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Twenty Student Leaders Recognized at Central Penn College

Twenty Central Penn College students graduated last week from the College's Student Leadership Training Institute (SLTI). This eight-week program is part of Central Penn's comprehensive leadership curriculum and was created to help students enhance their leadership skills, build teamwork and become active in the community. The students embraced the skills they learned throughout SLTI, as well as Central Penn's "hands-on" approach, by coordinating the entire graduation banquet themselves.



"The Student Leadership Training Institute is designed so students can take hold of and mold their leadership skills as they become successful leaders in their careers and communities," said **Dr. Dilip Abayasekara**, SLTI director. "I am proud of each and every one of these students. They have shown an incredible desire to advance in their journey to professional success."

Throughout the SLTI program, students learned about human behavior, servant leadership, social conduct, communication, negotiation and service. In addition, they learned business dining etiquette, behavioral styles, people skills and how to speak with confidence. To create a positive impact in our world, the students volunteered time to Mission Central, packaging supplies for Haiti earthquake victims.

Before receiving certificates recognizing their achievements, the students walked away with an uplifting keynote address from **Floyd Stokes**, founder and executive director of the American Literacy Corporation. Stokes is also a 2009 Central Penn honorary doctorate recipient.

Central Pennsylvania College would like to thank the following sponsors who supported SLTI this year: **Giant Food Stores, ActionCOACH Business Coaching, the Milano Family and Speaker Services Unlimited.**

Following are the students who graduated from the Student Leadership Training Institute program and received certificates acknowledging their achievement:

- **William Allen of Harrisburg**
 - An information technology major, Allen is a graduate of Susquehanna Township High School
- **Chastity Bitner of Harrisburg**
 - A business administration; finance major and graduate of Susquehanna Township High School, Bitner is vice president of the Circle K club
- **Anthony Kulikowski of Harrisburg**
 - An information technology major, Kulikowski is a graduate of Susquehanna Township High School
- **Kassy Ortega of New Cumberland**
 - A business administration; marketing major and graduate of Cedar Cliff High School, Ortega is secretary/treasurer of the Student Government Association and an active student ambassador
- **Carol Yeager of Halifax**

- A business administration major, Yeager is actively involved in the Gamma Beta Phi Honor Society
- **Julianne Bower of Halifax**
 - An information technology; cyber security major and graduate of Halifax Area High School, Bower is involved in Gamma Beta Phi
- **Brett Rudder of Boiling Springs**
 - A homeland security management major, Rudder is involved in the Student Government Association and the running club
- **Curtis Voelker of Hanover**
 - A business administration major and graduate of Littlestown High School, Voelker is president of the Student Government Association, secretary/treasurer of Toastmasters, charter member of the Circle K club and captain of the running club
- **Amanda Wood of Brockway**
 - An accounting major and graduate of Brockway Area High School, Wood is co-director of finance for the Marketing club, editor of the Circle K club and an active member of the Gamma Beta Phi Honor Society
- **Jeff Rote of Port Matilda**
 - An information technology major and graduate of Bald Eagle Area High School, Rote is an information technology associate at the college
- **Mark Kresge of Nazareth**
 - A communications major and graduate of Nazareth Area High School, Kresge is vice president of Phi Beta Lambda and charter member of the Circle K club, and is involved in flag football and intramural volleyball
- **Gregory Jones of Philadelphia**
 - A communications major and graduate of Central High School, Jones is involved with the public relations and running clubs
- **Stephanie Kramer of Philadelphia**
 - A criminal justice administration major and graduate of Swenson Arts and Technology High School, Kramer is actively involved in Campus Christian Ministries and Student Government Association
- **Chireen Townsend of Philadelphia**
 - A communications major, Townsend is a graduate of International Christian High School
- **Shakira Robinson of Norristown**
 - A legal studies major, Robinson is a graduate of Norristown High School.
- **Maurice Thompson of Baltimore, MD**
 - A business administration; marketing major and graduate of Baltimore Talent Development High School, Thompson is involved in the Marketing club and Student Government Association
- **Travis Edwards of Baltimore, MD**
 - A business administration major and graduate of Digital Harbor High School, Edwards is co-vice-president of the Circle K club and involved in Student Government Association
- **Xavia Harris of Ewing, NJ**
 - Double majoring in accounting and business administration; finance, Harris is a graduate of Ewing High School. In addition to holding a work study position for the Student Services department, she is the secretary/treasurer of the Circle K club and actively involved in Student Government Association and Campus Christian Ministries.
- **Christopher Cawley of Rahway, NJ**
 - A homeland security management major, Cawley is a graduate of Rahway High School

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