

2008 NSSE Highlights for Penn State Berks

... "By staying at Penn State Berks as compared to going to University Park, I feel that I got an education that is more personal and applicable to the real world. The faculty has been very helpful and friendly"Comment from 2008 Berks NSSE respondent

... "My experience at Penn State has been great. I go to school part time while working full-time and taking care of my family. The professors I have had over the years have been wonderful"Comment from 2008 Berks NSSE respondent

... "I have slacked off the first semester adjusting to college life, but plan to turn things around and raise my GPA."Comment from 2008 Berks NSSE respondent

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Highlights

Overall

- ✪ With the exception of Supportive Campus Environment, Penn State Berks posted **gains** between **first year** and **senior NSSE respondents** on the composite areas: Level of Academic Challenge, Active & Collaborative Learning, Student-Faculty Interaction, and Enriching Educational Experience.
- ✪ Penn State Berks senior NSSE respondents indicated that he/she **worked harder** to meet faculty expectations than the other **PSU campuses, local** and **national** peer sets.

Active & Collaborative Learning

- ✪ Penn State Berks **outscores** the other **PSU campuses, local** and **national** peer sets on the **Active & Collaborative Learning** composite.
- ✪ Penn State Berks **exceeds** the other **PSU campuses, local** and **national** peer sets with respect to opportunities to work on a **research project with a faculty member**.
- ✪ Penn State Berks **exceeds** the other **PSU campuses, local** and **national** peer sets with respect to participating in **learning communities**.
- ✪ Penn State Berks **exceeds** the other **PSU campuses** with respect to opportunities to participate in **internship** and field experiences.

Student Faculty Interaction

- ✪ Berks first year NSSE composite scores are similar to the other **PSU campuses, local** and **national** peer sets with respect to **Student-Faculty Interaction**.
- ✪ The **Student-Faculty Interaction** composite score has improved across NSSE administrations (2003, 2006, & 2008).
- ✪ Penn State Berks first year NSSE respondents rated **faculty members as helpful**. This rating exceeds that of all the **PSU campuses, local** and **national** peer sets.

Supportive Campus Environment

- ✪ The NSSE survey results confirm that Penn State Berks provides a **supportive campus environment**, especially for first year students.
- ✪ Individual item analysis reveals that Penn State Berks, especially first year NSSE respondents, rate the **computing and information technology** resources more positively than the other Penn State campuses and the other institutional peers.