

Change of Campus Career Support

provided by the Business Career Center



Change of Campus Specific Programs

Students can enroll in online BA 297, a one-credit Career Planning & Strategies course. The timing of the course is closely correlated with the recruiting season each semester. This course assists students in gaining a better understanding of the internship and job search processes and improving their professional development skills. In this course, students will practice components of the internship and job searches, including creating a resume, improving interview preparation techniques, and refining their research and networking skills. Students will also improve their skills related to communication, personal presentation, and business etiquette. In addition, the BCC Change of Campus Program Coordinator visits the majority of the commonwealth campuses each academic year. Every visit includes a workshop and the opportunity for one-on-one Smeal career coaching.

Students can schedule virtual career coaching appointments year-round with the Change of Campus Program Coordinator and attend virtual workshops that are offered each semester. In addition, campus students are encouraged to attend Smeal-hosted career events before transitioning to UP. Historically, this population has attended employer recruitment events, career topic workshops, case competitions, conferences, and Smeal career fairs, including each semester's Mock Career Fair. The BCC also connects with campus Smeal students at centralized UP programming such as Change of Campus Orientation, the summer STEP transition program, and the Link UP spring visitation.

Programming Overview

Students starting a Smeal undergraduate program at a Penn State commonwealth campus have access to all Business Career Center (BCC) events and services. In addition, there are many BCC resources and programs targeted to Smeal change of campus students to support their career development transition between campuses.

Change of Campus Specific Resources

The BCC has a full-time professional staff member dedicated to the career development of change of campus students. We offer resources tailored to this population. This includes a guided list of action items that help students stay on track with their career planning, the Change of Campus webpage on the Business Career Center website, and population-specific online career resources.

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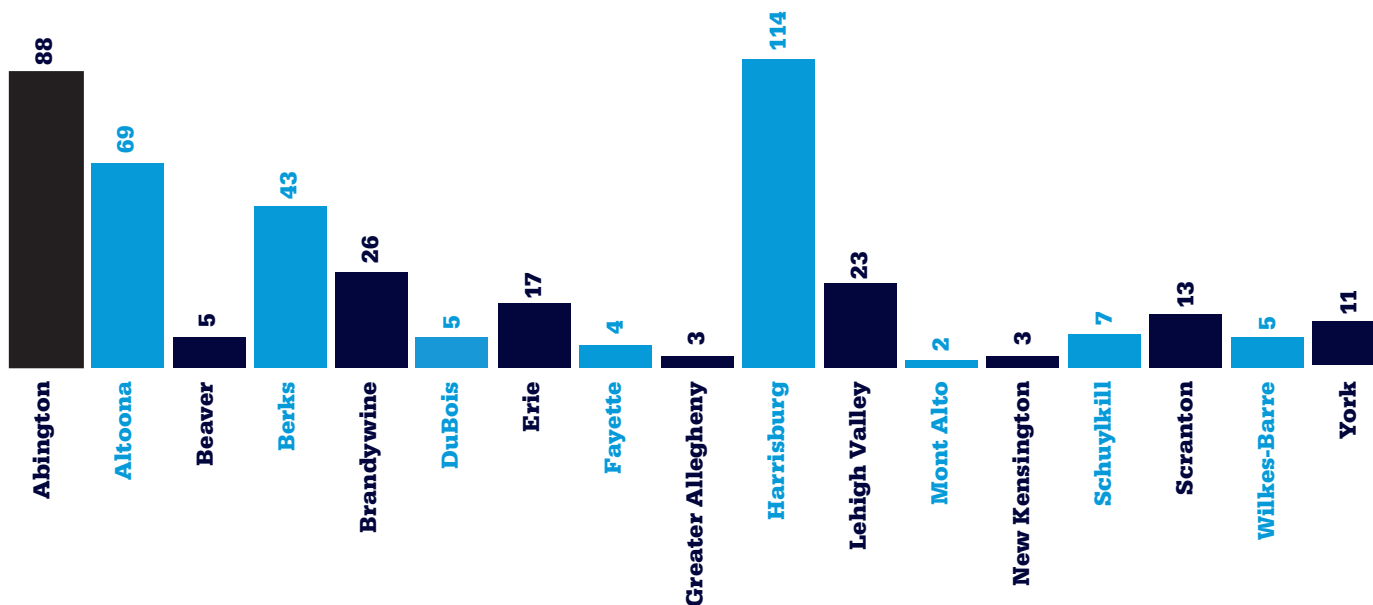
- Approximately a third of each Smeal junior class starts at a Commonwealth campus
- Students can start any Smeal undergraduate major at 19 Penn State campuses in addition to University Park.

Every campus has:

- A Smeal academic advising ambassador who visits the campus and serves as a point of contact
- A Smeal liaison at their campus to assist with Smeal academic planning
- At least one professional Penn State Career Services staff member



In the Fall of 2023, Smeal will have change-of-campus juniors coming from the following campuses (data last provided in June 2023).



Change-of-Campus Career Checklist

Utilize the BCC

- Attend Smeal Career workshops and presentations at your campus
- Schedule a 1-1 virtual appointment** with the Business Career Center's Change of Campus Program Coordinator

Craft a Smeal Resume

- Reach out to the Change of Campus Program Coordinator for the Smeal resume template
- See the Business Career Center (BCC) website for Smeal resume tips and examples
- Schedule a resume review or other career coaching appointment with the Change of Campus Program Coordinator through Nittany Lion Careers

Take BA197

- 1-credit course for change of campus students focusing on Smeal resources, services, and curriculum
- Online section for 1st and 2nd years
- Best to take during first-year fall or spring semester

Meet With Your Career Office

- Schedule a 1-on-1 appointment** with a Career Services professional at your campus
- Discuss ways to build and strengthen your resume and access career opportunities

Attend Smeal Fairs & Events

- Smeal hosts a Mock Career Fair, Smeal Career Fairs, SC&IS Career Fair, and many other events and networking opportunities
- Check the Events page** on the BCC website for all Smeal events and details

Take BA297

- 1-credit Smeal Career Planning & Strategies course offered every fall and spring semester
- Online section for 1st & 2nd year Smeal-tracking Commonwealth campus students taught by Smeal Change of Campus Program Coordinator
- Best to take during first-year spring, sophomore fall, or sophomore spring

Want to Stand Out Even More?

- For additional resources check out the **change-of-campus student information** page on the Business Career Center website
- Utilize **Nittany Lion Careers** to view job and internship postings, events, and to schedule an appointment with a career coach

Questions? Email Alexandra Stossel, Change of Campus Program Coordinator & Career Coach at astossel@psu.edu