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Work by Allie Bretz '26, Photography & Video.

Upcoming Events

July 18 Lancaster Music Friday, downtown

July 21-Aug. 3 *Collective Inheritance* exhibition by **Annalisa Gojmerac** at PCA&D's Work/Space, 133 S. Duke St., York

Coming soon:

Aug. 1 Lancaster First Friday, downtown

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

Aug. 17 Parent and Family Orientation, 2:30-5 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 <u>jkopf@pcad.edu</u>.

Rachael Lauterborn photo is honored

Congratulations to rising Senior **Rachael Lauterborn**, whose photograph was selected to appear in the True Beauty 2025 Group Exhibition, organized by Exhibizone, through Sept. 9. The Fine Art major has dual minors in Photography and Business, and submitted the work *Swimming Along April*, a photo of a duck and ducklings. "As an emerging artist, my artistic media vary as I grow, ranging from painting, drawing, sculpture, and photography," Lauterborn writes in an artist statement. "I am a process-driven artist who combines photography and fine art media to find new ways to entice the viewer's curiosity. Currently, I am drawn to creating miniatures and sculptures, manipulating materials to create potential narratives, then combining my photography skills to create a new perspective within."

5 honored nationally for packaging design

Five PCA&D students have been honored by GDUSA for their work in the annual packaging design contest. Congratulations to **Aiyana Alvarado** for Girlypop! personal care packaging; **Warren Burke** for Rhapsody wireless earbuds packaging; **Coby Correll** for Little Reds ear buds packaging; **Matthew Dornan** for QAT headphones packaging; and **Bailey Stechman** for Astros ear buds packaging. All were Class of 2025 Graphic Design students in **Tom Newmaster**'s packaging design class.

Work of 6 AGA graduates nationally recognized

Senior films by six members of the Animation & Game Art Class of 2025 have been included in the Student Animation Showcase 2025 presented by ASIFA Hollywood's Animation Educators Forum. Congratulations to **Omar Almanzar**, **Lexia Douglas**, **Sandy Ferrare**, **Cara Miller**, **Samantha Sidesinger**, and **Andy Vo!** You can view their work here.

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 is 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 <u>QM Services (QMS)</u> 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 <u>QMS website</u> 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 <u>university@qmservicesinc.com</u>. 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 <u>studentlife@pcad.edu</u>.

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.

York's Work/Space to host Annalisa Gojmerac

PCA&D's Work/Space, at 133 S. Duke St., York, welcomes artist **Annalisa Gojmerac**'s *Collective Inheritance* exhibition July 21 through Aug. 3. Featuring nature-based land art, *Collective Inheritance* has ties to local urban community gardening and nature place-making/greenscaping projects, making use of found objects as well as recycled materials. The exhibition will be open to the public during York First Friday, Aug. 1, from 5-9 pm, and at select other times to be determined. A traditionally trained printmaker, Gojmerac has a BFA from MICA with a major in printmaking and a minor in art history, and an MFA from Cranbrook Art and Architecture Academy, Detroit, with a major in printmaking and a minor in digital arts. Gojmerac was a founding member of. The Greening of Detroit, and currently is a founding member of York Fresh Food Farms Community Gardens.

Coming May 2026: Lancaster Fringe Festival

Fringe Festival is coming to Lancaster! Held throughout the world, Fringe Festivals highlight diverse, experimental performances in art, theater, music, and more, and Lancaster's first will be held in May 2026. As part of Lancaster Fringe Festival, you will participate in at least 2 of the 5 creative labs held by the production team; perform 2-4 times at the festival; receive production and marketing support; and receive a share of ticket sales. All revenue from ticket sales will be shared back with the artists. For links to more information and a submission form, go here. Submissions will be accepted through Sept. 21. An informational meeting will be held, if you're available, Sunday, July 20, from 3-4:30 pm at The Candy Factory, 342 N. Queen St., to hear more of the vision, a list of participating venues so far, and opportunities to discuss and/or collaborate on possible submissions. RSVP to info@lancasterfringefest.org if you plan to attend, or contact that email if you can't make it and a board member will schedule another time to meet with you.

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 sweeptstake 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, summer classes at a community college, or a job that needs to verify your education, you can <u>Click Here to Request Official Transcripts</u>. 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 <u>Uwill FAQ</u>, Student <u>User Guide</u>, or reach out directly to Uwill at <u>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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