



Meeting Collegiate Needs Through Support Services & Programming

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Objectives

Discuss:

- Frequent student needs and unexpected barriers
- Internal and external high related supports
- Community resources
- College programming



Student Success Support Programs

- ACT 101
- TRIO
- KEYS
- Adelphoi Promise
- Partners at Westmoreland - Fostering Success
- Pathways Foundation Scholarship
- Services for Veteran & Military Students
- Disability Services
- RISE Program



ACT 101

PHEAA state-funded grant program that provides services to students whose records indicate they may need additional support to ensure college success. Students must meet income guidelines and have academic need.

- Counseling
- Advising
- Tutoring
- Online Workshops
- Midterm Progress Reports
- Newsletters
- Weekly Emails
- Cultural Activities/Field Trips
- Lending Library
- Resource/Relaxation Room
- \$100 Emergency Assistance
- Social Worker



TRIO

Federally funded program that strives to help students succeed in college, continue to enroll in courses and either graduate or transfer to a senior institution. Students must be a first-generation college student, have a disability or meet income guidelines.

- Counseling
- Educational Supplies
- Induction Fee Reimbursement
- Newsletters
- Scholarship Opportunities
- Tutoring
- Cultural Activities
- Financial Planning
- Mentoring
- Progress Reports
- Transfer Planning
- Academic Workshops

TRIO

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

KEYS

Keystone Education Yields Success (KEYS) is a collaborative program with PA Dept of Human Services and PA Community Colleges and is designed to assist recipients of TANF and/or SNAP. Eligibility is determined by the local County Assistance Office.

- Transportation/Mileage Pmt
- Vehicle Purchase (TANF only)
- School Supplies
- Equipment/Tools
- Vehicle Repairs
- Textbooks
- Education/Training Fees
- Childcare



Adelphoi Promise

Initiative that will facilitate college enrollment and subsequent graduation for current and former Adelphoi youth. The facets below will provide the best chance for at-risk youth to achieve post-secondary success.

- Financial Support
- Life Skills Support
- Academic Support



Partners at Westmoreland - Fostering Success

This program provides supports to students with experience in foster care.

- Counseling
- Financial Aid
- Progress Reports
- Resources for College Success
- Educational Planning
- Scholarship Assistance
- Academic & Career Planning



Pathways Foundation Scholarship and Support Program

Provides scholarship funding and academic supports to students referred by the juvenile justice system.

- Academic Counseling
- Educational Planning
- Progress Reports
- Academic & Career Planning
- Resources for College Success



Veteran & Military Services

Supports Offered:

- Transfer in of Military Credits
- Credit for Experience/Prior Learning
- First Year Seminar
- Military Scholarships
- Military Student Lounge
- Military-Related Organizations
- In-State Rates
- Priority Registration
- VA Ed Benefits & Fin Aid
- Advisors & Counselors
- Tutoring
- Military Student Events



Disability Services

The Disability Services Office provides reasonable accommodations to qualified students to ensure equity in their access to classes, services, and programs. The disability counselor is available to assist, consult, support, and advocate on behalf of students with disabilities at all Westmoreland locations and remote courses.



RISE Program

RISE is an inclusive program to help individuals with intellectual disabilities complete college courses and prepare for sustainable employment. RISE students are fully included with the campus community through classes, academic support, and student life involvement.



Mental Health Matters Initiative

The Mental Health Matters Initiative (MHMI) was started in 2021 to bring awareness and prevention to the faculty, staff and students of Westmoreland, as well as to reduce the stigma around mental health while connecting with the broader community and the businesses within. The initiative is made possible through grant funding that started with the Richard K. Mellon Trustees Foundation in 2021.



Posner Grant

The Mental Health Matters Initiative is currently funded through the 3 year Under-served Student and Parent Pathways Grant from the Posner Foundation of Pittsburgh that supports wrap-around services for students.

- Mental Health Counselor
- Emergency Assistance
- Balancing Act Group
- Social Worker
- Career Services



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Mental Health Services

- FREE Counseling Sessions (In Person/Virtual)
- Referral Services (In House and Community Partnerships)
- Awareness Events (Center visits)



Chill Spot

Located at each Westmoreland Center, The Chill Spot is a space for students to reduce stress & anxiety, relax, meditate, and reset.

- Yoga Mats
 - Fidget Spinners
 - Puzzles
 - Artistic Tools
 - Bean Bag Chairs
 - Stress Balls
 - Relaxation Sounds
- *Great place to face your stressors!



Student Outreach

- Center visits to distribute info/resources
- Holistic Care Services
 - Free chair massages @ each center
 - Yoga
 - Nutritional Education
- Coordination with Student Life to provide activities for students throughout the year
- Needs Assessment Survey
 - Available on student platform each semester
 - Social worker reviews weekly data & provides follow up with resources



WCCC Resources

Student Emergency Assistance Program - Provides support to currently enrolled students who are at-risk of dropping out due to unexpected financial emergencies. Funded by the Wright Thing To Do Scholarship Trust

-Medical/Dental Bills

-Utilities

-Housing/Rent

-Pub Transportation/Passes

-Childcare

-Gas

-Auto Expenses

-Food/Meals

Eligibility:

-Current Student taking courses in a credit program seeking degree/diploma/certificate

-Completed 6.0 credits min with GPA of 2.0 or higher

-Completed the FAFSA

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How to Apply:

- Complete online application
- Complete [Cashcourse.org](https://www.cashcourse.org) Budget
- Submit to Social Worker

- Maximum of \$300/per semester & no more than 3 times in their lifetime as a WCCC student
- Sheetz and/or Walmart Gift Cards for eligible students



WCCC Resources

Catholic Charities Young Families Grant (funded by the United Way)

Students in Westmoreland, Armstrong or Fayette County could be eligible for up to \$1000 for help with bills (once per year). Referrals made by WCCC social workers directly to the grant.

-Rent

-Utilities

-Car Repairs

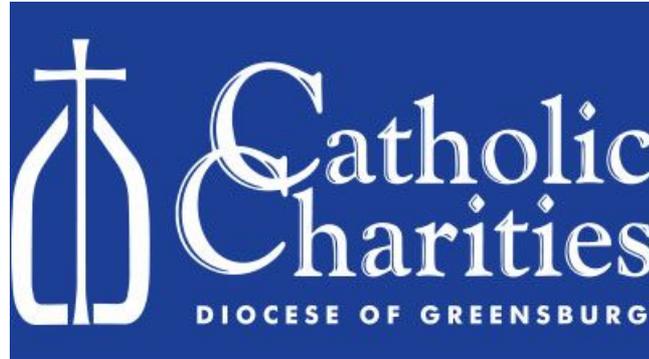
-Basic Needs

2025:

27 students received funds

\$11,788.83 dispersed

Top needs: Utilities and transportation



WCCC Resources

Student Food Pantry

- Funded by PNC grant and in collaboration with Westmoreland County Food Bank (WCFB)
- WCFB delivers monthly order
- At each location - varies in size and options available

Main Youngwood Campus:

- Grab & go items
- Frozen & refrigerated items
- Hygiene & paper products
- Canned & dry goods
- Pet supplies
- Baby items



WCCC Resources

Kids Clothing Closet

- Located at the Main Youngwood Campus
- Children's Clothing and other items from donations
- Items can be delivered to other centers



WCCC Resources

Career Clothing Closet

The Career Closet consists of professional clothing that is donated. Every item will be free for students. Students may utilize the closet whenever they are in need of professional clothing for events like interviews, court appearances, etc.



WCCC Resources

Advocacy Center

Supports and educates students to break down legal barriers and provide a pathway to complete their education and beyond. Help to understand their legal rights, develop goals, and take action. Subjects covered include alcohol offenses, custody concerns, expungements, name change, landlord/tenant law, mental health law, PFA's and more.



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WCCC Resources

Balancing Act Program (funded by the POSNER Grant)

- Students who are caring for children in their home
- Monthly meetings via Zoom or in person on various topics
- Participants receive \$50 deposited to their Pheple Federal Credit Union account
- Opportunity to attend family events hosted by the college for free!



Community Resources

United Way 211

- Most up-to-date information regarding community services in Pennsylvania
- Call 211
- Text zip code to 898-211
- Chat feature on United Way website

WCCC Website

- Mental health topics & treatment
- Various resources by subject

- ACT 101 & school social workers collaboration with students based on residence



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