

IGNITE 2026

A Summer College Preparedness Camp – Dates TBD



The Brad McGarry Center for Neurodiversity announces the second annual IGNITE program – a one-week summer college preparedness camp for rising high school sophomores and juniors. This residential camp builds off the 15+ years of successfully hosting CREATE, a three-week program for rising high school seniors and recent graduates. Students participating in IGNITE will learn all aspects of college life, experience living in a residence hall, eat in Grotto Commons dining hall, and build key social skills that are instrumental in the post-secondary transition.

Sample Day:

8:00 – 9:00 a.m.	Breakfast
9:00 – 10:45 a.m.	Workshops (e.g. <i>Executive Functioning, independent living, etc.</i>)
11:00 – 11:45 a.m.	Activity (e.g. <i>campus tour, scavenger hunt, etc.</i>)
12:00 – 2:00 p.m.	Lunch & Break
2:00 – 3:00 p.m.	Presentation by Campus Resources
3:00 – 4:00 p.m.	College Course Lecture (<i>different topic each day</i>)
4:00 – 5:00 p.m.	Break
5:00 – 6:00 p.m.	Dinner
6:00 – 9:00 p.m.	Activity
9:00 p.m.	Lights Out

Apply Here: <https://go.mercyhurst.edu/register/IGNITEapplication>

The cost for the IGNITE program is \$1,250 per student, and includes all programming, housing, food, and transportation for off-campus activities.



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