



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

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HERE'S  
WHAT'S  
NEXT



# LET'S DO THIS.

## From choosing the perfect place to live and

snagging your seat at New Student Orientation to taking care of your bill and getting books and supplies, there's no shortage of boxes to check between now and the first day of classes.

If it seems like a lot to do, don't worry. We've got you. In addition to fueling your excitement, this guide will walk you through the major to-do items, discuss financial aid, and detail all the perks you can expect here at Penn College.



**WILDCAT LIFE**  
is on the horizon  
and there's endless  
excitement in the air.





Refer to this guide and check off steps as you gear up for the first week of classes.



When you're ready to dig into the details and find important dates, head over to the Accepted Student Page at [pct.edu/wildcatready](https://pct.edu/wildcatready).

# WHAT'S NEXT?

## □ MAKE LIVING ARRANGEMENTS

### On-Campus Housing Fills Fast

At Penn College, you'll find a variety of on- and off-campus housing options. If you're hoping to live on campus, we recommend reserving your spot as soon as possible after confirming your intent to enroll. We also have an extensive inventory of approved off-campus options, all located within the Penn College Police patrol zone.

Complete the housing contract for on-campus housing and submit your deposit at [access.pct.edu](https://access.pct.edu).

## □ SELECT A DINING PLAN

If you're living on campus and you completed your housing contract, this step is done. If you're living off-campus or are commuting, you'll have the option to purchase a meal plan to use while you're here.

See your options at [access.pct.edu](https://access.pct.edu).

## □ UPLOAD STUDENT ID PHOTO

Send us your photo now and we'll have your student ID ready when you come to campus.

Get started at [pct.edu/id-center](https://pct.edu/id-center).

## □ REVIEW YOUR SCHEDULE

We'll create your first-semester schedule based on the requirements of your program, input from your academic school, placement results, and possible transfer and alternative credits.

Once your schedule is ready, you can view it at [access.pct.edu](https://access.pct.edu).

## □ GET HYPED FOR NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

New Student Orientation is designed to help you and your supporters prepare for the road ahead. New Student Orientation looks a little different for students beginning in fall vs. those starting in the spring. Watch your email for more information.

## □ SUBMIT FINAL TRANSCRIPTS

We need your final, official transcripts before you can start classes. This applies whether you recently graduated from high school or just completed a semester at another college.

Have your transcript sent directly from your previous high school or college to [admissions@pct.edu](mailto:admissions@pct.edu).

## □ PURCHASE A PARKING PERMIT

Planning to bring your car to campus? While there's plenty of parking, you'll need to purchase a permit.

Parking passes are available for advanced purchase in the weeks leading up to the semester at [access.pct.edu](https://access.pct.edu).

## □ PAY YOUR BILL

You'll receive an email at your Penn College account when your bill is ready. Pay by the deadline to avoid late fees.

Bills can be paid at [access.pct.edu](https://access.pct.edu).

## □ COMPLETE HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

All incoming students must submit proof of immunizations prior to your arrival on campus.

See details at [pct.studenthealthportal.com](https://pct.studenthealthportal.com).

## □ GET BOOKS, SUPPLIES, & LAPTOP

What you need will be determined by your class schedule. You'll learn more about this during New Student Orientation.

To see what will be required, visit [access.pct.edu](https://access.pct.edu).

## □ ATTEND WELCOME WEEK/WEEKEND

Here's the easy part. It's time to come to campus! Move into your new space, spread your wings, and embrace your new home. We'll have lots of activities planned and various resource offices will be open to answer any last-minute questions you have before your first day.





# READY FOR ANYTHING

As students in the lab and classroom, athletes on the court, and sought-after new hires in the field, Wildcats have a reputation for being prepared. That's because hard work translates into results that make them proud.

## PUT YOUR FINANCIAL PLAN IN PLACE.

Setting yourself up for success tomorrow starts with being smart today. That means offsetting your investment with the best possible combination of funding sources. We recommend prioritizing grants and taking advantage of every scholarship opportunity you can. Then round out your plan with loans.

We understand that everyone's financial picture is a little different. Think about yours and see what works best for you. Unsure where to start? Our experienced team is here to help!

### 1. Submit your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

Required for any federal aid, the FAFSA opens in October for the following year. After completing your FAFSA, you can check your Student Portal to see your total award value. Learn more at [pct.edu/fafsa](https://pct.edu/fafsa).

### 2. Complete the Penn College Scholarship Application.

By submitting one scholarship application, you'll put your name in the running for 350+ unique, stackable scholarships. Apply at [pct.edu/scholarships](https://pct.edu/scholarships).

### 3. Take advantage of external scholarships.

Spend time seeking out scholarships beyond those offered through Penn College. Many employers and civic organizations have awards for students just like you! See more at [pct.edu/external-scholarships](https://pct.edu/external-scholarships).

### 4. Consider loan options.

Most students and parents take advantage of loan programs. Explore options at [pct.edu/loans](https://pct.edu/loans).

### 5. Familiarize yourself with tuition discounts.

Check out the possibilities and see if you're eligible at [pct.edu/discounts](https://pct.edu/discounts).

### 6. Think about on-campus employment.

From federal work-study to casual, part-time employment, and even student leadership positions, there are lots of ways to stack cash. Learn more at [pct.edu/finaid](https://pct.edu/finaid).



#### Questions?

Our team is here to help.

# \$3.6 MILLION

AWARDED IN 2024-25

# 350+

UNIQUE SCHOLARSHIPS

Apart from grants, scholarships are one of the best ways to cover your educational investment. The more scholarships you can earn, the more you'll save, and the less you'll need to repay after graduation.

Complete the annual Penn College Scholarship Application and we'll match you with as many scholarships as you're eligible for.

Application opens **December 1** for the following academic year. Awarding takes place between March and June for fall students and November through January for spring students.

#### DEFERRED PAYMENT PLAN

Qualified students can submit a down payment and break their tuition cost into four installments. See details at [pct.edu/paymentplan](https://pct.edu/paymentplan).

## Featured Scholarships



Most of these scholarships are renewable for two years for an associate-degree seeking student and four years for a bachelor-degree seeking student. The Penn College Transfer Student Scholarship is renewable for up to three years.

### CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP

If you're attending a career and technical program in Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Maryland, or Connecticut, this award is the perfect motivation to continue your hands-on education. Eligible students can get a \$2,000 annual scholarship.

### PENN COLLEGE TRANSFER STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP

Exclusively for select transfer students, this \$2,500 annual award celebrates the transfer journey and the immersive learning experience you'll enjoy at Penn College.

### SUMMER CAMP SCHOLARSHIP

If you attended one of our overnight career exploratory summer programs, you're eligible for a \$1,000 annual scholarship. If you came for two programs, you'll get \$2,000 in annual scholarships.

### SKILLSUSA SCHOLARSHIP

If you're a state or national SkillsUSA winner, you'll be awarded a \$2,500 scholarship for first place, \$1,500 for second place, and \$1,000 for third place.

See more at [pct.edu/scholarships](https://pct.edu/scholarships).

"THE SCHOLARSHIP I RECEIVED ALLOWED ME TO CONCENTRATE MORE ON MY ACADEMICS BY ALLEVIATING THE FINANCIAL BURDEN ASSOCIATED WITH ATTENDING COLLEGE."

ELIZABETH TAMMARO  
Non-Destructive Testing



# SUPPORT TO SEE YOU THROUGH

## From the time you submitted your application

to years after graduation, you'll be totally supported at Penn College. There's a reason that everyone says campus feels like home. That's because there's a sense of community and strong connections that last a lifetime.



## MICHAEL J. HUDOCK, SR. CENTER FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

At Penn College, we take academics seriously. Our team is dedicated to helping you make the most of your academic journey. Whether that's connecting you with a peer mentor or teaching you how to sharpen your test-taking skills, we're here to keep you motivated and moving in the direction of your goals.

## ACADEMIC ADVISING

Curious about which classes to take? Thinking about adding a minor or a dual degree? Your academic advisor will be your go-to resource for all things program-related. Regular meetings with your advisor are a great time to discuss career goals and ensure you're on track for graduation.

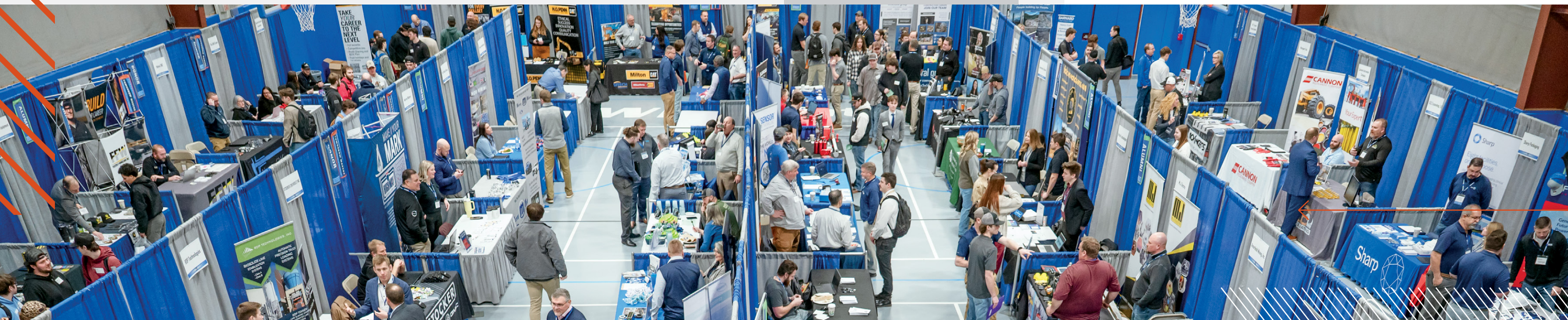
## CENTER FOR CAREER DESIGN

You're looking to land the career of your dreams. From job postings and resume reviews to free career clothing and mock interviews, the dedicated team at the Center for Career Design is here to help make it happen. And these perks don't end after graduation. Stop in anytime and get the support you need for success.



## MORE STUDENT PERKS

- ◇ SUPPORT FROM COUNSELING SERVICES
- ◇ ASSISTANCE FROM DISABILITY AND ACCESS RESOURCES
- ◇ COMPREHENSIVE ONE-ON-ONE AND GROUP TUTORING
- ◇ CONVENIENT ON-CAMPUS COLLEGE HEALTH SERVICES
- ◇ SUPPORTIVE PEER AND ALUMNI MENTORING PROGRAMS
- ◇ ON-CAMPUS CAREER FAIRS THAT ATTRACT 300+ EMPLOYERS TWICE PER YEAR
- ◇ AFFORDABLE VEHICLE REPAIRS VIA ON-CAMPUS AUTO LABS
- ◇ FIVE-DOLLAR TEETH CLEANINGS VIA ON-CAMPUS DENTAL CLINIC
- ◇ EXCLUSIVE STUDENT DISCOUNTS AT LOCAL RESTAURANTS AND RETAILERS
- ◇ FREEDOM TO HAVE YOUR CAR ON CAMPUS—YES, EVEN FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS!





# REAL-WORLD READY

We believe  
in hands-on  
education.

Everything you learn is rooted in purpose. Whether it's practicing the art of creative problem solving or honing an in-demand technical skill, your entire experience will prepare you to take a leading role in transforming tomorrow.

#### LEARN WHERE YOU LIVE.

Our Williamsport location puts you in the heart of Little League Baseball®. Players from around the world come to the area to compete for the title of world champion. You can get in on the action, too. Culinary students prepare delicious cuisine for players and fans. Graphic design students can earn game-changing internships at corporate headquarters. And several clubs and organizations take part in the annual Grand Slam Parade.

## Construction Management Competition

ABC | NATIONAL STUDENT CHAPTER NETWORK  
Associated Builders and Contractors



#### PRACTICE MAKES PROFESSIONAL.

From service projects to national competitions, real-world experience builds skills you'll apply from day one. Take healthcare, for example. Nothing builds rock-solid confidence like extensive lab training followed by clinical experiences alongside professionals. These strong industry connections don't stop in healthcare. Our relationships across all fields open doors for students in every major to get a taste of the opportunities to come.





# EMBRACE THE MAKER CULTURE

Here, you'll meet an eclectic mix of doers and creative problem solvers. Wildcats love the process of chasing exciting ideas inside and outside of the lab.

The Dr. Welch Workshop: A Makerspace at Penn College—packed with free tools and resources like sewing machines, 3D printers, and woodworking equipment—is the perfect space for bringing your visions to life.

Read their stories and  
meet more makers at  
[pct.edu/makers](https://pct.edu/makers).

## COMMUNITY OF CREATORS



**JASON WIEDL**  
*Construction Management*

For someone who never pictured himself going to college, Jason has fully embraced Wildcat life. Aside from his academic pursuits, Jason launched the first student-run enterprise at Penn College. His popular Clubhouse Concessions food cart has been a favorite at all types of campus events.



Photo Credit: Michael A. Kessler/UPMC Careers

**KENDRA PFEIFFER, '24**  
*Nursing*

After spending 16 years as a nursing assistant, Kendra decided it was time for a change. Motivated to take her patient care to the next level, she pursued her associate's degree in Nursing at Penn College. All while balancing work and family responsibilities, Kendra completed her coursework, passed her licensure exam and earned the title of RN. Now, she's back at Penn College and on her way to securing her bachelor's in Nursing.



**GARRETT CORNELIUSSEN, '18**  
*Welding & Fabrication Engineering Technology*

His Penn College education, series of impactful internships, and time with Tesla led to what he considers the career of a lifetime. Garrett is a founding engineer at Reframe Systems—a tomorrow-minded organization launched by three ex-Amazon leaders who are on a mission to build and retrofit net-zero homes on a massive scale.





# MAKE YOUR



## College is more than lab lessons and late-night

study sessions. It's your chance to get involved and explore outside of class, too. Joining clubs and organizations is one of the easiest ways to meet fresh faces and engage with meaningful opportunities that will enrich your journey. And don't forget about intramural activities. Take your pick from football and basketball to speedball and volleyball.

## TOMORROW'S LEADERS: 100% COMMITTED TODAY

Looking to grow as a leader? At Penn College, there are tons of ways to take your skills to the next level. Join the Student Government Association and be the voice for fellow students. Become an orientation leader or Admissions tour guide. Or work as an RA and serve as a positive role model. Just bring your ambition for taking on new challenges. We'll be here to add fuel to your fire.

## Meet Lauren.

*EVER SINCE SHE WAS A CHILD, LAUREN WAS DRAWN TO AIRPLANES. AFTER TOURING THE HANGAR AT PENN COLLEGE, SHE WAS SOLD. TODAY SHE'S PURSUING HER DREAM CAREER WHILE ALSO PLAYING ON THE WILDCAT TENNIS TEAM. YOU'LL FIND HER NAME ON THE DEAN'S LIST AND IN THE SCORECARDS WHERE SHE CONSISTENTLY TOPS OPPONENTS IN SINGLES AND DOUBLES MATCHES. LAUREN IS ALSO A MEMBER OF THE AIR NATIONAL GUARD AND A PROUD RECIPIENT OF PENN COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS.*

**LAUREN PECK**  
*Aviation Maintenance Technology*



## TODAY'S FORECAST: 100% CHANCE OF MUD

Baja SAE is one of the most popular clubs on campus. When you join forces with students from various majors to design, build, and race a single-seat off-road vehicle, what's not to love? In 2024, Penn College proudly hosted 102 teams from across the nation, Canada, and Brazil for a series of thrilling races on what many competitors deemed some of the most gnarly courses on the circuit. Our team secured a fourth-place finish in the grueling four-hour endurance competition. Teammates and fans alike enjoyed an unforgettable experience and took home memories that will last a lifetime.

Visit [engage.pct.edu](https://engage.pct.edu) to see the latest from our clubs and organizations.





TOMORROW  
BEGINS  
TODAY.

## FROM OUR WEEKLY LINEUP OF ACTIVITIES TO WILDCAT TRADITIONS

like the midnight breakfast during finals and the lively semester sendoff complete with games and food trucks, you have lots to look forward to as you begin this next chapter at Penn College. In the meantime, catch us on Instagram @PennCollege and see which events are on deck at [engage.pct.edu](https://engage.pct.edu).

### ADMISSIONS OFFICE

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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](http://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.

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Penn College operates on a nondiscriminatory basis.

All data from 2024–25 sources.

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