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College students everywhere are gearing up for the start of a new academic year.

Classes start today at Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology, the Lancaster County campus of Harrisburg Area Community College and the Lancaster General School of Nursing.

Elizabethtown College opens its doors on Thursday, and Millersville University and Lancaster Bible College students begin next Monday.

Franklin & Marshall College classes begin Wednesday, Sept. 1, while Pennsylvania College of Art and Design students begin on Tuesday, Sept. 7.

When first-year and returning students arrive at Millersville, they will confront the inconveniences of three major construction projects that will affect traffic patterns around campus and dining options for students.

The university has enrolled about 1,300 first-year students this fall for a total enrollment of about 8,500, including graduate students.

School officials have designed color-coded maps to maximize the orderly flow of traffic on campus during the opening days of school.

Complicating the dining equation at the university is the extensive renovations of the Student Memorial Center, which houses The Galley food court.

The Galley closed May 10 for renovations.

Gordinier Dining Hall, a 38-year-old facility also in the midst of renovations, will house all the dining services until the SMC reopens in 2011.

- Franklin & Marshall College has seen an increase in the number of students enrolled at the college in the past two years.

On Sept. 1, F&M will welcome 636 first-year students. The college also reported a slight increase in the number of students coming back.

- Elizabethtown College also will greet a lot of new faces as the college welcomes 506 first-year students on Thursday.

The college's projected full-time undergraduate enrollment this fall is 1,858.

- Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology announced recently that it has enrolled a record number of students for the upcoming 2010-11 academic year.

More than 600 freshmen were welcomed to the college's campus last weekend, adding to the 325 returning students who will arrive on campus today.

- Classes at HACC-Lancaster start today.

L. Marshall Washington, an educator from Battle Creek, Mich., who took the reins July 26 as campus vice president, will welcome 4,800 students this fall.

Enrollment across HACC's five campuses and the online virtual campus increased 5.6 percent this year, with a total of 21,800 students.

HACC will offer several courses at off-campus locations throughout Lancaster this fall.

- Students at Lancaster General College of Nursing return to the classroom today.

The school reports an increase in enrollment of 33 percent, from last year's 859 to 1140 this fall.

- The fall semester officially begins for students at Lancaster Bible College on Monday, Aug. 30.

- Pennsylvania College of Art and Design is the last one of the local colleges to start classes this fall.

Classes begin Tuesday, Sept. 7.

Work on the college's new design center is almost complete and will be functional in time for the 2010-2011 academic year.

The 9,200-square-foot design center cost about \$650,000. It is part of a \$1.5 million renovation project for the buildings PCA&D owns at 202 and 204 N. Prince St. in Lancaster.

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