

Welcome Expo showcases businesses, schools and services in the Carlisle community

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International fellows stop for a photo as they make their way around the Indian Field track during the welcome expo.

New Army War College students, their families and other newcomers to Carlisle Barracks were able to learn more about their new community during the Welcome Expo, Sep. 2.

“Overall, I think it was a great way to showcase organizations, services, businesses, and schools available within the Carlisle community,” said Lt. Col. Shari Bennett, 2020 resident student. “Although it was smaller than previous years, the vendors provided a great representation of the diverse activities available for students and families,” she said.

It was held outside this year on Indian Field to ensure social distancing protocols. The day-long event brought together on-post service and support organizations together with Carlisle community businesses, sports

clubs, service organizations. The expo is among other events that welcome students during first part of their school year.

“The whole concept of the welcome expo, is to get incoming Army War College students acclimated to the area,” said Maureen Henne, Mary Kay consultant. “So it’s almost like we’re bringing the downtown organizations to you in a one stop shopping event. Getting them the information, so that they will eventually will go to a store or a restaurant in Carlisle,” said Henne.

“We have a great running and hiking community,” said Linda Reilly, Appalachian Running Company. “We have runs from our store on Wednesday nights that run through and around the Carlisle community giving someone the opportunity to see Carlisle in another way. On Saturday we run out on the Appalachian Trail, Kings Gap, Pine Grove Furnace which are all on in our back yard.”

Reilly is also the race director for Logan’s Run for Autism which is held yearly in Harrisburg.