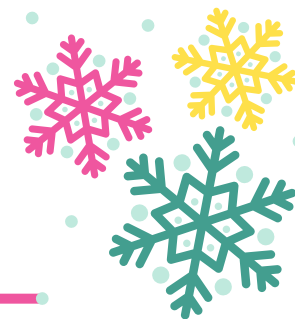


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The monthly newsletter for Penn State Berks

Did You Know?

FINAL EXAMS BEGIN 12/13!

[Click here for some motivation to get you started in preparing for finals!](#)



Finals Prep Checklist:

- What is your study plan for finals?
- Are your finals cumulative or only based on the most recent information?
- When are your finals?
- How many do you have?
- What needs to be done between now and then so you are ready?
- Do you have any conflicts? (3 or more finals on the same day - **speak to your instructors!**)



.. Check out this helpful info to prep for your exams ..

[10 Things to Remember on the Day of Your Final Exams and 6 Ways to Beat Final Exam Stress](#)



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IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Important dates:

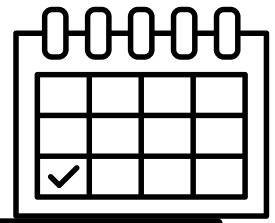


Dec 10: Last day of instruction
Dec 10: Withdrawal Deadline (5pm EST)
Dec 13 - 17: Final Exam Week *
Dec 15: Commencement (7:30pm EST)
Dec 18 - Jan 9: Winter Break
Dec 18 - Jan 2: University Closure
Jan 3: University re-opens
Jan 10: Spring Semester begins

Check LionPATH and/or your course syllabi to determine when your finals take place *



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Advising Announcements!

Spring 2022 Course Enrollment: Are you Scheduled?

IMPORTANT



Advisers will not be available from December 18-January 2. Please see your adviser BEFORE the semester ends for scheduling!

WITHDRAWAL DEADLINE



The withdrawal deadline is December 10, 2021, at 5:00 pm (ET). *Withdrawal Form must be received at University Park by 5:00pm.* This is the last day to withdraw from all courses. Please consult with an Adviser and Financial Aid before withdrawing from the semester.

ACADEMIC OPPORTUNITIES

Free Tutoring!

Final day for tutoring in BOTH centers is December 10th!

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



Lionside Chat

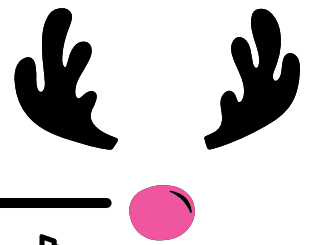


Join us for the Upcoming December
 **PennState**
Berks **LIONSIDE CHATS**

Join the FYE "We Are...Prepared" LionSide Chat on Monday, December 6 at 12:15pm
Dr. Ryan Hassler will empower you with the ability to ace those final exams!

[Click here to join!](#)

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Financial Aid REMINDER\$

REMINDER: The Financial Aid Office will be closed December 18 - January 2
(University Closure)

FAFSA for 2022-2023 opened October 1, 2021!

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

- Remember to have your 2020 taxes!
- PA residents: Submit **BEFORE** May 1st, 2022 to be considered for PHEAA PA State Grant!

If you have not accepted Federal Direct loans or Alternative loans that you'd like to use towards your bill, you must do that ASAP!!

- For first time loans borrowers of the Federal Direct loans, you must also complete these two items:
 - [Sign your MPN](#)
 - [Complete Entrance Counseling](#)



If you have not yet completed your verification for the 2021-2022 FAFSA (aid year 2022 in LionPATH), you could be at risk of losing your federal aid for the entire academic year.

- You MUST return all To Do List items in LionPATH to the Office of Student Aid (OSA) as soon as possible.
- Once OSA reviews your submitted materials, that MAY trigger new items for review.
- ***If the verification is not completed by the last week of classes, you will lose your federal aid for the year!***
- If you have already completed the 2022-2023 FAFSA, you may begin to see verification requests on your To Do list (aid year of 2023 in LionPATH)

Look for Scholarships Over Break!

Some scholarships on the following pages may not be available to apply to until Spring semester

- <https://studentaid.psu.edu/types-of-aid/scholarships/applications>
- <https://studentaid.psu.edu/types-of-aid/scholarships/academic-colleges>
- <https://studentaid.psu.edu/types-of-aid/scholarships/athletics-ROTC-fellowship-libraries-and-more>
- <http://equity.psu.edu/scholarships>

This page provides websites that have outside scholarships to apply for:

- <https://studentaid.psu.edu/types-of-aid/scholarships/outside-of-penn-state>

If you are a Berks County high school graduate, this site is for you to check out!

- <https://bccf.org/scholarships-grants/>



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PSU Berks CAMPUS ACCESS

What is open? What are the hours of operation?

Thun library:

- [Hours of operation can be found by clicking here!](#)
- Need a study room? [Reserve one today by clicking here!](#)



Housing and Food Services:

- Do you have a question about your ID card? Email: HousingBK@psu.edu
- Residence hall and contract questions? Email: HousingBK@psu.edu
 - **Residence halls will close on Saturday Dec. 18 at 12:00 PM**
- Meal plan and food service questions (including food allergies) Email: Absfoodservicebk@psu.edu
- Housing and Food Services main office numbers are 610- 396-6354 and 610-396-6353

Cyber Café will close at 4:00 PM on Thursday December 16

Tully's and the Creekside Market will close at 8:00 PM on Friday December 17

Counseling and Health Services:

The Health Services Office and Counseling Center will be closed from 12/20 until 1/2

For questions or medical issues, please utilize the following resources:

- Student's own primary care provider.
- If it's a medical emergency, please call 911 (urgent) or go to your local Emergency Department or Urgent Care (non-urgent).
- For advice or routine medical questions, please call the 24/7 Advice Nurse Hotline at 814-863-4463.

For questions related to Covid-19, please utilize the following resources:

- virusinfo.psu.edu
- Contact Tracing: Call 814-863-8800 or email contacttracing@psu.edu.
- Student Support Services: Call 814-867-4300 or email studentsupportservices@psu.edu.



For Counseling Services, please see link below:

<https://berks.psu.edu/how-students-can-access-our-programs-and-services>

If you are in Berks County, and having a mental health emergency, please call Service Access and Management (SAM), the 24-hour local mobile crisis response team at 877-236-4600.



INEXPENSIVE GIFT IDEA FOR ANYONE: *DIY Candy Sleighs!*

You are in for a **treat** with this "Do It Yourself" inexpensive gift idea!

To make each candy sleigh you'll need:

- 2 candy canes
- 1 four-finger KitKat bar or similar sized candy bar that will fit on the candy canes
- Several pieces of small or fun-size chocolate candy
- Glue or double sided tape
- **OPTIONAL:** Christmas ribbon, reindeer or santa chocolate, etc. (for step 4)



1. For the base, glue two candy canes under the KitKat or candy bar of choice– on the left and right side.
2. Next, you can stack 10 mini Hersey bars on top of the chocolate bar in a pyramid shape (first 4, then 3, then 2, then 1)
3. Now you need to wait until all the glue is dry and secure. You don't need to worry about the glue melting the chocolate because a glue gun uses relatively low heat glue.
4. To accessorize the sleigh, glue ribbon around the candy bars or you can also glue a reindeer eraser, reindeer chocolate, or even a reindeer sticker to the front of the sleigh for a more realistic sleigh-look. Another thing you can do: Glue a Santa eraser, a Santa chocolate bar, or even a Santa sticker to the front of the chocolate stack.
5. Voila! Now your candy sleigh is ready to take off!



Student Organization Feature : Campus Activities Board (CAB)



President : Katie Anders

E-Board Members: Edith Konneh, Maddie Monka, TJ Scott, Dennis Morales, and Emily Orbea

CAB continues to fight the war on boredom!

Their claim to fame includes Crazy Bob events, Bingo's, and a good Pinterest event. CAB welcomes all who look for opportunities to have fun on campus, enjoy fellowship with other Penn Staters, and who are interested in making a difference on campus. CAB was recently recognized for their excellence in Marketing, Printed Materials, Social Program of the Year, and Programming Board of the Year by the National Association of Campus Activities. Their most popular events from this semester include the Crazy Bob Electronic Dance Giveaway which hosted almost 300 students on the Perkins Lawn and Glocade, a glow in the dark arcade experience, that drew out over 300 people!

Katie Anders, President of CAB, says: "I love the fact that CAB is able to bring people together. By hosting a variety of events on campus we have something for everyone and all are welcome at our events. We make Berks fun and help create community on campus."

CAB meets every Monday night at 9:00PM in Perkins 003. All are welcome to attend!

