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Greetings

from

CCTI

- On Monday, our sophomores and juniors participated in an assembly to learn about Pennsylvania Free Enterprise Week (PFEW) which is an award-winning, week-long summer program that allows high school sophomores and juniors the rare and valuable opportunity to step into the world of entrepreneurship and career exploration. Through hands-on simulations and direct engagement with business and community leaders, students build the essential employability skills demanded in today's workforce - financial literacy, critical thinking, communication, leadership, problem-solving, and more. The program also inspires confidence, resilience, and civic responsibility, encouraging students to take ownership of their futures and become engaged citizens. It is free to apply for this opportunity, and all students are welcome. Students may apply online at: <https://www.pfew.org/student-application> (clickable link may be found, below) They have rolling acceptance in their program, so all interested students should submit their applications right away. Don't wait - spaces fill fast! There is a 2-page flyer at the end of this message with more information. Financial assistance is available to families interested.

- Congratulations to our students who earned medals at the SkillsUSA District competition last week and will be moving on to the state competition in April. From Jim Thorpe: Jacob Sargent (silver), from Lehighton: Analysia Rodriguez (gold), Sophia Sarnowski (gold), Autumn Heintzelman (silver), Hailey Barachie (bronze), Kyra Moore (bronze), Alyssa Marsh (bronze), from Palmerton: Blake Mininger (gold), Violet Steele (gold), Emily Dorward (silver), Saleena Hollis (silver), and from Panther Valley: Sheyann Reed (gold), Elianna McDermott (gold), Adrianna Mattern (gold), and Miley Moran-Ramirez (bronze).
- Due to the snow day that occurred on December 23rd, our second marking period has now ended on Thursday, January 15th. The third marking period begins today, January 16th. The mid-point for the third marking period is February 20th, and the end of the third marking period is March 24th.
- Due to the snow day that occurred on December 23rd, school will be in session on Monday, January 19th. It will be a B Day.
- Attention seniors! There will be a senior class meeting on Tuesday, January 20th following the announcements. The meeting will include important information about fundraisers, prom, graduation, etc. Please be sure to be in attendance at school that day so that you receive the information.

- Attention seniors! The Carbon County Community Foundation has announced that their scholarship applications will open this month. You can view and download the scholarship catalog at this link: <https://cccfoundpa.org/scholarships/> (clickable link may be found, below). The applications are electronic and officially open in mid-January 2026. Some scholarships require the student to apply through the guidance department at their school. Selected recipients will be notified via email and officially recognized at their school's senior awards ceremony. Scholarship recipients are also invited to the Community Foundation Awards Program in June. All applicants, including those not selected, will receive notification about their application status.
- Congratulations to our students who have been selected as Students of the Marking Period for marking period 2. They will be honored in a ceremony being held on Monday, January 26th. The students being honored are: from Jim Thorpe - Stacy Bos, Arianna Check, Morgan Coyle, Gaven Goff, Jared Mantilla, Jocelyn Montefour, Leah Pena, Joseph Pfluke, Maddison Sakasitz, from Lehighton - Devan Curran, Jesse Lichtenwalner, Hailey Sauchinitz, Nathan Sheckler, from Palmerton - MaKayla Dana, Emily Dorward, Chloe Klotz, Jared Lanier, Julia Maupin, Ethan Seidel, Owen Seidel, Kaitlynn Stepp, Savannah Theisen, and Kadence Tully, from Panther Valley - Keltie Brubacker, Autumn Green, Asia Lee Guzman, Joseph Hernandez, Elianna McDermott, Madeline Weaver, and from Weatherly - Alexander Best, Parker Knight, and John Thomas.
- Attention Seniors! Senior portraits for the yearbook are due on February 1, 2026. Be sure to get them in to Mrs. Johannsen by then. If you need assistance, please reach out to Mrs. Johannsen or stop by the office.

- The Friends of CCTI will be having a soup fundraiser at Galen Glen Winery on Saturday, January 31st with February 1st as a snow date. Visit their website for full details:
<https://tockify.com/sarah.troxell/detail/478/1769878800000>
(clickable link may be found, below)
- CCTI will be hosting our annual Designer Purse Bingo on Friday March 13, 2026 in the cafeteria. Doors open at 4:00 p.m., games start at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are on sale now for \$25.00. Please call 570-325-3682 ext. 1500 to purchase. We usually are sold out before the day of the event. So get your tickets soon!! Thank you for your support!!
- 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)
- 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.

- The First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association has several scholarships available for Vocational Technical Students who are graduating from an accredited vo-tech school and pursuing ongoing education at either a trade school, college, or other program.

Applications 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 link has been emailed to all of our juniors and is posted in their Google Classroom and on our Instagram page.
- 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 phone number to order with Jeff Crouse is 717-526-4373.
- Please note that the CCTI Prom will be held on Friday May 8, 2026, at Blue Mountain Resort in Palmerton from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. This is a Junior/Senior Prom only. Guests and under class guests will pay \$56.00/ person. CCTI Juniors and Seniors will be responsible for paying for half of the ticket price this year, which will be \$28.00.
- 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.

- 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).
- A message from our Wellness Committee:

As we begin the new year, adding even 10 minutes of physical activity has proven beneficial to help us live longer and healthier lives.

- Better Mood – getting enough physical activity can reduce feelings of anxiety and help students feel better emotionally.
- Better Brain Function – Better Grades – regular activity keeps thinking, learning and judgment skills sharp.
- Lowers risk of heart disease and Type 2 Diabetes.
- Strong bones and muscles.

Even though the weather is cold and the days seem longer, let's try and get our bodies moving!

- Please see the following informational flyers, etc. below:
 - School in Session
 - The First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association Scholarship Applications
 - Position Vacancy – Principal
 - Position Vacancy – HVAC Instructor
 - Student/Parent Financial Aid Webinar Sign-Up Information.

Sincerely,

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and

Michele Connors
Principal
ext. 1505

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- El lunes, nuestros estudiantes de segundo y tercer año participaron en una asamblea para conocer la Semana de la Libre Empresa de Pensilvania (PFEW), un galardonado programa de verano de una semana de duración que brinda a estudiantes de segundo y tercer año de secundaria la excepcional y valiosa oportunidad de adentrarse en el mundo del emprendimiento y la exploración profesional. Mediante simulaciones prácticas y la interacción directa con líderes empresariales y comunitarios, los estudiantes desarrollan las habilidades esenciales para la empleabilidad que exige la fuerza laboral actual: conocimientos financieros, pensamiento crítico, comunicación, liderazgo, resolución de problemas y más. El programa también inspira confianza, resiliencia y responsabilidad cívica, animando a los estudiantes a tomar las riendas de su futuro y convertirse en ciudadanos comprometidos. La solicitud para esta oportunidad es gratuita y todos los estudiantes son bienvenidos. Pueden solicitarla en línea en: <https://www.pfew.org/solicitud-de-estudiante> (Puede encontrar el enlace a continuación). Su programa acepta estudiantes continuamente, así que todos los estudiantes interesados deben enviar su solicitud de inmediato. ¡No esperen, las plazas se llenan rápido! Al final de este mensaje encontrarán un folleto de dos páginas con más información. Hay ayuda financiera disponible para las familias interesadas.

- Felicitaciones a nuestros estudiantes que ganaron medallas en la competencia del Distrito SkillsUSA la semana pasada y pasarán a la competencia estatal en abril. De Jim Thorpe: Jacob Sargent (plata), de Lehighton: Analysisia Rodriguez (oro), Sophia Sarnowski (oro), Autumn Heintzelman (plata), Hailey Barachie (bronce), Kyra Moore (bronce), Alyssa Marsh (bronce), de Palmerton: Blake Mininger (oro), Violet Steele (oro), Emily Dorward (plata), Saleena Hollis (plata), y de Panther Valley: Sheyann Reed (oro), Elianna McDermott (oro), Adrianna Mattern (oro) y Miley Moran-Ramirez (bronce).
- Debido al día de nieve del 23 de diciembre, nuestro segundo período de calificaciones finalizó el jueves 15 de enero. El tercer período comienza hoy, 16 de enero. El punto medio del tercer período de calificaciones es el 20 de febrero y el final es el 24 de marzo.
- Debido al día de nieve que ocurrió el 23 de diciembre, la escuela estará en sesión el lunes 19 de enero. Será un día B.
- ¡Atención, estudiantes de último año! Habrá una reunión de la clase el martes 20 de enero después de los anuncios. La reunión incluirá información importante sobre las actividades de recaudación de fondos, el baile de graduación, la graduación, etc. Por favor, asistan a la escuela ese día para recibir la información.

- ¡Atención, estudiantes de último año! La Fundación Comunitaria del Condado de Carbon ha anunciado que las solicitudes de becas se abrirán este mes. Pueden consultar y descargar el catálogo de becas en este enlace:<https://cccfoundpa.org/becas/> (Enlace clicable disponible abajo). Las solicitudes son electrónicas y abren oficialmente a mediados de enero de 2026. Algunas becas requieren que el estudiante solicite a través del departamento de orientación de su escuela. Los seleccionados recibirán una notificación por correo electrónico y serán reconocidos oficialmente en la ceremonia de premios de último año de su escuela. Los becarios también están invitados al Programa de Premios de la Fundación Comunitaria en junio. Todos los solicitantes, incluidos los no seleccionados, recibirán una notificación sobre el estado de su solicitud.
- Felicitaciones a nuestros estudiantes que han sido seleccionados como Estudiantes del Período de Calificación para el período de calificación 2. Serán homenajeados en una ceremonia que se llevará a cabo el lunes 26 de enero. Los estudiantes que serán homenajeados son: de Jim Thorpe - Stacy Bos, Arianna Check, Morgan Coyle, Gaven Goff, Jared Mantilla, Jocelyn Montefour, Leah Pena, Joseph Pfluke, Maddison Sakasitz, de Lehighton - Devan Curran, Jesse Lichtenwalner, Hailey Sauchinitz, Nathan Sheckler, de Palmerton - MaKayla Dana, Emily Dorward, Chloe Klotz, Jared Lanier, Julia Maupin, Ethan Seidel, Owen Seidel, Kaitlynn Stepp, Savannah Theisen y Kadence Tully, de Panther Valley - Keltie Brubacker, Autumn Green, Asia Lee Guzman, Joseph Hernandez, Elianna McDermott, Madeline Weaver, y de Weatherly - Alexander Best, Parker Knight y John Thomas.

- ¡Atención, estudiantes de último año! La fecha límite para entregar los retratos para el anuario es el 1 de febrero de 2026. Asegúrense de entregárselos a la Sra. Johannsen antes de esa fecha. Si necesitan ayuda, por favor, comuníquense con la Sra. Johannsen o pasen por la oficina.
- Los Amigos del CCTI organizarán una cena benéfica con sopa en la Bodega Galen Glen el sábado 31 de enero, con nieve el 1 de febrero como fecha límite. Visite su sitio web para obtener más información:<https://tockify.com/sarah.troxell/detail/478/1769878800000>(el enlace se puede encontrar a continuación)
- El CCTI celebrará su Bingo Anual de Bolsos de Diseño el viernes 13 de marzo de 2026 en la cafetería. Las puertas abren a las 16:00 h y los juegos comienzan a las 18:00 h. Los boletos ya están a la venta por \$25.00.
Por favor llamar al 570-325-3682 ext. 1500 para comprar.
Normalmente se agotan las entradas antes del día del evento. ¡Así que compra tus entradas pronto! ¡Gracias por tu apoyo!
- 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 el banco de alimentos o comedor social más cercano, su información de contacto y el horario de distribución. (A continuación encontrará enlaces interactivos).

- 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.
- La Primera Asociación de Damas Católicas Eslovacas tiene varias becas disponibles para estudiantes de formación técnica vocacional que se gradúen de una escuela vocacional técnica acreditada y que continúen su educación en una escuela vocacional, una universidad u otro programa. Las aplicaciones 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 el enlace 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.
- ¡Atención, estudiantes de último año! Si pidieron su toga y birrete en octubre, ya se entregaron. Si no lo hicieron, el precio ha subido y seguirá subiendo cuanto más esperen para pedirlo. El número de teléfono para pedirlo con Jeff Crouse es 717-526-4373.

- Tenga en cuenta que el baile de graduación del CCTI se celebrará el viernes 8 de mayo de 2026 en el Blue Mountain Resort de Palmerton, de 17:00 a 21:00. Este baile es exclusivo para estudiantes de penúltimo y último año. Los invitados y los de cursos inferiores pagarán \$56.00 por persona. Los estudiantes de penúltimo y último año del CCTI deberán pagar la mitad del precio de la entrada este año, que será de \$28.00.
- Nuestra tienda estudiantil del CCTI, The Hive, tiene mercancía nueva a la venta 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.

- 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).

- Un mensaje de nuestro Comité de Bienestar:

Al comenzar el nuevo año, agregar incluso 10 minutos de actividad física ha demostrado ser beneficioso para ayudarnos a vivir vidas más largas y saludables.

- Mejor estado de ánimo: realizar suficiente actividad física puede reducir los sentimientos de ansiedad y ayudar a los estudiantes a sentirse mejor emocionalmente.
- Mejor función cerebral, mejores calificaciones: la actividad regular mantiene agudas las habilidades de pensamiento, aprendizaje y juicio.
- Reduce el riesgo de enfermedades cardíacas y diabetes tipo 2.
- Huesos y músculos fuertes.

Aunque el clima es frío y los días parecen más largos, ¡intentemos mover nuestro cuerpo!

- Consulte los siguientes folletos informativos, etc. a continuación:

- Clases en la escuela
- Primeras solicitudes de becas de la Asociación de Damas Católicas Eslovacas
- Puesto vacante – Director
- 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
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and

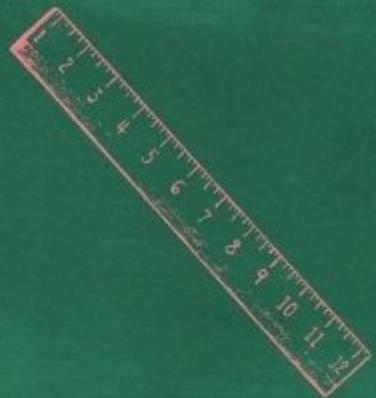
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Special Announcement!



School will be in session on
Monday, January 19, 2026.



This will serve as a snow day make-up day due to
the snow day that occurred on December 23, 2025.

It will be a B Day.

Over \$287,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS WILL BE AWARDED TO MEMBERS OF



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COLLEGE AND POST-GRADUATE 2026-2027 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

RULES OF ELIGIBILITY

1. An eligible applicant for a First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association Fraternal Scholarship Award must meet the following qualifications:
 - a. A member in good standing with the Association for a minimum of **three years** prior to date of application. The applicant must also hold **one of the following policies in their own name**: a permanent life insurance policy with a face amount of at least \$1,000; a term insurance policy with a minimum coverage of \$5,000; or an annuity certificate. Membership eligibility and policy requirements will be verified by the Home Office records.
 - b. **Members currently enrolled in Z-Banches**, formerly known as Polish Women's Alliance of America (PWAA) - who meet all other eligibility criteria may apply for any available scholarships.
 - c. Undergraduate applicants must select an **accredited college or university in the United States** and be enrolled full-time, at least **12 credit hours**, in a program leading to an associate or bachelor's degree. Post-graduate applicants must be enrolled full-time for at least **9 credit hours** in an accredited college or university in the United States.
 - d. **Applicants may receive only one scholarship per category.** If you have already been awarded an undergraduate scholarship, you are not eligible to apply for an additional undergraduate award. However, if you previously received an undergraduate scholarship and are now enrolled in post-graduate school, you may apply for a post-graduate level scholarship. *Important Note: Recipients of a Vocational/Technical/Trade Scholarship are not eligible to apply for a College Scholarship.*
 - e. **Use of Funds:** The award must be applied toward **school-related expenses** for the academic year for which it was awarded. Eligible costs include tuition, books, fees, and course- or degree-specific expenses, such as required supplies or equipment.
2. Application requirements:
 - a. **Freshman applicants:** Submit an official high school transcript, including the most recent grading period, along with scores from any college entrance examination board tests (ex: ACT, SAT). If you are undecided about your school choice, place a check mark on the last page of the application just below the "Name and Address of College or University" field. A letter of acceptance—on the college's official letterhead—must be received by the Scholarship Department before any scholarship payment will be issued.
 - b. **College and Post-Graduate Applicants:** Submit your most recent official college or university transcript. If preferred, your school may send an official copy directly via postal mail or email—please indicate this choice on your application.
 - c. **Autobiographical Statement:** Submit an autobiographical statement of approximately 500 words outlining your goals and objectives. The statement must also address the following:
 - Describe any leadership skills you have demonstrated.
 - Include one paragraph about your involvement in school activities.
 - Include another paragraph detailing your church or community service. Was your service voluntary or mandatory?

- d. **Letter of recommendation:** Include one letter of recommendation from someone **other than a family member.**
- e. **Photo Submission:** Include a wallet-sized photo (optional). It must be either:
 - a printed photo on photo paper; or
 - a .jpg attachment submitted electronically. Note: Photos must be of good quality to be eligible for publication.
- f. **Submission Deadline:** All applications and supporting documents must be **POSTMARKED or electronically received by Tuesday, February 10, 2026.** Late submissions will not be considered. Materials submitted will not be returned.

Applications and supporting documents may be submitted as a PDF file via email or sent via fax to (216) 464-9260, Attn: Scholarship Dept. For email submissions, please use the following address scholarship@FCSLA.org.

3. 146 Fraternal Scholarship Awards will be awarded as follows:

Freshmen - \$1,250 each
Sophomore - \$1,250 each
Junior - \$1,250 each

Senior - \$1,250 each
Post-Graduate - \$1,750 each

4. **Selection and Award Process:** The final decision will be made by an independent Judging Committee composed of professionals in the education field. Scholarship recipients will be notified by letter during the **2nd week in May 2026.** The names of all winners will be published in the August issue of "Fraternally Yours." Award checks will be issued on or about July 1st in the name of the college or university and in the name of the student.
5. Send the completed application and all required documents to:

FCSLA Life
ATTN: Scholarship Dept.
24950 Chagrin Blvd.
Beachwood, OH 44122
E-mail: [Scholarship@fcsla.org](mailto:scholarship@fcsla.org)
Fax: (216) 464-9260

To contact the Scholarship Department:
Phone: (216) 464-8015 Ext. 1054 or (800) 464-4642 Ext. 1054

TERMS OF AWARD

1. **The award must be used solely for school-related expenses – such as tuition, books, fees, and course- or degree-specific supplies and equipment - for the academic year in which it was awarded.**
2. If a scholarship recipient withdraws from their program, the award must be returned to First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association.
3. Recipients are expected to comply with all regulations of their educational institution. This includes, but is not limited to, requirements related to residence and conduct, as deemed satisfactory by the vocational school, technical institute, or college.
4. The Board of Directors of First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association reserves the right to withdraw and cancel the scholarship if, in the judgment of both the Board and the educational institution, the recipient is no longer eligible to hold the award.
5. Members studying for the **Catholic priesthood or religious life** may be eligible to receive up to two (2) scholarships provide all qualifications are met and requirements fulfilled.



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2026 COLLEGE & POST-GRADUATE Fraternal Scholarship Application

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For the purpose of establishing my eligibility for a scholarship award, I submit the following information which I represent to be true and complete. I have read in entirety the Rules of Eligibility and Terms of Award and I hereby accept and agree to said Rules and Terms.

I will be attending school in the fall as a (circle one):

Freshman

Sophomore

Junior

Senior

Graduate

My estimated graduation date is _____ / _____.
Month Year

APPLICANT'S PERSONAL INFORMATION (please print or type)

Full Name:				
Home Address:	(street)	(city)	(state)	(zip)
Social Security # (last 4 digits):	Email:			
Date of Birth:	Telephone:			
Father's Name:	Mother's Maiden Name:			

1. Have you ever received an FCSLA Fraternal Scholarship Award? (circle one) Y N

If yes, enter: Most recent Year _____ Category _____ Amount \$ _____

2. Is the college or university you will be attending located within the U.S.? (circle one) Y N

3. Will you be attending classes full-time?

a. Undergraduate - 12 or more credit hours? (circle one) Y N

b. Post-Graduate – at least 9 credit hours? (circle one) Y N

4. Please check all that apply:

_____ (1.) My official transcripts are enclosed

_____ (2.) I will mail my official transcripts separately to FCSLA

_____ (3.) Letter of acceptance is pending; I will mail to FCSLA upon receipt

_____ (4.) My school will mail my official transcripts directly to FCSLA

Select One: (Your choice does not affect eligibility)

I am attaching my photograph (a photo printed on photo paper or a .jpg attachment to an e-mail). If selected as a scholarship recipient, I would like it to be included in the FCSLA publication announcing this year's winners.

I elect not to include a photograph of myself. If selected as a scholarship recipient, no photo will be included in the FCSLA publication announcing this year's winners.

APPLICANT'S SCHOOL INFORMATION

	Name and Location of School	Dates of Attendance	Date of Graduation
High School			
College			

Applications and supporting documents must be POSTMARKED or electronically received no later than Tuesday, February 10, 2026.

With this Scholarship Application I have enclosed these requirements:

- Official transcripts
- Autobiographical statement
- Letter of Recommendation
- Letter of Acceptance or enrollment confirmation (if Freshman)
- College entrance exam (ACT, SAT - if available)
- Photo (if desired)

Application for scholarship and required documents should be mailed to:

FCSLA Life
ATTN: Scholarship Dept.
24950 Chagrin Blvd.
Beachwood, Ohio 44122
E-mail: Scholarship@fcsla.org
Fax: (216) 464-9260

I understand that this award must be used towards school-related expenses (e.g., tuition, books, fees, and course or degree-related costs (like supplies and equipment required for specific classes) for the academic year for which it was awarded. (please initial) _____

I certify that the information on this form and the supporting documents are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the information will be considered confidential, for review by the Judging Committee. I consent to the filing of the application and accept the Rules of Eligibility and Terms of Award.

Date

Signature of applicant

Signature of parent or guardian if under age 18

Mailing address of applicant

Mailing address of parent or guardian if different

TO BE COMPLETED AT HOME OFFICE

Certificate No.	Date Issued	Amount	Plan

Date of Membership _____

Verified by _____



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2026 COLLEGE & POST-GRADUATE Fraternal Scholarship Application

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Student's **FIRST NAME ONLY:** _____

I am applying for a First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association Fraternal Scholarship Award for the academic period beginning year 20_____

I will be attending as a (circle one): Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior Post-Graduate

Name and address of college or university selected within the United States_____

Check here if you are currently undecided.

TO BE COMPLETED BY JUDGING COMMITTEE:

JUDGING CRITERIA:

Category	Max Score	Actual Score
Academic Standing	40	
Church/Community Value	30	
School Involvement/Essay	30	
Total Points (must not exceed 100 pts)	100	

REQUIREMENTS:

- a. **Letter of recommendation:** Include one letter of recommendation from someone **other than a family member.**
- b. **Autobiographical Statement:** Submit an autobiographical statement of approximately 500 words outlining your goals and objectives. The statement must also address the following:
 - Describe any leadership skills you have demonstrated.
 - Include one paragraph about your involvement in school activities.
 - Include another paragraph detailing your church or community service. Was your service voluntary or mandatory?



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VOCATIONAL/TRADE/TECHNICAL SCHOOL 2026-2027 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

RULES OF ELIGIBILITY

1. An eligible applicant for this scholarship award might be planning to attend a community college, vocational school, trade school or other short-term training program in fields such as automotive technology, plumbing, heating, construction, welding, advanced manufacturing, cosmetology, computer repair, etc. and must meet the following qualifications:
 - a. A member in good standing with the Association for a minimum of **three years** prior to date of application. The applicant must also hold **one of the following policies in their own name**: a permanent life insurance policy with a face amount of at least \$1,000; a term insurance policy with a minimum coverage of \$5,000; or an annuity certificate. Membership eligibility and policy requirements will be verified by the Home Office records.
 - b. **Members currently enrolled in Z-Banches**, formerly known as Polish Women's Alliance of America (PWAA) - who meet all other eligibility criteria may apply for any available scholarships.
 - c. Enrolled in or entering an accredited vocational or technical program in the United States. Applicant must be enrolled or planning to enroll within 6 months of the application deadline, for a minimum of **12 clock hours or credit hours** in a program leading to a certificate, diploma or associate degree.
 - d. Students currently enrolled in a Bachelor or other advanced degree program are not eligible.
 - e. Applicants are eligible to win only once in this award category. Applicants that have been previously awarded a Vocational/Trad/Technical School Scholarship or an undergrad College Scholarship, are not eligible to apply for an additional scholarship.
 - f. **Use of Funds:** The award must be applied toward **school-related expenses** for the academic year for which it was awarded. Eligible costs include tuition, books, fees, and course or degree-specific expenses, such as required supplies or equipment.
 - g. Applicants must have a high school diploma or Graduate Equivalent Degree (GED) without a bachelor's or advanced degree.
2. Application requirements:
 - a. Submit an **official transcript** of the student's high school or college grades from the most recent grading period. Applicants can also have his or her school send an official copy on his or her behalf – please indicate on the application.
 - b. **Letter of recommendation:** Include one letter of recommendation from someone **other than a family member**.
 - c. **Autobiographical Statement:** Submit an autobiographical statement of approximately 500 words outlining your goals and objectives. The statement must also address the following:
 - a. Describe any leadership skills you have demonstrated.
 - b. Include one paragraph about your involvement in school activities.
 - c. Include another paragraph detailing your church or community service. Was your service voluntary or mandatory?

- d. **A letter of acceptance** or proof of enrollment—must be received by the Scholarship Department before any scholarship payment will be issued.
- e. Include a **wallet-sized photo** (optional). It must be an actual photo, a photo printed on photo paper or a jpg attachment to an e-mail when submitting it electronically.
- f. **Submission Deadline:** All applications and supporting documents must be **POSTMARKED or electronically received by Tuesday, February 10, 2026**. Late submissions will not be considered. Materials submitted will not be returned.

Applications and supporting documents may be submitted as a PDF file via email or sent via fax to (216) 464-9260, Attn: Scholarship Dept. For email submissions, please use the following address scholarship@FCSLA.org.

- 3. Seven- \$1,250 individual Vocational/Trade/Technical School Scholarships will be awarded, depending on the number of eligible applicants.
- 4. **Selection and Award Process:** The final decision will be made by an independent Judging Committee composed of professionals in the education field. Scholarship recipients will be notified by letter during the **2nd week in May 2026**. The names of all winners will be published in the August issue of "Fraternally Yours." Award checks will be issued on or about July 1st in the name of the college or university and in the name of the student.
- 5. Send the completed application and all required documents to:

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TERMS OF AWARD

- 1. **The award must be used solely for school-related expenses – such as tuition, books, fees, and course- or degree-specific supplies and equipment - for the academic year in which it was awarded.**
- 2. If a scholarship recipient withdraws from their program, the award must be returned to First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association Fraternal Scholarship Fund.
- 3. Recipients are expected to comply with all regulations of their educational institution. This includes, but is not limited to, requirements related to residence and conduct, as deemed satisfactory by the vocational school, technical institute, or college.
- 4. The Board of Directors of First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association reserves the right to withdraw and cancel the scholarship if, in the judgment of both the Board and the educational institution, the recipient is no longer eligible to hold the award.



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VOCATIONAL/TRADE/TECHNICAL
School Fraternal Scholarship
Application

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For the purpose of establishing my eligibility for a scholarship award, I submit the following information which I represent to be true and complete. I have read in entirety the Rules of Eligibility and Terms of Award and I hereby accept and agree to the said Rules and Terms.

With the intent of receiving (circle one): Certificate Diploma Degree Certification Other

APPLICANT'S PERSONAL INFORMATION (please print or type)

Full Name:				
Home Address:	(street)	(city)	(state)	(zip)
Social Security # (last 4 digits):	Email:			
Date of Birth:	Telephone:			
Father's Name:	Mother's Maiden Name:			

Select One: (Your choice does not affect eligibility)

____ I am attaching my photograph (actual photo, a photo printed on photo paper or a .jpg attachment to an e-mail). If selected as a scholarship recipient, I would like it to be included in the FCSLA publication announcing this year's winners.

I elect not to include a photograph of myself. If selected as a scholarship recipient, no photo will be included in the FCSLA publication announcing this year's winners.

APPLICANT'S SCHOOL INFORMATION

	Name and Location of School	Dates of Attendance	Date of Graduation
High School			
College			

Applications and supporting documents must be POSTMARKED or electronically received no later than Tuesday, February 10, 2026.

With this Scholarship Application I have enclosed these requirements:

- Official transcripts
- Autobiographical statement
- Letter of acceptance
- Letter of Recommendation
- Photo (if desired)

Application for scholarship and supporting documents should be sent to:

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Beachwood, Ohio 44122
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I understand that this award must be used school-related (e.g., tuition, books, fees, and course or degree-related costs (like supplies and equipment required for specific classes) for the academic year for which it was awarded.
 (please initial) _____

I certify that the information on this form and the supporting documents are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the information will be considered confidential, for review by the Judging Committee. I consent to the filling of the application and accept the Rule of Eligibility and Terms of Award.

 Date

 Signature of applicant

 Signature of parent or guardian if under age 18

 Mailing address of applicant

 Mailing address of parent or guardian if different

TO BE COMPLETED AT HOME OFFICE

Certificate No.	Date Issued	Amount	Plan

Date of Membership _____

Verified by _____

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2026 VOCATIONAL/TRADE/TECHNICAL School Scholarship Application

Student's FIRST NAME ONLY: _____

I am applying for a First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association Fraternal Scholarship Award for the academic period beginning in the fall of year 20_____

With the intent of receiving (circle one): Certificate Diploma Degree Certification Other

Field of study_____

Name and address of school selected _____

Check here if you are currently undecided.

TO BE COMPLETED BY JUDGING COMMITTEE:

JUDGING CRITERIA:

Category	Max Score	Actual Score
Academic Standing	40	
Church/Community Value	30	
School Involvement/Essay	30	
Total Points (must not exceed 100 pts)	100	

Essay Requirements:

An autobiographical statement of approximately 500 words containing your goals and objectives. Describe any demonstrated leadership skills. In one of the paragraphs describe how you were involved in school activities. In another, give details of your church or community service. Was it voluntary? Mandatory?

Letter of Recommendation: Not related to applicant.



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Principal

The Carbon Career & Technical Institute in Jim Thorpe, PA is seeking a building principal to begin immediately. Must have or be eligible to obtain a Valid PA School Principal Certificate or Administrative CTE Director Certificate.

Minimum of 5 years of successful teaching experience required. 2-3 years in a leadership role preferred.

Responsibilities include providing educational leadership to ensure all students' career preparation, academic, and social success. The principal oversees the school's instructional and career and technical programs, manages staff, and maintains a safe, inclusive, and positive school environment.

Comprehensive benefits package provided. Interested persons submit a letter of interest, resume, and application (found at www.carboncti.org under Employment Information) to: Carbon Career & Technical Institute, 150 West 13th Street, Jim Thorpe, PA 18229, Attn: Chris Graver or e-mail cgraver@carboncti.org. Act 24, Act 34, Act 114, Act 151, Act 168 and all mandated clearances required upon hire. Questions call Dave Reinbold, Administrative Director-570-436-7181. Deadline for applications: January 26, 2025. EOE

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

The Carbon Career & Technical Institute does not discriminate in regard to race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disabling condition in its admissions procedures, educational programs, activities, or employment as required by Title IX, Section 504, Title VI, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986, and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1992. Assurance is given that services, activities and facilities are accessible to and usable by disabled persons.

date: December 19, 2025



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Posting

Instructional Aide for Auto Service & Technology (CIP 47.0604)

Full-time (184 days/year) position available to provide support for our auto service technology program. Career experience in the auto service technology field required. High school diploma required. Associates or Bachelor's degree a plus. Comprehensive benefits package provided. Interested persons submit a letter of interest, resume, and application (found at www.carboncti.org under Employment) to: Carbon Career & Technical Institute, 150 West 13th Street, Jim Thorpe, PA 18229, Attn: Chris Graver or e-mail cgraver@carboncti.org. Act 24, Act 34, Act 114, Act 151, Act 168 and all mandated clearances required upon hire. Questions call Dave Reinbold, Administrative Director, at 570-325-3682, ext. 1502. Deadline for applications: Open Until Filled. EOE

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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

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date: November 20, 2025

2026

PHEAA Statewide Webinars



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.

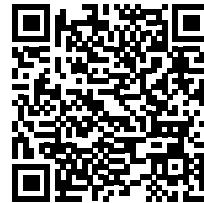
Wednesday,
January 14



Register

6:00–7:00 PM (ET)

Wednesday,
March 11



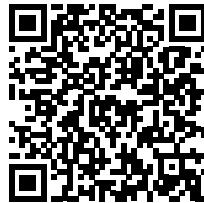
Register

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



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.

Tuesday
February 10

Register

6:00–7:00 PM (ET)



Representatives from PHEAA provide a variety of webinars.
Please check our current offerings at pheaa.org/virtual.