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INTRODUCTION

The Field Center for Children's Policy, Practice & Research is committed to increasing higher education access and success for youth who have experienced foster care. Often, students in the foster care system are not encouraged to pursue a post-secondary degree and, for those that do attend college, there is limited information available about campus resources and supports that would be beneficial. This directory was created to provide students with experience in foster care with information about campus programs and services that can be particularly helpful in supporting their success, from application through graduation.

Although Pennsylvania has a growing number of campus-based support programs for students with experience in foster care, many other formal and informal supports exist on college campuses that students may find useful. Some institutional programming supports specific populations which may also include students with experience in foster care, such as first-generation college students, students of color, students from low socioeconomic backgrounds, or students meeting other academic criteria. Additional support, such as emergency financial assistance or resources for housing and food insecurity, may also be available by speaking with various departments at the institution.

HOW TO USE THIS DIRECTORY

This directory provides information on institutional supports and programs that can assist students with experience in foster care in selecting prospective colleges that may be a good fit for them. It is intended to supplement existing college directories and other available information. Used alongside traditional college-search resources, this directory will inform students with experience in foster care seeking to pursue higher education in Pennsylvania about beneficial campus programs and services.

CATEGORIES OF SCHOOLS

For the purpose of comparison, this directory designates campus size by the following student body enrollment:
Small school: less than 5,000 students
Mid-size school: 5,000 - 15,000 students
Large school: more than 15,000 students
CAMPUS-BASED SUPPORT PROGRAMS IN PENNSYLVANIA

Campus-based support programs are programs and services on a college campus that are designed to specifically support students with experience in foster care. These programs look different on each campus, but many include year-round housing, scholarships, skill-building workshops, social and cultural events, programming, mentoring/coaching, academic advising, and emergency assistance. At the time of publication, 21 schools either have a designated campus-based support program or are in the process of developing one. Check them out below: (*some programs remain in development)

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The Fostering Independence Through Education Tuition Waiver

Pennsylvania passed a law creating the Fostering Independence Through Education Waiver. This created a tuition and fee waiver for youth who were in the Pennsylvania foster care system at age 16 or older. Pennsylvania residents who are eligible for the PA Chafee Education and Training Grant Program will receive a waiver of tuition and mandatory fees at all public and private colleges in PA. The tuition waiver is applied after all grants and scholarships, and does not cover room and board. The program began in the Fall semester of 2020.

College Funding Information for Foster Youth

There are numerous ways to help students with experience in foster care fund their college dreams, including scholarships and grants. See below for more information on these opportunities.

Grant Money for Pennsylvania Foster Youth

There are four major grant programs that can help Pennsylvania students with experience in foster care pay for their college education: The Pell Grant, The Pennsylvania State Grant, The Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant, and the Chafee Education and Training Grant.

Chafee Grant

This federally funded program offers grants to Pennsylvania undergraduate students with experience in foster care who are attending an eligible post-secondary institution. Eligible students must be Pennsylvania residents, have been in foster care since the age of 16, must be under the age of 21 when applying, and must be enrolled in a college or university.

Filling out the FAFSA

All prospective college students need to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) which will help qualify them for financial aid. The FAFSA asks, "At any time since you turned age 13, were both of your parents deceased, were you in foster care or were you a dependent or ward of the court?" If the answer is yes, the student will be considered "independent" and will then qualify for a number of financial resources.

Loans vs. Grants

It is important for all students, and students without family financial support in particular, to understand the difference between loans and grants. Loans are money that you borrow and need to pay back after you leave college, whether you earn a degree or not. Grants are money that is given to you to help offset the cost of college and do not need to pay back. Decisions that you make about funding college can impact you long after you are done.
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THE FIELD CENTER FOR CHILDREN’S POLICY, PRACTICE & RESEARCH

The Field Center for Children’s Policy, Practice & Research is an interdisciplinary collaboration of the University of Pennsylvania’s Schools of Social Policy & Practice, Law, Medicine, Arts and Sciences, Nursing, and Education, and the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia, whose mission is to improve the lives of victims of child abuse and neglect and those involved in the child welfare and foster care systems. With a long-standing commitment to support positive outcomes and transition to adulthood for foster youth, the Field Center has identified access to and success in higher education as a critical path to meet this goal. It is the Field Center’s hope that this directory will enable more Pennsylvania foster youth to identify colleges that can best meet their needs, receiving supports to enable them to be successful once they matriculate.

The Field Center would like to acknowledge its entire interdisciplinary team for their support of the center’s Foster Care to College initiative and the creation of this directory in particular. Contributors to this directory include Seth Morones, Sarah Wasch, Debra Schilling Wolfe, Jessica Enright, and former MSW Students Dustin Medina, Yiran Zhang, Erin Bridges, Kathryn Kirkman, Kimberly Rosen, and Megan Young.
OFFICE OF MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS

The Office of Multicultural Affairs strives to support and empower students from all backgrounds through educational and inclusive programming throughout campus.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- Academic Advising
- Counseling Center
- Academic Learning Center (ALC)
- Experiential Learning & Career Development Center
- Disability Services

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

- Albright College is affiliated with the United Methodist Church and offers a variety of faith-based programming to all students.
- Students are required to have secured housing either on or off campus. The school is currently working to develop policies to help independent students secure year-round housing. Speak to the housing department for options.
- Albright College maintains multiple partnerships with local organizations, including a local food pantry at a nearby Lutheran Church. Reach out to the Dean of Students office for more information.
- Albright College recently partnered with Philadelphia Futures to support students who qualify as low-income and first-generation college students.
CAMPUS PROGRAMMING

IDEAS CENTER
The Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, Access and Social Justice Center (IDEAS) provides advocacy and support to historically marginalized populations, including the following:
- Minority and Multiracial
- LGBTQ+
- Religious minorities
- Low income
- First generation

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES
- Maytum Learning Commons
- Counseling & Personal Development Center
- Health Center
- Spiritual & Religious Life

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION
- Refer to the college website for a listing of all campus programming and activities. Limited information about programming beneficial to foster youth is available.
Alvernia University
READING, PA
www.alvernia.edu

QUICK FACTS

CAMPUS PROGRAMMING

ANGEL IN THE ATTIC
Offers informal emergency resources to students through campus donations. Fill out a short application through the Provost's office that demonstrates need. Available resources typically include:
- Transportation
- Food
- Clothing
- School supplies

READING COLLEGIATE SCHOLARS PROGRAM
Provides 10 students from Reading with full tuition scholarships under the O'Pake Institute for Ethics, Leadership, and Public Service. Activities and services include:
- Faculty and community mentors to help with balancing work, family, and school while exploring career opportunities
- Participate in 2-week long Summer Program
- Must be a student from Reading, PA and maintain requisite grades and commit to "paying back" to the community

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES
- Academic Success Center
- Multicultural Engagement Office
- First Year Experience
- Health & Wellness Center
- Disability Services
- Holleran Center for Community & Global Engagement

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION
- There are opportunities for housing during the breaks with faculty and staff members of Alvernia. Talk to the Residence Life Director.
- Alvernia is guided by Franciscan values that are rooted in the Catholic and liberal arts traditions. They offer a rigorous, caring, and inclusive learning community that is open to members of all religions.
QUICK FACTS

450 S Easton Rd.
Glenside, PA
19038

Small 4 Year Private School
2,473 Undergraduate Students
On-Campus Housing: Yes
Application Deadline: Rolling

CAMPUS PROGRAMMING

ACT 101 PROGRAM
Serves economically and educationally disadvantaged students who are Pennsylvania residents. Services include mentorship, leadership opportunities, and other supports.

GATEWAY TO SUCCESS
Six-week residential summer bridge program that prepares students for college-level work by providing classes and personal development support. Students receive:
- Peer and academic advisors that work with them into the school year
- Students who qualify for the ACT 101 Program are granted a fee waiver for the summer bridge program.

KNIGHTS FOR NUTRITION FOOD PANTRY
On-campus food pantry available to all students at Arcadia University. Resources include food and other living supplies.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES
- Learning Resource Center
- First Year Programming
- Counseling Services
- Student Health Services
- Commuter Lounge & Guest Room (offered through Residence & Commuter Life)

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION
- There are opportunities for students to stay on campus during breaks for an additional fee. Speak with the Residence & Commuter Life office for more information.
CAMPUS PROGRAMMING

ANCHOR PROGRAM
Provides youth ages 15 to 18 involved in the PA foster care system the opportunity to explore their academic interests through a multi-year, week-long summer residential college life experience program and year-round mentorship opportunities to ensure that they are prepared for college and independence.

- Free housing and meals during program
- No participation costs
- Support with college enrollment and financial aid applications
- On-going mentorship

ACT 101 & EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM
Provides ongoing support to traditionally underrepresented populations in higher education. Services include financial support, advising, and academic support.

TRIO STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES
Federally funded program that provides students from low-income, first-generation backgrounds, and students with disabilities with on-going support to successfully transition to college and, ultimately, to graduate. Specific programs are provided for each year in college.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES
- Multicultural Affairs
- Living & Learning Communities
- Academic Advisement Center
- Campus Childcare Services
- Counseling Services
- Student Health Center

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION
- Bloomsburg University is a part of Pennsylvania's State System of Higher Education (PASSHE).
- Bloomsburg has a strong history of supporting students with experience in foster care through their Anchor Program and has developed numerous partnerships with local and state-wide organizations.
- Bloomsburg University is in the process of developing a campus-based support program for students with experience in foster care. For more information, contact Rona Anderson at randers3@bloomu.edu or (570) 389-4806.
QUICK FACTS

CAMPUS PROGRAMMING

AVAILABLE RESOURCES
- Office of Disability Resources
- Student Health Services
- Counseling Services
- Spiritual Life

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION
- Bryn Athyn is a small private Christian liberal arts college.
- Refer to the college website for a listing of all campus programming and activities. Limited information about programming beneficial to foster youth is available.
QUICK FACTS

CAMPUS PROGRAMMING

FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE
Provides numerous supports to students to transition successfully to college life. Offers a seminar titled "Meta-cognition and the Transition to College" to support students in acclimating to college life.

PENSBY CENTER FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND INCLUSION
Implements programs and events throughout campus that promote diversity, inclusion, and awareness for underrepresented identities, including but not limited to racial identity, sexual identity, gender identity, nationality, class, disability, and religious affiliation. Services include:
- Leadership opportunities
- Student affinity groups
- Community Diversity Assistants

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES
- Academic Advising
- Career & Professional Development
- Health Center
- Counseling Services
- Access Services
- Civic Engagement

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION
- Bryn Mawr is a private women's college that was established over 130 years ago.
- Bryn Mawr offers affordable options for securing housing during every break. Speak with the housing office for more details.
QUICK FACTS

CAMPUS PROGRAMMING

GENFIRST!@BUCKNELL
Provides first generation students with support and mentorship from faculty and staff at Bucknell who were also the first in their families to graduate from college. The program also offers activities throughout each semester.

DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION AT BUCKNELL
Diversity, Equity & Inclusion at Bucknell offers a variety of programming and services for students with a range of diverse backgrounds and experiences and include the following resources:
- International Student Services
- The Office of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans* & Queer Resources
- Multicultural Student Services
- The Women's Resource Center
- Office of Accessibility Resources
- Religious & Spiritual Life; and more.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES
- Teaching & Learning Center
- Counseling & Student Development
- Bucknell Student Health
- Career Development Center
- The Writing Center
- Civic Engagement

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION
- Bucknell guarantees housing for all four years of attendance. For students who choose to live on campus, there are a variety of options to choose from, including themed housing based on majors, interests, and identities.
- Bucknell is in the process of developing an on-campus food pantry that will provide both dry and non-dry foods to students.
QUICK FACTS

- 275 Swamp Rd.
  Newtown, PA
  18940
- Mid-Size 2 Year
  Community
  College
- 9,880
  Undergraduate
  Students
- On-Campus
  Housing: No
- Application
  Deadline: May 1st

CAMPUS PROGRAMMING

KEYS PROGRAM
The KEYS Program is a support program for low-income students who are enrolled in, or interested in enrolling in, Bucks County Community College and are receiving TANF. Services include:

- Career Counseling
- Tutoring and academic support
- Support with financial aid
- Connection to other services and programs

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- Academic Success Center
- Career and Job Resources
- Peer Mentoring - Success Advocates
- Counseling Services
- Early Learning Center
- Tutoring

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

- Bucks County Community College has three different campuses: Bristol, Newtown, and Perkasie. There are also a variety of programs offered online.
- Refer to the college website for a listing of all campus programming and activities. Limited information about programming beneficial to foster youth is available.
Butler County Community College
BUTLER, PA
www.bc3.edu

QUICK FACTS

107 College Dr.
Butler, PA 16002
Mid-Size 2 Year
Community
College
10,008
Undergraduate
Students
On-Campus
Housing: No
Application
Deadline: March 1st

CAMPUS PROGRAMMING

KEYS PROGRAM
A support program for low-income students who are enrolled at Bucks County Community College and are receiving TANF. Eligible students receive:

- Career Counseling
- Academic Support
- Advocacy to County Assistance Office
- KEYS Computer Learning Center
- Additional hours of tutoring
- Access to the KEYS' Laptop Loan Program and graphing calculators

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- Tutoring
- Career Services
- Academic Advising
- Disability Services
- Amy Wise Children's Creative Learning Center (CCLC)

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

- Butler County Community College is a smaller campus which gives students more 1-on-1 attention from faculty and staff.
- Butler County Community College offers a number of services and programming that are particularly geared towards supporting first-generation students.
QUICK FACTS

CAMPUS PROGRAMMING

BUILDING LIVES OF PURPOSE
The Building Lives of Purpose program is a campus-based support program specifically designed to support students with experience in foster care successfully transition to college life and complete a degree. Services include:

- Connection to campus support services
- Assistance with application and financial aid
- Regular check-ins with the Single Point of Contact

For more information, contact the program's Single Point of Contact, Stephen Rupprecht at 610.902.8416 or smr438@cabrini.edu.

CAVS CARE PROGRAM
The Cavs Care Program is part of the Center for Student Success and provides services to students who are first-generation. Services include personal and professional development, connection to paid internships, a pre-orientation program, mentoring, and academic coaching.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- Center for Student Success
- Cabrini Cupboard (food pantry)
- Health & Wellness
- Counseling Services
- Academic Coaching
- Accessibility Resource Center

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

- Year-round housing is available for students to remain on campus during breaks. Contact the Building Lives of Purpose program or the main housing office for more information.
- Cabrini University was among the first schools in Pennsylvania to develop a campus-based support program for students with experience in foster care.
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CAMPUS PROGRAMMING

AVAILABLE RESOURCES
- Academic Resource Center
- Career Center
- Health Center
- Ministry Center
- Oasis Counseling Center

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION
- Cairn is a Christian affiliated university.
- Refer to the college website for a listing of all campus programming and activities. Limited information about programming beneficial to foster youth is available.

Identifies & Tracks Foster Youth
Specific Programming for Foster Youth
Beneficial Programming for Foster Youth
Year-Round Housing Available
Fostering Success at Cal U is a campus-based support program for students with experience in foster care. Students work closely with a success coach, who are there to provide insight into the academic and non-academic parts of university life and provide tips on studying and preparing for university-level courses, managing finances, and finding student employment on campus. Students also receive a welcome pack to help get started in college that includes:

- Bedding (pillow, sheets, and blanket)
- Toiletries
- Backpack
- School supplies

For more information about the Fostering Success program, contact Dori Eichelberger at 724-938-1523 or eichelberger@calu.edu.

TRIO STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES
Provides educational career counseling and academic advisement to students from freshman year until graduation. Program students receive priority registration, financial literacy and planning (including scholarships), personal development workshops, tutoring, mentorship, learning communities, graduate school planning, and grant aid to students who are first-generation, low-income and/or have a disability.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES
- Office of Academic Success
- Career & Professional Development Center
- Tutoring Center
- Counseling Center
- Cal U Cupboard Food Pantry
- TRIO Upward Bound

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION
- California University is a part of Pennsylvania's State System of Higher Education (PASSHE).
- California University has strong relationships with local child welfare agencies, such as Washington County Children and Youth Services, Westmoreland County Children's Bureau, as well as partnerships with Fayette and Greene Counties.
QUICK FACTS

CAMPUS PROGRAMMING

CARLOW CLOSET
A joint effort between Campus Life and Carlow faculty, the school offers a free clothes closet for students in need and a food pantry for students facing food insecurity. Available resources include:
- Non-perishable food
- Clothes and jackets
- Cleaning and living supplies

CELTIC LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE (CLI)
A summer bridge program that occurs 10 days before the start of classes. Designed to be a leadership opportunity and a springboard into success at college, CLI is specifically targeted towards students who are first-generation students and/or educationally disadvantaged. The program is free and includes housing and meals.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES
- Center for Mercy Heritage & Service
- Health Services
- Counseling Services
- Campus Ministry
- Office of Equity & Inclusion
- Center for Academic Achievement

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION
- Carlow University is a liberal arts university started by the Sisters of Mercy, and has a strong commitment to community engagement, public service, ministry, and social justice.
- Carlow University is dedicated to its students in need and is developing new ways to provide housing over school breaks, funds for book scholarships, and service opportunities for the community.
CARNegie Mellon University
QUICK FACTS

5000 Forbes Ave.
Pittsburgh, PA 15213
Mid-Size 4 Year Private School
6,896 Undergraduate Students
On-Campus Housing: Yes
Application Deadline: January 1st

CAMPUS PROGRAMMING

CENTER FOR DIVERSITY & INCLUSION
Provides a number of resources targeted towards students from underrepresented populations including racial and ethnic minorities, low-income, and first-generation students.

SUMMER ACADEMY FOR MATH & SCIENCE
The Summer Academy for Math and Science (SAMS) is for rising high school seniors with a strong interest in computer science, engineering, and/or the natural sciences. Eligible students will take courses with Carnegie Mellon faculty. Upper class college students can serve as classroom assistants, tutors, and mentors. Eligible students include:
- Underrepresented minority status
- Low socioeconomic status
- Potentially first in family to attend college
- Attendance at rural or inner-city schools with low rates of admittance to top-tier colleges

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES
- Counseling & Psychological Services
- University Health Services
- Pre-College Summer Studies
- Academic Development: The Learning Zone
- Career & Professional Development Center

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION
- Carnegie Mellon University offers a number of resources to students experiencing need, including emergency aid (for students who qualify) and housing during schools breaks (speak to the housing office for more details).
- Carnegie Mellon is surrounded by numerous opportunities for students to get involved in the local community.

Identifies & Tracks Foster Youth
Specific Programming for Foster Youth
Beneficial Programming for Foster Youth
Year-Round Housing Available
Cedar Crest College
ALLENTOWN, PA
www.cedarcrest.edu

QUICK FACTS

100 College Dr.
Allentown, PA
18104
Small 4 Year
Private
Women’s School
1,500
Undergraduate
Students
On-Campus
Housing: Yes
Application
Deadline: February 15th

CAMPUS PROGRAMMING

EMERGENCY RESOURCES FOR STUDENTS
Cedar Crest offers a number of emergency resources to students in need. Some of the available resources include:

- Annual winter clothing drive
- Career clothing closet
- Meals over breaks
- Food pantry
- Pop-up food events
- Book vouchers/scholarships
- Emergency aid

THE FALCONERS PROGRAM (ACT 101)
ACT 101 provides enhanced academic support for academically and financially disadvantaged PA students to successfully complete their post-secondary pursuits.
Contact (610) 606-4628 or advising@cedarcrest.edu for more information.

Resources include:
- Individual academic support and mentoring
- Peer tutoring and writing support
- Lending library materials (i.e., textbooks, test prep materials)

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES
- Guaranteed Student Employment
- Guaranteed Study Abroad options
- Academic Advising
- Tutoring
- The Writing Center
- English Language Learner services

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION
- Cedar Crest is social justice-oriented and has many opportunities for students to engage in enriching experiences and activities.
- Housing is offered year round, and meals are provided during all breaks since the campus does not close for students who need continuous housing.
QUICK FACTS

1 Woodland Rd., Pittsburgh, PA 15232
Small 4 Year Private School
1,208 Undergraduate Students
On-Campus Housing: Yes
Application Deadline: August 1st

CAMPUS PROGRAMMING

AVAILABLE RESOURCES
- Learning Support Services
- Career Services
- Counseling Services
- Spiritual Life

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION
- Refer to the college website for a listing of all campus programming and activities. Limited information about programming beneficial to foster youth is available.
Chestnut Hill College

PHILADELPHIA, PA
www.chc.edu

QUICK FACTS

9601 Germantown Rd.
Philadelphia, PA
19118

Small 4 Year Private School

1,364 Undergraduate Students

On-Campus Housing: Yes

Application Deadline: Rolling

CAMPUS PROGRAMMING

FOSTER CARE TO COLLEGE PROGRAM
Chestnut Hill’s Foster Care to College program is a campus-based support program specifically for students with experience in foster care. The program offers additional support to help students transition to campus and succeed in college. For more information, contact Krista Murphy at murphyk@chc.edu or (215) 248-7142.

CATHERINE E. QUINN ’78 SCHOLARSHIP FUND
The Catherine E. Quinn ’78 Scholarship Fund is available to students who attend Chestnut Hill College and have previous lived experience in the foster care system. Contact the financial aid office for more information.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES
- Student Support Services
- Academic Advising & Planning
- Disability Center
- Counseling Center
- Health Services Center
- Campus Ministry

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION
- Chestnut Hill College works with students on a case-by-case basis to provide housing year-round for those who do not have a place to go during breaks.
- The Sisters of St. Joseph provide meal supplements and food gift cards to students who are in need. Contact the Dean of Students office for more information.
TRIO SCHOLARS
TRIO Scholars is a program designed to provide an intentional experience for students who have the potential to achieve. All services are free and available to any student who qualifies under federal guidelines and completes an application. By federal regulation, a student eligible for student support services must identify as one of the following:
- Low-income
- First-generation college student
- Disabled

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES
- Academic Success Center
- Career Services
- Student Wellness
- Health Services

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION
- Cheyney University is a Historically Black College & University (HBCU), an institution of higher education in the United States that was established before 1964 with the intention of serving the black community.
- Cheyney University is a part of Pennsylvania’s State System of Higher Education (PASSHE).
- Refer to the college website for a listing of all campus programming and activities. Limited information about programming beneficial to foster youth is available.
Quick Facts

909 E Wood St.
Clarion, PA
16214

Mid-Size
4 Year Public School

4,321
Undergraduate Students

On-Campus Housing: Yes

Application Deadline: Rolling

Campus Programming

Student Support Services Program (TRIO)

This program offers a variety of support and services to students who are first-generation, low-income, and/or students with a disability. In addition, the program offers scholarship awards to first and second year students who also receive Pell Grants. Additional services include:

- Financial literacy training
- Assistance with FAFSA & financial aid
- Scholarships
- Free tutoring

ACT 101 Educational Opportunities Program

ACT 101 serves students with particular academic and financial needs. Services include access to free textbooks through the lending library, assistance with registration and early class registration, free peer and group tutoring, workshops, and academic and career counseling.

Additional Resources

- Minority Student Services
- Clarion Student Association Office
- Wellness Center
- Career Services
- Student Success Center
- Writing Center

Supplemental Information

- Clarion University is a part of Pennsylvania’s State System of Higher Education (PASSHE).
- Clarion University offers options for students to remain on campus during breaks. Contact the housing office to find out more information.
QUICK FACTS

538 Vernard Rd.
Clarks Summit, PA 18411

Small
4 Year Private School

667 Undergraduate Students

On-Campus Housing: Yes

Application Deadline: Unknown

CAMPUS PROGRAMMING

AVAILABLE RESOURCES

- Foundations Christian Counseling Center
- Career Services
- Disability Services
- Spiritual Life
- Writing Center

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

- Refer to the college website for a listing of all campus programming and activities. Limited information about programming beneficial to foster youth is available.
Community College of Allegheny County

QUICK FACTS

| 800 Allegheny Ave. Pittsburgh, PA 15233 | Large 2 Year Community College | 43,152 Undergraduate Students | On-Campus Housing: No | Application Deadline: September 15th |

CAMPUS PROGRAMMING

FOSTERING YOUR SUCCESS
The Fostering Your Success program is a campus-based support program specifically for students with experience in foster care offered at CCAC-South Campus. FYS offers mentors that check in with students on their success on campus. For more information on the FYS program, contact Amy Sosanko at asosanko@ccac.edu or (412) 469-6249.

TRIO STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES
TRIO/SSS provides resources and services to promote student success at the Community College of Allegheny County. Eligible students will have access to the Lending Library, mentoring, regular academic advising, conferences, and other leadership opportunities.

KEYS PROGRAM
Designed to help students receiving TANF and SNAP succeed in community college, the KEYS Program at CCAC serves students at all of CCAC campuses and centers. This program is designed to support students by connecting them to services in the College as well as to external resources.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES
- Academic Advising
- ACT 101 Program
- Campus Cupboard
- Counseling Services
- KEYS Program
- Clothing Closet

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION
- CCAC has four campuses, including Allegheny Campus, Boyce Campus, North Campus, and South Campus.
- CCAC has numerous partnerships with local child welfare agencies, including Allegheny County Children and Youth Services.
KEYS PROGRAM
The KEYS Program provides opportunities for TANF recipients to receive the services and support that they need to achieve their academic and career goals.

ACT 101 PROGRAM
ACT 101 is a state program to assist students who meet certain academic and economic guidelines. Students have access to a program mentor and a Personal Development Specialist. Students have access to a textbook lending library, academic survival kits (school supplies, etc.), and educational trips.

CAMPUS FOOD PANTRY
A food pantry is available to any student or staff that is in need. There is also a clothing supply in a private but accessible space. Resources include food, paper towels, toiletries, laundry supplies, and more.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES
- Learning Lab
- Student Support Services Office
- Counseling Services
- Tutor Center
- Disability Services
- Career Services

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION
- CCBC has four different locations, including Main Campus (Monaca, PA), Aviation Science Center (Beaver Falls, PA), Parkway West (Oakdale, PA), and Western Area Center & Technology Center (Canonburg, PA).
FOSTERING CARING CONNECTIONS PROGRAM

The Fostering Caring Connections Program is a campus-based program specifically designed to support the needs of students with experience in foster care to successfully transition to college life and complete their degree or transition to a 4-year school. The program has multiple campus champions to easily make and receive referrals to meet students’ needs. Services include:

- Regular social programs & workshops
- Financial literacy workshops
- Life skills building workshops
- Peer support & leadership opportunities

For more information about the Fostering Caring Connections program, contact the program’s Single Point of Contact, Michelle Lopez, at milopez@ccp.edu or (215) 751-8373.

SINGLE STOP

Single Stop is a free service to connect students to state and federal financial resources and local community services. Single Stop offers government benefit eligibility screening and assistance to apply for these benefits, legal services, financial education, tax preparation services and healthcare enrollment assistance.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- Academic Advising
- KEYS Program
- Counseling Center
- Campus Food Pantry
- Career Services
- Center on Disability

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

- Community College of Philadelphia has three locations in addition to the Main Campus, including the Northeast Regional Center, the Northwest Regional Center, and the West Regional Center.
- Community College of Philadelphia was among the first schools in Pennsylvania to develop a campus-based support program for students with experience in foster care.
KEYS PROGRAM
Provides counseling, tutoring, and academic support to students receiving TANF and SNAP benefits. The KEYS program also connects students to additional programs and services on campus and locally.

ACT 101 PROGRAM
ACT 101 is a program for students who are educationally under-prepared and need financial assistance in order to become ready for college-level courses. The Act 101 Program is designed to provide educational support services that strengthen students’ academic skills and increase their confidence in their own ability to achieve. Services include:
- Counseling
- Tutoring
- ACT 101 Summer Program

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES
- Career & Counseling Center
- Disability Services
- Tutoring Services
- First Year Experience

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION
- DCCC has multiple campuses, including Marple Campus, Southeast Center, Upper Darby Center, Downingtown Campus, Exton Center, Pennocks Bridge Campus, Brandywine Campus, and Phoenixville Campus. DCCC also offers online learning.
- Refer to the college website for a listing of all campus programming and activities. Limited information about programming beneficial to foster youth is available.
QUICK FACTS

CAMPUS PROGRAMMING

ACT 101 PROGRAM
ACT 101 is a program for students who are educationally under-prepared and need financial assistance in order to become ready for college-level courses. The Act 101 Program is designed to provide educational support services that strengthen students’ academic skills and increase their confidence in their own ability to achieve. Services include:

- Counseling Services
- Tutoring Services
- ACT 101 Summer Program

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- Office of Student Success
- Counseling Services
- Career Services
- Center for Student Professional Development
- Health Services
- Writing Center

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

- Refer to the college website for a listing of all campus programming and activities. Limited information about programming beneficial to foster youth is available.
QUICK FACTS

CAMPUS PROGRAMMING

AVAILABLE RESOURCES

- Campus Ministry & Spiritual Life
- Academic Resource Center
- Disability Services Office
- The Counseling Center
- The Health Center
- PACE - Peer Advising Counseling Educating
- First Year Experience: Character U

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

- DeSales University is a Catholic University in the Salesian tradition.
- Refer to the college website for a listing of all campus programming and activities. Limited information about programming beneficial to foster youth is available.
While Dickinson College does not currently have a fully developed campus-based support program for students with experience in foster care, they have designated a Single Point of Contact (SPOC). Please contact Rebecca Schreiber-Reis at schreire@dickinson.edu. The Single Point of Contact supports students with:

- Food over breaks
- Securing housing
- Making referrals to services both on and off campus

TRENDSETTERS
Trendsetters is a student-founded and led organization that supports first-generation college students while they are on campus through social programming and advocacy initiatives throughout campus.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES
- Wellness Center
- Career Center
- Academic Advising
- Peer Tutoring Program
- Disability Services
- Writing Center

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION
- Housing and meals are provided for free over breaks. Speak to the housing office for more details.
- Dickinson College has many partnerships with foster youth-serving organizations, including The Milton Hershey School and Carlisle Missionary Alliance.
QUICK FACTS

3141 Chestnut St.
Philadelphia, PA 19104

Large 4 Year Private School

15,498 Undergraduate Students

On-Campus Housing: Yes

Application Deadline: November 1st

CAMPUS PROGRAMMING

DRAGONS FIRST

Dragons First is the Drexel Chapter of a Philadelphia-based nonprofit, the Collective Success Network, that supports low-income, first-generation college students to achieve their academic and career aspirations through a network of students and professionals. Resources include:

- Personal & career mentoring
- Professional development workshops
- Interview skills
- Mental health support
- Financial literacy training and more

ACT 101 PROGRAM

The ACT 101 program is designed to meet the needs of academically and financially disadvantaged Pennsylvania residents who struggle to pursue higher education due to prevailing social conditions. Services include:

- Transition programming
- Academic & financial counseling
- Mentoring
- Tutoring
- Development activities
- Lending library

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- Counseling Center
- Office of Diversity & Inclusion
- Academic Advising
- Peer Counseling Helpline
- Disability Resources

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

- Drexel University has a strong focus on STEM programs and offers students unique learning experiences through co-ops.
- Students are allowed to stay on campus for all breaks as the residence halls do not close.
FAST is an optional four-day program to help students transition to their time as a student at Duquesne. FAST helps students:

- Meet with advisors
- Learn about student services and resources
- Receive a student ID
- Set up a student bank account
- Order or purchase books & a computer

**ACT 101 PROGRAM**

Supports students with academic and financial needs with a variety of services, including:

- Summer bridge program
- Learning coaches
- Tutors
- Counselors

**ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**

- Counseling & Wellbeing Center
- Disability Services
- Learning Skills Center
- Mentor Program
- Office of Diversity & Inclusion
- Center for Career Development

**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**

- Duquesne provides options for students to remain on campus during breaks, including affordable or free options during summer breaks. Speak to the housing office for more information.
- Duquesne is a Catholic-affiliated university.
QUICK FACTS

**200 Prospect St.**
East Stroudsburg, PA 18301  
**Mid-Size 4 Year Public School**  
**6,051 Undergraduate Students**  
**On-Campus Housing: Yes**  
**Application Deadline: May 1st**

**QUICK FACTS**

**CAMPUS PROGRAMMING**

**FOSTERING WARRIORS**

The Fostering Warriors Program is a campus-based program specifically designed to support students with experience in foster care and is located in the Health & Wellness Center. Students receive additional support to ensure their success at ESU. For more information, contact Bailey Harman at bharman@esu.edu.

**EARLY START PROGRAM**

The Early Start Program is designed to provide incoming students with a summer bridge experience that will help them to get a head start on their academic goals. Resources include:

- Academic coaching
- Faculty & staff mentoring
- Peer mentoring
- Academic & social events

**ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**

- Academic Enrichment & Learning
- Career Development Center
- Accessible Services
- Counseling Services
- Health Services
- Upward Bound

**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**

- East Stroudsburg University is a part of Pennsylvania's State System of Higher Education (PASSHE).
Act 101 is a state-supported program designed to promote academic success and leadership ability in Eastern University students who are Pennsylvania residents with certain academic and financial needs. To be eligible for ACT 101, students must:

- Be a Pennsylvania resident
- Demonstrate academic need based on admission requirements
- Have an adjusted gross family income that meets current program guidelines outlined by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

**ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**

- Counseling Services
- EQUIP Summer Program (Summer Bridge Program)
- Tutoring
- Writing Center
- The Center for Career Development

**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**

- Eastern University is a Christian university.
- Refer to the college website for a listing of all campus programming and activities. Limited information about programming beneficial to foster youth is available.
CAMPUS PROGRAMMING

FIRST-YEAR EXPERIENCE
In First Year Experience seminar courses, students learn content and explore real-world applications for the course material and improve critical thinking skills. The FYE seminar course helps students develop essential academic skills, gain a sense of community with other first-year students, and become aware of resources available.

COMMON HOUR
First-Year Common Hour is a time set aside for all first-year students to participate in events that will help make the transition to university life.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES
- Academic Success Center
- Center for Career Development
- Office of Social Equity
- Ghering Health & Wellness Center
- Disability Services
- Global Education Office

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION
- Edinboro University is a part of Pennsylvania’s State System of Higher Education (PASSHE).
- Refer to the college website for a listing of all campus programming and activities. Limited information about programming beneficial to foster youth is available.
Elizabethtown College
ELIZABETHTOWN, PA
www.etown.edu

QUICK FACTS

1 Alpha Dr.
Elizabethtown, PA 17022

Small 4 Year Private School

1,671 Undergraduate Students

On-Campus Housing: Yes

Application Deadline: April 1st

CAMPUSS PROGRAMMING

THE MOMENTUM PROGRAM
Momentum is a voluntary program at no cost to the student. Invitations are extended to first generation college students, including ALANA students (African American, Latin American, Asian American, Native American), who meet financial eligibility. The students selected for the program are introduced to Momentum during Summer Orientation in June.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES
- Academic Advising
- Center for Student Success
- Learning Zone
- Disability Services
- Counseling Services
- Career Services

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION
- Elizabethtown College has a strong relationship with the Milton Hershey School through a community outreach program called Moving Forward Together that pairs students from Elizabethtown College with students at Milton Hershey to act as mentors.
- Elizabethtown College has options for students to remain on campus during breaks. Contact the housing office for more information.
CAMPUS PROGRAMMING

FIRST GENERATION DIPLOMATS
First Generation Diplomats is a student-led organization that supports and advocates for students who are first generation. The First Generation Diplomats also partner with the First Generation Allies, a faculty and staff led group that provides mentorship to first-generation students.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES
- Career Closet
- Student Wellness Center
- Academic Advising
- Office of Student Accessibility Services
- Office of Student Success
- Writing Center

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION
- Franklin & Marshall College is dedicated to supporting students in many ways, including meeting 100% of demonstrated need, resulting in no gaps in financial aid. If necessary, students would only need to take out subsidized loans. The school provides vouchers to students if their refund check does not come in on time, allowing students to purchase books and other necessities.
- Franklin & Marshal College provides housing over all breaks, and hosts a variety of meal events with campus administrators during holiday seasons.
QUICK FACTS

109 University Sq. Erie, PA 16541
Small 4 Year Private School
3,076 Undergraduate Students
On-Campus Housing: Yes
Application Deadline: December 1st

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES (SSS)
Student Support Services (SSS) is a federally-funded TRIO program that guides and supports 150 eligible Gannon University undergraduates who are first-generation, low-income, and/or a student with disabilities. Services include:
  - Priority Registration
  - Academic Tutoring
  - Academic & Career Advising
  - Peer Mentoring
  - Financial Literacy Workshops
  - FAFSA, Federal Aid, & other College Funding Workshops

FIRST GENERATION UNITED CLUB
First Generation United Club is a student led organization for first-generation students that supports students with adjusting to campus life and ultimately finishing their degree. First Generation United Club provides programming and support for students and families, and also worked to open a food pantry on campus.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES
  - Student Success Center
  - Academic Advising Center
  - Disability Support Services
  - Counseling Services
  - Center for Social Concerns
  - McNair Scholars Program

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION
  - There are opportunities for housing during breaks either on or off campus. Contact the housing office for more information.
  - Gannon University is a Catholic affiliated university and is one of only 11 Diocesan Universities In America.
QUICK FACTS

200 College Ave. Beaver Falls, PA 15010
Small 4 Year Private School
1,418 Undergraduate Students
On-Campus Housing: Yes
Application Deadline: March 1st

CAMPUS PROGRAMMING

THE MENTORING PROJECT
The Mentoring Project is an opportunity for students to meet with a mentor once a week on Geneva’s campus. This is typically a group of 2-5 students that meet with a faculty or staff member to discuss a variety of topics to help the students grow and develop relationships alongside a mentor.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES
- Student Success Center
- Academic Services
- Peer Tutoring
- Diversity & Inclusion
- Disability Services
- Health & Counseling Services

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION
- Geneva College is a small Christian college that has a strong focus on providing individual support for all of their students.
QUICK FACTS

CAMPUS PROGRAMMING

COLLEGE HOUSE PROGRAM
The College House Program strives to promote intellectual and social communities around common interests. The College House Program does this by extending intellectual conversations outside of the classroom with faculty mentors, developing educationally-based programs, and engaging with peers in a co-curricular setting in accordance with their faculty mentors.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES
- Academic Success Center
- Office of Multicultural Engagement
- Counseling Services
- Health Services
- Disability Services
- LGBTQA Advocacy & Education

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION
- Refer to the college website for a listing of all campus programming and activities. Limited information about programming beneficial to foster youth is available.
QUICK FACTS

100 Campus Dr, Grove City, PA 16127
Small 4 Year Private School
2,506 Undergraduate Students
On-Campus Housing: Yes
Application Deadline: January 20th

CAMPUS PROGRAMMING

AVAILABLE RESOURCES
- Students Excited About Diversity (S.E.A.D)
- Technology package includes free tablet, printer & backpack
- Zerbe Health & Wellness Center
- Disability Services
- Career Services

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION
- Refer to the college website for a listing of all campus programming and activities. Limited information about programming beneficial to foster youth is available.
CAMPUS PROGRAMMING

CATHERINE’S CUPBOARD

The food cupboard is located in Visitation House/Campus Ministry, and consists of non-perishable, cold and frozen food items to sustain students and their families for a short time. Available resources typically include:

- Produce
- Grab and go snacks
- Household supplies
- Personal hygiene products

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- Academic Resource Center
- Alcohol and Drug Services
- Peer Mentoring Program
- Health & Wellness Center
- Disability Services and Tutoring Services
- First Year Experience

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

- Refer to the college website for a listing of all campus programming and activities. Limited information about programming beneficial to foster youth is available.

Identifies & Tracks Foster Youth
Specific Programming for Foster Youth
Beneficial Programming for Foster Youth
Year-Round Housing Available
QUICK FACTS

CAMPUS PROGRAMMING

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES (SSS)

SSS is a TRIO program that supports students who are first-generation, low-income, and/or have a disability. Services include:

- Academic coaching
- Mentorship
- Professional tutoring
- Financial literacy
- Educational/Cultural sessions
- Academic grant aid (special requirements apply)
- Classroom supplies
- Quiet study area

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- The Student Success Center
- Academic Resource Center
- Office of Disability Services

- Upward Bound
- Tutoring Services
- Counseling Services

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

- Harcum College partners with Tabor Family Services to provide on-site college classes for eligible students, including students with experience in foster care, to receive an Associates Degree in Human Services. Contact Sierra White at 215-842-4800 ext 328 for more information.
- Harcum College is a Lenfest Immensitas Scholars Program site, offering scholarships to 80 students served by the Philadelphia Department of Human Services. In partnership with I-Lead’s ACE (Achieve College Education) program, two community-based locations will provide services to support participants in completing their associate’s degrees. For more information about this program, contact David Castro at Dc@I-leadusa.org or (484) 432-5022.
KEYS PROGRAM
KEYS is a collaborative program between the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services (DHS) and the Pennsylvania Commission for Community Colleges and helps students receiving TANF and SNAP support succeed at community college. Resources include:

- Academic support
- Career counseling
- Financial aid guidance
- College & community resource information
- Incentives for accomplishments
- Personal encouragement
- Peer support
- Tutoring

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES
- Academic Advising
- Career & Professional Development
- Counseling Services
- Disability Services

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION
- HACC has five campuses located in Harrisburg, Gettysburg, York, Lebanon, and Lancaster, all dedicated to the success of their students from vulnerable populations.
- Many campuses host a campus food bank and have other supports for students, including providing for basic needs and/or gift cards for groceries.
- Some campuses have additional services for students with experience in foster care. York Campus has a part-time social worker to liaison between the school and county Children and Youth Services.
CAMPUS PROGRAMMING

CAMPUSS FOOD BANK
The Campus Food Bank provides students in need a small amount of food items. The Food Bank is located in the main building on campus.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES
- Academic Success Services
- Advising
- Career Services
- Counseling Services
- Student Life
- First-Year Seminar

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION
- Harrisburg University has a strong STEM focus and serves many students from urban areas, including Philadelphia, Baltimore, and areas of Delaware.
- Harrisburg University provides opportunities for students to remain on campus during all school breaks. Contact the housing office for more information.
- The school is focused on holistic advising; students often receive support from their advisors with financial aid, housing, classes, and adjusting to campus life.
QUICK FACTS

CAMPUS PROGRAMMING

CHESICK SCHOLARS PROGRAM
The Chesick Scholars Program provides students from underrepresented communities, first-generation, and/or underresourced backgrounds the opportunity to pursue research projects and develop intensive one-on-one relationships with faculty mentors within a supportive community of scholars.

- Mentorship through all 4 years
- Engage in research
- 5 week academic & social summer program

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- Office of Academic Resources
- Office of Academic Affairs
- Center for Career & Professional Advising
- Office of Multicultural Affairs
- Counseling & Psychological Services
- Access and Disability Services

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

- Haverford College offers free housing opportunities for fall, winter, and spring breaks, and offers affordable options for summer break. Contact the housing office for more information.
Holy Family University
PHILADELPHIA, PA
www.holyfamily.edu

QUICK FACTS

9801 Frankford Ave.
Philadelphia, PA 19114
Small 4 Year Private School
2,093 Undergraduate Students
On-Campus Housing: Yes
Application Deadline: December 1st

CAMPUS PROGRAMMING

AVAILABLE RESOURCES
- Center for Academic Enhancement
- Counseling Center
- Health Services
- disAbility Services
- First Year College Success

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION
- Refer to the college website for a listing of all campus programming and activities. Limited information about programming beneficial to foster youth is available.

Identifies & Tracks Foster Youth
Specific Programming for Foster Youth
Beneficial Programming for Foster Youth
Year-Round Housing Available
QUICK FACTS

1145 W King Rd.
Immaculata, PA
19345

Small 4 Year
Private School

1,482
Undergraduate
Students

On-Campus
Housing: Yes

Application
Deadline: Rolling

CAMPUS PROGRAMMING

AVAILABLE RESOURCES

- Writing Center
- Student Wellness Center
- Disability Services

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

- Refer to the college website for a listing of all campus programming and activities. Limited information about programming beneficial to foster youth is available.
QUICK FACTS

1011 South Dr. Indiana, PA 15705
Large 4 Year Public School
10,143 Undergraduate Students
On-Campus Housing: Yes
Application Deadline: Rolling

CAMPUS PROGRAMMING

IUP CONNECTIONS-FOSTER CARE SUPPORT

The Connections program is designed to specifically help foster youth and their support team with information and answers to questions - from admissions to financial aid, and to academic and social support both on and off campus - providing each student with personal excellence in a caring environment. For more information contact Megan McCue at 724-357-4070 or mmccue@iup.edu. Services include:

- Access to mentors
- Supplies from the food pantry
- Year-round on-campus housing options

ACT 101 PROGRAM

The Pennsylvania Act 101 Program provides a comprehensive first-year experience to students who qualify. The program includes educational and developmental advising, first-year experience courses, academic courses in math and/or critical reading skills, and peer assistance programs.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- Counseling Center
- Center for Learning Enhancement
- Peer Tutoring
- Writing Center
- Disability Access & Advising
- Career & Professional Development Center

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

- Indiana University is a part of Pennsylvania's State System of Higher Education (PASSHE).
QUICK FACTS

3427 N Main Ave.
Scranton, PA
18508
Small 2 Year Private School
472 Undergraduate Students
On-Campus Housing: Yes
Application Deadline: Rolling

CAMPUS PROGRAMMING

PALS (PEER ACADEMIC LEADERS)
Peer Academic Leaders or “PALs” serve as role models, mentors, and sources of support for all students. PALs are represented in each program area as a resource for students on campus.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- Tutoring
- Multicultural Engagement Office
- First Year Experience
- Health & Wellness Center
- Disability Services

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

- Refer to the college website for a listing of all campus programming and activities. Limited information about programming beneficial to foster youth is available.
QUICK FACTS

- 1700 Moore St, Huntingdon, PA 16652
- Small 4 Year Private School
- 1,628 Undergraduate Students
- On-Campus Housing: Yes
- Application Deadline: February 15th

CAMPUS PROGRAMMING

PLEXUS FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

The Plexus Fellowship is a structured, peer-to-peer mentoring program run through the Office of Diversity and Inclusion which offers support for traditionally underrepresented students, including first-generation and Pell Grant eligible students. The Fellowship is guided by an intentional goal to motivate and assist students toward achieving academic and social success.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- Academic Success Resources
- Student Accessibility Services
- Career Development
- Counseling Services
- Campus Ministry
- Office of Diversity & Inclusion

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

- Opportunities for housing and meals during breaks may be available with faculty and staff members of Juniata College. Contact the housing office for more information.
- Juniata strives to provide students with "high impact" experiences, including a number of endowed scholarships to help study abroad opportunities.
Developed to address food insecurity among college students, the Giants’ Food Pantry provides students with nonperishable foods. The Giants’ Pantry is open to all active Keystone students.

**GIANTS’ FOOD PANTRY**

Developed to address food insecurity among college students, the Giants’ Food Pantry provides students with nonperishable foods. The Giants’ Pantry is open to all active Keystone students.

**ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**

- Advising Services
- Career Services
- Disability Services
- Campus Ministry
- Counseling & Well-Being Services

**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**

- Keystone College offers 12-month housing options. Contact the housing office for more information.
King's College
WILKES-BARRE, PA
www.kings.edu

QUICK FACTS

133 N River St.
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18711
Small 4 Year Private School
2,197 Undergraduate Students
On-Campus Housing: Yes
Application Deadline: Rolling

CAMPUS PROGRAMMING

ACHIEVEMENT PLUS PROGRAM
Formerly the ACT 101 Program, Achievement Plus is designed to assist first generation students whose financial resources to attend college are limited. This program assists highly motivated students who show the potential to succeed in college but may need support mastering the academic rigors and building self-confidence. Resources include:

- Tutoring
- Counseling
- Summer program & courses
- Financial assistance
- Achievement Plus Learning Specialist
- Achievement Plus Math Specialist
- Faculty/Staff mentoring
- Career guidance

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- Academic Skills Center
- Office of Student Success
- Writing Center
- Academic Advisement
- Counseling Center
- Office of Career Planning

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

- King’s College has options for students to stay on campus during breaks. Speak to the housing office for more information.
- King’s College has a Student Food Pantry available.
PROFS PROGRAM: PROVIDING RESOURCES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR FUTURE STANDOUTS

PROFS is a support program for students who are current or former members of the foster care system. It provides college access programs, such as college prep and financial knowledge workshops, for high school students, and connects Kutztown University students to the campus resources that will help them succeed. Services include financial literacy workshops, one-on-one weekly meetings with a success coach, and a $500 scholarship award at the end of the fall and spring semesters. Guaranteed year-round housing (free during winter and summer break), study aboard opportunities, and access to emergency funds are also available. Eligible Chafee Grant recipients can receive an additional $3,000 scholarship per year beginning Fall 2020. For more information about the PROFS Program, email PROFS@Kutztown.edu.

TRIO STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

Supports students who are first-generation, low-income, and/or have a disability in meeting their post-secondary goals. Services include:

- Individualized attention
- 3 credit success course
- Academic & personal support
- Peer mentoring
- Cultural & social events
- Learning community

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- Counseling & Psychological Services
- LGBTQ+/Women’s Center
- Career Development Center
- Disability Services
- Center for Academic Success & Achievement
- Food Pantry
- Multicultural Services

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

- Kutztown University is a part of Pennsylvania’s State System of Higher Education (PASSHE).
La Roche University
PITTSBURGH, PA
www.laroche.edu

QUICK FACTS

CAMPUS PROGRAMMING

THE PROVIDENCE INSTITUTE
The Providence Institute was developed to help students who may have struggled academically in high school to reach their full potential and educational goals in college and beyond. Services include:

- Peer Counseling Program
- Summer Program
- Weekly 1-on-1 meetings

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- Student Academic Support Services
- Ministry Programs
- Counseling & Health Services
- Academic Advising
- Tutoring Services
- Career Development

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

- La Roche University was founded by the Sisters of Divine Providence, and La Roche shares the Sisters' desire to "co-create a world of compassion, justice and peace."
- La Roche offers a number of supports and services to its students in need, including meals and housing options over breaks with host families. Contact the Office of Mission and Ministry for more information.
CAMPUS PROGRAMMING

ADVISING PROGRAM FOR FIRST YEAR STUDENTS

The program uses the services of advisors from all academic departments and appropriate members of the administration to assist students in the transition from high school to college. Assistance is provided with selecting and registering for courses, developing self-advocacy skills, making use of campus resources, developing goals, and accepting responsibility.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- Center for Academic Achievement
- Disability Services
- Student Health & Wellness Center
- Student Counseling Center

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

- Refer to the college website for a listing of all campus programming and activities. Limited information about programming beneficial to foster youth is available.
QUICK FACTS

501 Vine St. Scranton, PA 19607
Small 2 & 4 Year Private School
1,561 Undergraduate Students
On-Campus Housing: Yes
Application Deadline: Rolling

CAMPUS PROGRAMMING

FOSTERING FALCONS FOUNDATION
The Fostering Falcons Foundation is a campus-based support program designed to empower students who have experienced foster care to achieve success at Lackawanna College by providing resources and positive connections. For more information on the Fostering Falcons Foundation, contact Rebecca Cerra at cerra@lackawanna.edu or (570) 961-611.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES
- Food Pantry
- School Supplies
- Freshman Experience Course
- Student Life
- Academic Support & Student Success Center
- Tutoring Services
- Writing Center
- Disability Services
- Student Wellness Program
- Career Development
- Student Health Services

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION
- Lackawanna College provides options to stay on campus during some breaks. Please contact our Residence Life Department for more information.
- Lackawanna College has several centers in addition to the main campus in Scranton. The locations include the following: Hazelton, Lake Region Center (Hawley), School of Petroleum and Natural Gas (New Milford), Sunbury, and Towanda.
CAMPUS PROGRAMMING

ATTIC

The Academic Tutoring and Training Information Center (ATTIC) provides academic services to enhance student success and houses the Accessibility Services Office. Services include:

- Tutoring & Supplemental Instruction
- Academic Enrichment Resources
- Accessibility Services
- Support for Student Athletes
- English for Academic Purpose (EAP)

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- Counseling Center
- Diversity & Inclusion
- Bailey Health Center
- Gateway Career Center
- Advising & Co-curricular Programs
- Religious & Spiritual Life

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

- Refer to the college website for a listing of all campus programming and activities. Limited information about programming beneficial to foster youth is available.
QUICK FACTS

- 901 Eden Rd.
  Lancaster, PA
  17601
- Small 4 Year Private School
- 1,154 Undergraduate Students
- On-Campus Housing: Yes
- Application Deadline: Rolling

CAMPUS PROGRAMMING

AVAILABLE RESOURCES

- Spiritual Life
- Ally Center
- Academic Mentoring Services
- Health & Wellness Services
- Disability Services
- Math Lab
- Writing Center

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

- Lancaster Bible College is an Evangelical Christian institution with a commitment to historical orthodox Christianity.
- Refer to the college website for a listing of all campus programming and activities. Limited information about programming beneficial to foster youth is available.
CAMPUS PROGRAMMING

DUTCHMEN FIRST

Dutchmen First is a program for first-generation students to receive support in settling into college life. Programs and services include advising, a faculty/staff mentor, and a $500 scholarship to those who complete the program.

Students must:

- Attend 7 monthly luncheons/presentations throughout the year
- Attend four coaching sessions
- Complete all required pre-arrival online assignments
- Make satisfactory academic progress, earning a minimum GPA of 2.4 and completing at least 24 credits

SUMMER ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

The Summer Enrichment Program (SEP) is a 7-day pre-freshman program geared at providing incoming first year and transfer ALANA (African/African American, Latina, Asian and Native American) and multiracial students with a jump start on college life. Resources include:

- Peer mentoring
- Residential living
- Academic success & leadership development

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- Academic Success Center
- Multicultural Engagement Office
- Center for Accessibility Resources
- Center for Writing & Tutoring Resources
- Counseling Services
- Health Services

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

- There are opportunities for housing during the breaks for students who have no other options. Contact the housing office for more information.
Lehigh Carbon Community College
SCHNECKSVILLE, PA
www.lccc.edu

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CAMPUS PROGRAMMING

KEYS: KEYSTONE EDUCATION YIELDS SUCCESS PROGRAM

KEYS is designed to help students receiving TANF and SNAP benefits who wish to enroll or who are already enrolled at LCCC succeed and complete community college. Services include:

- Course scheduling
- Career guidance
- Academic support
- Financial aid applications
- Connecting students with services at County Assistance Office (CAO) and at LCCC
- Connecting students with other community service agencies

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- Academic Advising
- Educational Support Services
- Wellness Center
- Counseling Center & Services
- Career Development Center
- Disability Support Services

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

- Refer to the college website for a listing of all campus programming and activities. Limited information about programming beneficial to foster youth is available.
QUICK FACTS

27 Memorial Dr. West Bethlehem, PA 18015
Mid-Size 4 Year Private School
5,075 Undergraduate Students
On-Campus Housing: Yes
Application Deadline: January 1st

CAMPUS PROGRAMMING

BLUEPRINT
The Lehigh University Student Life Curriculum is a four phase basic to advanced process for Lehigh students to discover, explore, connect, and then apply their learning across all five Foundations for Student Success.

- Creative Curiosity
- Identity Development
- Collaborative Connections
- Inclusive Leadership
- Professional Growth & Success

FIRST GENERATION RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY
The First Generation housing community’s mission is to constantly provide first-generation college students with additional resources and communal support. This community includes a resident assistant, a community coordinator and other first generation students of all ages

- F1RST Student Club - An events-focused club seeking to promote an inclusive community for first-generation and working-class students at Lehigh.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES
- Student Access and Success
- Health & Wellness Center
- Disability Support Services
- Office of Multicultural Affairs
- The Pride Center
- The Center for Gender Equity

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION
- Refer to the college website for a listing of all campus programming and activities. Limited information about programming beneficial to foster youth is available.
Quick Facts

Lincoln University

1570 Baltimore Pike
Oxford, PA 19359

Small 4 Year Public School

1,819 Undergraduate Students

On-Campus Housing: Yes

Application Deadline: Rolling

Campus Programming

Act 101 Academic Achievement Program

Act 101 program is a state-funded program which allocates funds to Pennsylvania schools that operate an Act 101 program at their institution. Schools use these funds to provide services to academically and financially disadvantaged students to assist them so they can successfully complete post-secondary study. Contact the Academic Support Unit at Lincoln University for more information.

Additional Resources

- Academic Support
- Writing & Reading Center
- Religious Activities
- Counseling Services
- Health Services
- Upward Bound

Supplemental Information

- Lincoln University is a Historically Black College & University (HBCU), an institution of higher education in the United States that was established before 1964 with the intention of serving the black community.
- Lincoln University has robust Freshman Year and Sophomore Year Experience programs that provide mentoring and support to all students during their first and second years on campus.
- Speak to the main housing office about options for housing during breaks.
QUICK FACTS

CAMPUS PROGRAMMING

TRIO STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES (SSS) SCHOLARS PROGRAM

TRIO SSS provides students who are first-generation, financially disadvantaged, or have a documented disability with services and resources to thrive and succeed on campus. LHU TRIO SSS has collaborated with university personnel to provide a system of support geared to students who may be vulnerable, such as students with experience in the foster care system. Services include:

- Intensive faculty advising
- Financial aid counseling
- Peer mentoring
- Writing support
- Social-belonging activities
- Financial literacy bootcamp
- Career pathways coaching
- Academic success workshops
- Mental-health counseling referrals
- Scholarships

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM/ACT 101

The Educational Opportunity Program/ACT 101 assists students whose educational and economic backgrounds impair their initial ability to successfully pursue higher education. Services include tutoring and advising.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- Betty B. Schantz Tutorial Center
- Center for Excellence & Inclusion
- Upward Bound
- Counseling Services
- Office of Disability Services
- Health Services

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

- Lock Haven University is a part of Pennsylvania’s State System of Higher Education (PASSHE).
- The Center for Excellence & Inclusion offers a number of services for students, including financial support for books and other supports.
- Lock Haven offers housing over breaks to students who need it, a food-and-necessities pantry, and small emergency grants as needed.
QUICK FACTS

CAMPUS PROGRAMMING

ACT 101 PROGRAM
ACT 101 is a supportive program whose purpose is to improve graduation rates of students from academically disadvantaged backgrounds. The program serves full and part-time students who meet eligibility guidelines.

KEYS PROGRAM
KEYS is a referral program available to students who are receiving either TANF or SNAP benefits and are enrolled or intend to enroll at Luzerne County Community College. The KEYS program provides academic, personal and career support services to participants while they are attending the college.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES
- Student Support Services
- Counseling & Advising Center
- Career Services
- Accessibility Services
- Student Food Pantry
- Personal Counseling

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION
- LCCC has a strong relationship with local foster care agencies and has partnered with Brandon’s Forever Home and Luzerne County Children & Youth Services to promote college for students with experience in foster care, including campus visits.
CAMPUS PROGRAMMING

FYRST: FIRST YEAR RESIDENTS SUCCEEDING TOGETHER

FYRST activities and programs allow students the chance to make new friends, learn how to live in communities, and develop skills that will help them adjust to the first year at college. FYRST assists with transitional issues facing first year students in the following areas: multicultural competence, values and identity, communication, lifelong learning, civic engagement, and academic development.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- Academic Resource Center
- Multicultural Engagement Office
- Spiritual Life & Community Service
- Health Services
- Disability Services

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

- Refer to the college website for a listing of all campus programming and activities. Limited information about programming beneficial to foster youth is available.
CAMPUS PROGRAMMING

SOAR: SUPPORT, OPPORTUNITY, ADVOCACY & RETENTION
The SOAR Program is designed to assist students who have experienced foster care, or who qualify as independent or unaccompanied, by providing resources to aid in their journey to obtaining a college degree. Services include:

- Special event invites
- Academic Support
- Financial Aid Support
- Summer/Break Housing

For more information on the SOAR Program, contact Allison Mootz at amootz@manor.edu or (215) 885-2360 x2276.

FOOD PANTRY - BIRD FEED
Bird Feed is a food pantry available to students, staff, and faculty. The Bird Feed is designed to meet the immediate food needs of its students on campus by providing a variety of non-perishable food items and basic necessities to students and their families. Resources include:

- Nonperishable Food
- Toiletries
- Hygiene supplies
- Laundry/living supplies

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- Counseling Services
- Health Services
- Campus Ministry
- Disability Services
- Learning Center
- Career Exploration

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION
- Manor College has options for students to remain on campus during breaks. Contact the housing office for more information.
MANSFIELD, PA
www.mansfield.edu

QUICK FACTS

31 S Academy St. Mansfield, PA 16933
Small 4 Year Public School
1,836 Undergraduate Students
On-Campus Housing: Yes
Application Deadline: Rolling

CAMPUS PROGRAMMING

TRIO STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES (SSS)

Student Support Services (SSS) is a comprehensive program that offers academic assistance to up to 200 eligible first-generation college students, low-income students, or students with a documented learning or physical disability. Students can participate at any point in their undergraduate program and remain in the program until they receive their undergraduate degree. Services offered include:

- One-on-one advising and counseling
- Summer Bridge program
- Peer mentoring
- Textbook/laptop loan program
- Financial guidance
- Stress management workshops
- Graduate school visits
- Cultural enrichment services

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- The Learning Center
- Office of Multicultural Affairs
- Community and Volunteer Service
- Campus Health Clinic
- Services for Students with Disabilities
- Women’s Center

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

- Mansfield University is a part of Pennsylvania’s State System of Higher Education (PASSHE).
- Refer to the college website for a listing of all campus programming and activities. Limited information about programming beneficial to foster youth is available.
Marywood University
SCRANTON, PA
www.marywood.edu

QUICK FACTS

2300 Adams Ave.
Scranton, PA
18509
Small 4 Year Private School
1,964 Undergraduate Students
On-Campus Housing: Yes
Application Deadline: Rolling

CAMPUS PROGRAMMING

AVAILABLE RESOURCES
- Office of Student Success Services
- Students with Disabilities
- Health & Wellness Center
- Counseling/Student Development Center

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION
- Refer to the college website for a listing of all campus programming and activities. Limited information about programming beneficial to foster youth is available.
FOOD PANTRY
The campus food pantry is a student-led initiative that hosts drives for food and other supplies for students on campus at Mercyhurst.

PROFESSIONAL CLOTHING CLOSET
The professional clothing closet is a partnership with the greater community's career closet that is available to both students and residents throughout the city. The clothing closet is organized through Campus Ministries.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES
- Campus Ministry
- Counseling Center
- Cohen Student Health Center
- Multicultural Student Services
- Career Development Center

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION
- Mercyhurst University tries to work with students to secure housing during school breaks. Contact the main housing office for more information.
- Mercyhurst University is a small Catholic-affiliated university.
Messiah College’s First-Year Experience encourages students in navigating the new opportunities and unique challenges of the first year of college. Facilitated through a collaboration of committed educators and student leaders, all serving the specific needs of new students, the First-Year Experience is a year-long, intentionally delivered program. Relieving anxiety and promoting holistic growth, Messiah College’s First-Year Experience provides a solid foundation for the years ahead.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- Learning Center
- Counseling Services
- Disability Services
- Campus Ministries
- Health Services
- Diversity Affairs Office

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

- Messiah College is a Christian-affiliated college.
- Messiah College does not offer housing during winter and summer breaks, but does offer housing during fall and spring breaks. For more information, contact the main housing office.
- Messiah College has partnered with local organizations such as the Milton Hershey School to support students on their campus.
QUICK FACTS

1 South George St.
Millersville, PA
17557

Mid-Size 4 Year
Public School

6,758
Undergraduate
Students

On-Campus
Housing: Yes

Application
Deadline: June 15th

CAMPUS PROGRAMMING

AVAILABLE RESOURCES

- Office of Learning Services
- Experiential Learning & Career Management
- Health Services
- The Tutoring & Writing Center
- Office of Diversity & Social Justice

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

- Millersville University is a part of Pennsylvania’s State System of Higher Education (PASSHE).
- Refer to the college website for a listing of all campus programming and activities. Limited information about programming beneficial to foster youth is available.
The Bridge Program provides incoming first year students with an opportunity to come on campus five days before their first semester begins to learn skills and techniques to help them build a “bridge” between their high school and college experiences. Skills covered include:

- Note-taking
- Stress management
- Time management
- Goal development

BOURGER WOMEN WITH CHILDREN PROGRAM

This program empowers economically disadvantaged single mothers by providing the opportunity to complete a college degree, creating brighter futures for themselves and for their children.

- Mothers will receive support through individual goal planning, academic support and tutoring, career services, on-campus counseling, parenting and informational workshops.
- Case management services are provided through the program’s coordinator.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- Student Success Center
- Multicultural Education Office
- Counseling & Psychological Services Center (CAPS)
- Health & Wellness Center
- Office for Students with Disabilities
- ALLY Program
- First Year Experience

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

- Refer to the college website for a listing of all campus programming and activities. Limited information about programming beneficial to foster youth is available.
Montgomery County Community College

QUICK FACTS

340 DeKalb Pike
Blue Bell, PA
19422

Mid-Size 2 Year Public School

12,741 Undergraduate Students

On-Campus Housing: No

Application Deadline: Rolling

CAMPUS PROGRAMMING

FOSTER CARE TO COLLEGE PROGRAM
The Foster Care to College program is a campus-based support program designed to support students with experience in foster care. The program offers support from a designated campus coach and a communications course exclusively for students in the program. For more information, contact Brittany Fox at 484-808-5883 or bfox@mc3.edu.

ACT 101 SCHOLARS PROGRAM
The ACT 101 Scholars Program gives free, intensive case management, advising, educational planning, tutoring, career planning, mentoring and outreach to students facing educational, personal and financial challenges.

KEYS PROGRAM
KEYS is designed to support students in their academic endeavors, removing potential roadblocks in and providing assistance to help students fulfill their degree or certificate. Students currently receiving TANF and SNAP benefits may be eligible for a variety of services.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES
- Academic Advising
- Tutoring
- Food Pantry
- Disability Services
- Minority Student Mentoring
- Career Services

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION
- Montgomery County Community College has previously partnered with Gwynedd Mercy University to offer housing to students. Refer to the Student Housing webpage for more information.
AIM PROGRAM
The Advance Into Moravian (AIM) Program is a summer bridge program designed to provide students with support to transition successfully into their first year of college. AIM is a multi-week program prior to the official start of classes. Contact the Office of the Provost for more information.

MO'S CUPBOARD
Mo's Cupboard provides shelf stable food items, toiletries, dorm and cleaning supplies to any Moravian College, Graduate, or Seminary student in need. They also provide information for various community resources that may be of help.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES
- Academic & Accessibility Support Center
- Academic Advising
- Counseling Center
- Health Center
- Office for Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION
- Each incoming first-year student at Moravian receives a MacBook Pro and an iPad in an effort to keep students connected and prepared for a tech-savvy world.
- All students are enrolled in a first year writing seminar to gain introduction to the college experience, learn about resources on campus, and work with a peer mentor in preparing for the rigors of college.
CAMPUS PROGRAMMING

MOUNT ALOYSIUS ACADEMIC PREPARATION PROGRAM (MAAPP)

During the week prior to fall semester, MAAPP students participate in a residential program aimed at easing the transition from high school to college, thereby increasing a student’s chance for academic success. Services include:

- Specialized introductory courses
- Guided study sessions with a mentor
- Bi-weekly check-ins with Academic Advisor
- Group activities
- One-on-one advising and counseling
- Summer Bridge program
- Peer mentoring
- Textbook loan program

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- Student Success & Advising Center
- Health Services
- Counseling & Disability Services

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

- Refer to the college website for a listing of all campus programming and activities. Limited information about programming beneficial to foster youth is available.
EMERGING LEADERS
Emerging Leaders are part of a special pre-orientation program that includes a focus on the transition to college from high school. At its heart, the program is structured as an academic-focused cohort, with emphasis on intellectual achievement, thoughtful curiosity and civic engagement.

- Hands-on academic advising
- Multi-layer mentoring
- Professional networking sessions
- Career development workshops

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES
- Academic Resource Center
- Office of Multicultural Life
- Global Education
- Health Center
- Disability Services
- First Year Seminars

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION
- Refer to the college website for a listing of all campus programming and activities. Limited information about programming beneficial to foster youth is available.
QUICK FACTS

1 Neumann Dr.
Aston, PA
19014

Small 4 Year
Private School

2,085
Undergraduate
Students

On-Campus
Housing: Yes

Application
Deadline: Rolling

CAMPUS PROGRAMMING

TRIO SSS PROGRAM
A student support program for students who are first-generation, low-income, and/or have a documented disability. Services include:

- Funding opportunities
- Literacy coaching
- 1-on-1 advising
- Career counseling

NEUMANN PLUS
The Neumann Plus program provides supports for students who are lack resources and are academically disadvantaged to succeed in college. The program requires weekly coaching sessions to help students stay on target.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- Academic Resource Center
- Counseling Center for Wellness
- Disabilities Services
- Health Services
- Career & Personal Development
- Campus Ministry

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

- Neumann University is guided by Franciscan values that are rooted in the Catholic faith.
QUICK FACTS

3835 Green Pond Rd.
Bethlehem, PA 18020
Mid-Size 2 Year Public School
10,666 Undergraduate Students
On-Campus Housing: Yes
Application Deadline: March 31st

CAMPUS PROGRAMMING

NEW CHOICES
New Choices is a career decision-making program designed for displaced homemakers, single parents, dislocated workers, single pregnant women and those interested in a career that is not traditional for their gender.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES
- Academic Advising
- Health and Wellness Center
- Disability Services
- Career Services
- Counseling Services
- Learning Center
- Center for Civic and Community Engagement

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION
- Refer to the college website for a listing of all campus programming and activities. Limited information about programming beneficial to foster youth is available.
FOSTERING LIONS PROGRAM
The Fostering Lions Program supports students entering Penn State from the foster care system. The program provides ongoing coaching, connects students to University services and develops skills for post-college success. Services include Financial Support (financial aid and financial literacy counseling), Social/Emotional Support (counseling, psychological, medical services, life skills workshops, campus recreation) and Logistic support (housing, transportation, legal, childcare). For more information, contact Mary Ellen Glick at mpg5645@psu.edu or 215-881-7353.

LIONSHARE FOOD PANTRY
Penn State Abington LionShare is a food pantry on campus to help students, faculty, and staff with food insecurity issues. Resources include:
- Nonperishable foods
- Toiletries
- Living supplies

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES
- The Learning Center
- Health & Wellness Center
- Diversity, Equity & Inclusion
- Office for Disability Services
- Center for Career & Professional Development

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION
- Penn State Abington is a part of the Penn State University system.
- Penn State Abington provides housing options for students during breaks. Contact the main housing office for more information.
QUICK FACTS

CAMPUS PROGRAMMING

STUDENT DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION PROGRAMMING

Penn State Altoona offers a range of programs, discussions, social events, resources, guest lectures and events to get students started down the path of self-discovery.

PASSS

The Pathway to Success: Summer Start (PaSSS) program is designed to help students make an easy transition to college life while also saving money on tuition. Students:

- Get acclimated to the Penn State Altoona campus ahead of the fall semester.
- Receive a scholarship of $250 per credit for six credits taken the first summer and a book stipend.
- Apply and receive a summer job on campus to build a resume.
- Take part in off-campus trips to New York City and other high-interest trips.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- Learning Resource Center
- LGBTQA Student Resource Center
- Diversity, Equity & Inclusion
- Health and Wellness Center
- Student Disability Resources

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

- Penn State Altoona is a part of the Penn State University system.
- The Fostering Lions Program supports foster youth on all Penn State campuses. Contact Cheri McConnell at cln3@psu.edu or (814) 865-2193 for more information.
- Refer to the college website for a listing of all campus programming and activities. Limited information about programming beneficial to foster youth is available.
QUICK FACTS

100 University Dr.
Monaca, PA 15061
Small 4 Year State-Related School
675 Undergraduate Students
On-Campus Housing: Yes
Application Deadline:
Fall - Nov. 30th
Spring - Nov. 1st

CAMPUS PROGRAMMING

AVAILABLE RESOURCES

- Center for Academic Achievement
- Disability Services
- Academic Advising
- Personal Counseling Services
- Career Services

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

- Penn State Beaver is a part of the Penn State University system.
- The Fostering Lions Program supports foster youth on all Penn State campuses. Contact Cheri McConnell at cln3@psu.edu or (814) 865-2193 for more information.
- Refer to the college website for a listing of all campus programming and activities. Limited information about programming beneficial to foster youth is available.
**QUICK FACTS**

- **4701 College Dr., Erie, PA 16563**
- **Small 4 Year State-Related School**
- **4,767 Undergraduate Students**
- **On-Campus Housing: Yes**
- **Application Deadline:**
  - Fall - Nov. 30th
  - Spring - Nov. 1st

**CAMPUS PROGRAMMING**

**FASTSTART BEHREND MENTORING PROGRAM**

FastStart is a mentoring program designed to help first-year students from diverse populations learn about campus resources and other valuable information.

**PASSS**

The Pathway to Success: Summer Start (PaSSS) program is designed to help students make an easy transition to college life while also saving money on tuition. Students:

- Get acclimated to the Penn State Altoona campus ahead of the fall semester.
- Receive a scholarship of $250 per credit for six credits taken the first summer and a book stipend.
- Apply and receive a summer job on campus to build a resume.
- Take part in off-campus trips to New York City and other high-interest trips.

**ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**

- Academic and Career Planning Center
- Personal Counseling Center
- Learning Resource Center
- Health and Wellness Center
- Office of Disability Services
- Office of Educational Equity & Diversity Programs

**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**

- Penn State Behrend, also known as Penn State Erie, The Behrend College, is a part of the Penn State University system.
- The Fostering Lions Program supports foster youth on all Penn State campuses. Contact Cheri McConnell at cln3@psu.edu or (814) 865-2193 for more information.
- Refer to the college website for a listing of all campus programming and activities. Limited information about programming beneficial to foster youth is available.
CAMPUS PROGRAMMING

ASPIRE PROGRAM
The ASPIRE Program is a Comprehensive Studies Program (CSP), formerly Educational Opportunity Program (ACT 101), which offers admission consideration to students who would like additional academic support services and programs to prepare them for a successful transition into the college environment.

FOOD PANTRY
The campus food pantry is designed to address food insecurity on the Penn State Berks campus. Resources include:

- Nonperishable foods
- Toiletries
- Living supplies

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES
- The Learning Center
- Academic Advising Center
- Career Services
- Student Disability Resources
- Counseling Services
- Health Services

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION
- Penn State Berks is a part of the Penn State University system.
- The Fostering Lions Program supports foster youth on all Penn State campuses. Contact Cheri McConnell at cln3@psu.edu or (814) 865-2193 for more information.
- Penn State Berks has a number of resources to support students experiencing need, including emergency funds.
CAMPUS PROGRAMMING

LION CUB-BOARD STUDENT FOOD PANTRY
The CUB-board is designed to combat food insecurity on a short-term basis for Brandywine students by providing a variety of non-perishable food items and basic necessities. There are also food items available in plastic 3-drawer bins operated by the Lion CUB-board in various buildings around campus.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES
- Disability Services
- Academic Support
- Advising and Career Services
- Educational Equity
- Counseling Services
- Health Services

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION
- Penn State Brandywine is a part of the Penn State University system.
- The Fostering Lions Program supports foster youth on all Penn State campuses. Contact Cheri McConnell at cln3@psu.edu or (814) 865-2193 for more information.
QUICK FACTS

1 College Pl.
DuBois, PA
15801
Small 4 Year
State-Related
School
600
Undergraduate
Students
On-Campus
Housing: No
Application
Deadline: Fall - Nov. 30th
Spring - Nov. 1st

CAMPUSS PROGRAMMING

AVAILABLE RESOURCES

- Center for Undergraduate Excellence
- Office for Student Disability Resources
- Student Health Services
- Health and Wellness Center
- Multicultural Resource Center

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

- Penn State DuBois is a part of the Penn State University system.
- The Fostering Lions Program supports foster youth on all Penn State campuses. Contact Cheri McConnell at cln3@psu.edu or (814) 865-2193 for more information.
- Refer to the college website for a listing of all campus programming and activities. Limited information about programming beneficial to foster youth is available.
FOOD PANTRY
The food pantry is a free and confidential service for all Penn State Fayette students in need, accessed through the campus Counselor or Office of Student Affairs.

PASSS
The Pathway to Success: Summer Start (PaSSS) program is designed to help students make an easy transition to college life while also saving money on tuition. Students:
- Get acclimated to the Penn State Altoona campus ahead of the fall semester.
- Receive a scholarship of $250 per credit for six credits taken the first summer and a book stipend.
- Apply and receive a summer job on campus to build a resume.
- Take part in off-campus trips to New York City and other high-interest trips.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES
- Academic Advising
- Health and Wellness Services
- Career and Professional Development
- Counseling Services
- Disability Services

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION
- Penn State Fayette is a part of the Penn State University system.
- The Fostering Lions Program supports foster youth on all Penn State campuses. Contact Cheri McConnell at cln3@psu.edu or (814) 865-2193 for more information.
- Refer to the college website for a listing of all campus programming and activities. Limited information about programming beneficial to foster youth is available.
FOSTERING LIONS

Fostering Lions at Greater Allegheny provides students with resources to help them successfully meet their goals and graduate from college. Resources include: Individualized support from campus liaisons, priority consideration for student employment, textbook loan assistance, emergency grants, temporary housing assistance grants, assistance with identifying financial aid opportunities and finding housing during breaks and over the summer. For more information, contact Shelly Brown at srb323@psu.edu or 412-675-9457.

CENTER FOR ACADEMIC AND CAREER EXCELLENCE (ACE)

ACE is a TRIO program that provides academic and non-academic services to first generation college students, those from low-income families, and students with disabilities. Services include:

- Tutoring
- Textbook loan program
- Supplemental instruction
- Financial aid assistance
- Academic advising
- Career counseling and exploration
- Campus change planning
- Graduate school preparation
- Cultural activities
- Academic grant aid

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- Advising Center
- Health Services
- Career Services
- Campus food pantry
- Learning Center
- Disability Services

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

- Penn State Greater Allegheny is a part of the Penn State University system.
- Penn State Greater Allegheny provides housing options for students during breaks. Contact the main housing office for more information.
WE CARE Food Pantry is designed to tackle student food insecurity at Penn State Harrisburg and provide students with nonperishable food items for free.

MULTICULTURAL ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE PROGRAM (MAEP)
The Multicultural Academic Excellence Program is open to first-year students and provides access to academic resources and builds relationships with leaders on campus. Seminar sessions include study skills, time management, critical thinking, communication, team building, and learning styles.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES
- Disability Services
- Russel E. Horn Sr. Learning Center
- Career Services
- Lambert Undergraduate Advising Center
- Counseling and Psychological Services
- Student Health Services

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION
- Penn State Harrisburg is a part of the Penn State University system.
- The Fostering Lions Program supports foster youth on all Penn State campuses. Contact Cheri McConnell at cln3@psu.edu or (814) 865-2193 for more information.
QUICK FACTS

76 University Dr.
Hazleton, PA
18202

Small 4 Year State-Related School

900 Undergraduate Students

On-Campus Housing: Yes

Application Deadline: Fall - Nov. 30th Spring - Nov. 1st

CAMPUS PROGRAMMING

STUDENT ACADEMIC RETENTION AND SUCCESS PROGRAM

This cohort program is designed to transition first year students to college and to assist with graduating successfully and on time. Students must be Pell Grant eligible, a first-generation college student, or a member of an underrepresented group to participate. Benefits include book stipends, cultural field trips, monthly lunches, and unique courses.

PASSS

The Pathway to Success: Summer Start (PaSSS) program is designed to help students make an easy transition to college life while also saving money on tuition. Students:

- Get acclimated to the Penn State Altoona campus ahead of the fall semester.
- Receive a scholarship of $250 per credit for six credits taken the first summer and a book stipend.
- Apply and receive a summer job on campus to build a resume.
- Take part in off-campus trips to New York City and other high-interest trips.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- Office of Academic Advising
- Career Services
- LGBTQA+ Student Resources
- Health Services
- Disability Services

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

- Penn State Hazelton is a part of the Penn State University system.
- The Fostering Lions Program supports foster youth on all Penn State campuses. Contact Cheri McConnell at cln3@psu.edu or (814) 865-2193 for more information.
- Refer to the college website for a listing of all campus programming and activities. Limited information about programming beneficial to foster youth is available.
QUICK FACTS

2809 Saucon Valley Rd.
Center Valley, PA 18034

Small 4 Year State-Related School

920 Undergraduate Students

On-Campus Housing: No

Application Deadline:
Fall - Nov. 30th
Spring - Nov. 1st

Penn State Lehigh Valley
CENTER VALLEY, PA
www.lehighvalley.psu.edu

QUICK FACTS

CAMPUS PROGRAMMING

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM

The Educational Opportunity Program provides an array of services to support first-year, first-generation, and/or socioeconomically disadvantaged students. Students participate in a three-day, two-night initiative designed to provide a developmental transition from high school to university. The program is free and includes housing, meals, and transportation.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- Advising and Career Services
- The Learning Center
- LionShare Food Pantry
- Health and Counseling Services
- Disability Services

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

- Penn State Lehigh Valley is a part of the Penn State University system.
- The Fostering Lions Program supports foster youth on all Penn State campuses. Contact Cheri McConnell at cln3@psu.edu or (814) 865-2193 for more information.
- Refer to the college website for a listing of all campus programming and activities. Limited information about programming beneficial to foster youth is available.
CAMPUS PROGRAMMING

JUMP START
The Jump Start program aims to retain students by providing them with help and guidance from students with first-hand knowledge of Penn State University, raising their level of academic preparedness by giving them college-level work before they come to campus, and developing a cadre of student leaders. Eligibility criteria includes:

- First Generation and/or Alaskan Native, African American, American Indian, Asian American-Pacific Island, Hispanic American-not Puerto Rican, or Puerto Rican students.
- Students who place into both developmental English and score 30% or below with the math placement.
- LionShare Food Pantry

PERSONAL ACHEIVEMENT WORKSHOP SERIES (PAWS)
The Personal Achievement Workshop Series offers informational workshops to students, faculty, and staff. Topics may include:

- Overcoming Anxiety
- Time Management
- Procrastination Prevention
- Fun and Final Prep
- Invisible Disabilities
- Money Matters
- Adjusting to college and building healthy relationships

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES
- Advising and Career Services
- The Learning Center
- LionShare Food Pantry
- Health and Counseling Services
- Disability Services

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION
- Penn State Mont Alto is a part of the Penn State University system.
- The Fostering Lions Program supports foster youth on all Penn State campuses. Contact Cheri McConnell at cln3@psu.edu or (814) 865-2193 for more information.
- Refer to the college website for a listing of all campus programming and activities. Limited information about programming beneficial to foster youth is available.
QUICK FACTS

3550 Seventh Street Rd. New Kensington, PA 15068
Small 4 Year State-Related School
686 Undergraduate Students
On-Campus Housing: No
Application Deadline: Fall - Nov. 30th Spring - Nov. 1st

CAMPUS PROGRAMMING

ASPIRE PROGRAM
A Scholarship Program Inspiring Responsible Economics (ASPIRE) was created by Penn State New Kensington in an effort to educate students on the importance of making healthy financial decisions.

PATHWAY TO SUCCESS: SUMMER START
PaSSS is a five-week program that offers select first-year New Kensington students tools and resources that increase the likelihood that they not only will earn a Penn State degree, but also will do so in four years or fewer, potentially saving money. Students who are first-generation, Pell Grant eligible, or who are academically disadvantaged are eligible for PaSSS. There are also opportunities for scholarships and mentoring.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- Academic Advising
- Counseling Services
- Disability Services
- Health Services
- Academic and Career Success Center

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

- Penn State New Kensington is a part of the Penn State University system.
- The Fostering Lions Program supports foster youth on all Penn State campuses. Contact Cheri McConnell at cln3@psu.edu or (814) 865-2193 for more information.
QUICK FACTS

200 University Dr.
North Manheim,
PA 17972

Small 4 Year State-Related School

837 Undergraduate Students

On-Campus Housing: Yes

Application Deadline: Fall - Nov. 30th
Spring - Nov. 1st

CAMPUS PROGRAMMING

PASSS
The Pathway to Success: Summer Start (PaSSS) program is designed to help students make an easy transition to college life while also saving money on tuition. Students:

- Get acclimated to the Penn State Altoona campus ahead of the fall semester.
- Receive a scholarship of $250 per credit for six credits taken the first summer and a book stipend.
- Apply and receive a summer job on campus to build a resume.
- Take part in off-campus trips to New York City and other high-interest trips.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- Academic Resource Center
- Career Services
- First Year Experience
- Health and Counseling Services
- Disability Services
- Office of the Vice Provost for Educational Equity

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

- Penn State Schuylkill is a part of the Penn State University system.
- The Fostering Lions Program supports foster youth on all Penn State campuses. Contact Cheri McConnell at cln3@psu.edu or (814) 865-2193 for more information.
- Refer to the college website for a listing of all campus programming and activities. Limited information about programming beneficial to foster youth is available.
**QUICK FACTS**

- **120 Ridge View Dr. Dunmore, PA 18512**
- **Small 4 Year State-Related School**
- **1,100 Undergraduate Students**
- **On-Campus Housing: No**
- **Application Deadline:**
  - Fall - Nov. 30th
  - Spring - Nov. 1st

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**CAMPUS PROGRAMMING**

**MULTICULTURAL PROGRAMS**

The Office of Multicultural Programs offers a number of programs and services designed to support students in achieving academic and personal success. Programs include peer mentoring, movie discussions, diversity circles, annual events, and a community speaker series.

**ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**

- Academic Advising
- Counseling and Psychological Services
- Career Services
- Health Services
- Academic Tutoring

**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**

- Penn State Scranton is a part of the Penn State University system.
- The Fostering Lions Program supports foster youth on all Penn State campuses. Contact Cheri McConnell at cln3@psu.edu or (814) 865-2193 for more information.
- There are no housing options available on campus, but there are various housing options adjacent to campus.
QUICK FACTS

147 Shenango Ave.  
Sharon, PA  
16146

Small 4 Year State-Related School
506 Undergraduate Students
On-Campus Housing: Yes
Application Deadline:  
Fall - Nov. 30th  
Spring - Nov. 1st

IDENTIFIES & TRACKS FOSTER YOUTH
SPECIFIC PROGRAMMING FOR FOSTER YOUTH
BENEFICIAL PROGRAMMING FOR FOSTER YOUTH
YEAR-ROUND HOUSING AVAILABLE

CAMPUSS PROGRAMMING

AVAILABLE RESOURCES
- Academic Resource and Tutoring Center
- Global Programs
- Counseling Services
- Disability
- Career Services

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION
- Penn State Shenango is a part of the Penn State University system.
- The Fostering Lions Program supports foster youth on all Penn State campuses. Contact Cheri McConnell at cln3@psu.edu or (814) 865-2193 for more information.
- Refer to the college website for a listing of all campus programming and activities. Limited information about programming beneficial to foster youth is available.
CAMPUS PROGRAMMING

FOSTERING LIONS PROGRAM

The Fostering Lions Program (FLP) is a support program designed to assist students with experience in foster care in improving post-secondary education outcomes. The program provides a support services network for former or current foster youth attending college. Services include financial literacy, academic and career planning, social and emotional support, and logistical support. Contact Cheri McConnell at cln3@psu.edu or (814) 865-2193 for more information.

THE LIONS PANTRY

The Lion’s Pantry is designed to tackle food insecurity for Penn State students and provides nonperishable food items and other living supplies to all students.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- Disability Services
- Diversity and Inclusion
- Career Services
- Academic Advising
- Counseling and Psychological Services
- Health Services

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

- Penn State University Park, also known as Penn State Main Campus, is the main campus of the Penn State University System.
- Penn State University Main Campus is a Lenfest Immensitas Scholars Program site, offering full scholarships to 5 students served by the Philadelphia Department of Human Services. For more information about this program, contact Cheri L. McConnell at cln3@psu.edu or (814) 865-2193.
QUICK FACTS

- Old Route 115
- PO Box PSU
- Lehman, PA 18627

- Small 4 Year State-Related School
- 460 Undergraduate Students
- On-Campus Housing: No
- Application Deadline: Fall - Nov. 30th
  Spring - Nov. 1st

CAMPUS PROGRAMMING

STUDENT SUCCESS SERVICES
Student Success Services (SSS), a TRIO federal grant program, aims to increase college retention, graduation rates, and career options for first-generation college students, those from low-income families, the physically challenged, and students with learning disabilities. The program provides:

- Academic support
- Career Counseling
- Out-of-class learning activities

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- Learning Center
- Career Services
- LGBTq+ Resources
- Health and Wellness Center
- Student Disability Resources
- Campus Care Team

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

- Penn State Wilkes-Barre is a part of the Penn State University system.
- The Fostering Lions Program supports foster youth on all Penn State campuses. Contact Cheri McConnell at cln3@psu.edu or (814) 865-2193 for more information.
- Student Affairs provides students with a food bank that is available to every student at no charge.
- Refer to the college website for a listing of all campus programming and activities. Limited information about programming beneficial to foster youth is available.
QUICK FACTS

1031 Edgecomb Ave.
York, PA
17403

Small 4 Year State-Related School
1000 Undergraduate Students
On-Campus Housing: No
Application Deadline: Fall - Nov. 30th Spring - Nov. 1st

CAMPUS PROGRAMMING

RESOURCES FOR HOUSING AND FOOD INSECURITY
Penn State York has developed relationships with various local agencies to aid students in securing temporary and permanent housing and food. Community resources include various food pantries, clothing closets, public assistance offices, and local support from religious organizations.

PATHWAY TO SUCCESS: SUMMER START
PaSSS is a summer bridge program that supports students in making a successful transition to college and prepares them for what to expect on campus. The program is particularly geared towards first-generation and economically disadvantaged students. Students involved in the program take two courses over the summer and are eligible for campus jobs.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES
- Nittany Success Center
- Personal Counseling
- Disability Services
- Health Services
- Advising and Career Development

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION
- Penn State New York is a part of the Penn State University system.
- The Fostering Lions Program supports foster youth on all Penn State campuses. Contact Cheri McConnell at cln3@psu.edu or (814) 865-2193 for more information.
- Students with experience in foster care may be eligible for a number of scholarships. Contact the financial aid office for more information.
Pennsylvania College of Health Sciences
LANCASTER, PA
www.pacollege.edu

QUICK FACTS

850 Greenfield Rd.
Lancaster, PA 17601
Small 4 Year Private School
1,143 Undergraduate Students
On-Campus Housing: No
Application Deadline: Rolling

CAMPUS PROGRAMMING

AVAILABLE RESOURCES
• Learner Support Services
• Career Services
• Wellness Center
• Counseling Services
• Disability Services

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION
• Refer to the college website for a listing of all campus programming and activities. Limited information about programming beneficial to foster youth is available.
QUICK FACTS

1 College Ave.
Williamsport, PA
17701
Mid-Size 4 Year Public School
5,382 Undergraduate Students
On-Campus Housing: Yes
Application Deadline: Fall - July 1 Spring - Dec. 10

CAMPUS PROGRAMMING

PENN PALS
Penn Pals is a program in which a new first year student is paired with a current Penn College student who can offer advice, help alleviate concerns, and answer questions during summer, fall, or throughout the first year.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- Academic Success Center
- Career Services
- LGBTQ Services
- Health & Counseling Services
- Study Abroad
- Disability Services

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

- Refer to the college website for a listing of all campus programming and activities. Limited information about programming beneficial to foster youth is available.
- Penn College of Technology is a Lenfest Immensitas Scholars Program site, offering full scholarships to 10 students served by the Philadelphia Department of Human Services. For more information about this program, contact Allison Savage at ams106@pct.edu or (570) 320-2400, ext. 7393.
KEYSTONE EDUCATION YIELDS SUCCESS (KEYS)

KEYS is designed to help TANF and SNAP recipients succeed in community college. KEYS helps students achieve their goals by:

- Providing career counseling, extra tutoring, and academic support
- Facilitating supportive services available through the County Assistance Office (CAO)
- Advocacy with the County Assistance Office
- Connecting the student to other community service agencies
- Access to the College's KEYS Program Laptop Loan Program

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- Tutoring
- Career Services
- Counseling Services
- Disability Services
- The Student Success Center (Richland Campus)

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

- Pennsylvania Highlands Community College has six different campuses in central PA, including Blair, Central Park, Ebensburg, Huntingdon, Richland, and Somerset Campuses.
- Although Pennsylvania Highlands Community College does not offer on-campus housing, college staff will refer students to housing options in the area.
Point Park University
PITTSBURGH, PA
www.pointpark.edu

QUICK FACTS

201 Wood St.
Pittsburgh, PA
15222

Small 4 Year
Private School

3,281
Undergraduate
Students

On-Campus
Housing: Yes

Application
Deadline: Rolling

AVAILABLE RESOURCES

• Center for Student Success
• Disability Services
• Tutoring
• Student Health Center

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

• Refer to the college website for a listing of all campus programming and activities. Limited information about programming beneficial to foster youth is available.
Reading Area Community College

QUICK FACTS

10 S 10th St. Reading, PA 19602
Mid-Size 2 Year Public School
5,471 Undergraduate Students
On-Campus Housing: No
Application Deadline: Rolling

CAMPUS PROGRAMMING

ADVANTAGE PROGRAM

The Advantage Program is a federally-funded Student Support Services Program providing counseling, advising, social, and tutoring services to low-income students, first-generation college students and students with disabilities, in order to help them succeed in college.

KEYS PROGRAM

KEYS is a state-run program designed to help students attend and succeed in community college. Students who receive benefits through TANF and wish to enroll, or are already enrolled at RACC, may be eligible to participate in KEYS. Services include:

- Child care
- Transportation
- School/training registration fee (not tuition)
- Books and school or training supplies
- Test fees
- Clothing
- Equipment/tools needed for school/training
- Car purchase
- Car repair
- Motor vehicle operator fees

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- Advising Center
- Tutoring & Academic Support
- Disability Services
- Upward Bound
- Career Services
- Academic Achievement Centers

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

- Reading Area Community College faculty and staff are dedicated to creating a culture of care on campus and are familiar with working with students from disadvantaged backgrounds.
ACT 101
ACT 101 is an academic support system that offers various services to address the collegiate needs of the under-prepared student. It provides an opportunity for students to develop their academic abilities through educational programs, counseling services, and peer tutoring. It is designed to supplement and/or enhance funding for activities and programs for these students.

EARLY SUCCESS PROGRAM
The Early Success Program (ESP) prepares a select group of incoming students who may have experienced some academic barriers in high school to succeed in college-level courses and give them the tools to thrive in a collegiate environment. The program includes various workshops on college writing, public speaking, time management, critical thinking, living independently, learning strategies and money management.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES
- Center for Student Success
- The Tutoring Center
- Services for Students with Disabilities
- Counseling Center
- Career & Professional Development Center

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION
- Robert Morris University offers options for students to secure housing over school breaks. Contact the main housing office for more information.
- Robert Morris University provides students numerous opportunities to get involved on campus and in the community.
**QUICK FACTS**

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**CAMPUS PROGRAMMING**

**ACT 101**
The Act 101 Program serves economically and educationally disadvantaged students. Services include mentorship, leadership opportunities, and other supports, including:

- Personalized attention from the ACT 101 Academic Counselor
- Participation in community service programs
- Peer mentoring to advise and assist students with acclimation to life on campus and meeting the challenges of college academics

**BRIDGE PROGRAM**
Bridge To Success is a pre-orientation program which offers academic support, emphasizing writing and reading, college readiness, and study skills to a select group of students. Bridge students arrive on campus in advance of all other students and attend four days of classes taught by Rosemont professors.

**ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**
- Student Academic Support Center
- Campus Ministry
- Counseling Center
- Wellness Center
- Disability Services
- Office of Leadership and Engagement

**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**
- Refer to the college website for a listing of all campus programming and activities. Limited information about programming beneficial to foster youth is available.
CAMPUS PROGRAMMING

ACT 101 PROGRAM
The Act 101 Program focuses on serving undergraduate students in order to make educational opportunity a reality for those with academic and financial backgrounds meeting certain criteria. Support services include access to free textbooks through the lending library, assistance with class registration and early registration, free peer and group tutoring, workshops, and academic and career counseling.

OASIS PROGRAM
The OASIS Program is for first-year students who have demonstrated a need for academic support and whose secondary school records indicate potential for college success. Students receive extra support for their academic and social transition to college. The program teaches and reinforces important academic skills, while also introducing students to services across campus that will help them succeed.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES
- Academic Support Services
- Career Services
- Counseling Services
- Accessibility Services
- Disability Services
- Student Health Center

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION
- There are opportunities for housing during breaks. Contact the main housing office for more information.
- St. Francis University is guided by Franciscan values that are rooted in the Catholic and liberal arts traditions.
QUICK FACTS

5600 City Ave.
Philadelphia, PA
19131

Mid-Size 4 Year Private School

5,144 Undergraduate Students

On-Campus Housing: Yes

Application Deadline: Feb. 1st

CAMPUS PROGRAMMING

THE RUNNING START PROGRAM (EARLY ARRIVAL)
Running Start is an early arrival program that begins with a four-day pre-orientation and continues throughout the year to support first-year students who come from traditionally underrepresented backgrounds, including students of color, first-generation college students, or those that come from diverse socioeconomic backgrounds.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES
- Office of Student Success
- Office of Learning Resources
- Student Disability Services
- Counseling & Psychological Services
- William F. Leahy Advising Center
- Office of Inclusion & Diversity

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION
- St. Joseph's University is a Jesuit campus with a longstanding commitment to social justice and inclusion.
First Year Seminars at Saint Vincent College are courses designed to make new students feel welcomed and integrated into the Saint Vincent College learning community on academic, social and cultural levels. First Year Seminars enable students to be effective learners and thinkers both in their major fields of study and in other areas of the curriculum.

OPPORTUNITY SVC/ACT 101/STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES (SSS-TRIO)

The Act 101 program provides individual academic advising, helps students identify personal goals, and encourages students to achieve their highest potential. Activities include:

- Workshops to improve academic readiness for college
- Financial and economic literacy seminars
- Communication with student program mentors in order to gain first-hand advice about the transition to college
- Participation in a variety of cultural and community-building activities

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- Office of Student Success and Retention
- Collaborative Learning Programs
- Office of Vocational Rehabilitation
- Health & Wellness Center
- Disability Services
- Office of Multicultural Student Life

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

- Refer to the college website for a listing of all campus programming and activities. Limited information about programming beneficial to foster youth is available.
QUICK FACTS

CAMPUS PROGRAMMING

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES
Student Support Services is a federal grant program providing academic support to students who are from disadvantaged backgrounds, are first-generation college students, and/or individuals with disabilities. Services include advising, financial support, success coaching, and academic support.

OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM
The Opportunity Program is a week-long learning experience that prepares students for Seton Hill University's demanding academic culture. It is designed to provide students with an academic experience that will ease their transition from high school to college.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES
- Academic Achievement Center
- Counseling Center
- Wellness Center
- Griffis Locker (Food Pantry)
- Disability Services
- Campus Ministry

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION
- Seton Hill offers options for students to stay on campus during breaks. Contact the main housing office for more information.
- Seton Hill is a Catholic affiliated university.
The Martin Luther King Academic Retention Program creates an academically-rooted learning community for regularly admitted students. This program targets students of color, students who may be first in their family to attend college, and those who may have an economic need. All students with a commitment to diversity are encouraged to participate. It is the goal of this community to enhance the graduation of its members and to improve the quality of their academic careers. Resources include:

- Extended orientation program
- Peer mentoring
- MLK 101: Non-credit seminar
- Academic mentoring
- MLK Winter Retreat

The Academic Success Program provides access and academic support to students who do not meet the regular admission criteria to Shippensburg University but who have demonstrated the potential, desire, and motivation to succeed in college. The ACT 101 component provides educational funding support to qualified students seeking admission to Shippensburg University.

**ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**

- King's Kettle Food Pantry
- Disability Services
- Counseling Center
- Health & Wellness
- Career, Mentoring, & Professional Development Center

**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**

- Shippensburg University is a part of Pennsylvania's State System of Higher Education (PASSHE).
The FYRST Seminar is a one-credit course designed to help bridge the transition between high school and college. It is designed especially to enhance the academic, social, and personal integration of new students by focusing on the following transition topics:

- Time management
- Test preparation
- Health choices
- Diversity and relationship issues

The program is designed to serve as a transition program with the primary goal of assisting students with the acclimation to college life on campus, both academically and socially. New first-year students are provided one-to-one development, academic advisement, and study skills strengthening and support. Jump Start participants attend several workshops held throughout the school year that focus on personal leadership development. These skills are designed to aid students both academically and socially during their college career.

### ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- Academic Services Office
- Office of Diversity & Equal Opportunity
- Office for Inclusive Excellence
- Student Health Services
- Office of Disability Services
- Office of Career Education and Development

### SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

- Slippery Rock University is a part of Pennsylvania’s State System of Higher Education (PASSHE).
- There is a food pantry for students on campus at Slippery Rock University
- Refer to the college website for a listing of all campus programming and activities. Limited information about programming beneficial to foster youth is available.
Susquehanna University
SELINSGROVE, PA
www.susqu.edu

QUICK FACTS

514 University Ave.
Selinsgrove, PA 17870
Small 4 Year Private School
2,305 Undergraduate Students
On-Campus Housing: Yes
Application Deadline: February 1st

CAMPUS PROGRAMMING

AVAILABLE RESOURCES

- Center for Academic Achievement
- Center for Diversity & Inclusion
- Career Development Center
- Amy E. Winans Center for Wellness
- Student Health Center
- Office of Disability Services
- First Year Experience

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

- Refer to the college website for a listing of all campus programming and activities. Limited information about programming beneficial to foster youth is available.
QUICK FACTS

500 College Ave. Swarthmore, PA 19081
Small 4 Year Private School
1,524 Undergraduate Students
On-Campus Housing: Yes
Application Deadline: January 1st

CAMPUS PROGRAMMING

SWAT FLI
The Swat FLI (First-Gen/Low Income) program assists first-generation, low-income, and undocumented or DACA students in building community, finding support, and taking advantage of college resources. Program goals include:

- Building students’ academic confidence
- Promoting healthy personal development so that students can build the skills necessary to grow and thrive during their four years at Swarthmore and beyond.

SUMMER SCHOLARS PROGRAM
The Swarthmore Summer Scholars Program is an invitation-only, competitive-entry program that provides sixteen students who are first in their family to attend college, come from a low income background, or belong to a traditionally underrepresented group with a full academic immersion experience during five weeks of summer. Its goal is for students to acclimate more rapidly to college life, develop a familiarity with the type of coursework expected at Swarthmore, and benefit from the unique opportunity to get to know professors before fall classes begin.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- Academic Advising & Support
- Career Services
- Office of Diversity, Inclusion, & Community Development
- Student Health and Wellness
- Student Disability Services
- Lang Center for Civic & Social Responsibility

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

- Refer to the college website for a listing of all campus programming and activities. Limited information about programming beneficial to foster youth is available.
FOSTER CARE TO COLLEGE (FC2C) PROGRAM

The FC2C Program is a campus-based support program designed to specifically support students with experience in foster care successfully transition to college life and complete a degree. Services include:

- Monthly social events & workshops
- Resource & skill building workshops
- Weekly check-ins with the campus coach/SPOC
- Student leadership opportunities

For more information about the FC2C Program, contact the program's Single Point of Contact, Megan Woltemate, at megan.woltemate@temple.edu or (215) 204-7188.

CHERRY PANTRY

The Cherry Pantry is an on-campus food pantry to help students experiencing food insecurity have access to meals. The pantry also provides basic living and hygiene supplies.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- Student Success Center
- Peer Assisted Study Sessions Program
- Academic Coaching
- Health Services
- Counseling Services
- Wellness Resource Center

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

- Year-round housing is available for students to remain on campus during breaks. Contact the FC2C Program or the main housing office for more information.
- Temple University was among the first schools in Pennsylvania to develop a campus-based support program for students with experience in foster care.
ACT 101 PROGRAM
Act 101 Program participants are selected based on specific educational and economic criteria. Act 101 staff closely monitor student progress and provide academic, career, and personal services designed to facilitate collegiate success. Tutors are available to assist students in mastering academic and technical skills required of their programs.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES
- Learning Resources Center
- Academic Center
- Counseling & Disability Services
- Health Services
- Career Services
- Diversity & Inclusion Office

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION
- Thaddeus Stevens College offers options for housing during breaks. Contact the main housing office for more information.
- The school has a strong partnership with local organizations that also serve youth from foster care, including the Milton Hershey School.
- Thaddeus Stevens College has a commitment to support students from foster care and actively recruits students with experience in foster care for attendance.
Thiel College welcomes select students to campus early to become acclimated to college life. Referrals are made by admissions and targets students who experienced educational barriers in high school. Services include:

- Social programming
- Academic coaches
- Study skills
- Skill-building workshops

Thiel College offers small courses taught by the student’s advisor during the academic year. Each class is joined by a peer mentor to assist students with transitioning to college life.

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Thiel College is an independent liberal arts college rooted in the Lutheran tradition and has a commitment to fostering an accessible and inclusive learning environment.
The First Year Experience program provides support and encouragement to new students at Philadelphia University and helps ensure they succeed personally and academically.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- Academic Support Services
- Office of Community Service
- Disability Accommodations
- Health & Wellness Services
- Office of Student Life & Engagement
- Career Development Center

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

- Refer to the college website for a listing of all campus programming and activities. Limited information about programming beneficial to foster youth is available.
CAMPUS PROGRAMMING

FIRST-GENERATION LOW-INCOME PROGRAM (FGLI)

The FGLI Program supports students’ academic, personal, and social transition needs while facilitating community-building and a sense of belonging. Additional Services include:

- FGLI textbook library
- Social programs & events
- Community-building events

COMMUNITY KITCHEN & FOOD PANTRY

University of Pennsylvania maintains a food pantry that students can utilize free of charge for use in meal planning and eating on the go. There is also a kitchen available for students to use.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- Weingarten Learning Resource Center
- Career Services
- Student Health Services
- Counseling & Psychological Services
- The Tutoring Center
- Upward Bound

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

- Student Financial Services, Penn Dining, and the Greenfield Intercultural Center provides support for students to have access to housing and meals during breaks. Contact the Greenfield Intercultural Center for more information.
- UPenn is an Ivy League university that has a history of supporting students from traditionally underrepresented backgrounds.
campus programming

Dream Charter
The Dream Charter is a student-run group to support students with experience in foster care and works to raise awareness of the needs and experiences of these students.

Student Support Services
Student Support Services provides academic, social and cultural support to first-generation and/or low-income college students. Services include:

- Regular individual meetings
- Cultural & social events
- Peer mentoring
- Skill-building workshops
- The Right Start to College courses

Bridges
Bridges is a program exclusively for underrepresented scholarship recipients. Eligible students are invited to join via mail and e-mail prior to the start of their first term. The program includes workshops to help students learn about college life and build community with one another.

Additional Resources
- Academic Resource Center
- Career Center
- Student Health Service
- University Counseling Center
- Office of Diversity & Inclusion
- First Year Experience

Supplemental Information
- The University of Pittsburgh offers an application fee waiver for students with experience in foster care. Contact the admissions office for more information.
QUICK FACTS

300 Campus Dr.
Bradford, PA
16701

Small 4 Year
State-Related
School

1,500
Undergraduate
Students

On-Campus
Housing: Yes

Application
Deadline: Rolling

CAMPUS PROGRAMMING

TRIO STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES (SSS)
Pitt-Bradford’s TRIO SSS program is designed to provide individualized academic, personal, financial, and career coaching and services to students to assist them in successfully attaining their bachelor’s degree. SSS offers activities and leadership development courses from the time students are accepted to TRIO SSS until graduation. Students who are first-generation, low-income, and/or have a documented disability are eligible for the program.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- Academic Advising Center
- Academic Coaching & Tutoring Center
- Disability Resources & Services
- Counseling Services
- Health Services
- Career Services

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

- Pitt-Bradford provides options for students to remain on campus during school breaks. Contact the main housing office for more information.
The First Year Experience provides numerous supports for students to transition successfully to college life. An optional freshman seminar is available for all first year students including seminars designed specifically for science, engineering, and students living on campus.

**DIVERSITY RESOURCES**
- Active Minds: Aims to remove the stigma that surrounds mental health issues.
- Diversity Student Coalition: Dedicated to engaging and involving students of different races and ethnicities in campus and community issues.
- Allies Network: Provides a visible source of support and information for sexual minorities.
- Gay Straight Alliance: Promotes a comfortable and nondiscriminatory atmosphere of awareness and acceptance of all individuals.

**ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**
- Academic Advising
- Career Services
- Health Center
- Counseling Services
- Commuter Student Program
- Greensburg Experience More (GEM) Program

**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**
- The University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg offers a variety of resources for commuter students including a lounge, lockers, accessible parking, mentor program, and Commuter Task Force.
- Refer to the college website for a listing of all campus programming and activities. Limited information about programming beneficial to foster youth is available.
The First-Year Success Program is required for students admitted on a provisional basis and provides comprehensive support services designed to promote academic and personal success during the first semester of college.

GREAT OUTCOMES IN ACADEMIC LEARNING (GOAL) PROGRAM

GOAL offers a second chance to students who experienced academic difficulty in their first semester, providing appropriate resources and support to meet their individual needs as an alternative to academic suspension. The program addresses class attendance, academic success strategies, learning styles and individual strengths, and personal and academic challenges.

MENTORS FOR ACADEMIC AND PERSONAL SUCCESS

Mentors for Academic and Personal Success (MAPS) support first-year students in their transition to the academic and social aspects of college.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- Academic Success Center
- First at Pitt-Johnstown
- Health Services
- Counseling Services
- Office of Diversity and Inclusion
- Career Services

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

- The University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown hosts the Pennsylvania Youth Advisory Board's annual Older Youth Retreat and college fair for youth in foster care or those who have recently aged out.
- Refer to the college website for a listing of all campus programming and activities. Limited information about programming beneficial to foster youth is available.
QUICK FACTS

504 East Main St.
Titusville, PA
16354

Small 2 Year
State-Related
School

367
Undergraduate
Students

On-Campus
Housing:
Yes

Application
Deadline:
Rolling

CAMPUS PROGRAMMING

FRESHMAN YEAR EXPERIENCE
The Freshmen Year Experience (FYE) supports the transitioning of new students into the intellectual, social, and cultural community of the University of Pittsburgh.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- Academic Advising
- Learning Center
- Counseling & Student Development Center
- The Health Center
- Disability & Resource Services

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

- On-campus housing is not available year round. However, students are permitted to stay on campus during fall break.
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CAMPUS PROGRAMMING

WILLIAM E. ATKISSON & WILLIAM J. BRADY, SR. SCHOLARSHIP

The William E. Atkisson & William J. Brady, Sr. Scholarship is an award made to rising juniors at the University of Scranton. Applicants must be first-generation college students and have demonstrated outstanding leadership qualities.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- Student Health Services
- The Center for Student Engagement
- Office of Equity and Diversity
- The Center for Teaching and Learning Excellence
- The Center For Health Education And Wellness
- The Multicultural Center

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

- The University of Success is a pre-college program for high school students at the University of Scranton.
- Refer to the college website for a listing of all campus programming and activities. Limited information about programming beneficial to foster youth is available.
CAMPUS PROGRAMMING

FIRST-YEAR EXPERIENCE PROGRAMS
The University of the Arts offers four unique and challenging first year programs for students to help with acclimating to the school, personal and professional development, and academic preparedness.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES
- Advising Center
- Counseling Center
- Health Services
- Career Services
- Academic Achievement Program
- Tutoring

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION
- The Student Affairs Office offers resources to students who are experiencing food insecurity or financial need, including providing school and art supplies or gift cards to local grocery stores.
- The University of the Arts specializes in performing and visual arts.
- There are options for students to remain on campus during breaks. Contact the main housing office for more information.
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BRIDGE TO SUCCESS PROGRAM
The Bridge to Success Program is a free five-week summer residential program that offers students classes in math and biology. The program focuses on course work, tutoring, and building support networks.

STUDENT EARLY INTERVENTION RESPONSE TEAM
The Student Early Intervention Response Team (SEIRT) is an interdepartmental advisory group of faculty and staff across campus that works to identify, assess, and intervene on behalf of at-risk students.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES
- Student Success Center
- College Learning & Student Strategies
- Tutoring
- Student Health Services
- Student Counseling Services
- Starfish Student Tracking Software

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION
- Contact the main housing office to inquire about housing options during breaks.
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STUDENT SUCCESS CENTER
The Student Success Center offers support to students experiencing academic or personal difficulty. Students have one-on-one interactions with upper class students to assist them with the transition to college life. The center focuses on providing fellowship and a place of solace.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES
- Counseling Services
- Career Services Center
- Connect2 Technology Laptop Program
- Bible Studies
- Campus Ministry
- Work Study
- Health Center
- Freshman Year Experience

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION
- There are options for students to secure housing during breaks. Contact the main housing office for more information.
- University of Valley Forge is a Christian university and is affiliated with the Assemblies of God.
QUICK FACTS

Campus Programming

Bears2Bears Student Emergency Fund

The fund assists eligible students who have exhausted all other resources with emergency grant assistance. Applications and emergency situations are considered on a case-by-case basis by the student financial assistance office and the Institute for Student Success.

The W.R. Crigler Institute

The Crigler Institute's goal is to facilitate a seamless transition into college life for students who are members of historically underrepresented groups. Students in the Institute will:

- Participate in a 3-week long summer program
- Live in the residence hall on campus
- Have an opportunity to participate in a community service project, connect with alumni, and attend leadership workshops.

Additional Resources

- Institute for Student Success
- Institute for Inclusion and Equity
- First Year Experience
- Medical Services
- Disability Services
- Rainbow Resource Center

Supplemental Information

- Refer to the college website for a listing of all campus programming and activities. Limited information about programming beneficial to foster youth is available.
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CAMPUS PROGRAMMING

CENTER FOR ACCESS, SUCCESS & ACHIEVEMENT
The Center for Access, Success and Achievement aims to recruit, retain, and graduate underrepresented, first-generation, and low-income students. Key services include a lending library, a life coach, and peer mentoring.

ST. THOMAS OF VILLANOVA SCHOLARS
The St. Thomas of Villanova Scholars (STOVS) is a summer bridge program that allows students to get a jump start on their experience at Villanova. The invitation-only program includes three weeks of classes during the summer.

ACADEMIC ADVANCEMENT PROGRAM
Formerly the ACT 101 program, the AAP program helps promising students achieve academic success and supports them as they strive to reach their goals. Selection for participation is made through the Admissions Office and is based on students’ high school transcript, SAT/ACT scores, their college essay and family income levels. The program also includes a summer bridging program to assist with the transition to college.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES
- Tutoring & Peer Tutoring
- Learning Support Services
- Office of Services Learning
- Counseling Center
- Career Center
- Office of Health Promotion

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION
- Villanova offers options for housing during breaks. Contact the main housing office for more information.
CAMPUS PROGRAMMING

SUPPORTING THE TRANSITION OF ENTERING PRESIDENTS (STEP)

The goal of STEP is to enhance the academic and social experience of incoming first-year students through cultural exploration, identity development and social justice education. Over the course of the three days students are exposed to opportunities to explore their social identity through community service, facilitated workshops, group activities, and college success strategies.

THE OFFICE OF DIVERSITY & LEADERSHIP INITIATIVES

The Office of Diversity and Leadership Initiatives aims to support students from traditionally underrepresented backgrounds. The office offers a variety of programs, discussions and training opportunities on topics such as race, gender, sexual orientation, socio-economic status, and religion to engage the campus community in dialogue grounded in social justice principles.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- PAL Tutoring Program
- Student Health & Counseling
- Disability Support Services
- Career Services

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

- The campus closes for winter break, but there are flexible housing and meal options during spring and fall breaks. Contact the main housing office for more information.
QUICK FACTS

CAMPUS PROGRAMMING

AVAILABLE RESOURCES

- Academic Success Center
- Center for Service Leadership
- Knox Learning Center
- Counseling Center
- Heath Services
- Center for Student Success and Disability Services

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

- Refer to the college website for a listing of all campus programming and activities. Limited information about programming beneficial to foster youth is available.
The WCU Promise Program is a program specifically designed for students with experience in foster care and/or homelessness. Key supports include guaranteed year-round housing (free during winter and summer), campus coaching, priority access to work study jobs and tutoring services, and access to emergency funds. In addition, the WCU Promise Program offers a number of workshops and events, including:

- Monthly community dinners with other participants
- Financial management & skills building workshops
- Nutrition workshops
- Career readiness planning and workshops

For more information, contact the program’s Single Point of Contact, Tori Nuccio, at TNuccio@wcupa.edu.

### ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- Academic Development Program
- Counseling & Psychological Services
- Learning Assistance & Resource Center
- Health Services
- Academic Support Services
- Career Development Center

### SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

- West Chester University is a part of Pennsylvania’s State System of Higher Education (PASSHE).
- West Chester University was among the first schools in the state of Pennsylvania to develop a campus-based support program for students with experience in foster care.
- The campus has a robust Resources Pantry to tackle food insecurity. Email pantry@wcupa.edu for more information.
QUICK FACTS

319 S Market St.
New Wilmington,
PA 16172

Small 4 Year
Private School

1,192
Undergraduate
Students

On-Campus
Housing: Yes

Application
Deadline: Rolling

CAMPUS PROGRAMMING

AVAILABLE RESOURCES

- Academic Success Center
- Diversity and Inclusion
- Professional Development Center
- Health & Counseling Services
- Disability Resources Office

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

- Refer to the college website for a listing of all campus programming and activities. Limited information about programming beneficial to foster youth is available.
PAW - PARTNERS AT WESTMORELAND / FOSTERING SUCCESS

PAW is a program specifically developed to provide supports and resources to students under the age of 28 who have experienced foster care and/or out-of-home placement. Services include: educational and personal counseling, academic advising, assistance with financial aid applications, connection with campus and community resources, cultural trip opportunities, and workshops. For more information, contact Lynna Thomas at thomasl@westmoreland.edu or (724) 925-4000, ext. 3816.

TRIO/SSS

TRIO Student Support Services is designed to support students who are first-generation, low-income, or have a documented disability succeed in college. Services include counseling, tutoring, mentoring, cultural activities, and scholarship opportunities.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- KEYS Program
- Academic Support Services
- Career Development Center
- Counseling Services
- ACT 101 Program
- Disability Services Office
- Tutoring Services
- Computer Resource Center

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

- Westmoreland County Community College has strong partnerships with local child welfare agencies in the area.
The Office of Multicultural Student Affairs offers a number of resources and supports for students from traditionally underrepresented backgrounds. Students can participate in the 1821 Experience program to receive early move-in, seminars, and workshops on the transition to college life. The office also offers the PRIDE Mentoring Program, which provides support, coaching, workshops, personal development activities, and guidance through individual and group counseling.

**ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**
- Academic Coaching
- Career Services
- Counseling Center
- Tutoring Services
- Disability Services
- Interfaith Center

**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**
- While there are limited options for housing during breaks, some halls remain open to allow students to stay on campus. Contact the main housing office for more information.
QUICK FACTS

CAMPUS PROGRAMMING

**ACT 101**
The Act 101 program helps students make the academic, personal and social transition to college by providing a personal academic counselor for guidance and support.

**OFFICE OF DIVERSITY INITIATIVES**
The Office of Diversity Initiatives assists students with personal, academic and career concerns that impact their academic success. The services support students with:

- Adjustment to life as a college student in the Wilkes-Barre area
- Navigating the college experience as a first-generation student
- Managing roommate conflicts
- Understanding and resolving bursar balance
- Building relationships with faculty and staff

**ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**
- Academic Support Services
- Center for Global Education and Diversity
- E-Mentoring Program
- Health & Wellness Services
- Disability Support Services
- Career Services

**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**
- Wilkes University’s food pantry, Colonel's Closet, can be accessed online or in person. Please contact Kristin Osipower at kristin.osipower@wilkes.edu for more information.
- Refer to the college website for a listing of all campus programming and activities. Limited information about programming beneficial to foster youth is available.
Williamson College of the Trades

MEDIA, PA
www.williamson.edu

QUICK FACTS

106 S Middletown Rd.
Media, PA 19063

Small 3 Year Men's Technical School

300 Undergraduate Students

On-Campus Housing: Yes

Application Deadline: Mid-December

CAMPUS PROGRAMMING

THE STUDENT CLOTHES CLOSET

Williamson College has a formal dress code. To assist students who have financial difficulties in meeting the college’s required dress code, Williamson has provided donated clothing to needy students on an as-needed basis through what has become known as the Student Clothes Closet.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- Health Services
- Career Services
- Student Activity Program
- Counseling Services

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

- Williamson College is an all-men’s institution offering an Associate in Specialized Technology Degree in six different mechanical trades.
- Williamson College is an independent undergraduate technical college that provides all students with full scholarships covering tuition, room, board, and textbooks, making Williamson the only free college of its kind in the nation. In exchange for their education, students must follow the college’s rules and help with the food service and maintenance of buildings and grounds.
- During the admissions process, Williamson College gives special consideration to those who come from families of financial need and would otherwise not be able to further their education.
QUICK FACTS

CAMPUS PROGRAMMING

ROWLAND LEAP PROGRAM
The Rowland Learning, Exploring, Achieving and Participating (LEAP) Program is designed to help students, particularly those who need extra support in mathematics or literacy, make a successful transition to college.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES
- Academic Support
- Diversity Team
- Global Studies
- Health & Wellness Center
- Disability Services
- Career Services

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION
- Refer to the college website for a listing of all campus programming and activities. Limited information about programming beneficial to foster youth is available.
The York College Community Opportunity Scholarship Program provides a select group of promising and deserving students from the York City School District with the opportunity to attend college, regardless of financial circumstances. The scholarship provides tuition, room, and board for all four years of college and assists students with obtaining career and leadership opportunities in their home community.

**ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**
- Academic Support Center
- Health Services
- Student Accessibility Services
- Counseling Services
- Office of Intercultural Life and Global Programming

**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**
- York College has a food pantry that is available to all registered students twice a month. Contact the Office of Intercultural Life and Global Programming to set up an appointment.
- Refer to the college website for a listing of all campus programming and activities. Limited information about programming beneficial to foster youth is available.
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