PENN STATE IS AN ECONOMIC POWERHOUSE, CONTRIBUTING MORE THAN $11.6 BILLION TO THE STATE’S ECONOMY. FOR EVERY $1 IN STATE SUPPORT RECEIVED, PENN STATE GENERATES $1.24 IN STATE TAX REVENUE.

With 24 locations across the Commonwealth, an academic medical center and a growing health system, Penn State is helping to improve lives in all 67 Pennsylvania counties through education, community outreach, and employment.

The facts and figures below highlight some of the regional impact of Penn State Lehigh Valley on the local community. As part of one University, geographically dispersed, Penn State Lehigh Valley students, employees, and community members have access to the resources of a top-25 research institution with a global impact.

Penn State Lehigh Valley supports economic development in the community by partnering with local industry on workforce development; employing local faculty, staff and students; and by providing resources to local businesses and entrepreneurs.

1 Findings based on FY 2017 study, conducted using a model endorsed by the Association of Public Land-Grant Universities (APLU) and the American Association of Universities (AAU), to measure Penn State’s annual contribution to Pennsylvania’s economy.
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Penn State Lehigh Valley has a rich history of giving back to the community through volunteer work, contribution to charitable causes, and provision of resources to community members. Student engagement is promoted through service learning and community-based projects as part of the academic curricula, and community members have access to athletic and art events on campus as well as University resources such as the library. Additionally, the campus is a good steward of the environment and is committed to sustainability.

SUPPORTING PENNSYLVANIA STUDENTS

Penn State Lehigh Valley predominantly enrolls students from Pennsylvania, who reside in the eastern part of the state. More than 95 percent of Pennsylvania residents live within 30 miles of a Penn State campus, and 75 percent live within 15 miles, putting a world-class Penn State degree within driving distance for most Pennsylvanians. The campus also supports resident youths through summer camps, college and career preparation, and dual enrollment programs.

FINANCIAL AID FOR LEHIGH VALLEY STUDENTS

$1.5 million in total scholarships awarded to students

$8,402,319 in financial aid awarded to Pennsylvania resident students

77% of students receive financial aid

48% participate in community service

35% raise money or contribute to a charitable cause

77% participate in volunteer work or activities within surrounding communities

3,363 total hours of community service in 2018

For more information on these facts and figures, please contact the Office of Planning and Assessment at opa@psu.edu or 814-863-8721.

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