



COMMUNITY SCOOP

9/15/25



School Visit Policy Update

If you miss a school visit, it is your responsibility to reach out to staff. In order to get credit (and paid) for the missed visit, you must contact staff by the Sunday after the missed school visit. If you don't contact staff by Sunday, you can't get credit for the missed visit. Newsletters for the previous week will be posted in the Upward Bound BAND every Sunday.

Birthdays

Abigail Smith 9/15

Mai Nelms 9/19

Jayla ReMine 9/21

Monday Sessions

November 10, 2025

January 26, 2026

February 23, 2026 (make up session if January session is cancelled)

March 9, 2026

April 13, 2026

April 27, 2026

Be sure to sign up for our
Upward Bound Band!



"You can get excited about the future. The Past won't mind."
Hillary Depiano



To sign up, email Jessi (nicelyj@etsu.edu) by October 1. Priority will be given to seniors planning to apply to Berea. Remaining spaces can be filled by juniors and sophomores!

Upward Bound is going to Berea College!

When: October 15-16

We will leave after school on October 15
and you will miss school on October 16

- No Berea students pays tuition! Each student receives a Tuition Promise Scholarship worth over \$200,000 over four years.
- One of 10 work colleges. Every student has a job on campus.
- Voted #1 Best Liberal Arts College and Best Bang for your Buck by *Washington Monthly* in 2024
- 1,513 students, 51% are first generation college students, 9:1 student to faculty ratio.
- Multiple ETSU Upward Bound SGA presidents have attended Berea!

WHAT'S NEW ON THE **ACT** PART 1

THE SCIENCE TEST IS NOW OPTIONAL

You can choose what to take based on your goals and strengths. Writing is still optional.



SHORTER TEST

75 fewer minutes
and 44 fewer questions



SHORTER READING PASSAGES

Reading section
will still measure
comprehension
and analysis



MATH SECTION HAS 4 CHOICES INSTEAD OF 5

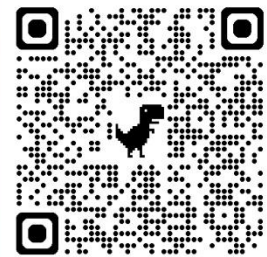
Other sections
already had 4
choices

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

ASSOCIATE DEGREE VS. BACHELOR'S DEGREE

	ASSOCIATE DEGREE	BACHELOR'S DEGREE
DURATION	~2 years (full-time)	~4 years (full-time)
COST	Lower tuition, less debt	Higher tuition, more financial investment
CURRICULUM	Career-focused, foundational courses	In-depth, specialized coursework
CAREER OPPORTUNITIES	Can prepare for hands-on, skills-based careers	Can open pathways to roles requiring specialized knowledge and broader expertise
U.S. MEDIAN ANNUAL PAY (2024)	\$57,148	\$80,236

**Are you a senior planning to
attend ETSU and interested in
the marching band?**



For more information on
The Marching Bucs and to
submit your information, fill
out the Google form linked
to the QR code above!