

WILLIAM PATERSON UNIVERSITY

OFFICE OF STUDENT DEVELOPMENT

PIONEER SERVICE VENTURES

Pioneer Service Ventures is an extended orientation program that will take place on Tuesday, August 30th, prior to classes starting. It provides new students the opportunity to contribute in various ways to organizations in our community. As a new student, this experience gives you the opportunity to meet and connect with other new WP students, start earning credits toward a civic engagement badge (this is useful for finding employment in the future), and make an impact in the community!



RAUL MAGDELENO, an internationally known Hispanic empowerment speaker and community leader will kick off our day of ventures. Magdeleno will emphasize the importance of pursuing higher education and serving the community by sharing his inspiring story.

ACTIVITIES AND SITES:

HUNGER:

- *Stop Hunger Now* is a globally recognized organization whose vision is a “world without hunger.”
- *Community FoodBank of New Jersey* fights hunger and poverty by providing a variety of food assistance and education programs in Hillside.
- *Father English Bob and Carol Food Pantry-Catholic Charities* is a part of the Catholic Family and Community Services (CFCS) in Paterson.
- *Oasis: A Haven for Women and Children* provides food, clothing, and education to women and children in poverty in Paterson.

HEALTHCARE/WELLNESS:

- *Alaris Health* provides short-term post-hospitalization rehabilitation, long-term, and specialty care for a variety of patients.

EDUCATION:

- *Passaic Head Start* serves approximately 250 children from low-income working families in Passaic.
- *Dawn Treader Christian School* provides faith-based education for children from kindergarten to eighth grade in Paterson.
- *Paterson Museum* has a broad collection that encompasses archaeology, mineralogy, and history.

SUSTAINABILITY:

- *Buttermilk Falls* is a part of the High Mountain Park Preserve on the William Paterson campus.
- *Paterson Falls* is part of the National Historical Park in Paterson.
- *Liberty State Park* is an urban park located in Jersey City.

To learn more about the sites and the activities planned at each, please visit wpunj.edu/orientation and click on Pioneer Service Ventures. Links are also provided for each website for the locations being supported.

Space is limited in each of our Ventures, so we recommend that you secure your spot ASAP for only \$25 per person. We provide breakfast, a t-shirt, transportation to and from the sites, and lunch for students who participate.

Sign up by August 17 at wpunj.edu/pioneerventures. Join us for this wonderful way to start the academic year!