail goes clear to Jersey Shore. If you like to fish, then this is the time of year to land some fabulous trout all up and down Pine Creek. There are many different trout streams in the area as well. The local Pine Creek anglers also like to stock some more beautiful trout for the many fly fisherman that join their organization. If you have a boat, then you may want to visit Cowanesque or Ives Run lakes for the crappie spawn. You can fill your live well with this delicious tasting fish. If you've never ate a Crappy Bass than your really missing out. Actually, never mind that last part about the bass; they really are not that flavorful. So, there

is obviously no reason to be inside cooped up any more. Let's get out there and accomplish something whether it is a day at the lake or stream, a bike ride, or some type of gardening. Let's make it happen in Tioga County's great outdoors.



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Session 8 will take place on May 6<sup>th</sup>. The Topic is Quality of Life and will take place at Northern Appalachian Research Facility in Asaph PA .

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## The Town Crier— Wellsboro Pennsylvania

The Pine Creek Land Company, which was founded by a group from Philadelphia, purchased and sold property in the Lycoming and Tioga counties. The purpose of the land company was to promote the area for business ventures and to entice more people to settle in the area. The group was successful in passing the state “Omnibus Bill” on March 26th 1804. This bill allowed the group to divide the 12,000 square mile Lycoming County into several smaller counties which includes Clearfield, Jefferson, McKean, potter and Tioga counties. Two years after the bill had passed the Pine Creek Land Company was able to per sway legislature to designate Wellsboro PA as the county seat on March 21st 1806.

The one family residing there at the time was that of Benjamin Wistar Morris. Benjamin was a representative for the Pine Creek Land Company which his wife’s brother was one of the leaders of. He was also a contractor in the area at the time trying to establish the north – south route trying to open traffic flows from Williamsport PA to the NY state line for access to the Painted Post and Elmira region. This route became known as Williamson Road and later Route 15.

Mr. Morris established a 150 acre tract of land that would be named Wellsboro after his wife, Mary Wells Morris. In 1830 the town became the first in Tioga County to be incorporated as a borough.

Wellsboro flourished in the 1890’s as the coal and timber industries were booming and had a peak county population of over 54,000 before declining along with the industries as well. It was also prominent in its peak time as a shipping point and trade center for a large surrounding area. It included things such as flour mills, wool mills, milk plants, marble works, saw mills, foundries and machine shops. It was also known for its production of glass, cigars, carriages and furniture. Wellsboro today is known for its richness in beauty housing the popular tourist attractions of the Pennsylvania Grand Canyon and the famous Pine Creek. According to the census in 2000 the population in Wellsboro was 3,328.

