



THE POWER AND PROMISE OF PASSHE

Contributions to the State

State System universities are catalysts for upward social mobility for the whole community, and especially for those that face social and economic barriers to success. While State System universities undoubtedly provide a personal benefit to their students, they also represent a public good that has a multiplier effect for their communities and for the commonwealth.

- Total economic impact of the State System on the commonwealth is \$4.0 billion.
- Each dollar the commonwealth invests in a State System university produces an average return of \$8.30 in economic impact.

PASSHE universities also bring together faculty and staff from various disciplines and professional backgrounds to solve challenges facing the commonwealth.

A few examples include East Stroudsburg’s Dr. Jane Huffman Wildlife Genetics Institute, IUP’s Institute for Rural Health and Safety, Mansfield’s Public Safety Training Institute, and PASSHE’s Frederick Douglass Institute.

- **ESU’s Dr. Jane Huffman Wildlife Genetics Institute** is home to the Pennsylvania Tick Research Lab which offers free tick testing to all commonwealth residents. Since 2019, **the lab has tested more than 65,000 ticks coming from all Pennsylvania counties.**
- From 2017 to 2023, the **IUP Institute for Rural Health and Safety** enrolled 241 students in its Paramedic program. During the same timeframe, **the Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Training program enrolled 878 students.**
- Since its founding in 2018, **Mansfield’s Public Safety Training Institute** has provided **more than 135,000 hours of training to approximately 3,500 practitioners** on hundreds of topics regarding public safety. **The overall number of trainees in 2022 increased by 65%** compared to the year prior.
- PASSHE’s **Frederick Douglass Institute** creates innovative programs to achieve **optimal outcomes for underrepresented minority students** at the undergraduate, graduate, and postdoctoral levels and to facilitate their **progress toward meaningful careers.**

