Congratulations!
M.S. in Project Management
receives plaque from PMI for
GAC Accreditation

We continue to have some exciting new developments in our M.S. in Project Management program! Our program has now over 1000 full time students seeking their M.S. in Project Management! That is really exciting that we continue to grow.

We received in October a specialized accreditation from the PMI Global Accreditation Center! This has benefits to you, the student, and to all associated with our program, knowing that our program is top notch quality and has been “stamped” by PMI. Thanks to all that helped us get this accreditation, especially to Dr. Stephen Onu who was the primary data gatherer for our submission!

We have added an additional full time faculty member, Dr. Joe Malak. Dr. Malak has been working as a part time employee over the last year. Welcome Joe!

There seems to be a lot of interest in our Agile Lean Concentration from many of our students – check it out at this link here - http://harrisburgu.edu/mspm-program-main/mspm-agile-lean-concentration-2/

The 2018 Agile Lean Summit is being held on March 6. Please sign up here. http://agilesummit.harrisburgu.edu/

Special rates for Corporate Faculty and students.

A small group of full time and corporate faculty members (Me, Dr. Barbara Geisler, Dr. Joe Malak, Katherine DiCrocco) took a short road trip along with one our graduate students (Joanne Iskandarani) to Baltimore to attend the 2017 Mid-Atlantic Lean Conference. We heard some great speakers doing great work in utilizing lean methods in government, commercial, and healthcare systems. Many of these topics are covered in our own PMGT 574 - Agile Lean Product Development. If you are a student, you should consider this great course!

Thanks for being associated with our PMGT program at Harrisburg University! Enjoy the holidays!

Effective communication flow impacts every aspect of a project. According to PMI’s 2017 Pulse of the Profession™ In-Depth Report: The Essential Role of Communications, highly effective communicators are five times more likely than minimally effective communicators to be high performers (finishing 80 percent of their projects on time, on

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smart, strong communication to internal and external stakeholders is greater than ever. Real-time streaming and social media are not only new means of communication; they have sparked new project models, encouraging a shift from top-down communiqués to dialogue across the organization.

There is no going back: There could be more than 50 billion Internet-connected devices globally by 2020, according to the 2012 World Economic Forum report Risk and Responsibility in a Hyperconnected World—Pathways to Global Cyber Resilience. Total data traffic generated by mobile devices is also projected to surpass that of wired devices by 2018. That state of hyperconnectivity allows for more information sharing and collaboration—but can also create more misunderstandings.

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While US$135 million is at risk for every US$1 billion spent on a project, the report found that more than half of that risk stems from ineffective communications. Of the project managers surveyed in the report, 55 percent felt that effective communication to all stakeholders is the most critical success factor in project management.

Meet Joanne

I am Joanne Iskandarani, an International student pursuing a graduate degree in Project Management with a concentration in Agile at the Harrisburg University of Science and Technology. I am a member of the PMI (Project Management Institute) Keystone Chapter - Susquehanna Branch and took part in their annual PDD (Professional Development Day) as a volunteer. I also volunteered for the Agile Lean Summit for 2017 that was held by the Agile Lean Center at the Harrisburg University of Science and Technology. I had the privilege of interning at MistIQ Technologies Inc. which is a local startup company that is specializes in Cyber Security and Date Science. I am currently working on a thesis about the Lean Transformation Initiative at the Department of General Services of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and my expected date to graduate is in the month of May 2018. It is a wonderful experience being at Harrisburg University of Science and Technology and having the support of its wonderful staff and faculty members.

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We are really excited to have Katherine Di Crocco teach for us. Her primary course she has taught is PMGT 540 – Planning and Executing Projects. She also has helped us in our professional development work through the Agile Lean Center. Katherine has delivered professional development classes in the Fundamentals of Project Management at the Pennsylvania Turnpike association and The Warrrell Corporation. This has been a win-win for us having a great instructor from our academic side helping local companies connect and receive value from the Agile Lean Center.

“Described by one CEO as a “driving force” for change and continuous improvement, I define strategic vision, assess current state and develop implementation plans to achieve process improvement goals. My model of choice to assess organizational maturity is the Capability Maturity Model Integration (CMMI). I also provide PMBOK-based PMP/CAPM certification as well as targeted project management training and mentorship. I have been called a “cat herder” and a “dot connector,” and can distill the bottom-line from the most convoluted discussions. These skills enable me to provide objective process improvement consultation to my customers and build implementation teams, helping to position organizations for scalability and high quality service delivery.”

Featured Faculty Member

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