



# In Touch With You

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## Updates from Penn State

**Wait list at University Park.** This year, Penn State saw an increase in the number of applications we received and an increase in the competitiveness of credentials within that larger group of applicants. As a result, most spaces for University Park have already been committed, but we did select a group of talented students for the wait list as this will allow us to keep students under consideration for University Park if space becomes available. Our goal is to notify the students as soon as we can about the possibility of admission to University Park, but they will receive a final response from us no later than June 2, 2008. If space does not become available for admission to University Park, we will contact the student regarding an offer of admission to an alternate campus choice. At that time, admission to some campuses may be limited, but we will help students to explore their options at Penn State. If a student does not wish to remain on the wait list, we can immediately offer them admission to a campus other than University Park.

**Can students still apply to Penn State?** Yes, Penn State is still accepting applications. Because some programs and campuses fill quickly, offers of admission will be made on a space available basis.

**May 1.** Students offered admission have until May 1 to accept the offer.

**Graduation verification.** In May, school counselors will receive graduation verification reports for all students who have accepted their offer of admission to Penn State. The report should be updated and signed and returned to our office as soon as graduation can be verified. We only need final, official high school transcripts for those students who have failed a course or who will not be graduating from your school. For those counselors who are Electronic Partners, they will be able to view their verification list 30 days prior to graduation and should update the student record as soon as graduation can be verified. Electronic partners will NOT receive paper graduation verification forms and do NOT need to send additional transcripts.

**Academic Competitiveness Grant (ACG).** Students who may be eligible for the ACG grant will be notified by the Office of Student Aid. The Office of Student Aid may request that the student have a final high school transcript sent to Penn State. Transcripts for the ACG verification should be sent directly to the Office of Student Aid, 314 Shields Building, University Park, PA 16802.

**SAT/ACT Writing scores.** For students entering Penn State in 2009, the writing component of the SAT/ACT will be required for admission consideration. The writing component is currently part of the SAT. Those students who take the ACT test will need to sign up for and take the optional writing component of the ACT.

**Upcoming college fairs and out-of-state prospect receptions.** College fairs are held frequently across the country to give students and their families the opportunity to speak with many college and university representatives. For a listing of upcoming college fairs, visit [admissions.psu.edu/pennstate/](http://admissions.psu.edu/pennstate/)

[visitsyou/collegefairs/](http://visitsyou/collegefairs/). Also, encourage your high school juniors to attend one of our out-of-state prospect receptions. For a listing of upcoming receptions, please visit [admissions.psu.edu/infoprograms](http://admissions.psu.edu/infoprograms).

**Spend A Summer Day at Penn State.** Students and their families are encouraged to "Spend A Summer Day" with us at Penn State. They may join us at any of our 20 undergraduate campuses to take tours of the campuses, attend academic sessions, and gather information on how they and Penn State can partner for their future. For dates and times of Spend A Summer Day activities that may be of interest to them, please visit us at [admissions.psu.edu](http://admissions.psu.edu).

**Spanish microsite.** Penn State offers a microsite, written in Spanish, for Spanish-speaking students and their families to learn about applying to Penn State, living on campus vs. commuting to campus, student support services, and more. Encourage students and their families to visit the site at [admissions.psu.edu/pennstate/latino/espanol/](http://admissions.psu.edu/pennstate/latino/espanol/).

**PHEAA suspends role as lender in Stafford Loan program.** The Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency, or PHEAA, suspended participation as a federal Stafford Loan lender in the Federal Family Education Loan Program (FFELP) as of March 7 in response to a credit crunch that has created turmoil in the bond markets. As a result of this announcement, Penn State students who selected PHEAA as their federal Stafford Loan lender before March 7 and who will apply for a Stafford Loan in the near future will need to secure another lender and sign a new loan application better known as the Master Promissory Note (MPN). Students can e-mail Penn State's Office of Student Aid with additional questions through the Web site, [www.psu.edu/studentaid/](http://www.psu.edu/studentaid/).

**Penn State moves to become a direct loan participant for students.** In an effort to provide its students with a stable and predictable source of funding for their federal student loans, Penn State intends to become a direct student loan participant, with money coming from the U.S. Department of Education. The initiative will give the 44,000-plus Penn State students who currently have federal loans a secure source of funding along with a streamlined process for obtaining loans.

**Are you an Electronic Partner?** Electronic Partners are schools that work with Penn State Undergraduate Admissions to send and receive information over the Web through the Web Counselor System. Each school selects which services they would like to use. Limited partners have access to status information about their students' applications and can submit graduation verification. Full Electronic Partners can also submit student credentials securely for evaluation via the Web. Every counselor has a unique log in and the system is free, secure, and easy to use. Visit the Web site for complete information on the Web Counselor System, [admissions.psu.edu/info/counselors](http://admissions.psu.edu/info/counselors).



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