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Langhorne Carpet Co. weaves first Penn State tapestry

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The Langhorne Carpet Co. began weaving the first Hand in Hand tapestry Tuesday, which will be sold to raise money to help Penn State students facing economic hardship.

The carpets, designed by Penn State designer and instructor Lanny Sommese, sell for \$300 and benefit the college's Emergency Student Micro Loan Fund, a new program that provides small loans to students in need.

"Langhorne and Lanny form the perfect combination — literally working hand in hand — to bring to life in the form of an original Langhorne Carpet tapestry an incredibly inspired and uplifting design," Philadelphia attorney Tom Sharbaugh, the Penn State graduate who developed the loan fund, said in a statement. "The micro-finance loan project is a first at Penn State — and possibly in the U.S. — and the fundraising is equally unique from a philanthropic standpoint."

To purchase the tapestry, visit www.langhornecarpets.com or call 215-757-5155. Philadelphia's Rosenfield Gallery on Arch Street is also selling the tapestry.

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