Momentum is an interdisciplinary approach to introducing students to the Liberal Arts and helping them prepare for the academic expectations of college. The program is called Momentum because the purpose is to help students build momentum toward their transformative experience at Elizabethtown College. The program establishes a momentum students will maintain throughout their development in college.

Momentum is designed to prepare students for college, assisting them in an effort to get the most from their liberal education, and become an integral part of the community. The Momentum program is a stimulus for students to become energized about Elizabethtown College and help them maintain this energy, motion, activity as they grow as student leaders.

The Momentum program has been designed for students to become informed, responsible, self-directed learners. Elizabethtown College and the Momentum program, in particular, provide students with an integrative, transformative liberal education as the most powerful pathway to achieving their personal and academic goals.

The Momentum program begins with a seven day pre-fall orientation summer immersion experience for first generation students to facilitate the most integrative and meaningful connections possible. The main goal of the Momentum pre-orientation program is to introduce students to the campus culture and the high standards of performance we expect at Elizabethtown College. The faculty and staff led sessions of the program represent an extension of in-depth learning drawing on the core curriculum and major programs. Momentum continues for the student throughout their college experience providing supplemental advising, in collaboration with the student’s primary faculty advisor and upper class student peer academic advisors, called Kinesis – the energy behind a momentum, helping students discover key resources and strategies necessary for college success.

Essentially Momentum is a microcosm of Elizabethtown College: an intentionally designed learning environment working doggedly to maximize student learning, and particularly student learning related to higher-order skills and abilities allowing the student to be “educated for service” becoming citizens and leaders of the world, thus the mission of a liberal education.
Our students choose from among almost fifty academic programs. Driven by our commitment to “Educate for Service” our teaching and advising is grounded in strong relationships, linking classroom instruction with experiential learning, emphasizing international and cross-cultural perspectives and nurturing the capacity for lives of purpose and leadership as global citizens. Our college has a strong heritage of personal and social responsibility as a necessary, rather than optional, component of a liberal education. The Momentum program is based on the concept of how a liberal education remains the best preparation for citizenship, work, life, and leadership. We are empowering students to develop as leaders with the ability to act as change agents on our campus, in the local community, nationally, and the world.

We believe a liberal education is, at its core, transformational; our faculty and staff intentionally develop curricular and extra-curricular experiences liberating the mind (the informed piece) IMAGINE, cultivate in students a sense of personal and social responsibility (the responsibility component) INSPIRE, and empower students to be change agents (the self-directed piece) IMPACT. The educational philosophy of the Momentum program is grounded in an understanding of how we must educate students broadly and deeply, assisting them in drawing connections between various experiences, so they can achieve academic excellence and develop as leaders to create a campus culture of inclusive excellence.

Jean-Paul Benowitz Director of Momentum.
Friday 18 August 2017

Registration and Move into Residence Halls
Tent along Alpha Drive: Schlosser Loop
8:30 - 11:30 AM

Picnic for Momentum Families and Students
South Lawn of Elizabeth Myer Residence Hall on Cedar Street
Noon – 1:00 PM

Welcome
Jean-Paul Benowitz, Director of Momentum, Director of Student Transition Programs
and Assistant Director of Academic Advising
Steps in front of the High Library
1:00 PM
Hershey’s Chocolate Hugs and Kisses Farewell to Families (parents depart before campus tours)

Elizabethtown Community Tour: Context! Where are we?
Historic walking tour of Elizabethtown Borough 1:00-3:30 PM

Orientation about computer network and accessing electronic technology on campus 3:30-4:00 PM
Kinesis assisting Momentum students in their residence hall rooms

Dress for Formal Dinner and Group Photo 4:00-5:30 PM
Residence Halls
Formal Welcome Dinner
South Lawn of Elizabeth Myer Residence Hall on Cedar Street
Welcome and Introduction of the Momentum program
Jean-Paul Benowitz, Director of Momentum, Director of Student Transition Programs and Assistant Director of Academic Advising
Keynote Speaker
Dr. Donald Reid, M.D class of 1952, H’ 1996

Campus Geography Scavenger Hunt with Kinesis
Beginning at the Charles Abba Baugher Student Center Terrace
Saturday 19 August 2017

Breakfast 8:00-8:50 AM
The Marketplace in the Jay G. Brossman Commons/Walter H. Annenberg Center

Life Stories – Who We Are, Where We Have Been, Where We are Going 9:00-9:50 AM
Jay G. Brossman Commons KAV

The Socratic Method to Discovering Your Strengths, Talents, and Gifts 10:00-10:50 AM
Jean-Paul Benowitz, Director of Momentum, Director of Student Transition Programs
and Assistant Director of Academic Advising
South Lawn of Elizabeth Myer Residence Hall on Cedar Street

Academic and Personal Integrity 11:00-11:50 AM
Steven M. Nolt, Senior Scholar/Professor of History & Anabaptist & Pietist Studies
Samuel R. Zug Memorial Hall: Zug Recital Hall, Room No. 205
Lunch
The Marketplace in the Jay G. Brossman Commons/Walter H. Annenberg Center

Walking Tour Featuring The History of Elizabethtown College
Jean-Paul Benowitz, Director of Momentum, Director of Student Transition Programs and Assistant Director of Academic Advising
Elizabethtown College Sign corner of College Ave and Mount Joy Street

Poetry and Dynamite
Jesse B. Waters, Director of the Bowers Writers House
Kenneth L. and Rosalie Bowers Writers House

Exploring Art En Plein Air
Marianne Calenda, Vice President for Student Life & Dean of Students
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Dinner
The Marketplace in the Jay G. Brossman Commons/Walter H. Annenberg Center

H2O Olympiad
7:00 PM
Sunday 20 August 2017

Road Trip to Philadelphia Exploring Democracy, Diversity, Dignity, and Inclusivity Past and Present

Board motor coach in Front of the Carlos and Georgianna Leffler Chapel 7:00-AM
Depart Elizabethtown College 7:30 AM

Arrive in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 9:30 AM
Walking tour of Historic Philadelphia: Democracy, Diversity, Dignity, and Inclusivity 9:30 -11:30 AM

Hiking with Socrates: Exploring Life’s Big Questions 11:30 AM- Noon
Lunch at the Historic Reading Terminal Market Noon-1:30 PM
Tour of The Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts: Museum and Art School 2:00-4:00 PM

Depart Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 4:30 PM
Dinner stop on the way home 5:30 PM
Arrive at Elizabethtown College 7:00 PM
Thompson Gymnasium Open 7:00-11:00 PM
Monday 21 August 2017

Breakfast  
The Marketplace in the Jay G. Brossman Commons/Walter H. Annenberg Center

Inspirational Meditation  
The Reverend Tracy Wenger Sadd, Chaplain, Executive Director for Ethical Leadership and Purposeful Life Work  
John and Shirley Steinman Center: David E. Brinser Lecture Room No. 114

Civility in Campus Life  
Stephanie A. Rankin, Associate Dean of Students, Director of Academic Advising and the Center for Student Success  
John and Shirley Steinman Center: David E. Brinser Lecture Room No. 114
Psychology and Sociology 9:00-9:50 AM
  Michael Roy, Associate Professor of Psychology
  Michele Lee Kozimor-King, Associate Professor of Sociology
  Elmer L. Esbenshade Hall: Room No. 270

Music and Mathematics 10:00-10:50 AM
  James L. Haines, Professor of Music
  James R. Hughes, Professor of Mathematics
  Samuel R. Zug Memorial Hall: Zug Recital Hall, Room No. 204

Political Science and Mock Trial 11:00-11:50 AM
  April C. Kelly-Woessner, Professor of Political Science
  Kyle C. Kopko, Associate Professor of Political Science
  John and Shirley Steinman Center: David E. Brinser Lecture Room No. 114

Lunch Noon – 1:00 PM
  The Marketplace in the Jay G. Brossman Commons/Walter H. Annenberg Center

Library Research 1:00-1:50 PM
  Joshua P. Cohen, Instruction and Outreach Librarian
  High Library, McCormick Computer Lab

Writing Workshop 1:00-1:50 PM
  Matthew G. Skillen, Associate Professor of English
  Wayne A. Nicarry Hall Computer Lab Room No. 234

Library Research 2:00-2:50 PM
  Joshua P. Cohen, Instruction and Outreach Librarian
  High Library, McCormick Computer Lab

Writing Workshop 2:00-2:50 PM
  Matthew G. Skillen, Associate Professor of English
  Wayne A. Nicarry Hall Computer Lab Room No. 234
Socratic Dialogues
   Jennifer V. Besse, Adjunct Faculty in Latin, Department of English
   Locations will vary throughout campus

Paulo Coelho, Inspirations: Selections from Classic Literature.
   Discussion led by Kinesis Peer Academic Advisors

Socratic Dialogues
   Jennifer V. Besse, Adjunct Faculty in Latin, Department of English
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Paulo Coelho, Inspirations: Selections from Classic Literature.
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Dinner
   Meet the President,
   Carl J. Strikwerda, Professor of History
   The Marketplace in the Jay G. Brossman Commons/Walter H. Annenberg Center

Diversity Film and Discussion
   Asian Americans
   Nobuaki Takahashi, Associate Professor of Japanese
   John M. Gibble Auditorium: Elmer L. Esbenshade Hall, Room E-Gaud

Thompson Gymnasium Open

9:00-11:00 PM
Tuesday 22 August 2017

Breakfast
The Marketplace in the Jay G. Brossman Commons/Walter H. Annenberg Center
7:00-7:50 AM

Inspirational Meditation
The Reverend Tracy Wenger Sadd, Chaplain, Executive Director for Ethical Leadership and Purposeful Life Work
John and Shirley Steinman Center: David E. Brinser Lecture Room No. 114
8:00-8:20 AM

Civility in Campus Life
Stephanie A. Rankin, Associate Dean of Students
Director of Academic Advising and the Center for Student Success
John and Shirley Steinman Center: David E. Brinser Lecture Room No. 114
8:20-8:40 AM
Examining Cultures Through Language and Belief Systems
Mahua Bhattacharya, Associate Professor of Japanese
Jeffery D. Long, Professor of Religion and Asian Studies
Samuel R. Zug Memorial Hall: Zug Recital Hall, Room No. 205

Anthropology, Biology, and Chemistry
Elizabeth A. Newell, Associate Professor of Anthropology
Richard J. Papez, Assistant in Chemistry
Elmer L. Esbenshade Hall: Room No. 270

History, Art, and Architecture
Patricia L. Ricci, Associate Professor of Art History
Gail M. Bossenga, Assistant to the Chair of the Board, Scholar in Residence
John and Shirley Steinman Center: David E. Brinser Lecture Room No. 114
Lunch  
The Marketplace in the Jay G. Brossman Commons/Walter H. Annenberg Center  

Noon – 1:00 PM

Library Research  
Joshua P. Cohen, Instruction and Outreach Librarian  
High Library, McCormick Computer Lab  

1:00-1:50 PM

Writing Workshop  
Matthew G. Skillen, Associate Professor of English  
Wayne A. Nicarry Hall Computer Lab Room No. 234  

1:00-1:50 PM

Library Research  
Joshua P. Cohen, Instruction and Outreach Librarian  
High Library, McCormick Computer Lab  

2:00-2:50 PM

Writing Workshop  
Matthew G. Skillen, Associate Professor of English  
Wayne A. Nicarry Hall Computer Lab Room No. 234  

2:00-2:50 PM
Socratic Dialogues
Jennifer V. Besse, Adjunct Faculty in Latin, Department of English
Locations will vary throughout campus

3:00-3:50 PM

Discussion led by Kinesis Peer Academic Advisors
3:00 – 3:50 PM

Socratic Dialogues
Jennifer V. Besse, Adjunct Faculty in Latin, Department of English
Locations will vary throughout campus

4:00-4:50 PM

Discussion led by Kinesis Peer Academic Advisors
4:00 – 4:50 PM

Dinner
Meet the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs
Elizabeth A. Rider, Professor of Psychology
The Marketplace in the Jay G. Brossman Commons/Walter H. Annenberg Center
5:00-6:00 PM

Diversity Film and Discussion
African Americans
David L. Stewart, Associate Director of Admissions, Coordinator of Multicultural Recruitment
John M. Gibble Auditorium: Elmer L. Esbenshade Hall, Room E-Gaud
6:30-9:00 PM

Thompson Gymnasium Open
9:00-11:00 PM
Wednesday 23 August 2017

Breakfast
    The Marketplace in the Jay G. Brossman Commons/Walter H. Annenberg Center

Inspirational Meditation
    The Reverend Tracy Wenger Sadd, Chaplain,
    Executive Director for Ethical Leadership and Purposeful Life Work
    John and Shirley Steinman Center: David E. Brinser Lecture Room No. 114

Civility in Campus Life
    Stephanie A. Rankin, Associate Dean of Students
    Director of Academic Advising and the Center for Student Success
    John and Shirley Steinman Center: David E. Brinser Lecture Room No. 114

A Liberal Education and Pathways to Success
    Brian W. Newsome, Associate Professor of History,
    Dean for Curriculum and Assessment
    Samuel R. Zug Memorial Hall: Zug Recital Hall, Room No. 205
The Academic Journey from First Year to Graduation  
Beatrice B. Schmalhofer, Senior Associate Registrar  
John and Shirley Steinman Center: David E. Brinser Lecture Room No. 114

Diversity Dialogues  
Monica M. Smith, Director of Diversity and Inclusion  
Stephanie M. Collins, Residence Life Area Coordinator, Interim Coordinator of Multicultural Programs  
John and Shirley Steinman Center: David E. Brinser Lecture Room No. 114

Lunch  
The Marketplace in the Jay G. Brossman Commons/Walter H. Annenberg Center

Momentum Advisees meet with Kinesis: Peer Academic Advisors  
James B. Hoover Center for Business Computer Lab Room No. 108  
Wayne A. Nicarry Hall Computer Lab Room No. 234  
(student assessment of program and type/send writings)
“Let our hearts fly, like beautiful kites in the sky”
Design, Build, Fly Your Own Kite
The Dell

You can have your own set of wings
  With your feet on the ground
  You’re a bird in a flight
With your fist holding tight
  To the string of your kite
Let’s go fly a kite
  Up to the highest height!
Let’s go fly a kite and send it soaring
  Up through the atmosphere
  Up where the air is clear
  Oh, let’s go fly a kite!

Sherman Brothers; Walt Disney; *Mary Poppins* 1964

Dinner
Meet the Dean for Academic Affairs and Faculty Development
Kristi Kneas, Associate Professor of Chemistry
The Marketplace in the Jay G. Brossman Commons/Walter H. Annenberg Center
Momentum Reflective Writings and Readings
Students will read selections from their writings.
Samuel R. Zug Memorial Hall: Zug Recital Hall, Room No. 205

Celebrating Our Momentum Party
Location to be announced
Thursday 24 August 2017

Breakfast 7:00-7:50 AM
The Marketplace in the Jay G. Brossman Commons/Walter H. Annenberg Center

Navigating Financial Aid and Student Employment 8:00 – 8:50 AM
Melodie R. Jackson, Director of Financial Aid
Amy C. Gouldner, Student Employment Coordinator
John and Shirley Steinman Center: David E. Brinser Lecture Room No. 11

Managing Money, Building Personal Budgets, and Exploring Entrepreneurship Opportunities 9:00-9:50 AM
Petru Sandu, Associate Professor of Entrepreneurship and Management
John and Shirley Steinman Center: David E. Brinser Lecture Room No. 11

Momentum Tennis Academy 10:00 – 11:30 AM
Mark A. Clapper Class of 1996, Director of Alumni Relations
Tennis Courts South Lawn of Founders Residence Halls

Lunch with your Kinesis Noon-1:30 PM
Momentum Honors Students Follow Honors Program Orientation Schedule

Elizabethtown Fair 2:00 PM
Forty-Fourth Annual Elizabethtown Fair 1973-2017
Elizabethtown Fairgrounds

Momentum Tennis Academy
Friday 25 August 2017

Breakfast
The Marketplace in the Jay G. Brossman Commons/Walter H. Annenberg Center
7:30-8:30 AM

First Year Student Validation/Check-In
The Charles Abba Baugher Student Center Terrace
8:30 AM

Follow First Year Student Orientation Schedule
IMAGINE, INSPIRE, IMPACT

“Through Momentum I was able to open my mind up to different ideas. I was also able to meet amazing individuals with diverse backgrounds. This group gives me hope and comfort.”

Rehana Persaud; Breinigsville, Pennsylvania

“The Momentum program has done nothing but influence me in the best way. College is such a big change for me. This program has been just an amazing opportunity and experience. This is a whole new beginning and I would not want to start this new beginning any other way.”

Kayla Heisey; Douglasville, Pennsylvania

“The faculty and staff inspired me through lectures, literature, and personal connections to come to my own conclusions and opinions. They encouraged me to look at how my intended major and my passion will impact other people.”

Hannah Wood; Keene, New Hampshire

“Enrollment in Momentum allows me to build relationships with professors, upper-classmen, peers, and even the president of the college. Listening to these people share advice, give support, and show enthusiasm inspires me to test my limits and expand my horizons. These people are my new support system and inspire me to stay on track and work hard.”

Madison McCall; Bath, Pennsylvania

“Through the Momentum program I found the confidence in myself to believe I belong in college, while also gaining the tools needed to succeed.”

Jaime Ramos; Reading, Pennsylvania

“Momentum has opened my eyes to things I never would have imagined and it has given me the motivation to make a difference in the world and to become a better version of myself.”

Alyssa Irish; Pittsford, New York

“The Momentum program inspired me to be the best I can be, and most importantly, be myself.”

Emily Brunell; Bangor, Pennsylvania

“Momentum is all about finding yourself in a new light which students from our diverse backgrounds needed guidance to see.”

Jordan Kulp; Jim Thorpe, Pennsylvania

“Momentum has given me the opportunity to explore topics I would have never been interested in before. This inspires me to keep an open mind throughout my college experiences.”

Megan Meade; Edgwater, Maryland

“The Momentum program has inspired me to do something great with my life.”

Alyssa Pumputis; Westminster, Maryland

“Momentum impacted me, and now it is my time to impact Elizabethtown College with the confidence this program gave me.”

Eric Yoder; Port Carbon, Pennsylvania