

Jay Chat

Your Student's Support: Resources & Community

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This presentation contains many helpful links; it will be posted to etown.edu/orientation – Jay Chats so you can access it directly.

What have we done?

- First Year Seminars are going well for our first-years
 - This is a fall semester long class.
 - The FYS faculty member is student's advisor through the fall semester
- Welcome Week activities – planned by [OSA](#) – Jay Play Day, Club & Org Fair, Campaign
- Academic Welcome Sessions
 - Get to know the deans and faculty members
 - [Degree Planners](#)

What have we done?

- Roundtables (part of FYS, led by peer mentors) – Campus Electronic Resources & College Success Skills
 - Jayweb, Canvas, Starfish
 - Taking notes, studying, time management, self-care
 - Campus resources: Learning Zone (peer tutors/writing tutors), disability services, wellness & health, campus safety, career services, counseling services, library, the mosaic house, diversity & belonging
 - Pledge of integrity: created by Etown students, discussed, & signed as a FYS class

What is coming up?

- **Roundtable: Strengths & Goal Setting - Wednesday**
 - Etown is a strengths-based campus. We utilize the CliftonStrengths assessment to help students understand their strengths.
- **Fall Break – Oct 5 & 6**
- **Majors & Minors Fair – October 11 at 11 am**
 - Explore different majors and minors and degree requirements
- **Homecoming – mark your calendars for October 13-15**
 - Many families come for Saturday (parade, fair, performances)

The mission of the [Student Life Division](#) is to foster an engaging, supportive, and culturally vibrant living and learning environment where each student feels they belong.

- Counseling Services
- Diversity, Equity & Belonging
- Residence Life
- Office of Student Activities
- Spiritual & Religious Life
- Campus Safety
- Center for Student Success
- New Student Orientation

Elizabethtown College is committed to providing our students a quality education that will help them develop leadership skills, better their well-being and connectedness, and enhance relationship building. The [Etown Blue Print program](#) provides students with a roadmap for this journey, acts as a bridge between campus and local communities, fosters life skills, and creates professional connections that extend outside the classroom.

- Well-being & Connectedness
- Civility & Curiosity
- Leadership & Service
- Equity & Diversity

- Encourage your student to consider participating in Etown's student government to advocate for students' rights at Etown.

- Center for Student Success
 - [Academic Advising](#): assist students with managing college- level academic realities and expectations
 - [Disability Services](#): assist students with accommodations
 - [Learning Zone](#): peer academic & writing tutors, quiet study area
 - [Writing Wing](#): tutoring for students who want to become better writers
 - [Campus Wellness Network](#): identify and intervene with at-risk students

Picture your student's name in the center of this wheel



- How can you encourage them in the areas listed on the outer circle?
- Etown has resources & individuals to help with each of these areas (encourage your student to ask their peer mentor or RA to show them where these resources are located).

A Student's Perspective

- Embrace the Etown community
- Get involved
- Use the resources
- Find your community

- Laundry is included, no additional charge
- Visitors are welcome to come to campus
- Students should be familiar with the Student Handbook
- Any housing/roommate concerns should be taken to the RA and/or Residence Life office (reslife@etown.edu)
- Mailing address – 1590 (student mailbox #) Baugher Avenue, Elizabethtown PA 17022 (care packages welcome!)

- **Campus Safety is on campus 24/7/365**
 - Anytime a student has a question that they don't know where to go, they can contact Campus Security (717-361-1000)
 - If a student loses their key or ID card – go to Campus Safety
 - Campus Safety provides transportation to the Etown train station and Harrisburg International Airport ([requirements for requests](#))
- **Building issues that Facilities needs to address? Students should complete a [work order](#)**

- There are many great restaurants & businesses in our area
 - Many Etown businesses offer students a discount with their college ID
- Etown is a wonderful small town – but that means that many of the bigger stores, like Target & Walmart, are about 20 minutes away.
- Many students walk to downtown Etown (and we all did this on the Blue Jay Walk during orientation)

What if my student isn't connecting with others?

- Our student leaders do a great job helping our students get connected to their peers. However, we know that some individuals have a tougher time with this.
- Encourage your student to talk to their peer mentor or RA for ideas on who to get connected with.
- Encourage students to join clubs that interest them (or they can start a club).



How are YOU feeling after the first few weeks of the semester?

Share your response in the chat

Questions?

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