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Creating a College-Going
Culture in WCPS



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Lehigh Facts

Enrollment

4,766 undergraduates
(59% men; 41% women)

Middle 50% SAT

CR 620–710
M 660–740

High School Class Rank

In top 10% - 95%
In top 25% - 99%

Students Receiving Aid

50% of undergrads

Average Class Size

27

Student Participation in Extracurriculars

98%

Source: www4.lehigh.edu

College Admissions Defined

Fall is college season—not just college football, but college admissions, too. Before submitting applications, students and parents should understand the various types of admission deadlines and agreements.

Early Action: An early action plan allows students to find out whether or not they are accepted before other students. Students who are accepted under an early action plan are not obligated to attend that school.

Early Decision: Students who apply under early decision make a binding agreement to accept an offer of admission and must withdraw any applications to

other schools once they've been accepted.

Open Admissions: This term means that a college admits most or all students who apply to the school.

Preferred Admissions: This term means that students are given priority consideration for admission, for special programs, and for merit scholarships. Preferred admissions deadlines are earlier than general admission.

Rolling Admissions: Colleges with rolling admissions do not have a "hard" application deadline and will accept applications until they've filled all the spots in their freshman class.

College of the Month

Lehigh University is a highly selective private research university located in Bethlehem, PA, with easy access to Philadelphia, New York City, and Hagerstown. Offering more than 70 programs among its four colleges,

Lehigh encourages students to create a personalized curriculum by taking courses outside their major or by enrolling in one of its cross-disciplinary programs, such as Arts and Engineering or Computer Science and Business. Le-

Website of the Month



Collegeportraits.org provides information on student characteristics, undergraduate success rate, cost of attendance and financial aid, campus life, and degrees and areas of study for hundreds of colleges. Users can search for colleges by state, distance from home, size, or degrees offered. Each college portrait includes links to the college's home page as well as its admissions department email and phone numbers. Check it out!



high students hail from all 50 states, D.C., Puerto Rico, the U.S.V.I., and 50 foreign countries, with 3% coming from Maryland. Go, Mountain Hawks!

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Upcoming Events

October 7 — [November SAT](#) registration deadline. Seniors who need to improve their scores for admission or scholarship goals should plan to take the SAT after preparing with [TCA](#) and [College Board](#) resources.

October 12 — [PSAT/NMSQT](#) day. Top scoring juniors can earn college scholarships. Students should use [My College QuickStart](#) and [TCA](#) to prepare for the test, which is administered during the school day to juniors, sophomores, and select freshmen in advanced programs.

October 12 — [Washington County College Fair](#) at Hagerstown Community College. Meet with representatives from two- and four-year colleges and branches of the military from 6:00–8:00 p.m.

October 18 — [National College Fair](#) at Washington Convention Center (DC). Talk to representatives from over 250 colleges from 9:00–1:00 or 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

October 22 — [ACT Test](#). All students should prepare with the practice materials available on the ACT website.

November 1 — University of Maryland at College Park [Preferred Admission Deadline](#). Not applying to UMCP? Check your college websites to find their various deadlines for admissions and scholarships.

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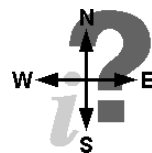
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College and Career Readiness



Navigating Through and Beyond
WCPS

How is your school creating a college-going culture?

- ⇒ Bulletin boards
- ⇒ Diplomas
- ⇒ Pennants
- ⇒ Room signs
- ⇒ Door decorations
- ⇒ College Talk
- ⇒ PTA presentations
- ⇒ College apparel
- ⇒ Field trips
- ⇒ Guest speakers