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PA TUITION

Pennsylvania has announced new tuition benefits for state employees at select schools. Lebanon Valley College is offering a fifteen percent discount in a variety of graduate and certificate programs for state employees and their dependents. Also, Shippensburg University will grant full-time state employees up to six credits for their work experience to count towards a Master of Public Administration. This recent development follows the Administration's day-one executive order waiving an initial college degree requirement for many Commonwealth positions.

NOTHING BEATS A JET 2 HOLIDAY

Philadelphia is gearing up for a new era of travel as construction begins on the PhilaPort Cruise Terminal, set to open in April 2026 and serve as a homeport for Norwegian Cruise Line. The 16-acre site near the airport will anchor a seven-year agreement that brings 41 annual sailings, thousands of jobs, and hundreds of millions of dollars in economic impact. Officials say the terminal will debut in time for the U.S. 250th anniversary, positioning the city as a new East Coast cruise departure spot.

ACROSS THE AISLE

Yesterday, President **Donald Trump** announced that he is pardoning U.S. Congressman **Henry Cuellar** (D-Texas) and his wife for conspiracy and bribery charges. The indictments occurred in May 2024 where the Cuellars were accused of accepting roughly \$600,000 to influence foreign policy for Azerbaijan and a bank in Mexico. Cuellar has served in Congress since 2005.

SNAP STRIKES BACK

The Trump Administration announced that it will withhold SNAP benefits from states that refuse to provide information on SNAP recipients. The Administration cites Democrat-led states as chief among those refusing to cooperate. The claim is that the information is needed to resolve rampant fraud occurring within the program according to the USDA. This comes off the heels of the SNAP freeze during the most recent government shutdown.

DOUGH-LIGHTED

With National Cookie Day today, shops are rolling out quick hit deals. Bang Cookies is giving the first 100 customers a free cookie and Chip City is adding a complimentary Chewie to app purchases. Crumbl is offering a bonus cookie with every six pack and Insomnia Cookies is handing out snowball cookies to early visitors with one purple filled cookie per store earning a year of free treats. Panera, Pepperidge Farm, and Subway are also joining in with buy one get one offers, cookie grams, and delivery perks so consider this your sign to crumb responsibly.



Happy Birthday

- State Senator **Camera Bartolotta**
- Former State Senator **Robert M. "Tommy" Tomlinson**
- **Ashley Jordan**, PAC Director, Pennsylvania Association for Justice
- **Ellisith Henry**, Writer



Committee Meetings

- Independent Regulatory Review Commission – 10:00AM - **Agenda**
- Pennsylvania Commission on Sentencing – 11:00AM – Quarterly business meeting



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