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We appreciate the opportunity to share with you new information relating to the Northeast Integration. Our Functional and Senior Implementation teams have been hard at work through the summer to operationalize the plans that were submitted in July.

ACADEMIC UPDATES

In addition to expanded academic program offerings at each campus, below are some of the developing examples of new academic opportunities that will become available to you through integration.

- **Artist or Musician or Scientist in Residence** opportunities, aligned with faculty expertise, to explore new techniques and develop new skills in state-of-the-art studio or lab settings.
 - For example, [collaborative tree swallow nesting research](#) through BU/MU faculty connections is already taking place.
- **Business** – Plans exist to expand professional development, Business Idea Competition, and more through the AACSB-accredited business program at BU.
- **Criminal Justice** – Opportunity for to enroll into the Police Academy pathway for Criminal Justice majors (spend 6-months in the PA Municipal Police Academy as part of your degree program) or add an EMT-national certification at Mansfield.
- **Education** – Broader opportunities for student-teaching (including residential housing opportunities) are forthcoming, including plans to closely align with districts and employment opportunities they can offer to our graduating seniors.
- **Environmental, Geographical, and Geological Science** field camp opportunities will expand, offering opportunities to explore differences offered through our respective locations.
 - A new soils minor may be offered through BU/LHU soils expertise/partnership.
- **Nursing/Physician Assistant Programs** – There are plans to offer expanded clinical settings or clinical rotation opportunities.
- **Pharm.D. Program** – Expand on new BU partnerships with Temple and Farleigh Dickinson universities and their respective Schools of Pharmacy – these partner institutions are excited to expand their reach into Central PA through LHU/MU. Signing ceremonies occur in September 2021.

NCAA UPDATE

The NCAA is aware of the unanimous vote by the PA State System Board of Governors to proceed with the integration of Bloomsburg, Lock Haven, and Mansfield. The NCAA has indicated that it will act following a Middle States decision, expected in Spring 2022. Given state and federal alignment required for athletics, this is not a surprise. We are continuing along the path we laid out from the beginning - that we will retain athletics on the three campuses that currently host them.

We look forward to sharing more in next month's, Integration Insights for Students. In the meantime, if you have questions please visit: <https://www.bloomu.edu/about/integration>.