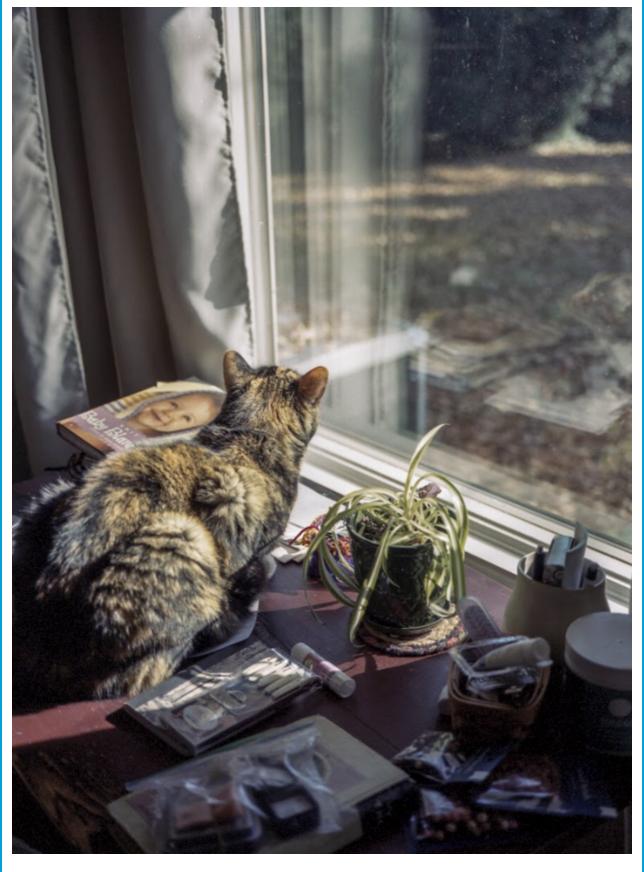
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Work by Autumn Woods '27, Photography & Video.

Upcoming Events

April 14-18 Connect Counseling hours (see below)

April 15 Study Lounge, 6-9 pm, Learning Commons

April 16 Community Circle Money Matters, 3:30-4:30 pm, Room 309, with special guest **Maria Provencher**, Assistant Dean of Career Development and Internships (see below)

April 17 Graphic Design Artist Talk, **Jeff Zwerner**, 11:30 am, Atrium (see below)

April 17 Student Town Hall with **President Andy Barnes**, 11:30 am to 12:30 pm, The LookOut

April 17 Study Lounge, 6-9 pm, Learning Commons

April 17 Concert at ALT at Rock Lititz, 6:30 pm (see below)

April 18 Writing Center Write-In, 3:30-6:30 pm, Learning Commons (see below)

April 20 Study Lounge, 4-7 pm, Learning Commons

April 22 Mandatory graduation rehearsal for seniors, 11:30 am, The LookOut

April 25 Spring Semester Ends

April 25 All-School Picnic, 2-5 pm, Long's Park (see below)

April 26-28 Foundation, Sophomore, and Junior move-out (see below)

May 1 Mandatory Beret Ceremony for seniors, 5-7:30 pm, The LookOut (see below)

May 2 2025 Commencement ceremony, 9 am arrival and 10 am to noon ceremony

May 2 Mandatory seniors at Senior Show exhibition, 4-9 pm

May 4-6 Graduating Seniors and Commencement Volunteers move-out (see below)

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

Workshop: How to spot fake clients & jobs

There's just one more Spring Learning Commons Workshop, held with PCA&D Alumni Mentor **Joanna Becker** '21. It will be held TODAY, 3:30-4:30 pm, in the Learning Commons:

• April 14: How to Spot Fake Clients and Job Opportunities -- Avoiding Scams. As you begin posting your art online and displaying your portfolio on social sites, be aware that college students and recent grads are prime targets for commission scams. Even seasoned artists will get fake client inquiries, so being able to spot these common signs is a skill that will be useful for years to come. In this workshop, we will go over the tactics scammers use, as well as examples of what to look for. Since these scams evolve, it is also useful to

know how to verify a client and cross-reference company mastheads (especially when a job offer appears too good to be true).

Graphic Design hosts Jeff Zwerner Thursday

The Graphic Design Department is hosting an Artist Talk, open to everyone, this Thursday,11:30 am in the Atrium, with **Jeff Zwerner**, VP Strategy, Charter Homes. Zwerner worked directly with Steve Jobs and helped to launch the iPod, along with determining system fonts for Mac relaunches. You won't want to miss this event, and you can find out more about Zwerner here!

Writing Center holding Write-In this Friday!

The Writing Center is throwing a Write-In this Friday, April 18, from 3:30-6:30 pm in the Learning Commons. Come work with other students on writing assignments together! Get feedback on drafts and help with projects from the Writing Center! No matter what you are working on for any class, you can come and work on assignments alongside your peers. Let's keep one another accountable! Healthy snacks will be provided.

Connect Counseling on campus all week

Feeling a little extra-stressed, or just want someone to talk to? Connect Counseling will be on campus each day, all this week, with extra hours! Check out their schedule below:

- Monday, 11:30 am to 1:30 pm, CoLab/Quiet Room, Maggie Hunt
- Tuesday, 6-8 pm, CoLab/Quiet Room, Mahmood Mohammad
- Wednesday, 3-5 pm, CoLab/Quiet Room, Mariel Castro Perez
- Thursday, 11:30 am to 1:30 pm, CoLab/Quiet Room, Maggie Hunt
- Friday, 11:30 am to 1:30 pm, CoLab/Quiet Room, Maggie Hunt

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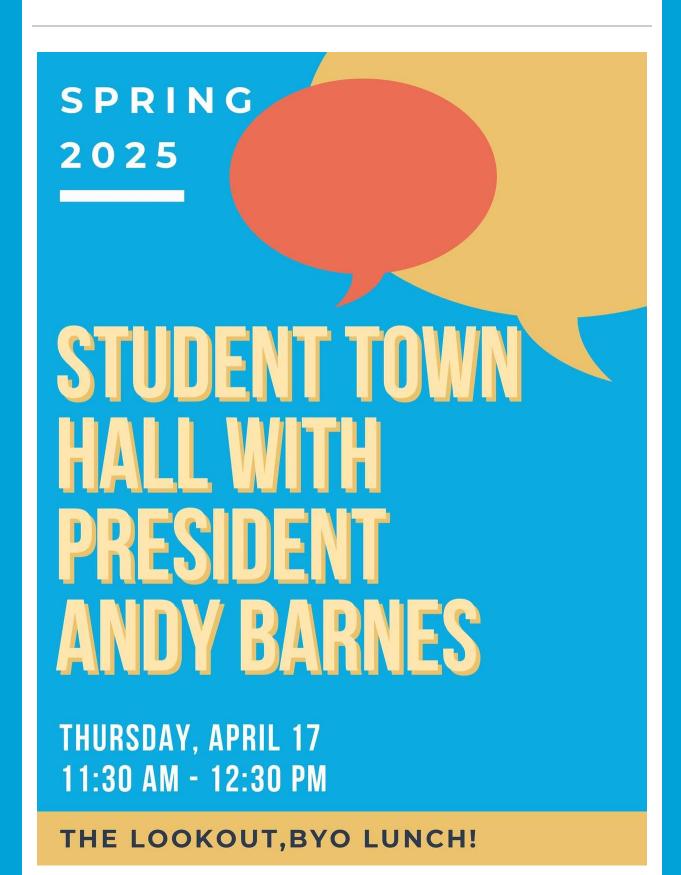
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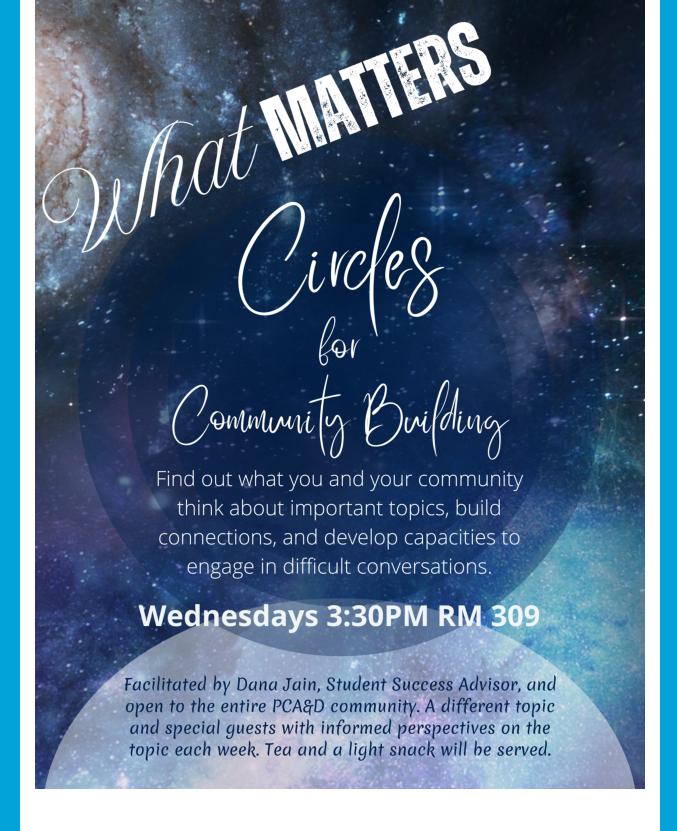
PCA&D's Academy of Live Technology at Rock Lititz is producing a concert this Thursday, April 17, as a collaboration with Millersville University. Doors at Studio 4 open at 6:30 pm, Wobblegong goes on at 7 pm and Polaris at 7:35 pm. Come on out to 280 Touring Blvd., Lititz, and celebrate the (almost!!) end of the semester with a concert, and get a look at ALT! \$5 at the door.



Seniors: Here's your mandatory event schedule!

Seniors, be sure to mark your calendar for these upcoming MANDATORY events!

- Mandatory Graduation Dress Rehearsal: Tuesday, April 22, 11:30 am to 12:30 pm in The LookOut
- Mandatory Beret Ceremony: Thursday, May 1, 5-7:30 pm in The LookOut
- Commencement: Friday, May 2, seniors report at 9 am and ceremony is from 10 am to 12 noon
- Mandatory Senior Show Exhibition: Friday, May 2, 4-9 pm



Community Circles this week: Money matters

Money can be complicated -- but it doesn't have to be colorless. In this week's Circle for Community Building, we'll explore our financial lives through a creative lens. What are the shades and tones of your relationship with money? How does it impact your art, your stress, your sense of possibility? **Join Circles Wednesday, from 3:30-4:30 pm, in Room 309** for an open, supportive conversation where we'll share stories, swap ideas, and begin painting a more empowered picture of financial wellness as artists and designers. Hosted by Student Affairs and facilitated by **Dana Jain**, Student Success Advisor, with special guest **Maria Provencher**, Assistant Dean of Career Development & Internships. Tea and a light snack will be served.

After this week, there will be one more Circles session this semester:

April 23: Community Matters with special guests to be announced



Save the date now! All-School Picnic April 25

It's that time of year to look forward to the All-School Picnic to celebrate the end of the year with the PCA&D community. All students, faculty, and staff are invited, so please **save the date!**

We'll be at <u>Long's Park</u> on **Friday, April 25 from 2-5 pm** with food, drinks, music, and games. Folks are invited to bring guitars, frisbees, friends, and pups along. Rain location will be in the Atrium.

If you need to carpool or if you are able to offer carpool, please <u>fill out this form</u> so we can get folks connected!

Poster by Beck Schilling '25, Illustration

Moving out of PCA&D housing? Read this!

It's that time of the year: If you're in PCA&D Housing, time to start making your move-out plans! **Michael Parks**, Director of Housing & Residence Life, sent you an email on April 10 with lots of details, but a quick at-a-glance list of dates and times is below:

- Foundation, Sophomore, and Junior Move-Out: April 26 and 27 at 8 am through 5 pm on April 28.
- Graduating Seniors and Commencement Volunteers: May 4 at 8 am through May 6 at 3 pm.
- Summer Residents: Stay in your current spot until May 31 and then move to your summer spot on June 1.

Keep checking your email Inbox for move-out procedures from your CAs. They'll sort out all you need.

Open now in Hayden Gallery: Touchstone show

The Touchstone Foundation Show is now in display in the Hayden Gallery, next to the Atrium. The artwork is the product of a class run by **Jason Ward** for a coloring book to celebrate the 25th anniversary of The Touchstone Foundation, an organization that works to expand access to local youth mental health resources in Lancaster County. The exhibition will be open on First Fridays through May, and when the room isn't in use for a class or meeting.

Students whose work is represented in the exhibition are: Mary Auble '26, Illustration; Alanna Botscharow '26, Illustration; Julia Burns '26, Illustration; Shontae Dashiell '26, Illustration; Jossalyn Dolin '26, Illustration; Morgan Earley '26, Illustration; Madi Edmiston '26, Illustration; Finn Jones '26, Illustration; Jamie Little '26, Illustration; Gelian Mesa '25, Illustration; Ava Morgan '26, Illustration; Sophia Replogle '26, Illustration; Logan Vedral '26, Illustration; Sierra Weidman '26, Illustration; and Julia Wychryst '26, Illustration.

SuperHero Project Exhibition on 2nd floor

The SuperHero Project Exhibition celebrates the collaboration between PCA&D student interns and the SuperHero Project, a nonprofit dedicated to empowering children facing serious illnesses and disabilities through custom artwork. As part of their internships,

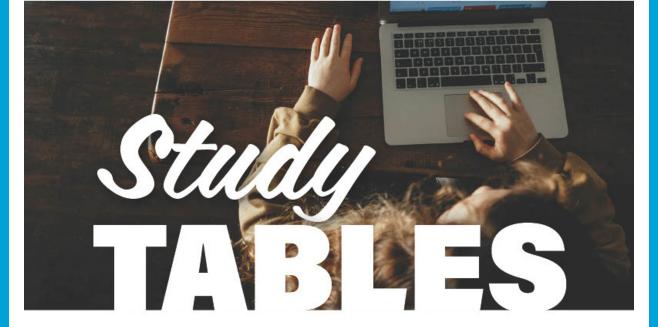
students created Power Posters — bold, inspiring designs that reflect the unique strengths and personalities of these young heroes. Through their creativity, they transformed real stories into impactful visuals, bringing joy and confidence to children and their families. Take a look at the 2nd-floor Gallery and honor their work and the incredible mission behind this project!

Students whose work is on display include **Endia Clark** '26, AGA; **Sandy Farrare** '25, AGA; **Onix Guadalupe-Rivera** '25, Illustration; **Abby Howe** '26, AGA; **Connie Saunders** '26, AGA; **Samantha Sidesinger** '25, AGA; **Aaron Vankirk** '26, Illustration; and **Bryana Walker** '26, Illustration.

Study Lounges in the Learning Commons

Looking for a community to help you focus when you're studying? Check out our new Study Lounges in the Learning Commons! These student-directed coworking study sessions will be held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6-9 pm and on Sundays from 4-7 pm.

Come work alongside your peers on projects and assignments for any subject, especially Liberal Arts courses like Art History and Foundations of Verbal Communications. You can stay as long as you like and leave when you are ready. You do not have to stay for the entire session.



Lunch Hour Academic & Studio Support Coverage

Mon-Fri 11:30-12:30 in the Learning Commons Room 214

MON: Joanna Becker (Foundation & Illustration) & Writing Center Support (Tutors)

TUES: Jason Ward (Trad. Materials, Fine Art, & Illus.) & Writing Center Support (Prof. Gaughn)

WED: McKenna DiComo (Animation and Game Art) & Writing Center Support (Tutors)

THURS: McKenna DiComo (Animation and Game Art) & Writing Center Support (Prof. Gaughn)

FRI: Joanna Becker (Foundation & Illustration)

ONLINE: Frankie Reed (Graphic Design) Remote, by appointment (Tutors)



Academic Support Form

All studio mentors are available to provide studio, technical, materials and software support to students. Mentors also aid student in project workflow, time management, concept development and ideation and critique.

*Additional support sessions can be scheduled through the Academic Support Form.
For writing assistance email the Writing Center at writing@pcad.edu.

Help Is On The Way!



New grant program for Pennsylvania residents

The Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA) will be administering a new grant program for Pennsylvania residents called Grow PA Scholarship Grant Program. It provides up to \$5,000 annually in grants to those who participate in one of over 460 majors.

There are numerous caveats, including a requirement to work in Pennsylvania after graduation in an "in-demand occupation" for as many years as the grant is received; if

that is not met, then the grant will retroactively turn into a loan that must be repaid to PHEAA.

For a list of qualifying majors, in-demand occupations, and other criteria related to the Grow PA Scholarship Grant Program, please click the following link: https://www.pheaa.org/funding-opportunities/grow-pa-scholarship-grant-program

If you are a Pennsylvania resident and intend to remain in Pennsylvania after graduation and work in one of the qualifying occupations, you're urged to apply for this. **Funds are limited and will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis.** For more information, contact PCA&D's Director of Financial Aid & Student Employment **Vince Frank** at vfrank@pcad.edu.

Returning? Remember your 5/1 FAFSA deadline

A message from Director of Financial Aid & Student Employment Vincent Frank:

This is a friendly reminder that the deadline for Pennsylvania residents to apply for Financial Aid for the 2025-26 school year is May 1. If you have not already done this, please do so immediately at <u>studentaid.gov</u>.

This is especially urgent for Pennsylvania residents because the FAFSA must be submitted by May 1 in order to be considered for the Pennsylvania State Grant. The PA State Grant is worth up to \$5,750, which is free money that does not need to be repaid. If you complete the FAFSA *after* May 1, you will automatically be ineligible for the PA State Grant for the entire 2025-26 academic year.

If you do not receive the PA State Grant as a result of missing the filing deadline, please be aware that PCA&D will be unable to replace it with institutional grants.

Several states and U.S. territories (including Delaware, Ohio, West Virginia, Washington, D.C., and Vermont) have reciprocity with Pennsylvania, meaning their state grants may be used at Pennsylvania schools. If you reside in one of those locations, you will need to check with your state's or territory's grant agency for deadlines and other details.

If you need assistance completing the FAFSA, or if you have any other questions or concerns, please reach out to Frank at vfrank@pcad.edu, or Room 209.

1098-T Tuition Statement information

When you're completing your 2024 taxes, you'll need your 1098-T Tuition Statement. A reminder that, if you provided electronic consent to the College by Jan. 1, 2025, you have access to those forms via myPCAD. This is in partnership with the company ECSI. If your electronic consent was not received by that date, the form will be mailed to the current address on file. Please update your address with the Registrar's Office if an address change is needed. If you have any questions, consult the email you received

866-428-1098.						

SENIOR SHOW TIMELINE —

March 3 - Exhibition Agreement Due

March 13 - Headshot Day in 101 Drop-In Hours from 11:30 AM - 4 PM

> April 4 - Catalog Submission Form Due (Bio, Thesis Description, CV, Headshot, & Single Thesis Artwork Image is due)

April 23 - Website Images (Senior Thesis Artwork Images & Videos are due)

April 22 - Senior Studios Cleared Out

April 26 - Sr. Show Room Clearing 9 - 11 AM

April 27 - Sr. Show Wall Painting 9 AM - finished

April 28 - Sr. Show Install 8 am - 8 pm

May 2 - Sr. Show Opens 4 - 9 PM
(You must be at PCA&D the whole time.)

May 4 - Sr. Show Artwork Pick-up 3 - 8 PM

How to access counseling with Uwill

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.

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 <u>Uwill FAQ</u>, Student <u>User Guide</u>, or reach out directly to <u>Uwill at support@uwill.com</u>. **More questions? Contact Student**Services, at <u>studentlife@pcad.edu</u>.

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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