

# THE HOWL

Cheyney University Newsletter



# MONTHLY CAMPUS NEWS

## THIS MONTH'S JOURNEY IN THE HOWL

Dive into the heart of our community's latest achievements, vibrant events, and inspiring stories in May's edition of The Howl



## Welcome

Welcome to the May edition of The Howl, where we celebrate the heart of our community. This month, we're thrilled to spotlight the progress of our new sports complex, highlight key accomplishments of our students, honor our foundations on Founder's Day, and shine a light on the remarkable journeys of our faculty and university. Join us as we weave together stories of passion, perseverance, and pride in every line.



## SPORT COMPLEX UPDATE

Demolition has commenced at Cheyney University, paving the way for the construction of a state-of-the-art sports complex. This groundbreaking project marks a significant milestone in enhancing the university's athletic facilities and student life.

## ILLUSTRATIVE RENDERING

Cheyney University's sports future shines in the latest renderings, depicting a state-of-the-art complex poised to host Wolf Pack victories and community gatherings. This endeavor reflects a harmonious blend of Cheyney's rich athletic history with forward-looking facilities designed for excellence.



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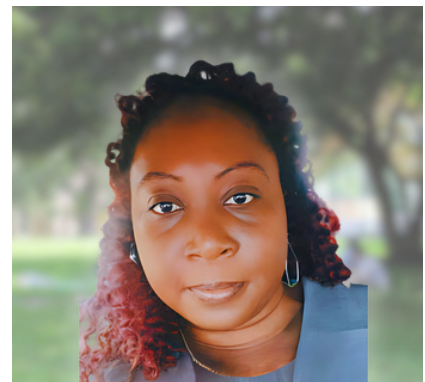
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Celebrate Cheyney University's storied legacy with our February 23rd, 2024 Founder's Day Commemorative Magazine, marking our establishment as the nation's first HBCU. This edition honors the traditions and triumphs that have shaped the university's 187-year history, spotlighting the vibrant community that continues to innovate and inspire.

Austin Davis, Pennsylvania's inspiring, youngest and first Black Lieutenant Governor, will deliver the commencement address to Cheyney University's Class of 2024, embodying the spirit of leadership that the university champions. His participation marks a celebratory milestone for the graduating students, highlighting a legacy of empowerment and achievement.

Cheyney University welcomes Dr. Krystal Peters as the new Director of its Honors Academy. With her background in Hospitality and Recreation Tourism Management, Dr. Peters is poised to enrich the academic journey and co-curricular involvement of honors students, enhancing their educational experiences and community engagement.

## MSCHE COMMUNICATION FROM THE PRESIDENT

On February 23rd, in conjunction with Founder's Day celebrations, we at Cheyney University held a press conference addressing the Middle States Commission on Higher Education's decision to place the university on probation. President Walton, along with the support of University leaders took this opportunity to express their stance and provide positive updates on the situation. Watch the linked video for highlights.





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Dr. Syed R. Ali-Zaidi was an esteemed member of Pennsylvania's State System Board of Governors and a strong advocate for the universities within the system. He established an award to inspire and honor State System students who excel in pursuing knowledge. This is the State System's most prestigious award for academic excellence and was made possible through an endowment established with the PASSHE Foundation.

Each of the ten State System Presidents nominates a student for the award. The State System Chancellor then selects the Ali-Zaidi Scholar from among the nominees. This year, Rukayat Sulaiman from Cheyney University was selected as the winner.



Join us as we beam with pride to celebrate Rukayat Sulaiman, this year's exceptional recipient of the esteemed Ali-Zaidi Award, a testament to her unwavering pursuit of academic excellence within the State System of Higher Education. Rukayat's remarkable dedication to her studies and her passion for knowledge shine as a beacon of inspiration to her peers, embodying the university's commitment to reimagining education and fostering a community where intellectual brilliance is recognized and celebrated. Her achievement not only honors her hard work but also highlights the caliber of students at Cheyney University, who are continually raising the bar for academic distinction. <https://www.linkedin.com>

**Perrion O'Hannon, III**, a dedicated Cheyney University of Pennsylvania student, has been honored as a 2024 Disney UNCF Corporate Scholar. This prestigious award is part of a collaborative effort between The Walt Disney Company and the United Negro College Fund (UNCF) to support high-achieving students from historically Black colleges and universities (HBCUs) across the United States. The Disney UNCF Corporate Scholars program offers financial assistance, mentorship opportunities, and internships at Disney, aiming to empower students like O'Hannon to excel in their academic and professional endeavors. O'Hannon, who is majoring in Biology and Criminal Justice, expressed his gratitude for this opportunity, highlighting how it will assist him in achieving his educational and career goals <https://lnkd.in/eHcBJ5VJ>



**PERRION O'HANNON, III**



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Founded in 1837, Cheyney University is the Nation's First Historically Black College and University (HBCU)



## At a Glance



#1 in Social Mobility in PA State System



#1 Public HBCU for College Scholarships



15:1 Student-to-Faculty Ratio



54% Enrollment Growth (since 2018)

## Who We Are

### We Are Building on a Rich Legacy

For nearly two centuries, our institution has nurtured students, developing their character and identity to impact the world.

### We Are Guided by Two Filters

What is in the best interest of our students, and what preserves and advances our institution.

### We Seek to Know Our Students by Name

We are establishing Cheyney as a "boutique" university, specializing in a select number of academic programs.

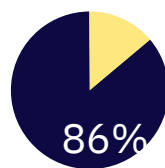
### We Are on a Journey of Transformation

Cheyney's current resurgence is compelling, as evidenced by significant improvement in key metrics.

### We Are an Engine of Social Mobility

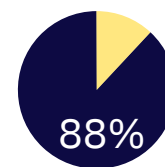
Cheyney has changed the trajectory of countless lives, catalyzing economic mobility for our graduates.

## Student Demographics



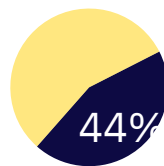
Residing On-campus

86%



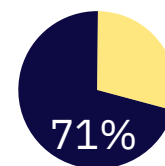
Pennsylvania Resident

88%



First Generation

44%

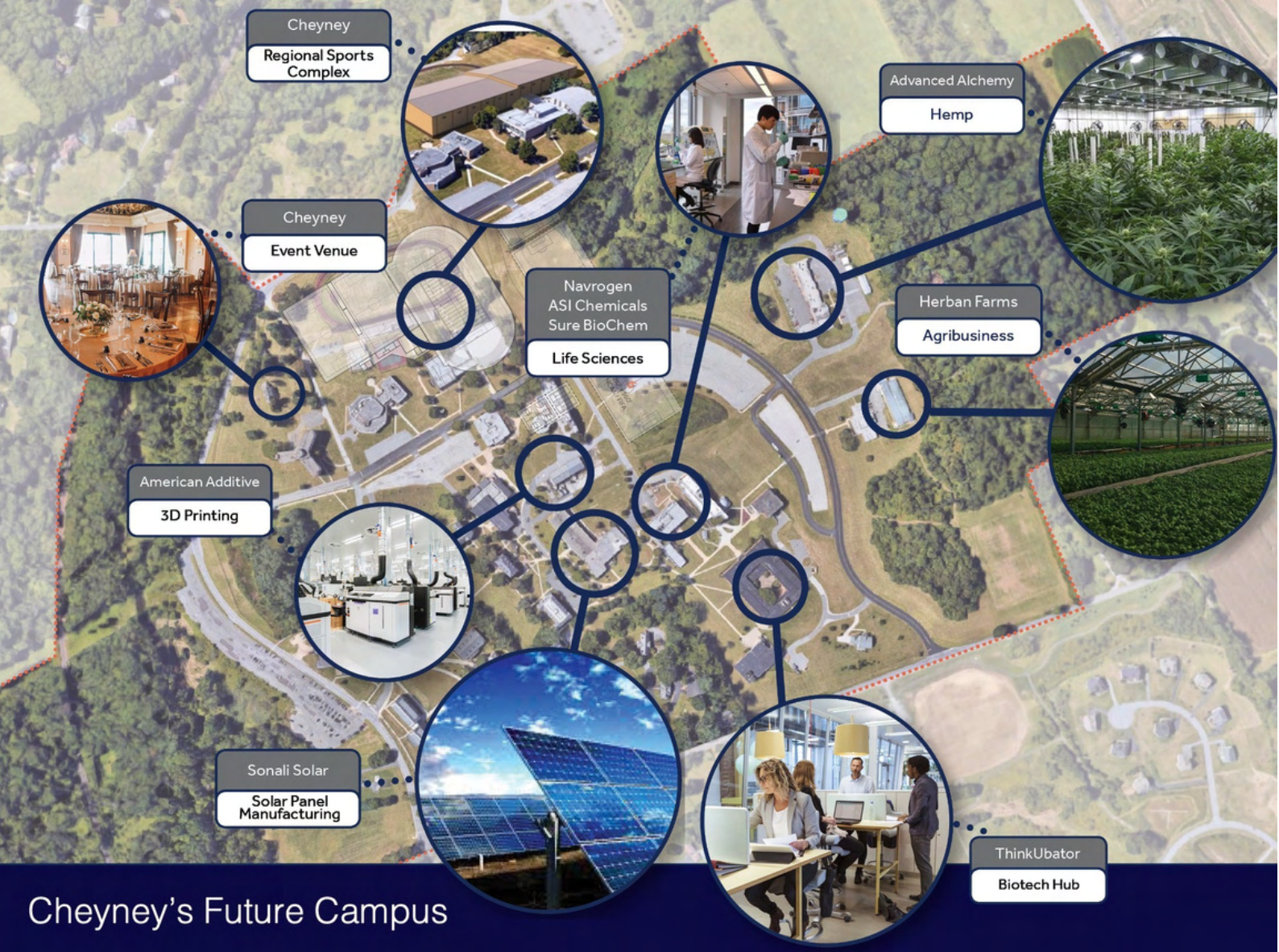


Pell Grant Recipient

71%



- We are attracting businesses to lease un-/underutilized space on our campus and to offer paid internships to our students
- Cheyney students gain hands-on experience and apply what they're learning in the classroom in the real-world
- Our University benefits through lease revenue and profit-sharing agreements with the more established businesses
- Our partners have access to a diverse pipeline of talent in cutting-edge fields
- Our partners inform our array of academic offerings, serve as mentors, etc.





# UPCOMING EVENTS

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## May Weekend

April 22nd - 27th

## Alumni Weekend

May 4th

May Weekend is intended to be a student-focused event to celebrate the end of their school year. The modification of this year's May Weekend reflects the University's effort to bolster student success. Our students will celebrate May Weekend earlier than usual and immediately start preparing for finals and final exams in the following two weeks without any celebratory disruptions.

To accommodate alumni who typically make plans around the first weekend in May, we will move forward with Alumni Weekend activities (i.e., Spring Alumni General Body Meeting, Luncheon, and workshops), as originally planned and anticipate a great turnout.



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