

# ABOUT THE GREATER WILKES-BARRE CHAMBER

**The Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Business and Industry and its affiliate organizations** works to create new jobs while striving to diversify Greater Wilkes-Barre's economy, increase capital investment, broaden the tax base and encourage and support business growth. In addition, the Chamber works to elevate the economy and build the future of our region through projects dealing with the quality of life, education and work force development, downtown development, diversity, community image, and more.

Among the Chamber's affiliates are:

- **The Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce**  
The Chamber acts as the "Voice of Business" on issues that affect the community. Working with a volunteer network of over 500 business leaders, the division serves more than 1,300 member businesses and the community by providing a wide range of programs and sponsoring important area events.
- **The Greater Wilkes-Barre Industrial Fund**  
This organization handles business financing programs for industrial loans (coordinating efforts with state and local officials).
- **The Greater Wilkes-Barre Development Corporation**  
The Greater Wilkes-Barre Development Corporation owns, develops and manages area business parks and assists with plans for new investment or company locations and manages properties, including:
  - Crestwood Industrial Park
  - Highland Park
  - Public Square Commons
  - Hanover Industrial Estates
  - Hanover Crossings
  - The Corporate Center at East Mountain

For more information on the Chamber and on the work your Chamber is doing to build the future of the Greater Wilkes-Barre community, visit us online at [www.wilkes-barre.org](http://www.wilkes-barre.org)



Jane Ashton  
Director, Workforce Development  
Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber  
(570) 823-2101, ext. 116  
[jashton@wilkes-barre.org](mailto:jashton@wilkes-barre.org)

# Keystone College

Founded in 1868, located in scenic La Plume, Pennsylvania, and rich in its history of service to the community, Keystone College is a four-year, private liberal arts institution, enrolling a diverse student body from throughout the U.S. and more than 14 countries. There are more than 1200 students enrolled in traditional, evening, and Weekender study programs that grant two- and four-year degrees with ample opportunities for academic achievement, public service, and internships in the Northeast Pennsylvania region. The Corporate and Continuing Education department provides a wide range of programs for personal enrichment and professional development. More than a classroom experience, Keystone College's 270 - acre campus offers many opportunities for the outdoor enthusiast, houses the Water Discovery Center and the Urban Forestry Center as well as being the home for many community based organizations such as the Area Health Education Center, the Lupus Foundation, and The Northeast Theatre.

For additional information:

Keystone College  
One College Green  
La Plume, PA 18440.  
1-877-4-COLLEGE

# WHAT IS TECH PREP IN NORTHEASTERN PA?

Tech Prep is a consortium of schools, colleges and industry members working together to help students and parents better understand career opportunities available in the region. We also help schools to develop training programs that prepare students for highly technical careers.

Students should make informed decisions about what they are going to do after high school based on their own interests, abilities and ambition. The Tech Prep consortium can help students explore careers and enroll in a high school program that will lead them towards a successful career. A variety of programs are available throughout the region. Contact our office to find out what programs are offered at your high school or career center.

Once students enroll in a Tech Prep program, they are eligible for a variety of services free of charge. Most services are offered through your school. Some of these include: visiting college campus and sitting in on classes, visiting industry sites to see first hand what careers are about, career interest inventories to match your interests and abilities to career fields, tutoring assistance for students struggling in courses, workshops to help with study skills, time management and test taking, assistance in locating jobs shadowing and mentoring opportunities at industry sites to explore careers more in depth.

The consortium also offers a Leadership Academy for 11<sup>th</sup> grade students. It is a five-day series of workshops at a college campus taught by college faculty and industry professionals focused on teamwork, critical thinking, problem solving, and customer service. The workshop ends with a banquet for students and parents highlighting what students have learned in the academy.

ALL Consortium activities are FREE OF CHARGE.

Contact the Tech Prep office at (570) 740-0680 for more information or visit on-line at [www.academic.luzerne.edu/techprep](http://www.academic.luzerne.edu/techprep)

# SHS TechStaffing

Established in 1968, SHS TechStaffing is a results oriented, full service provider of professional recruitment solutions. Our services include Search/Contingency Recruitment and Technical Contract/Temporaries for: Information technology, Engineering, Accounting, Human Resources, Marketing and Sales professionals. Leading technology and manufacturing firms have come to rely on our quality recruiting services for their direct hire and professional level temporary staffing needs.

For additional information, contact Nicholas Michalisin @ (570) 825-3411 or @ [nick@shstechstaffing.com](mailto:nick@shstechstaffing.com).

# King's College

King's College was founded by the Congregation of Holy Cross priests and brothers from the University of Notre Dame as a Catholic, independent, four-year college in Wilkes-Barre, in northeastern Pennsylvania.

A co-ed college, King's was named to consecutive editions of *Barron's Best Buys in College Education*; placed in the top 10 Regional Liberal Arts Colleges in the North in seven consecutive editions of *U.S. News and World Report's "Best Colleges"* issue for its innovative core curriculum program, faculty commitment to undergraduate teaching and high graduation rate, and was listed in *Money Magazine* as a tuition value. King's continues to be ranked for an eighth year, having changed categories to Masters Level II/Universities because of the increasing number of master's degrees awarded. Yet King's continues to define itself as a small college. Three times King's was among a select group of 100 colleges in the country named to the prestigious John Templeton Foundation Honor Roll for Character-Building Colleges.

Its most prestigious recognition to date, however, is in being named one of only 16 institutions nationwide to participate in the Greater Expectations initiative that will influence the curriculum development of schools nationwide.

A new, innovative four-year program of career development across the curriculum unites professional and faculty counselors in an intense advisement process. The result is a 99% job or grad school placement within 6 months of graduation.

New construction at King's includes The William G. McGowan School of Business, named after the founder of MCI, an alumnus of the college; the state-of-the-art Parente Life Sciences Center; the Mulligan Physical Sciences Center, the completely renovated Sheehy-Farmer Campus Center, and Robert L. Betzler Fields, the 33-acre athletic complex.

King's has a student:faculty ratio of 16:1. The William G. McGowan School of Business is a candidate for accreditation by the A.A.C.S.B. The College offers bachelor's degrees in 36 major programs; a graduate school with a 5-year master's physician assistant program; master's in education with a concentration in reading, and graduate courses in healthcare administration, accounting, and finance.

Visit on-line at [www.kings.edu](http://www.kings.edu)

# **Luzerne County Business & Education Partnership**

The Luzerne County Business & Education Partnership is an organization whose mission is to develop a cohesive, comprehensive and viable school-to-work system to enhance the career and decision-making skills of all students within Luzerne County. The LCBEP Board is comprised of school superintendents, school personnel and local business executives.

Since its inception over eight years ago, the Partnership has been involved in many successful projects in various parts of Northeastern Pennsylvania. These activities built and maintained important bridges between schools and business partners. Some of these projects include Project Based Learning, Mock Interview Days, Educator-in-the-Workplace, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Career Days, CareerWare distribution to Luzerne County Schools, Job Shadowing and financial support of various educational programs. At this time, the Luzerne County Business & Educational Partnership is developing and implementing a student tracking system for students from 3<sup>rd</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades, and a follow-up tracking from graduation through 21 years of age.

For additional information, contact Juanita Namey @ (570) 820-7037 or @ [lucaats@yahoo.com](mailto:lucaats@yahoo.com)