



Pennsylvania College
of Art & Design

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Upcoming Events

Aug. 9-10 Orientation Leader move-in

Aug. 11-15 Orientation Leader training

Aug. 13 CCE Art Recess for Adults, origami with **Kerrin Barelli**, 4:30-6:30 pm, Zoetropolis

Aug. 15 Mandatory Student Financial Responsibility Agreement due from all returning students (*see below*)

Aug. 17 New student Move-in Day for PCA&D housing, 8 am to 2 pm

Aug. 17 Parent and Family Orientation, 2:30-5 pm

Aug. 21 Returning student Move-in Day for PCA&D housing, 9 am to 4 pm

Aug. 22 Mandatory Welcome Day for returning students, 9 am to 2 pm

Aug. 17-22 Welcome Week for students

If you have news, an event, or an announcement you'd like to share, please email Jen Kopf, at jkopf@pcad.edu.

Returning students: Aug. 21-22 are important!

We're already gearing up to welcome returning students back to campus -- it's less than a month away! Aug. 21-22 are important dates to keep in mind; here's what's in store:

- **Thursday, Aug. 21:** Move-in Day for returning students in PCA&D housing, 9 am to 4 pm. You'll receive specific move-in time slots once assignments are finalized, so keep a lookout for emails from Student Life. Then, if you need to adjust your move-in timeframe, reach out to housingservice@pcad.edu. Optional activities that day: 12:30-1:30 pm, pick up your meal plan ID in advance, at Foundation Village. 5-6 pm, Rita's at Foundation Village after a hot day of move-in!
- **Friday, Aug. 22:** Welcome Day, 9 am to 2 pm. MANDATORY for returning students. Meet incoming students, attend breakout workshops, training, and department meetings and then ... the All-Campus BBQ kickoff!

Email studentlife@pcad.edu with any questions or concerns.

Returners: Sign your financial agreement

A reminder that the MANDATORY Student Financial Responsibility Agreement (SFRA) is **due by Friday, Aug. 15**. It ensures you understand the College's billing process and procedures. If you fail to sign it by the deadline, your Fall 2025 classes will be dropped and you will be unable to move into PCA&D-sponsored housing. You can access the SFRA in several ways:

From MyPCAD:

1. Log into MyPCAD at ss.pcad.edu/. If you are locked out or unable to log in, contact the IT Department at it@pcad.edu or call 800-689-0379 ext. 1004.
2. Click the Finances tab.
3. Select "Student Financial Responsibility Agreement"
4. Read the agreement, sign electronically, and click the Save button
5. Click the Next button in upper right, and then Finish
6. You will receive an email at the email address you entered at sign-in. Print and keep the email for your records.

From Student Portal:

1. Navigate to the portal at pcad.edu/student-portal
2. Select the Student Financial Responsibility Agreement tile
3. Read the agreement, sign electronically, and click the Save button
4. Click the Next button in upper right, and then Finish
5. You will receive an email at the email address you entered at sign-in. Print and keep the email for your records.

For more information on the SFRA, or if you have questions, reach out to the Office of the Bursar at bursar@pcad.edu or call 717-396-7833, ext. 1016. To access a copy of the current version, visit <https://pcad.edu/sfra/>.

Important info about your Fall tuition bill

Students, your tuition statement is now available at MyPCAD. Use [this link](#) to access it. Your statement will be subject to change due to adjustments in your class schedule, if you opt for student health insurance, housing, a meal block plan, parking, or require materials for your classes. Review your statement for accuracy. If you have questions about financial aid eligibility, scholarships, or grants, contact **Vincent Frank**, Director of Financial Aid, at finaid@pcad.edu. **The first payment for the Fall 2025 semester was due Aug. 1.**

PCA&D offers 3- and 5-month payment plans. You can find the details and the necessary form [here](#). Scroll down to "Available Tuition Payment Plans," and click the "Payment Plans" button... or find the form in your MyPCAD account. If you need help

accessing your MyPCAD account, email the IT Department at it@pcad.edu or call 1-800-689-0379 ext. 1004.

If you have any other questions regarding your bill, contact Bursar/Student Accounts Coordinator **Eliud Diaz**, ediaz@pcad.edu.

Student health insurance info for 2025-26

The College is still partnered with [QM Services \(QMS\)](#) for a lower-cost student health insurance plan (SHIP). The coverage includes a prescription plan, support for laboratory tests and X-rays, and in-patient and hospitalization coverage. Keep an eye on your student email for QMS information over the next few weeks.

Students and families with qualifying health insurance will be able to opt out of this coverage. The opt-out process initially includes a charge to your College bill that will be removed once you have completed the waiver process. QMS will handle all records through their confidential portal. If your coverage is initially declined through QMS, please reach out to Student Life at studentlife@pcad.edu so they may work with QMS partners to advocate for your health plan.

To opt out, log onto the [QMS website](#) to submit proof of insurance. If you're having issues with the website portal, connect with PCA&D's independent student health insurance administrators at university@qmservicesinc.com. The College's Student Life team will be emailing more summer communications that offer an overview of health and wellness resources available to you during the academic year. If you have any other questions, please reach out to studentlife@pcad.edu.

Need a parking garage pass? Go here

Now's the time to think about whether you'll need to register for student parking in the garage next to campus, on Water Street. To access the parking registration form, [use this link](#) and scroll to "Cost for Optional Student Parking Plan", then click on "Use This Form."

A note to rising seniors from the Registrar

Dear Class of 2026 members: Please complete the form linked below for Registrar **Hannah Warner** so the College can begin preparations for degree audits and the 2026 Commencement:

[FORM FOR RISING SENIORS](#)

Registrar's message for returning students

A message from Registrar **Hannah Warner** for returning students:

The Self Service course registration portal is now closed. While you can't adjust your schedule online, you should still be able to see [live information about which classes are running in the fall and if seats are still available in each one](#) ("register" tab, click "traditional courses", and then "section search"). From now until the end of the add/drop period next semester, schedule adjustments will be completed through the Registrar's Office. In the event you would like to change your schedule, you may [request a schedule change here](#). By submitting requests through this link, the Registrar's Office can easily track everyone's requests and make notes for each entry we receive. If you need to, you may submit more than one. All changes are made on a first-come first-served basis. We will do our best to accommodate everyone's requests, based on your degree plans and course availability.

Additionally, there are several classes that have seats available that meet various degree requirements (humanities, general studio electives). There are also sections of the fall foundation level courses (art history, communications, and studio) if there is a course you need to retake next year. If you can't remember or are unsure if you need to retake a fall semester foundation course, you can review your grades in Self Service ("grades" tab, click "unofficial transcript") to see if there are any "F" grades.

2 scholarship sweepstakes open for students

The Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA) is offering 12 \$2,500 PA Forward sweepstake scholarships to students who are Pennsylvania residents, and an additional 12 \$2,500 Keystone sweepstake scholarships to residents of Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, Ohio, Virginia, and West Virginia. Participation in the PA Forward or Keystone loans is not required for scholarship consideration. These are no-essay-required scholarship sweepstake entries. Winners will be announced in August and December.

To enter the PA Forward scholarship sweepstakes, visit pheaa.org/ss, or visit keystonestudentloans.org/ss to enter the Keystone scholarship sweepstakes. More information can be found in a June 12 email from Vince Frank, the College's Director of Financial Aid & Student Employment.

How to request a transcript

If you are applying for scholarships, internships, or a job that needs to verify your education, you can [Click Here to Request Official Transcripts](#). If you need an unofficial copy, you can download one from the "grades" tab in Self Service.

Uwill counseling available through the summer

Feeling a little extra stressed, or interested in finding a way to bring some professional counseling into your life? PCA&D provides students FREE access to 24-7 counseling through Uwill for a wide variety of topics, from short- and long-term support, to crisis counseling, telehealth for common acute symptoms, and on-demand wellness programming like meditation, mindfulness, nutrition, and yoga. And it's even available for current PCA&D students through this summer break.

To schedule teletherapy appointments:

- [Create a profile](#) with Uwill
- Choose a therapist based on your preferences including *availability, issue, gender, language, and ethnicity*.
- Choose a time that fits your schedule with *day, night, and weekend availability*.

If you need any assistance, you can refer to [Uwill FAQ](#), Student [User Guide](#), or reach out directly to Uwill at support@uwill.com. **More questions? Contact Student Services**, at studentlife@pcad.edu.

Your web resource: The Student Portal

The College's Student Portal webpage provides links to some of the most-needed information. **You can find [this link to the Student Portal](#) at the very bottom right corner of the homepage at PCAD.edu.**

There, you'll find official College dates, such as holidays; class times; research links; links to academic support and counseling help; and much more.



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