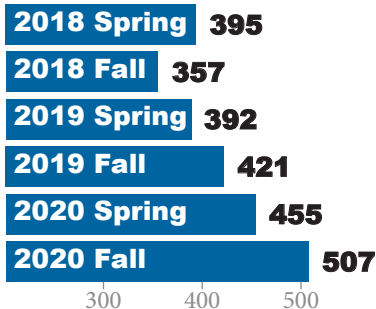**Ireland Rinker is one of 72 students taking College Writing this fall through Butler County Community College's College Within the High School program. Rinker is shown Oct. 23 outside Lincoln High School in Ellwood City, Lawrence County, where she is a senior.**

507!

Enrollment in BC3's 23-year-old CWHS program tops milestone

Students By The Numbers

Recent student enrollment by semester in BC3's 23-year-old CWHS program:

Semester	Enrollment
2018 Spring	395
2018 Fall	357
2019 Spring	392
2019 Fall	421
2020 Spring	455
2020 Fall	507

(Axis: 300 400 500)

Butler County Community College's College Within the High School program, which enables sophomores through seniors the opportunity to earn transferrable college credits, has exceeded 500 students in a semester for the first time.

In the fall 2020 semester, 507 students in Butler, Clarion, Clearfield, Jefferson, Lawrence and Mercer counties are taking at least one BC3 course in subjects ranging from Anatomy and Physiology to Western Civilization I.

The 617 seats occupied this fall are also the most in a semester since BC3's College Within the High School program began in 1997.

The number of students and seats occupied this fall follows previous highs of 455 students and of 599 seats, each set in BC3's spring 2020 semester.

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Enrollment milestone!

"**H**igh school students are showing an interest in furthering their education," said Erin Cioffi, BC3's Assistant Director of High School Programming, and "are finally seeing the advantage of a community college and the cost of its tuition. They are saving a lot of money and getting a quality education with transferrable credits."

**Erin Cioffi,
Assistant
Director**

Tuition and fees this fall for a three-credit course at five regional Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education universities range from $1,246.23 to $1,385.60 for in-state residents. Tuition and fees this fall for a three-credit course for part-time students at regional state-related institutions' branch campuses range from $1,495 to $1,819 for in-state residents.

Courses cost $384-$414

Tuition and fees this fall for a three-credit BC3 College Within the High School program course range from $384 to $414, depending on the county in which the high school is located. BC3 high school programming credits can be applied toward BC3 associate degrees and bachelor's degrees at public, private and online four-year colleges and universities.

High school students from Butler County can save at least $880.23 – and high school students from Clarion, Clearfield, Jefferson, Lawrence and Mercer counties, at least $850.23 – on a three-credit course offered by BC3's program.

"**B**C3 has given these kids an advantage," said Ted Gross, who since 2009 has taught BC3 General Psychology courses to students at Mars Area High School in Butler County, which this fall is also offering BC3 courses in Business Leadership, Elementary Statistics, Microeconomics, Productivity Applications and Speech.

"We never had as kids in

**Ted Gross,
Mars High
Instructor**

school an educational advantage and also a major financial advantage," said Gross, a 1982 Knoch High graduate. "When you look at some of the schools that these kids are going to go to, where a year will cost 35, 36, 40 thousand dollars, students can complete some of these credits for a cost that is less expensive."

BC3, added Christine Cataloni, a counselor at Union

Anthony Vargo is one of 43 students taking Elementary Statistics this fall through Butler County Community College's College Within the High School program. Vargo is shown Oct. 31 outside Mars Area High School in Mars, Butler County, where he is a senior. Vargo has also taken BC3 courses in General Psychology and in Microeconomics at Mars.

Seats By The Numbers

Recent student seats by semester in BC3's 23-year-old CWHS program:

Semester	Seats
2018 Sp	452
2018 Fa	457
2019 Sp	500
2019 Fall	537
2020 Spring	599
2020 Fall	617

300 400 500 600

Lincoln students thrive!

Delanie Blake, a senior at Lincoln High School in Ellwood City, Lawrence County, is taking two courses through Butler County Community College's College Within the High School program this fall.

Blake, whose goal is to become an art therapist, is enrolled in BC3's three-credit College Writing class and in BC3's three-credit Speech class, both of which are taught at Lincoln.

BC3's College Writing course stresses the writing process of planning, organizing, drafting, revising and editing multiple-paragraph essays.

Students in BC3's Speech class are given opportunities to develop proper speaking habits, effective listening techniques, standards of criticism and awareness of the ethical responsibilities of a speaker.

In her BC3 Speech class, Blake said she has learned "the importance of hard work."

She enrolled in college writing because "I wanted to challenge myself. I am in love with writing essays, short stories and poems."

Her classmates at Lincoln in Speech and College Writing classes said BC3's program will also help them to reach their career aspirations.

Samuel DiCaprio is a senior who said he loves to "help and take care of people." The future pediatric physical therapist said he has learned in Speech class how to "properly prepare for a speech, what to do while others are speaking and how

Delanie Blake is shown Oct. 23 outside Lincoln High School in Ellwood City, Lawrence County, where she is a senior.

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to be a respectful audience."

Junior Loren Davis plans to become a forensic psychiatrist because "I could not decide between the law or the medical field, and being a forensic psychiatrist is the best of both." She said she has learned "to give a speech without reading it word-for-word, how to be confident when speaking, and how to be audience-centered."

Bryn Gray and Kyla Servick are also juniors taking BC3's Speech class.

Gray envisions a future in biomedical informatics, "because it involves my favorite challenges in a career, such as problem-solving, studying of biomedical data and decision-making driven by efforts to improve human health."

Becoming "confident"

Gray has learned to "write compelling and meaningful speeches," while Servick, a future FBI agent, said she has become "comfortable and confident in front of an audience."

Senior Molly McCommons, a future child advocacy attorney, said "I wanted to challenge myself academically with the rigor of a college course" through BC3's College Writing class, and senior Abbi Dambach, a future physical therapist assistant, thought "it would be a great opportunity to jump-start my college education."

Senior Tanner Tomak said he is "fascinated with how so many animals can survive in a barren, frozen wasteland" and plans a career in marine biology.

Tomak said he took BC3's College Writing course because he thought his "writing skills were lacking, and this would be a good way to bolster my abilities whenever I do go off to college within the next year or two."

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Top left: Colin Barnett attends a BC3 Research Writing class at DuBois Central Catholic in Clearfield County in the spring 2020 semester. Top: Megan McClymonds studies in a BC3 General Psychology course at Butler Area Senior High in the spring 2019 semester. Left: Leeia Doughtery is shown in a BC3 General Psychology course at Union Area Middle-High in Lawrence County in the fall 2019 semester.

Enrollment milestone!

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Area Middle-High School in Lawrence County, "gives students the opportunity to earn college credits in a cost-effective manner," and helps students to "develop time-management skills, explore different interests, take fewer classes in college and save money in the long run," said Taryn Dobson, who instructs a BC3 General Psychology course at Reynolds Junior-Senior High in Mercer County.

Ireland Rinker took BC3's Speech course last fall, is taking BC3's College Writing

Taryn Dobson, Reynolds High Instructor

course this fall, and will take BC3's General Psychology course next spring – all at Lincoln High in Ellwood City, Lawrence County. The senior plans to enroll next fall in a private four-year institution and pursue a bachelor's degree in nursing.

"College is expensive," Rinker said, "and the price of BC3's classes is so reason-

able (that I) can cut down on the overall price for college dramatically."

Anthony Vargo took BC3's Microeconomics course last fall, BC3's General Psychology course last spring, and is taking BC3's Elementary Statistics course this fall – all at Mars High in Mars, Butler County.

Vargo plans to ultimately attend law school.

"This program appealed to me," Vargo said, "because bottom-line, it is getting me ready for college. Taking college courses, it doesn't get any better than that. … You can't beat the price. I love it."

BC3 101!

80% DEBT FREE

■ **80 percent** of BC3's graduates are **debt-free**.

■ BC3 has been ranked the **No. 1** community college in Pennsylvania **five times** since 2015.

■ The BC3 Education Foundation **awards** more than **$200,000** in scholarships annually.

■ BC3 has **partners**! Concordia Lutheran Ministries is sponsoring a Tuition Assistance Program that allows BC3 nursing students to complete their program **tuition-free** and provides a **secure position** with Concordia after graduation.

■ BC3's credits **transfer** to four-year colleges and universities.

■ BC3 has **14-**, **10-** and **5-week** courses.

■ BC3's **salary-to-cost ratio**, a measurement of graduates' salaries 10 years after commencement for every dollar a student pays to attend the institution, was the **highest** in the region, according to the U.S. Department of Education in 2018.

■ BC3 has a **17:1** student-to-faculty ratio!

■ BC3 offers **35** career programs, **21** transfer programs and **22** certificates or workplace certificates.

■ BC3 has **metrology**! Metrology is the science of precision measurement. BC3 graduates have been **hired** by private industry, governmental contractors and governmental agencies, including NASA!

Spring 2021 Registration Dates

Under way: Start of class registration for current students. **Nov. 16**: Start of class registration for new students. **To register**: Contact Erin Cioffi, Assistant Director of High School Programming. 724-287-8711 Ext. 8254, or erin.cioffi@bc3.edu.

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Butler County

- **Aviation Program**
College Writing
- **Butler Area Senior High**
College Writing, General Psychology, Principles of Sociology, Technical Math
- **Butler County Community College**
College Writing, General Psychology
- **Mars Area High**
Business Leadership, Elementary Statistics, General Psychology, Microeconomics, Productivity Applications, Speech.
- **Portersville Christian**
College Writing, Introduction to Philosophy, Shakespeare
- **Seneca Valley High**
College Algebra, Computer Information Systems, Descriptive Chemistry, Elementary Statistics, General Psychology, Introduction to Philosophy, Microeconomics, Principles of Sociology, Speech, Trigonometry & Functions, World Geography
- **Summit Academy**
General Psychology, Western Civilization I

Clarion County

- **Keystone Junior-Senior High**
Contemporary World History

Clearfield County

- **DuBois Central Catholic High**
College Writing, General Psychology, Speech

Jefferson County

- **Brockway Area Junior-Senior High**
General Psychology

Lawrence County

- **Lawrence County Career & Tech**
Speech
- **Lincoln High**
Speech, College Writing
- **Union Area Middle-High**
General Psychology

Mercer County

- **Farrell Area High**
Principles of Sociology
- **Reynolds Junior-Senior High**
General Psychology

Remote Options in Spring 2021

Butler County Community College will offer seven courses through remote instruction as part of its Spring 2021 semester menu of College Within the High School courses.

Remote instruction includes video conferencing, email and Internet-based learning management system formats.

Remote-instruction College Within the High School courses begin Jan. 19 and will be available to all eligible students. Days and times of Spring 2021 semester remote-instruction courses:

Tuesdays and Thursdays
- Productivity Applications. 3:30 p.m. to 4:55 p.m.
- College Writing. 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- Research Writing. 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Mondays and Wednesdays
- Speech. 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.
- Intermediate Algebra. 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
- College Algebra. 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- General Psychology. 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

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