1837 CHEYNEY

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

EXCELLENCE BEGINS HERE

FRESHMEN & TRANSFER ADMISSIONS

“When you’re FIRST, you LEAD”
Aaron A. Walton
President, Cheyney University

WELCOME TO CHEYNEY UNIVERSITY

DEAR NEW CHEYNEY STUDENT:

It is with great pride that I welcome you to Cheyney University of Pennsylvania! My name is Aaron A. Walton, and I have the honor of serving as the thirteenth president of the nation's first Historically Black College/University (HBCU). You are about to embark upon a journey of self-discovery that will offer endless possibilities for your future. I am eager to meet you in person to gain insight into your upcoming academic adventure. Our vision for Cheyney University is to be the premier educational model of excellence in academics, character development, and social responsibility. You might ask, "How is that being accomplished?" By using two specific filters to make all our decisions at Cheyney—what is in the best interest of our students and what helps preserve this legacy institution.

That is our university's commitment to you. However, life is a two-way street, and we need a commitment from you. We need you to pledge to become a role model for those following you. You do this by exemplifying the University's core values—**scholarship, diversity, respect, integrity, and service**—in everything you do. We also encourage you to maximize the value of the nurturing environment of the HBCU experience, through the continuous display of pride in your heritage. Cheyney's distinctive history and mission demand that we strive to offer a highly valuable, relevant, and holistic college experience. With each life challenge comes new adjustments, and our student success model is designed to give you the support you need. Finally, we want you to persevere through the challenges you will face and take advantage of the opportunities available to you during your college life. Upon graduation, you will be able to boast that you are **Cheyney Made!** With great anticipation and expectation,

Aaron A. Walton

President Aaron Walton

Home at Cheyney

Welcome to our vibrant and close-knit community.

"I love Cheyney because the student body is like one big family-warm and welcoming. I couldn't have picked a better school to learn and grow. I am proud to say that I am CheyneyMade"

- Nia Vasquez

Living on campus feels like a home away from home, this is my favorite home, that has allowed me to let down my guard and feel comfortable living with other people.

- Jamilah Phillips

BE PART OF A LIKE-MINDED COMMUNITY

By choosing to live on campus, you can make friends for life, develop your leadership abilities through campus involvement, experience personal growth and transformation, and achieve academic success.

YOU NEVER HAVE TO WORRY AT CHEYNEY

Our safe, well-maintained residence halls include several amenities that will make you feel at home, like free WiFi, microwave and refrigerator, and cable access.

Academic Programs

Who can turn "I wish" to "I will"?
Cheyney can. Because for over 185 years, Cheyney has.

MAJOR COURSE OF STUDY

- Biology (B.S.)
Concentration in General Biology
Concentration in Pre-Medicine
Concentration in Pre-Nursing/
Health Professions
- Business Administration (B.S.)
- Communication (B.A.)
- Early Childhood Education (B.S)
- Early Childhood (PreK-4) and
Special Education (PreK-8) (B.S)
- Hotel, Restaurant, and
Tourism Management (B.S)
- Liberal Studies (B.A)
Concentration in Education and Learning
Concentration in General Liberal Studies
- Psychology (B.A)
- Recreation and Leisure Management (B.S)
- Social Relations (B.A.)
Concentration in American Political
Studies
Concentration in Criminal Justice
Concentration in Sociology

MINORS

- Biology
- Communication Arts
- Hotel, Restaurant, and
Tourism Management
- Psychology
- Recreation and Leisure Management
- Social Relations

CERTIFICATES

- Art Education (18 credits)
- Graphic Design Arts (18 credits)

Our newly redesigned academic programs and curriculum align appropriately with current workforce demands and further demonstrates our commitment to ensuring a standard of quality in instruction, academic rigor, and educational effectiveness across all courses and programs to guarantee student success.

"Cheyney has given me many opportunities that have helped me through my college career. I have met some amazing people that have turned into family. I wouldn't want to spend my college years anywhere else but Cheyney, Cheyney the FIRST HBCU"
- Rosalinda Diaz

DID YOU KNOW?

15 - 1 *average student to teacher ratio*

$45,000 *average starting salary of graduates*

1/4 *of students are honors students*

Ranked #16 *for Best Historically Black Colleges and Universities*

Test-Optional Admissions Program

Cheyney University is now test-optional for applicants seeking admission.
Students **will be guaranteed admission** to Cheyney University if you meet one of the following:

- High school GPA of a 3.0 or greater at the end of your junior year (based on a college preparatory curriculum on a 4.0 GPA scale).
- Top 25% high school class ranking or higher at the end of your junior year.

If you do not meet the guaranteed admissions criteria above, your application will be evaluated for admissions using a combination of factors which may include:

- Class ranking
- Grade Point Average
- Rigor of high school coursework (core courses)
- Attendance record
- Letters of recommendation from your HS Principal, Counselor and Teachers
- Interview with Cheyney University admissions committee

CHEYNEY UNIVERSITY TEST-OPTIONAL FAQs

What is Cheyney Test-Optional?

- The Cheyney test-optional is an admissions path for talented students whose potential for academic success is not accurately captured by standardized test scores.
- Unlike a GPA, standardized test scores do not always accurately reflect a student's academic ability or how well they will perform in college.

Why is Cheyney Test-Optional?

- Cheyney supports the holistic evaluation of our first-year candidates for admission.
- We value the many ways in which our prospective students can demonstrate their academic strengths and potential to succeed in college.
- Students might feel that test scores do not accurately represent their true potential for success.

How do I apply as Test-Optional?

- Simply submit your application and high school transcript to Cheyney University and if you meet the criteria for test-optional admissions, your application will be automatically reviewed for admission without test scores.

What if I send my test scores after being admitted as Test-Optional?

- The admission decision will not change unless you subsequently meet the Honors Program requirements.

If I choose Test-Optional, can I still be considered for academic scholarships and the Honors Program?

- Yes. All test-optional applicants will automatically be considered for academic scholarships and admission to the Honors Program.

Transfer To Cheyney

Make your transfer process as seamless as possible by following the steps below:
Step 1: Apply for admissions. This can be completed online at: www.cheyney.edu/apply. Please indicate that you are applying to be considered for admission as a transfer candidate. There is no cost associated with applying.
Step 2: Submit an official transcript from all previously attended post-secondary institution. Transcripts are considered official if they have been sent directly from the institution(s) attended or submitted in an unopened sealed envelope. Your transcripts may also be submitted electronically online via Parchment, Navient or National Student Clearinghouse.
Step 3: Submit an official final High School transcript. The high school transcript will not be factored into the admissions decision. An official final high school transcript with your graduation date on the document must be on file to award financial aid.

TRANSFER ELIGIBILITY

Transfer applicants must have completed a minimum of 12 college-level credits and have achieved at least a 2.0 cumulative grade point average (GPA). If you attended multiple institutions, the grade point average is calculated by combining all previously attended institutions.

Applicants who have less than 12 college-level credits, admission will be determine by evaluating both the high school and college transcripts.

CREDIT EVALUATIONS

Transfer credits will be evaluated by the Office of Admissions and the University Registrar. Please keep in mind that only credits may transfer to Cheyney University.

CU graduates seeking to earn a 2nd undergraduate degree, are considered transfer applicants.

For more info, visit: cheyney.edu/transfer

Financial Aid & Scholarships

Financing Your Education

Apply for free financial aid at www.fafsa.gov. List Cheyney University as your first choice on the application. Our school code is **003317**. More information is available at: **www.cheyney.edu/financialaid.** For personal assistance/questions, contact CU Office of Financial Aid at: **610-399-2302**.

Finances shouldn't limit your ability to learn. We offer scholarships based on a variety of criteria and provide numrous scholarships, grants, loans, internships, and campus employment opportunities to make a quality education within reach.

OPPORTUNITIES INCLUDE:

• Tom Joyner II Scholarship • Cheyney Alumni Scholarships • Richard Humphrey Scholarship • Thurgood Marshall Scholarship • PECO Scholarships *(S.T.E.M. majors)* • James Huges Memorial Scholarship • Linda D. Simmons Endowment Scholarship

- Price Scholarship *(Adverstising & Journalism majors)*
- Cheyney Foundation PECO Scholarship *(S.T.E.M. majors)*
- Good Neighbor Scholarship *(Awarded to Out-of-State Residents)*
- Bogle Endowed Scholarship *(Majors in Communication & Journalism)*
- Presidential Academic Scholarship *(Awarded to Out-of-State Residents)*
- William Vaux Scholarship *(Hotel Restaurant Management & Graphic Design majors)*
- **All students are considered for Merit - Based Scholarships**

THE KEYSTONE SCHOLARSHIP:

This scholarship is awarded to a select group of students who meet the requirements for Pennsylvania domicile (including US citizenship or permanent residency).

The scholarship is a four-year scholarship that will cover the cost of your entire college expense over the next four years and provide you with an oppotunity to graduate with a bachelor's degree debt-free. The award includes room, board, fees, meals, and books.

By accepting the Keystone Scholarship, you will become a member of the Cheyney University Honors Academy. As a CU Honors Academy member, not only will you have a cast support network of faculty and programs on campus, but you will also have an opportunity to develop the leadership qualities that will guide you throughout your life beyond Cheyney.

“Receiving the Keystone Scholarship means everything to me. I received thousands of dollars in scholarships, and I was able to attend Cheyney without having to take out a loan. I also loved the fact that I am very close to home.”
- Rachel Ezeamaka, Senior, Bio Pre-Med Major

DID YOU KNOW?

1 in 5 *students pays nothing to attend Cheyney*
$50,000 *average scholarship students receive*
95% *of students receive scholarships*

Tuition & Fees

Academic Year 2024 – 2025

Full-Time Costs

$10,904	In-State Tuition + Fees
$18,870	Out-Of-State Tuition + Fees (with 10% reduction applied)*
$11,892	Room & Meals (On Average)

Total In-State
$22,796

Total Out-Of-State
$30,762

A Rich History

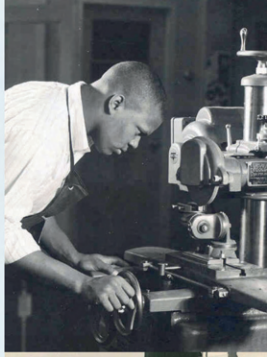
Cheyney University of Pennsylvania – 187 Years of History

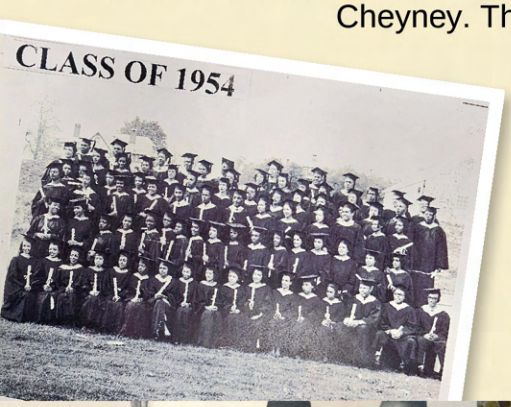
Cheyney University was founded in 1837 by Richard Humphreys, a Quaker philanthropist who bequeathed $10,000, one-third of his estate, for the creation of a school to educate the “descendants of the African race”. Born on the West Indian island of Tortola, young Richard Humphreys saw black men and women working as slaves on his father’s plantation. Later, living and working in Philadelphia, he witnessed the huge influx of immigrants into Philadelphia from Europe which created fierce competition for jobs between the new immigrants and free black laborers, ultimately resulting in the displacement of the free black laborers. The ramifications of the resulting crisis led to a series of violent race riots beginning in 1829, directed chiefly against the blacks. Witnessing these events and the injustice directed against Philadelphia’s free black citizens compelled Richard Humphreys to pen his will in that same year, 1829.

Because of Humphreys, The African Institute was established in 1837 and was re-named the Institute for Colored Youth in 1852. In 1902, the Institute purchased land owned by Quaker farmer George Cheyney at Cheyney Station, 25 miles west of its Philadelphia location, in order to increase its academic offerings. The Institute became the Cheyney Training School for Teachers in 1914 to better reflect its purpose. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania purchased the school from the Quakers in 1922 as a result of the school’s desire to become a standard normal school.

The first baccalaureate degrees were awarded in 1932. Accreditation by the Middle States Association was first secured in 1951 after the school followed several recommendations including a name change to the State Teachers College at Cheyney. The school became Cheyney State College in 1959. The Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE) was established on July 1, 1983. Cheyney State College, the nation’s first historically Black institution of higher education, became Cheyney University of Pennsylvania, the oldest of the 14 PASSHE member institutions.

Cheyney students today come from a wide range of ethnicities, cultures, and countries. They get educational training that goes far beyond Richard Humphreys’ original vision and go on to become capable leaders and valuable members of society.





Athletics

The Sporting Life at Cheyney

Cheyney University is all about helping each student fulfill their full potential — and that includes both academically and athletically. The development of character, individual and team skills, the will to win, and a sense of fair play and sportsmanship help to build graduates who are more fully prepared to make positive contributions to society.
We will soon be replacing the Historical Cope Hall Gym with a $48 million State of the Art Sports Complex. This Complex will have an indoor multiplex, that will house two full-size turf playing fields, four outdoor turf fields, two grass outdoor fields, tennis and basketball courts, and new food, locker, and gym facilities. Cheyney currently has men & womans basketball, woman's volleyball and cheerleading.

Student Organizations

Get Involved

At Cheyney, you'll have the opportunity to join a variety of organizations that match your interests and offer opportunities to expand your social circle.

CAMPUS STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

- The Brotherhood
- Business Club
- Collegiate 100 – 100 Black Men
- Criminal Justice
- CRU/Bible Study
- DIVAS
- Gold Diamonds
- Hispanic and Latino Organization (HALO)
- ICONIC Entertainment
- Mature Addiction
- Muslim Student Association
- National Association for the
- Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)
- National Council of Negro Women (NCNW)
- National Society of Leadership And Success (NSLS)
- National Society of Minorities In Hospitality (NSMH)
- Pre-Law Society
- Recreation Club
- Sexuality and Gender Alliance (SAGA)
- Students of All Nations/ United Nations
- The Sisterhood

Enrollment Contact Info

ADMISSIONS

PRIMARY OFFICE NUMBER
(610) 399 - 2275

WHAT DOES ADMISSIONS HELP WITH?

We answer questions about the admissions process, eligibility, classes offered, and tuition.

FINANCIAL AID

PRIMARY OFFICE NUMBER
(610) 399 - 2302

WHAT DOES FINANCIAL AID HELP WITH?

We help students apply for and receive student loans, grants, scholarships, and other types of financial aid.

You are never alone. We are here to help you.

HOUSING

PRIMARY OFFICE NUMBER
(610) 399 - 2428

WHAT DOES HOUSING HELP WITH?

We assist students in all aspects of their on-campus living experience.

BURSAR

PRIMARY OFFICE NUMBER
(610) 399 - 2224

WHAT DOES THE BURSAR HELP WITH?

We help with billing of tuition, disbursing Financial Aid funds, and making payment plans.

REGISTRAR

PRIMARY OFFICE NUMBER
(610) 399 - 2225

WHAT DOES THE REGISTRAR HELP WITH?

We assist with class registrations, grades, maintaining academic records, class schedules, providing transcripts and ensuring graduation requirements are met.

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- Parking- Visitor Lots (A, B, C, D, E)
- Parking- Staff & Reserved (P)
- Mass Transit- Bus Station
- Historic Quadrangle (Quad)
- Fountain
- Emergency Call Box

Emergency Call Box

Emergency Call Boxes are available for use in the event of an emergency. They provide direct communication with Public Safety.

WE'LL CU SOON!

1-800-CHEYNEY

WWW.CHEYNEY.EDU/APPLY

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