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Millersville Community-University Parade: Saturday, October 13, 2018, 9:00 a.m.

## 2018 PARADE THEME: PENNSYLVANIA PROUD

The 2018 Millersville Community-University Parade theme is “Pennsylvania Proud.” *This is a special tribute, to all things Pennsylvania, the Keystone State.* Other items to celebrate (decorate a float, costumes, a music theme) include our **history** of the Susquehannock Indians, the Liberty Bell, the Continental Congress, Revolutionary War, Valley Forge, PA Long Rifle, USS Niagra, Conestoga wagons, Gettysburg, Titusville, TMI, Flight 93 memorial, Shanksweiler’s Drive-In Theatre (America’s first movie theatre, still in operation today), Pittsburgh—known for many things, including being known as the dinosaur capital of US, where the Carnegie Museum houses the largest collection of Jurassic dinosaur bones in the world and of course, all things Lancaster County, of course! Several suggestions are included below as you plan your float, costume or musical repertoire. State flower: mountain laurel. PA State symbols: bird: ruffed grouse. Tree: eastern hemlock. Dog: Great Dane. Fish: brook trout. Animal: white-tailed deer. Motto: Virtue, Liberty and Independence.

**Famous people:** William Penn, Benjamin Franklin, James Buchanan, Thaddeus Stevens, Robert Fulton, Daniel Boone, Louisa May Alcott, John Barrymore, Fred Waring, Rachel Carson, the Dorsey Brothers, W.C. Fields, Stephen Foster, Lee Iacocca, Reggie Jackson, Gene Kelly, S.S. Kresge, Tara Lipinski, Johnny Weir, George Marshall, Arnold Palmer, B.F. Skinner, John Updike, Jimmy Stewart, Perry Como, Shirley Jones, Sharon Stone, Amanda Seyfried, Frankie Avalon, Fabian, Toni Basil, Bradley Cooper, Broderick Crawford, Tina Fey, Bob Saget, Will Smith, Jonathan Groff, Charles Bronson, Ann B. Davis, Richard Gere, Jeff Goldblum, Joel McHale, Maxfield Parrish, Wilt Chamberlain, Tom Herr, Joe Namath, Pearl S. Buck, James Michener, Stephen Sondheim, Oscar Hammerstein II, Dean Koontz, M. Night Shyamalan, Christina Aguilera, Jim Croce, Chubby Checker, Stan Getz, Daryl Hall, DJ Jazzy Jeff, Joan Jett, Pink, Taylor Swift, Fred Rogers, Taylor Kinney, Blythe Danner, Kevin Bacon, Kobe Bryant, Chris Columbus, Brian DePalma, Jim Furyk, Bill Gates and so many more.

**Food:** pretzels, cheesesteaks, pot pie, mushrooms, whoppie pies, shoofly pie, Tastykakes, Yuengling, Herr’s Snacks, Utz, Hires Root Beer, Breyers Ice Cream, Dubble Bubble Bubble Gum, Good and Plenty Licorice, etc.

**Education:** Millersville University, Penn State, Temple, Pitt, Franklin and Marshall, Lehigh, Carnegie Mellon, University of Pennsylvania, the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education, etc.

**Sports:** Eagles, Steelers, Penn State, Phillies, Pirate, Flyers, Penguins, Bears, Phantoms, 76ers, etc.

**Tourism:** Harrisburg, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Lancaster, Gettysburg, Altoona, Erie, Amish Country and Heritage, Strasburg Railroad, Pennsylvania Railroad, Hershey and HersheyPark, Punxsutawney Phil, Poconos, Longwood Gardens, the Susquehanna River, etc.

**Movies:** the films “Witness,” “Rocky,” “The Blob,” “Marley & Me,” “Girl, Interrupted,” “Beloved,” and “Night of the Living Day,” “Groundhog Day,” were all filmed in part or in their entirety in PA.

**Products:** Heinz, Peeps, Harley Davidson, Mack Trucks, steel (Pittsburgh, Bethlehem), Woolrich, Lebanon Bologna, Hershey Chocolate, Wilbur Chocolate, Crayola, Zippo lighters, Kepner Scott Shoes, Holgate toys, Purex, Martin guitars, the Slinky, etc.

**Art:** Charles Demuth, Benjamin West, Mary Cassatt, Wyeth Family, Frank Lloyd Wright’s *Fallingwater*, *Alexander Calder*, Jeff Koons, Thomas Eakins, Andy Warhol, Maxfield Parrish, etc.

**Music:** the Pennsylvania Polka and Mummers

**Religion:** Mennonites, Quakers, Presbyterians, Lutherans, Methodists

Contributing to the parade theme is encouraged *but not required*. Entries unrelated to the theme are certainly welcome to participate in the parade. Floats that are theme-decorated will be judge for competition at the judges’ stand. Instrumental marching units are expected to contribute to the parade theme, as well, and will be judged accordingly at the judges’ grandstand on North George Street.

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