



WGAL 8 NBC Harrisburg featured AICUP six (6) times on April 9, 2025, for student advocates at “AICUP Day on the Hill.” The six clips included five live shots (student interviews from the Capitol at 5am, 5:30am, 6am, 6:30am, and a pan-over at 6:55am) and a recorded interview in the afternoon at the press conference).

Video clips:

- 0500 <https://youtu.be/xB2mgsQsSmE?si=LZDEsZbxnjVmmM8P>
- 0530 <https://youtu.be/b2xGMlg4FKk?si=K3WCChAbri99Koki>
- 0600 https://youtu.be/1RZy_plJgtY?si=WDDCxVhqqQjQBft
- Afternoon <https://youtu.be/xB2mgsQsSmE?si=LZDEsZbxnjVmmM8P>

MSN reprint 1:

<https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/us/colleges-and-universities-gather-at-state-capitol-to-call-on-lawmakers/ar-AA1CD32e>

MSN reprint 2:

<https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/us/college-students-rally-for-state-grants/ar-AA1CCnEQ>

WGAL Story:




<https://www.wgal.com/article/college-students-rally-state-grants-harrisburg-aicup/64431731>

College students rally for state grants in Harrisburg



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HARRISBURG, Pa. —

More than 20 schools from across Pennsylvania are gathering at the state Capitol to advocate for higher education and funding for smaller institutions.

Those schools are members of the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (AICUP), which represents 85 independent nonprofit higher education institutions.

More than half of Pennsylvania's four-year college students attend independent nonprofit schools (AICUP), totaling 275,000 students, challenging common stereotypes about private institutions.

Pennsylvania State grants like PHEA grants help students financially who are pursuing bachelor's degrees. Without grants like PHEA, students' future could be in jeopardy. Some students who are first-generation college students or live in a single-parent household solely depend on PA state grants to graduate.

Students want to stress the importance of state grants to lawmakers.

AICUP schools contribute significantly to Pennsylvania's workforce, graduating 44,000 students annually—more than any other sector. They also award the majority of STEM, nursing, and teacher certification degrees in the state.