

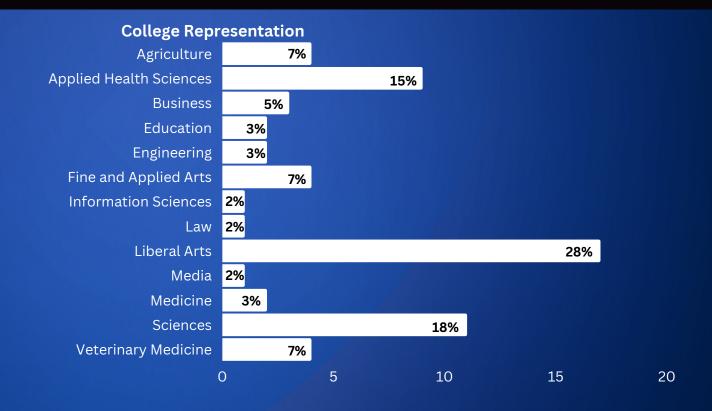
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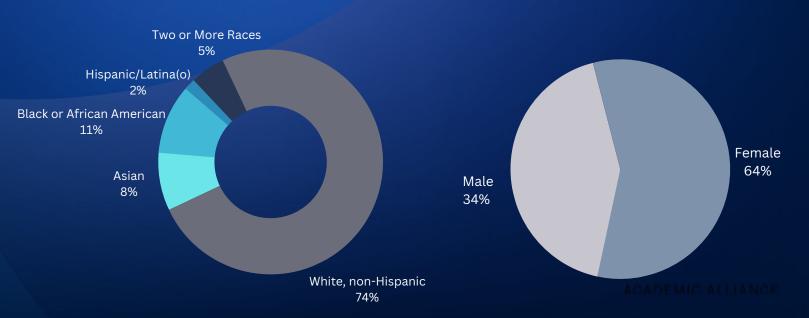
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Dr. Martha Belury has been appointed as Chair of the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES)

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Jennifer Gilley is currently serving as the Interim Director of the Penn State Commonwealth Campus Libraries in addition to her role as the Head Librarian at Penn State New Kensington. Promoted to the rank of Full Librarian in 2018, she is a promotion and tenure department head and serves on the University-wide Faculty Affairs Advisory Committee. Ms. Gilley has a B.A. in English, an M.A. in Women's Studies, and an M.S. in Library and Information Science, and is an accomplished scholar in the field of feminist print culture studies.

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