

# Keystone College

Fall 2018

Guidance Counselor Newsletter

## Fall visit events

Oct. 20  
Open House

Nov. 17  
Saturday Visit

Dec. 8  
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## First-generation Students a Priority at Keystone

The first generation population at Keystone College is about 40%. Keystone is committed to ensuring that first-gen students and their families can navigate their way through the college process. We recognize what an amazing opportunity a student has to be the first in their family!

Each student gets a dedicated admissions counselor who will work one-on-one to help them and their families understand the admissions process, review financial aid to understand their true cost of attendance and payment options, and help them prepare to successfully start classes in the fall. Once students arrive they can expect the personal attention, support services, and caring environment provided to all of our students.

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## First-Generation Students (continued)

First-Gen Fridays is an open forum, held on the first Friday of every month, where first-gen students can bond with others and talk about the challenges they face as first-gen students. Says Chief of Staff, Charlotte Ravioli, “the most important part of success in College is relationships. Find those people who value what you value and who want what you want, and then hang around with them. They’ll be your touchstone for your entire college career.”

*“Find those people who value what you value”*

Keystone recently created a webpage dedicated to first-generation students. It includes important resources, a directory of commonly used terms and policies, as well as advice and guidance from first-gen staff and faculty who have been in their shoes. Visit [www.keystone.edu/first-generation-college-students/](http://www.keystone.edu/first-generation-college-students/) for more information.

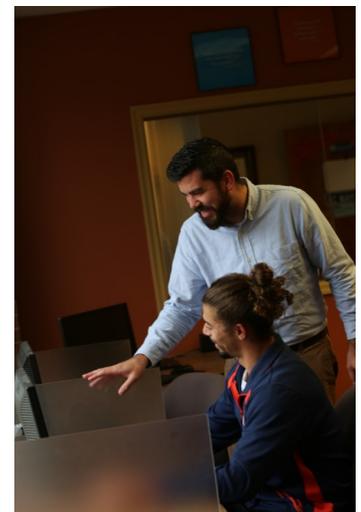
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## More Master’s programs arrive at Keystone

Keystone recently announced that a new Master of Science in Criminal Justice degree will be offered starting in January 2019.

The 30-credit program can be completed in one year and is offered completely online. This is similar to the new MBA program that was launched in January of this year., and a Master of Accountancy that started three years ago.

Keystone’s graduate programs offer students a perfect opportunity to expand their education in a convenient format. Students may be able to earn a bachelor’s and Master’s in their field in less than five years.



## Football returns!

After many decades, the College announced that football will be returning, as the 22nd varsity sport. Justin Higgins was hired as head coach and comes to Keystone after serving as special teams coordinator/recruiting coordinator at Seton Hill University.



"I can't wait to get started as we work to build a football program that reflects the values and traditions that have made Keystone what it is today", Coach Higgins said.

The Giants will take the field for their first games in the fall of 2019, playing a limited schedule as an independent team. They will compete in the Eastern Collegiate Football Conference (ECFC) starting with their first full season in fall 2020.

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### 150 Years of Excellence

Keystone College will mark its 150th anniversary with a year-long celebration. Keystone began as a high school with a few students in the local Baptist church, grew into a junior college, and now offers over 40 degree options, including Master's degrees.

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"This year we enrolled our largest freshmen class in 5 years; what a great way to kick off our 150th academic year! The College's motto 'Progress through Effort' is still alive and well today", says Jennifer Sekol, Director of Admissions.

The full calendar of events can be found on the College's website.

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New Master's  
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Keystone  
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football for  
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150th anniversary  
celebrations are underway!

