



ALLEGHENY COLLEGE

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Statement from Allegheny College

Allegheny College announced today that the College will strategically reduce expenses while simultaneously investing in initiatives that will most effectively help the College to support student learning and success.

Allegheny College proactively planned in 2017 to address the predicted decline in the number of college-aged students nationwide by gradually reducing the size of the College's student population through the year 2026. However, like many colleges and universities across the U.S., Allegheny has since faced significant financial and enrollment challenges that were accelerated by the COVID-19 pandemic.

As part of expense reductions mandated and supported by the College's Board of Trustees, a total of 36 administrative and staff positions will be eliminated, including 24 employees who will be separated from the College and 12 vacant positions that will not be filled. These decisions were very difficult but necessary in helping to resolve financial strains and position the College for a bright future aligned with the strategic priorities that President Hilary Link rolled out earlier in the spring:

- Holistic student success and inclusive excellence in all the College does
- Embracing the College's unique, multi-disciplinary academic brand
- Engagement with the College's local and global social contexts, including a reinforced commitment to sustainability; diversity, equity, and inclusion; and partnership with Meadville
- Financial stability, putting in place strategic initiatives intended to balance the College's budget and steer the College to a continuing robust future

Allegheny College remains steadfast in its mission and its commitment to providing students with the distinctive education for which the College is nationally recognized.

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About Allegheny College

Allegheny College, founded in 1815, is one of the nation's oldest and most innovative four-year colleges where multidisciplinary learning breaks the conventional mold. It is one of the few colleges in the United States with a unique requirement to choose both a major and minor for graduation, to provide students with a cross-disciplinary path in the sciences

and humanities for educational depth and intellectual growth. Located in Meadville, Pennsylvania, Allegheny College is one of 40 colleges featured in Loren Pope's "Colleges That Change Lives." In its 2021 rankings, U.S. News & World Report recognized Allegheny College in its Top 20 Best in Undergraduate Teaching and Top 30 Most Innovative National Liberal Arts Colleges.