



SUMMER 2023

# ACE-NET NEWS

William Paterson University Chapter

## New Co-Chairs Announced

The William Paterson University ACE-NET chapter has taken an assertive approach to identifying the women who can grow from this network, developing the means to grow in our careers, encouraging us to reach for higher ground and overcome obstacles, advancing our cause at every opportunity, linking us with our colleagues in trusting, meaningful relationships that help us along our career paths, and supporting us in our efforts to become more than we ever thought we could.

We are happy to announce the two wonderful women who will lead our chapter as co-chairs for 2023-2024: Theresa Bivaletz, Social Worker for Student Support & Resources (pictured above, left) and Jenny Nesenjuk, Assistant Director of Career Development (pictured above, second from right). If you would like to learn more about our chapter and how to get involved, reach out to them.



## 2022-2023 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

### CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

Period Project  
Career Closet

### NETWORKING EVENTS

Coffee Breaks  
Happy Hour

### ANNUAL EVENTS

President's Breakfast  
Pay It Forward Campaign



## ACE-NET Levelled Up at Annual Breakfast

The William Paterson Chapter of ACE-NET hosted its annual Breakfast with the President in April. While the event was a wonderful opportunity for the female-identifying members of our professional staff and faculty to network, it was also a great time for us to discuss leveling up - the theme of this year's event. Our guest speaker, Loretta McLaughlin Vignier, Chief of Staff to the President and Board of Trustees (pictured at the podium below), gave an emotional and humorous talk as the Keynote Speaker



enlightening us with her unconventional journey into Higher Education and ultimately to her current position at William Paterson. Those in attendance found common ground as Loretta shared stories of her obstacles and successes both personally and professionally. Everyone drew inspiration from her "Top 10 List" for leveling up filled with advice like knowing when to say "no" (#4), having a plan (#7), finding a mentor (#3) and confidante (#2) - yes, those are different! - and walking through open doors (#5). With President Helldobler reaffirming his commitment to providing opportunities for female-identifying faculty and staff to level up at William Paterson through training and development, attendees at breakfast left feeling motivated for the next steps in their careers and personal journeys.

"Give  
grace  
- to  
others  
and  
yourself."

LORETTA MCLAUGHLIN VIGNIER

