



**Pennsylvania
College of Technology**
A Penn State Affiliate

GUIDE



PARENT & FAMILY

START A NEW ADVENTURE.

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So you
might have
a future
Wildcat in
your life?

KUDOS TO YOU FOR GUIDING YOUR STUDENT THROUGH THIS EXCITING JOURNEY!

As you navigate next steps, we're here to help. In fact, over half of our students are the first in their families to attend college. That means we're used to answering all types of questions and lending a hand throughout the process. So don't be afraid to ask. That's why we're here.

Whether that's a phone call with a member of the admissions team to chat about the enrollment process or a tour with future faculty, we're committed to doing whatever it takes to give you peace of mind and ensure your student finds the perfect fit on all fronts.



WELCOME TO WILLIAMSPORT

Penn College is nestled in beautiful Central Pennsylvania at the base of Bald Eagle Mountain and alongside the Susquehanna River. Known for outdoor recreation, the region is overflowing with public lands and waterways that are ideal for hiking, biking, kayaking, swimming, fishing, and hunting. Our proximity to trails and parks offers lots of ways to unwind during the week or head out for a weekend getaway.

EXPERIENCE THE DOWNTOWN

Campus is within walking distance of downtown Williamsport—home to local restaurants, coffee shops, boutiques, theatres, indoor sports venues, and galleries. Whether students want to catch a show at the College's Journey Bank Community Arts Center, grab a bite to eat at their favorite restaurant, challenge friends to a game of axe throwing, or browse creations from local artisans, there are plenty of off-campus options to explore.



Living on campus is one of the best ways for

students to build lasting friendships. With activities and events minutes from their doorsteps, it's easy to see why. Plus, all the necessities are easily accessible, including the dining units, convenience stores, laundry facilities, and fitness centers. And first-year students can have a car on campus for those quick trips to the store or a weekend adventure. Our residence halls fill up fast. If your student plans to live on campus, we recommend completing the housing contract as soon as possible to secure a spot.

For those interested in living off campus, we partner with local landlords who rent exclusively to Penn College students. We even help residents find roommates for off-campus housing. And for your peace of mind, these options are located within the Penn College Police active patrol zone.



Make a home away from home.

SENSE OF SECURITY

You can rest assured in knowing your student is safe while at Penn College. Our campus police force is on call and on surveillance all day, every day. Officers are present and visible across campus to promote a safe environment for learning.

Plus, on-campus housing is always locked and secured with card-only access.





At Penn College, there's no shortage of opportunities to meet fresh faces. From day one, Wildcats enjoy a calendar loaded with events. The first few weeks of classes are full of activities, from goat yoga and casino games to therapy dogs and kickball tournaments. The fun doesn't end there. Events run all semester long, and we're always changing things up to keep life interesting.

SOAK IN THE FULL-COLLEGE EXPERIENCE.



CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

A huge plus that comes with being immersed in a community is the opportunity for students to spread their wings outside of class. With 70+ clubs and organizations, there are countless ways for your Wildcat to chase what interests them most. Whether they're looking to build leadership skills, join a spiritual group, or network via a professional organization, there's fun to be found.

A few highlights:

- ◆ Baja SAE
- ◆ Black Student Union
- ◆ Campus Crusade for Christ
- ◆ Gamers' Guild
- ◆ Penn College Benefiting THON
- ◆ Student Government Association
- ◆ Student Veterans Organization



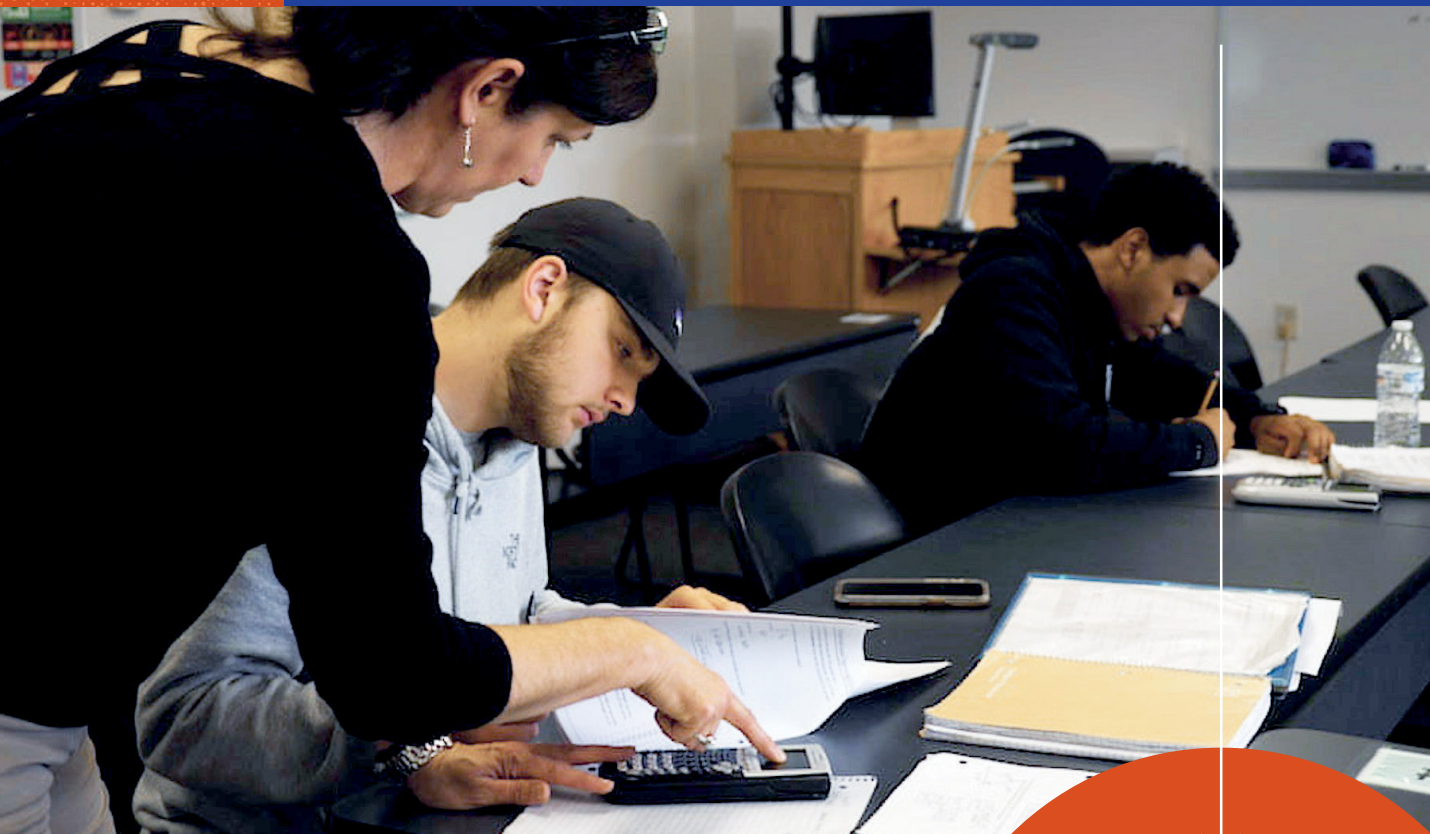
CHECK OUT STUDENT CLUBS AND UPCOMING EVENTS.

ATHLETICS & INTRAMURALS

There's nothing like being a part of a team. Whether that's NCAA Division III athletics or intramurals, the camaraderie here can't be beat. We've got a full lineup of intercollegiate men's and women's sports from archery and basketball to golf and soccer. Those looking to have some fun with friends can join a volleyball, basketball, or flag football intramural team, jump into a weekly dart league, or check out sports equipment at our Field House.



Find support throughout the journey.



WE'RE HERE FOR YOU TOO.
Parents and families are a huge part of the student journey. That's why we dedicate a session during New Student Orientation to covering how we're here to support you and the ways you can cheer on your Wildcat. Plus, you'll have access to a community portal where you can find important dates and network with fellow Penn College parents and family members.



EXPLORE
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For us, nothing tops student success.

Faculty and staff are 100% dedicated to ensuring every student has an opportunity to thrive. Here are a few ways we help make that happen.



ACADEMIC ADVISOR

Typically an instructor in your student's program area, the advisor aids with course selections and helps keep your student on pace for timely graduation.

MICHAEL J. HUDOCK, SR. CENTER FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Wherever your Wildcat is in their Penn College journey, the Hudock Center for Academic Excellence serves as a central point of contact for students seeking guidance. Fostering a sense of belonging and enhancing academic skills are just a couple of the goals this team supports.

DISABILITY & ACCESS RESOURCES

We believe everyone should have a level playing field. Whether that's providing an interpreter for the hearing impaired or extra test taking time, we've got your student covered.

TUTORING SERVICES

Thanks to free tutoring and writing services, students have all the support they need to stay on top of coursework throughout the semester and when things ramp up during mid-terms and finals.

COUNSELING SERVICES

To reach their full potential, Wildcats must prioritize physical and mental health. Our team of experienced counselors is dedicated to promoting wellness strategies that empower students to achieve their absolute best.

COLLEGE HEALTH SERVICES

Students can also take advantage of free office visits and low-cost immunizations, physicals, and prescription medicines.





Get hands-on training for in-demand careers.

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Our graduate-placement rate is 97.6%, which means that nearly all our graduates are either employed or continuing their education within six months after they earn their degrees. In fact, many receive multiple job offers before they finish coursework.

That's because our programs are intentionally designed to meet industry demands and prepare graduates with the precise skills that employers want and need. Every experience from lab exercises and clinical placements to internships and community service projects is crafted to give our students the hands-on skills they need to excel.

REAL-WORLD EXPERIENCES

There's no substitute for real-world experience. That's why our programs emphasize hands-on learning through lab work, internships, community projects, and field trips. With internships, students score a window into their future careers and employers get a preview of the possibilities. With a win-win like this, it's no surprise that many spark job offers. We even have an internship support fund so students can get paid while they learn.

CENTER FOR CAREER DESIGN

Wildcats are exposed to pop-up employer visits throughout the year, as well as the Career Fair, which attracts 300+ employers twice annually. From resume reviews and mock interviews to free professional attire and employer networking events, the Center for Career Design has it all. Our team is here to advise students and alumni throughout their careers.

GLOBAL STUDIES

With a host of international opportunities, students have an open invitation to explore the world beyond Williamsport. Whether it's a global experience course, clinical rotation abroad, or international internship, there are lots of ways for Wildcats to broaden their horizons.

Put your financial plan in place.

Covering the cost of college is easily one of the most common concerns among parents and families. Nearly all will agree that higher education is a sound investment that will set their student up for success. How all the pieces come together is another question.

The good news is that there’s always a way to make it happen. The even better news is that our team has loads of experience helping families arrive at the smartest solution for their unique situation.



How can I help my student?

1

Your student should also complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at studentaid.gov. The priority deadline is March 1 for fall and this form is required to be considered for federal aid.

2

Encourage your student to complete the Penn College Scholarship Application. By filling out one form, they’ll be considered for 350+ opportunities. Awarding begins March 1.

3

Don’t forget about external scholarships. Lots of organizations like professional associations, community foundations, employers, and places of worship offer scholarships. Be resourceful and take advantage of all possibilities.



LEARN MORE



MISSED THE PRIORITY DEADLINE?

Students should submit the FAFSA as soon as possible. The Penn College Scholarship Application remains open until the start of the semester for fall students and October 1 for spring students.

CURIOUS ABOUT COSTS?

Visit pct.edu/cost-estimator to see expected costs for your student’s program of study, residency status, on-campus housing, and dining plan option.

UNSURE WHERE TO START?

The Financial Aid team is ready to field any questions you have about the process. Reach out today at finaid@pct.edu.

In the meantime, explore scholarship opportunities at pct.edu/scholarships.

THE FREEDOM OF OPEN ADMISSIONS

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We believe that everyone should have access to a college education. Our open admissions policy gives every student an opportunity to explore, grow, succeed, and reach their career goals.

TEST OPTIONAL

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We don't require SATs or ACTs for admission. By using placement assessments, we can ensure students meet the criteria necessary and get the help needed to hit the ground running in their specific major.

APPLY EARLY

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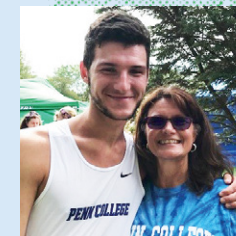
Programs often reach capacity early. Completing our three-step application process by the priority deadline will increase the chances of securing a spot in a desired program. When capacity is reached, students will be added to a waitlist.



STUDENT QUESTIONS

If you haven't visited campus, make plans to

come and see us. When it's time to make a final decision, it's always worthwhile to meet faculty, see the labs in person, and get a true feel for the community. Explore options at pct.edu/visit.



SHARON FULTON

Parent of Dean Fulton '23,
Business Administration: Marketing Concentration

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Once your student has been accepted to Penn College, here's what they can do to keep the momentum going. Some of the financial aid steps are repeated from the previous page. But they're really important so it doesn't hurt to mention them twice.

- ◇ Activate PCT Account
- ◇ Meet Placement Requirements
- ◇ Connect with Disability & Access Resources
- ◇ File the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- ◇ Complete the Penn College Scholarship Application
- ◇ Celebrate at Accepted Student Day (Especially for Fall Students)
- ◇ Grant Access to Parent & Family Experience Portal
- ◇ Confirm Intent to Enroll
- ◇ Make Living Arrangements
- ◇ Upload Student ID Photo
- ◇ Review Schedule
- ◇ Participate in New Student Orientation
- ◇ Submit Final Transcripts
- ◇ Select Dining Plan
- ◇ Purchase a Parking Permit
- ◇ Pay Bill
- ◇ Complete Health Requirements
- ◇ Get Books, Supplies, and Laptop
- ◇ Attend Welcome Week/Weekend

Head over to pct.edu/wildcatready to check out details for each of these.



OLLIE BARTHOLOMEW

Parent of Morgan Bartholomew '25,
Polymer Engineering Technology

“MORGAN HAS ENJOYED HER TIME AT SCHOOL VOLUNTEERING AND PARTICIPATING IN SO MANY ACTIVITIES. SHE WILL COME AWAY WITH AN ASSOCIATE DEGREE AND A BACHELOR'S DEGREE AS WELL AS A JOB MONTHS BEFORE SHE GRADUATES. THE PENN COLLEGE EXPERIENCE HAS PROVIDED HER WITH THE CONFIDENCE TO GO INTO ANY MANUFACTURING ENVIRONMENT AND BE COMFORTABLE TAKING ON TASKS FROM DAY ONE!”



STAY CONNECTED

Watch for an email inviting you to join the Penn College Parent & Family Portal—a hub where you can meet other supporters and learn what's happening on campus.



WORRIED ABOUT MISSING YOUR FAVORITE WILDCAT?

WE GET IT.

Here are a few ways to be
a part of their journey.

FIND US @PENNCOLLEGE.

See the latest by checking us out on Facebook and Instagram where you'll catch a glimpse of big-picture projects and daily highlights.

SEND WILDCAT WISHES.

Place an order for your choice of care package—from birthday treats to sick-day specialties—and we'll contact your student to pick up their surprise. Learn more at pct.edu/wildcat-wishes.

VISIT ANYTIME.

Of course, you're welcome to see your student throughout the semester. We definitely encourage you to mark your calendars for the three-day, action-packed Wildcat Weekend.

Learn more at pct.edu/wildcat-weekend.

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Pennsylvania College of Technology is an accredited institution and a member of the Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE or the Commission) www.msche.org. Pennsylvania College of Technology's accreditation status is Accreditation Reaffirmed. The Commission's most recent action on the institution's accreditation status on June 23, 2022, was to reaffirm accreditation.

MSCHE is recognized by the U.S. Secretary of Education to conduct accreditation and pre-accreditation (candidate status) activities for institutions of higher education including distance, correspondence education, and direct assessment programs offered at those institutions. The Commission's geographic area of accrediting activities is throughout the United States.

Penn College operates on a nondiscriminatory basis.

All data from 2024–25 sources.

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