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Upcoming Events

April 22 Study Lounge, 6-9 pm, Learning Commons

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

April 23 Community Circles, Community Matters, 3:30-4:30 pm, Room 309

April 24 Study Lounge, 6-9 pm, Learning Commons

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, 10 am to noon ceremony

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

May 2-4 Senior Show

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 jkopf@pcad.edu.

Seniors: Here's your mandatory event schedule!

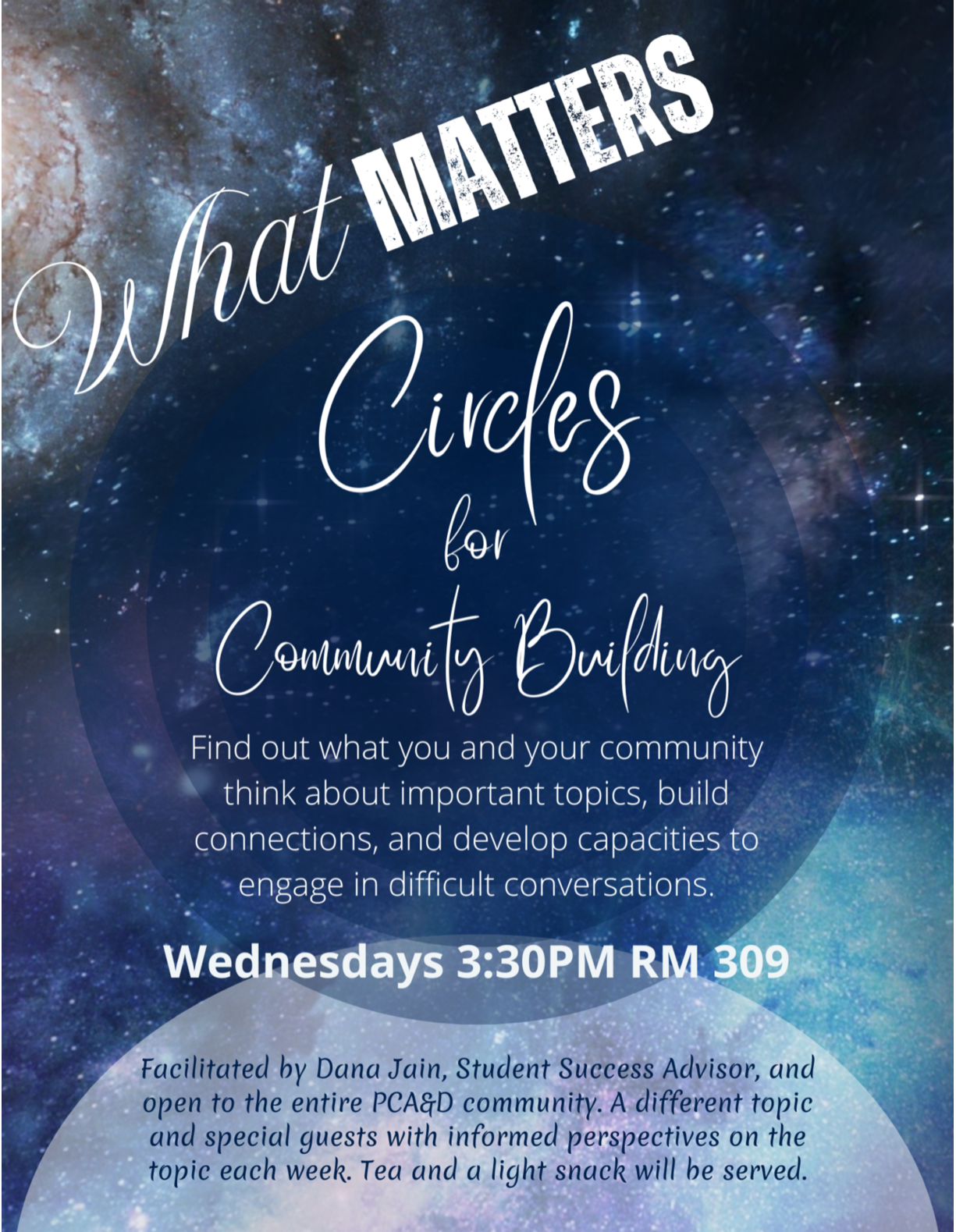
Seniors, be sure to mark your calendar for these upcoming MANDATORY events!

- **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 by 9 am and the ceremony is from 10 am to 12 noon
 - **Mandatory Senior Show Exhibition:** Friday, May 2, 4-9 pm
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This week: Expanded Learning Commons hours

Feeling end-of-the-semester pressure? Through the last day of the semester, this Friday, The Learning Commons will have expanded hours, so stop in for a quiet place to finish up those last-minute projects:

- **Monday to Thursday, April 21-24:** 9 am until 12 midnight
 - **Friday, April 25:** 8 am to 10 pm (closed during All-School Picnic)
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What **MATTERS** Circles for Community Building

Find out what you and your community think about important topics, build connections, and develop capacities to engage in difficult conversations.

Wednesdays 3:30PM RM 309

Facilitated by Dana Jain, Student Success Advisor, and open to the entire PCA&D community. A different topic and special guests with informed perspectives on the topic each week. Tea and a light snack will be served.

Community Circles: Community matters

Join this final Circle Wednesday afternoon, from 3:30-4:30 pm, in Room 309 for an open, supportive conversation where we'll share stories and swap ideas. Tea and a light snack will be served.



This Friday! 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.

We'll be at [Long's Park](#) this **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 [fill out this form](#) 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, make 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.

FACULTY LIFE GRANT RECIPIENTS

Tyler Kline
Benjamin Lowery
Stephanie Manzi
Paul Rider
Aaron Thompson
Leah Limpert Walt
Eric Weeks

2021-2024

New Main Gallery exhibition opens Friday

Pennsylvania College of Art & Design welcomes a new Main Gallery exhibition at the end of this week, highlighting PCA&D's commitment to educating not only our students but also our faculty in the pursuit of lifelong learning and professional development. The seven exhibiting artists have received grants from the College to attend residencies or courses where work was produced or new skills and techniques were learned. The

artwork on view is a result of those experiences, either created at the time or through applying what they learned to new work.



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 is 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 Study Lounges in the Learning Commons! These student-directed coworking study sessions are held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6-9 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.



Study TABLES

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 studentaid.gov.

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.

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 [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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