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PENNSYLVANIA COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY



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 an admissions counselor 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.

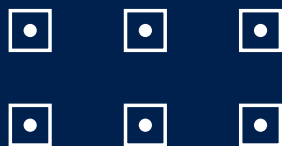


WELCOME TO WILLIAMSPORT

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 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. So, it's nearby for a grocery run or day trip.

Apart from all the perks, studies show that students who live on campus are more engaged in their campus community, have higher grade point averages, and are more likely to complete their degree on time. Who doesn't want all that?



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. Monitors are stationed at entrances during evening hours for an added level of safety.





At Penn College, there's no shortage of

opportunities to meet fresh faces. From day one, Wildcats enjoy a calendar loaded with events. PC3 runs the first three weeks of classes and is 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 it 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 60+ 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

- ◆ Alpha Chi Honor Society
- ◆ Arc Prayer Group
- ◆ Baja SAE
- ◆ Gamers' Guild
- ◆ One World Club
- ◆ Pep Band
- ◆ SkillsUSA
- ◆ Student Government Association
- ◆ Student Wildcats of Robotic Design (SWORD)
- ◆ Wildcat Events Board

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. If your student played in high school and wants to keep the competition alive, we've got a full lineup of intercollegiate men's and women's sports from archery and basketball to Esports and soccer. Those looking to have some fun with friends can check out intramurals like ultimate frisbee, kickball, root beer pong, and fantasy sport leagues.



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 the first session at Connections 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.



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.



CENTER FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Here's where you'll find front-line support for academic and personal challenges. Connect with a dedicated team who will work in tandem with faculty to keep you moving full speed ahead.

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.

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.





Get hands-on training for in-demand careers.

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aturally, you want to know that your student's educational investment will pay off. At Penn College, it will.

Our graduate-placement rate is 96%, which means that nearly all our graduates are employed 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 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

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

Thanks to a host of international opportunities, students have an open invitation to explore the world beyond Williamsport. Whether it's a semester-long exchange, 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 Have your student complete the Financial Aid Authorization (FAA) form, which is required to receive any financial aid at Penn College. This is located on the applicant dashboard and allows us to review other financial aid applications including the FAFSA.
- 2 Your student should also complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at studentaid.gov. The priority deadline is March 1 and this form is required to be considered for federal aid.
- 3 Encourage your student to complete the Penn College Scholarship Application. By filling out one form, they'll be considered for 350+ opportunities. The priority deadline for this application is also March 1.
- 4 Don't forget about external scholarships. Lots of organizations like employers, clubs, places of worship, civic groups, and community foundations offer scholarships. Be resourceful and take advantage of all possibilities.



LEARN MORE



MISSED THE MARCH 1 PRIORITY DEADLINES?

There's still time, but you'll want to submit the FAFSA and your Penn College Scholarship Application as soon as possible.

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.



WHY ALWAYS?

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,
Business Administration: Marketing Concentration

"THE WAY WE WERE TREATED FROM THE MOMENT WE EXPRESSED INTEREST IN THE COLLEGE TO OUR FIRST OPEN HOUSE VISIT WAS SO WELCOMING. THE OPEN HOUSE WAS WELL-ORGANIZED AND WELL-STAFFED, PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES TO EXPLORE THE DIFFERENT MAJORS AND GET A TRUE SENSE OF WHAT EACH CURRICULUM ENTAILED. WE WERE SOLD WITHIN 15 MINUTES OF BEING ON THE BEAUTIFUL CAMPUS."



EDWARD STAUFFER, JR.

Parent of Lauryn Stauffer,
Automation Engineering Technology: Robotics & Automation

"IT'S IMPORTANT TO TOUR POSSIBLE COLLEGES SO YOU CAN SEE IF YOU'RE COMFORTABLE WITH THE OVERALL PRESENCE OF THE FACILITY. PHOTOS CAN NEVER GIVE YOU THAT. YOU ALSO GET A CHANCE TO SEE ACTIVE LABS AND THE TYPES OF TECHNOLOGY YOU GET TO WORK WITH. DURING OUR PENN COLLEGE TOUR, IT WAS ESPECIALLY HELPFUL TO SPEAK TO STUDENTS AND TALK WITH THEM ABOUT THEIR PERSONAL EXPERIENCES AT THE SCHOOL."

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 Network Account
- ◇ Meet Placement Requirements
- ◇ Connect with Disability & Access Resources
- ◇ Complete the Financial Aid Authorization (FAA) Form
- ◇ File the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- ◇ Complete the Penn College Scholarship Application
- ◇ Review Parent/Guest Access
- ◇ Confirm Intent to Enroll
- ◇ Upload Student ID Photo
- ◇ Make Living Arrangements
- ◇ Review Schedule
- ◇ Participate in Connections
- ◇ Pay Bill
- ◇ Complete Health Requirements
- ◇ Get Books & Supplies
- ◇ Attend Welcome Week

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



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The Middle States Commission on Higher Education is an institutional accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. Secretary of Education and the Council for Higher Education Accreditation.

Penn College operates on a nondiscriminatory basis.

All data from 2021-22 sources.

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