



COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FOR THE ALLEGHENIES

SERVING BEDFORD, CAMBRIA, SOMERSET, AND INDIANA COUNTIES

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Dear Lawmakers:

As companies based in Pennsylvania and business partners of the University of Pittsburgh, I am writing today to relay the vital role that the Pitt-Johnstown campus plays in strengthening our economy—locally and throughout the state.

Some ways that Pitt-Johnstown adds value to our community include:

- A statewide economic impact of around \$132.6 million annually.
 - Sustaining 275 full-time and 200 part-time jobs, making Pitt-Johnstown a top 17 employer in Cambria County.
 - Educating over 2,200 students each year, including 93% who call Pennsylvania home.
 - Fueling our local workforce with 500 graduates each year, including approximately 30% who stay, work and help to advance our state's economy.
 - Growing a network of over 22,000 alumni, many of whom live in Cambria and surrounding counties.
 - Contributing over 10,000 volunteer hours annually.
 - Maintaining a Military Friendly School distinction thanks to a steadfast commitment to serving and supporting veterans.
- Elevating the reputation of our region with community partnerships such as:
- CODE for Commonwealth and Country to enhance digital literacy for workforce competitiveness, beginning in K-12 and beyond.
 - PITTchFEST to promote and invest in entrepreneurs, award ideas and innovation that go beyond the traditional for-profit models and provide potentially significant and sustainable value in enhancing our economy and community.
 - The REACHLand sidewalk project, a transformational sidewalk and trail project connecting and supporting the following: recreational opportunities in the township; environmentally sustainable landscapes; academic institutions, community and commerce; and a healthy environment. These examples speak to the many ways that Pitt-Johnstown is a proven engine of opportunity for the region. We are proud of Pitt's role in our community and grateful to have such a powerful ally in advancing the important work of strengthening Pennsylvania's families, economies, and future.

Respectfully,


Mike Kane
President

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