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## ABOUT BLOOMSBURG UNIVERSITY

Bloomsburg University, a member of Pennsylvania's State System of Higher Education, is a four-year coeducational public university founded in 1839. Through the stages of its development from a normal school to a teachers college to a multipurpose state college and finally to a university in 1983, the institution has retained its emphasis on liberal arts and career education.

Bloomsburg is recognized as one of the best 100 public universities in the United States, and excellence, ranging from its 18 national championships to its international reputation in a number of its academic programs, is an attitude found throughout the faculty and staff.

About 90 percent of Bloomsburg's students come from throughout Pennsylvania, creating a diverse mix of cultures and ideas. It's a place where friendships that last a lifetime begin. And it's a busy place — with more than 160 student organizations and activities, NCAA Division II athletic programs and a popular recreation center.

The university's Division of Continuing and Distance Education serves students through nondegree credit courses, noncredit minicourses, off-campus classes, credit for life experience and distance learning courses on public television.

The Town of Bloomsburg, located in the Susquehanna River Valley, has a population of about 12,000 people. The central business district is just three blocks southwest of campus, and includes more than 80 retail stores, restaurants, and the Bloomsburg Fair in September. More stores, restaurants and theaters can be found along nearby Route 11 and at the Columbia Mall, northwest of town.

The university is within a one-hour drive from such cities as Hazleton, Williamsport, Wilkes-Barre and Scranton; 1.5 hours from Harrisburg; 2.5 hours from Philadelphia; 3 hours from New York City and Baltimore; and four hours from Pittsburgh and Washington, DC.

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> **Enrollment**— Total enrollment is now 9,400, with an average incoming SAT of 1070 and class rank in the upper 25 percent; Bloomsburg admits one in seven applicants and has a four-year retention rate significantly higher than the national average. About 60 percent are women and 10 percent are non-traditional. About 90 percent of Bloomsburg graduates are quickly placed in their chosen fields.

> **Faculty**— With approximately 1,000 employees, Bloomsburg University has 383 full-time faculty, 70 percent of whom hold doctoral degrees and 72 percent of whom are tenured. The staff is organized into four divisions: Academic Affairs, Administration, Student Life and University Advancement. Governance is through the State System of Higher Education's Board of Governors and through the university's Council of Trustees.

> **Degrees**— Bloomsburg University offers 63 baccalaureate degrees, 18 master's degrees and a joint doctoral degree in elementary education in cooperation with Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

> **Financial Aid**— About 70 percent of all students receive some form of financial aid; average amount of aid is \$10,026 per year.

> **Cost**—About \$5,358 per semester for Pennsylvania residents (tuition, fees, typical room and meal plans), \$13,396 for non-residents.

> **School Colors, Mascot**— The school colors, originally "lemon and garnet," have been maroon and gold since the 1920s. In the early 1930s, the Husky became the school mascot when a dog owned by a faculty member accompanied Adm. Richard E. Byrd on an expedition to the South Pole.

### Bloomsburg Quick Facts

**Location** ..... Bloomsburg, Pa.  
**President** ..... Dr. David L. Soltz  
**Founded** ..... 1839  
**Enrollment** ..... 9,400

#### Athletics

**Affiliation** ..... NCAA Division II  
**Conference** ..... Pennsylvania State  
 ..... Athletic Conference (PSAC)  
**School Colors** ..... Maroon & Gold  
**Team Nickname** ..... Huskies  
**Arena** ..... Nelson Field House  
**Capacity** ..... 1,745  
**Athletic Director** ..... Mary Gardner  
**Athletic Department** ..... 570-389-4050  
**Website** ..... buhuskies.com

**Head Coach** ..... Bill Cleary  
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 ..... Roxanna Larsen, Dave Huber  
**Training Room** ..... 570-389-4369

**2008-09 Record** ..... 11-16  
**2008-09 PSAC Record** ..... 3-11

**Lettermen Returning** ..... 3  
 Kelsey Gallagher, Giselle Lara,  
 Steph Rankin

**Lettermen Lost** ..... 9  
 Niemah Brooks, Emily Brown,  
 Monica Dennison, Erica Desmond,  
 Lauren Healy, Stephanie Jones,  
 Kelly Joyce, Colleen Kegerreis, Angela Mensch

**All-Time Record** ..... 537-353  
**PSAC Tournament Record** ..... 7-18  
**PSAC Championships** ..... 1 (1992)  
**NCAA Tournament Record** ..... 6-6



**Dr. David Soltz**  
 > President



**Mary Gardner**  
 > Director of  
 Athletics



**Kathy Heitzman**  
 > Associate Director  
 of Athletics



**Kevin Wood**  
 > Athletic Operations



**Tom McGuire**  
 > Director of Sports  
 Information/Athletic  
 Marketing



**Doug Lizardi**  
 > Equipment  
 Manager



**Allen Larsen**  
 > Athletic Trainer



**Roxanna Larsen**  
 > Athletic Trainer



**Dave Huber**  
 > Athletic Trainer

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124 E. Main Street  
Bloomsburg, PA 17815  
(570) 784-1200

Listen to Huskies Basketball on  
WHLM (930 AM) or WHLM.com  
> Larry White (play-by-play)

*WBRE-TV (28)/WYOU-TV (22)*  
62 South Franklin Street  
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18703  
(570) 823-2828

*WNEP-TV (16)*  
16 Montage Mountain Road  
Moosic, PA 18641  
(570) 826-1616

### Primary Newspapers

*Associated Press*  
Suite 250  
One Franklin Plaza  
Philadelphia, PA 19102  
(215) 561-1133

*Citizen's Voice*  
75 N. Washington St.  
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18711  
(570) 821-2062

*Daily Item*  
200 South Market St.  
Sunbury, PA 17801  
(570) 286-5671

*Danville News*  
14 East Mahoning St.  
Danville, PA 17821  
(570) 275-3235

*Milton Standard*  
19 Arch St.  
Milton, PA 17847  
(570) 742-9671

*News-Item*  
701 North Rock St.  
Shamokin, PA 17872  
(570) 648-4641

*Patriot News*  
P.O. Box 2265  
Harrisburg, PA 17105  
(717) 255-8180

*Press Enterprise*  
3185 Lackawanna Ave.  
Bloomsburg, PA 17815  
(570) 784-2121

*Standard Speaker*  
21 North Wyoming St.  
Hazleton, PA 18201  
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*Sun Gazette*  
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For media credentials, photos, stories, statistics or to arrange an interview with a coach or student-athlete, contact Tom McGuire, Director of Sports Information, Athletic Marketing, and Promotions.

All members of the media are welcome to visit the Huskies' home sporting events. If members of the media are interested in covering a Bloomsburg University game, please contact the Office of Sports Information for assistance.

## 2009-10 OUTLOOK

The Bloomsburg University women's basketball team will be playing in a new-look Nelson Field House for the 2009-10 season and will feature a roster with 11 new players. Head coach Bill Cleary leads the Huskies into the second year of a rebuilding plan he started when he arrived on the Bloomsburg campus last year. Cleary certainly knows the right steps to take in building a program, having led Wilmington University from two wins to 22 wins in just five seasons.

The challenge for the Huskies this year will be overcoming their overall lack of experience. Although each new player brings skill and tremendous potential, how they adjust to the physical and mental demands of a full college season will determine the Huskies' success this year.

The Huskies worked hard during the preseason and have improved their grasp of the team's offensive and defensive philosophies and look to make an impact in the conference.

### BACK COURT

The key to a successful season is the return of Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (PSAC) Eastern Division Freshman of the Year, Kelsey Gallagher. Not only did she lead the team in scoring her first year on campus, the 2009-10 preseason All-PSAC East selection also topped the Huskies in assists, steals and was second in rebounds. Even though Gallagher is just a sophomore, she is indispensable to the Huskies, showing high character and a tremendous work ethic. Not content with her game, the second team All-PSAC guard worked tirelessly in the offseason to improve in all areas and looks to raise her game for the Huskies this year.

Junior Steph Rankin brings the most backcourt experience to the Huskies, having played in 51 career games. She brings a positive energy and a great attitude and will do anything to help the team succeed.

Jen Dervarics comes to the Huskies as a graduate student after playing four years of Division I college soccer at Bucknell. The former Bison team captain and two-time Patriot League Offensive Player of the Year has tremendous speed and intelligence and her leadership skills will be invaluable to a young Huskies squad.

Alyssa Flanagan is one of four true freshmen vying for playing time in the Huskies back court. Look for this highly skilled floor general to do big things this season.

Kayla Oxenrider is a quick, athletic inside-outside player that will look to cause matchup problems and Tanejha Smith is an ultra-athletic guard who has loads of potential.

Dana Wieller has the ability to create shots for herself and her teammates with a quick first step and has a great shooter's touch.

### FRONT COURT

Bloomsburg's most seasoned player, senior Giselle Lara, has greatly improved over the offseason and her experience will be a factor in the Huskies front court this year. Lara, a great competitor, brings a nice jumper and good post presence.

Six freshmen will look for minutes in the Huskies front court, including Lauren Ellis and Jordan Pasik. Ellis is a versatile, inside-outside threat who will bring an aggressive edge to the Huskies defense. Pasik is another inside-outside player with very good shooting skills and sharp on the offensive end.

Lauren Biczewski, Christine Sereta and Michelle Koren bring great physical strength to the Huskies. Biczewski has the ability to develop into a solid post presence while Sereta's ferocity helps her block shots and grab rebounds. Koren is also an incredible rebounder and has a great nose for the ball.

Danielle Derr is another strong post player who has the athletic ability to play inside and outside. She understands the game and her strength inside will be an asset to the Huskies this year.

### WRAP UP

After a three-win improvement last season, the Huskies will work on getting back to .500 this year. In order to do that, Cleary knows they must work on getting mentally and physically stronger. "Rebuilding takes time and everything should be done in steps, but if our team can come together and gain confidence early in the season, this group of players can take us to new heights," said Cleary. If the young Huskies can mature quickly, a run at the PSAC playoffs is possible.

## 2009-10 ROSTER

### Alphabetical

#	Name	Yr.	Pos.	Ht.	Hometown/High School
24	Lauren Biczelewski	Fr.	F	6-0	West Chester/Bayard Rustin
33	Danielle Derr	Fr.	F	5-11	Dresher/Upper Dublin
5	Jen Dervarics	Gr.	G	5-4	Emmaus/Emmaus
31	Lauren Ellis	Fr.	G/F	6-0	Bangor/Bangor
20	Alyssa Flanagan	Fr.	G	5-7	Freeland/Hazleton Area
3	Kelsey Gallagher	So.	G	5-8	East Stroudsburg/East Stroudsburg South
32	Michelle Koren	Fr.	F	5-10	Allentown/William Allen
42	Giselle Lara	Sr	F	6-0	Toronto, ON/Archbishop Romero/Jamestown C.C.
22	Kayla Oxenrider	Fr.	G/F	5-10	Ashland/Tri-Valley
23	Jordan Pasik	Fr.	F/G	5-9	Gilbertsville/St. Pius X
15	Stephanie Rankin	Jr.	G	5-7	Bloomsburg/Bloomsburg
21	Kirstin Selvey	Fr.	F	5-9	Harrisburg/Central Dauphin East
50	Christine Sereta	Fr.	F	6-0	Drums/Hazleton Area
12	Tanejha Smith	Fr.	G	5-6	Allentown/William Allen
34	Dana Wieller	Fr.	G	5-6	Bethlehem/Liberty

### Numerical

#	Name	Yr.	Pos.	Ht.	Hometown/High School
3	Kelsey Gallagher	So.	G	5-8	East Stroudsburg/East Stroudsburg South
5	Jen Dervarics	Gr.	G	5-4	Emmaus/Emmaus
12	Tanejha Smith	Fr.	G	5-6	Allentown/William Allen
15	Stephanie Rankin	Jr.	G	5-7	Bloomsburg/Bloomsburg
20	Alyssa Flanagan	Fr.	G	5-7	Freeland/Hazleton Area
21	Kirstin Selvey	Fr.	F	5-9	Harrisburg/Central Dauphin East
22	Kayla Oxenrider	Fr.	G/F	5-10	Ashland/Tri-Valley
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#### Pronunciations

Lauren Biczelewski .....Biĝ-eh-leski  
 Jen Dervarics .....Der-VAR-ix  
 Michelle Koren ..... Core-en  
 Giselle Lara ..... Giz-el Lare-uh  
 Christine Sereta ..... Sir-Ret-uh  
 Tanejha Smith ..... Tuh-Nay-zhuh  
 Dana Wieller ..... Wheel-er

## NELSON FIELD HOUSE



The Nelson Field House, located on Bloomsburg University's upper campus, serves as home for the university's indoor athletic events. The facility, originally constructed in 1971, is currently undergoing a \$13.4 million dollar facelift. Among the renovations to the field house will be a new bleacher system for the main gym area, a new scoreboard, a new wrestling room on the lower level of the facility, a new and expanded press box, dedicated locker rooms for each sport, including an expanded football locker room, improved office space and additional storage space. In addition the pool area has been completely renovated with improved lighting, new bleachers, new starting blocks, improved timing system and record board. The project also provides for enhancements to both the upper and lower entrances that will showcase the awards the teams have won over the last three decades. The project is scheduled to be fully completed in August 2009.

## PENNSYLVANIA STATE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

Originating in 1951 to administer and promote men's athletics, the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference has evolved into one of the NCAA's most heralded intercollegiate conferences.

The first major step came in 1977, when based on a growing interest, the league reorganized to provide a structure for its women's programs. Only three years later, lacking a standard competitive division, league voted to reclassify the entire conference to NCAA Division II.

The most recent enhancement came during the 2008-09 academic year when the PSAC expanded adding full-time members Gannon and Mercyhurst, and associate member Long Island University-C.W. Post. The membership now consists of 16 full-time institutions and the associate.

All of the league's full-time members are located within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, which makes the PSAC the largest one-state conference in the NCAA. The league has also grown to share the distinctions as: the largest conference in Division II, the largest football-playing conference in the NCAA, and, with 23, the conference that sponsors the most championships at the Division II level.

Highly competitive on a regional and national level, PSAC schools annually send nearly one-third of its teams into NCAA postseason play. The membership's success has yielded 42 NCAA team and 228 individual title winners.

While proud of its athletic accomplishments, the league also has evolved into one of Division II's finest from an academic standpoint. Nearly 1/3 of the PSAC's estimated 6,200 participants are honored each year as "Scholar-Athletes" for maintaining a GPA of 3.25 or better - a total that has nearly doubled since PSAC Scholar-Athletes were first recognized in the mid-1990s.

Although all 16 current institutions are members of Division II, eight league schools also compete at the Division I level in select sports. PSAC schools enroll over 118,000 students and claim over 670,000 alumni, including 430,000 who reside in Pennsylvania.

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