

# WPUNJ ACE-NET

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"ADVANCING WOMEN IN  
HIGHER EDUCATION"

## DON'T MISS:

- **November 13th—Sharon Rosengart will speak on Career Development at a Brown Bag lunch on the 2nd floor of Hobart Manor, 12:30-1:30pm**
- Coming Next Semester—Panel of women who have dealt with male-dominated disciplines
- Breakfast with Myrna Speert

WPUNJ ACE-NET  
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Greetings!  
When I was first asked to become involved with ACE-Net, I really wasn't sure what the organization was all about other than it sounded a bit like tennis. Being a woman on the tenure track, however, I knew the challenges involved in navigating my career while also doing my best to raise a family. It seemed at times (ok, most of the time) that I was just scrambling to keep my head above water --- committee meetings, research deadlines, teaching, more committee meetings then racing home to pick up my daughter, throw together dinner, and back to the computer to finish up some work once my child was tucked into bed. I was fortunate

enough, however, to befriend other women both on the faculty and in administration who commiserated with me and shared their stories of juggling responsibilities. It helped to know that I wasn't alone.

Since then, I've heard firsthand stories not just about how difficult it can be for women to maintain balance while attempting to meet the needs of both a young family and work, but also how other situations such as caring for a spouse or parent, not knowing what skills are needed to move to the next level, or struggling with gender issues can become obstacles to advancing in one's career. Women have some unique challenges when it comes to

work and the American Council on Education - Office of Women in Higher Education is an organization that is dedicated to supporting, encouraging and advancing women in higher education. Bottom line, ACE-Net strives to empower women to reach their potential. While I have some wonderful colleagues who have been great support, I found that attending the Institutional Representative meeting just this past month helped me to jump-start my thinking of other ways I can view my career and how I can be more proactive rather than reactive in my approach. I'm honored to be a part of the ACE-Net chapter at WPU and hope to work with the local

## Governor's Conference for Women New Jersey



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committee members as well as members throughout the state to bring as much information and opportunities as possible to the women here on campus. So how can we do this at WPU? As your new Institutional Representative, I am working with a terrific team of women to spread the word about the organization and set up some events that will hopefully inform and inspire you. We're planning some brown-bag lunches so you can network with others on campus whom you otherwise might never have met. Susan Dinan is in charge of this endeavor so feel free to contact her with your ideas. We're also bringing in a panel of women who can speak to their experiences in the work world in the Spring thanks to the work of Nancy Friend. Dorothy Feola is setting up the annual Breakfast with Myrna Speert in April which is also a wonderful event. To get information to you directly, Sandie Miller is coordinating this newsletter and Djanna Hill is heading up the effort to reach out to women across the campus as coordinator of membership.

Finally, ACE-Net is committed to supporting women in the development of their leadership skills. We are planning to offer information and scholarships to workshops in these areas. You'll be hearing more from Kate Makarec. Virginia "Ginny" Overdorf is a great resource for us as well with her leadership experience. We all want to be supportive in helping women identify career paths and provide opportunities for professional growth.

I'd like to encourage each and every one of you to attend the **ACE-Net State Conference at Middlesex County College on Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 to 3:30**. I know that it seems difficult to fit in yet another meeting but you should find this a worthwhile event. You'll find the details here in this newsletter or call any of us for additional information. Please feel free to contact me should you have questions or ideas. ACE-Net is about you so let's work together in building strong networks, support and opportunities.

Best Regards,  
Jane

## A Partnership in Nurturing Human Capital through Professional Development



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**November 20, 2009**

**9:30 am to 3 pm**

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