Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, Bentley Hall is the focal point of the scenic Allegheny College campus and is a symbol of the school's status as the 32nd oldest college in the nation.
or many students, college tuition is the first major expense they’ll have to plan for. And with college costs increasing all the time, this is no easy feat. Fortunately, there are a number of options to help students and their families cover college expenses.

“Governmental student aid is just the beginning,” says Regina Brinza, a graduate and adult financial aid counselor at Carlow University. “Students and families can finance their degrees in a variety of ways – there really is no limit.”

With so many options, it’s important to keep track of deadlines and requirements. “It is the student’s responsibility to find out what forms are required to apply for financial aid and when the forms are due,” says Director of Financial Aid at La Roche College Sharon Platt. “Filing the application late may cause students to lose out on aid that they might have otherwise received.”

Sylvia Bustard, associate director of student financial aid at Kent State University, recommends looking into expenses sooner rather than later, so “you are not surprised about the cost or available financial aid before you make your final college choice.”

Check out your schools’ Net Price Calculator – a tool available on all college websites – to get an estimate of what your costs would be and start planning for them as early as possible. Once you have an idea of your potential expenses, you can start exploring all of your financial aid options, including the ones discussed here.

**FAFSA**

“All students who wish to be considered for financial aid should submit the FAFSA, or Free Application for Federal Student Aid,” says Chris Rouhier, senior admissions representative of Wheeling Jesuit University. “The FAFSA is free, and there are many sources of assistance available for families struggling to fill it out.”

The FAFSA generates a number called the ‘Expected Family Contribution,’ or ‘EFC,’ which estimates how much a family can afford to pay out-of-pocket for college and provides each college receiving the FAFSA a sense of how much financial aid a student needs, according to Rouhier.

“Don’t miss your state or school FAFSA filing deadlines,” warns Brinza. “You don’t want to pass up any ‘free money’ for which you might be eligible.”

It’s important to note the FAFSA timeline has changed notably this year, says Bustard. Rather than having to wait until after Jan. 1, students applying for school for fall 2017 can apply for financial aid starting on Oct. 1, 2016.

Rouhier points out this means “many colleges will be able to offer financial aid awards much earlier than in previous

**UNDERSTANDING YOUR OPTIONS**

When it comes to paying for your college education, guidance and admissions counselors can offer a wealth of knowledge and tips, but there are several online resources you can check out on your own, too.

Consumerfinance.gov/paying-for-college: Get a comprehensive look at student loans and explore tips on repaying them. You can also compare the costs of up to three schools at once.

Fastweb.com: Find scholarships you’re eligible to apply for and tips on how to win them with Fastweb’s database of 1.5 million scholarships. Other features include financial aid deadlines, a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) checklist and budgeting calculators.

Finaid.org: What’s the difference between a PLUS loan and a Stafford? Visit FinAid to find out and learn more about scholarships, ROTC and other forms of aid.

Studentaid.ed.gov: Federal Student Aid, of the U.S. Department of Education, is the largest provider of financial aid in the country. The site offers information on grants, loans, FAFSA and work-study funds. You can also see how different schools compare based on their costs, programs, size and more with the site’s College Scorecard tool.
years,” so students can gain a sense of their financial situation sooner.

“If your family’s circumstances change after you completed the FAFSA, notify the financial aid office of the school you plan to attend,” says Bustard. “There are some cases where your FAFSA results can be reviewed again for a change in circumstances.”

**SCHOLARSHIPS**

“Scholarships are a great way to fund your education,” says Bustard. “Scholarships can come from the school you plan to attend or from a nonprofit or private organization.”

Scholarships are typically awarded based on merit, so Rouhier says to “invest as much time as possible in your academic success.”

“Most institutions will award their most generous scholarships to high-achieving students.”

Students can find scholarships on a variety of websites but should also remember to reach out to those around them for help.

“Get the word out to everyone you know that you are looking for scholarships,” says Bustard. “Ask for help from your high school guidance counselor.”

“I advise my applicants to apply for private scholarships through their high school guidance offices, community foundations and area nonprofit organizations,” says Rouhier.

**LOANS**

Loans are a common financial aid resource and come in two forms: subsidized and unsubsidized. Both have to be paid back, but are otherwise quite different. Subsidized loans are available to undergraduate students based on financial need, and the federal government pays the interest on them. Unsubsidized loans are available to undergraduate and graduate students with or without financial need, and the government does not cover the cost of the interest.

“Undergraduates may also be available for special student loan programs such as Federal Direct Subsidized Loans or Perkins loans,” says Brinza.

**GRANTS**

Unlike loans, grants do not have to be repaid. Grants are based on the student’s financial need and can come from the government, colleges and universities and private organizations.

Brinza says undergraduate students seeking their first bachelor’s degree should look into federal and state grants, such as the Pell Grant or Pennsylvania State Grant.

**STUDENT EMPLOYMENT**

Many students choose to find a job on campus or off to help with their finances.

“If you earn any money from work while you are in school, save as much of it as you can to help pay your tuition or to start paying the interest that may be accruing on unsubsidized loans,” suggests Brinza.

Bustard of Kent State points out that, along with helping with your expenses, a job offers additional benefits.

“Student employment is a great way to help pay for college and is also a great resume builder,” she says. Plus, “studies show that student employees tend to persist in their education, more than non-working students.”

**PAYMENT PLANS**

An often underutilized resource for college expenses are payment plans. Payment plans allow students and their families to spread out college costs over a longer period of time. Although they won’t actually cover your costs, they can make them more manageable, say Bustard.

“It is best to figure out what you can afford to pay on a payment plan, without borrowing to cover your balance,” she advises.

**OTHER OPTIONS**

There are a number of less-common financial aid options available based on factors such as your major, family situation and parents’ employment.

For instance, Rouhier recommends students entering fields such as health care or education “seek out scholarships or loan forgiveness programs for people who are willing to work in high-need areas.”

He also says “students and families struggling with recent financial crises... may be able to apply for ‘professional judgment,’ which allows financial aid offices to recalculate the amount of need-based aid the student qualifies for.”

Platt also recommends checking with any organizations family members belong to as well as parents’ employers for possible aid.

“Students and their parents should check with their places of employment to see if their employer offers students and/or the parents’ dependents any scholarship or tuition waivers.”

“A rarely discussed education savings tool is the 529 plan (known as the PA529 in Pennsylvania)” says Brinza. “Parents and grandparents can begin saving for their children and grandchildren at any time. Obviously the earlier the better, but even after a student has started college, there is still time to open a 529 plan and deduct the contributions from your Pennsylvania taxable income.”

Perhaps the most unique financial aid approach she’s seen?

“Some students have gone so far as to set up crowdfunding campaigns [via social media] to raise money from friends, family and strangers to pay for tuition, study abroad or other educational expenses.”

To learn more about your financial aid options, Bustard recommends attending “a free financial aid information night offered by your high school or local college.” These are often led by financial aid experts from nearby colleges and universities, so they’re a great opportunity to ask experienced professionals all of your financial aid questions.

Platt also encourages students to talk with someone in a school’s Financial Aid Office if they have any questions.

“Students should never pay someone to help them apply for financial aid,” she says. “There is plenty of free assistance out there.”
The college application process is a daunting one for many students. With pages of questions and the often-dreaded essay, it's easy to feel overwhelmed. Fortunately, admissions counselors from Grove City College, Saint Vincent College, Allegheny College and Thiel College are here to help with advice on how to craft a standout application.

**DO:**

"Start your application process early in your senior year," says Dean of Admission at Saint Vincent College Stephen Neitz. "The sooner you apply, the sooner you'll learn the admission office's decision on your acceptance." This leaves you with more time to enjoy your senior year and less time anxiously waiting to hear about your application status.

**DON'T:**

Apply early decision unless you're absolutely sure you can and want to attend that school.

"I only recommend a student apply early decision if they know for certain – having taken into consideration all financial aid concerns and visited the college – that the college they are submitting an early decision application for is where they intend to matriculate if they are admitted," says Sarah E. Gibbs, director of admissions at Grove City College.

**DO:**

"Apply to three to five schools, suggests Gibbs. "I would recommend applying to one 'reach' school, two to three 'target' schools and two 'safety' schools," she says. This provides options for applicants while also covering their bases in case factors such as "finances, homesickness or major change" impact their ability to attend their reach or target schools.

**DON'T:**

Take senior year off.

"If possible, create a strong schedule," says Stephen Lazowski, the vice president for enrollment management at Thiel College. "Many schools are moving to a test-optional admissions policy, so the courses you choose are as important as ever...Many institutions hold a 'B' in an honors, AP or IB class in higher regard than an 'A' in a regular course."

**DO:**

Follow up.

"Be your own best advocate," says Lazowski. "Admissions counselors and staff love to hear from you. Follow up on your application status, ask questions about your academic and social areas of interest and get to know your admissions counselor."

**DON'T:**

Forget about your guidance counselors.

"School counselors and college admissions professionals can provide key guidance and assistance to students about the entire application process," says Linda Gibson Clune, senior associate director of admissions at Allegheny College.

"It is very important for applicants to work closely with their high school guidance counselor," agrees Neitz. "Seniors should make sure that their counselor knows all about their college search, including where they are in the application process for each college of interest." Likewise, university counselors "are wonderful, friendly professionals who connect students with college resources such as admission, scholarships and special opportunity programs."

"In addition, current college students who have recently gone through the college search process can be a great resource for high school students," adds Gibson Clune.

**DO:**

Make it personal.

"The most important part of the application is to tell your story," says Gibbs. "Whether it is your letters of recommendation, essay, resume or the interview, you want to share who you are and what you hope to achieve. You also want to share how this ties into the identity of the college or university you are applying to."

NCAA All-American and three-time Presidents' Athletic Conference MVP Emily Rabenold graduated from Grove City College in May with a degree in biology. Below, Grove City Director of Admissions Sarah E. Gibbs shares her tips for submitting a great application.
DO: Rock the essay. Rather than focusing on a common topic, such as the sport you play, Lazowski says, “A perspective on how you handled an adverse situation or overcame a challenging time or moment in your life gives colleges more insight to what drives you as a person, which is important in differentiating you from other applicants.”

Gibbs also suggests keeping in mind the two questions “every college will have when reading a college essay: Are you a good fit for my institution? Is my institution a good fit for you?”

DON’T: Forget to proofread.
“It is cliché, but it has never been more important: spell check, grammar check and have someone — other than your parents — proof your essay,” advises Lazowski.

“One of the most common mistakes is when students use another school’s name in the essay,” warns Gibson Clune. “If you are using the same essay for multiple schools, be sure to update the name of the school.”

DO: Be confident.
“Your application is a place you should not be humble,” says Gibson Clune. “We want to know how you spend your time, what you are passionate about and what recognitions and accolades you may have received for your accomplishments. Don’t be shy to share.”

“Tell colleges every accomplishment, club, sport and organization you have participated in,” says Lazowski. “Don’t downplay your achievements on your application…tell the college what an amazing person you are.”

Many colleges and universities encourage applicants to interview with an admissions counselor or alumnus when applying to their school. Todd Pilipovich, the director of admissions at Chatham University, says these meetings offer students a chance to “elaborate on their accomplishments and involvements in the classroom, the community and areas of interest.” Vicky L. Pingie, associate director of admissions at the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford, says they also give prospective students a chance to “tour the campus, sit in on a class, eat in the dining hall, meet with a coach,” and get a true sense of whether or not a school is the “right fit.”

But whether you’re interviewing with an admissions counselor as part of your application or meeting with an alumnus to learn more about the school, the process can be nerve-racking. So we asked Pilipovich and Pingie their top tips for a great interview.

1. “Researching the school and the program always shows an interviewer that you’re passionate about the school and the field of study you’re looking to go into,” says Pilipovich. “Having a great understanding of a college’s history, mission, the academic program requirements and career outcomes helps build a student’s confidence to ease the stress of a college interview.”

Pingie agrees.
“Come prepared – the prospective student should do the talking. Don’t let mom and dad do it all.”

2. “Be genuine,” says Pilipovich. “When a student is genuine, it becomes a more tailored conversation and creates an opportunity for an enhanced connection and open dialogue.”

3. “Talk to current students,” recommends Pingie. “They are the experts; they are the ones that live, go to class, work, eat, play, sleep on the campus.”
From class sizes and internship opportunities to tuition and study-abroad programs, there are countless factors to consider when choosing which school to attend. With so much to take into account, it can be difficult to decide where you should spend your next four – or more – years.

Here, admissions representatives from Point Park University and Waynesburg University offer advice on how to choose the right school for you.

1. Keep an Open Mind

Even if you’ve always imagined yourself at a big university or swore you’d never apply to a college in the city, it’s important to consider and research a wide range of schools before making any decisions.

“Students should keep an open mind when exploring colleges and universities,” says Gary Bracken, vice president of enrollment management at Point Park. “You should strive to find a university that challenges you yet provides a supportive environment to help you embrace new challenges.”

“They should also not discount a college or university based on price until after the financial aid process has concluded,” says Dr. Shari Payne, vice president of enrollment at Waynesburg. “Many students receive generous financial aid packages that make the cost of attendance far less than the published sticker price.”

2. Don’t Rely on Rankings

School rankings may sound impressive, but you shouldn’t base your decision too heavily on them.

“Selecting a college or university should be a very personalized experience for each prospective student,” says Dr. Payne. “They should look for a school that is going to be their best fit for the next four years.”

“Rather than considering rankings, I recommend that students search for published outcomes that will help them determine what the return on investment will be. For example, students should be able to compare the freshman to sophomore retention rate, graduation rate and placement rate.”

Bracken agrees.

“You’re looking for the right university for you. It’s a personal choice and process.”

3. Think Long-Term

When choosing which school to attend, it’s important to remember that your decision lasts beyond the four years you’ll spend there.

“Students need to ensure that the college or university offers the right academic major that will help on their chosen career path,” says Dr. Payne.

“You shouldn’t have to wait four years to enter the real world,” says Bracken. “The right university should have faculty who integrate relevant experience into the classroom and feature innovative co-op programs, internships and professional networking to launch your career.”

4. Visit Campuses

“Take advantage of all visit opportunities,” says Dr. Payne, “Including open house programs, personal visits that include campus tours and visits with faculty, overnight stays in the residence halls with current students and even football games or other campus activities.”

“Be an active visitor,” advises Bracken. “Talk to current students, professors and alumni. Sit in on classes. See where students are interning, having co-op experiences or being employed...You’re trying to determine if this is a university that empowers you to thrive and embraces you as an individual.”

Dr. Payne says her own college decision was based on a tour of the campus.

“I got a strong feeling of belonging when I went on tour to one university, in particular. That was the only one where I submitted an application,” she says. “As an admissions professional, I don’t necessarily recommend that approach. I can’t help but notice the look on prospective students’ faces, though, when I see that they’ve connected with my university in the same way that I did 25 years ago.”

DECISIONS, DECISIONS

Choosing which school you’ll attend is a big decision. Here are some questions to ask yourself when narrowing down your future alma mater.

1. Why am I attending college?
2. What do I want to do after graduation? How will this school help me accomplish this?
3. How much can I afford to spend on school?
4. Will this school accept my Advanced Placement credits or dual-credit courses from high school?
5. What financial aid and work-study opportunities does this school offer?
6. Does this school offer my potential major? If I decide to switch majors, are my second and third choices available?
7. What kind of campus do I want? Small or large? Urban, suburban or traditional college town?
8. How far away from home am I comfortable going?
9. Does this school offer the extracurricular activities I’m interested in?
10. What student support services are available at the school?
It’s easy to learn important facts and statistics about a school online, but visiting the campus gives applicants the true experience of being a student. If you’re able to visit any of the schools you’re considering attending, it’s a great opportunity to explore the campus and neighborhood, meet students and professors, check out the dorms and possibly even sit in on a class.

Of course, with so much to see and do, it’s important to go into a visit prepared, so you’re able to fully take advantage of the tour. Natalie Yingling, associate director of admissions at Westminster College, and Morgan Rizzardi, associate director of admissions at Butler County Community College, offer tips on how to get the most out of your campus visit.

**BEFORE**

There are a number of factors to consider when planning your campus visit. How many schools should you see? When’s the best time to go? Should you schedule a group or private tour?

Both Yingling and Rizzardi recommend visiting multiple campuses. Yingling suggests seeing five and Rizzardi encourages students to visit at least two or three for comparison purposes.

They also suggest checking them out sooner rather than later.

“Plan to visit campuses as early as your sophomore or junior year of high school to allow ample time to make an informed decision,” says Rizzardi.

“The sooner you visit campus, the more opportunities you have for a return visit to take a closer look,” says Yingling.

As for the type of tour, both group and private have their benefits, says Yingling.

“If it’s an initial look at the school, a group visit is a great way to get acquainted with a campus. If [you] are looking to have more of a personalized visit, a private tour is the way to go.”

Rizzardi agrees.

“There is truly value in both types of tours. Oftentimes, group tours pair students interested in a certain academic discipline and allow them to get an in-depth look at curriculum, technology [or] lab space.”

They also recommend you do your homework beforehand by checking out the school’s website, social media channels, videos and blogs.

“Make a list of questions ahead of time to ask the admissions counselor, as we are always impressed by that,” says Rizzardi.

**DURING**

There’s a lot to take in during a campus visit, so Yingling suggests taking notes to help you remember everything.

She also encourages students to “be open” and ask plenty of questions.

“The student tour guides often get questions about the food, weekend life on campus and how they personally like attending the college,” she says.

“It’s O.K. to ask the simple questions on a campus tour, such as ‘Where do students hang out in between classes or go to find quiet study space?’ or ‘Where can I grab a bite to eat, coffee or work out?’” says Rizzardi. “These are the type of questions that may not be addressed formally in an admissions presentation or appointment, but are important to your success.”

You should also do whatever you can to get a real sense of life on campus, says Rizzardi.

“Sit in on a college class, stay overnight in the residence halls or meet with a faculty member, if possible.”

**AFTER**

Once you’ve finished touring campuses, you’ll likely have a better sense of schools you can really see yourself attending.

“Visiting campus is the best way to find out if a school is a good fit,” says Yingling.

“Oftentimes, the campus visit can be the deciding factor when it comes to making a college decision,” says Rizzardi.

“The ultimate goal is to be comfortable with your environment and decision to attend that institution.”

If you’re still unsure, though, you can always schedule another round of visits. Having visited a campus once already, you’ll have an even better sense of the spots you want to see and the questions you have.
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That’s a philosophy that literally has suited Graziani to a T.

Today, as she enjoys Hillcrest Urban Farm’s tea blends and frozen tea pops – products which are available at local grocers – and looks out over the formerly vacant lots that are now filled with fields of lavender and mullein, parsley and mugwort, she takes satisfaction in seeing opportunity that others did not. Her solely women-run business is making a difference in her community, and she recognizes the role that Carlow played in her business’ success.

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La Roche College provides an innovative, skills-driven education to prepare students for success in today’s competitive workforce. Founded by the Sisters of Divine Providence in 1963, La Roche educates students to be lifelong learners and achievers in an increasingly diverse and global society. Offering more than 50 career-focused majors, La Roche’s undergraduate programs include the high-demand fields of business, management, education, computer science, criminal justice, and health and medical sciences, as well as creative disciplines in interior design, graphic design, dance, film and media.

With a faculty of award-winning scholars, researchers and industry-connected professionals, students receive quality instruction with a real-world approach. Individualized attention from faculty is one of La Roche’s best benefits. A 12:1 student-to-faculty ratio ensures that students receive personalized attention, and professors are dedicated to helping students achieve their academic and career goals.

Although professors reserve class time for discussion, experimentation and interaction, learning happens both inside and outside of the classroom. The Study Abroad + Study USA program, for example, is included in the cost of tuition and allows students to travel the U.S. or study abroad at little or no cost. Students recently traveled to Ecuador, Cuba, China, Denmark, Italy, London, Paris, Portugal, Los Angeles and the Galapagos Islands. Another unique program is The Honors Institute, which offers extracurricular activities and independent research opportunities.

One highlight of the College’s core curriculum is The La Roche Experience, a required sequence of courses for all traditional freshmen, sophomores and juniors. This program introduces students to the principles of peace and justice, giving them the skills and perspective to make a positive impact in today’s society.

Situated in Pittsburgh’s North Hills, the campus combines suburban life with big-city amenities. McCandless Crossing, a new neighborhood district and town center, is only a five-minute walk across the street from campus. From a movie theater, shops and restaurants to a pharmacy, bank, and grocery store, McCandless Crossing has nearly everything college students desire or need, including employment and internship opportunities. Just a short drive away is North Park of Allegheny County, the perfect place for outdoor exercise and recreation. Campus also is just 15 minutes north of downtown Pittsburgh, exposing students to a variety of cultural, recreational and career opportunities in a major metropolitan area.

Student-life is active and exciting, with more than 30 student clubs and organizations, intramurals and service learning programs. Home to the Redhawks, La Roche offers 13 NCAA Div. III athletic teams. Men’s sports include baseball, basketball, cross country, golf, lacrosse and soccer. Women’s sports include basketball, cross country, lacrosse, soccer, softball, tennis and volleyball.

Personal visits are offered weekdays at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Preview Days will be held on the following Saturdays: Sept. 17, Oct. 15 and Dec. 3. An open house will be held on Saturday, Nov. 12.

Learn more and apply at laroche.edu.

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FUTURE. IT ALSO IS CLOSE TO HOME, WHICH 
IS A VERY IMPORTANT FACTOR TO ME.

- BEN MULLINS | Finance
Wheeling Jesuit University Educates the ‘Whole Person’

Academic excellence, a commitment to serve others and the desire to educate the whole person are values that make an education at Wheeling Jesuit University (WJU) unique.

WJU is the only Catholic university in West Virginia and is part of a 475-year tradition of Jesuit educational excellence that prepares students for deep thinking in a moral context about important topics that impact their lives and their world.

“The experiences WJU students gain helps prepare them for their life’s work in boardrooms and classrooms, medical centers and center stage, laboratories and labor relations – in each situation making a difference in the world in which we live,” said WJU President, Rev. James Fleming, S.J.

The education WJU provides its students continues to gain it national recognition by publications. College Raptor Inc. named Wheeling Jesuit as the best HIDDEN GEM institution in the state for the second straight year. Both Washington Monthly and U.S. News and World Report rank WJU among the best in the nation.

For the past decade, Wheeling Jesuit students have achieved nearly 100 percent acceptance rates for graduate programs in medicine, dentistry, law and engineering. Additionally, Wheeling Jesuit has the highest four-year graduation rate of any college or university in West Virginia.

Wheeling Jesuit prides itself on being a leader in undergraduate research. Fifty-two percent of undergraduates participate in research annually. For 17 years, WJU students have been presenting their original research at an annual research symposium held each April.

“Research Day has come a long way since it began in 1999. This daylong event encompasses the best that WJU has to offer in terms of student research and allows our students to showcase their talents. The 2016 event was the largest to date with more than 150 student presentations,” said WJU Director of Undergraduate Research, Dr. Bryan Raudenbush.

Professional and Graduate Programs at WJU are suited to meet the needs of people with real lives and responsibilities. A variety of programs are offered in leadership, education, physical therapy, nursing and business. WJU offers several online programs of study including: Accelerated Certification for Teachers; and Master’s in Educational Leadership; and RN to BSN and MSN.

A key component of a WJU education is service. Students at Wheeling Jesuit are continually encouraged to live out the university’s mission by serving others. Nearly every student on campus is involved in service of some kind whether it’s locally, nationally or internationally.

The Service for Social Action Center arranges immersion trips across the country and the world. For this commitment to service, WJU was named to the President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll – recognizing the university as a national leader among institutions of higher education for its support of volunteering, service-learning and civic engagement.

“One thing that makes Wheeling Jesuit unique is that we help young men and women discover who they are. We focus on a student’s individual development and self discovery and help each one become a well integrated whole person. Wheeling Jesuit helps students develop and share their unique gifts,” Fr. Fleming added.

CONTACT INFO: Wheeling, WV; www.wju.edu; 800-624-6992; admiss@wju.edu YEAR FOUNDED: 1954 APPLICATION DEADLINE: Rolling FRESHMAN ACCEPTANCE RATE: 84% SUBJECT MATTER EXPERTISE: Health Sciences, Business, Arts & Humanities, Professions STUDENT-TO-FACULTY RATIO: 12:1 ENROLLMENT: 1516; 1024 full time undergraduates NUMBER OF UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES OFFERED: 30 IN-STATE TUITION: $28,110 Tuition; $7796 Room and Board OUT-OF-STATE TUITION: Same PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS ON FINANCIAL AID: 89% MINORITY PERCENTAGE: 24% PERCENTAGE OF COMMUTERS: 26% FEMALE PERCENTAGE: 50% TOP THREE AWARDS/RECOGNITIONS: College Raptor Inc. named best Hidden Gem in state of WV; Both Washington Monthly and U.S. News & World Report rank WJU among the best in the nation. DISTANCE FROM DOWNTOWN PITTSBURGH: 60 minutes AFFILIATED COLLEGES/SATELLITE CAMPUSES: None
Use your talents

Whether you are deciding on a school or deciding on a major, you are looking for what best suits you... **you are looking for the right fit.**

At Wheeling Jesuit University, we take our motto, “Luceat Lux Vestra” or “Let Your Light Shine,” seriously. **We will help you discover the greatness inside you,** harness it and prepare you for a successful and rewarding life after graduation.

**Fall Cardinal Visit Day: Oct. 22**
Saturday Visits available Sept. 10 & Oct. 8

wju.edu + 800.624.6992
Chatham offers over 60 undergraduate and graduate programs in our areas of excellence: sustainability, health and lab sciences, business and communication; and the arts and humanities through programs housed within the School of Health Sciences, School of Arts, Science & Business, and the Falk School of Sustainability & Environment. Our faculty are more than teacher-scholars – they’re game-changers for our students. Through classes and personal interaction, they get to not only know their students, but to understand them. That’s how they’re able to create opportunities for their students that open avenues students may never have thought to explore.

Nearly 100% of our students receive financial assistance from Chatham in the form of merit scholarships or need-based aid and scholarships. That means that for many of our students, the cost of a Chatham education is comparable to – and in some cases lower than – the cost of attending a public institution.

**Preparation for the Real World**

The Chatham Plan—our professional preparation program—ensures that all students gain practical, hands-on experience prior to graduation. Every student is required to complete professional development seminars, at least one internship, a graduation checklist and an integrated capstone project in their field. A recent survey conducted of Chatham graduates one year after graduation revealed that over 90% of recent graduates are either employed in their field or in some capacity, or accepted/enrolled in graduate school.

**Focus on Sustainability**

Alma mater of environmental icon Rachel Carson ’29, Chatham University has proven time and again that no one understands, lives, leads, and teaches sustainability like we do. In 2014, we opened our Eden Hall Campus, the world’s first academic community built from the ground-up for the study and design of sustainable living, learning, and development. This 388-acre “living laboratory” is the home of our Falk School of Sustainability & Environment, which offers our undergraduate and graduate degrees in sustainability and food studies, as well as courses, programming and opportunities for students from all majors. In fact, all undergraduates at Chatham take a sustainability course as part of our general education requirements and participate in a one-semester, experiential-learning field experience at Eden Hall Campus. Learn more at chatham.edu/explore.
Explore Chatham University

Visit us this fall to learn about our rigorous academics, explore our stunning campuses, and meet our faculty. Can’t make it to one of our events? Plan a visit for one of our Saturday tour days.

UNDERGRADUATE
Register today at chatham.edu/fallvisitdays

► FALL OPEN HOUSE
  Saturday, September 17, 9:00 a.m.

► CAMPUS VISIT DAY
  Monday, October 10, 9:30 a.m.

► FALL OPEN HOUSE
  Sunday, October 16, 9:00 a.m.

► ACADEMIC VISIT DAY
  Friday, November 18, 8:30 a.m.

GRADUATE
Register today at chatham.edu/gradopenhouse

► FALL OPEN HOUSE
  Saturday, October 29, 9:00 a.m.
The Art Institute of Pittsburgh is a creative arts institution offering programs in the areas of design, media arts, fashion and culinary. We have a rich history in our great city’s creative and cultural community. Once you’re here, you can feel the energy of our students and faculty — and of a city that’s witnessed a renaissance in the past forty years.

Our programs will help you focus your talents and explore what you’re passionate about. In our collaborative environment, our instructors will guide and mentor you as we help you build the skills you need to start your creative career.

Our facility also includes the Taste of Art Restaurant, the dining lab for students in our culinary program. This restaurant is student-run and open to the public, and was rated “Best Kept Secret” in Pittsburgh Magazine's Best Restaurants in Pittsburgh Reader's Poll. The menu reflects international cuisine; this month it might be Thai and the next time you visit you may experience Egyptian cuisine. Under the supervision of Chef Shawn Culp and an experienced and credentialed faculty of chef instructors, students create bistro-style dishes in the kitchen and run all aspects of the dining room. From food ordering and preparation to guest seating and serving, Taste of Art is a complete instructional environment for students that offers a quality dining experience to its patrons.

The Art Institute of Pittsburgh is approved by the Ohio State Board of Career Colleges and Schools, 30 East Broad Street, Suite 2481, Columbus, OH 43215, 614-466-2752. OH Registration # 73-01-0371T.

CONTACT INFO: artinstitutes.edu/Pittsburgh, 800/275-2470, admissions-aip@aii.edu
APPLICATION DEADLINE: Rolling
FRESHMAN
STUDENT-TO-FACULTY RATIO: 15:1
ENROLLMENT: approximately 700
PERCENTAGE OF COMMUTERS: 65%
FEMALE
PERCENTAGE: 51%
MINORITY
PERCENTAGE: 28%

The Art Institute of Pittsburgh is one of The Art Institutes, a system of over 50 schools throughout North America. Programs, credential levels, technology, and scheduling options vary by school and are subject to change. Not all online programs are available to residents of all U.S. states.

Several institutions included in The Art Institutes system are campuses of South University or Argosy University. The Art Institute of Pittsburgh,
420 Boulevard of the Allies, Pittsburgh, PA 15219 © 2016 The Art Institutes. All rights reserved. Our email address is materialsreview@aii.edu.
See programs.info for program duration, tuition, fees and other costs, median debt, salary data, alumni success, and other important info.
Grove City College is a highly-ranked, private liberal arts school that offers a rich academic tradition at an amazing value in Christian community of learners. It's higher education for a higher purpose.

The College is routinely ranked among the nation's best colleges by Princeton Review, U.S. News & World Report, Forbes and others based on academic quality and a great return on investment.

Founded in 1876, the College is committed to the principles of faith and freedom, a pioneer in independent private education and accepts no federal funds. It offers its 2,500 students degrees in more than 60 programs of study in the liberal arts, sciences, engineering and music.

On a picturesque, 188-acre campus north of Pittsburgh, students grow intellectually and spiritually under a unique curriculum that aims to both educate and enlighten young people as they determine their professional and personal calling. The College is more than just a school, it's a community dedicated to faith and learning that cares about and challenges students to excel in the classroom and the world at large.

We provide students the knowledge and skills they'll need to compete in the marketplace and a strong spiritual foundation that will enable them not only to do well, but to do good. Within six months of graduation, 97 percent of students are either working or in graduate school.

While the quality of education at Grove City College is unsurpassed, the price tag is most decidedly not. Tuition is less than half the cost of competitive, private liberal arts colleges.

For more, visit www.gcc.edu.

**CONTACT INFO:** Grove City, Pa.; www.gcc.edu; choose.gcc.edu; 724-458-2100; admissions@gcc.edu

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:** Early Decision – Nov. 15; Regular Decision – Feb. 1

**FRESHMAN ACCEPTANCE RATE:** 81 percent

**TRANSFER ACCEPTANCE RATE:** 70 percent

**STUDENT-TO-FACULTY RATIO:** 13:1

**ENROLLMENT:** 2,444

**PERCENTAGE OF PART TIME STUDENTS:** 2 percent

**PERCENTAGE OF COMMUTERS:** 6 percent

**TUITION:** $16,630

**ROOM & BOARD:** $9,062

**FEMALE PERCENTAGE:** 50 percent

**MINORITY PERCENTAGE:** 7 percent

At Grove City College, excellence is the norm and value is measured by far more than just affordability – rather in relationships, experiences and opportunities.

College is a time of discovery. Here students will discover a life’s calling through a rich academic tradition, amazing value and a Christ-centered learning community.

Grove City College students are challenged to expand their intellect while leading lives of true purpose and rewarding service to the common good – distinctive experiences rooted in scholarly exploration, vocational discernment, professional development and spiritual formation.

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Thiel College is a private liberal arts institution founded in the Lutheran tradition. Thiel provides vigorous research opportunities for students. Through the Greenville Neuromodulation Center Faculty/Student Research Institute, faculty mentors and students partner to research a variety of groundbreaking topics. In 2015, Fred Haer ’66 and his wife, Jill (Shackett) ’66, pledged more than $400,000 to fund the institute from 2015-2017.

This summer, faculty and students conducted original research on topics as broad as amphibian population decline to political gender bias.

After participating, many students present their research at academic conferences. Amber Martin ’17, of Allison Park, Pa., presented her findings at the 2016 National Meeting of the American Chemical Society in San Diego. She discussed how she and Christopher Stanisky, Ph.D., constructed a transient absorption spectrometer.

The institute opens doors for creative works, too. Austin Hall ’17, of Beaver Falls, Pa., and Pete Rydberg, Ph.D., traveled to the Library of Congress to research and collect source documents for an original theatre performance based on the rise of Nazism. “Berlin ist Gefallen!” debuts this fall.

Since 2009, more than $31 million has been invested in campus improvements, including the James Pedas Communication Center and construction of a new track and field complex. A science connector with modern labs and collaborative areas is also on the horizon, along with the expansion of the College’s science facilities.

These commitments earned Thiel national recognition as a 2016-2017 College of Distinction—an achievement that testifies to the impact the College has on its students.

CONTACT INFO: Greenville, Pa.; www.thiel.edu; 800-24-THIEL; admissions@thiel.edu

YEAR FOUNDED: 1866

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Rolling

FRESHMAN ACCEPTANCE RATE: 70%

TRANSFER ACCEPTANCE RATE: 70 percent

SUBJECT MATTER EXPERTISE: Business, education

STUDENT-TO-FACULTY RATIO: 10:1

ENROLLMENT: 926

NUMBER OF UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES OFFERED: 39

IN-STATE TUITION: $27,910

OUT-OF-STATE TUITION: $27,910

PERCENTAGE OF COMMUTERS: 11%

FEMALE PERCENTAGE: 45%

MINORITY PERCENTAGE: 14%

PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS ON FINANCIAL AID: 99%


DISTANCE FROM DOWNTOWN PITTSBURGH: 80 miles
Top 10 reasons you should attend Pitt-Bradford:

1. Professors will work closely with you to help you succeed.
2. Most of your classes will be small, so you’ll get personalized attention.
3. You can choose from nearly 40 majors, including biology, athletic training, broadcast communications, criminal justice, nursing, education, psychology, and computer information systems and technology.
4. You’ll have the chance to get a great internship, conduct research or study in another country. (See our ad to read about the summer internship Lauren Ball had at the Heinz History Center.)
5. All of our residence halls are apartment style and spacious.
6. You’ll have many athletic, recreational and cultural activities to choose from. Play basketball, tennis or soccer; explore caves, ride white-water rapids, or ski; and enjoy a play, concert or lecture.
7. We have more than 60 student clubs and organizations.
8. You’ll fit right in on our campus, where people are friendly, supportive and welcoming.
9. When you graduate, you’ll receive a degree from the University of Pittsburgh, which is recognized and respected around the world.
10. Your Pitt degree will help you go beyond: 92 percent of our graduates are employed, in graduate school, or both within six months of graduation.
11. Our campus is even more beautiful than it looks on our virtual tour at http://tour.pittbradford.org/. That’s 11, but who’s counting? For more information, visit www.upb.pitt.edu.

CONTACT INFO: www.upb.pitt.edu, 800-872-1787
APPLICATION DEADLINE: Rolling
FRESHMAN ACCEPTANCE RATE: 63%
STUDENT-TO-FACULTY RATIO: 18:1
ENROLLMENT: 1,500
IN-STATE TUITION: $12,688-$16,254
FEMALE PERCENTAGE: 51%
MINORITY PERCENTAGE: 27.3%
TOP THREE AWARDS/RECOGNITIONS: 1. Recognized by the Obama administration for excelling in enrolling and graduating low-income students. 2. A 2016 College of Distinction. 3. Recognized by The Princeton Review as one of the best colleges in the Northeast in 2015

“...confident to succeed.”
Lauren Ball of Punxsutawney | Political science major | Intern at the Senator John Heinz History Center

Lauren wrote about western Pennsylvania’s rich history in blog posts and in articles for the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette.

Find out how Pitt-Bradford can help you go beyond. Visit www.upb.pitt.edu or call 1-800-872-1787.
Founded in 1849 by the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Waynesburg University is located on a traditional campus in the hills of southwestern Pennsylvania, with three additional sites located in the Pittsburgh region at Cranberry, Monroeville and Southpointe. The University is a member of the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities (CCCU) and is one of only 21 Bonner Scholar schools in the country, offering local, regional and international opportunities to touch the lives of others through service. The University’s mission is to educate students to make connections between faith, learning and serving so that they might faithfully transform their communities and the world. As a Christian comprehensive University, Waynesburg strives to inspire and challenge every undergraduate and graduate student to a life of leadership and purpose for the glory of God. Nationally ranked as a top school for educational value by The Economist, the Brookings Institution, MONEY Magazine, CollegeNet and Christian Universities Online, Waynesburg University offers an outcome-driven education in more than 70 undergraduate major concentrations. Waynesburg also offers graduate programs in business, counseling, education, nursing and criminal investigation.

**CONTACT INFO:** 51 West College Street, Waynesburg, PA 15370, (800) 225-7393, admissions@waynesburg.edu

**YEAR FOUNDED:** 1849

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:** Rolling

**FRESHMAN ACCEPTANCE RATE:** 85%

**SUBJECT MATTER EXPERTISE:** While we offer over 70 major concentrations, we are most known for our nursing, business, education, criminal justice, communication, science and biblical & ministry studies programs.

**STUDENT-TO-FACULTY RATIO:** 12:1

**ENROLLMENT:** 1,308 undergraduate; 553 graduate and professional students

**NUMBER OF UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES OFFERED:** Over 70

**IN-STATE TUITION:** $22,380

**OUT-OF-STATE TUITION:** $22,380

**PERCENTAGE OF COMMUTERS:** 18%

**FEMALE PERCENTAGE:** 55%

**MINORITY PERCENTAGE:** 8.7%

**PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS ON FINANCIAL AID:** Over 90%

**TOP THREE AWARDS/RECOGNITIONS:** One of MONEY Magazine’s 2016 “Best Colleges” list; A 2016-2017 College of Distinction, Pennsylvania College of Distinction and Christian College of Distinction (CollegesofDistinction.com); One of the “50 Most Beautiful Christian Colleges & Universities in the U.S. in 2016” by Christian Universities Online

**DISTANCE FROM DOWNTOWN PITTSBURGH:** 50 minutes

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**Why is Waynesburg University ranked a top value nationwide?**

**Low Tuition, Room & Board**

Tuition, room and board at Waynesburg is more than $11,000 below the national average for private, non-profit, four-year colleges.

**High Placement Rates**

95% of 2014 graduates reported working full time or studying in their chosen field within one year of graduation.

**Financial Aid**

More than 90% of Waynesburg students receive some form of financial aid each year.

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**FALL VISITATION DAYS:**
September 17
November 5

**SATURDAY INFORMATION SESSIONS:**
October 15
December 3

Waynesburg, PA | 800.225.7393 | To learn more, visit waynesburg.edu/ranking
Through individualized attention, vibrant discussion, and experiential learning, Westminster College is ready to teach you the best way possible. We believe critical thinking is the backbone of a liberal arts education, and our students consistently perform well in their chosen career paths. In fact, 98% of our recent graduates are employed or attend graduate school within a year, and 86% of our pre-med students are accepted into medical school.

With real-world internship experiences, a strong alumni base, and study abroad opportunities, we show our students what life is like beyond the classroom.

Westminster provides myriad opportunities for you to help in communities near and far. We pride ourselves in modeling a service-over-self philosophy, proven by the fact that we have been on the President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll for excellence in service learning for seven consecutive years. Our students have compassion and are committed to making a difference in the lives of others.

Outside the rigorous academics, Westminster students have fun. We offer 22 varsity sports as an NCAA Division III school. We’ve got plenty of intramural programs too. And if that doesn’t keep our students involved, there are nine sorority and fraternity organizations, more than 80 clubs and organizations, student government, choir, dance, theater, the student newspaper—something for everyone.

Nestled within the charming town of New Wilmington, our 300-acre, tree-lined campus features 22 buildings, several athletic fields, a 100-acre outdoor laboratory, and Brittain Lake.
Butler County Community College

BUTLER COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

BC3 is a regional community college with six locations in Western Pennsylvania. Courses are offered in the classroom, as a hybrid, or online. Students can earn an associate degree from BC3 in one of twelve programs and transfer to any PA state institution with junior standing. BC3 offers affordable tuition at a fraction of the cost of a 4-year public or private institution. Approximately 80% of BC3 students receive grants and scholarships to help them graduate debt free. The College also offers noncredit opportunities including Lifelong Learning, Professional Education, Certificate Programs, Business and Industry Training, Workforce Development, and Public Safety Training.

CONTACT INFO: 107 College Drive, Butler, PA 16002, bc3.edu, 724-284-8501, admissions@bc3.edu
APPLICATION DEADLINE: Rolling
FRESHMAN ACCEPTANCE RATE: 100% with a high school diploma or GED/HES
STUDENT-TO-FACULTY RATIO: 14:1
ENROLLMENT: 3,500 students
TUITION: $153 - $361 per credit
FEMALE PERCENTAGE: 60%
MINORITY PERCENTAGE: 6%
TOP THREE AWARDS/RECOGNITIONS: 1. #1 Community College in PA in 2015 on Schools.com 2. Ranked Military Friendly School by G.I. Jobs magazine for 3 consecutive years 3. Regionally accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education

INSIDE THE CITY, OUTSIDE THE BOX

Point Park University is a dynamic, urban university with a strong liberal arts tradition. Located in Downtown Pittsburgh, students have access to opportunities only a world-class city can offer — and few universities can match — for a real-world, career-focused education. Students earn jobs and enjoy innovative internship and cooperative education experiences steps from campus.

Point Park’s Academic Village Initiative is transforming the campus into a multiblock, living and learning hub and redefining the student experience. The most recent addition to campus is the Center for Media Innovation. The new Pittsburgh Playhouse is being constructed and should be ready by 2018.

CONTACT INFO: 201 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15222, PointPark.edu, 412-391-4100, enroll@PointPark.edu
APPLICATION DEADLINE: Rolling
FRESHMAN ACCEPTANCE RATE: 71%
STUDENT-TO-FACULTY RATIO: 13:1
ENROLLMENT: 3,844
TUITION: $27,780 - $35,400
PERCENTAGE OF COMMUTERS: 68%
FEMALE PERCENTAGE: 57%
MINORITY PERCENTAGE: 30%
TOP THREE AWARDS/RECOGNITIONS: 91% placement rate for recent graduates, Nationally recognized Conservatory of Performing Arts

Learn more: PointPark.edu
Saint Vincent College students are part of a community of learners who value education as well as the development of skills that help them become leaders who serve their communities and the world. Saint Vincent offers a picturesque setting with easy access to both recreation and the arts in a safe, friendly campus environment. Members of our Catholic, Benedictine campus community cherish the development of growth in character, with special emphasis on community, love of Christ and neighbor, hospitality and stewardship, including the care of all creation.

CONTACT INFO: 300 Fraser Purchase Road, Latrobe, PA 15650-2690, www.stvincent.edu, 800-782-5549, admission@stvincent.edu

YEAR FOUNDED: 1846
APPLICATION DEADLINE: Rolling
FRESHMAN ACCEPTANCE RATE: 69.8%
STUDENT-TO-FACULTY RATIO: 12:1
ENROLLMENT: 1,760
TUITION: $32,540
PERCENTAGE OF COMMUTERS: 27%
FEMALE PERCENTAGE: 47%
MINORITY PERCENTAGE: 10.5%
PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS ON FINANCIAL AID: nearly 100%

TOP THREE AWARDS/RECOGNITIONS: Money magazine (#3 in Pennsylvania); U.S. News (first tier, national liberal arts colleges), College Factual (#1 best for the money in Pennsylvania)

DISTANCE FROM DOWNTOWN PITTSBURGH: 35 miles

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www.stvincent.edu/visit
A view of the Titan Union Building from Westminster College’s Quad.