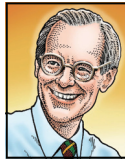


POTTSTOWN CITIZENS FOR Enlightened LEADERSHIP

Foundation boosts college-bound

Twelve of the students who will graduate from Pottstown High School Friday have a head start on college, paid in part or in full by the Foundation for Pottstown Education.

The students earned college credits from the Montgomery County Community College at the same time they were juniors and seniors at Pottstown High School. Depending on students' financial need and their grade point average, the Foundation paid for either half or all of their tuition.



Commentary by
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The credits are accepted by state colleges and many

private colleges.

Some students will have already finished a full year of college (30 credits) by the time they receive their

diploma.

Operating out of a rent-free office in the Pottstown School District administration building, the Foundation is otherwise self-sustaining.

The Class of 2022 earned a combined 244 credits at a cost of \$46,604. If these same classes were taken at the colleges and universities these students will attend, the credits would have cost \$238,700.

Not all students who enroll in both Pottstown High School and the Community College receive a subsidy.

Only those who are accepted in the Early College program, demonstrating financial need, a 90 percent or above grade point average at the high school, and a good attendance record qualify.

In the ten years the Foundation has offered the program, 94 students have had all or part of their dual enrollment college credits paid for at a total cost of nearly \$500,000.

College Cohort	Number Enrolled	Start date	Graduate PHS	Completed Early College Program
Cohort I	9	Spring 2014	2015	9
Cohort II	11	Fall 2014	2016	11
Cohort III	14	2015	2017	11
Cohort IV	20	2016	2018	14
Cohort V	12	2017	2019	9
Cohort VI	15	2018	2020	15
Cohort VII	14	2019	2021	13
Cohort VIII	14	2020	2022	12
Cohort IX	12	2021	2023	
Cohort X	21	2022	2024	
TOTAL				94

Colleges/ universities attended by Foundation-funded graduates				
Albright	East Carolina	Lycoming	Stanford	U of the Arts
Alvernia	Eastern	Montco CC	Susquehanna	U of Virginia
Cairn	Gwynedd Mercy	Millersville	Syracuse	Ursinus
Cheney	Haverford	Moravian	Thad. Stevens	Utica
Dickinson	Indiana of PA	Penn State	Temple	West Chester
Drexel	Lebanon Valley	P.S. Berks	Temple- Japan	Villanova
Duke	Lynchburg	Shenandoah	U San Diego	York