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Stairs to Success Student Notebook for a

Four-Year Developmental Plan for Student Success Based on the Keystone College Promise.

Keystone College



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The **Keystone Promise** is our pledge to every Keystone College student that within six months of graduating from Keystone College you will have received at least one job offer or been accepted into a transfer or graduate program.

If followed and completed, the Keystone Promise requirements are designed to prepare a student to be competitive in the market post-graduation. However, in the event an offer does not occur within six months of graduating, the student is eligible to receive a personalized career development plan that may include up to 12 additional credits of free coursework.



All activities described in Keeping the Promise are designed as educationally purposeful experiences guided by national experts in education and student development models and strategically placed within the semester or academic year most appropriate to a student's developmental needs.

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Vision: Keystone College strives to transform lives and the region by inspiring and

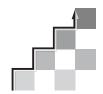
empowering students to live in a diverse community where responsibility,

integrity, mutual respect, and life-long learning flourish.

Mission: Keystone College opens doors to rewarding careers in a student-centered

environment, that teaches students to think, communicate, create, and problem-

solve effectively within a diverse, ever-changing world.





Hello New Keystonians!

Welcome to Keystone College, the place where you can believe in yourself, belong with a group of amazing students, staff, and faculty, and where you will become your best self.

We all know that you are new to this campus and to college in general. That means there is a lot you don't know yet, and probably a lot you don't know that you don't know. But please know that we—your instructors, your academic advisors, your resident directors, and everyone else on campus—are ready to help you figure it all out.

There is an overall structure to the Keystone College experience. Every curriculum program is carefully constructed to teach you the foundation you need, then let you build on that foundation into the specific area you are most interested in. Similarly, your co-curricular life at the College has structure. You'll have a First Year Experience this year, then a Sophomore Year Experience next year, and so on. Plus, Career Services has a set of steps that you'll start now, to help you be ready for the job market when you graduate.

Stairs to Success is designed to help you understand the structure of your college experience, so you can see the specific steps you should take to get the most out of your education and be the most prepared to step into the world beyond the College.

By following the Stairs to Success, you will spend your time here wisely. And when you graduate, if you've taken all the steps outlined in this booklet, you'll be covered by The Keystone Promise, our pledge to you that within six months of graduating, you will have a job offer or a placement in graduate school.

Your future begins now, so let's take the first steps together. Welcome to the Keystone Family!

Sincerely,

Tracy L. Brundage, Ph.D.

President, Keystone College



First Year

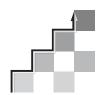
Academic:		Notes:
	Attend the President's Opening Convocation	
	Download digital textbooks	
	Learn to use Moodle	
	Know your schedule and instructors' names	
	Learn to avoid plagiarism: pass the tutorial or enroll in a workshop	
	Visit the Learning Center to receive writing or research support for your English 1110 or 1125 classes	
	Actively participate in your First Year Seminar class (FYS)	
Advising:		
	Download your major's Academic Map	
	Know your advisor's name	
	Schedule a meeting with your advisor to discuss expectations and how your interests, goals, and values fit into your major	
	Schedule another meeting with your advisor to prepare for next semester's course registration	
Car	eer Services:	
	Explore how majors align with career paths of interest	
	Login to Handshake	
(ey	stone Promise:	
	Complete the FOCUS® Career Assessment Program	
	Complete the Keystone Promise Career Plan and have it reviewed	



	☐ Attend the Fall or Spring Career, Internship and Grace School Fair
	☐ Login to Handshake and update your account
St	udent Life:
	☐ Attend campus events
	☐ Become an active member of a club and/or organization on campus
	☐ Participate in intramural sports
	☐ Make friends
	☐ Get involved in activities like band, service learning, student government, or athletics
	☐ Take college-sponsored trips
Ke	ey Events:
	☐ Orientation Weekend and Carnival
	☐ Club Rush
	☐ Homecoming and Family Weekend
	☐ Semester End Celebration (FYS)
	☐ Music and Arts Fair and other band and theater performances
	☐ Undergraduate Research and Creativity Celebration
	☐ All-College Honors Convocation
	☐ The Block Party
	Fall or Spring Career, Internship and Grad School Fair (It's never too soon!)



Se	cond Year:	Notes:
Acc	ademic:	
	Consider a study abroad experience and/or undergraduate research opportunity	
	Consider declaring a minor	
	Start developing your portfolio (major specific)	
Αd\	vising:	
	Schedule a meeting with your advisor to discuss your major/minor and academic progress	
	Schedule another meeting with your advisor to prepare for registration	
Car	eer Services:	
	Continue to explore how majors align with career paths of interest	
	Job shadow with employers who work in career fields of interest	
Key	stone Promise:	
	Write a resume and have it reviewed	
	Write a cover letter and have it reviewed	
	Provide Career Services with contact information for three professional references	
	Attend the Fall or Spring Career, Internship and Grad School Fair	
	Update your Handshake account	
		

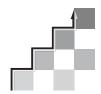


 Student Life:
☐ Participate in civic engagement and service learning with a project that fosters your passion and skills
 ☐ Take a leadership role in Civic Engagement, Residence Life, clubs and organizations on campus
 Continue to get involved in activities and participate in service opportunities
Key Events:
☐ Annual Leadership Conference
 ☐ Homecoming and Family Weekend
Music and Arts Fair and other band and theater performances
 ☐ Undergraduate Research and Creativity Celebration
 ☐ All-College Honors Convocation
 ☐ The Block Party
☐ Fall or Spring Career, Internship and Grad School Fair



Third Year:

Acc	ademic:	Notes:
	Start preparing for senior capstone and completion of graduation requirements	
	Participate in undergraduate research	
	Connect with faculty and alumni mentors	
	Attend the Spring Undergraduate Research and Creativity Celebration	
Adv	vising:	
	Schedule a meeting with your advisor to discuss your classes and co-curricular activities, internships, service learning, senior capstone projects, and post-graduation plans	
	Schedule another meeting with your advisor to prepare for registration	
Car	eer Services:	
	Attend alumni networking events	
	Discuss your progress with regard to completing the Keystone Promise with your advisor or the Learning Center	
	Create a LinkedIn profile and connect with Keystone's Career Services page	
Key	stone Promise:	
	Complete an internship, shadowing, or experiential learning opportunity	
	Discuss graduate school/plans for additional education	
	Create a LinkedIn account and link to Keystone College and Keystone College Career Services	



	 □ Attend BOTH the Fall or Spring Career, Internship and Grad School Fair □ Update your Handshake account
St	udent Life:
	☐ Take leadership roles in clubs, organizations, Student Government, Student Activities, New Student Orientation, and as mentors to first year and sophomore year students
	☐ Apply to attend an alternative spring break trip
	☐ Build your list of co-curricular activities, take on leadership roles in clubs and organizations
	☐ Attend the Annual Leadership Conference
	☐ Apply to attend the National Conference on Student Leadership
Ke	ey Events:
	☐ Homecoming and Family Weekend
	☐ Music and Arts Fair and other band and theater performances
	☐ All-College Honors Convocation
	☐ The Block Party
	☐ Fall or Spring Career, Internship and Grad School Fair



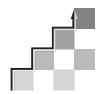
		Notes:
Fo	urth Year:	
Acc	ademic:	
	Seek research and writing support as you complete your Capstone projects	
	Complete Senior Seminar and Senior Capstone Project	
	Conduct undergraduate research	
٩d١	vising:	
	Schedule a meeting with your advisor to review your graduation audit	
	Schedule another meeting with your advisor to discuss your academic progress and graduation requirements, reflect on your college experience, and discuss post-graduation plans	
Car	eer Development:	
	Make final graduate school or career decisions and start submitting applications	
	Polish your professional portfolio	
	Consider becoming an Alumni Mentor or Alumni Admissions Ambassador	
	Discuss your progress with regard to completing the Keystone Promise with your advisor or the Learning Center	
	Update your Handshake and LinkedIn accounts	



Key	stone Promise:
	Update your resume and cover letter and have them proved
	Conduct a job search
	Complete a mock interview
	Update Handshake and LinkedIn accounts
	Attend the Fall or Spring Career, Internship and Grad School Fair
Stud	dent Life:
	Lead a service project through the Office of Civic Engagement and Service Learning
	Transition your club/organization into new leadership as you prepare to graduate
	Hone your leadership skills, stay involved in activities and service projects
Key	Events:
	Homecoming and Family Weekend
	Music and Arts Fair and other band and theater performances
	Fall or Spring Career, Internship and Grad School Fair
	Undergraduate Research and Creativity Celebration
	All-College Honors Convocation
	The Block Party
	100 Days to Graduation celebration



		Grad Finale	
		Senior Week festivities	
		Student Philanthropy Council's fundraising for the senior class gift	Notes:
		Attend Commencement	
P	0	st-Graduation:	
		Complete the survey of recent graduates	
		Come back for Homecoming events	
		Serve on the Alumni Association Board or as a Class Correspondent	
		Get involved with your local Alumni Chapter	
		Volunteer to be an Alumni Mentor and network with and advise current students	
		Volunteer to be an Alumni Admissions Ambassador, representing Keystone at college nights in your area, or by reaching out to admitted students	
		Consider supervising a Keystone student as an intern, or connecting them to job opportunities	
		Return to campus as a guest speaker to share your experience at events	
		Refer future students	
		Support Keystone at athletic events – on campus or in your area	
		Give back	



Directory:

Admissions Sisson Hall, admissions@keystone.edu	(570) 945-8111
Academic Affairs Sabiston Hall, Second Floor, academicaffairs@keystone.edu	(570) 945-8316
Alumni Relations	(570) 945-8173
Athletics	(570) 945-8232
Campus Safety	
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Chamberlin Center for Student Life	(570) 945-8400
Civic Engagement and Service Learning	(570) 945-8253
Commuter Life Hibbard Campus Center, Second Floor, commuterliving@keystone.edu	(570) 945-8400
Counseling and Well-Being Center Tewksbury Residence Hall, First Floor, counseling@keystone.edu	(570) 945-8309
Residence Life	(570) 945-8271
Student Activities	(570) 945-8253
Hibbard Campus Center, Second Floor, studentactivities@keystone.edu	
College Green Eatery & Market	(570) 945-5300
Institutional Advancement Sickler Hall, First Floor, development@keystone.edu	(570) 945-8162
Keystone College Virtual Campus (KCVC)	(570) 945-8380
Library and Learning Center	(570) 945-8335
Miller Library, <i>library@keystone.edu</i>	



Career Services Library and Learning Center, careers@keystone.edu	(570) 945-8335
Disability Services Library and Learning Center, ods@keystone.edu	(570) 945-8988
Library Circulation Desk Library and Learning Center, library@keystone.edu	(570) 945-8335
Tutoring and Writing Center. Library and Learning Center, tutoring@keystone.edu	(570) 945-8335
Post Office	(570) 945-8383
Sodexo Facilities (Maintenance Services) Patrick Hall, facilities@keystone.edu	(570) 945-8037
Sodexo Dining Services Hibbard Campus Center, First Floor, diningservices@keystone.edu	(570) 945-5300
Student Central. Ward Hall, Main Floor, studentcentral@keystone.edu	(570) 945-8300
Financial Assistance and Planning	(570) 945-8130
Student Business Services Ward Hall, Main Floor, studentcentral@keystone.edu	(570) 945-8374
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Sabiston Hall, Second Floor, internationalservices@keystone.edu	(570) 945-8252
Tech Corner Hibbard Campus Center, Second Floor, helpdesk@keystone.edu	(570) 945-8778
Veteran Services	(570) 945-8300



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