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credits ...
in high
school!
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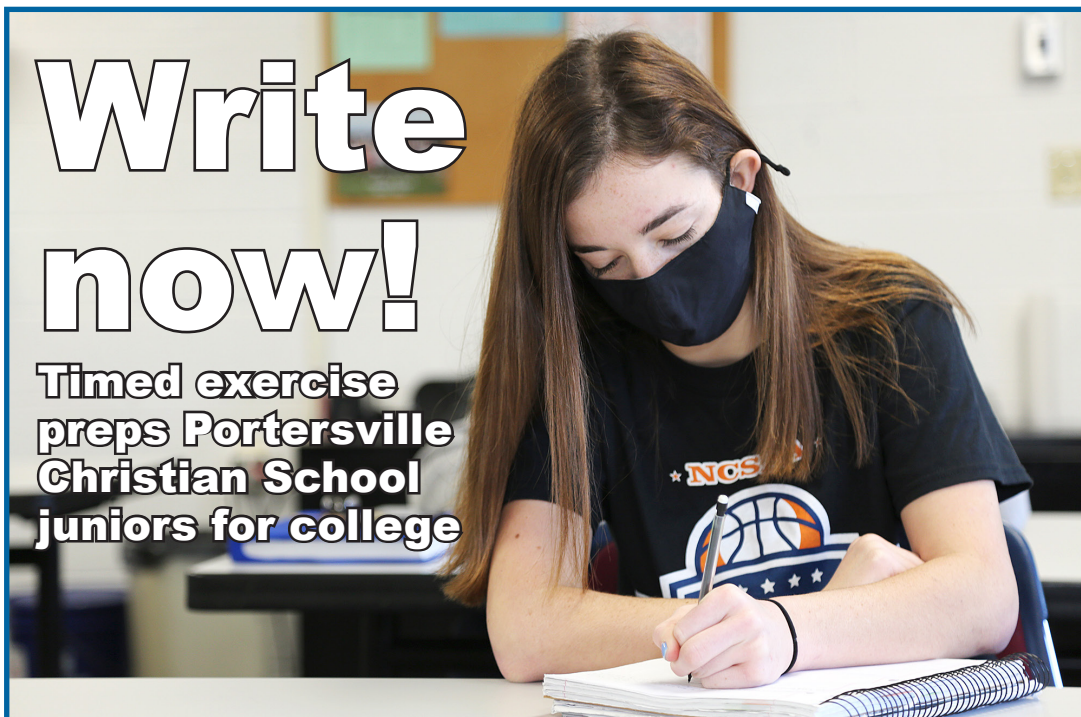


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Write now!

**Timed exercise
preps Portersville
Christian School
juniors for college**



Audrey Shandick, a Portersville Christian School junior and student in a Butler County Community College College Within the High School course, free writes March 12, 2021.

Tell me, Ryan Wise challenges the 16- and 17-year-olds, about the time you were most embarrassed. His right thumb presses the green start button on his smartphone's stopwatch.

The count to 60 seconds begins. "He changes the time sometimes," Madison Arblaster said. "It just fluctuates."

Tell me, Wise asks, about how you felt the first time you held the hand of someone of the opposite gender.

His right thumb presses the green start button on his smartphone's stopwatch.

"I never know in class what he is going to ask," Audrey Shandick said.

Tell me, Wise asks, about the last time you visited the dentist.

"You have to be able to think quickly," Mathys du Toit said.

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"He changes the time sometimes. It just fluctuates."

**Madison
Arblaster,
Portersville
Christian School**



"Progress happens in life when people are allowed to be creative."

**Brandi
Johnston,
Portersville
Christian School**

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College prep: Write now!

Write Now! From Page 1



**Ryan,
Wise,
Portersville
Christian
School
Instructor**

The free-writing exercise tests spontaneity and creativity and will prepare students to write a humor essay, which will help his Portersville Christian

School juniors taking a Butler County Community College class held within their school to write their final paper, said Wise, whose Research Writing course is among six he has taught during his nine years as a BC3 instructor.

"You just keep writing"

The primary intention of freewriting, Wise said, "is to help come up with new ideas. With freewriting, you aren't supposed to stop writing, no matter what. You just keep writing because eventually something will kick in."

"I think a lot of progress happens in life when people are allowed to be creative," Brandi Johnston said. "If you have those doors open to you, and you get to practice that at a young age, you can be a lot more successful in life moving forward."

The majority of a student's grade is based on his or her writing.

While freewriting is not graded, "It's freeing, and can be really nerve-wracking in the moment," Shandick said. "It is definitely a breath of



Portersville Christian School juniors taking a Butler County Community College Research Writing course are shown March 12, 2021, behind their school in Portersville.

The Topic of My Research Paper Will Be ...

Portersville Christian juniors' topics for a research paper to end the Spring 2021 semester:



The obesity of children in the U.S.

**Christian
Cater**



Religious imagery in rock music.

**Cass
Henline**



Effect of religion on campuses.

**Mark
Haller**



Effect of technology on education.

**Kaylin
Kingston**



Effect of music on emotions.

**Madison
Arblaster**



Ethical dilemmas in modern medicine.

**Brandi
Johnston**

fresh air. Writing is definitely important. Just being able to do that well, especially in high school, in an English class or doing a research paper.

"Having a lot of different ways to write is beneficial. Then moving into college, that will continue to be the thing. Being in a college class now, I get a taste of that and an understanding what that is like."

The students within Wise's Research Writing class join

those from 18 schools or learning centers in seven counties who like Shandick are understanding what college will be like through taking a BC3 College Within the High School course in the spring 2021 semester.

"They are far above"

BC3's 24-year-old program provides eligible high school sophomores through seniors with an opportunity to earn afford-

able credits that can transfer to BC3 or to other colleges and universities.

The program also helps high school students to excel in college, Wise said.

"They, as writers, are far above where most of their peers are in their freshman year of college," Wise said. "It also gets them prepared for the way that college classes work compared to high school classes. This is a good transition."

In-credit-able!



Seniors Shaun Wasylson, left, and McKenna Bowes are shown March 19, 2021, at Mars Area High School. Wasylson has completed 15 college credits through Butler County Community College's College Within the High School program and Bowes expects to do the same by May.

"Stepping into my first year of college with a semester of credits under my belt"

Shaun Wasylson has already earned 15 college credits through Butler County Community College's College Within the High School program to apply toward becoming a physician assistant.

In May, after completing BC3 College Within the High School courses in Microeconomics and Business Law, McKenna Bowes will have done the same toward her goal of becoming a physician.

Wasylson and Bowes are students at Mars Area High School, which this spring is offering nine BC3 College Within the High School courses to eligible sophomores through seniors.

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Shaun Wasylson

Fall 2019

- Microeconomics

Spring 2020

- Speech
- General Psychology
- Fall 2020**
- Elementary Statistics
- Productivity Applications



McKenna Bowes

Fall 2019

- Speech
- Fall 2020**
- Elementary Statistics
- General Psychology
- Spring 2021**
- Microeconomics
- Business Law

Top 10 Reasons to Pick BC3!



10 80 percent of BC3's Class of 2020 graduated debt-free!

The BC3 Education

9 Foundation **awards** more than **\$200,000** in scholarships annually.

8 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.

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

6 BC3 has **14-, 10- and 5-week** sessions.

5 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.

4 BC3 has a **14:1** student-to-faculty ratio!

3 BC3 offers **35** career programs, **21** transfer programs and **22** certificates or work-place certificates.

2 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!



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



BC3Bound

**In-Person Tour
& Faculty Q & A**

BC3 Main Campus

Business & Management
March 30 & 31

Computer Technology
April 6 & 7

Health Care
April 13 & 14

Education & Social Sciences
April 20 & 21

STEM
April 27 & 28

Public Safety & Security
May 4 & 5

Additional BC3 Locations

Schedule an in-person tour or virtual visit! Appointments available on Tuesdays & Wednesdays in April.

- BC3 @ Armstrong
- BC3 @ Brockway
- BC3 @ Cranberry
- BC3 @ Lawrence Crossing
- BC3 @ LindenPointe

Apply to BC3 for **FREE** on these dates. Use code **BC3Bound2021**



Schedule Now!

Visit bc3.edu/bc3bound to schedule an appointment.



Riv-Ell revs up!

Pursue 16 free credits, certificate

Lincoln and Riverside high school seniors this fall can capitalize on a Butler County Community College and Community College of Beaver County program whose instructors and mentors will guide the transformation of students' ideas into feasible business plans, and culminate in 16 tuition-free transferrable credits – and a resume-building workplace certificate.

The Riv-Ell Entrepreneurship Program, suspended for a year with regard to COVID-19, returns this fall and be held at Joey's Event Rooms, 408 Lawrence Ave., Ellwood City.

Students who successfully complete all 16 credits will earn a BC3 Workplace Certificate in Entrepreneurship – a relevant credential while still in high school – and be prepared to launch or enhance a successful business venture or continue on an academic path to earn an associate in applied science degree in business.

"Looks good to employers"

A BC3 Workplace Certificate in Entrepreneurship built her resume because it showed "I am a dedicated worker," said Destiny DiMaggio, a 2018-2019 Riv-Ell participant when a Lincoln High student. "Instead of slacking off in my senior year, I chose to pursue higher education. This will



Seniors at Lincoln High School in Ellwood City received a Butler County Community College Workplace Certificate in Entrepreneurship during BC3's 2019 commencement. Students who complete the Riv-Ell Entrepreneurship Program receive 16 free, transferrable credits. Students are, from left, Mikayla Beachem, Hannah Froce, Hunter Gulish, Joseph Houk, Destiny DiMaggio and Abby Schlafly.



Mikayla Beachem gives her final presentation as part of the Riv-Ell Entrepreneurship Program on April 30, 2019.

also make me look good to future employers."

BC3 and CCBC, in concert with the Ellwood City Area Chamber of Commerce and Ellwood City area businesses, created the yearlong Riv-Ell Entrepreneurship Program, which blends classroom learning with real-world experience. BC3 and CCBC faculty instruct high school seniors in financial literacy,

psychology, entrepreneurship, marketing, public speaking and business plan development.

Ready for Riv-Ell?

Contact Erin Cioffi, BC3's Assistant Director of High School Programming, at 724-287-8711 Ext. 8254, or at erin.cioffi@bc3.edu.

Riv-Ell Review



"I saw it as an amazing opportunity to get a head

start on my college career. The local businesses allowed for this. Phenomenal free college credits."

**Liam Grinnen,
Riverside High School
Riv-Ell 2019-2020**



"I wanted to learn more about business, as I plan to operate my own."

**Saylee Grinnen,
Lincoln High School
Riv-Ell 2019-2020**



"I learned that competition is fierce. If you can't quantify it, don't

do it. And there is always an opportunity tomorrow."

**Kurtis Larry,
Lincoln High School
Riv-Ell 2019-2020**



"It's an amazing opportunity to earn 16 free college credits

while still in high school."

**Carley Zak,
Riverside High School
Riv-Ell 2019-2020**

Register for Fall 2021 Now!

Start of class registration for current and new students is under way.

To register: Contact Erin Cioffi, Assistant Director of High School Programming.
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Remote Options in Fall 2021

Butler County Community College will offer five courses through remote instruction as part of its Fall 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 Aug. 23 and will be available to all eligible students. Days and times of Fall 2021 semester remote-instruction courses:

Tuesdays and Thursdays

- Productivity Applications. 4 p.m. to 5:25 p.m.
- College Writing. 3:45 p.m. to 4:50 p.m.

Mondays and Wednesdays

- Intermediate Algebra. 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.
- College Algebra. 6:15 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.
- General Psychology. 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

In-credit-able!

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“I definitely know a lot of people who are taking advantage of this opportunity, which is good,” said Wasylyson, whose older sisters Erin and Lauren also earned college credits at Mars High through BC3’s program. Added Bowes: “Everyone that is in the BC3 courses really enjoys them. I think everyone has my perspective in that it is a great way to challenge yourself and explore different areas.”

The savings of courses through BC3’s program are also popular among high school students, said Wasylyson and Bowes, both seniors.

Tuition and fees this spring 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 spring 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.

BC3 courses cost \$384 to \$414

Tuition and fees this spring 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.

“I know that I mentioned to my friends who

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**McKenna
Bowes,
Mars Area High**

are juniors and are scheduling (for fall) right now to definitely get ahead for the future,” Wasylyson said. “It’s going to help you not only with cost later, but it is going to help you get ahead with those early, early classes in college where they make you take courses that are required of everybody. You can get those credits out of the way early (through BC3’s program) without spending thousands of dollars. You can take them at high school for a fraction of the cost.”

“Saving me a lot of money later on”

Bowes said BC3’s courses “will be saving me a lot of money later on. And the courses allow you to explore different areas.”

Among the areas Bowes explored was BC3’s speech course – her favorite so far, she said, and one in which she enhanced her public speaking skills.

“I feel like, especially with technology, a lot of people don’t communicate like they once did,” Bowes said. “Now it’s all over text and emails. I wanted to introduce myself to learning how to talk face-to-face and to a large group of people.”

Bowes said she has also learned through BC3’s College Within the High School courses how to “prepare for more difficult tests. It’s improved my studying techniques. I’ve also learned the importance of time management, being able to manage the workload between different courses.”

That workload may be reduced once Bowes and Wasylyson enroll in college.

“I’m pretty much stepping into my first year of college with a semester of credits under my belt,” Wasylyson said, “which is definitely a big factor.”

Your Transcript is Now Free!

Here’s how: 1. Log onto the MyBC3 Portal. 2. Go to the Self-Service Menu. 3. Click Academic Profile. 4. Click Request Transcript. 5. Click Add New Request. 6. Complete the form. 7. Click submit. The request is electronically submitted for processing.

Spring 2021 CWSHS Classes

Armstrong County

■ Lenape Technical School

American National Government, Principles of Sociology

Butler County

■ Butler Area Senior High

Principles of Sociology, Research Writing

■ Butler County Area Vocational-Technical School

Load Calculations

■ Butler County Community College

College Writing, Speech

■ Karns City Junior-Senior High

Speech

■ Mars Area High

American National Government, Business Law, Business Math, General Psychology, Introduction to Entrepreneurship, Marketing, Microeconomics, Productivity Applications, Speech

■ Portersville Christian School

Introduction to Religions of the World, Research Writing, Speech

■ Seneca Valley High

College Writing, Introduction to Philosophy, Principles of Sociology, Speech

■ Summit Academy

Contemporary World History, General Psychology

Clarion County

■ Keystone Junior-Senior High

General Psychology

Clearfield County

■ DuBois Central Catholic High

Ethics, General Psychology, Research Writing, Speech

Jefferson County

■ Brockway Area Junior-Senior High

Introduction to Music

Lawrence County

■ Lawrence County Career & Tech

Contemporary World History, Intermediate Algebra

■ Lincoln High

General Psychology

■ Mohawk High School

College Writing

■ Union Area Middle-High

Principles of Sociology

Mercer County

■ Farrell Area High

Microeconomics

■ Reynolds Junior-Senior High

American National Government



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