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Pennsylvania Economy League Central Welcomes Founder of York College Public Policy Institute as New Executive Director

Vincent Cannizzaro, founding director of York College's Arthur J. Glatfelter Institute for Public Policy and the Master of Public Policy and Administration program, will serve as the new executive director for Pennsylvania Economy League Central LLC (PEL), based in Harrisburg. PEL, a non-partisan, nonprofit public policy organization founded over 85 years ago, has regional membership in York, Lancaster, Williamsport, Scranton, Wilkes-Barre, Reading, Altoona, and Allentown, and conducts work statewide.

"We are thrilled to bring a leader with such exceptional qualifications to PEL as we continue to grow our good government mission through independent research, civic education and technical assistance to state and local government," Stephen H. Stetler, chairman of PEL's Board of Directors, said of Cannizzaro's hiring.

"PEL has a long history of supporting local governments and communities throughout the Commonwealth," Cannizzaro said. "I am honored to continue this tradition and grow the organization to best support our communities."

Under Cannizzaro's leadership, York College's Glatfelter Institute was transformed from a temporary, grant-funded department to a permanent and self-sufficient research and policy center that has provided over \$3 million of in-kind support through data-driven research, analysis and policy development. In his role, Cannizzaro has partnered with state and local elected officials, nonprofit organizations and the business community.

His work resulted in a new residential tax to support open space preservation in York County and was instrumental in the creation of new roles in state government to support the outdoor economy. Cannizzaro has also researched affordable housing, gun violence, homelessness and local government decision making.

In addition to York College, Cannizzaro previously worked as a diversity specialist for Johns Hopkins Medicine and as a health policy associate for the Maryland Department of Health and Hygiene.

Cannizzaro earned a Ph.D. in public policy from the University of Maryland, Baltimore County, a Master of Public Policy from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, and a

Bachelor of Arts in political science from the University of Central Florida. He is a board member of both the York County Solid Waste Authority and the South-Central Assembly, and an ALICE Research Advisory Committee member for the United Way of Pennsylvania.