



Exploratory Students
Meet Your Academic Success Team

Advisement Staff/Academic Advisors and Career Development Staff

Poll

How many WPU majors are you currently exploring?

- A. None, going with the flow
- B. Between one and three, we are far down the path
- C. Between three and five, need to explore more
- D. Everything is possible. Can I just major in everything?

Pioneer Exploratory Community

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The Pioneer Exploratory Community serves to:

- Assist students in exploring and familiarizing themselves with the full range of academic majors offered at William Paterson University.
- Connect students with academic departments and partner offices to provide opportunities to expand their knowledge of academic majors in order to aid in the decision making process.
- Recognize that the academic decision making process is unique to each individual, and in doing so, offer several high impact practices to address the needs of individual students such as through advisement meetings, small group sessions, workshops and large scale events.
- Provide open avenues of communication with students and their support systems during all stages of the decision making process.
- Facilitate goal setting for major declaration in order to assist exploratory students in being committed to staying on track for timely and cost effective degree completion.

YOUR SUCCESS TEAM

High School

Guidance Counselor

Teachers

Coaches

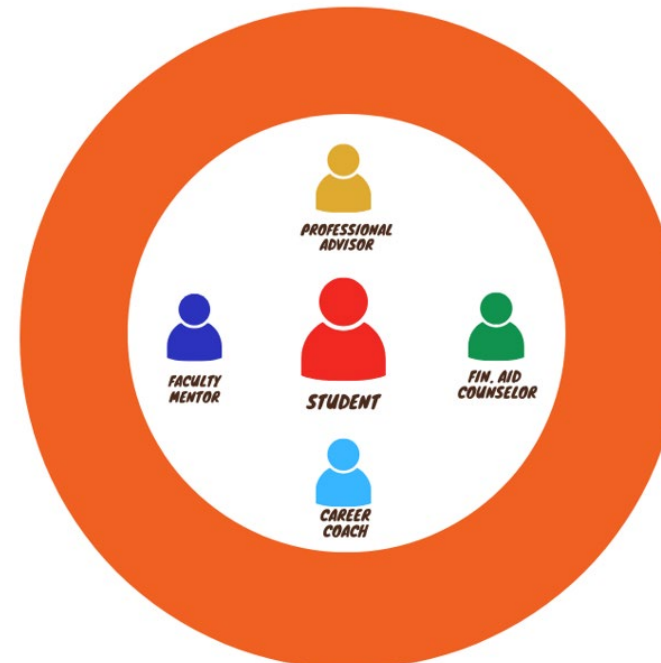
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Supports Students' Personal
Well-Being & Growth

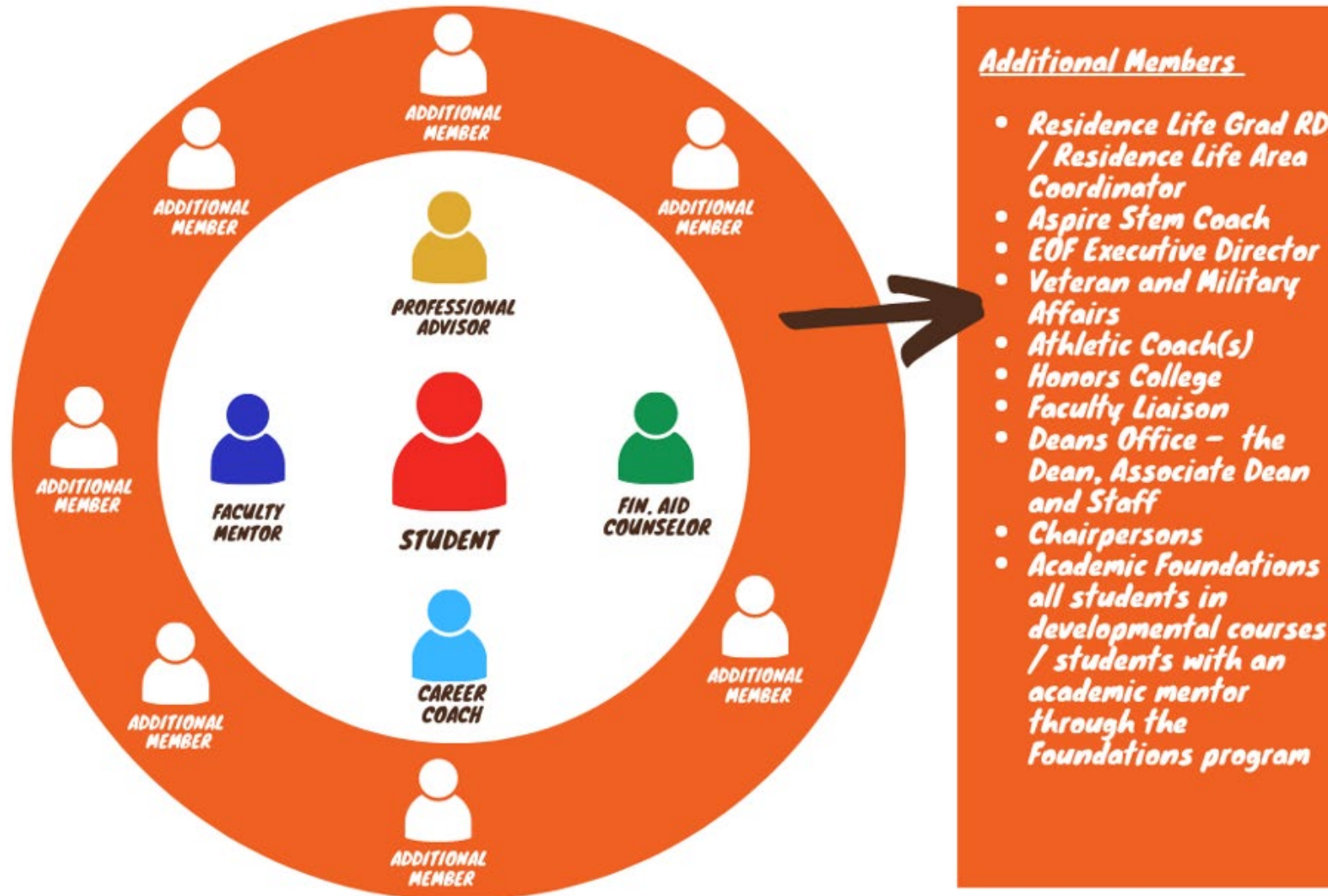


Helps Students
Navigate Academic
Exploration &
Achieve Their Goals

YOUR PERSONAL WPU
SUCCESS TEAM



William Paterson University Success Team



PEC Spring 2024 Events/Programs!



Pioneer Exploratory Community Spring 2024 Events and Programs

Feb 8th, UC Multipurpose Room, 12:30-1:30, *Find a Major to LOVE* ❤️

Feb 29th, on Zoom, 12:30-1:30, *Take a LEAP into a Major!*, with academic department faculty

March 7th, UC Ballrooms, 12:00-2:00 *Career Fair*, with the Career Development Center

March 11-15th *Declare Week!* Declare your major at the Advisement Center, for a prize!

April 4th, 12:30-2:00 UC Ballrooms, *Minors and Certificate Programs Mixer*

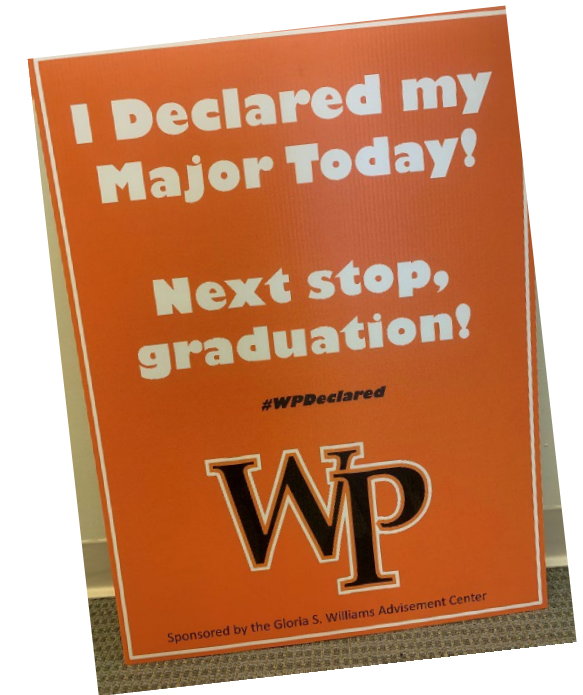
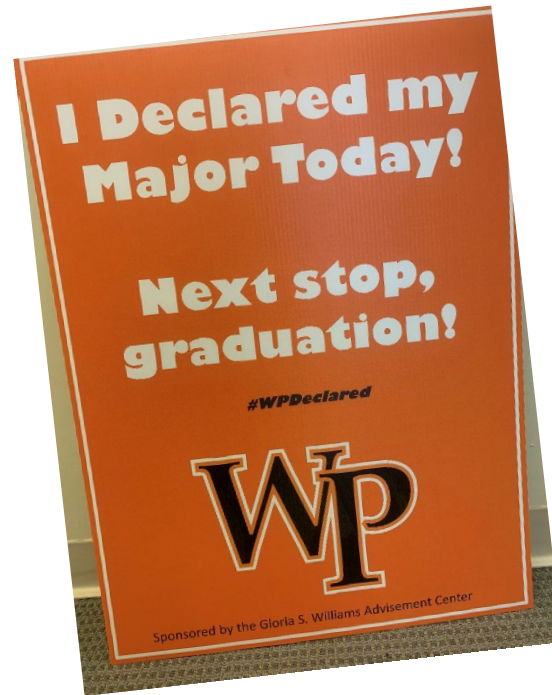
Ongoing: *Major Mentors Connections*, connect with a student in the major you are considering!

For more information about Exploring Majors, Minors and Certificates:

Deborah Sheffield, Academic Advisor and PEC Coordinator |
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Cotsakos College of Business

- Accounting
- Economics
- Finance
- Financial Planning
- Finance: Credit Analysis and Commercial Banking
- Global Business Studies
- Digital Marketing
- Marketing Management
- Management
- Professional Sales

College of Science and Health

- Actuarial Science
- Athletic Training
- Biology
- Biotechnology
- Chemistry
- Communication Disorders
- Computer Information Technology
- Computer Science
- Earth Science
- Environmental Science
- Environmental Sustainability
- Exercise Science
- Health Studies
- Integrated Math and Science
- Mathematics BA/BS
- Nursing
- Physical Education
- Public Health
- Sport Management

College of Education

- Early Childhood Education*
- Elementary Education*
- Elementary Education *w Middle School/Subject Matter Endorsement**
- Secondary Education (K-12) *
- Secondary Education w
- Disability Studies
- Disability Studies Minor

* Must be paired with a state approved second major

College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

- Africana-World Studies
- Anthropology
- Studio Art
- Communication
- Community Development and Social Justice Studies
- Criminology and Criminal Justice
- Ethics
- English—Writing, Literature tracks
- BA Fine Arts—numerous concentrations
- History
- Latin American and Latino Studies
- Leadership and Professional Studies
- Legal Studies
- Liberal Studies—numerous tracks
- Music—BA, BM—numerous concentrations
- Philosophy
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Sociology
- Spanish
- Urban Science and Society
- Women's and Gender Studies

A myriad of minors!

Accounting
Business Administration
Economics
Professional Sales
Biology
Chemistry
Communication Disorders
Computer Information Systems
Computer Science
Environmental Science
Health Studies
Mathematics
Physics
Public Health
Sport Management
Statistics for Math Majors
Statistics for non-Math Majors

Africana World Studies
American Studies
Anthropology
Art Studio
Art History
Asian Studies
Communication Studies
Criminology and Criminal Justice
English—Writing, Literature tracks
Ethics
Film Studies
Forensic Studies
History
Italian and Italian American Studies
International Cinema Studies
International Studies
Journalism

Latin American and Latino Studies
Legal Studies
Linguistics
Middle East Studies
Media Studies
Music—numerous tracks
Philosophy
Political Science
Professional Communication
Public Policy and Administration
Public Relations
Psychology
Religious Studies
Social Justice Studies
Sociology
Spanish/for the Professions
Theatre & Comedy
Urban Studies
Visual Communication
World Literature
Women's and Gender Studies

HOW ADVISORS WILL ASSIST

- **Proactive** Advisement
- Build relationships with students and help them **navigate** the university
- **Establish** short- and long-term **academic goals**
- Teach **Will. Power.** Courses as a part of the **Career Community**
- **Clarify** academic policies, procedures and major **requirements**
- Major & Minor Exploration **Workshops & Events**
- **One on one** guided exploration sessions
- Individualized and group **advisement sessions**
- **Monitor** your academic progress
- **Acclimate** to WPU
- Help you **declare** your major **or** minor



Also...our **Student Peer Advisors & Peer Leaders**
are available as guides & mentors to **help!**


Major Decision Making Strategies

- Talk to your Academic Advisor Attend a workshop
 - Think, Visualize, and Journal
 - Take a variety of UCC courses
 - Make pro/con list
 - Learn and reflect on your values, skills and abilities
 - Explore career paths with a Career Counselor
 - Conduct a “What-If” analysis on your Degreeworks Evaluation
 - Take a list of majors and narrow it down by process of elimination
 - Join clubs and activities
 - **Pioneer Exploratory Community Events and mentoring**
 - Consider a double major or a minor
 - Conduct career and major research with your advisor
- Be open-minded: There may be several majors that lead to a desired occupation!*
- Rest assured, you are allowed to change your mind! Many students do!*





Explore WPConnect

- Health Portal
- Class Schedule
- Financial Aid
- Student Checklist
- Access Email & Blackboard
- And Lots More!

















**WP-CONNECT** Home **Student** Employee Faculty & Advisors
















My Schedule

-  [My Schedule](#) 
-  [Registrar Calendar](#) 

Billing and Payments









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-  [1098-T Tax Information](#) 
-  [Bill and Payment Home](#) 
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My Degree









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-  [Degree Works](#) 
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Notifications









My Registration

-  [Add/Drop Courses](#) 
-  [Course Repeat Request](#) 
-  [Look Up Course Offerings](#) 
-  [My Registration Status and Permits](#) 





WP Enrollment Forms

-  [FERPA Authorization Form](#) 
-  [Leave of Absence Request Form](#) 
-  [Request Proof of Enrollment](#) 
-  [Veteran/Active Duty Enrollment](#) 

Campus Life

-  [Alcohol-Wise \(Freshmen Only\)](#) 
-  [My Meal Plan](#) 
-  [Not Anymore \(New Students\)](#) 
-  [Pioneer Express Card](#) 

Technology Resources

-  [Computer Lab U](#)
-  [IT Services - Get](#)
-  [ITwiki - IT Docu](#)
-  [LinkedIn Learning](#)

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NAVIGATE



Navigate will support you at WPU by helping you:

- View your course schedule
- Find your Success Team
- Schedule an appointment with your advisor!
- Explore majors & career choices
- Connect to resources that will help you succeed
- Stay on top of payment and registration deadlines
- Track and resolve financial holds on your account



**PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT TO
DOWNLOAD NOW**











NAVIGATE

Your Success Team


Diaz, Alma (she/her)
Career Coach



Pinkston, Jan
Honors College





Ricaldi, Olga
Financial Aid Counselor





Ryblewski, Laura
Advisor








**YOU WILL FIND
YOUR SUCCESS TEAM
ON NAVIGATE**

Your Success Team




Barry-Chastanet, Zoya
Financial Aid Counselor





Ryblewski, Laura
Advisor



Vaughan, Amanda (she/her)
Academic Foundations



Wilson, Sonia (she/her)
Career Coach


Your Summer 2023 instructors


Furst, Gennifer
CCJ-2610 (080)



Korgen, Kathleen
SOC-1010 (080)


How to Declare a Major

The screenshot displays the WBOCONNECT student portal interface. At the top, the navigation bar includes the William Paterson University logo, the WBOCONNECT logo, and links for Home, Student, and Employee. A search bar is also present. The user's name, Hi, Chelsea Keough, is displayed in the top right corner.

The main content area is divided into several sections:

- My Schedule:** Displays the Fall 2019 Schedule with a table of courses and their details. Below the table are links for Summary Schedule, Week at a Glance, My Detail Schedule, and Academic Calendar.
- Billing and Payments:** Features a button to view the balance and a list of links for Bill and Payment Home, View E-Statements, Make a Payment, 1098-T Tax Information, Enrollment & Housing Deposits, Enroll into a Payment Plan, and Sign up for E-Refunds. A blue arrow points from this section towards the 'My Degree' section.
- My Degree:** Displays the student's current degree information, including Status (Active), Class (Graduate), Degree (Master of Education), College (Education), Program (MED Prof Counseling School), Major (Counseling), Concentration 1 (School), and Financial Aid SAP Status (Award Aid). Below this information are links for Degree Works, Starfish Student Success, Add, Declare, or Change Major, Add, Declare, or Change Minor, Final Grades, Unofficial Transcripts, and Request Official Transcript.
- Notifications:** Shows a message: "You have 0 student notifications at this time."
- My Registration:** Includes links for Add/Drop Courses, Active Registrations, Course Repeat Request, Look Up Course Offerings, My Registration Status and Permits, Registration History, Registration Timetables, and View Holds.
- Financial Aid and Scholarships:** Includes links for Apply For Financial Aid, Complete NJ Financial Aid Information, My Overall Status of Financial Aid, My Eligibility, My Award Information, Accept My Loans, WP Scholarship Application, Apply for Summer Financial Aid, and Loan Cancellation / Reduction Form.
- Academic Services:** Includes links for College of Education Checklist, Honors Application, Peer to Peer Program, Qualtrics Survey Research Suite, SEC: Rate My Tutor, Speech and Hearing Clinic Forms, and Nursing Clinical Clearance Status.
- Campus Life:** A section with a purple header.
- Transportation / Parking:** Includes links for Pioneer Parking Garage Student Signup, Parking Permit Request Form, Live Shuttle Map, and NJ Transit Discount Passes.
- Technology Resources and Services:** Includes links for Uniprint - My Print Center, Computer Lab Usage, and Open Help Desk Ticket.

What matters most to employers

Internships

Clubs /Leadership

Volunteer Work

Relevant Jobs



Major Career Paths

one major= a myriad of careers!

PSYCHOLOGY

Academia

*Elementary Teacher
College Professor
College Admissions Counselor
College Counselor
Student Activities Coordinator
Career Counselor
School Counselor
School Psychologist*

Federal Government

*International Development
Cultural Resource Manager
Defense & Security
Corrections Officer
US Census Bureau
National Parks Services
Parole Officer*

Human Service

*Caseworker
Probation Officer
Friend of the Court Caseworker
Social Worker
Community Service Administrator
Hospital Patient Services Rep.*

Research Related

*Market Research
Research Associate
Job Analyst
Statistician
Technical Writer
Statistical Assistant*

Business Related

*Administrative Assistant
Advertising Agent
Airline Reservations Clerk
Claims Specialist
Customer Relations
Insurance Agent
Loan Officer
Manager
Marketing Representative
Public Relations*

YOUR CAREER COMMUNITY



Business, Finance & Entrepreneurship



Healthcare, Wellness & Biosciences



Education, Training & Social Services



Exploratory



STEM & Sustainability



Arts, Entertainment & Communication



Government, Policy & Social Impact

New Student Checklist

PLEASE REVIEW & COMPLETE THESE
ITEMS BEFORE THE START
OF THE SEMESTER! THANK YOU!



ACADEMICS

- Review **Fall Schedule** on WPUConnect
 - Purchase **Textbooks** through WPUConnect (look for cheaper options online as well)
 - Check WPUConnect for **transfer credits**, if applicable
 - Review **course syllabi** for assignments/tests/quizzes/finals due dates
 - For academic accommodations, contact Accessibility Resource Center at 973-720-2853 or arc@wpunj.edu
- If you need assistance with purchasing books or access to technology, please connect with your Academic Advisor!

ITEMS ON WPUCONNECT

- Complete **Alcohol Wise** Part I (Part II-30 days after)*
- Complete **Vector Sexual Violence Prevention** course*
- Submit **Immunization Records** under Student Health Portal*
- Submit **Health Insurance Waiver** at www.universityhealthplans.com/wpunj
- Review Bill/Make **Tuition Payment**
- Review **Financial Aid & Accept Loans**, as needed
- Review & Complete **FERPA** Authorization Form
- Register Vehicle to Obtain **Parking Pass**, if commuting
- Sign up for **NJ Transit Student Discount Pass**, if applicable
- Confirm Enrollment Verification

*If not completed, holds will be placed on your account

ANY QUESTIONS OR
CONCERNS. CONTACT YOUR
ACADEMIC ADVISOR!

TECHNOLOGY

- Check **WPU Email** Daily (at least)
- Download the following programs & apps:
 - MS Teams & Outlook
 - Blackboard App
 - Student Navigate App
 - GET Mobile App>Upload Photo ID Picture
 - CORQ App
 - Rave Guardian App
 - DoubleMap App (Campus Shuttle)
- Follow **@ADVISEMENTWPU** on IG

OTHER TO-DO ITEMS

- Pick up **Photo ID** at Info Desk in University Commons
- Review **Meal Plan/Accept OMIC** Grant, if applicable
- Connect with your **roommate**, if living on campus
- Attend **Welcome Day**-August 30th!
- Attend **Classes** Starting 5pm-August 30th!

Ask Questions!

Attend Campus Events!

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Important Contacts

Student Enrollment Services

973-720-3945

studentservices@wpunj.edu

Financial Aid

973-720-3945 or finaid@wpunj.edu

Housing

973-720-2714 or athome@wpunj.edu

Counseling, Health & Wellness

973-720-2257

wpunimmunization@wpunj.edu

Advisement Center

973-720-2653

asktheadvisor@wpunj.edu



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ACADEMIC ADVISEMENT CENTER



Gloria S. Williams Advisement Center

Raubinger Hall 140

973-720-2653

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wpunj.edu/advisement-center

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Advisement Staff

Carmen Ortiz,
Executive Director
Laura A. Ryblewski,
Associate Director

Advisors:

Tashia Burton
Ceasar Castro
Paolah Chaparro
Marshal Coles
Luis Escobar
Jason Greenhouse
Kelsey Kozak
Stephanie Kuran
O'Mari Lockhart
Jevon Morgan
Deborah Kane Sheffield
Kayla Stepinac
Courtney Wilson

A photograph of four graduates in black gowns and caps, with orange stoles, waving. A mascot in an orange graduation gown and cap is in the center. The background features orange and black balloons.

PIONEER TO PROFESSIONAL



Career Development Center



Our Goal

Educate

Educate students and alumni about the career development process and industry options while empowering them to make informed career decisions.

Prepare

Prepare students and alumni for experiential learning, employment, and further education.

Connect

Connect hiring organizations with our diverse student and alumni talent.

MEET OUR TEAM

ALL STUDENTS WILL HAVE A CAREER COACH ON THEIR CORE SUCCESS TEAM



Mary Alice Barrows
Director

Career Communities: Alumni,
All Students & Exploratory Majors



Alma Diaz
Assistant Director
**Career Education &
Academic Partnerships**

Career Communities: Science
Career Communities & Exploratory
Majors



Debbie Feingold
Program Manager
**Pesce Family
Mentoring Institute**

Career Communities:
All Students & PFMI Mentee Cohort



Jenny Nesenjuk
Assistant Director
**Employer Engagement &
Corporate Partnerships**

Career Communities:
Business & Education/ Social
Services



Sonia Wilson
Assistant Director
**Experiential Learning &
Non-Profit Partnerships**

Career Communities:
Arts, Media, Communications
Public Service & Policy & Social
Impact

OUR PROGRAMS & SERVICES



**1:1 or Small Group
Career Coaching**



**Major Exploration &
Career Assessments**



**Career Readiness
Events**



**Pesce Family
Mentoring Institute**



**Professional
Career Closet**



**Employer
Recruiting**



Get **Career** Ready



CAPS Digital Badge

A Career Readiness stackable credential will help you build your skills and become career ready.

Complete 4 Modules & add them to your resume!



Federal Work Study Community Based Employment

Gain hands-on learning experience outside of the classroom. Build professional skills, gain credit for internships, and earn up to \$15 dollars an hour through FWS program



Pesce Family Mentoring Institute

Get Matched with Professional Mentor in your field of interest. Build your skills and grow your network



Be Part of Our Community



FIND YOUR CAREER COMMUNITY



Business, Finance & Entrepreneurship

This community is a great place to explore the many facets of business, including marketing, management, accounting, finance, human resources, sales, and data analytics. Opportunities can be found across the private & public sector.



STEM & Sustainability

This community is for those who want a career using science, technology and research to solve problems, innovate, and inform. Opportunities expand across industries from data, technology, environmental sustainability, research, and engineering.



Education, Training & Social Services

This community is a great starting place for those who value purpose-driven work. Careers connected to this industry area attract those who enjoy helping people improve their lives through teaching, counseling, social work and non-profit administration.



Arts, Entertainment & Communication

This community is geared towards anyone interested in working in a creative capacity. This community will give you opportunities in the arts, arts management, production, performance, media, advertising, and public relations realms.



Healthcare, Wellness & Biosciences

This community is a good fit for those who would like to learn about the variety of career paths in healthcare; public health, and biomedical research. Opportunities range from research, diagnosis, treatment, public health, medicine, therapy, and administration.



Government, Policy & Social Impact

This community is for activists and advocates, lawyers, and those interested in government, with a focus on serving the public interest. Opportunities come from think tanks, non-profits, government, and educational institutions, and can focus on the local, state, or national level.



Exploratory

This community is geared towards career exploration and personal reflection, and will help you learn more about who you are and discover career paths that are fit for you.

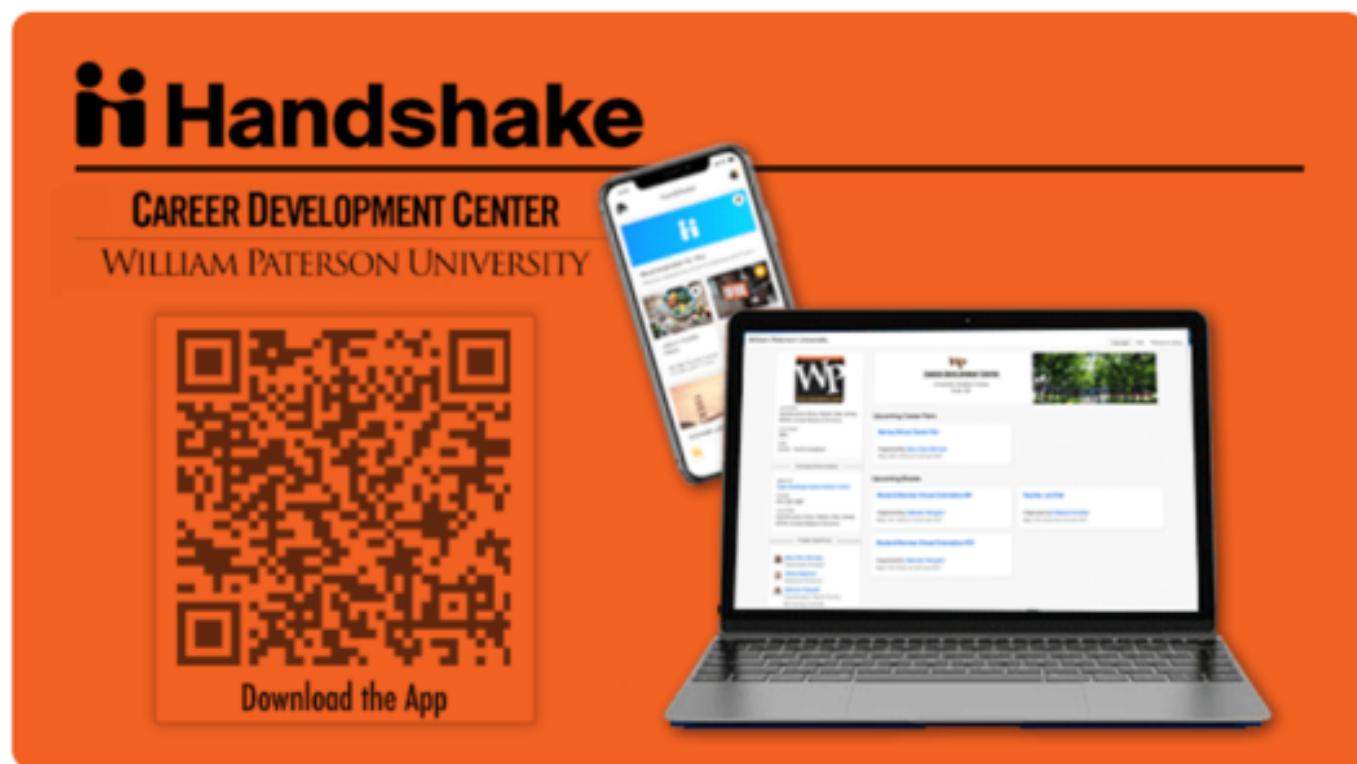


Get Career Community Resources

For more information visit our website:
<https://www.wpunj.edu/career-center-new/explore-your-interests-wp-career-communities/>

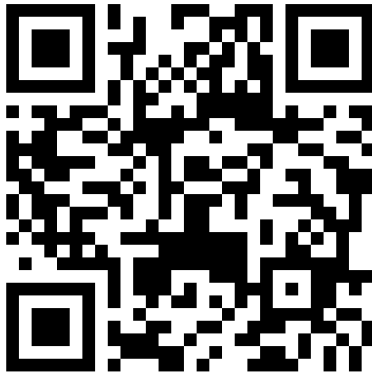
Join Handshake #1 way College students find jobs!

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Career Prep Plan

First -Year & Sophomore Career Goals

- Complete PathwayU Career Assessment
- Activate and complete Handshake profile
- Research Career Paths & Industries
- Attend Certified Badge Events
- Create your draft of your resume
- Start your LinkedIn Profile
- Get Involved - Join Club or Campus Activity
- Develop an internship search plan
- Job Shadowing & Informational Interviews
- Apply for a professional Mentor with PFMI
- Attend Career Fair & Networking Events
- Enhance your skills with LinkedIn Learning

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