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2025–2026 Impact Report Executive Summary

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The 2025–2026 academic year was one of momentum, innovation and transformation for PennWest University. Guided by our commitment to student success, workforce readiness and community impact, we expanded educational opportunities, strengthened partnerships, invested in our campuses and advanced initiatives that prepare graduates for meaningful careers while supporting the communities we serve.

Through innovative academic programs, experiential learning, strategic investments and regional collaboration, PennWest continues to deliver accessible, high-quality education while serving as a catalyst for workforce development, economic growth and lifelong opportunity across Pennsylvania.



11,981
STUDENTS
SERVED



71%
FIRST-YEAR
RETENTION

2,629
DEGREES
AWARDED



96%
GRADUATE
SUCCESS RATE

94%
WORKING
IN FIELD



1,960
EDUCATION
PARTNERSHIPS

\$27M
GRANT
FUNDING



\$127M
SCHOLARSHIPS
AND AID

Our Year at a Glance

Impact in Action

Student Success and Academic Innovation

PennWest continued to place students at the center of every decision by expanding academic opportunity, strengthening student support and increasing access to career-connected learning.

New initiatives – including the Experiential Learning Center, enhanced Exploratory Studies and a redesigned academic program array – provide students with greater flexibility while preparing them for successful careers.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Experiential Learning Center
- Academic Program Array
- Career-connected Education
- Adult Learner Pathways



Workforce and Regional Partnerships

Strategic partnerships with employers and industry leaders expanded opportunities for students while addressing regional workforce needs.

Collaborations with Google, LECOM and NASM, along with more than 1,900 educational partnerships, continue to position PennWest as a leader in workforce development.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Google AI Partnership
- LECOM
- NASM
- 1,960 Education Partnerships



Community Impact

PennWest students, faculty and staff continued making a meaningful difference through service, experiential learning and regional engagement.

From entrepreneurship support and community storytelling to adaptive athletics and The Big Event, PennWest strengthened communities while preparing students to become engaged citizens.

HIGHLIGHTS

- P.E.A.K.
- The Big Event
- Adaptive Athletics
- Community Partnerships



Building PennWest's Future

PennWest continued investing in facilities, leadership and strategic planning to position the university for long-term success.

Construction of the Science Center, development of the Strategic Plan and expanded grant funding all support future growth and student opportunity.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Science Center
- Strategic Plan
- Leadership Growth
- \$27M in Grants





Google AI
Partnership



Academic
Program
Array



New Science
Center
Progress



National
Marketing
Awards



LECOM
Healthcare
Pathway



Experiential
Learning
Center Launch



Strategic Plan
Completed



Record Grant
Funding

Building Momentum



PennWest by the Numbers

Student Success

96%
EMPLOYED OR IN
GRADUATE SCHOOL

94% Working
in Field

71% FIRST-YEAR
RETENTION

Workforce Development

1,960
Partnerships

100+
EXPERIENTIAL
PROJECTS

- ✓ Google AI Credentials
- ✓ Healthcare Pathways

Institutional Growth

\$127M
SCHOLARSHIPS
AND AID

\$27M
Grant
Funding

- ✓ Science Center Construction
- ✓ Strategic Plan Launch



Looking Ahead

PennWest enters the 2026–2027 academic year with strong momentum and a clear vision for the future. Priorities include implementing the university's future-focused academic program array, launching a new Strategic Plan, advancing the Facilities Master Plan and continuing to expand workforce partnerships, student success initiatives and community engagement.

As PennWest looks ahead, the university remains committed to transforming lives through accessible, high-quality education while creating opportunity, strengthening communities and preparing graduates to make a lasting impact across Pennsylvania and beyond.



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