

Helping Families Plan for Higher Education

By Rep. Ann Flood

Last week, I had the pleasure of hosting a Financial Aid Workshop at Pen Argyl High School for students and parents in the 138th District who are looking to pursue higher education. The event featured special guest speaker Michael Burke from the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA), who shared valuable information to help navigate the financial aid process.

Over the course of a career, college graduates earn \$1.2 million more and are far less likely to face unemployment. I'm grateful to have had the opportunity to help guide families through this important journey!

For anyone who has questions navigating the FAFSA form, Michael Burke from PHEAA can assist you. You can also find out more information, as well as the slides presented at this event at College Planning - Pen Argyl Area HS under the heading Financial Aid and Scholarships in the PHEAA section toward the bottom of the page.

Planning to Pursue Higher Education?

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February is Financial Aid Awareness Month, and the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA) is reminding students and their families of a series of webinars that aim to help with understanding financial aid.

The webinar titled "Advance Planning for Financing Higher Education" is offered Tuesday, Feb. 25, at 6:30 p.m. This one-hour session will help participants understand education costs and what is available to help them plan and make affordable decisions.

The webinar titled "Improve Your Credit – Get Your Loan" is offered Thursday, Feb. 27, at noon. This one-hour session will help participants increase their financial literacy and knowledge on the process of credit, how to maintain or improve ratings, and comparison points to



help make informed and affordable education borrowing decisions.

Webinars highlighting financial aid timelines and understanding offer letters are scheduled in March. For a full schedule, and to register your participation, visit pheaa.org/virtual. visit pheaa.org/virtual.

Sustainability Tour

KICK OFF EARTH MONTH THINKING GREEN

April 16, 2025 5:00pm—7pm

Grand Central Landfill/Energy Center
910 W Pennsylvania Ave Pen Argyl

An event for all ages—bring the family! Tour begins promptly at 5pm.

Learning Opportunities: Waste Reduction Tips Recycling the Right Items Trash to Energy Tour Landfill Bus Tour

Register by April 1, 2025 Email Adrienne Fors afors1@wm.com



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Bangor Area School District Kindergarten Registration Press Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE January 1, 2025

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION WELCOME CLASS OF 2038!

The Bangor Area School District (BASD) is excited to welcome the Class of 2038! The kindergarten team at Five Points Elementary School is looking forward to working with our new kindergarten class for the 2025-2026 School Year. A child is eligible for kindergarten if he/she

- > is at least the age of five (5) years by August 25, 2025.
- resides within the boundaries of BASD.
- > successfully completes the district's kindergarten screening process

Kindergarten registration is online. Online kindergarten registration is available for parents and/or guardians through the district website (www.bangorslaters.com). Once packets are received and confirmed complete, BASD will contact parents/guardians to schedule a kindergarten screening appointment in June of 2025. Completed packets must be received no later than May 16, 2025, to guarantee a screening appointment in June. A completed registration includes:

- > Parent/Guardian Photo Identification
- ▶ Proof of child's birth date (must be at least five (5) years by August 25, 2025)
- Two (2) proofs of residency
- ➤ Immunization

610-588-2163

- Physical Exam Record
- Dental Exam Record

To schedule a screening appointment, the completed online registration and mandatory documents must be submitted and approved by the registration secretary. Kindergarten screenings for the 2025-2026 School Year will occur in June of 2025. All screenings are by appointment only. An adult must accompany the child for their screening appointment. Our kindergarten staff is eager to meet and work with your child!

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