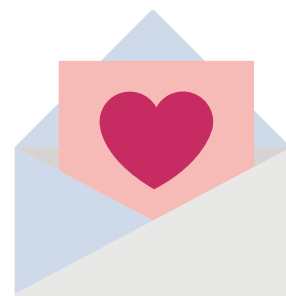


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Campus Feature: Career Services

WHAT IS CAREER SERVICES?

A full service resource for students and alumni of Penn State Berks. The office provides online career resources, career counseling, and assistance in all facets of career planning and development.


HOW CAN WE HELP?

- Career exploration, planning, and decision making
- Cover letter and resume writing support
- Internship exploration
- Interview preparation
- Career Fair preparation
- A range of career related workshops and networking events
- ...and more!!

GET TO KNOW US!

Location: 010 Perkins Student Center

Phone: (610) 396 - 6368

Webpage: <https://berks.psu.edu/career-services> 

Please email Jennifer Pasquale at jlh424@psu.edu to schedule an in-person or Zoom appointment with one of our career counselors.



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Important Dates

Jan 24 – Feb 2 Starfish Early Progress Reporting Period


Feb 1 Summer Course Registration (priority)

Feb 2 Summer Course Registration (regular)

Feb 21 – March 3 Starfish Mid-semester Progress Reporting Period

Feb 22 Installment Plan Payment #2 Due*

*If you enrolled in the **installment plan** before the first payment (1/22), this date (2/22) is your second installment. Students may enroll in the Installment Plan until Feb 22. Enrollment requires payment of half of the student's current balance and the installment plan fee of \$45.

Read more on this, [here](#) 




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ACADEMIC ADVISING REMINDERS

General Advising Assistance

Students in DUS (Division of Undergraduate Studies [i.e. undecided]) who want to schedule an in-person, Zoom, or phone appointment with a DUS Adviser can do so on [Starfish.psu.edu](https://starfish.psu.edu) 

Non-DUS Students should contact their assigned academic adviser. Find your assigned adviser listed in LionPATH.

Note, non-DUS students are welcome to schedule an appointment with DUS advisers. Please email or call to schedule.

For Quick Advising Questions:

Email bkadvisingcenter@psu.edu

To Schedule an Appointment:

Call 610-396-6280

Summer Course Enrollment

Check your LionPATH Student "Home Base" (i.e., your dashboard) for your Summer 2022 Enrollment Appointment date. Students with priority registration can enroll on Feb 1. All other students can enroll on Feb 2.

CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING

- Summer registration is available on a first-come, first serve basis.
- Students can schedule classes at any Penn State campus!
- Stay on track towards degree completion by speaking with your academic adviser before enrolling!



SUMMER COURSES 2022

Contact Financial Aid to determine if you might be eligible for aid.

FALL IN LOVE WITH COLLEGE!

What you Need

- A professor/staff member who makes you excited to learn.
- A professor/staff member who cares about you as an individual.
- A mentor.
- Experience working on a long-term project.
- A job or internship related to what you learn in the classroom.
- Engagement in an extracurricular activities.

How to find love

- Meet with faculty/staff during office hours. Use that time and space to review course material, ask questions, discuss interests, and share updates.
- Reflect on your own interests, values, and goals. Think about how you can dive deeper into each area. Consider the individuals, organizations, and/or opportunities that might support you.
- Think intentionally about how you can deepen your knowledge and experiences. Remember, it is never too early or too late to start!
- Remain committed to anything and everything you start!

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ACADEMIC SUPPORT

PEER TUTORING

"Peers and Profs"

WHAT: Free math help sessions hosted by math faculty and math tutors

WHEN: Mondays and Wednesdays during common hour (from 12:15-1:15pm)

WHERE: 021 Luerssen

COURSES SUPPORTED:

Mondays: Math 21, 22, 26, and 110

Wednesdays: Math 22 and 26

No appointment necessary!



PEER TUTORING

Need help with Math, Science or Study Skills?

Make an appointment with our Learning Center Tutors [here](#)

Need help with a paper, speech, resume, or other written material?

Make an appointment with our Writing Center Tutors [here](#)

Peer Tutoring is FREE!

PREVIOUSLY RECORDED

We Are Healthy: Consider both the typical and atypical definitions of health and examine areas in your life that might need some nurturing.

Self-Awareness, Skills and Success in College: Understanding your strengths, weaknesses, and passions will help you identify your goals and what you must do to achieve them.



Here to help you succeed!

What is Starfish??

Starfish is an online system that connects you to the people and services that can help YOU navigate YOUR education. Starfish does this by facilitating communication between your advisor, instructors, and support services.

Check Your PSU Email



During weeks 3-4 and 7-8 of each semester, instructors are prompted to comment on student progress in their class(es) utilizing Starfish. Pay special attention to this time period for important feedback, which will come from:

notices@starfishsolutions.com

TIP: Do NOT delete this email. It is NOT spam.



Get Started NOW!



Upload a picture, set your preferences, and explore! sites.psu.edu/starfishinfo



Don't Make Assumptions!

If you do NOT receive notices from instructors, do not assume that this means that you are in the clear! Instructors have the option of notifying students of their progress in their class--not all instructors complete Starfish reports.

TIP: Make an appointment with your instructor(s) to discuss your progress.

I received a Starfish notification, now what do I do?



Take Action Immediately!

MEET: Discuss the feedback with your Instructor.

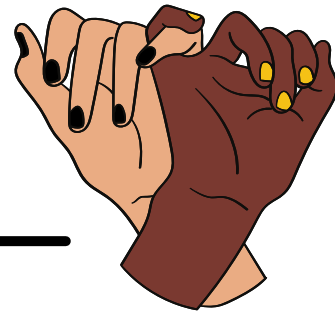
REFLECT: Which behaviors contributed to the feedback?

COMMIT: Make improvements to see greater success.



We Are Successful: Explore academic and non-academic strategies that any student (new or returning) can implement to maximize one's potential and resources both inside and outside of the classroom!

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CAMPUS ENGAGEMENT

BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATIONS

Black History Festival

WHEN: February 6th, 3:00 PM, Perkins Auditorium

WHAT: Movie & discussion, cultural displays, & refreshments. Free & open to the public.

HOST: Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Committee, Student Affairs

Mike Africa Jr.

WHEN: February 9th, 7:00 PM, Perkins Auditorium

WHAT: Mike Africa, Jr. is a member of The MOVE Organization. He is a conscious hip hop artist and a motivational resilience speaker. He pushes his revolutionary message with his dynamic stage performances mixing music with speeches.

HOST: Arts and Lecture Series



Zuzu African Acrobats

WHEN: February 22nd, 6:00 PM, Perkins Auditorium

WHAT: The ZUZU Acrobats are a Tanzanian troupe who base their performances on 2000 years of history. They bring modern art, culture, and passion with them everywhere they go. ZUZU celebrates their niche culture of Dar Es Salaam through jaw dropping acrobatics, live music, dancing, dish spinning, Cyr wheel, gumboot dance, unicycle/ bicycle tricks, chair balancing, hand balancing, human pyramid, contortionist and a special parade of African animal puppets!

HOST: Arts and Lecture Series

Being Black at Berks

WHEN: February 25th, 7:00 PM, Perkins Auditorium

WHAT: A celebration of culture, knowledge, and history. Open to the entire campus to showcase and celebrate Black culture of the students on campus.

HOST: Black Student Union

This Week at Berks

Keep up with weekly events by checking *This Week at Berks*, your weekly events and announcements newsletter! It is sent to current Berks students by email (to PSU email addresses only) every Sunday evening at 8:00pm!

Student Clubs & Organizations

Student clubs and organizations provide opportunities for students to build upon common interests, explore new opportunities, strengthen passions, make new friends, and engage in leadership roles. Review the current list of all clubs and organizations at Penn State Berks <https://berks.psu.edu/clubs-and-organizations>



Haven't found the perfect club for you?

Starting your own club at Berks is a breeze! To become an active club, all you need is an advisor, at least 8 students interested in joining, and a constitution. **Contact** Angie DiJiacomo (amc5300@psu.edu) in the Office of Campus Life for more information and assistance!



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FINANCIAL AID REMINDERS


2022-2023 FAFSA

File your 2022-23 FAFSA by [clicking here!](#) 

- Remember to use **2020** tax information!
- **Pennsylvania residents:** Submit BEFORE May 1st, 2022 to be considered for PHEAA PA State Grant!

DON'T WAIT!

If you already completed the 2022-2023 FAFSA, you may see verification requests in LionPATH. The requests will be for the aid year of 2023. You can upload them to the Office of Student Aid now so they are reviewed and processed.

For questions about verification, learn more [here](#). 



Are you making SAP?


What is SAP?

Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) determines a student's Federal financial aid eligibility. It is reviewed after every Spring semester and at the end of every student's 4th semester at PSU.

SAP: Two Key Factors

Cumulative GPA of 2.00 or higher
Completion rate of 67% or higher. This means passing 67% of the TOTAL credits (not courses) you have ever attempted at Penn State.



For more information on this policy, [click here](#). 

Veteran's Benefits

If you have VA benefits that need to be certified, the Registrar's Office is now the point of contact for all VA certifications.

Contact the Registrar's Office via telephone at 610-396-6085 or via email bk-registrar@psu.edu

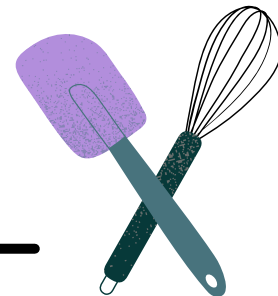
Contact Financial Aid

Email: BerksFinAid@psu.edu

Phone: 610-396-6070*

**No answer? Leave a message with your name, phone number, 9-digit PSU ID number, and reason for calling!*

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A BERKS BITE: Valentine's Day Cookie Dough Truffles



Ingredients

- ½ cup butter, softened
- ¾ cup packed brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 can (14 ounces) sweetened condensed milk
- ½ cup mini semisweet chocolate chips
- 1-½ pounds candy coating, chopped (can be semisweet or milk chocolate)



Instructions

- In a large bowl, cream butter and brown sugar until light and fluffy.
- Beat in vanilla.
- Gradually add flour, alternately with condensed milk, beating well after each addition.
- Stir in the chocolate chips.
- Shape into 1-inch balls and place on waxed-paper lined baking sheet.
- Loosely cover and refrigerate for 1-2 hours or until firm.
- In a microwave safe bowl, melt the candy coating; stir until smooth.
- Dip the balls in the coating, allow the excess to drip off and place on wax-paper lined baking sheets.
- Refrigerate until firm about 15 minutes. Store in the refrigerator.
- Recipe adapted from: Taste of Home

Love What You See?



Interested in having an event, resource, or organization featured in a future volume of the Lion's Roar Newsletter? Send an inquiry to Dr. Paula Plageman (pmp5@psu.edu) and Ms. Alexa Hodge (aeh221@psu.edu)!

Missed a newsletter? Check out the Lion's Roar archive at <https://berks.psu.edu/student-success> 