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## **Pierpont Updates Academic Calendar for 2020-21**

Fairmont, W.Va. - As our community and state continues to battle COVID-19, Pierpont Community & Technical College will be updating their academic calendar to accommodate students returning to campus for fall of 2020. The start date for both the full fall semester and the first 8-week term will now be August 17<sup>th</sup>. This is a one-week delay from the prior start date. The start date for the 12-week term will not be affected and will begin as scheduled on August 31<sup>st</sup>. The ending dates of the semester will also remain the same, with the exception of the first 8-week term. The first 8-week term will now conclude on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. The full semester, 12-week term, and second 8-week term will conclude on November 20<sup>th</sup> as planned. These changes will be effective immediately and a new academic calendar will be added as soon as possible.

Students living in on-campus housing will need to review the Fairmont State Housing information that was sent to them. With questions about housing, please contact Fairmont State's Office of Housing and Residence Life.

Students looking to begin school later in the year will have plenty of opportunities. As stated above, Pierpont will continue to offer their 8-week terms and 12-week term. Students have the option of beginning their semester in mid-August, end of August, or October, giving students flexible options to continue their education. Pierpont also offers a variety of general education courses online. For more information regarding course schedules, please email [admit@pierpont.edu](mailto:admit@pierpont.edu).

For questions regarding the academic calendar change, please call 304-367-4907 or email [reopening@pierpont.edu](mailto:reopening@pierpont.edu).