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Title: Power Moves: Uva Coles left Peirce for Widener

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Power Moves is a semi-regular column chronicling leadership movements within Philly's social impact community. Send announcements to philly@generocity.org.

1. Academic administrator Uva Coles starts a new gig today.

Peirce College's VP of institutional advancement and strategic partnerships is now Widener University's associate VP of civic and global and engagement.

"It means I will lead a new center that will centralize Widener's priorities around inclusive community relations, partnership development, civic engagement, service learning and global strategies," Coles wrote in an email. "And I will do so with a strong team that has been seeding this ground for some time and is excited about amplifying this work even further locally, nationally and globally."

The Ignite Philly 21 guest curator and Introduced speaker worked at Peirce for nine years, including as VP of student services and executive advisor for the college's Diversity Council.

"I see roles as assignments and firmly believe I have completed the assignment I was charged with stewarding at Peirce and am now ready for an assignment with even broader potential for impact," she said. "The best news? The new role will leverage my background, experience, and passion for ensuring we are finding alignment between higher ed, workforce, and the communities we occupy. Better yet? I will continue to do this work with a focus on diversity, inclusion and equity. Today, more than ever, it matters immensely."

Title: Best Online Associate in Health Services Programs

Author: Bureau of Labor Statistics

Link: <https://thebestschools.org/rankings/best-online-associate-degree-health-service/>

Date: November 6, 2018

3. Peirce College

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Founded in 1865 to educate returning Civil War veterans, Peirce College is a private school in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Today, the college offers practical undergraduate degrees in business, information technology, paralegal studies, general studies, and healthcare.

Prospective students interested in one of the best health information technology online degree programs can pursue an AS in health information technology at Peirce. This program provides technical training in healthcare, business, and IT to help students begin or advance their healthcare careers. The flexible associate of science program is available fully online or as a hybrid option.

Students must complete 64 credits to graduate. Available courses include application software fundamentals, legal issues in health information management, CPT outpatient coding, and statistical applications in healthcare. All online learners also complete a three-credit professional practice experience at the end of the program, helping them build practical skills and develop professional connections.

Graduates can find work as medical assistants, insurance and claims specialists, and staff members at hospital facilities. Individuals who want to keep exploring the field can continue their education in Peirce's bachelor's in health information administration program. To further increase their employability, some students also pursue AHIMA certifications after they graduate.

Accreditation

Peirce College is regionally accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE). The AS in health information technology program is fully accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education (CAHIIM).

Title: State institution: These 4-year Pennsylvania schools attract the fewest in-state students

Author: Local Labs News Service

Link: <https://keystonebusinessnews.com/stories/511612393-state-institution-these-4-year-pennsylvania-schools-attract-the-fewest-in-state-students>

Date: November 12, 2018

Curtis Institute of Music, The Art Institute of Pittsburgh-Online Division and Haverford College enrolled the fewest in-state students of all four-year Pennsylvania schools, according to a Higher Education Tribune analysis of fall 2017 data.

The analysis is based on data reported annually to the U.S. Department of Education.

Pennsylvania 4-year schools attracting the fewest in-state students

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|-----|---|--------------|-------|------|----|----|----|
| 133 | University of Pittsburgh-Johnstown | Johnstown | 2,784 | 94% | 2% | 4% | 0% |
| 134 | Peirce College | Philadelphia | 1,389 | 95% | 5% | 0% | 0% |
| 135 | Pennsylvania State University-Penn State DuBois | DuBois | 585 | 95% | 2% | 2% | 1% |
| 136 | Strayer University-Pennsylvania | Trevoise | 1,789 | 95% | 5% | 0% | 0% |
| 137 | Pennsylvania College of Health Sciences | Lancaster | 1,686 | 97% | 3% | 0% | 0% |
| 138 | University of Phoenix-Pennsylvania | Philadelphia | 141 | 100% | 0% | 0% | 0% |

Title: These 4-year schools have the worst 'on time' graduation rates in Pennsylvania

Author: Local Labs News Service Staff

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Yeshivath Beth Moshe, DeVry University-Pennsylvania and The Art Institute of Pittsburgh-Online Division have the lowest 'on time' graduation rates among four-year schools in Pennsylvania, according to a Higher Education Tribune analysis of federal data.

The analysis includes the on-time graduation rates of students who began in 2010 at all four-year schools reported to the U.S. Department of Education.

Worst 'on time' graduation rates at Pennsylvania 4-year schools

| Rank | School | City | Enrollment | "4-year graduation rate |
|------|---|--------------|------------|-------------------------|
| 1 | Yeshivath Beth Moshe | Scranton | 45 | 10% |
| 2 | DeVry University-Pennsylvania | Washington | 533 | 11% |
| 3 | The Art Institute of Pittsburgh-Online Division | Pittsburgh | 4,675 | 12% |
| 4 | University of Phoenix-Pennsylvania | Philadelphia | 248 | 13% |
| 5 | Strayer University-Pennsylvania | Treose | 2,177 | 20% |
| 6 | Peirce College | Philadelphia | 1,563 | 21% |
| 7 | Pennsylvania State University-Penn State Shenango | Sharon | 462 | 24% |
| 8 | Cheyney University of Pennsylvania | Cheyney | 746 | 26% |
| 9 | Harrisburg University of Science and Technology | Harrisburg | 2,992 | 26% |
| 10 | Lackawanna College | Scranton | 1,489 | 27% |

Title: Widener names new leader to key external engagement post

Author: Tribune News Report Staff

Link: https://www.phillytrib.com/metros/delaware_county/widener-names-new-leader-to-key-external-engagement-post/article_f979625d-319c-567e-a8d3-2638e1062f80.html

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Widener University is pleased to announce the appointment of Uva Coles as associate vice president for Civic and Global Engagement. Coles, of Wilmington, Del., has extensive experience in higher education leadership.

As associate vice president, Coles will lead the university's efforts related to civic and global engagement, as well as services for international students. She will focus on the university's plans to establish a center that integrates global engagement, the Office of Civic Engagement and International Student Services, and that also deepens Widener's community engagement and partnership development strategies.

Coles began her position at Widener on Nov. 1, after serving as vice president for Advancement and Strategic Partnerships at Peirce College in Philadelphia.

"I am delighted to welcome Uva Coles to Widener," said President Julie E. Wollman. "She has an outstanding reputation as a dynamic and inclusive leader who is respected for her ability to forge innovative partnerships and advance institutional priorities. She is exactly the right person to lead the development of a Widener center focused on priorities of such significance."

Coles has an undergraduate degree in English from Claflin University in South Carolina, and a master's degree in management with a specialty in organizational leadership from Wilmington University in Delaware.

She currently serves on Philadelphia's Global Identity Advisory Board and was previously appointed to Philadelphia's Workforce Steering Committee, and to a mayor-appointed international delegation to Germany to study best practices in workforce development. Coles is also a member of the Economy League and was committee co-chair of its 2018 Greater Philadelphia Leadership Exchange and co-chair of the education subcommittee of the Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce's Regional Roadmap Steering Committee. Currently, Coles also serves as a board member of the Philadelphia Award and West Oak Lane Charter School.

The Philadelphia Urban Affairs Coalition honored Coles this month with its 2018 Friend of the Year Award.

Coles held multiple leadership positions during her nine-year tenure at Peirce College. Prior to her position in Advancement and Strategic Partnerships, she was vice president

of Student Services, dean of Career Development Services, and executive advisor of Peirce's Diversity and Inclusion Council. Before joining Peirce, Coles was vice president of intake services for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southeast Pennsylvania in Philadelphia.

"I am thrilled to join Widener and to support our community of faculty, staff, students, and partners - local and abroad - in finding common ground and amplifying our civic and global footprint and engagement," she said.