

Tips from Current Parents

“Join, join, join!!!! Emphasize to your student to find a club or clubs and be active. Find a group, make some friends, and have some really fun times.

Although this is a time for children to break away, stay in tune with your child. Provide guidance and support and emphasize using the resources available and, as a parent, know what they are. Keep a list of the numbers so when your child is sick, you have the number for them to call. When they are struggling with a class, know how they find a tutor.”

"Buy Hersheypark annual passes and you'll have a fun reason visit in the spring and fall!"

"Peer tutoring is available"

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“Don’t be overly involved in your child's outcomes. If they are having challenges with scheduling classes or getting involved, it is a great opportunity to learn to figure things out and sometimes deal with consequences of not being responsible. College is a pretty safe place to take chances and parents being too involved doesn't help them at all.

Also, don't let them come home too soon after starting school. They need to be there to form friendships and going home can hinder that.

Our time at Etown is ending in a month, but it was such a great place for our daughter. She chose the perfect school for herself.”

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“Try your best not to “fix things” for your child (young adult). It’s hard, I struggle with it, but I try to be there for my daughter to talk through issues, but not handle for her.

Issues like social interactions, not liking food, struggling in a class....our kids need to advocate for themselves. So many people at Etown are willing to guide them. Help them by listening, but not attempting to fix it.”

"Check out every section of Etown's website I found a lot of information there.”

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“Making new friends can be tough for some people. If you see someone not participating in an event, go up to them, introduce yourself, and ask them to join. If they are reluctant, stand or sit with them a few minutes, asking them questions and sharing some information about yourself. The next time you see the person, make sure you say hi and remind them where you met.

Make it easy for people to meet you by putting your Instagram name on the board on the outside of your room and ask people in your building to DM you so everyone can meet, at least electronically, other people in the dorm.

It’s perfectly normal at some point to feel a little sad. Tell a friend, tell your RA or peer mentor, or call the counseling service. Etown really wants you to be happy and healthy in all aspects of your life!”

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“Parents should know there are no elevators in the residence halls. This is important for move-in day.

If you live close, take less at move in. My son found his room was cluttered and we came up and took stuff home. It is easy to order something and have it delivered if you missed it.

The student peer mentor program is great. Encourage your student to take advantage of an upper classman’s knowledge.”

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“Visit your student and enjoy the delicious food (and enjoy not having to cook!) and beautiful campus. Etown is full of friendly faces, and as a parent, it’s great to spend time here.”

“Trust that your student will have challenges that they WILL overcome while at college. It’s a normal part of growing up. It’s tough to watch as a parent, but just know that they are surrounded with supportive people who will help them grow.”

"Don't overpack. Rent a fridge if you can. In the spring, when you visit, bring home extra items so there is less at move out."

"The Counseling Services staff are amazing. Don't be afraid, pick up the phone and make an appointment."

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"Let your student have some time. For many of them, it's the first time they've been away from home. Have faith, they will figure it out and surprise you on how independent they become in such a short time."

"If your student is the kind who finds it hard to make friends, have your student run for Student Senate. If elected, your son or daughter will meet too many other students to count across all four classes and almost all majors offered by Etown, he or she will definitely click with someone!"

"Resist the urge to text your student daily. It can be very disturbing for some kids, like you don't think they can handle college on their own. Let your student text you first, even if it's the first night. Let them be in control."



Financing Your College Experience

Learn about tuition, financial aid, meal plans, and on-campus banking
This presentation will be available on our website (etown.edu/orientation).

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Annual fees are billed in two installments:

- Fall semester
 - Generated July 1st / Due August 1st
- Spring Semester
 - Generated December 2nd / Due January 2nd

Contact Information:

- Phone: 717-361-1417 Email: businessoffice@etown.edu

- Invoices include anticipated aid but may not include payments or aid from other sources (i.e. private loans, outside scholarships)
 - Use Remittance Worksheet to make changes
- Additional Fees
 - Health Insurance premium (*waive at* studentcenter.uhcsr.com/etown)
 - Charge will appear on fall semester invoice *only*
 - Enroll in or waive insurance information site
 - \$300 Security Deposit (matriculation)
 - Not a credit on your semester invoice

Student ID Charging:

- College Store
- Dining Services Venues (*outside Meal Plan allotments*)
 - The Jays Nest, Blue Bean Café, Fresh Nest Smoothie Café, The Jay Truck, Marketplace
- Copier Machines
 - Per copy charge
 - Scanning is no charge

Business Office: Accessing & Paying Invoices



Students access invoices through Jayweb (Student – Finances)

Students must give parents/other payers access to their account

[You can find instructions here](#)

Transact Tuition Payment Plans

[You can find information here](#)

Business Office: Accessing & Paying Invoices

- Online payments through Jayweb/Transact Payments *or* at www.etown.edu/businessoffice with electronic check, Visa, MasterCard, AMEX, or Discover
 - 2.95% convenience fee assessed for credit *and* debit card payments
 - No additional fee for bank account/electronic check payments (ACH)
 - A \$30 fee is assessed for ACH returns
- Cash, check, or money order accepted in-person at the Business Office *or* check/money order by mail (*include student's ID number in memo*)

We are here to help every step of the way!

1. Check email for award notification
2. Log into Student Aid Portal
3. Accept or decline financial aid offer
4. Check document and message tabs
5. Submit any requested documents
6. Contact Financial Aid Counselor with any questions

Frequently Asked Questions

- Do I have to reapply for financial aid every year?
- Do I need to complete the FAFSA to receive my merit scholarship?
- Will my financial aid remain the same each year?
- What if my financial circumstances change?
- What if I receive outside awards?

Find many more answers to [Frequently Asked Questions here.](#)

Dining Services: Facilities

The Marketplace



Capable of seating hundreds of students at once, The Marketplace is our main dining facility.

The Jays Nest



The Jays Nest is the perfect place to grab a quick bite to eat on the go or between classes.

The Blue Bean



A popular hangout spot, The Blue Bean serves fresh coffees, pastries, and much more.

Dining Services: Meal Plans



Academic Year 2024-2025 Meal Plans:

Plan	Price	Total Meals	Jay Bucks	Guest Meals	Ideal For:
Gold	\$3,355.00	Unlimited	\$100.00	10	Residential Students (Default Plan)
Gold Plus	\$3,430.00	Unlimited	\$200.00	10	Residential Students
Silver	\$3,355.00	200	\$200.00	8	Residential Students
Silver Plus	\$3,430.00	200	\$300.00	8	Residential Students
Bronze	\$3,355.00	150	\$325.00	6	Residential Students
Bronze Plus	\$3,430.00	150	\$425.00	6	Residential Students

Dining Services: Meal Plans

- Residential students are automatically enrolled in the Gold Plan.
- Meal plans are for individual use only.
- During the first two weeks of each semester, students may make changes to their meal plan through Jayweb.
- During the first two weeks of each semester, students have the option of purchasing a PLUS plan which provides additional Jay Bucks at a 25% discount.
- Jay Bucks carry over from fall to spring semester only (not spring to fall).
- Meal swipes expire at the end of each semester.

- Registered Dietitian on staff to work 1:1 with students
- Ingredient & allergen information available online & in Marketplace
- Gluten-Free, Dairy-Free, Vegan/Vegetarian Products available
- Dietary Accommodations
 1. Student registers with Disability Services (<https://www.etown.edu/offices/disability/>)
 2. Student contacts Registered Dietitian/Executive Chef
 1. Registered Dietitian: Savannah Greiner, RD, LDN greiners@etown.edu
 2. Executive Chef: Jason Hampton hamptonj@etown.edu
 3. Dining Services & Student Meeting
 4. Ongoing and frequent communication = **Successful & Safe Dining Experience**

Getting to know PSECU

- ✓ 1934
- ✓ 22 founding members
- ✓ \$90 to \$8+ billion
- ✓ Digital-first credit union
- ✓ Anytime, anywhere
- ✓ People helping people

- ✓ Our promise



PSECU is a trusted local not-for-profit digital-first credit union where students and their families can join

Because we're a digital-first credit union, members can:

- Conveniently access your free accounts 24/7 – anytime, anywhere
 - 0 minimum balance, 0 maintenance fees, 0 overdraft fees
 - Access over 70,000 surcharge-free ATM's
 - up to \$20 per month in reimbursement with direct deposit, up to \$8 without
 - Receive debit card rewards
 - Deposit checks instantly with our mobile app
 - Quickly lock/unlock misplaced cards
 - Set up account notifications
 - Access personalized financial tips to help better manage their finances
- We support our campus communities through financial education workshops, sponsorships, and scholarships.

Banking on Campus and Beyond

Open a Free Checking & Savings Account



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We help members achieve more. Our banking products and services hit the right note, and we offer scores of members-only perks.

PLUS, YOU CAN EARN UP TO \$300* when you join PSECU and meet promo requirements.

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psecu.com/rightnote/member
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REFERRAL PROGRAM

WHAT MAKES YOU LOVE PSECU?
Tell Your Family and Friends + Earn Extra Cash!

- 1** Share your unique link via text, on social, or via email.
- 2** Remind friends and family members to join.
- 3** Earn \$50 for each referral who becomes a PSECU member (up to \$500!)*

GET \$50 WHEN A REFERRAL JOINS

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*Only current PSECU members age 18 years and older in good standing as defined in the PSECU Bylaws are eligible to participate. The referring member will receive \$50 deposited into their Regular share with a limit of 10 referrals (or \$500) paid out per member per year. A valid referral requires an Individual who:
1. Meets PSECU's membership requirements;
2. Completes the PSECU membership application by accessing it through the referring member's Personal Link and follows the onscreen instructions; and
3. Is approved for PSECU membership.
This referral program is subject to change without notice and may end at any time. For complete Terms and Conditions, visit refer.psecu.com.

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When your student joins, immediate family members can join!

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- ✓ Security and Peace of Mind
- ✓ Exclusive Access to Great Rates
- ✓ No overdraft fees and Free Overdraft Protection Service
- ✓ 0 minimum balances and 0 maintenance fees
- ✓ PFS (PSECU Financial Services)
- ✓ [PSECU.com/learn](https://www.psecu.com/learn)



Questions?

If you have questions for any of our presenters, please feel free to visit them at our Resource Fair over the lunch break.

12-1:45 pm in Brossman Commons

This presentation will be available on our website (etown.edu/orientation).