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# COMMUNITY ACTION

LEHIGH VALLEY



From all of us at Community Action Lehigh Valley, we wish you a Merry Christmas, Happy Holiday, and a Happy New Year! Your support helps families in our community find stability, opportunity, and hope. Your generosity creates a measurable impact throughout all of our programs, which can be found in our Annual Report.

As we look ahead to a new year, we invite you to continue partnering with us to create brighter futures for our neighbors.

Every gift makes a difference.

Thank you for being part of this important work.

There's SNOW  
time like the  
present to  
donate blood!



UPCOMING BLOOD DRIVE

## Waste Management

910 W. Pennsylvania Ave., Pen Argyl, PA 18072

**Friday, January 16<sup>th</sup>**

**12:30 pm - 3:00 pm**

To schedule your appointment  
follow this Link or Scan QR code

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### APPOINTMENTS REQUIRED

All donors must present valid ID with:

- First & Last Name
- Photo &/or Signature

Veterans, ask your coordinator about our complimentary MKBC Military Challenge Coin.



Before you donate, remember to drink plenty of fluids & eat within 2-3 hours of donation.

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## SENATOR ROSEMARY BROWN

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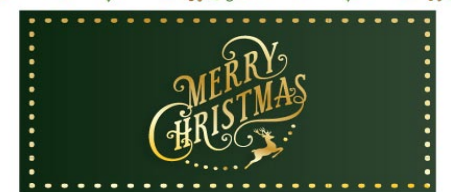


## Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!

By Senator Rosemary Brown

I offer you my warm wishes for a very Merry Christmas filled with joy and laughter. May you and your family enjoy a holiday season that is marked by joy and love.

My district office hours may be limited due to the holidays. Please call ahead to be sure my offices are open.



## Successful Start for Grow PA Scholarship Grant Program

By Senator Rosemary Brown

The first year of the Grow PA program to help connect young people to in-demand careers in Pennsylvania have been a tremendous success, according to statistics from the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA).

The Grow PA Scholarship Grant Program was created by the legislature last year to help reverse the trend of young Pennsylvanians seeking education and job opportunities in other states. The program offers grants of up to \$5,000 per year for in-state students who agree to attend college in Pennsylvania, pursue a degree in an in-demand occupation and work in that occupation in Pennsylvania after graduation.

PHEAA reports more than 11,000 applications for Grow PA in the first year. More than 4,000 applicants have already received grants, and another 2,300 applications were approved through early December. The average award per student was \$4,650.

The top programs of study in the first year of Grow PA included registered nursing, early childhood education, business administration and management, biological sciences and accounting.

Next year's application period is expected to open in early February.

## GROW PA BY THE NUMBERS

Grants Awarded Through Nov. 6:

**4,085**

Total Grants Approved Through Dec. 4:

**6,363**

Average Award Per Student:

**\$4,650**

## Committee Examines CDLs and REAL IDs Being Issued to Illegal Immigrants

By Senator Rosemary Brown

The Senate Transportation Committee held a public hearing to examine commercial vehicle safety and nondomiciled commercial driver's licenses (CDLs) following recent claims of CDLs and REAL IDs being issued to illegal immigrants.

Pennsylvania law bans regular and commercial driver's licenses for anyone unlawfully present in the commonwealth. Last month, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement arrested an illegal immigrant wanted for belonging to a terrorist organization. The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) issued him a CDL with a REAL ID indication in July.

The committee examined commercial vehicle safety and nondomiciled commercial driver's licenses with driving advocates, along with officials from PennDOT and the Pennsylvania State Police.

You can view the hearing and read testimony here <https://pasen.us21.list-manage.com/track/click?u=ad42733add2d5dc5f4866819b&id=efd973a50c&e=edb4da6c8a>.

