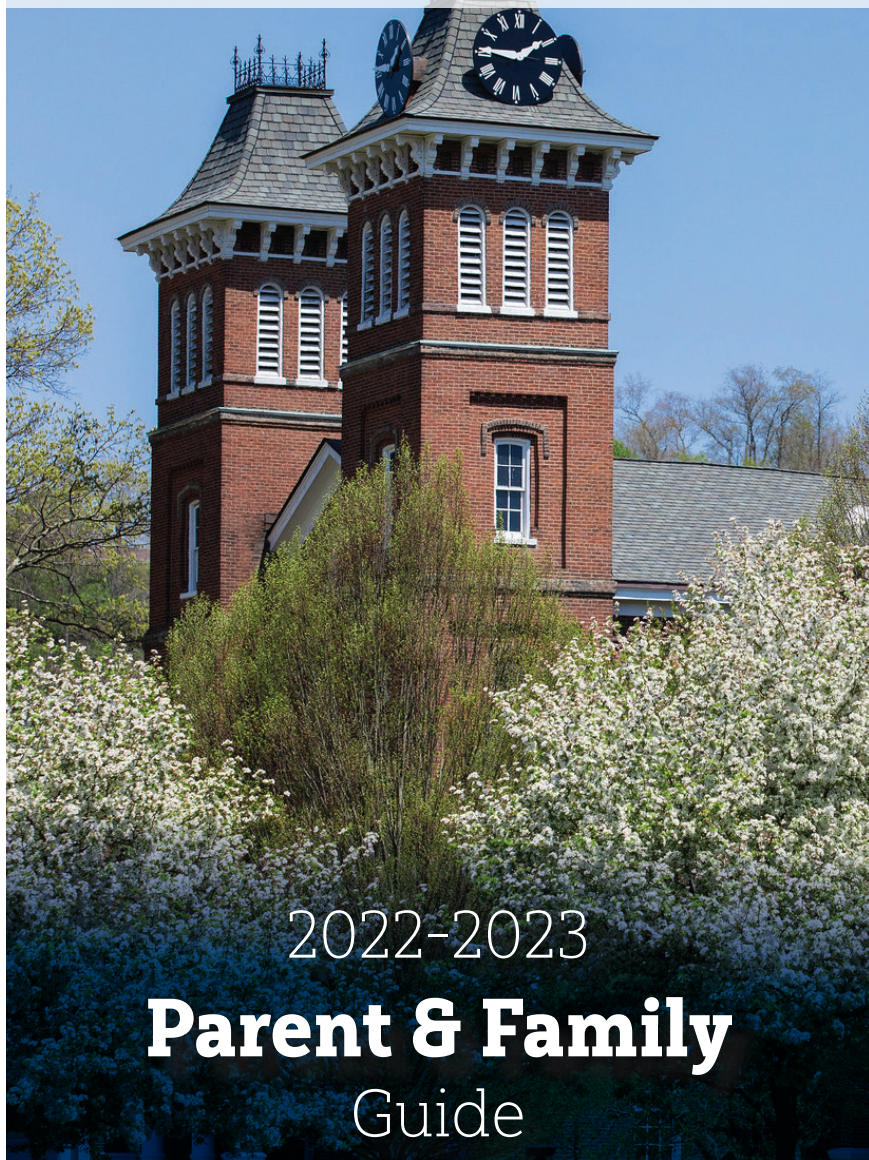


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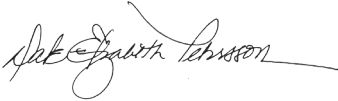
WELCOME TO OUR CALIFORNIA FAMILY.

This is an important time in your child's life. And you have chosen California at an exciting time, as the campus joins with Clarion and Edinboro as Pennsylvania Western University.

This guide will provide you with a variety of helpful resources so you can continue to support your new PennWest California student.

Our campus community is committed to helping your student be successful. This guide will help you as you continue to be an important source of support in their pursuit of a college degree.

I wish your family all the best,



Dale-Elizabeth Pehrsson  
Interim President,  
Pennsylvania Western University





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# Resources for Student Success

## STUDENT OUTREACH & SUCCESS

The Office of Student Outreach and Success provides students with the learning resources they need to achieve personal and academic goals.

**Office of Academic Success**  
724-938-1523  
103 Noss Hall

## PLACEMENT TESTING

Appropriate course placement is important to student success. Depending on SAT/ACT scores or transfer credits, freshmen and transfer students may take placement tests in math and writing. Students who do not achieve predetermined scores must enroll in applicable developmental courses. Placement testing for new students and retesting for current students is offered throughout the year. The office also offers tests for students who wish to obtain college credits in English, business, math, social sciences and natural sciences. Information for CLEP and DSST Programs is available on our website.

**Placement Testing Office**  
724-938-577  
pizer@PennWest.edu  
215 Noss Hall

## PEER MENTORING PROGRAM

Peer mentors are current students who volunteer to assist new students with the adjustment to college by offering guidance, encouragement and friendship. Peer mentors know a great deal about academic and campus life, such as campus resources, student organizations, great study spots and the best places to eat or shop. Having a peer mentor gives new students an edge. Over the past 10 years, PennWest California freshmen with a peer mentor have returned for their sophomore year at a 10% to 13% higher rate than freshmen without peer mentors. The peer mentoring program is also open to transfer students during their first year at PennWest California. Any student who is interested in receiving a peer mentor should contact the mentoring office for application information.

**Peer Mentoring Program**  
724-938-1682  
mentoring-cal@PennWest.edu  
120 Noss Hall

## SUCCESS COACHING

Our Success Coaches are here to offer students the opportunity to become engaged and competent learners by providing a path to develop and strengthen important academic skills. We proudly provide a wide range of student support services, one-on-one training, workshops and academic resources that can be tailored to meet individual student needs. Students can make an appointment or walk-in during posted office hours.

**Success Coaching**  
724-938-1608  
successcoaching@PennWest.edu  
210/211 Noss Hall



### **VULCAN LEARNING COMMONS**

The Vulcan Learning Commons (VLC) is a one-stop academic hub where students can access free academic resources and receive academic tutorial support. Peer tutors assist with writing, reading and course-specific tutoring. The VLC services include individual tutoring, supplemental instruction (SI) and study groups in a face-to-face or online format. To schedule an appointment, students may log in to Starfish.

**Vulcan Learning Commons**  
724-938-5893  
110/115 Noss Hall

### **OFFICE FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES (OSD)**

PennWest California welcomes otherwise qualified students with disabilities. The University recognizes its responsibility to these students as guided by Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, and the Americans with Disabilities Act, as amended. Reasonable accommodations that maintain fundamental university standards are available to ensure access and participation. Requests for accommodations should be submitted to OSD and must adhere to established OSD accommodation procedures.

**Office for Students with Disabilities**  
724-938-5781  
osd-cal@PennWest.edu  
G-35 Carter Hall

# International Programming and Study Away

## NATIONAL STUDENT EXCHANGE

National Student Exchange (NSE) inspires academic enrichment, personal exploration and student development by facilitating collegiate study away among over 170 member colleges and universities throughout the United States, Canada and U.S. Territories. Students pay the same or less as they earn credit toward general education or major requirements. To learn more, visit [nse.org](http://nse.org).

## STUDY ABROAD

PennWest California offers students various opportunities to add study abroad experience as part of their college education. PennWest California students have participated in faculty-led study abroad opportunities as well as programs offered by study abroad organizations with high-quality, accredited academic services. Options include spending one to two weeks, several weeks over the summer or a full semester abroad. Students can earn credit toward general education or major requirements with approval of their academic advisor. PennWest

California works with students to find the right study abroad program in terms of academics, budget and personal interests. To learn more, visit [CalU.edu/academics/study-abroad](http://CalU.edu/academics/study-abroad) or contact [admissions-cal@PennWest.edu](mailto:admissions-cal@PennWest.edu).

## INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

The University welcomes international students from many countries each academic year. International students provide cultural diversity and bring a new perspective to the institution and the surrounding community. As a university community, we are committed to working together to meet the needs of enrolled international students and to provide each with a sense of belonging. International students are provided the opportunities to experience not only American culture, but other cultures represented on campus as well. The International Club also plays a key role in promoting an exchange of cultural and global perspectives to enhance each student's experience in the United States.

International Students  
724-938-5080  
[conlogue@PennWest.edu](mailto:conlogue@PennWest.edu)





# Enhanced Academic Opportunities

## UNIVERSITY HONORS PROGRAM

Built on a foundation of research, opportunity and community, the University Honors Program offers students the chance to challenge themselves, discover and excel. Honors students live, study and socialize together. They take a group of core small-enrollment general education courses led by some of the University's finest faculty. Working with faculty mentors, honors students also conduct independent research and creative projects. Honors students travel to

share their research at conferences and pursue experiential learning programs in locations across the region and around the world. Upon completing the Honors Program, students earn a medallion to be worn at Commencement and a notation on their transcript and diploma. Be sure to connect with the Honors Program on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

**University Honors Program**  
724-938-4535  
[honors@PennWest.edu](mailto:honors@PennWest.edu)  
171 Smith Hall

# Career Resources

## CAREER AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

It is never too early for your student to begin gaining a Career Advantage.

Caring staff at the Center for Career and Professional Development help students:

- Explore majors and career options.
- Gain hands-on experience through cooperative education (paid career-related experience) and internships.
- Prepare for a job search or graduate school application, including resume and LinkedIn profile development, interviewing skills and learning how to conduct a successful job or grad school search.
- Connect with employers and graduates through job fairs, online job postings and networking events.
- Transition from college to work after graduation.

Every student has a career coach, who will help them gain their unique Career Advantage.

### Career and Professional Development

724-938-4413

[career@PennWest.edu](mailto:career@PennWest.edu)

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## THE INTERNSHIP CENTER

An internship can help students decide on a career path and improve their chances of landing a full-time job after graduation. Internships give students the opportunity to test-drive careers, hone professional skills, build resumes, network and gain an edge in the job market. The Internship Center assists students with finding an internship that

fits their major and interests and is the central resource for students to learn about the internship process. Students participate in internships locally, across the country, and worldwide. Sponsor organizations have included the Pittsburgh Steelers, UPMC, U.S. Steel, Walt Disney World, PNC Bank, Ocean City Police Department, The Pittsburgh Zoo and PPG Aquarium, the National Park Service, and the National Security Agency.

PennWest California also partners with The Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars in Washington, D.C., which places interns in agencies such as Interpol, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, United States Marshals Service, U.S. Small Business Administration, The Jane Goodall Institute.

### Internship Center

724-938-1578

[internctr-cal@PennWest.edu](mailto:internctr-cal@PennWest.edu)

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# Money Matters

## OFFICE OF STUDENT ACCOUNTS

The Student Accounts Office handles billing for tuition, housing and fees and allows students and parents to stay on top of billing matters. Student accounts are billed each semester, and payments are due approximately two weeks after the initial bill is issued. All statements are issued electronically and may be viewed online.

Students may designate another individual as an “authorized user.” Once an authorized user has been set up, that individual must complete the registration in order to have online access to the student’s billing statements.

Students and authorized users may make payments online using a credit card or electronic check. All tuition balances are due in full by the due date unless the student enrolls in an authorized payment plan. Accounts that are not paid in full by the due date, or not enrolled in a payment plan, will be subject to a \$50 late payment fee assessment for each missed due date. PennWest California requests direct deposit for any credit balances on a student account.

**Office of Student Accounts**  
724-938-4431  
118 Dixon Hall

## FINANCIAL AID OFFICE

Your student’s education is one of the most important investments your family will ever make, but paying for college can seem overwhelming. The Financial Aid Office is here to help. Financial aid is designed to supplement your family’s resources so that your student will be able to fulfill the dream of a college

education. For PennWest California Financial Aid application steps and additional information, please visit [CalU.edu/finaid](http://CalU.edu/finaid).

**Financial Aid Office**  
724-938-4415  
[finaid-cal@PennWest.edu](mailto:finaid-cal@PennWest.edu)  
105 Dixon Hall

## IDENTIFICATION OFFICE

The ID card provides an easy payment method for a host of campus offerings including on-campus dining locations, vending machines, residence hall laundry facilities and the University Bookstore. The ID card is also used for access to campus events and complimentary rides on Mid Mon Valley Transit Authority buses. ID Card support is available at the Information Desk, on the lower level of the Natali Student Center. Parents/guests can make guest deposits online.

## BANKING/FINANCIAL SERVICES

On campus financial services are offered to students and their families through PSECU (Pennsylvania State Employees Credit Union). PSECU offers many financial education presentations on campus and has a dedicated learning platform that is available to members and non-members at [www.psecu.com/learn](http://www.psecu.com/learn). PSECU ATMs are located at the Natali Student Center, the Convocation Center and Dixon Hall. The PSECU Financial Education Center is located on the first floor of the Natali Student Center, Room 136. The PSECU campus manager is available to assist students throughout the semester with account questions and instruction. A PSECU account is here for you and your student during college, after graduation and for life!

Additional information and membership application can be found at [psecu.com/banking/for-college-students](http://psecu.com/banking/for-college-students).

# Health & Safety

## STUDENT WELLNESS CENTER

The Student Wellness Center is staffed by a medical director, a certified registered nurse practitioner and registered nurses. Services are free of charge to all students and include medical treatments, referrals and healthy lifestyle education. Telemedicine or face-to-face visits are available by appointment. Required services outside the capabilities of the Health Center are billed and processed through the student's private health insurance by the healthcare facility visited. Students must call 724-938-4232 before visiting the Health Center. IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, CALL 9-1-1 or Public Safety at 724-938-4299. COVID-19 testing is available on-site by appointment, or referral to an outside agency may be necessary for testing. The Health Center is open 24 hours per day Monday through Friday and is closed on weekends.

**Wellness Center**  
724-938-4232  
G-53 Carter Hall

## HEALTH AND WELLNESS EDUCATION CENTER

The Health and Wellness Education Center provides students with information and resources that they may use for programming, educational purposes, or personal use. Free materials are available for all students that cover a wide variety of topics, ranging from mental health to healthy-eating habits. The center is also the meeting place for our Health and Education Awareness Resource Team (HEART), an organization dedicated to promoting healthy lifestyles and inspiring peers through individual consultations and interactive events. The Student Wellness Support Center

houses the Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) Education Center, the Prevention Awareness Recovery Center (PARC), and the BASICS and CASICS alcohol and marijuana education programs. Together, these programs form a comprehensive strategy to improve well-being; reduce underage drinking and other drug abuse among students; and promote the ideals of safety and wellness to all students.

**Health and Wellness Education and Drug and Alcohol**  
724-938-4775  
G-45 Carter Hall

## COUNSELING CENTER

The Counseling Center provides free counseling services to students. Services include brief individual counseling, crisis intervention and referrals. Hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday when school is in session. The Counseling Center helps students handle personal issues and stressful situations, such as relationship distress, academic difficulties, anxiety, depression and substance abuse.

Crisis support outside the center's normal business hours is available through Campus Police (724-938-4357) or by contacting a local agency listed below: If you are experiencing a mental health emergency, please contact South Western Human Services (SPHS) Crisis Care Center at 1-877-225-3567. If you are located outside of Washington County, we encourage you to call your county's crisis line or 911.

**Counseling Center**  
724-938-4056  
G-53 Carter Hall

To set up a regular non-emergency appointment, students can also email Rachel Michaels at [michaels\\_r@PennWest.edu](mailto:michaels_r@PennWest.edu)

## SAFETY

Penn West University is committed to the safety and security of all students, staff, faculty and visitors. Campus police officers conduct foot and vehicle patrols on a 24-hour basis, providing around-the-clock assistance. Students can make reports by dialing H-E-L-P (4357) or 9-1-1 on any campus phone or using one of the call boxes located throughout campus. (You can identify call boxes by the bright blue light on top.) If serious issues affecting public safety should arise, known facts will be communicated immediately. Information will be released through a variety of channels, such as the website, campus email, text alerts and the University hotline.

## TEXT ALERTS

This service is a cellphone text message system that provides notification of emergency situations that may affect the campus community. Students can register for text alerts by accessing the “Text Alerts” link on our website. Once a student has registered, they may choose to add a second cell phone number (typically a parent or family member). Accounts are active for two years. Students will receive notification when it’s time to re-register.

**PennWest California Text Alert hours:**  
24 hours a day, 7 days a week  
[CalU.edu/text-alert](http://CalU.edu/text-alert)

## FOR EMERGENCIES:

724-938-H-E-L-P (4357) or 911  
University Police Department:  
724-938-4299  
Pollock Maintenance Building

# University Technology Services

## UTECH SERVICES DESK

The Services Desk provides students with network registration assistance, anti-virus installation and updates, basic computer virus removal, campus account username retrieval and password resets. Technicians also can help with mobile email setup.

724-938-5911  
[techsupport@PennWest.edu](mailto:techsupport@PennWest.edu)  
219 Noss Hall

## PRINTING

PennWest California has partnered with Wēpa, a provider of cloud-based printing services, to allow students and guests to print from any device – computer, smart phone, tablet, or USB flash drive. Students do not need to visit a campus computer lab to print documents; however, students may print from a lab to any of our Wēpa kiosks. Wēpa kiosks are located across campus in Eberly, Keystone, Manderino Library, Natali Student Center, Noss and Vulcan Village. All students will receive an allotted amount of print credits at the start of the fall semester. Printing may also be paid for using a student’s ID Card, credit/debit card, PayPal, Venmo or Wēpa account.

# Parking and Transportation

## PARKING PERMITS

The University has a managed parking system that requires anyone who will have a vehicle on campus to register it and purchase a parking permit. Individuals who are on campus for only a few hours each week may elect to pay hourly in the Vulcan Garage or with the pay-by-license meters in Lot 11 behind Gallagher Hall or Lot 17 behind Natali Student Center.

New students who have registered for classes and received their PennWest email login and password may access parking account information via the “Parking” link on our website.

When purchasing a permit, new students may place their name on a waiting list for a specific lot. Award letters are sent out one to two weeks prior to the start of the semester via University email. If a student receives an award email, then at that time, a student may access their online parking account and purchase a permit. During this period, students may also place their name on a waiting list for other lots, in case any spaces become available. Students who do not get an award email may contact the Parking Department to see which lots are available. Permits are mailed in advance of the semester.

Permits are renewable and should be renewed prior to the permit expiration date. Students who fail to renew the parking permit will need to return the expired permit and place themselves back on a waiting list for future permit availability. Academic holds are placed for permit that are not renewed or returned.

**Parking and Transportation**  
724-938-4677  
123 Manderino Library

## BUS AND SHUTTLE SERVICE

The Vulcan Flyer shuttle transports students between main campus and Roadman Park/Vulcan Village and Brownsville Walmart. Students use their ID Card to ride for FREE, and all Vulcan Flyer shuttles are handicap accessible. Vulcan shuttles have a GPS vehicle location, and students are encouraged to sign up for Rider Alerts, which provides information about delays or weather-related concerns.

Students can also use their ID Card to hop onto the Local 2 or the Shoppers Shuttle and head to the Walmart in West Brownsville or ride the Mid Mon Valley Transit Authority (MMVTA) bus from campus to Pittsburgh. All schedules and route maps can be found at MMVTA’s website, [www.MMTVA.com](http://www.MMTVA.com).

During holiday breaks or when the University is closed, the Student Association Business Office offers (for a small fee) shuttle service from main campus to the Pittsburgh International Airport, the Greyhound bus and Amtrak train stations, and the Megabus pickup at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center. Reservations are needed.

For more information about the shuttle service during breaks, call 724-938-4303 or email [sai-cal@PennWest.edu](mailto:sai-cal@PennWest.edu)



## University Housing/Dining Services

### HOUSING

Campus living provides students with enhanced opportunities to engage with other students, develop new friendships and enjoy a strong sense of community. All new undergraduate freshmen will be required to live on campus for their first four semesters.

For more information, see our housing policy: [CalU.edu/housing-policies](http://CalU.edu/housing-policies).

PennWest California offers living arrangements based on individual lifestyle preferences, including a variety of room configurations for one to four roommates. However, the majority are two-person standard rooms. There are five residence halls, each hall is equipped with a computer lab, community room, large-screen TV and DVD player, full kitchen, game area and vending machines.

University Housing  
724-938-4444  
[calreslife@PennWest.edu](mailto:calreslife@PennWest.edu)  
G-6 Carter Hall

### DINING SERVICES

The goal of University Dining Services is to provide a quality, cost-effective, innovative dining program for

students living on and off campus.

The University encourages student involvement and awareness to help provide quality, nutritious meals at a reasonable cost. Dining locations provide an important environment for student interaction and socialization. Students living in a residence hall, as well as commuters, may choose from a variety of meal plans. All students who live in a university residence hall must participate in the meal plan program.

More information on meal plans can be found at [CalU.edu/dining](http://CalU.edu/dining).

### THE CUPBOARD

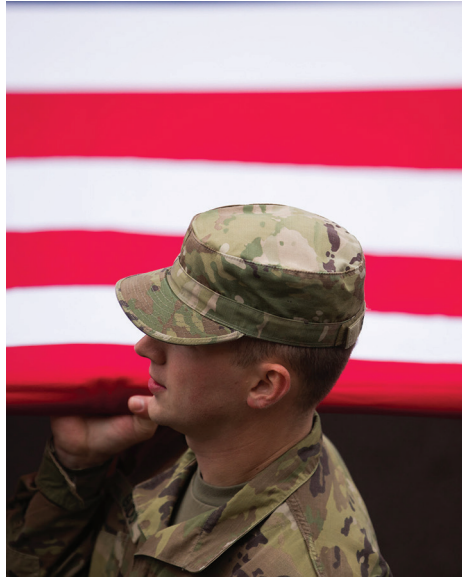
The Cupboard assists our students by providing food, academic supplies and personal hygiene items, so they can continue on the path toward graduation. Operated by PennWest California's Center for Volunteer Programs and Service Learning and supported by our generous donors, the campus-based food pantry helps to meet students' basic needs with compassion and discretion. We recognize that even ambitious, hard-working college students sometimes need a helping hand. Visit the Cupboard website at [CalU.edu/cupboard](http://CalU.edu/cupboard) to request items, donate or learn more.

# Commuter and Non-Traditional Students

Traveling back and forth to campus can add unique challenges as well as opportunities to a commuting student's collegiate experience. The Office of Commuter and Non-Traditional Student Services helps connect all commuting students with campus departments and services, and provides resources, programs and information to meet their needs.

The Energy Zone, located on the first level of the Natali Student Center, is where the Office of Commuter and Non-Traditional Student Services (CNTSS) is located and where students will find amenities such as lockers, a refrigeration unit and a kitchenette. Throughout campus, there are also small commuter-friendly break areas with vending options. Commuter Break Pods in Coover Hall, Keystone Hall and Manderino Library have hard and soft seating as well as printing and other resources for students. Additionally, the Commuter Council is the student organization that offers commuters and other interested students opportunities to support the needs of commuter students.

**Office of Commuter and Non-Traditional Student Services**  
724-938-4021  
[commuterservices-cal@PennWest.edu](mailto:commuterservices-cal@PennWest.edu)  
101 D Natali Student Center



# Veteran & Military Success

The Office of Veteran and Military Success assists military-affiliated students with navigating the GI Bill®, obtaining tuition assistance and transitioning from military life to higher education. They also help students understand the different services and opportunities that PennWest California has to offer. This office works in conjunction with the Department of Veterans Affairs to provide eligible military-affiliated students with referrals to the VA, as needed. Additionally, the Veterans Club at PennWest California helps to build a sense of community among veterans attending the University.

**Office of Veteran and Military Success**  
724-938-4076  
[prah@PennWest.edu](mailto:prah@PennWest.edu)  
108A South Hall



# Student Activities & Leadership

## CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

PennWest California students are encouraged to get involved and put their leadership skills into practice. The University offers more than 100 clubs and organizations devoted to academic interests, the arts, campus communities, communications, faith and religion, politics, volunteering, sports and recreation, and more.

Leadership training is available to every student. Organizations such as Student Government and the Student Activities Board give students real-life leadership opportunities.

## EMERGING LEADERS PROGRAM

Students can apply to the competitive Emerging Leaders program in the spring. The program equips potential student leaders with skills in public speaking, team building, goal setting and conflict resolution. It is designed to

foster ethical leadership and problem-solving skills necessary for real-life leadership situations and cross-cultural issues. [For more information, contact Student Affairs.](#)

# New Student Events

## NEW STUDENT MOVE-IN DAY

We look forward to welcoming our new students and their families to campus on Thursday, August 18 as we kick off Welcome Week. [Refer to PennWest.edu for updates.](#)

## WELCOME WEEKEND

Welcome Week provides first-year students the opportunity to meet new friends and explore campus before classes begin. Stay tuned for more information about Welcome Weekend events.

## FAMILY DAY 2022

Visit [PennWest.edu](#) for up-to-date information about Family Day.

# Privacy Information and FERPA

## FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT (FERPA)

FERPA is a federal law that protects college students' privacy and grants them the exclusive right to view and share their education records, such as grades, billing statements, financial aid packages and class schedules. Under the federal law, colleges and universities may not disclose education records to anyone other than the student without consent. PennWest has a secure, online solution that enables students to make choices regarding access to such information. Because students' rights are protected under FERPA, a student may restrict the information a parent or guest is able to access, and the student may revoke access at any time.

For more information, please visit our website and search "FERPA."

## PARENT/GUEST PORTAL

The Parent/Guest Portal is the exclusive means by which a student can establish FERPA proxy access to give parents or guests direct access to their financial, billing or academic records. The portal offers parents and other trusted individuals a secure and convenient means for viewing student information. Registration for the Parent/Guest Portal must be initiated by a student. Visit CalU.edu and search "parent/guest portal" for details on setting up an account and accessing the Parent/Guest Portal. Parents and guests with FERPA proxy access should be mindful of their "passphrase," a special word or phrase chosen by the student for parents and trusted individuals to use for identity verification when contacting the University with questions about student records.

Note: Parents and guests may make student account payments through Touchnet, a separate platform for bill-pay. Registration for Touchnet is done separately from the Parent/Guest Portal.

For assistance, please contact 724-938-4361 or [registrar@PennWest.edu](mailto:registrar@PennWest.edu)







## Parent/Family Engagement

In some ways, when children go off to college, their parents and families do, too. PennWest California gives families the resources they need to stay involved with their student's education, while recognizing their growing independence. Whether you live 10 minutes from campus or 10 hours away, staying "in the know" is easy. We encourage you to take part in the PennWest California experience.

### **PENNWEST CALIFORNIA PARENTS & FAMILIES ON FACEBOOK**

We invite you to join us on Facebook – ask questions, get quick answers and engage with other PennWest California parents. Enjoy all the benefits of the PennWest California Parents and Families online community at:

[facebook.com/caluparentsandfamilies](https://facebook.com/caluparentsandfamilies).

### **PENNWEST CALIFORNIA COMPASS E-NEWSLETTER**

The Office of Parent and Family Engagement sends an electronic newsletter, called the Cal Compass,

on a weekly to monthly basis. The information in the newsletter is shared with students and families alike, and can serve as a point of connection between students and families. The Compass is delivered to any preferred email address through MailChimp. Those interested in signing up for the e-newsletter may do so online at [CalU.edu/parents/newsletter.aspx](https://CalU.edu/parents/newsletter.aspx)

### **OFFICE OF PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT**

Do you need to speak directly with someone on campus? Begin by contacting the Office of Parent and Family Engagement. You'll receive answers to your questions, guidance and informed support, and helpful referrals to offices across campus.

**Office of Parent and Family Engagement**

724-938-4361

[family-california@PennWest.edu](mailto:family-california@PennWest.edu)

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## VULCAN FAMILY ASSOCIATION

The mission of Vulcan Family Association (VFA) is to enrich the student experience by actively engaging families in the University community and serving as a communication link between the University and the families of future and current undergraduate students. It enables family members to actively participate and demonstrate pride, support, and inspiration during the college career of their PennWest California student. VFA members will also interact with and lend support to other Vulcan family members.

Membership Benefits:

- Exclusive emails and mailings
- Volunteer and service opportunities\*
- Discounts to the Campus Bookstore, local hotels and more (when advertised)
- Free gear at select events

\*Volunteers may need to complete and submit clearances, depending on the nature and duration of the event.

**Vulcan Family Association**

**724-938-4361**

## LEGACY FOR LIFE

California University of PA, now known as PennWest California, has a proud history of families who have shared the “Cal U” experience through generations. Students from “legacy families” have a parent, brother or sister, grandparent, or family member who graduated from the University. We invite you to take part in our Homecoming events, family weekends and alumni events on campus and in your region

**University Development**

**724-938-4248**

**Kara Alumni House**



# Stay in Touch With Your Student

## STUDENT EMAIL

The format for a PennWest California student email address is abc1234@PennWest.edu — typically, the first three letters of the student's last name, plus four random numerals.

## SEND MAIL

To ensure a speedy on-campus delivery, please address postal deliveries to your student like this:

Student's Proper Name  
(no nicknames) Building and Room  
Number or Box Number  
Pennsylvania Western University –  
California  
250 University Ave.  
California, PA 15419

## TIPS FOR MAILING

1. When they receive a package, residence hall students get a "package slip." They'll need it and their campus ID to collect their package.
2. If you're tracking via USPS, delivery confirmation occurs when mail reaches the California Borough Post Office, not campus mailroom.
3. Care packages from OCM need to be picked up by your student as soon as possible.
4. Food and medicine packages that require refrigeration need to be picked up the same day they are delivered.
5. Please do not send cash in the mail.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING ON CAMPUS?

Visit CalU.edu and click "News and Media" at the bottom of the homepage to view University news, our Events Calendar, and more.

## AREA HOTELS

### Belle Vernon (I-70 Exit 43)

Hampton Inn: 724-929-8100  
Holiday Inn Express: 724-930-0100

### Bentleyville (I-70 Exit 32B)

Best Western Garden Inn:  
724-239-4321  
Holiday Inn Express: 724-239-7700

### California (I-70 Exit 37A)

Hampton Inn and Suites:\*  
724-330-5820

### New Stanton PA Turnpike (Exit 75, I-70 Exit 57)

Econo Lodge: 724-925-6755  
Super 8:\* 724-856-0362

### Uniontown (Route 40)

Quality Inn and Suites:  
724-434-1800  
Hampton Inn: 724-430-1000  
Park Inn by Radisson:\*  
724-437-2816

### Washington, PA (I-70)

Racetrack Road Hotel:\*  
724-223-5555  
Comfort Inn and Suites:  
724-884-0299  
Spring Hill Suites: 724-223-7800  
Hampton Inn: 724-228-4100

**\*Special rates for  
PennWest California visitors**

# Important Phone Numbers

## ACADEMIC RECORDS

122 Dixon Hall  
724-938-4434

## ALUMNI RELATIONS

Kara Alumni House  
724-938-5775

## ADMISSIONS

201 Dixon Hall  
724-938-4404

## ARTICULATION AND TRANSFER

312 Dixon Hall  
724-938-5939

## ATHLETICS

245 Hamer Hall  
724-938-4351

## BOOKSTORE

Natali Student Center  
724-938-4324

## ID OFFICE

006 Natali Student Center  
724-938-4300

## CENTER FOR CAREER AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

138 Natali Student Center  
724-938-4413

## COMMUTER AND NON-TRADITIONAL STUDENT SERVICES

101D Natali Student Center  
724-938-4021

## COUNSELING CENTER

G-53 Carter Hall  
724-938-4056

## FINANCIAL AID

105 Dixon Hall  
724-938-4415

## HONORS PROGRAM

171 Smith Hall  
724-938-4535

## HOUSING AND RESIDENCE LIFE

G-6 Carter Hall  
724-938-4444

## INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMMING

219B Dixon Hall  
724-938-4404

## INTERNSHIP CENTER

138 Natali Student Center  
724-938-1578

## MAILROOM

132 Dixon Hall  
724-938-4445

## MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

108A South Hall  
724-938-4076

## MULTICULTURAL CENTER

G-25 Carter Hall  
724-938-5758

## NATALI STUDENT CENTER INFORMATION DESK

004 Natali Student Center  
724-938-4300

## PARENT FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

101G Natali Student Center  
724-938-4361

## PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION

123 Manderino Library  
724-938-4677

## PEER MENTORING

120 Noss Hall  
724-938-1682

## PUBLIC SAFETY/ UNIVERSITY POLICE

Pollock Maintenance Building  
724-938-4299  
724-938-4357 (HELP)  
(Emergency Aid)

## PLACEMENT TESTING

215 Noss Hall  
724-938-5779

## STUDENT ACCOUNTS

118 Dixon Hall  
724-938-4431

## STUDENT AFFAIRS

311 Natali Student Center  
724-938-4439

## STUDENT OUTREACH & SUCCESS

103 Noss Hall  
724-938-1523

## STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES (OSD)

G-35 Carter Hall  
724-938-5781

## TECH SUPPORT

219 Noss Hall  
724-938-5911

## WELLNESS CENTER AND HEALTH SERVICES

G-53 Carter Hall  
724-938-4232

# Pennsylvania Western University Academic Calendar 2022 - 2023

## FALL SEMESTER 2022

|   |                        |
|---|------------------------|
| Classes begin - 8 a.m. ....                               | Monday, August 22      |
| Last day to Drop-Add .....                                | Monday, August 29      |
| Labor Day Holiday (no classes) .....                      | Monday, September 5    |
| 15th day of class .....                                   | Monday, September 12   |
| Friday classes meet in place of Tuesday classes .....     | Tuesday, September 27  |
| Mid-semester break begins at close of classes .....       | Thursday, September 29 |
| Mid-semester break ends - classes resume at 8 a.m. ....   | Monday, October 3      |
| Last Day to Withdraw (11:59 p.m.) .....                   | Friday, October 28     |
| Thanksgiving holiday begins at close of classes .....     | Tuesday, November 22   |
| Thanksgiving holiday ends - classes resume at 8 a.m. .... | Monday, November 28    |
| Classes end .....   | Friday, December 2     |
| Final examination period begins .....                     | Monday, December 5     |
| Final examination period ends .....                       | Friday, December 9     |
| Semester ends .....                                       | Friday, December 9     |
| Fall Commencement .....                                   | Saturday, December 10  |

7-Week 1: August 22 – October 11; final on October 12

7-Week 2: October 17 – December 7; final on December 8

## WINTER INTERSESSION

|   |                       |
|---|-----------------------|
| Classes begin .....                             | Monday, December 12   |
| Last Day to Drop .....                          | Tuesday, December 13  |
| Last Day to Withdraw .....                      | Monday, January 2     |
| Final Exams .....                               | Wednesday, January 11 |
| Semester grades due from faculty – 12 p.m. .... | Friday, January 13    |

## SPRING SEMESTER 2023

|   |                     |
|---|---------------------|
| Classes begin - 8 a.m. ....                       | Tuesday, January 17 |
| Last day to Drop-Add .....                        | Tuesday, January 24 |
| 15th day of class .....                           | Monday, February 6  |
| Spring break begins at close of classes .....     | Friday, March 3     |
| Spring break ends - classes resume at 8 a.m. .... | Monday, March 13    |
| Last Day to Withdraw (11:59 p.m.) .....           | Friday, March 17    |
| Classes end .....                                 | Monday, May 1       |
| Final examination period begins .....             | Tuesday, May 2      |
| Final examination period ends .....               | Friday, May 5       |
| Semester ends .....                               | Friday, May 5       |
| Spring Commencement .....                         | Saturday, May 6     |

7-Week 1: January 17 – March 13; final on March 15

7-Week 2: March 17 – May 4; final on May 5

## SUMMER SESSIONS 2023

Session 1: May 8 – May 26

Session 2: May 30 – June 30 (No classes on May 29 for Memorial Day and June 19 for Juneteenth)

Session 3: July 5 – August 4

Session 4: May 30 – August 4 (No classes on June 19 for Juneteenth and July 4 for Independence Day)

7-Week 1: May 8 – June 27 (No classes on May 29 for Memorial Day and June 19 for Juneteenth)

7-Week 2: June 28 – August 16 (No classes on July 4 for Independence Day)

Full Term (internships only): May 8 – August 16

Grades due the Wednesday following each summer session at 8 a.m.

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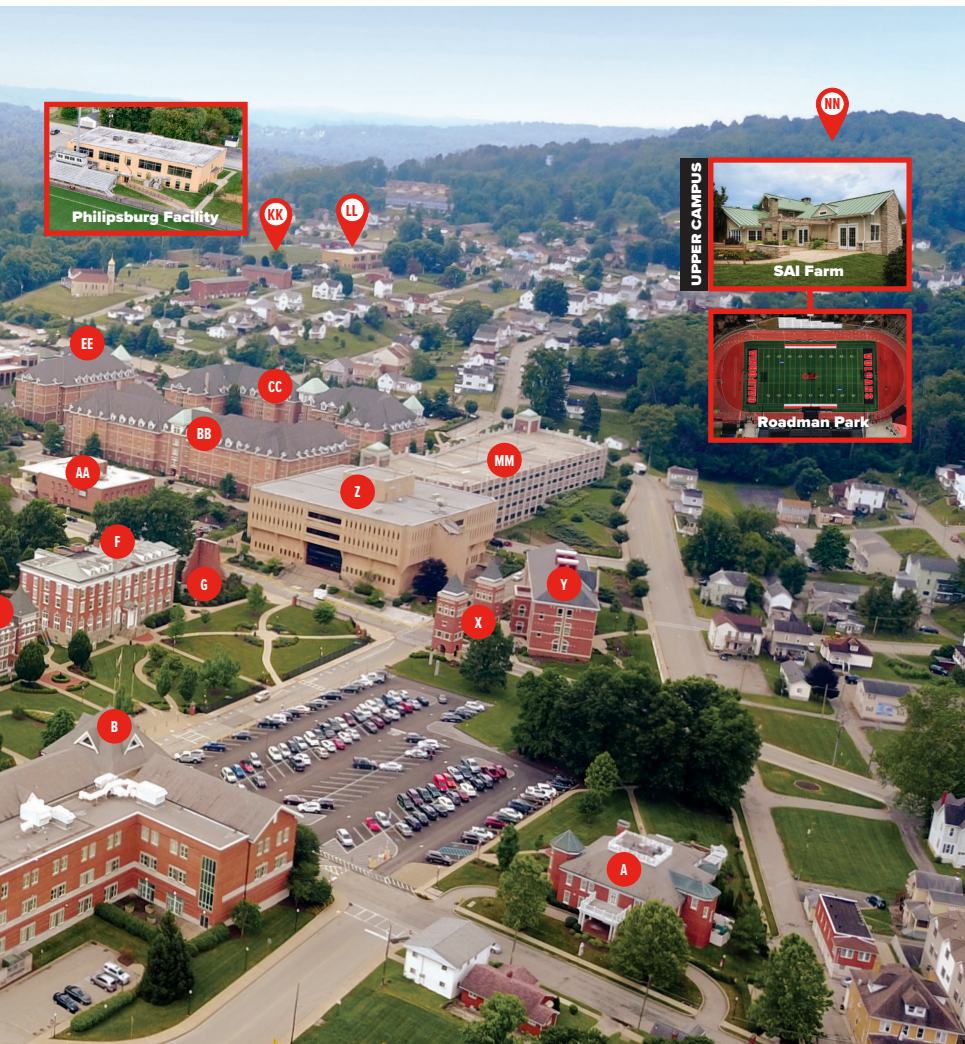
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## CALIFORNIA

### CAMPUS MAP



|                              |    |                         |    |
|------------------------------|----|-------------------------|----|
| Ascent of Humanity .....     | G  | Dixon Hall .....        | F  |
| Azorsky Hall .....           | AA | Duda Hall .....         | Y  |
| Booker Towers .....          | X  | Eberly Hall .....       | B  |
| Building B .....             | EE | Frich Hall .....        | C  |
| Carter Hall .....            | BB | Gallagher Hall .....    | II |
| - Health & Wellness Center   |    | Guesman Hall .....      | HH |
| - Multicultural Center       |    | Hamer Hall .....        | U  |
| - University Housing Offices |    | Helsel Hall .....       | R  |
| Ceramics Lab .....           | K  | Herron Hall .....       | M  |
| Convocation Center .....     | V  | Johnson Hall .....      | DD |
| Coover Hall .....            | N  | Kara Alumni House ..... | A  |



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|------------------------------------|----|---------------------------------|----|
| Keystone Hall .....                | S  | Quad.....                       | L  |
| Manderino Library .....            | Z  | Residence Hall E .....          | GG |
| Morgan Hall .....                  | JJ | Smith Honors Hall .....         | CC |
| Natali Student Center .....        | FF | South Hall .....                | E  |
| - Welcome Center                   |    | Steele Hall .....               | T  |
| New Science Hall .....             | I  | Roadman Park and SAI Farm ..... | NN |
| Noss Hall .....                    | O  | Vulcan Hall .....               | J  |
| Old Main .....                     | D  | Vulcan Parking Garage .....     | MM |
| Phillipsburg School .....          | LL | Watkins Hall .....              | H  |
| Phillipsburg Soccer Facility ..... | KK |                                 |    |
| Pollock Building .....             | Q  |                                 |    |



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