

WILLIAM PATERSON UNIVERSITY STUDENT DIVERSITY & INCLUSION



Spring Programs for Faculty Consideration

SPRING 2023

PROGRAMS & EVENTS ARE DONE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH DEPARTMENTS AND UNITS ACROSS THE UNIVERSITY

Participation in these programs will offer students across all disciplines an arc of learning on topics centered around social justice, identity, and community building. Students gain new insight, learn how to engage with others across differences; and develop new strategies that support career and personal goals.



2023 MLK Day of Civic Engagement Conference featuring keynote presentation followed by faculty-led panel presentations and Activities.
Friday, January 27, 2023 | Ballrooms
9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Join us for a meaningful way to engage the legacy of Dr. King Jr. with keynote address. Students will then break out into two unique panel presentations each moderated by Dr. Mark Ellis and Dr. Djanna Hill. Civic Engagement and Service will conclude the experience.

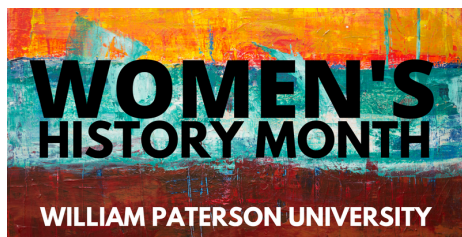
Sponsored by Campus Activities, Service & Leadership; the Office of Student Diversity & Inclusion, the American Democracy Project, and the Department of Community and Social Justice



Black History Month celebration theme "Black Resistance: Pride, Power, Persistence" will highlight stories of strength, advocacy, and change through the focal lens of economics, culture, religion, and politics from Feb 1 - Feb 26.

Wednesday, Feb 1, 2023 | 6 p.m.
Opening Keynote Speaker.

This experience is sponsored by the Student Government Association



Women's History Month celebration theme "Celebrating Women who tell our Stories" offers a wide range of programs, workshops, and performances from March 1 - March 16.

Thursday, March 2, 2023 | 12:30 p.m.

Opening Keynote Speaker.

This experience is sponsored by the Student Government Association



Asian Cultural Celebration offers a wide range of programs, workshops, and performances from March 21 - March 30

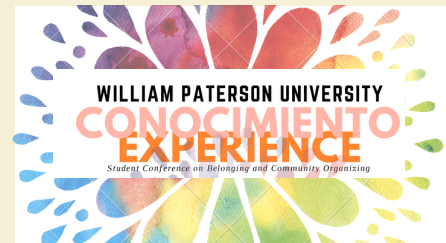
Tuesday, March 21, 2023 | 12:30 p.m.

Opening Performance and Food Festival.

This experience is sponsored by the Student Government Association and the Asian Studies Program

Full details and additional Spring events and student activities will be shared on Pioneer Life.

For more information please contact diversity-inclusion@wpunj.edu



The Conocimiento Experience: Student Conference on Belonging and Community Organizing.

Tuesday, April 4, 2023 | Ballrooms
Opening Session 12:30 p.m. - 1:50 p.m.
Break Out Sessions 2:00p.m. - 3:15 p.m.
Break Out Sessions 3:30 - 4:45p.m.

Conocimiento is a practice that was articulated by Gloria E. Anzaldúa as a framework to understand identity formation and critical consciousness of cultural resiliency. This experience is open to all students regardless of identity and or in terms of political activism.

The conference will begin at 12:30 p.m. - 1:50 p.m. and have breakout sessions 2-3:15 p.m. and 3:30-4:45 p.m. For this 3rd annual experience we are seeking to:

- Offer micro presentations (20 min) breakout sessions that are led by students, faculty, and invited speakers.
- Showcase student research or thesis that aligns with Social Justice issues (display boards, or as mini-presentations)
- Create opportunities for students to engage in dialogue and reflection
- Incorporate strategies that make this experience more applicable towards the students' career readiness goals.

Please contact committee members Dr. Ellen Frye, Dr. Lillian Milanes or Yolany Gonell to submit an idea to participate, if you have any questions, or for more information.

Details on webpage:
<https://www.wpunj.edu/osdi/center-for-latinidad/conocimiento-experience>

HOW FACULTY CAN ENGAGE STUDENTS IN THESE CO-CURRICULAR EXPERIENCES

OFFER EXTRA CREDIT

Ask students to attend as part of the course co-curricular experience. This can be paired with reflection paper or completion of the Social Justice Leadership Badge reflection survey. Attendance will be shared with faculty.

BRING CLASS TO EVENT

Contact Yolany Gonell with course title and number of students. Depending on capacity, you may engage in person or virtually in the comfort of your classroom via zoom.

SHARE RECOMMENDATIONS

Contact Yolany Gonell or Myranda Barreau with speaker or program ideas. We'll work with you to coordinate an experience during your class time.