



## YTI helps students find housing

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YORK, Pa. (WHTM) – Career schools like York Technical Institute offer training and education as an alternative to going to four-year colleges and universities. Now, the school is helping students find a place to live.

"It shows they actually care about their students," Caleb Stringfellow, a YTI student said.

More than 20 YTI students and their families rode a bus Friday in hopes of finding a place to live during the school year, but they're getting some help.

"Our goal is to make the transition as easy as we can for incoming students," said Jan Vergos, director of student services.

That's why school leaders are working with area landlords to secure special pricing and lease terms because many of their students aren't from the area.

"I know there's a lot of schools that have dorms, but they don't really help you with off-campus housing," Stringfellow said.

YTI provided a bus tour for students to explore housing options and to meet potential roommates, something many schools don't offer their students.

"Which was nice, so that I can come to school on the first day and not know nobody at all," Amber Smith, another YTI student said.

"It makes it a little less scary when you're going to an unfamiliar place if you have a familiar face," Vergos said.

The school offers a variety of accelerated training programs including veterinary training, culinary arts, and motor sports technology.

As the cost of a four-year college tuition continues to rise, so has the institute's enrollment.

"It's not just English, math, and everything else. They incorporate it with what you're going for so it's easier to focus on," student Rebecca Filak said.

"A lot of our students I feel come to school because they maybe can avoid some unnecessary classes, and are able to get their degree faster or their diploma and get into their career field faster than what they may be able to at a traditional school", Vergos said.

The students will begin class in August.

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