



May 2025

CHAMBER CHATTER

*The Official Newsletter of the
Greene County Chamber of Commerce*

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Wednesday, May 21st



11:30-Networking
Noon-Lunch and Program
At Waynesburg University
Criminal Justice & Forensic Investigation Center
409 North Morris Street
-On street parking available

Cost - \$25/member \$30/non-member

Presentation will be about the new Criminal Justice & Forensic Investigation Center along with a tour from Timothy Gilbert, Instructor of Criminal Justice and Director of Public Safety.

Register by Wednesday, May 16th by
emailing guest name(s) to
info@greenechamber.org or fill out the
google form found on our calendar.



Lunch will be provided by
Aladdin Food Service and
will consist of chicken
salad or roast beef on
croissant, broccoli salad,
fruit salad, homemade
ranch chips, and fresh
berry shortcake

Reservations made must be paid for unless
cancelled 48 hours in advance.

2025 ANNUAL GREENE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE GOLF OUTING

FRIDAY, May 30, 2025

Carmichael's Golf Course



8:30 a.m. Shot Gun Start – 4 Person Scramble - Team Entry Fee - Varies
Includes 18 Holes of Golf with Carts

TEE-OFF...FOR PRIZES & MORE

1st Place Team - \$400
6 – Skill Prizes - \$50 each

2nd Place Team - \$200
Cash Hole & Prize Hole

3rd Place Team - \$100
50/50 Drawing

\$600 Cash Raffle
Putting Contest

Morning check in and team photos will be conducted outside prior to 8:15am. Boxed breakfast, snacks, lunch, and non-alcoholic beverages will be provided. A cash bar for alcoholic beverages will be available. All cash prize payouts will be fulfilled by check after the event.

SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE

All sponsorships include a sponsor sign on the course in addition to items listed below

Event Sponsor - \$1,500

1st Place Award & Presentation Sponsor - \$400

2nd & 3rd Place Awards & Presentation Sponsor
Thank you UPMC Greene

Corporate Team Sponsor - \$650

At the Turn Sponsor

Thank you Community Bank

Skill Prize Sponsor - \$300

Breakfast Sponsor - \$200

Snack Sponsor - \$300

Auction Item of your choice

Lunch Sponsor

Thank you First Federal

Beverage Sponsor

Thank you Edward Jones - Matt Baculik

Hole Sponsor - \$100

Putting Contest Prize Sponsor - \$100

TICKET BUNDLES WILL BE SOLD IN ADVANCE

Please pre-pay or bring exact change.

\$40 per bundle includes:

- 3 - 50/50 drawing tickets
- 15 - Auction tickets
- 2 - Mulligans
- 1 - Cash Hole entry ticket
- 1 - Prize Hole entry ticket
- 1 - Putting Contest entry ticket

Sponsors:

Event - \$1,500 1st Place Awards - \$400 ____ ~~2nd & 3rd Place Awards - SOLD~~ Lunch - ~~SOLD~~
~~At the Turn - SOLD~~ Skill Prizes - \$300 ____ Breakfast - \$200 ~~Beverage - SOLD~~
Snack \$300 ____ Hole \$100 ____ Putting Contest \$100 ____ Auction Item ____

Team Registration:

- ____ Team Registration - \$500 - or -
- ____ VIP Team Registration – Includes 4 ticket bundles - \$600 - or -
- ____ Corporate Team Registration – Includes a hole sponsorship & 4 ticket bundles - \$650
- ____ Individual Ticket Bundles at \$40 each (cash or card accepted)

Business Name: _____

Must have players names and emails to speed up registration

Deadline is Friday, May 23rd.

**Support the Chamber
by participating!**

Register Team Here



**Inquire About
Sponsorships Here**



THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF GREENE COUNTY (CFGFC) IS ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR SEVERAL GRANT OPPORTUNITIES FOR NONPROFITS, PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND TEACHERS.



Community Grant Fund projects may include (but are not limited to) any one or more of the following broad priorities:

- Arts, Culture & Humanities
- Children, Youth & Families
- Community & Economic Development
- Education
- Environment
- Food & Hunger
- Health & Fitness
- Human Services
- Medical Needs

Grant awards for Community grants will not exceed \$5,000.

The deadline to submit applications for each of these funds is May 31.

Successful grant awards will be announced in late July for projects beginning after the first of August.

FMI or to apply for the grants, visit our website www.cfgcpa.org/about-cfcg-grants/ or contact us at 724-627-2010, or e-mail cfgcpa@gmail.com.



The Community Foundation of Greene County
cfgcpa@gmail.com | www.cfgcpa.org | 724-627-2010
Box 768
Waynesburg, PA 15370



Ribbon Cutting



CONTI LAW

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Tuesday, May 20th

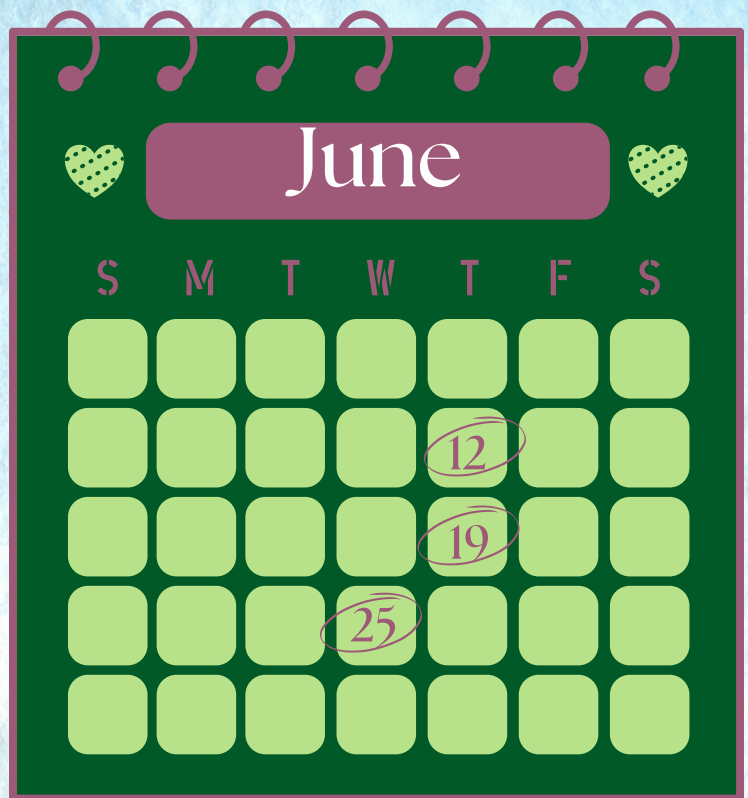
12:00

3157 Mt. Morris Rd. Suite #104

Mark Your Calendars!



5/20 - Conti Law Ribbon Cutting
5/26 - Office Holiday Closure
5/28 - Business Connection
Luncheon
5/30 - Annual Golf Outing



6/12 - Lunch & Learn
6/19 Office Holiday Closure
6/25 - Business Connection
Luncheon

More details to follow.

You can also check out and register through our Calendar of Events on our website [here](#).

ANNUAL SUMMER GIFT
CARD, CERTIFICATE,
& CASH RAFFLE
TICKETS AVAILABLE!

CONTACT US IF
INTERESTED IN PURCHASING
OR SELLING



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Raffle drawn on Friday, June 6th.
Based on the first evening drawing
of the PA Lottery 3-digit number

April Business Connection Luncheon

Held our April Business Connection Luncheon at the Greene County CTC this afternoon. Thank you to our sponsor, the Greene County CTC and the Culinary Arts department for the delicious meal.



HAPPY

Small Business

WEEK

Here's to the

**DREAMERS, DOERS,
SHAKERS, & MAKERS**



Women in Business Breakfast



Held our Women in Business Breakfast early this year at The Way Community Center.

Thank you to our panel discussion with some of our local women entrepreneurs.

Kristy Borovichka, Owner - New Way Excavating

Amy Chess, Independent Sales Consultant - Pampered Chef

Julie Gatrell, Owner - Gatrell Business Solutions

Also thank you to our sponsors, First Federal Savings & Loan, EQT, New Way Excavating, Waynesburg Animal Hospital, and Waynesburg University as well as the Greene County CTC Culinary Arts department for the delicious breakfast.

Welcome New Members!



Ambulance and Chair Service

Larry Pollock - Executive Director

350 Bonar Ave

Waynesburg, PA 15370

(724) 225-8050

<https://ambulanceandchair.com/>

Conti Law, Inc.

Michele Conti - President and Owner

3157 Mt. Morris Road, Suite 104

Waynesburg, PA 15370

(724) 784-0239

<https://contilawpgh.com/>



Panhandle Cleaning & Restoration

Trent Nicholson - Marketing

1005 Pittsburgh Street

Springdale, PA 15144

(304) 200-3385

<https://www.panhandlecr.com/>

Creative Encounters by Karole Wagner Designs

Karole Wagner - Owner

279 Ferncliff Road

Rices Landing, PA 15357

(724) 833-8447

<http://www.karolewagnerdesigns.com>



L&M Water Services, LLC

Loletta Scogin - Owner

223 Dividing Ridge Rd

Graysville, PA 15337

(724) 428-4322



PA Chamber Urges Congress to Extend Small Business Tax Cuts

To mark National Small Business Week, the Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industry and Americans for Prosperity Pennsylvania have launched a campaign urging Congress to make the small business provisions of the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act permanent.

Without action the cuts are set to expire at the end of this year.

The act reduced the federal corporate tax rate from 35% to 21% and included several provisions that benefit small businesses including a 20% deduction for qualified business income (QBI) for pass-through businesses, known as Section 199A.

According to the chamber, this deduction has allowed millions of small business owners to reduce their tax liability and reinvest in their operations, employees and communities.

It noted that the law also expanded research and development tax credits and improved asset depreciation and business expensing.

Those measures set to sunset at the end of this year unless Congress votes to extend them. AFP Pennsylvania State Director Emily Greene said they are counting on Congress to act.

“If our delegation doesn’t act, taxpayers will face an average increase of more than \$2,300 per year. After four years of record-high inflation, we simply cannot afford to pay more.”

Failing to renew these tax provisions would deal a serious blow to Pennsylvania’s economic competitiveness, said PA Chamber President & CEO Luke Bernstein.

“Small businesses across the Commonwealth are already navigating workforce shortages and dramatically higher costs compared to 2017,” Bernstein said. “The last thing they need now is a higher tax burden that makes it harder to hire, invest and grow. We have an opportunity — and a responsibility — to come together and give small business owners the certainty they need to succeed.”

As part of their campaign, the PA Chamber and AFP will release a series of videos highlighting the voices of business leaders, taxpayers and policymakers who support extending these policies.

This state effort is a part of AFP’s \$20 million nationwide campaign in support of the TCJA.

It’s the single largest investment of any outside, limited-government conservative organization toward protecting the pro-business tax provisions.



Member in the Spotlight

PANHANDLE CLEANING & RESTORATION



Panhandle Cleaning & Restoration, founded in 1977 by Robert C. Contraguerro, Sr., is the leading disaster recovery service provider across six states. Built on a foundation of fairness, honesty, and quality, the company quickly earned a reputation for its dependable service and professional teams. As a full-service contractor, Panhandle guides clients through every stage of the recovery process—from initial assessment to final reconstruction. Their expertise extends across all aspects of disaster recovery, including working directly with major insurance providers to reduce out-of-pocket costs for customers. Panhandle also offers detailed, itemized estimates and appraisals to simplify the insurance claims process. Their comprehensive approach ensures that clients receive support and clear communication from start to finish, making a difficult time more manageable.

CELEBRATING

60 Years



Join Us for a Special Open House!

For six decades, we've been dedicated to serving and empowering our community.

Now, we invite you to step inside, explore our offices, learn what it means to be a foster parent, tour our classrooms and WIC office, learn about our aging well programs and—most importantly—meet the incredible staff who make it all happen.



FRIDAY MAY 16 9AM-12PM 2025



GREENE HEADQUARTERS

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Waynesburg, PA 15370

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Cooking for Crowds: A Volunteer's Guide to Safe Food Handling Webinar

Preparing food in large quantities is different than food preparation in the home. Cooking for Crowds: A Volunteer's Guide to Safe Food Handling program helps non-profit organizations and their volunteers understand the risks involved with preparing large volumes of food and the important food safety practices that need to be implemented to ensure a safe event. Penn State Extension educators and other faculty serve as instructors and are certified by the National Restaurant Association. All have received training on the most current research on food safety.

Even if your organization has been doing this for years, things change and it is important that volunteers are up to date and knowledgeable about rules and regulations governing food safety. Don't risk your customer's health or your organization's reputation.

Cooking for Crowds: A Volunteer's Guide to Safe Food Handling was developed in collaboration with the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture.

Penn State Extension educators and other faculty serve as instructors and are certified by the National Restaurant Association. All have received training on the most current research on food safety.

Registrants are strongly encouraged to purchase the Cooking for Crowds Manual. See the [Manual Information](#) tab for more information.

Registration is required to receive the link to access the webinar.

Registrants will also receive access to the webinar recording.

May 22nd, 2025 -- 9:00 am

Register Here

Deadline Approaching: Reserve Your Space Today!

**Promote your business in our 2025-2026
Community/Business Resource Guide and Member
directory! 600 copies will be distributed throughout the
community this summer.**

Contact us now to reserve your spot!

Deadline for ad submission is May 27th.

**Email our Communications &
Membership Coordinator, Mandi at
mandi@greenechamber.org to reserve your space!**





**Washington & Greene County
Ambulance & Chair EMS, Inc.**

**5400 Medical Drive
Washington, PA 15301
724-225-8050**

Dear Neighbors:

During the week of May 18 – 24, the Emergency Medical Services profession observes National EMS Week 2025. For 50 years, the nation has been dedicating one week to the hardworking, dedicated, and often overlooked professionals who respond to the public's requests for help 24/7/365. Please consider joining us in our goal to show our dedicated & hardworking staff how much they mean to the communities they serve.

Ambulance and Chair EMS Inc., is accepting donations for catered food during EMS week in an attempt to ensure that all of our medical providers, dispatchers and administrative staff can enjoy a delicious meal in between calls. We would be beyond thankful for any food or monetary donation during this week as any we receive will directly show appreciation to our staff who serve our communities day in and day out.

Ambulance and Chair EMS Inc. is a 501c3 non-profit ambulance service who has served the communities for decades. We cover 49 municipalities (making us the largest EMS agency in Washington & Greene Counties) serving the needs of greater than 135,000 people. Our staff consists of approximately 150 employees. Currently, our daily operations entail staffing 17 ambulances with 34 providers, which is anticipated to increase in the near future in response to the growing needs of our communities.

We thank you for your time and consideration and look forward to hearing from you!

Respectfully,

Megan McAdoo NREMT
Assistant for:
Larry Pollock, Executive Director
Ambulance and Chair EMS, Inc.

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EMS WEEK

May 18-24, 2025

We Care. For Everyone.

**Interested in Donating?
Click Here!**



2025 Penn State Fayette Summer Youth Camps

Youth Summer Camps will be offered at Penn State Fayette, The Eberly Campus between the weeks of June 16 through July 18, 2025.

Grades 1-3

- Jurassic Camp
June 16-18
- Princess Camp
June 16-18
- Lets-a Gooo Camp
June 16-18
- In Our Summer Camp Era
June 23-27
- Music to My Ears
June 23-27
- Wicked Camp
June 30-July 2
- All Things Summer!
July 7-11
- A MARVELous Camp
July 7-11
- Happiest Place on Earth
July 14-18
- Age of the Dinosaurs
July 14-18



Grades 4-6

- Masterpiece Camp
June 16-18
- Blast off into Space
June 23-27
- Magic For Muggles
June 23-27
- Move and Groove
June 30-July 2
- Comic Book Superheroes
June 30-July 2
- Unconventional Inventions
July 7-11
- Knights, Princesses, Dragons,
and Castles
July 7-11
- In Our Summer Camp Era
July 7-11
- Magical Mythology
July 14-18
- Down on the Farm
July 14-18
- Under the Big Top
July 14-18



Grades 8-11

- Save a Life Camp (free)
June 30-July 1



Grades 9-12

- STEM Camp (free)
June 16-18



Camps Run 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. daily
Camp Costs: \$150-\$200

Lunch Provided



Lunch provided for all students or bring a packed lunch.

Discounts available for multiple camps



Discounts available for families registering for three or more camps.

Questions?



For More information:
724-430-4211
fayette.psu.edu/youth
mr370@psu.edu
lar346@psu.edu



Join Our Email List and Register.

Waynesburg University Celebrates Class of 2025 at Commencement Ceremony



Waynesburg University held its Commencement Exercises Sunday, May 4, on the Lawn of Miller Hall, honoring nearly 300 undergraduate, graduate and doctoral students.

Toby Z. Rice, President and Chief Executive Officer of EQT Corporation, addressed the Class of 2025 as the Commencement speaker, and Jeffrey E. Arnold, Executive Director of the Association of Presbyterian Colleges & Universities (APCU), served as the Baccalaureate speaker.

During the Commencement Address, “You Don’t Have to Know, You Just Have to Begin,” Rice reflected on his own unconventional journey, from chimney sweeping and oil rigs to co-founding Rice Energy and leading a major energy company.

Rice emphasized that traditional advice like hard work, innovation, risk-taking, and luck weren’t responsible for his success. Instead, he highlighted the power of perseverance, encapsulated in the word “almost.”

“When you’re doing bold things, it’s going to be difficult, and you are going to come to a place where you almost lose faith, you almost give up, but it’s important to keep moving forward,” Rice said.

Rice and Arnold were awarded honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degrees during the Commencement ceremony.

Hailey Marks, an English (professional writing) major from Canonsburg, was named the valedictorian and delivered the valedictory to the University. Seth Robertson also gave remarks as the graduate program representative.

In addition, Ross Owens, a children and youth ministries major from Sewickley, was awarded the 2025 Douglas G. and Kathryn D. Lee Servant Leadership Award. This award was established by the Waynesburg University Board of Trustees to honor the leadership and commitment of Douglas and Kathryn Lee to the University. It is awarded each year to one graduating student who has demonstrated exceptional leadership qualities over the course of their time at Waynesburg University in the mission focus areas of faith, learning and serving.

During the Baccalaureate ceremony, the focus of Mr. Arnold’s message, “Blessed are the graduates, For They Shall...” was Matthew 5:3-12.

Mr. Arnold urged each graduate to view their career and character not as separate pursuits, but as intimately connected facets of their divine calling.

“In practical terms,” he said, “this means continually asking yourself: How can my work be an expression of love, service, and integrity? How can I let my inner virtues shape the way I engage the world? And, finally, how might my journey evolve if I were to view each job and every task as an opportunity to serve a higher calling...rather than merely a stepping-stone to greater success?”

T-Shirt Tuesdays at the Chamber are Back!

Highlighting our members, one t-shirt at a time!

This summer, every Tuesday, the chamber staff will be sporting T-shirts from various businesses. We are on the lookout for more T-shirts from our member businesses to showcase our support.

If you wish to participate, please reach out to us at

info@greenechamber.org.

Watch our social media for pictures!



WE WANT YOUR FEEDBACK!

Business Outlook and Trends Survey

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK of CLEVELAND



Owners and key financial decisionmakers of for-profit businesses, we invite you to share your recent experiences. How would you rate the current business conditions of your firm and other firms in your networks?

The Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland's 2025 Business Outlook and Trends Survey (BOTS) is now open, and Greene County Chamber of Commerce is a partner in this effort. By taking the survey, you would contribute to data that directly inform the Fed, service providers, policymakers, and others, ultimately benefiting your business and others like yours. Take this five-minute survey now.

Survey

The survey is open to businesses currently operating in Ohio, western Pennsylvania, eastern Kentucky, or the northern panhandle of West Virginia.

The survey closes on May 19, 2025.

Questions? Contact the Cleveland Fed's Regional Analysis Group at CLEV.Regional.Analysis@clev.frb.org.



Recovery-Friendly Workplace Survey



Penn State's Center for Economic and Community Development is surveying Pennsylvania businesses and organizations about their needs for a recovery-friendly workplace training initiative.

Please click [HERE](#) or scan the QR code to participate!



All participants will receive a **\$10 Amazon gift card** as a token of appreciation for their time.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact us at cecd@psu.edu. Thank you!

The Special Events Commission of Waynesburg Borough is proud to announce the establishment of a new award in honor of the late Timothy M. Hawfield.

Chief Hawfield: First Responder Service with Honor Award Timothy "Chief" Hawfield was more than just a name in Waynesburg—he was a cornerstone of the community whose influence continues to resonate today. Through his distinguished career as a police officer and his unwavering commitment to community service and volunteerism, he touched the lives of countless individuals.

Tim's journey in law enforcement began in June 1979 when he joined the Waynesburg Borough Police Department. By May 1981, he had earned the title of chief of police, a position he held with pride and dedication for 32 years. During his tenure, Tim's contributions didn't go unnoticed; he earned numerous awards and citations, and one of his proudest achievements was his pivotal role in promoting the "Officer Phil" child safety program in local elementary schools.

But his impact didn't stop there. Tim was an Eagle Scout, a former scoutmaster for Troop 1289, district chairman, and a member of the Eagle Scout Board of Review.

He also made his mark as a Little League baseball coach and as an "American Policing" instructor at Waynesburg College. A Civil War enthusiast, Tim was always ready to share his passion and knowledge with anyone eager to listen. He even founded the beloved "Husband Calling Contest" at the annual Rain Day Festival, which he found highly entertaining. In 2013, Tim received the Waynesburg Chamber of Commerce Distinguished Service Award, a fitting tribute to his lifetime of dedication. A 2020 recipient of the Jack McCracken Award, Tim was also deeply involved in numerous organizations. He was an active member of the Fraternal Order of Police, Salvation Army, and First Baptist Church of Waynesburg. His community work extended to roles with the Western PA Chiefs of Police Association, the PA Safe Kids Coalition, the Greene County Drug Task Force, and many other local initiatives focused on youth, wellness, and safety.

Above all, Tim was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather, whose love for his family knew no bounds. He was a loyal brother, a cherished friend, and a mentor to many. His legacy lives on through the countless lives he touched and the community he helped shape.



The Chief Hawfield First Responder Service with Honor Award will be awarded to an active First Responder who is located within Greene County.

(Police, Sheriff, Fire, EMT/Paramedic, and Dispatch)

*Documentation must be provided of Employment/Volunteer Status within Greene County. The First Responder who is selected must have demonstrated consistent excellence in their performance of duties, constant dedication to their official responsibilities, continuous growth in responsibilities/skills within their profession, and community involvement aside from being a Greene County First Responder. Nominations will be accepted until July 1, 2025.

The Hawfield Family and Special Events Commission will review all nominations thoroughly and conclude with one award winner. This will be an award that the Special Events Commission will continue to do each year, with the permission of the family. This individual will be awarded on July 29, 2025, at 6:00 P.M. at the Rain Day Festival.

Waynesburg University Hosts Showcase of Growth on Campus, Highlights New and Enhanced Facilities



Waynesburg University hosted a Showcase of Growth event Friday, April 11, for local media, law enforcement and government agencies to tour the new and recently renovated facilities on campus.

The schedule of events began with light refreshments and welcoming remarks from Dr. Dana Cook Baer, director of the Center for Criminal Justice and Forensic Investigation and professor of criminal justice, Waynesburg University President Douglas G. Lee and Rev. Dr. Parker T. Williamson, chief operating officer of The Stover Foundation. Shortly thereafter, a ribbon cutting was held for the new Center for Criminal Justice and Forensic Investigation. The event concluded with tours of four facilities both on and off campus.

Tours began at the Center for Criminal Justice and Forensic Investigation, which features state-of-the-art, high-tech simulators on the lower level, including a MILO Range Theater 180 and Pro system training for interactive Use-of-Force and Crisis Management Training, and an L3 Harris driving simulator. On the upper level is a spacious area with cutting-edge technology that can be converted into three separate classrooms, a conference room and office space, accommodating functions of up to 120 people.

Next door, participants toured the newly renovated Practical Exercise Facility, formerly known as the CSI House. This building now features a mock courtroom, which has been named "The Williamson Courtroom" in honor of the contributions of Rev. Dr. Williamson; a bloodstain pattern interpretation room; and a fingerprint lab.

These facilities provide cutting-edge training, preparing students to excel in the field. The enhanced Center will also enrich training opportunities for local and regional first responders, strengthening the University's long-standing relationships with law enforcement agencies such as the FBI, CIA, ATF, police departments and probation offices.

Tours continued to the bottom floor of Eberly Library, where the newly renovated Pathways Center is located. The Pathways Center offers comprehensive support services to students on campus and includes a new community learning space, private testing and interview rooms, a restructured Career Closet storefront with changing rooms, a sensory room and staff offices. After a brief stop in the eHIVE, shuttles departed for a tour of Alston Farm, a well-preserved historic house, log cabin, barn, renovated classroom and greenhouse space on 52 acres, recently donated to the University. Alston Farm provides incredible opportunities for new and expanded student instruction and community outreach. Waynesburg University has hired a consultant to develop a strategic plan for the farm, made possible through a grant from the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC). The plan is expected to be complete in fall of 2025.

Waynesburg University has seen tremendous growth in recent years, from new and enhanced facilities to property expansion, all made possible by the incredible generosity of the University's donors and other supporters.

In 2022, the lobby outside of the auxiliary gym was renovated into a new Recruitment Lounge, where coaches and prospective-students can meet. That same year, locker rooms received significant updates in the Rudy Marisa Fieldhouse and John F. Wiley Stadium, and a new video board and scoreboard were installed in Rudy Marisa Fieldhouse to enhance the game day experience. A new, state-of-the-art Esports Arena was constructed in the Buhl Humanities Building. One of the largest in the region, all 25 stations are equipped with the following: Alienware Aurora R12; Alienware 38" Curved Gaming Monitor; Alienware Gaming Mouse; Alienware Mechanical Gaming Keyboard; Bose QuietComfort Noise Cancelling Headphones; and an electric height adjustable standing desk. The space also includes an Optoma projector and a separate viewing room with a SmartGlass window. Completed in August 2023, John F. Wiley Stadium received several additional enhancements, which included a 250-foot-long retaining wall with a 25-foot-high net and lights; banners on retaining wall honoring senior football and soccer student-athletes; signage surrounding the field and underneath the bleachers; President's Box renovations; home locker room showers; covered benches for football and soccer teams; an athletic training room; parking lot expansion; and pavilion.

The University's award-winning Entrepreneurial Leadership Program unveiled its new innovation hub in February 2024. The Entrepreneurial Hub for Innovative Ventures and Endeavors (eHIVE), located on the first floor of Stover Campus Center, houses equipment that supports student entrepreneurs in their prototyping efforts and enables them to make products to sell for their own small businesses.

One additional property, The Thyreen Retreat Center, was kindly donated in accordance with the wishes of the late Chancellor Thyreen and his family. The farm will serve as a retreat center.



PennState
Fayette, The Eberly Campus

Certified Recovery/ Certified Family Recovery Specialist Training

The Role of the Recovery Specialist

The Recovery Specialist is an individual with personal, lived experience of their own recovery. By offering insight into the recovery process, Recovery Specialists are able to share a unique perspective with those with similar life experiences. Recovery Specialists accept and agree that their experience as a person in recovery from a substance use disorder will be known by their colleagues, individuals served, and others with whom they may share that they have achieved this credential. The Recovery Specialist is a role model, mentor, advocate, and motivator. Recovery Specialists advocate for the individual, the recovery system, and recovery-oriented services, and they assist to identify and reduce stigma. Recovery Specialists advocate to eliminate barriers, increase natural supports, and build community. Services provided by the Recovery Specialist substantially improve an individual's and a family's ability to sustain recovery and wellness.

Certified Recovery Specialist (CRS)

A credential for individuals with personal, lived experience in their own substance use disorder recovery. By offering insight into the recovery process based on their own experience, recovery specialists are able to offer a unique perspective while providing recovery support services. The CRS is not a sponsor, case manager, or therapist, but rather a role model, mentor, advocate, and motivator.

Certified Family Recovery Specialist (CFRS) A credential for adults who have been directly impacted by their own family member's or loved one's substance use disorder. The CFRS shares their lived experience with other families to provide recovery support services and understands the stigma associated with substance use disorder and its impact on the family. CFRSs are trained to help families move into and through the recovery process.

Information gathered from the following websites:

<https://www.pacertboard.org/recoveryspecialist>

<https://www.pacertboard.org/certifications>

Dates: June 20, 26, 27, July 3, 10, 11, 17, 18, 24, and 25, 2025

Location: Penn State Fayette, The Eberly Campus, 204 Eberly

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
(one hour for lunch)

Cost: \$1,199.00

***To see if you qualify for funding, contact your local CareerLink Office no later than June 2, 2025.**

To begin registration Click [HERE](#).

The Certified Recovery/Certified Family Recovery Specialist Training consists of 78 hours of education:

66 in-class hours, and 12 hours of homework.

Participants must meet all of the Pennsylvania Certification Board (PCB) requirements:

Certified Recovery Specialist

- High school diploma or GED
- Successful completion of the 78-hour CRS/CFRS Training Program (both instances)
- 18 months of current sustained personal lived recovery
- 1000-word statement describing personal lived experience with addiction, recovery, and history of sustained recovery
- Application to the PCB, payment of fee, and successful completion of the CRS exam
- Sign an ethical code of conduct

Certified Family Recovery Specialist

- High school diploma
- Successful completion of the 78 hour CRS/CFRS Training Program
- History of lived experience of being directly impacted by family member's or loved one's substance use disorder
- 1000-word statement describing lived experience of being impacted by a family member's or loved one's substance use disorder and navigating of systems, accessing of resources, and what family recovery means personally
- Three letters of reference/character as described by the PCB
- Application to the PCB and payment of fee
- Sign an ethical code of conduct

Technology Requirements

- Be comfortable with computers, computer applications, and other technology
- Ability to complete online homework (12 hours)
- Laptop or desktop device (Mobile devices such as tablets and smartphones cannot be used)

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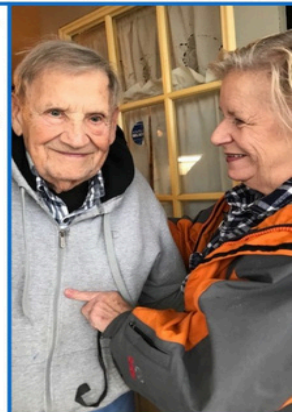


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