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## SENATE HEARING FOCUSES ON CAREER READINESS, WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

State Sen. John Blake on April 19th hosted members of the Senate Democratic Policy Committee at Penn State Scranton for a wide-ranging discussion on career readiness and workforce development.

The public hearing, titled “Our Students, Our Workforce and the Jobs of Tomorrow,” featured three panels with expert testimony on career readiness, regional job projections and the skills gap in the workforce.

Team Pennsylvania President & CEO Ryan Unger contributed testimony. . . . [READ ON](#)

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## **DR. STEPHEN S. TANG IS NOW PRESIDENT & CEO OF ORASURE TECHNOLOGIES**

Team Pennsylvania would like to congratulate Co-Chair Dr. Stephen S. Tang on his new position as President and CEO of the diagnostic testing and specimen collection company, OraSure Technologies, where he had been Board Chairman since 2016. Dr. Tang has served as President of the University City Science Center's over the last decade, leaving a legacy of innovation and strengthened partnerships.

During his time at the University City Science Center, Dr. Tang led the institution to take strides in relationships and programming with entrepreneurs and the community. . . . [READ ON](#)

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## HANDS-ON WORKSHOP PROJECT GUIDES STUDENTS' CAREER CHOICES

*This is a continuing series of stories in which we are highlighting the winning Career Readiness Mini-Grant projects..*

The Lewisburg Area School District is a traditional yet contemporary district in rural Pennsylvania. The school district boasts of overall parent and community involvement in the four schools that make up the region. For their career readiness mini-grant project, the district focused on 165 grade 8 students, 35 middle school educators and 18 SUN Area Technical Institute (ATI) as well as providing 300+ parents and guardians with career and technical training information. . . . [READ ON](#)

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## WELCOMING NEW FACES

We are excited to announce that Ms. Kelly Kandratic will be joining Team Pennsylvania and the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, as our new Manager of Agriculture Policy & Programs! Kelly stood out from a field of competitive candidates, and we are pleased to welcome her on board in May, after she completes her Master of Science degree in Agriculture, Food and the Environment from Tufts University in Boston, MA.

Kelly credits her family roots in Wayne County, PA as the beginning of her lifelong passion for agriculture, cultivated through summers spent on her grandparents' dairy farm. Her

zeal for agriculture and thoughtful consideration of the various sectors is evident in all of her work.

Between now and our next Advisory Board Meeting during the Ag Progress Days, we plan to connect Kelly with our partners as she helps move our work forward.

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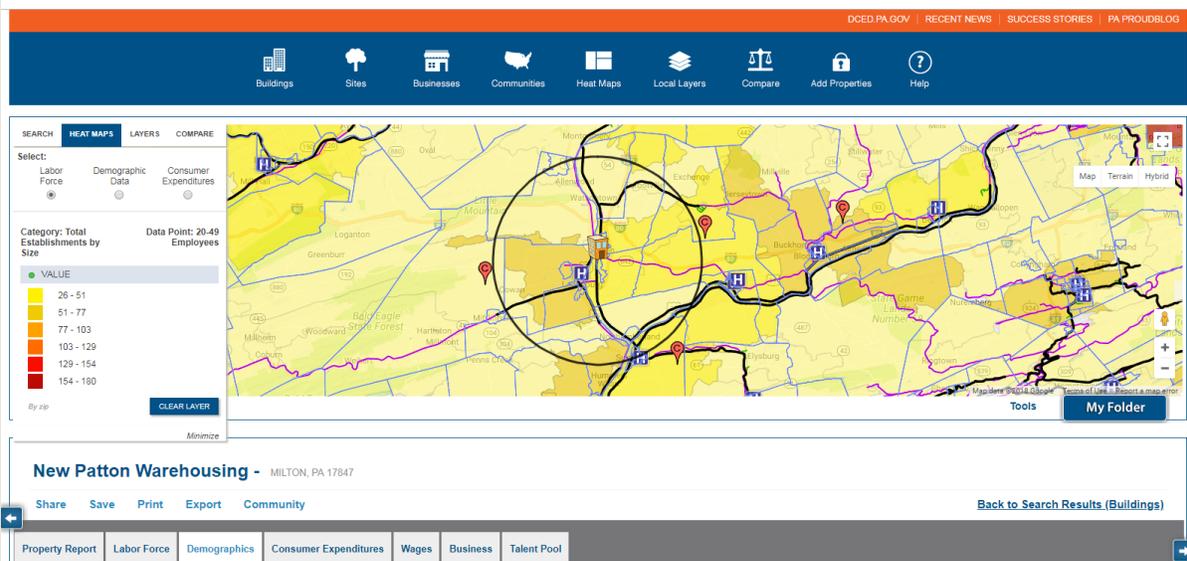
Team Pennsylvania is also excited to announce that Sara Lauver has joined the Pennsylvania Early Learning Investment Commission as Associate Director! Sara holds her Master of Science degree in Leadership with a concentration in Leading Sustainability from Walden University.

The commission was formed through an Executive Order of the Governor, in partnership with Team Pennsylvania as they drive the advancement of early learning investments as it relates to economic development. With a background in communications, higher education and advocacy work on a local level with Greater Susquehanna Valley United Way, Sara hopes to impact more children across the commonwealth through the work of the Early Learning Investment Commission.

She stated, “The commission works closely with a regional group where I live, and I was able to see first-hand over the years how important it was to convene business leaders around the issue of early learning in a focused and nonpartisan way.”

Team Pennsylvania looks forward to a continued partnership with The commission as they promote a prosperous future for Pennsylvania.

### **LEARN MORE ABOUT THE EARLY LEARNING INVESTMENT COMMISSION**



## PA SITESEARCH SHOWCASES PENNSYLVANIA'S COMMERCIAL PROPERTY

Team Pennsylvania recently partnered with GIS Planning, Inc. to offer a pair of webinars, highlighting the capabilities of PA SiteSearch and some of its more recent features and functionality. Dozens of PA economic development organizations participated.

PA SiteSearch is Pennsylvania's commercial property database: a dynamic site selection website that utilizes a cutting-edge GIS mapping system that utilizes unique search capabilities for geographic, demographic, workforce and community data. The website was developed and is hosted in partnership with the PA Department of Community and Economic Development. . . . [READ ON](#)

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### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

## 10th Anniversary Early Learning Economic Summit

Please join the PA Early Learning Investment Commission on **May 7, 2018** for the 10th Anniversary Early Learning Economic Summit in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

In addition to celebrating the Commission's 10-year Anniversary, this year's event will focus on the science, economics, and policy of expanding access to high quality care and education for children from birth to five. A great line up of expert speakers has been assembled, as well as outstanding Pennsylvanians who will be recognized for their contributions to early learning over the past decade. You won't want to miss it.

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## Investor Exchange with PDE Secretary Pedro Rivera

Investor Exchanges are an opportunity for our investors and partners to network and discuss issues pertinent to our work. Investor Exchanges are also an excellent opportunity to showcase Team Pennsylvania and the strength of public-private partnerships.

Secretary Pedro Rivera from the Pennsylvania Department of Education, generously agreed to host an Investor Exchange on **May 14th**, at Team Pennsylvania's Harrisburg office. Secretary Rivera will discuss updates from the Department of Education and highlight the importance of business/industry and school partnerships. There will also be an opportunity for our partners to bring ideas to share with him. Lunch will be provided beginning at 11:30 a.m. with the program to begin shortly after. We hope to host many guests interested in learning more about Team Pennsylvania, how we operate and the depth and breadth of our work.

This Investor Exchange will be hosted in Harrisburg at Team Pennsylvania's offices on May 14, 2018 from 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. If you'd like to attend, please contact Elizabeth Arias at [elizabeth@teampa.com](mailto:elizabeth@teampa.com) or 717-233-1375 to RSVP.

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## CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR 2018 BEST PLACES TO WORK IN PENNSYLVANIA

Registration for the 2018 Best Places to Work in Pennsylvania Program is now open. Nominations for these valuable awards are now being accepted online at [bestplacestoworkinpa.com](http://bestplacestoworkinpa.com) until **June 29th, 2018**. Now in its 19th year, this program awards small/medium-sized and large-sized businesses from across the commonwealth. To be eligible to participate . . . [READ ON](#)

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April 29-May 5, 2018 is Pennsylvania Small Business Week. The week is part of a national event celebrating the contributions of small businesses to our communities and economy.

Entrepreneurs, startups, and small businesses bring new ideas, tools, technology, and jobs to Pennsylvania, creating opportunities throughout our state. We are home to one million small businesses employing 2.5 million workers. We are proud of all our small businesses for contributing to our economic diversity, commercializing innovative new technologies, employing nearly half of our private sector workforce, and accounting for over 99 percent

of all employers in the state. Small may describe their size, but it doesn't define their market reach and impact.

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## NEWS FROM OUR INVESTORS & PARTNERS

- [Keystone Edge: Changes take flight at Harrisburg International Airport and beyond](#)
- [New Immaculata Student Center Designed by Crabtree, Rohrbaugh & Associates](#)
- [Erie Insurance Earns Highest Ranking in J.D. Power Insurance Shopping Study](#)

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