



- Congratulations and good luck to the following students who will be representing CCTI at the District SkillsUSA competition on December 9th at Johnson College:

Kylee Fischi, Savannah Wentz, Evan Everett, Aaron Owen, Breena Gracia, Kristopher Castillo Lopez, Julius Kornafel, Wyatt Hollar, Dean Marks, Wyatt Spalding, Abigail Glascoe, Ethan Seidel, Dylan Dean, Adam Gardiner, DaShae Brubacker, and Hallie Lynn.

- National Technical Honor Society students along with the school community will be hosting a one-day toy collection to benefit “Toys for Tots” tomorrow, Saturday, December 6th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the cafeteria. The students will be serving hot chocolate and cookies for everyone who steps up to donate for this worthy cause. Toys will be dropped in the big red wagon where Christmas music will be playing and refreshments will be served. Children will also have the opportunity to decorate their own Christmas cookies. There will also be window decorating, and Santa will be available for pictures. Let’s make this collection a huge success for the children in Carbon County! Questions may be directed to Mrs. Gerhard at 570-325-3682 ext. 1500.

- Policy reminder: Students are not permitted to drive to CCTI unless they have a valid parking permit issued by Officer Woods. Students are also not permitted to drive to and from school with other students who have parking permits unless they live in the same household as the student with the permit. Students who violate this policy will face disciplinary consequences.
- For families who may be experiencing food insecurity, the Carbon County Community Foundation has developed a list of all of the local food pantries in our area which can be found on their website: <https://cccfoundpa.org/feeding-our-neighbors-fund/>. Additionally, the Second Harvest Food Bank's website under "Find Food" is also a valuable resource: <https://shfblv.org/find-food/>. They have a zip code locator that shows the nearest food pantry or soup kitchen, their contact info, and distribution hours. ([clickable links may be found, below](#))
- Attention Juniors! The Pennsylvania Department of Education is pleased to announce that the Pennsylvania Governor's School for the Sciences at Carnegie Mellon University is now accepting applications from talented high school juniors for the summer 2026 program. The information as well as application links has been emailed to all of our juniors and is posted in their Google Classroom and on our Instagram page.
- Congratulations to Isabella Harris (9th grade, from Jim Thorpe High School) who won the holiday card design contest! Isabella's design will be made into holiday cards for all the staff at CCTI, and she will take home an Amazon gift card and a chocolate treat as her prize. Congratulations Isabella! Thank you to all of the talented student artists who submitted entries this year!

- Attention seniors! If you ordered your cap & gown in October they have been distributed. If you have not ordered a cap & gown, the price has gone up and will continue to increase the longer you wait to order. The website to order is www.highschool.herffjones.com
- Our CCTI student store, The Hive, has some new merchandise available for sale during both lunch periods. Stop in to get your trucker hats, beanies, t-shirts, and other CCTI swag as well as some tasty, healthy treats.
- Parents of seniors applying to postsecondary school or the military and needing a transcript sent are reminded that if your student is under age eighteen to please email permission (ecolosimo@carboncti.org) or provide a note to Mr. Colosimo, CCTI school counselor.
- The Pennsylvania Student Aid Guide from PHEAA is available online for students and parents of students planning on attending postsecondary school during the 2026-2027 school year. It is available at the following link: <https://online.flippingbook.com/view/80568904/> (clickable link may be found below)
- Student dress code reminder: According to our student handbook, pajama tops or bottoms are not permitted to be worn to school.

- Information for Seniors from the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency:

With the 2026-27 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) opening last month, the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA) has been working to prepare our PA State Grant processing system, GrantUsSM for the upcoming award year. We are now pleased to announce that processing for the 2026-27 PA State Grant Program has been initiated.

- We ingested our first batch of FAFSA records overnight on October 14 and will continue to ingest received FAFSA records in batches, over the next week.
- New this year, a pre-screening methodology allows us to perform immediate review of the student's FAFSA data to determine whether the student meets initial PA State Grant applicant criteria through pre-eligibility checks (for example submitted a complete FAFSA, is a PA resident, not in default, etc.) If the student's FAFSA data passes these initial checks the student's record will be created in GrantUS.
- An account activation notice will be sent after the student's FAFSA data successfully passes the pre-screening process if the student does not have an existing account.
- Activation notices will be sent from noreply@grantus.pheaa.org.
- Activation notices are time sensitive and will expire after 5 days. If the student does not access the link before it expires, they can use Forgot Password on the GrantUS log in page.

- Students that have an existing account are not required to make a new account but instead should log in with their existing credentials. Students can select Forgot Password on the login page if they do not remember their password.
- Please remember that attendance is extremely important for students at CCTI and eventually in the working world. Poor attendance and truancy at CCTI may result in fines, and loss of privileges. Due to excessive absenteeism (including days absent accompanied by a parent note), students may also experience loss of credit for the courses taken during the school year (20 Day Policy).
- Parents, please ask your student to show you their Google Classroom so you can see what students are working on in their classes. Also, if a student is absent, he/she is expected to check Google Classroom to retrieve and complete assignments to avoid falling behind.
- After school tutoring and clubs and activities are available. Please see Ms. Hyjurick in room 311 for more information about after school tutoring or see Ms. Benyo in room 203 for more information about staying after school to attend a club/activity meeting. Please consider using our free tutoring resource to maintain a positive grade point average and/or for extra support. Please consider getting involved in a CCTI club/activity.

- Please be aware that our school has installed vape detectors in bathrooms. These detectors are in place to promote a healthy environment and discourage vaping on campus.

Key Points to Keep in Mind:

- Detection: The detectors can identify vaping in real-time, meaning that if you vape in the bathrooms, you will be caught. Unfortunately, some students have already been caught as a result of the detectors.
 - Consequences: If detected, there will be disciplinary actions, including out-of-school suspension, expulsion, and referral to law enforcement officials (refer to JOC Policy 227 – Controlled Substances/Paraphernalia/Mood Altering Substances, Chemical Use, Abuse, and Dependency Policy in the Student/Parent Handbook, and JOC Policy 233 – Suspension and Expulsion – all are on our website).
 - Health Matters: Remember that vaping can pose significant health risks, and it's important to prioritize your well-being.
- Parents, please help your student get to school on time by dropping them off no later than 7:40 a.m. This will allow students to get to their locker and get ready to start their day at 7:45. Thank you for your cooperation.
 - Parents and students- Please review CCTI's Dress code policy (see pages 20-21 handbook).

- Please see the following informational flyers, etc. below:
 - Toys for Tots Drive
 - *The Buzz*, Issue #1
 - Position Vacancy – HVAC Instructor
 - Student/Parent Financial Aid Webinar Sign-Up Information.

Sincerely,

Dave Reinbold
Administrative Director
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and

Michele Connors
Principal
ext. 1505

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- Felicitaciones y buena suerte a los siguientes estudiantes que representarán a CCTI en la competencia District SkillsUSA el 9 de diciembre en Johnson College:

Kylee Fischi, Savannah Wentz, Evan Everett, Aaron Owen, Breena Gracia, Kristopher Castillo López, Julius Kornafel, Wyatt Hollar, Dean Marks, Wyatt Spalding, Abigail Glascoe, Ethan Seidel, Dylan Dean, Adam Gardiner, DaShae Brubacker y Hallie Lynn.

- Los estudiantes de la Sociedad Nacional de Honor Técnico junto con la comunidad escolar organizarán una colecta de juguetes de un día para beneficiar a “Toys for Tots” mañana, sábado 6 de diciembre de 9:00 a.m. a 1:00 p.m. en la cafetería. Los estudiantes servirán chocolate caliente y galletas a todos los que donen para esta noble causa. Se dejarán juguetes en la gran carreta roja donde sonará música navideña y se servirán refrigerios. Los niños también tendrán la oportunidad de decorar sus propias galletas navideñas. También habrá decoración de ventanas y Santa estará disponible para tomarse fotos. ¡Hagamos que esta colecta sea un gran éxito para los niños del condado de Carbon! Las preguntas pueden dirigirse a la Sra. Gerhard al 570-325-3682 ext. 1500.
- Recordatorio de política: Los estudiantes no pueden conducir hasta CCTI a menos que tengan un permiso de estacionamiento válido emitido por el oficial Woods. Tampoco pueden conducir hacia y desde la escuela con otros estudiantes que tengan permiso de estacionamiento, a menos que vivan en el mismo hogar que el estudiante con el permiso. Los estudiantes que infrinjan esta política enfrentarán consecuencias disciplinarias.
- Para las familias que puedan estar experimentando inseguridad alimentaria, la Fundación Comunitaria del Condado de Carbon ha desarrollado una lista de todas las despensas de alimentos locales en nuestra área que se puede encontrar en su sitio web: <https://cccfoundpa.org/fondo-para-alimentar-a-nuestros-vecinos/> Además, el sitio web del Banco de Alimentos Second Harvest, en la sección "Buscar alimentos", también es un recurso valioso: <https://shfbv.org/encuentra-comida/> Tienen un localizador de códigos postales que muestra la despensa de alimentos o comedor social más cercano, su información de contacto y horarios de distribución. (Los enlaces en los que se puede hacer clic se pueden encontrar a continuación.)

- ¡Atención, estudiantes de penúltimo año! El Departamento de Educación de Pensilvania se complace en anunciar que la Escuela de Ciencias del Gobernador de Pensilvania de la Universidad Carnegie Mellon ya acepta solicitudes de estudiantes talentosos de penúltimo año de secundaria para el programa de verano de 2026. La información, así como los enlaces de solicitud, se ha enviado por correo electrónico a todos nuestros estudiantes de penúltimo año y está publicada en su Google Classroom y en nuestra página de Instagram.
- Felicitaciones a Isabella Harris (9 Grado, de la Escuela Secundaria Jim Thorpe) ¡que ganó el concurso de diseño de tarjetas navideñas! El diseño de Isabella se convertirá en tarjetas navideñas para todo el personal del CCTI, y se llevará a casa una tarjeta de regalo de Amazon y un chocolate como premio. ¡Felicidades, Isabella! ¡Gracias a todos los talentosos estudiantes artistas que participaron este año!
- ¡Atención, estudiantes de último año! Si pidieron su toga y birrete en octubre, ya se han distribuido. Si no lo han hecho, el precio ha subido y seguirá subiendo cuanto más esperen para pedirlo. El sitio web para pedirlo es www.escuelasecundaria.herffjones.com
- Nuestra tienda estudiantil del CCTI, The Hive, tiene mercancía nueva disponible durante ambos almuerzos. Visítanos para conseguir gorras de camionero, gorros, camisetas y otros artículos promocionales del CCTI, además de algunas delicias saludables.

- Se recuerda a los padres de estudiantes de último año que desean ingresar a una escuela postsecundaria o al servicio militar y necesitan que se les envíe una transcripción que, si su estudiante es menor de dieciocho años, deben enviar un correo electrónico a permission (ecolosimo@carboncti.org) o proporcionar una nota al Sr. Colosimo, consejero escolar del CCTI.
- La Guía de ayuda para estudiantes de Pensilvania de PHEAA está disponible en línea para estudiantes y padres de estudiantes que planean asistir a la escuela postsecundaria durante el año escolar 2026-2027. Está disponible en el siguiente enlace:
<https://online.flippingbook.com/view/80568904/>
(el enlace se puede encontrar a continuación)
- Recordatorio del código de vestimenta para estudiantes: De acuerdo con nuestro manual para estudiantes, no se permite usar blusas o pantalones de pijama en la escuela.
- Información para personas mayores de la Agencia de Asistencia para la Educación Superior de Pensilvania:

Con la apertura de la Solicitud Gratuita de Ayuda Federal para Estudiantes (FAFSA®) 2026-27 el mes pasado, la Agencia de Asistencia para la Educación Superior de Pensilvania (PHEAA) ha estado trabajando para preparar nuestro sistema de procesamiento de subvenciones estatales de Pensilvania, GrantUs.SM Para el próximo año de subvenciones. Nos complace anunciar que se ha iniciado el proceso de solicitud del Programa de Subvenciones Estatales de Pensilvania 2026-27.

- Ingerimos nuestro primer lote de registros FAFSA durante la noche del 14 de octubre y continuaremos ingiriendo los registros FAFSA recibidos en lotes durante la próxima semana.
- Como novedad este año, una metodología de preselección nos permite realizar una revisión inmediata de los datos de la FAFSA del estudiante para determinar si cumple con los requisitos. Criterios iniciales para solicitar la subvención estatal de Pensilvania a través de verificaciones de preelegibilidad (por ejemplo, presentó una FAFSA completa, es residente de PA, no está en mora, etc.). Si los datos de la FAFSA del estudiante pasan estas verificaciones iniciales, se creará el registro del estudiante en GrantUS.
- Se enviará un aviso de activación de cuenta después de que los datos de FAFSA del estudiante pasen con éxito el proceso de preselección si el estudiante no tiene una cuenta existente.
- Los avisos de activación se enviarán desde noreply@grantus.pheaa.org.
- Los avisos de activación son sensibles al tiempo y expirarán después de 5 días. Si el estudiante no accede al enlace antes de que caduque, puede usar la opción "Olvidé mi contraseña" en la página de inicio de sesión de GrantUS.
- Los estudiantes que ya tienen una cuenta no necesitan crear una nueva, sino iniciar sesión con sus credenciales. Si no recuerdan su contraseña, pueden seleccionar "Olvidé mi contraseña" en la página de inicio de sesión.

- Recuerde que la asistencia es fundamental para los estudiantes del CCTI y, con el tiempo, para el mundo laboral. La falta de asistencia y el ausentismo en el CCTI pueden resultar en multas y la pérdida de privilegios. Debido al ausentismo excesivo (incluyendo días de ausencia acompañados de una nota de los padres), los estudiantes también pueden perder créditos por las asignaturas cursadas durante el año escolar (Política de 20 días).
- Padres, por favor, pídanle a su estudiante que les muestre su Google Classroom para que puedan ver en qué están trabajando los estudiantes en sus clases. Además, si un estudiante está ausente, se espera que revise Google Classroom para recuperar y completar las tareas para evitar atrasarse.
- Hay tutorías, clubes y actividades disponibles después de clases. Para más información sobre las tutorías, contacte con la Sra. Hyjurick en el aula 311 o con la Sra. Benyo en el aula 203 para más información sobre cómo quedarse después de clases para asistir a una reunión de club o actividad. Considere usar nuestro recurso gratuito de tutorías para mantener un promedio de calificaciones positivo o para recibir apoyo adicional. Considere participar en un club o actividad de CCTI.
- Tenga en cuenta que nuestra escuela ha instalado detectores de vapeo en los baños. Estos detectores se instalan para promover un ambiente saludable y desalentar el vapeo en el campus.
Puntos clave a tener en cuenta:
 - Detección: Los detectores pueden identificar el vapeo en tiempo real, lo que significa que si vapeas en los baños, te detectarán. Desafortunadamente, algunos estudiantes ya han sido detectados gracias a los detectores.

- Consecuencias: Si se detecta, habrá acciones disciplinarias, que incluyen suspensión fuera de la escuela, expulsión y remisión a funcionarios encargados de hacer cumplir la ley (consulte la Política 227 de JOC: Sustancias controladas/Parafernalia/Sustancias que alteran el estado de ánimo, uso de sustancias químicas, abuso y dependencia en el Manual para estudiantes y padres, y la Política 233 de JOC: Suspensión y expulsión; todas están en nuestro sitio web).
- Asuntos de salud: Recuerde que vapear puede suponer riesgos importantes para la salud y es importante priorizar su bienestar.
- Padres, por favor ayuden a sus estudiantes a llegar a la escuela a tiempo dejándolos a más tardar a las 7:40 a.m. Esto permitirá que los estudiantes lleguen a su casillero y se preparen para comenzar su día a las 7:45. Gracias por su cooperación.
- Padres y estudiantes: revisen la política de código de vestimenta de CCTI (consulten las páginas 20 y 21 del manual).
- Consulte los siguientes folletos informativos, etc. a continuación:
 - Colecta de juguetes para niños pequeños
 - *El zumbido* Número 1
 - Puesto vacante: Instructor de HVAC
 - Información de inscripción al seminario web sobre ayuda financiera para estudiantes y padres.

Atentamente,

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Director Administrativo
570-325-3682 ext. 1502

and

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***CCTI's National Technical Honor Society,
SkillsUSA Students and
the School Community are hosting a***

TOYS FOR TOTS

Toy Drive

***Help fill the school-built
Radio Flyer wagon with
new unwrapped toys
to help needy families.***

***Saturday, December 6th
9AM to 1PM
CCTI Cafeteria
150 W. 13th Street
Jim Thorpe, PA***

***Take photos with Santa.
Listen to Christmas Music!
Decorate Cookies and Paint Windows!
Enjoy some refreshments.***

***Any questions, please
contact Mrs. Gerhard
570-325-3682***



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Posting

Heating/Ventilation/Air Conditioning (HVAC) Instructor (CIP Code 47.0201)

Carbon Career & Technical Institute, Jim Thorpe, PA. Full-time position available immediately. A minimum of four years wage-earning experience in the field is required. When hired, the candidate will enroll in Temple University's teacher prep program. A PA vocational teaching cert/teaching experience a plus, but not required. Please submit a letter of interest, resume, standard application (available at www.carboncti.org under the Employment tab), credentials, copy of certificate (if applicable), and two letters of reference to: Carbon Career & Technical Institute, 150 West 13th Street, Jim Thorpe, PA 18229, Attn: Chris Graver or cgraver@carboncti.org. Act 24, Act 34, Act 114, Act 151, Act 168 and all mandated clearances required upon hire. Please call Dave Reinbold, Administrative Director for further information at 570-325-3682 ext. 1502. Deadline for application: Open until filled. EOE

The above listed position will be filled on the basis of certification, qualifications, experience, and interest.

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date: November 20, 2025

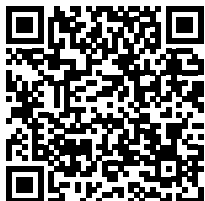
2025 PHEAA Statewide Webinars



PA State Grant Form Completion

PHEAA Access Partners will present an overview of the 2025–26 PA State Grant process to guide college students and families through a step-by-step process of filing the PA State Grant Form.

Thursday,
July 10



Register

Noon–1:00 PM (ET)

Wednesday,
August 6



Register

6:00–7:00 PM (ET)

Creating Your StudentAid.gov Account

In order to fill out and submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) you will need a StudentAid.gov account. Join us to learn more about what the StudentAid.gov account is, and when and who should create an account.

Wednesday,
September 17



Register

6:00–7:00 PM (ET)

Tuesday,
November 4



Register

6:00–7:00 PM (ET)

Searching For Scholarships

The cost of a postsecondary education can add up quickly for students and families. Thankfully, there is funding to help cover those expenses. Join us as we share tips to help students successfully search and apply for scholarships. After attending this webinar, students will understand the different types of scholarships, resources for finding scholarships, and tools to help increase their chances of earning those scholarships.

Wednesday,
September 10



Register

6:00–7:00 PM (ET)

Wednesday,
September 24



Register

Noon–1:00 PM (ET)

Financial Aid 101

PHEAA Access Partners will present information on the financial aid application process, what types of aid are available for students, and strategies to start thinking about affordability before getting ready to apply for postsecondary school admission. Time will be built into the presentation to allow you to ask any questions you may have regarding the financial aid process.

Tuesday,
November 18



Register

6:00–7:00 PM (ET)

Wednesday,
December 10



Register

6:00–7:00 PM (ET)

FAFSA Overview—Line by Line

Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA) Access Partners will present an overview of the 2026-27 FAFSA® process to guide students and families through a step-by-step process of filing the FAFSA and PA State Grant applications.

Thursday,
December 18

Register

6:00–7:00 PM (ET)



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Wednesday,
January 14



Register

6:00–7:00 PM (ET)

Wednesday,
March 11



Register

6:00–7:00 PM (ET)

Understanding and Comparing Financial Aid Offers

The PHEAA Access Partners will present information on the steps students should take after completing the FAFSA®. They will discuss the financial aid process, strategies to review and understand financial aid offers from colleges, and how to compare different types of aid.

Wednesday,
March 18



Register

6:00–7:00 PM (ET)

Thursday,
April 16



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Tuesday
February 10

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6:00–7:00 PM (ET)



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