

The background is a grayscale photograph of a large group of students posing in front of a fountain and a classical building with columns. The fountain has several jets of water spraying upwards. A banner on the building in the background reads 'Chroma Ancient Sculpture in Color'.

HONORS COLLEGE INFORMATION PACKET

First-Year Students

2026-2027

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Weekly Honors Announcements

Read the weekly Honors Announcements

The Honors College sends Weekly Announcements each Monday to all Honors students. By reading the announcements each week and adding important dates/notes to your paper or electronic planner, you will stay on top of your Honors requirements and deadlines. This will keep you on track to be successful in Honors!

The announcements will contain information regarding:

- Upcoming Honors events
- Honors All College Meetings
- Civic Engagement Opportunities
- Peer Leader Tips
- Various deadlines/requirements
- Other important information that all Honors students need to know

Be sure to take a few minutes to carefully read the Honors Announcements each week!

Fall 2026

Semester Reminders

- Check your WP email account at least once every day. The University will notify you by email about important information (changes to Fall courses, payment/billing issues, missing documents, etc).
- Attend 3 required New To Honors meetings in the Fall.
- Attend at least 1 All College - Honors College meeting each semester.
- Complete 1 HIGH-LEVEL Civic Engagement Activity or 3 LOW-LEVEL Civic Engagement Activities (between September and May).
- Watch your email for more information about New To Honors meetings, All College meetings, Civic Engagement opportunities and Spring 2027 registration details.
- If you are interested in taking a Winter 2026 course, please speak with your advisor.

Fall 2026

Academic Calendar

FULL TERM SEMESTER DATES	
Aug. 7	Late registration fee
Aug. 14	Last day to add your name to a waitlist
Aug. 17	Waitlisting Ends
Aug. 25	Last day to apply for Leave of Absence (LOA)
Aug. 25	1st Day of Fall Semester - Welcome Day (Faculty and Staff present) - No Classes
Aug. 26	First day of classes (Full semester and Q1)
Aug. 26-Sept. 2	Fall 2026 Program Adjustment
Sept. 7	Labor Day. University Closed.
Sept. 1	Last day to apply for Fall 2026 graduation
Sept. 2	Last day for 100% refund (of refundable charges) for dropping from a full semester course for Fall 2026.
Sept. 4	Last day to request Pass/Fail or Audit option. Requests for this option must be made by e-mail from your William Paterson University e-mail account to: Registrar@wpunj.edu
Sept. 4	Enrollment confirmation due
Sept. 11	Fall Census (Close of business)
Sept. 28	Last Day for 50% refund for withdrawal from a full semester course for Fall 2026.
Oct. 12	Indigenous Peoples' Day/Columbus Day. University is open, classes are in session.
Oct. 14	First Academic Quarter ends
Oct. 21	Q1 grades due
Oct. 22-23	Wellness Days. University is open. No classes.
Oct. 15	Second Academic Quarter starts
Oct. 28	Last day for 0% refund for academic withdrawal from a full semester course for Fall 2026 semester (NO REFUND)
Nov. 3	Election Day. University is Open. Classes are in Session.
Nov. 11	Veteran's Day. University is Open. Classes are in Session.
Nov. 25	University Open. Classes are not in session.
Nov. 26	Thanksgiving Day. University Closed.
Nov. 25 - Nov. 29	Classes are not in session.
Nov. 30	Last day to submit an Official Withdrawal from the University
Dec. 1	Last Day to apply for Spring 2026 graduation
Dec. 7-12	Last week of classes***
Dec. 12	Fall semester ends (Full term and Q2)
Dec. 21	Final grades due for Fall 2026

MEET OUR

Peer Leaders



DALISHA

Biology (Pre-Med)
Major

Honors Track: Global
Public Health

Hobbies: Spending time
with family, swimming,
& trying new foods

Favorite Course:
Sociology, Public Health

Favorite Honors memory:
Volunteering & connecting
with fellow Honors
students while giving back
to the community



JACOB

Communication: Film,
Television, & Audio Major

Hobbies: Photography and
working at Brave New Radio

Favorite Course: Media
Writing

Favorite Honors memory:
Planning the 2026 Bridging
the Gap high level civic
engagement Honors event



PRESTON

Business Management
Major

Honors Track: Social
Sciences

Hobbies: Shopping
and reading

Favorite Course:
Honors Gen Psychology
with Professor Holle

Favorite Honors memory:
Putting together the
research project for
Honors 1000

If you'd like to meet with a Peer Leader individually, please email honors@wpunj.edu

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Peer Leaders



RORY

Speech Language
Pathology Major

Honors Track: Cognitive Science

Hobbies: Lifting, yoga, reading, watching sports

Favorite Course:

Intro to Articulation and Language Disorders with Professor Schroeder

Favorite Honors

memory: Travelling to Italy during Spring Break 2026!



SALMA

Biotechnology
Major

Honors Track: Biology

Hobbies: Swimming, painting, and making sourdough!

Favorite Course:

Honors Communication in Action with Dr. Hirshon

Favorite Honors memory:

Winning an Honors sweatshirt!



SARAH

Popular Music
Major

Honors Track: Music

Hobbies: Going to concerts and Broadway shows, listening to music, spending time with family and friends

Favorite Course: Honors Gen Psychology with Professor Holle

Favorite Honors memory: Honors NYC trip to the Guggenheim!

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Office Assistants



HELENAH '23

Sound Engineering Arts
Major Alum

Completed Honors

Track: Performing and
Literary Arts

Hobbies: Reading, watching
movies and TV shows,
finding new music



ANGY

GRADUATE ASSISTANT

Clinical and Counseling
Psychology Master's Program

Undergraduate university

and program: Williams
College, BA Psychology

Hobbies: Reading
psychological thrillers, writing
poetry, and playing team
sports



MONICA

Psychology and
Management Major

Hobbies: Puzzles, listening
to music, and crocheting

Favorite Course: Lifespan
Development

Favorite Honors memory:
Honors NYC trip to the
Guggenheim Museum

**Honors College Office Assistants answer the office phone,
respond to the Honors College email, greet people in the office,
and help plan Honors College events.**

They are a great resource for anything Honors!

HOW TO: Complete Civic Engagement



Honors College students are required to complete one (1) HIGH-LEVEL civic engagement activity or three (3) LOW-LEVEL civic engagement activities each academic year (September - May) through WP sponsored events.

As representatives of William Paterson University, Honors College students are leaders in the university's civic engagement projects. Civic engagement is not merely about volunteer hours; it is about enriching your role as a citizen by becoming more closely linked to the community, building leadership skills, engaging more fully with the WP philosophy of civic engagement, discussing community problem solving, and analyzing the impact on you, the student.

**HIGH-LEVEL civic engagement activities are about 4.5-6 hours long.
LOW-LEVEL civic engagement activities are fewer than 4 hours long.**

High-level and low-level events are further described here:

<https://www.wpunj.edu/civic-engagement/commitment/assessment.html>

The only events that count toward this requirement for First-Year Honors students are events organized by:

- The Honors College
- The Honors College Club
- Events recognized by a UCC Area 5 course
- Events recognized as “Civic Engagement” that students register for through Pioneer Life

HOW TO:

Complete Civic Engagement



In order to receive credit for Civic Engagement, all Honors students must report their Civic Engagement activities through Blackboard.

Directions:

- Go to the Honors College 2026-2027 Organization Page on Blackboard.
- Click on the assignment called “Civic Engagement Reflection Form”
- Provide the following information:
 - Type of event (HIGH-Level or LOW-Level)
 - The name of the event
 - The date and time of the event
 - Answer the required questions reflecting on the event

Note: The reflection form on Blackboard must be completed regardless of whether attendance was taken at the event, AND it must be submitted no later than one week following the event.

HOW TO: Get Involved



Joining a club in college is more than just an extracurricular activity; it is an opportunity to grow both personally and professionally. Clubs provide a space to build leadership skills, explore new interests, and connect with peers who share similar passions.

Some of the benefits of joining a club include:

- **Networking:** The friends and acquaintances you meet in college are more than social; they may also be the people who help you find jobs.
- **Resume Building:** Employers like to hire people who get involved. Clubs are one way of showing that you are an active person.
- **Reducing Stress:** Clubs give you something fun to do, or at least something that isn't solely focused on course work.
- **Developing all-important skills:** You will gain experience collaborating with a diverse group of people at events and harnessing your teamwork and communication abilities.

There are over 100 clubs on campus. Consider joining a club that you're interested in or think about starting your own. Please [click here](#) to see the list of current clubs.

To sign-up for a club or organization and to get more information, go to [Pioneer Life](#). Additional information is also available on the [Campus Activities, Service & Leadership webpage](#).

The Honors College Club

All Honors students are encouraged to join the Honors College Club!

The Honors College Club is open to all WP students who are interested. Students do not have to be a part of the Honors College to join the club. Our mission has a strong focus on civic engagement and working to help further the academic achievements of our members. Each academic year, the club plans civic engagement, academic, and social events that promote networking with peers, leadership, and the growth of the members. In addition, the club partners with the Honors College and with local community organizations on civic engagement initiatives such as weekly "Saturday Service" at Father English, the annual Honors College Coat Drive, and other civic engagement activities throughout the year.

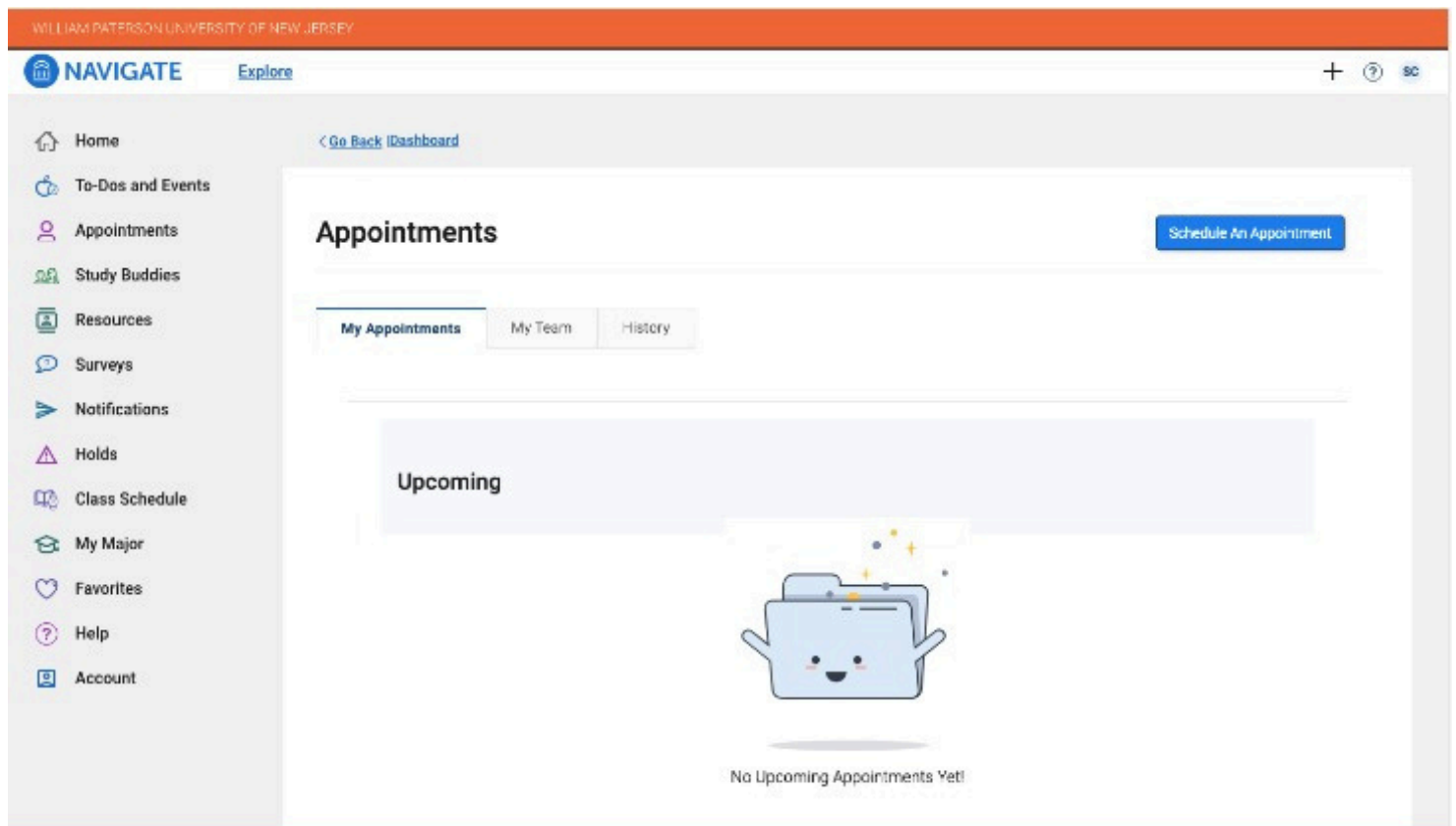
The Executive Board would like to hear from students who are interested in collaborating and sharing ideas, and from anyone who has questions about the club. Please feel free to contact the President, Danielle Cariaga (cariagad@wpunj.edu) or the Club Advisor, Jan Pinkston (pinkstonj@wpunj.edu). Also, be sure to follow the club Instagram [@wphonors](#) for updates and event notifications!

HOW TO: Use Navigate

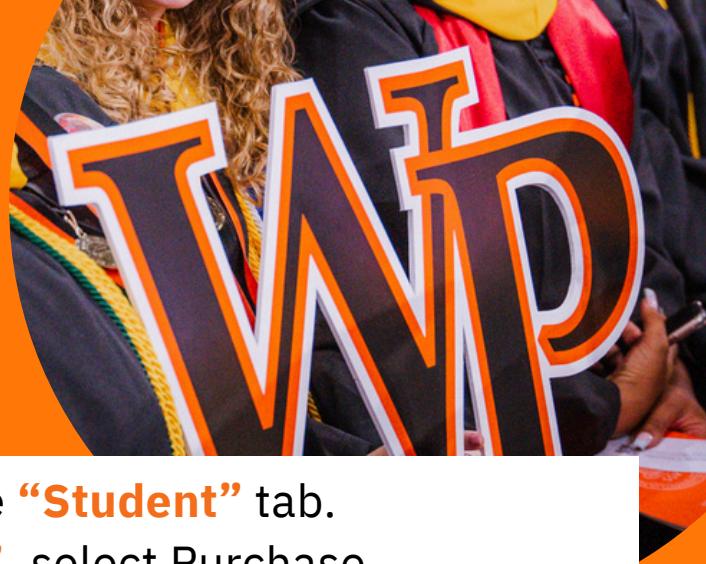


Navigate for students can be found in your WPUNJ Apps in the top right-hand corner on WPCoconnect.

You can schedule appointments with your advisors and join study groups with students in your class.



HOW TO: Buy Textbooks



1. Log on to WPCConnect and select the **“Student”** tab.
2. Under the heading **“My TextBooks”**, select Purchase textbooks.

This will take you to a screen that shows the textbooks your professors have listed for each individual course. You can purchase them online and have them shipped to you, or you can pick them up in the bookstore. If you are picking up textbooks in the bookstore, be sure to bring the email confirmation.

Alternatively,

1. Search: <https://www.bkstr.com/williampatersonstore/shop/textbooks-and-course-materials>
2. Select Term **“Fall 2026”**
3. Enter your Course Information

A screenshot of the 'My Course Materials' page. It shows a list of courses with their respective materials. The first course is PBHL / 3040 / 001, Instructor Aleksandar Kecojovic. The second course is PBHL / 4000 / 071, Instructor Marianne Sullivan. The page indicates that course materials have not been determined for these courses and suggests checking back soon for updates.

A screenshot of the 'Epidemiology 101' textbook page. It shows the book cover, the title 'Epidemiology 101 (w/Navigate2 Advantage Access)', the price range '\$57.82 to \$88.95', the edition '2nd', the ISBN '9781284107852', the author 'Fris', the publisher 'Jones & Bartlett Learning', and the format 'BryteWave Format'.

Before purchasing a textbook, **cross reference** the course syllabus with the bookstore website for **accuracy**

The textbook your professor has selected for that course will appear and you can then purchase/ rent your textbook.

Note: The ISBN can be used to find the same textbook on other sites such as CHEGG, Amazon, Barnes and Noble etc.

HOW TO: Self-Care



Take Care of Your Body

Maintaining your physical health is a crucial factor in keeping your mind healthy. Eating a well-balanced and nutritious diet can boost your immune system and lower the effects of stress on the body. Incorporating exercise with a healthy diet will also help improve your mood by producing endorphins.

Take a Break from News and Social Media

It's important to know when to unplug before it starts affecting your mental health. You can stay informed by checking in from time to time, but don't overdo it by continuously refreshing social media throughout the day. This can increase feelings of fear and anxiety.

Make Yourself a Priority

Remember to put yourself first when you feel overwhelmed or stressed. Always make sure to prioritize your sleep, diet, and mental health. A healthy mind will help you succeed!



Go Outdoors

Not getting enough sunlight can result in a drop in serotonin levels, which directly affects your mood. Low levels of serotonin can also lead to symptoms of depression. Going outdoors for at least an hour every day will allow you to get fresh air and improve your mental well-being.

Listen to Music



One of the most convenient ways to relieve stress is to listen to music. Music has many therapeutic benefits; it helps lower anxiety and depression levels, ease muscle tension, and enhances your mood. Start your morning by listening to a playlist with your favorite songs to help you de-stress.



Set Goals

Setting goals helps define priorities and improves self-confidence and motivation. Make sure to write down the goals you want to set and how you want to accomplish them. Not only will this help you stay organized, but it will also allow you to keep track of your progress towards achieving the goal.

HOW TO: Find a Job/Internship



To find and apply for jobs on campus:

1. Go to the “**Student**” Tab on WPCConnect
2. Scroll down to “**Careers and Campus Jobs**”
3. Select “**Student Jobs and Internships**”

To find and apply for jobs off campus:

1. Go to the “**Student**” Tab on WPCConnect
2. Scroll down to “**Careers and Campus Jobs**”
3. Select “**Handshake: Job & Internship Portal**”

Benefits of Handshake:

1. Find out about campus career events!
2. Access the career center for resume checks, mock
3. interviews, and career planning!
4. You can search for employers and employers can also reach
5. out to you about opportunities!
6. Find jobs and internships for every path!

For more resources visit: The Career Development Center

HOW TO: Check Final Grades



1. Log on to WPConnect and select the **“Student”** tab.
2. Under the **“My Degree”** heading, select the **“Final Grades”** tab.
3. Select **“Fall 2026”** from the drop down box.
4. Select **“Undergrad”**.

This drop down may not be available until **December 2026** or later.

A screenshot of the WMPConnect 'My Degree' page. The 'My Degree' heading is circled. Below it, a table displays student information: Status (Active), Class (Graduate), Degree (Master of Science), College (Science & Health), Program (MS Communication Disorders), Major (Communication Disorders), and Financial Aid SAP Status (Award Aid). A list of actions follows: 'Add, Declare, or Change Major', 'Add, Declare, or Change Minor', 'Change to or from WP Online', 'Degree Works (New Dashboard)', 'Degree Works (Classic Dashboard)', 'Final Grades' (circled), 'Early Assessment', and 'Request Official Transcript'.

My Degree	
Status:	Active
Class:	Graduate
Degree:	Master of Science
College:	Science & Health
Program:	MS Communication Disorders
Major:	Communication Disorders
Financial Aid SAP Status:	Award Aid

- Add, Declare, or Change Major
- Add, Declare, or Change Minor
- Change to or from WP Online
- Degree Works (New Dashboard)
- Degree Works (Classic Dashboard)
- Final Grades**
- Early Assessment
- Request Official Transcript

Honors Office

Contact Information

Location: **Raubinger Hall 207**

Phone Number: **973-720-3657**

Email: **honors@wpunj.edu**



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Honors College William Paterson University



William Paterson University Honors College

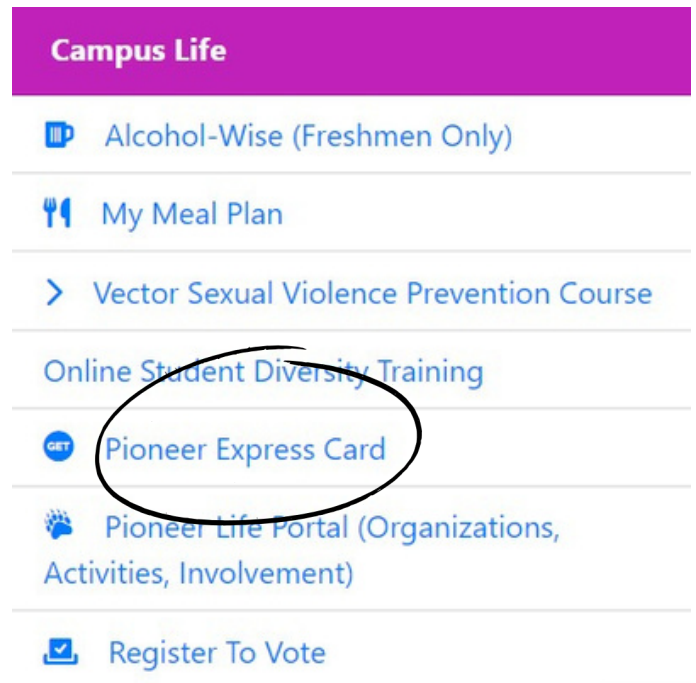


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Helpful Tools and Resources: Pioneer ID Card

How to check or add to your pioneer card balance:

1. Log in to **WPConnect**
2. Click on the **“Student”** tab
3. Under **“Campus Life”**, click **“Pioneer Express Card”**
4. If you want to add funds, go to **“Quick Links”** on the right-hand side and click **“Add funds”**



Balances can also be viewed on the **GET app**.

Balances will transfer over from **Fall to Spring**, but they do not transfer over from the **Spring** semester to the **Fall** semester of the next academic year



Helpful Tools and Resources: Organization

Be proactive! Manage your time and get ahead of your work!

- Use **Google Calendar** and/or **Google Tasks** to keep track of your schedule.
- **Microsoft One Drive** can be used to create documents, PowerPoints, and other files. This feature is included in the free Microsoft package associated with your student account.
- **Paper planners** are great organizational tools to list and prioritize assignments, meetings and anything else going on during the semester.

Helpful Links

[Honors Handbook](#)

[Lost ID](#)

[Campus Map](#)

[Print from Anywhere on Campus](#)

[Reserve a Study Room](#)

[Shuttle Information](#)

Academic and Campus Resources

Math Learning Center

Science Hall East Room 3036

What it Offers:

- The Mathematics Learning Center provides academic support in Mathematics courses up to Calculus II.
- Walk-in available, no appointments necessary.
- Tutors can help review a quiz or exam, prepare formula sheets, practice example problems, and more!



Writing Center

Preakness Hall Room 124

What it Offers:

- One-on-one about any kind of writing, at any stage, on any device
- 45-minute sessions
- Some consultants also offer "e-tutoring" sessions where you drop off your assignment and current draft. Comments can be sent back within one day.
- Help with reviewing assignments, brainstorming, getting started, expanding ideas, revising early drafts, crafting your thesis, organizing and outlining, adding power and style, using/citing sources, and reviewing strategies for editing and proofreading



Website: <https://wpunj.mywconline.com>

Science Enrichment Center

Science Hall East 3023

What it Offers:

- **Study Groups:** Collaboration with a facilitator and peers to discuss and review course content for a specific student at the same time each week by appointment
- **Walk-ins:** No appointment necessary
- **Workshops:** face-to-face and video workshops specifically designed to help student succeed in the sciences.



Website: <https://www.wpunj.edu/sec>

Academic Success Center

Cheng Library Room 111B

What it offers:

Students receive both one-on-one time and group-oriented assistance for a wide range of lower-level and upper-level courses; as well as for developmental skills for mathematics and reading courses.



Website:
www.wpunj.edu/academics/asc

David & Lorraine Cheng Library

Website: <https://www.wpunj.edu/library>

What it offers:

- Provides a large variety of books and media that can be borrowed.
- Extensive database to support students in research, papers, etc.
- Contains the Academic Success Center and the Curriculum Materials Center
- Several study rooms that can be reserved or "first-come, first-serve"



Career Development Center

University Commons Room 301

What it Offers:

- Provides career counseling, career coaching, job, internship, and graduate school preparation, as well as employment and mentoring connections.



Website: <https://www.wpunj.edu/career-center>

Academic and Campus Resources

Center of Diversity & Inclusion

University Commons 214

What it Offers:

- Promotes cultural awareness, knowledge and inquiry so that students can learn more about their personal identity(s), appreciate the uniqueness of others, and contribute to the creation of a more just society.
- Includes the Black Cultural Center, Center for Latinidad, and more!

Website: <https://www.wpunj.edu/diversity-and-inclusion/>



Counseling, Health and Wellness Center

Overlook South, 1st Floor

Website: <https://www.wpunj.edu/health-wellness>

What it offers:

Through primary health care, personal counseling, health education, prevention services and co-curricular educational opportunities, this center assists students in achieving success in their academic experience and life goals.



Student Enrollment Services

Morrison Hall Room 104

What it offers:

Answers questions regarding financial aid, scholarships, financial literacy, billing and payment, installment plans, and record/select registration services

Website: <https://www.wpunj.edu/centers/>



Accessibility Resource Center

Speert Hall 314

What it Offers:

- Provides equal access to all programs, activities, awards & related benefits of its educational programs for all students
- Mainstreams all students with disabilities into its regular programs and activities
- Adapts programs, evaluation, and service delivery to meet the individualized needs of students with disabilities while maintaining high academic standards
- Encourages students to participate in diverse activities of the university community

Website: <https://www.wpunj.edu/accessibilityresourcecenter/index.html>

