

Welcome!



Thank you for joining us! We will be starting the Senior Parent Transition Meeting shortly.

Please make sure to mute yourselves before we begin. You will have a chance to ask questions and can unmute yourselves at that time.

Senior Parent Transition Meeting

April 22, 2020

Overview

- I. Special Education/OVR (Colleen Kastroll/ Brittany Montano)
- II. Pittsburgh Promise (Danny Jackson)
- III. College Planning (Ty Beck)
- IV. Senior Updates
- IV. Q+A

Special Education/OVR

Our Goal:

To ensure that your child meets their goals through receiving the same accommodations in their selected post-secondary destinations.

We will be here to provide resources and support students every step of the way!

OVR

“The Office of Vocational Rehabilitation serves people who have disabilities that present a substantial impediment to employment. Services are provided to individuals to prepare for, enter into, engage in, or retain employment. Our counselors work every year with thousands of persons who have physical, mental, or emotional disabilities.”



OVR - Services Offered

<u>Diagnostic Services</u>	<u>Independent Living Skills Training</u>
<u>Vocational Evaluation</u>	<u>Workplace Readiness Training</u>
<u>Counseling Services</u>	<u>Work-Based Learning Experiences</u>
<u>Training Services</u>	<u>Self-Advocacy Training</u>

PRE-Employment Transition Services (PETS)

Resource Account:

RA-LI-OVRPGHPETS@pa.gov

Phone: 412-392-4950

Supporting Transition

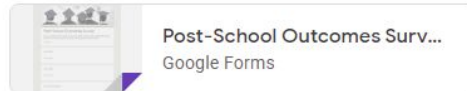
- ❑ Post School Outcome Surveys
- ❑ Providing Resources for Student Transition Plan
 - ❑ Facilitate Meetings
 - ❑ Provide Contact Info for School/OVR/Additional Resources
- ❑ Follow Up

Post School Outcome Survey

 Colleen Kastroll 2:18 PM

Please complete this form ASAP as it will provide Ms. Kastroll, Ms. Beck, and Dr. Mandell information about how we can best support you upon your graduation from high school! Please email me if you have any questions!

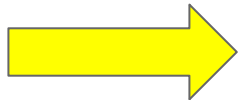
**Survey posted to
your child's Google
Classroom!**



What Should Students Do?

- ❑ Complete Post School Outcome Surveys
- ❑ Attend Virtual Tours or Meetings Where Applicable
- ❑ Use Provided Resources for Self-Advocacy
- ❑ Communicate with Special Education and Transition Support Teachers

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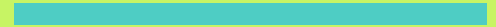
Post-School Outcomes Surv...
Google Forms

Upcoming

- ❑ Exit NOREP (Notice of Recommended Educational Placement)
- ❑ Summary of Academic Achievement and Functional Performance



Questions?



Pittsburgh Promise

The Pittsburgh Promise

www.pittsburghpromise.org

Students who

LIVE

In the City of Pittsburgh
Since day 1 of 9th grade

ATTEND

A Pittsburgh Public School or one of its
Charter Schools
Since day 1 of 9th grade

GRADUATE WITH A MINIMUM:

90% + 2.50 =

ATTENDANCE

CUMULATIVE GPA

Promise Scholarship

Applies to any accredited 2 or 4 year college,
university, trade/technical school in the state of
Pennsylvania

THE CCAC EXTENSION PROGRAM FOR THE PROMISE

90% + 2.0-2.49 =

Attendance

Cumulative GPA

1 Year Extension Program at CCAC

Includes support of Promise Success Coaches

**WHILE IN COLLEGE, SCHOLARS
MUST MAINTAIN:**

$$2.00 + 24 =$$

CUMULATIVE GPA CREDITS/YEAR

**Continued
Promise Scholarship**



The Scholarship

- ☐ 1) Live in the City or Wilkinsburg from day 1 of 9th grade continuously through graduation
- ☐ 2) Attend PPS (or Charter) from day 1 of 9th grade continuously through graduation
- ☐ 3) Meet GPA requirements (2.5 or higher)
- ☐ 4) Meet attendance requirements (90% or higher)

✓ ***Eligible for up to \$5,000 per year for four years of post-secondary education = \$20,000***



What Does The Promise Pay For?

- The student's remaining balance after all other grants, scholarships and institutional aid has been deducted from the total Cost of Attendance (COA)
- COA includes: tuition, fees, room, board and books (loans and work study are excluded).
- Students whose total COA is covered by other sources will still receive a minimum Pittsburgh Promise scholarship of \$1,000 for the year.



Tuition and Fees

+ Room and Board

+ Books

= Total Cost of Attendance

- Pell Grant (from FAFSA)

- PHEAA (PA State Grant)

- All other grants+scholarships

= Unmet Need

- Promise Scholarship

= Remaining Balance

To Pay



PREFERRED COLLEGE PARTNERS

1. Allegheny College
2. Cal. U of Pennsylvania
3. Carlow University
4. Carnegie Mellon University
5. Chatham University
6. Cheyney University
7. Clarion University
8. Duquesne University
9. Edinboro University
10. Geneva College
11. Grove City College
12. Indiana U of Pennsylvania
13. Juniata College
14. Kutztown University
15. La Roche College
16. Mansfield University
17. Mercyhurst University
18. Mount Aloysius College
19. Penn State- Select Campuses
20. Pittsburgh Technical College
21. Point Park University
22. Robert Morris University
23. Rosedale Technical College
24. Saint Vincent College
25. Seton Hill University
26. Shippensburg University
27. Slippery Rock University
28. Susquehanna University
29. Thaddeus Stevens College of Tech
30. Thiel College
31. Washington and Jefferson College
32. Waynesburg University
33. Westminster College
34. Williamson College of the Trades

USE YOUR PROMISE DOLLARS EARLY

CTE and Dual Enrollment Courses at CCAC

An advance on your Promise funds may be accessed while in 11th and 12th grades to take college courses

Students must meet residency and enrollment requirements to enroll

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**A COMPLETE FAFSA IS
REQUIRED EVERY YEAR AT**

fafsa.gov

Make your FSA ID first at www.fsaaid.ed.gov

Also the PA State Grant

pheaa.org

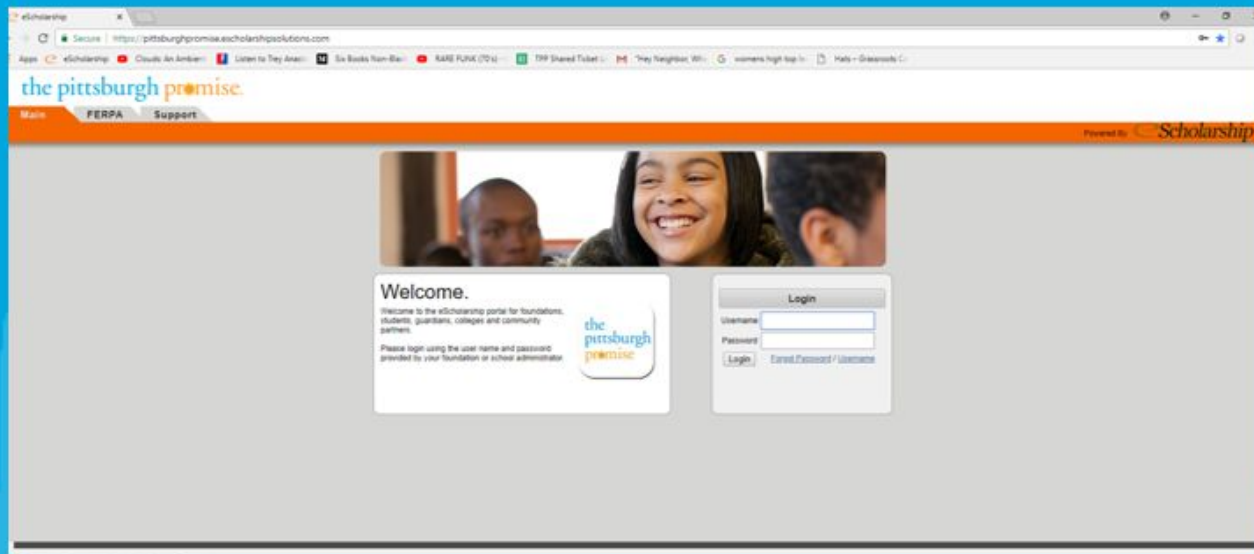
**FAFSA is available OCTOBER 1st. Deadline is
MAY 1st in order to receive both grants**

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Seniors- to apply, visit

www.pittsburghpromise.org/portal





3 STEPS TO THE PROMISE APPLICATION

www.pittsburghpromise.org/portal

1. Login to Promise Student Portal
2. Change password, update contact info, approve guardians
3. Click “School Interest”, then “Add School”
 - ✓ Type the school’s full name
 - ✓ Select the semester
 - ✓ Select the school year
4. (*If necessary, you may choose to submit a compassion appeal by clicking “Add Appeal”)



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Q & A

QUESTIONS LATER?

CONTACT US AT:
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College Planning

Spring Checklist

- ☒ Review acceptances
- ☒ Review financial aid offers
- ☒ Visit final college/university choices
 - ▣ School website
 - ▣ Virtual tours
 - ▣ Social media accounts (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram)
- ☒ Commit (check deadline)
- ☒ Reach out to other schools you got into

Spring Checklist

- ☒ Set up account with school - email communication
- ☒ Submit medical forms
- ☒ Sign up for housing
- ☒ Sign up for meal plan
- ☒ Sign up for and plan to attend an orientation
- ☒ Placement test dates
- ☒ Fall schedule
- ☒ Final high school transcript

Spring Checklist

Visit school website for specific next steps.

Example:

Penn State

<https://admissions.psu.edu/info/accepted/checklist/>

Accepted Student Checklist

We know you have a lot to plan and do before arriving to campus. This checklist should help you keep track of the major steps in the process.

Review your offer of admission in MyPennState.

Submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

Attend an Accepted Student Program.

Respond to your offer of admission.

Submit your nonrefundable deposit.

Accept a housing and food service contract, if applicable.

Plan for New Student Orientation.

International Students: I-20 and financial guarantee details



Provide the required health and immunization information.



Verify your incoming credits.



Submit Your Final High School Transcript



Pay your bill



Arrive on campus - Welcome to Penn State



Financial Aid

- ☑ Complete FAFSA (<http://www.fafsa.ed.gov>)
- ☑ Review Financial Aid Package
 - ▣ Merit Scholarship - do not repay, can be renewable or change from year to year and requirements to maintain
 - ▣ Grants - no dot repay and are needs based
 - ▣ Work Study - campus job opportunity that can go towards bill or keep for extra spending money
 - ▣ Loans - must repay and go towards bill

Financial Aid

- ☑ Review Cost of Attendance (COA - tuition and fees) AND Indirect costs (books, personal expenses, travel, etc)
 - ▣ Reach out to professionals for understanding - Institution's Financial Aid Office, Admissions Counselor or Ms Beck
- ☑ Appeal Financial Aid
 - ▣ Reach out to Financial Aid Office for procedure (email)

Financial Aid



Appeal Financial Aid continued

- Visit <https://formswift.com/swift-student>



Parent PLUS Loan

- Likely to be approved
 - If denied, additional \$4,000 in unsubsidized loans offered
- Variety repayment options
- No debt-to-income ratio
- High interest rate
- Origination fees

Financial Aid



Private Loan

- ▣ Low interest rates
- ▣ No origination fees



Scholarships

- ▣ Check deadlines
- ▣ Local are least claimed and less competitive

Borrow wisely and don't commit until you know you can afford it.

Scholarships

- JLV College Counseling - <https://jlvcollegecounseling.com/>
- Fastweb - <http://fastweb.com/>
- The PA Foundation Scholarships - <http://thepafoundation.org/>
- Peerlift - <http://peerlift.org/>
- College Board BigFuture - <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search>
- Scholars App - <https://scholarsapp.com/>
- The Foundation for Enhancing Communities (TCEF) - <https://www.tfec.org/county/allegHENY/>

Resources

- **Pittsburgh Promise** - www.pittsburghpromise.org/portal
- **PA Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA)** - <https://www.pheaa.org/>
 - PHEAA Financial Aid webinars - May 7, 14 and 21 from 6-7pm
- **FAFSA** - <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov>
- **Swift Student from FormSwift** - <https://formswift.com/swift-student>
- **NACAC College Admission Status Update** -
<https://www.nacacnet.org/news--publications/newsroom/college-admission-status-coronavirus/>
- **Strive Virtual College Exploration Week 4/20-4/23** - <https://www.strivescan.com/virtual/>
- **Virtual Conference and College Fair 5/4-5/6** - <https://virtual.gotocollegefairs.com/>
- **Vocational Rehabilitation Services**
<https://www.dli.pa.gov/Individuals/Disability-Services/ovr/Pages/default.aspx>

Senior Updates

Senior Updates & Administration Contacts

- Graduation Project
 - Present research findings only in June
- Prom will be rescheduled
 - Dependent on availability of venues
- Graduation will be rescheduled
 - Dependent on availability of venues
- Senior Debt
 - No payments until further notice

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